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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

Masks are requested but not required in all Amana Church Society buildings.

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, June 05, 2022, starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Christe, Mein Leben Mein Hoffen" No. 106 Seite 99

Testimony: C. Metz, Sept. 14, 1861

Scripture: Phillippians 4: 1 – 9

Psalm: 122

Closing Hymn: "Ein Feste Burg ist unsere Gott!" No. 235, Seite 227

The Late Service will start at 10:00 A.M. with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress is our God" No. 11

Closing Hymn: "Christ Thou Art My Life and Hope" No. 20

The Wednesday Evening Prayer (Nachtgebet) meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. in Middle.

Visitors are welcome to join us in worship at all Amana Church Services. Childcare is available during Sunday's 10:00 A.M. Service.

MIDDLE AMANA SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT NOTICE "FLUSHABLE WIPES"

Recently, the Middle Amana Sanitary Sewer District was damaged by "flushable" wipes getting caught in our pumps. Please!! DO NOT flush wipes of any kind. Even those wipes labeled as "flushable" are NOT compatible with sanitary sewer systems and must **not** be placed into the sanitary sewer system through toilets or drains.

Damage caused by the wipes is expensive and will ultimately increase rates. Flushing wipes and similar items can also clog residential lines and cause serious damage to your home.

Thank You,
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FIREWORKS DONATIONS

Please consider a donation to the Amana Community Fireworks fund. All donations are used to provide our annual fireworks show over the Lily Lake. You can mail your donation to Amana Community Fireworks, PO Box 11, Amana IA 52203.

Thank you!

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

When I first began writing this column I said it would be called "Feathers" because it would deal with the many floating around in my brain.

Today is a good example, beginning with the previous notice of hate crimes especially the one in Buffalo followed by yet another school massacre in Texas.

Then there is talk of legislation some which prohibits teaching things to young children that aren't even being taught in elementary schools, and others regulating gun purchases that won't see the light of day.

I am more then a little anxious going into any crowd of people considering that there might be someone out there with a weapon and a grudge.

This brings me to another concern. I have

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Ice Cream Social Sunday Afternoon

Sunday, June 5 at 4 p.m. the Amana Church hosts an ice cream social for all at the Amana Church (meeting house) in the village of Amana as it begins a fund drive to raise money to restore the church and rehab the Kinderschule.

The Kinderschule in Middle Amana will be the site of the Amana Colonies Food Pantry. The Amana Church will receive a long list of upgrades including a new handicapped ramp and new entryways, repairs to windows (which has been an ongoing project) and new siding.

Historians Jon Childers and Peter Hoehnle will talk just a few minutes about the buildings and some very good news will be shared about the project. The Amana Church will be open cellar to attic for you to see.

The ice cream social (with ice cream sundaes) begins at 4 p.m. The talk will be at 4:30 and last just about 15 minutes.

Open House for Newly Re-Imagined Historic Site

The Communal Kitchen Museum in Middle Amana has been redone top to bottom by the Amana Heritage Society staff and opened June 1.

An open house was held Tuesday evening so that Amana Heritage Society members and Amana colony residents could see the historic site before it opened to the general public.

The Ruedy Kitchen had been operated as a museum for decades by Fred and Marie Ruedy who were living there in 1932 when the communal way of life ended in the Amanas and they bought the house. Marie, known as "Ma" by all who loved her, had cooked in the communal kitchen and she and her husband were raising their four kids in the house. The Ruedy family, preservationists and story tellers at heart, kept the kitchen and dining room wing just as it was. They did not remodel it for living quarters, as was being done all over Amana, and instead welcomed visitors to tour the communal kitchen and dining room preserved almost exactly as they had been that day in April 1932 when the kitchen houses in all seven villages closed forever.

"They essentially closed the doors and then reopened them to anyone who wanted to see what the communal kitchen was like. . . We are so very grateful to the Ruedys, Fred and Ma and to the entire Ruedy family. They saved this precious piece of our heritage. And they have shared it with us," said Jon Childers, Amana Heritage Society, Executive Director.

The Amana Heritage Society operated the kitchen house museum for many years for the family and then in 2019 purchased the property.

"We are now incorporating the entire residence, the kitchen, the woodshed, the washhouse, the hen house plus the cooper shop across the street into one historic site so that visitors will be able to see a slice of Middle Amana communal village life," he said.

The site now includes four household exhibits: The Herr sisters' 1860s living quarters; the Ruedy family apartment circa 1900s; and the Ruedy family apartment circa 1960s. Plus the living quarters of Ernst Kompenhans, a bachelor farmer who lived here for many years.

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AMANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' BREAKFAST

Saturday, June 4 - Serving from 7 - 11 a.m.

At the Middle Amana Fire Station

Donations Requested

Serving Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Hash Browns, Juice, Milk & Coffee

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday June 06, 2022 in the Amana Sanitary lift station.

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LOST & FOUND

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Since that time many attempts at cultural genocide on off-reservation boarding schools, initiated by Richard Henry Pratt who coined the phrase, “Kill the Indian, save the man.” In 1925 there were 60,000 children housed in these places stripped of their native clothing, hair and language and given the equivalent of an eighth grade education. This went on from the 1870’s to the mid twentieth century.

What did we do about it? NOTHING!

We had no idea that these children were being separated from their families and abused. We all thought they were being “civilized.” (Check out “This Tender Land” by Wm. Kent)

This is exactly why we have to teach people (not only in school) our history, warts and all. We have made mistakes in our lives and it is our duty to learn from these mistakes and try to make things better.

Yes, “hate” is a 4 letter word, but so is “love.”

B.S.H.

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“All Amana houses, big as they were, were shared spaces and they all have generational transition stories like this. This house truly shows how colony families adapted over time. How life evolved here,” Childers explained.

In addition the site includes a replica of the village print shop and book bindery. Soon work will include renovations of the village cooper shop across the street.

The Ruedy Kitchen House will be open Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Reunions, social gatherings, business meetings?

The Homestead Welfare Club (4215 V St Homestead), offers an exceptional 1100 sq ft meeting or gathering room in our historic 1860’s home. It includes a mini kitchen, tables and chairs for 80+ persons inside, and a shaded back yard for outdoor activities including picnic tables and small shelter.

Rental is $75 /day or for $100 /day includes a full-service kitchen.

Call 319-622-3620 for details and scheduling.

Amana Arts Guild

Woodcarving Club

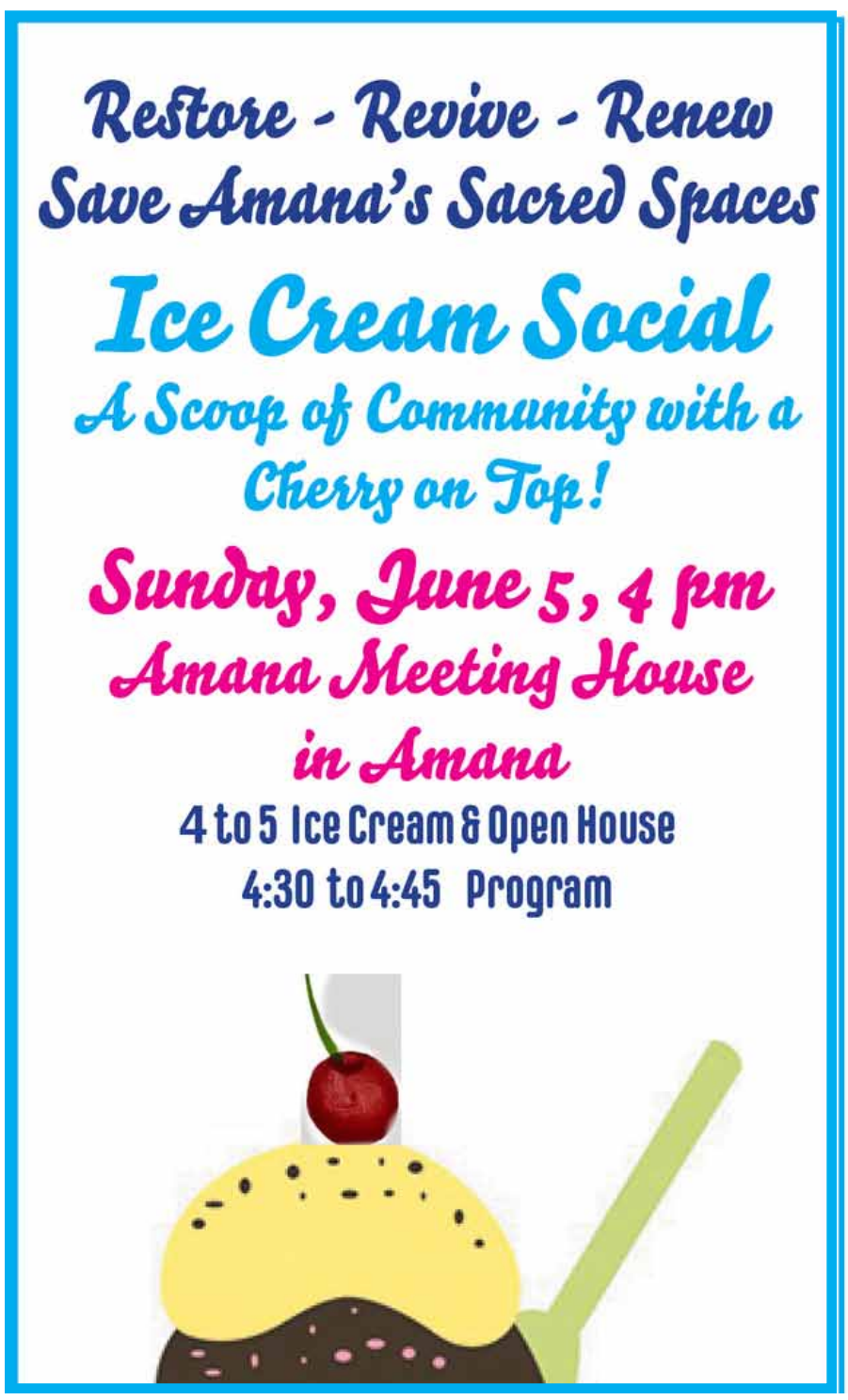
Mon, June 6th, 6-8 pm, High Amana

$5 at the Door / All Ages

Bring your Knife / Carving Kit

Free Squirrel Roughout

319-551-2800 (Bob Ward)



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(I might also have the shepherd with me)

MY AMANA SOCIETY EXPERIENCE

Since I joined the Woolen Mill production team just over a year ago, I've been fascinated meeting other ASI employees and learning about the different departments and businesses. The Amana Society has been good enough to let me share my journey with the community here in this column, and I'm hoping you will enjoy reading what I learn about our hard-working folks and some interesting facts about each workplace.

This time the focus is on a department that is crucial to the operation of the Amanas, but might not be the first one that would necessarily spring to mind -- Forestry.

The two-person crew of Tim and Sabrina manages and maintains 7,000 acres of timber reserve and 2,000 acres of timber pasture. Last year they harvested "upland species" mostly consisting of white oak, but also including cherry, hickory, walnut, and hackberry. The cherry, hickory, walnut, and hackberry are milled here in Amana to make furniture and so many other things. They also harvested bottomland timber, which is mainly silver maple.

Cutting down trees, however, is only part of the job.

Tim and Sabrina also carry out prescribed burns in the fall and spring, keep the walking trails safe and clear, cut and drag out the odd dead trees whenever they come upon one, and plant and care for new trees.

This year, through a grant from the Green Initiative, a collaboration between Trees Forever and Green State Credit Union, Tim and Sabrina planted 5,500 new bareroot seedlings. There were 825 River Birches, 125 Hawthorns, 400 Walnuts, 1,400 Swamp White Oaks, 400 Bur Oaks, 700 Sycamores, and 1,050 White Oaks distributed throughout the Colonies. Five hundred of those trees were planted by hand. Let's leave those numbers right there for a moment to appreciate just how many trees that is and what a Herculean effort it must have been to plant them.

There is so much to learn about the Forestry department. Thanks go out to Sabrina Keiper, who was kind enough to make her way over to the Woolen Mill and fill me in on all the details.

Sabrina graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Forestry and has been with ASI for about three years. Her first year was as an intern, but she quickly became indispensable and joined the team full time two years ago.

We had a great talk about forestry and at the end of our conversation, Sabrina summed it up perfectly, "I love trees." she said. Me too Sabrina.
Until next time friends, all my best,

Amy Petta

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USED BOOKS SALE

The Amana Library is having an ongoing Used Book Sale in the periodical room: Monday 9-3, Tuesday 9-6, Wednesday 9-12, Thursday 9-6, Friday 9-12. There are tons of great books to choose from - cook books, gardening, romance, fiction, non-fiction, and kid's books. Great authors such as Isaac Asimov, Patricia Cornwell, John Jakes, Nora Roberts, Danielle Steel, James Patterson and Debbie Macomber.

We would like to thank everyone who has donated books to our sale. If you have any books to donate, they may be dropped off during the above hours. If you have any questions, call 319-622-3192.

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