Amana Society Bulletin

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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, July 03, 2022, starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Mike Shoup presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Wer ist wohl, wie Du" No. 1075 Seite 1051

Testimony: Barbara Heinemann Landmann, South Amana, February 15, 1880

Scripture: Matthew 11: 25 – 28
Philippians 2: 5 – 11
Psalm: 37: 1 - 11

Closing Hymn: "Ich will Dich lieben" No. 490 Seite 486

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

Opening Hymn: "Who is Lord Like Thee" No. 163

Closing Hymn: "Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower" No. 46

Fourth of July service will be in the Middle Park Monday, July 04, 2022, starting 9:30 A.M. with Br. Alan Trumpold presiding.

Opening Hymn: Faith of our Fathers

Testimony: Christian Metz, Armenburg, July 21

Scripture: Exodus 3: 1-12
Psalm 15

Closing Hymn: America the Beautiful

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.

Amana Vacation Bible School
July 18 – 22, 2022, 9:00 am – 11:30 am

All children ages 3 years old – through just finishing 5th grade are invited to come join us for some Fun in the Sun, as we Celebrate G o d ' s Greatness this summer during our Vacation Bible School. We will have a week filled with lots of activity including: songs, games, bible stories, crafts and more.

To Register: Visit the following link -
https://vbspro.events/p/amana2022
Email Penni Berger at: ptberger@southslope.net

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Our parents made sure we went on a long (weeks) vacation each year about the time we reached the ages of 5 & 3. It began the fall I started Kindergarten. My teacher was upset I was going to miss all that time from school, but our mother had her own ideas.

We left early in the morning so we would "beat the morning rush." Our parents had made the back seat in our Oma Selzer's car into a sort of a bed so we could take naps. In one part of the car they put an orange crate full of games, books and comics and covered it with a quilt.

I could never stretch out so I convinced my sister that she should sit on that side of the seat. She was small and always sat with her legs tucked backwards behind her which convinced Mommy that Kathryn's legs would be deformed, so Kathryn would lay backwards out of spite.

We headed east only to stop overnight at the Henry Millers' home or to put it another way, we could see our girl friends the "wonderful" Miller girls.

They even had a room which their parents had painted so you could write on the walls with chalk! They had modern shoes (Oxfords) not the clumsy/sensible shoes we were made to wear. Their mother even had a dishwasher.

I wanted to live there forever, but our parents were determined to get to Evansville IN. Supposedly Daddy's ship had been built there.

We went to Santa Claus Village. It was fall so most of the village. It was fall so most of the village was closed for the season. We did see nursery poem characters that were cast in plaster and got to ride a small train.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

The Big Buffet is Back for 4th of July Community Fireworks Show

It's been three years, but Monday, July 4 at the Middle Amana Park we'll see the return of a favorite Amana Colony community tradition - the big, picnic buffet. Yes the community-wide 4th of the July picnic is back along with other 4th of July traditional events. Here's what you need to know.

• The Amana Church Youth Group will host "Pancakes in the Park" their annual, full breakfast at the Middle Amana Park starting at 8 a.m. From 8 until 9:25 coffee, pancakes, eggs and more will be served by the Amana Church volunteers and youth group members.

• Independence Day Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. in the Middle Amana Park. Everyone welcome. An informal worship service hosted by the Amana Church.

• Informal Games in the Park. Bring your bats, gloves, frisbees, horseshoes, soccer balls and whiffle balls for informal play. Form your own team or join another. It all starts about 2 or thereafter on the 4th.

• Picnic in the Park. Bring your coolers, favorite beverages, lawn chairs, bug spray, kids, neighbors, friends and family for a community hangout in the park 4th of July afternoon.

• Big Buffet Supper 5:30 p.m. The Amana Family Practice Clinic invites all to a brat/ burger/ hot hotdog supper. If you like, bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. To help ensure we don't have 22 pans of brownies and no pasta salad, we'll organized "loosely" by village. So please those living in the villages of Amana, East Amana, High Amana and Homestead please bring a dessert. Middle Amana, West Amana and South Amana please bring a salad or side dish. Please put your full name on all dishes and serving utensils. If you prefer not to partake in a buffet, please feel free to bring your own picnic to the park and enjoy the games and music with others.

• Music and Dance! Dogs on Skis will be performing after supper thanks to the Amana Family Practice Clinic. Put your dancing shoes on!

• Fireworks. Once it is full dark (after 9:20 p.m.) volunteers will initiate the huge fireworks show we've come to love over the Lily Lake. Please stay off of the Amana Kolonieweg east shore portion of the bike trail on July 4 while they are setting up. Please remember to use extreme caution when driving / parking to park and watch the fireworks as so many are walking or riding bikes in the area. Also please remember no motorized vehicles of any kind are allowed on the bike trail.

How can you help? Please make a donation to the community firework show by mailing your check to Amana Community Fireworks, PO Box 11, Amana, IA 52203

FOURTH OF JULY

We are really looking forward to 4th of July in the Middle Ball Park! With a youth group breakfast, church service, fun in the park, potluck and Dogs on Skis playing our favorites. BUT we need to raise a bit more money for the fireworks. Please help us to have a great show by donating to Amana Community Fireworks, PO Box 11, Amana, IA 52203.

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. ***Tuesday*** July 05, 2022 in the Amana Sanitary lift station.

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July & August Summer Hours

Monday 9:00am-3:00pm
Tuesday 9:00am-6:00pm
Wednesday 9:00am-Noon
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Charlie's Market is Back!
Flowers, Produce, Cookies
10 AM - Noon Saturdays
West End of V St in Homestead

The Iowa Theatre Artists Company is inviting vendors from the area to set up at our Friday evening Swap Meet at the Outdoor Courtyard of The Amana Performing Arts Center at 39 – 38th Avenue (across from the Amana Campground). We are specifically interested in farm products, crafts & handmade items, garage sale items and baked goods. The following terms apply:

- No alcohol sales or sale of food items intended to be consumed at the event will be allowed.
- Each outdoor vendor space will be roughly 10 x 16 feet with a blacktop surface. Vendors will be charged $5 per space and will be welcome to rent adjoining spaces at a rate of $5 each.
- Spaces are not under cover.
- Space must be reserved by 12 noon on the day of each event
- Vendors may begin set up at 2 pm and must be open from 4 - 8 pm
- Vendors may call Tom Johnson at (319) 551-6691 for more information and reserve vendor space, or email: itac@southslope.net

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Big Sisters Olivia and Aida announce the birth of their sister Elaina Laverne Cory, born June 1, 2022, 5lbs 15.4oz and 18 3/4 inches long.

Parents: Kris and Nancy Cory; Grandparents are Wayne (and her late Oma Brenda) Palof, Kevin and Jan Cory; Great- Grandparent Arlene Swearingen.

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All the while my sister kept complaining about her feet hurting. It got pretty annoying so Daddy picked her up and carried her. She looked down at me as if I was her servant and she was royalty.

It was too much to see that smirk on her face so I complained about wearing a head scarf - no one cared. Obviously I was not the favorite, at least for the moment.

When we got to the motel and got ready for bed we discovered Kathryn's foot problem.

It seems she had stuffed her socks into the toes of her shoes the night before.

Naturally our parents were apologetic and made all kinds of fuss. Kathryn "graciously" lapped it all up like a cat would lap up a bowl of cream.

I, being the older sister, just ignored the whole thing and figured that just maybe Daddy would carry me tomorrow.

Fat chance! B.S.H.

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MY AMANA SOCIETY EXPERIENCE

With the Fourth of July fast approaching, I know many of us are looking forward to fireworks over the Lily Pond. This piqued my curiosity about the pond so I set out to see what I could learn.

My first call was to our Conservation Officer, Jon Deegan. Jon took over the Conservation Officer position from Marc Phelps last September. Prior to that, Jon was a State Trooper in Williamsburg for 31 years, and part of his job was flying planes for the Department.

Jon and I talked about the diverse wildlife around the 150-acre pond. Otters, beavers, raccoons, bullfrogs, turtles, bull snakes, and muskrats are just some of the creatures that call the lake and its surrounding shores home.

The birds, though, most often steal the show. Pelicans and Blue Herons arrive every spring. Ducks (Mallards, Pintail, and Coots), geese (Canada, Snow, and Greater White-Fronted), and swans (Tundra and Trumpeter), as well as Gulls and Terns move through the Colonies putting on a spectacular show.

Otters were re-released by the Department of Natural Resources in 1987 to great effect. The Trumpeter Swan is another success story. Amana Forestry and the DNR released two mating pairs in 1997 and like the otters, their natural populations have mostly rebounded. Swans weigh an average of 30 pounds and were once Iowa's largest native waterfowl. They are now considered migratory birds, but maybe one day that will change. Random fun fact - a group of flying swans is called a wedge.

How the lake came to be and how the lilies (actually classified American Lotus) got there is a bit of a mystery that I will continue to research and hope to report on in the future. Spoiler alert - it's fascinating.

I especially want to thank Bruce Trumpold for taking the time to talk with me. I could not have written this one without his kind assistance.

Until next time friends, all my best,

Amy Petta

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OBITUARY

Esther L. Reihmann, age 92, of Middle Amana, passed away Sunday, June 26, 2022, at Colonial Manor of Amana. Funeral service: 10:30 A.M., Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at the Middle Amana Church with Elder Andrea Haldy officiating. Burial will be at the Middle Amana Cemetery. Visitation: 4:30-6:30 P.M., Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at the Middle Amana Church. Memorials may be directed to the Amana Church Society or the Amana Community Library. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo is assisting the family with arrangements.

Esther is survived by her daughter Susan Melenovsky; her granddaughters Amy (Nate) Lefebvre, and Abby Utecht; and her great-granddaughters Helena and Zara Lefebvre. Esther is also survived by three step-grandsons Mike, Robert and Mark Melenovsky and their families; as well as many cousins and a step-nephew Louis Caspers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Clarence in 2020, her beloved daughter, Julie Ann Utecht; her sister, Elsie Caspers; two sons-in-law, Robert Melenovsky and Harlan Utecht.

Esther Lou Moser was born September 19, 1929, in Amana, Iowa the daughter of Henry J. Moser and Louise Moser Pitz. She graduated from Amana High School in 1947 and married Clarence A. Reihmann on September 16, 1950, in Amana. They moved to their lifelong home in Middle Amana, where they raised their two daughters. They were blessed with nearly 70 years of marriage. Esther was employed by the Amana Community Schools, serving for many years in the school's lunch program. Later she worked at the Amana Society Woolen Mills Salesroom. Esther enjoyed reading, cooking and baking, water aerobics and volunteering at Colonial Manor. She and Clarence enjoyed many travels in the United States as well as Germany and other countries. In Middle Amana, they loved walking each evening, listening to music and singing hymns and folksongs, and enjoying their yard, birds, and flowers. She was blessed with a quick wit and gentle humor that endeared her to family and many, many friends.

Esther was a member of the Amana Church Society, teaching Sunday School when her children were young. As Esther was faced with life's challenges her faith remained strong, as she served her Lord with an open heart each day. Our family is comforted by knowing Esther is reunited with Clarence, her daughter Julie and all those she loved so dearly.

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OBITUARY

Marjorie A. Rettig, 91, formerly of Middle Amana, passed away quietly on Sunday morning, June 26, 2022, at Pura Vida Assisted Living in Tucson, Arizona. She was born in South Amana on March 20, 1931, and was the second child of Herman O. Leichsenring and Lina M. Leichsenring. On May 6, 1950, she was united in marriage to Ray B. Rettig of Middle Amana.

Mrs. Rettig was employed for many years at the Amana Woolen Mill salesroom. She was also a long-time Camp Fire Girls leader. She and her husband later operated the Rettig House Bed and Breakfast in Middle until their retirement and move to Oro Valley, Arizona in 1995. She was a former member of the Amana Church, and was most recently a member of Desert Foothills Baptist Church in Tucson, Arizona.

Mrs. Rettig is survived by a daughter, Rita Pettigrew, of Homestead, Florida; a son, Rick Rettig, of Ephrata, Washington; four grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her brother.

Mrs. Rettig will be buried at Cedar Memorial Cemetery in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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RUEDY BOOK -- *FINALLY: A MANUAL ON HOW TO HANDLE CANCER*

Shirley Ruedy now has a book on Amazon, titled "Finally: A Manual on How to Handle Cancer." It is a collection of 70 of the 400+ columns she wrote over a span of 16 years as cancer columnist for The Gazette in Cedar Rapids. She is the wife of George Ruedy, formerly of Middle.

Shirley is a three-time cancer survivor and says readers trusted her because she had been "in the trenches," having had the three diagnoses and surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation. In all, she played in many roles, including that of patient; caretaker (of her terminally ill mother and brother); volunteer (counseling 176 women who had had breast cancer surgery), and journalist, interviewing top doctors and researchers here and abroad.

The book largely addresses the emotional aspects of cancer, rather than the science. Shirley, to her astonishment, found that what readers were really hungering for was to learn how to handle their emotions in all the different situations that arise in the cancer experience. So the book is not only for the patient but for the caretaker, the friend, the family member, the adult child, the neighbor, the co-worker.

The column was well accepted by both the lay and medical communities. In all, Shirley garnered 30 journalism, health and civic awards from local, state and national groups, one recognition being the Courage Award, given to her in the Rose Garden of the White House, as part of an anniversary celebration of the American Cancer Society.

"Finally: A Manual on How to Handle Cancer" is found in all formats on the Amazon.com website, by either title or the author's name.

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