Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

Due to increasing Covid cases among members, masks are requested but not required in all Amana Church Society buildings for the fully vaccinated, all others are humbly asked to wear a mask.

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, July 10, 2022, starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Tony Berger presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Der Glaub ist eine Himmelskraft" No. 139 vs 1-5 Seite 132

Testimony: Christian Metz, May 4, 1841

Scripture: Matthew 8:1-13, 23-27

Psalm: 18:25-32

Closing Hymn: "Der Glaub ist eine Himmelskraft" No. 139 vs 11-15 Seite 133

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

Opening Hymn: "Faith permeates the Holy Shrine" No. 133

Closing Hymn: "In faith we find a Heav'nly Power" No. 73

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

HOMESTEAD SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT

The Homestead Sanitary District Board of Trustees will hold its quarterly meeting on Wednesday July 20, 2022 at 5:30 pm at the Homestead Welfare Club.

LIBRARY HOSTS BLOOD DRIVE

The Amana Library will host an ImpactLife Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 19 from 1:30 to 6:30. The Drive will be held in the Amana Elementary Cafeteria.

APPOINTMENTS AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED. Walk-ins will not be accepted to allow for proper distancing. To sign up, please call the Amana Library 319-622-3192 or email amanalibrary@ccaschools.org.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Washing hair was always a trial for us. One would think our parents were putting pieces of wood under our fingernails, pulling our hair out one strand at a time or worse.

If one of us bellowed the other sister was sure to cry out louder and longer. There was no stopping us. We were convinced that if we would not die then surely we would be forever blinded by the dreaded shampoo.

Why our parents had us in the bathtub together was probably for fear that the one not imprisoned in the tub would make a "run for it" never to be caught without a struggle.

Mother tried "Halo Shampoo" that was supposed to not cause tears. We we proved them wrong. Then she having us hold a washcloth over our eyes, but we knew better. We knew that the washcloth would make things dark and thus not allow us to see the terror that was about to befall us. We were having none of that!

Finally mom took the only solution that would work (she thought) TANTA MILDRED. Off we went to the "cousins" where Mother thought we would behave because we loved being there. She had even bought goggles for us to wear just in case we did act up. GOGGLES, no kidding.

They had a clear plastic front and were lined with terry cloth that would supposedly absorb any dreaded soap and water. Naturally the rubber band was in the back to hold it all in place. So there we were in the kitchen watching Tanta lay a bath towel on the kitchen counter by the sink.

I graciously let Kathryn go first. She climbed up using a chair, lay back, adjusted her goggles, and lived though the hair washing.

I was next, but said I could wait. No one agreed to that suggestion so I stumbled up to the counter knocking myself on the kitchen cupboard, lay back, got up, adjusted the towel, lay back, adjusted my goggles, tried to get back up again, but this time mom held me down. The hair got washed and one might think the ordeal was over.

Oh no, my sister had short straight hair, but I had inherited the Selzer curly hair that never seemed to stay in place. How I used to long for a ponytail or a chignon, but no such luck.

Now I am old and thanks to chemo I have thin straight hair HOWEVER I can wash my hair quickly and without fuss. B.S.H.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

The Beat Goes On!

There are so many opportunities to hear great music in the Amana Colonies this summer we can't keep up, but here's a quick guide to where/ how to find the live music in the villages:

· Hotel Millwright hosts musicians outdoors on their patio Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon all summer long. They have attracted very popular acts and great musicians in all genres so check out their Facebook page for details. Appetizers, food and of course beverages from Electric Thread served.

· Blue Grass Under the Summer Sky is on Fridays July 8, July 15, 22 and 29 plus August 12 and 19, at the Amana Colonies Performing Arts Center outdoors in the courtyard. The debut event last Friday night was a very big hit earing raves from the locals we talked to. It's a friendly happening with a multi-vendor farmer's market plus a flea market (starts at 4 p.m.), plus good food served, (5 – 7) and live music from 6 – 8 p.m. They've got some of the very best bands in the Midwest lined up to perform. So come on down for veggies and bluegrass!

· Fireside Winery, at 1755 P Ave near Conroy, offers live music performances every Fridays 5 to 8 p.m. with special events too on some Saturday nights. This weekend Ace Jones performs Friday evening, while Brad and Kate with their full band will perform Saturday, July 9 (tickets required). Next weekend come see Jake Schrodt on Friday and "Elton and Billy – The Tribute" on Saturday. Plus every single Sunday there is relaxing acoustic music performed lived at the winery too from 1 – 4 p.m. So check out the Fireside Winery website for details. Food trucks or their fab menu of appetizers/ snacks/ food and of course, wine add to the fun.

· The Brau Haus, Amana, features Friday night live. Hey, Cole Thomas will be performing July 8, 6 – 9 p.m. Randy Sandersfeld July 15 and Cody Wayne July 22. All their events on their website millstreambrauhaus.com. Seating indoors and out on the shaded patio.

· Millstream Brewing Co. We can't forget Saturdays (6 – 9 though a few of their special events feature music afternoons too) at Millstream Brewing Co in Amana where they have one great band after another lined up through the summer, plus food trucks and Millstream brews. Saturday, July 9 it's a Beach Party Deluxe at Millstream with Deluxo Live. Then on Sunday, July 10 Amana's own Die Tiefen Keller Kinder will perform 3 to 5 p.m. On July 16 pedal in for the Tour De Brew bike ride. Nick Stika will perform July 16 from 1 – 4 and from 6 – 9 it's Furious George! Check out their website for details on all events.

Dolls coming to the EV History Center

On Sunday, July 24, at 2:00 p.m., Dr. Barbara Brown, a psychiatrist, will be discussing and displaying some of her well-known doll collection at the English Valleys History Center.

She says this about her program, "I have a great many interests, including collecting antique dolls. I particularly like to repair dolls and make costumes for them that are appropriate to the time the doll was made." Referring to the use of old dolls in horror movies, she has titled her talk, "Old and Creepy Dolls" though she says, "Personally, I do not find most dolls creepy. Supposing that creepiness lies in the eye of the beholder, I will present a variety of dolls of different styles, materials, and ages. The dolls will be from approximately 1830-1930 and will be made from papier mache, wood, bisque, and fabric. I will present a few dolls that even I think are creepy. Others are welcome to decide what they find creepy."

The EV History Center is located at 108 N. Main Street in North English, and all are invited to attend this event at no charge. Donations are accepted.

Kitchen House Museum is a Must See

Be sure to stop by and see the newly redone Ruedy Communal Kitchen Historic Site in Middle Amana as the Amana Heritage Society staff and volunteers have been working double time this spring to get the site open for the 2022 tourism season with a greatly expanded site for you to explore.

Here you can dive into Amana's communal heritage and explore the kitchen house dining room and kitchen, the woodshed and washhouse and see the family living quarters.

July 8 they are having a communal meal at the kitchen. Revived since COVID you can again dine at the kitchen house. July 8 may be full, but check with the AHS website or call 319-622-3567 to book one of their future dates and reserve your seating.

Also at the kitchen house check out the reconstructed Middle Amana Print Shop and Book bindery exhibit. Printing and book binding have been vital Inspirationist community tasks as nothing was more important than spreading the Gospel message of grace and to that end the community printed Bibles, hymnals and collections of inspired testimony continually from 1715

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Help us celebrate
Sharon Grimm's 80th Birthday
on July 21st by sending a card to:
Sharon Grimm, PO Box 62,
Middle Amana, IA 52203

Lakeview Village

Assisted Living Apartments

- Meals Provided
- Housekeeping Services
- Wellness checks – Medication management
- Activities

Units Available

Call Tanya Powell for a tour 622-3131

"Experience the Comfort and Security of Retirement Living in the Amanas"

AMANA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 18 – 22, 2022

9:00 am – 11:30 am

All children ages 3 years old - through finishing 5th grade are invited to come join us for some Fun in the Sun, as we Celebrate God'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

Store closing sale Thurs. & Friday, May 7 & 8, 10-5 and Saturday May 9, 10-2. 708 47th Ave., Amana, the former lawn & garden shop. Selling all remaining store inventory (Sorry, the Elephant has been sold). Display units, display cases, re-purpose items, some hand tools, and some vintage toys

FOR SALE

For Sale: 750 Amana Society New Class 'A' Shares. Please contact Forest Meyer at FMeyer23@yahoo.com or (904) 626-1282

LOST AND FOUND

Found at Amana Post office, Army Medal, claim by identifying. Call 330-0297

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE/RENT

For Rent: room with shared bath and common area South Amana. No smoking, references, background check. Call Larry at 319-540-9351

HELP WANTED

Line/prep cook at
Ronneburg Restaurant.
Full-time, weekends required, benefits included. Apply in person Mon-Thurs 8-7pm, Fri-Sat 8-8pm and Sun 8-6pm. (319) 622-3641

AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT
Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and Tentative Agenda July 11, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. Amana Heritage Society Museum Auditorium – 705 44th Ave. And via ZOOM link

I. Call Meeting to Order II. Set Agenda
III. Review/Approve June 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes.
IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda.
V. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:
a. 2022-056. Harry and Tonya Grambo / 512 F Street West Amana / HP-R. 1) Replace existing cedar siding with new cedar siding. 2) Replace quantity twelve (12) windows with vinyl windows – five on the first floor and seven on the second floor. White trim boards same as existing. Dimensions as follows: Quan five 9/6 23" x 54" , quan one 9/6 33" x 54" , quan five 6/3 27" x 33" , quan one 6/none 27" x 44".
b. 2022-058. Steve Hinsley and Tina Becerra-Hinsley / 612 45th Ave Amana / HP-R. Replacing quantity 8 wooden windows with vinyl double hung 6/6 .
c. 2022-059. Jeff and Suzanne Conquest / 621 46th Ave Amana / HP-C. 1) Re-roof property and detached garage w brown asphalt shingles 2) Re-side attached garage w siding approved on 2020-076 and replace three garage doors with solid panel doors 3) Remove oversized overhang from east side of attached garage, replace w traditional door hood which will extend six inches beyond sides of door. 4) Replace siding on north side of main property w lap siding (either cedar or that approved on 2020-076).
d. 2022-061. Gerald Reiskamp / 206 220th Trail South Amana / HP-C. Add a 22' x 12' x 12' lean to onto existing shop. Three post support with exposed concrete footings and a corrugated metal roof.
VI. Other Business.
a. Discussion/Action: Board of Trustees review of potential candidate(s) for the open Board of Trustees position.
VII. Review/Approve July Disbursements Report.
VIII. Review/Approve June Treasurer's Report.
IX. President's Report.
X. Administrator's Report.
XI. Adjourn.

KINDERFEST IS THIS SATURDAY

Kinderfest will be held this year on July 9. Many local businesses will host games, crafts and prizes for kids of all ages.

Experience what is on offer to the kids. Whether it's The Noble Stone's Rock-iversary where you can mine for your own treasures in their indoor mining sluice or building your own tow at the Little Red Wagon, there is tons to see and do! And don't forget the cookie dough! The Amana Elementary will be selling edible cookie dough from Got Dough! to raise money for their classrooms.

Join us at the Market Barn at 2pm for the return of the Kinderfest Kid Olympics, test your skills in a number of fun games activities. We even have FREE face painting at the Market Barn from 11am-4pm by Regan's Face Painting. Oma is also back this year with even more stories to tell!

For a complete list of Kinderfest activities, visit the Amana Colonies Visitor Center or participating businesses to pick up a map and brochure. For more information as well as a list of upcoming events, call 319.622.7622 or visit www.amanacolonies.com.

BACKYARD BIBLE CLUB VBS

Backyard Bible Club Join us for Backyard Bible Club 2022 in Middle Amana! We had a blast last year and want to do it again! Backyard Bible Club takes the classic Vacation Bible School and moves it into backyards in our community. Kids learn Bible lessons, play games, make crafts, watch fun skits, and enjoy all the other goodies they look forward to. Join us at our Backyard Bible Club this summer! It's free! July 11-14 6:30-8 pm

Hotel Millwright

we're hiring!

Restaurant Supervisor $18 - $20 per hour
Banquet Captain $16 - $18 per hour
Banquet Server $12 - $14 per hour plus gratuity
Banquet Setup Attendant $13 - $15 per hour
Bartender $11 per hour plus tips
Restaurant Server $10 per hour plus tips
Server Assistant $12 per hour
Line Cook $16 - $18 per hour
Dishwasher $11 - $13 per hour
Guest Service Representative $13 - $15 per hour
Guest Room Attendant $14 - $16 per hour
Public Area Attendant $12 - $15 per hour
Laundry Attendant $12 - 14 per hour

hotelmillwright.com/about/jobs/

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through the communal era and into the 20th century. Not all that long ago the 2nd Volume of the Amana Church's Catechism was printed at the Middle Amana Print Shop. Indeed the Middle Amana Print Shop was established when Middle Amana was built during Amana's communal era and is going full steam today (this is where the Amana Bulletin is printed). An exhibit about the printing operations in Amana is at the kitchen house for you to see. The Communal Kitchen Historic Site is open Monday – Saturday 10 – 5. The Church in Homestead is open Monday – Saturday 10 – 5 and the museum in Amana is open Monday – Friday 9 – 4, Saturday, 9 – 5 and Sunday 11 – 3.

The High Amana General Store in High Amana is open Monday – Saturday 10 – 5 and Sunday 10 – 3.

There are some very notable events this month at the museum:

Thursday, July 14 it's a "Free Night" at the museum with drinks and snacks available at the Amana Heritage Museum, Amana. A great evening to bring the kids to see the short movie about Amana and view the museum and grounds.

Saturday, July 23 it's AMANA in Bloom at the Amana Heritage Museum – a garden party from 5 to 8 p.m. with yard games, music by Blake Shaw and food for purchase. Free admission.

Charlie's Market
10 AM - Noon Saturdays
West End of V St in Homestead

MY AMANA SOCIETY EXPERIENCE

This week I'd like to continue the story of the lily pond, and how and why it came to be.

I'll be heavily referencing a May 31, 2011 article from a website called Dave's Garden, written by Amana's own Larry Rettig. Mr. Rettig passed away in January of this year, but I'd still like to thank him for this well-written and thoroughly researched resource. If you'd like to check out the original article, please go to davesgarden.com and search for "A Lake of Lotus Lilies".

In 1843, before Iowa was granted statehood, the federal government sent surveyor J. E. Whitcher to map the land in preparation for settlement. Mr. Whitcher described the general area as marshland. The next mention of the land was in 1855, after the Colonists arrived; they described it as a place suited only for cutting hay.

The years between 1855 and 1865 are a mystery, as there is still no mention of the lake. What we do know, however, is that in 1865 the Millrace was dug and it ran rather closely along the southern end of the marsh. The water from the Millrace entered the marshland and provided a reservoir that the Race could draw from when the river was low.

The first official mention of the lake was in an 1874 plat book for Iowa county that shows the Millrace flowing directly into the lake. And so, finally, it seems safe to assume that the pond was well established by that date.

A mere 20 years later, the lilies are flourishing, yet their appearance (and the lake's as well) remain a puzzle. It's impossible to know for sure but Mr. Rettig posits that they were likely planted by women of the Meskwaki Nation. The Meskwaki lived upriver from the villages, and visited and traded with the settlers. Native women also harvested the tubers and dried them for a winter food source, and gathered and roasted the seeds.

The Amana Colonies are brimming with stories just like this one – stories of settlers from far-away lands and native peoples with special knowledge of healing and nourishing plants and lakes that spring from marshes, lakes chock full of lilies and history and magic. Everyday magic that we can see and visit and smell when the lilies are blooming.

Until next time friends, all my best,
Amy Petta

The INDIGO ROOM

We're back!

New Menu and New Hours

Monday - Thursday
7am - 9pm

Friday & Saturday
7am - 10pm

Sunday
7am - 9pm

Amana Appreciation

Wednesdays & Sundays
We extend a 15% discount on food + drink to our local community members and Amana Society, Inc. shareholders