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 17, 2022, starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Peter Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Ein's ist noth! Ach Herr, dies Eine" No. 241 Seite 233

Testimony: Johann Carl Gleim, Budingen, May 26, 1715

Scripture: Romans 7: 14-25

Psalm: 67

Closing Hymn: "Mir nach! spricht Christus unser Held" No. 708 Seite 707

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

Opening Hymn: "One Thing's Needful; Lord, This Treasure" No. 17

Closing Hymn: "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake" No. 61

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

AMANA LIBRARY TO HOST 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, 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana.

As a special summer THANK YOU, all donors will receive a $10 gift card OR 500 bonus points to the Impact Donor Store! Potential donors must be at least 17, weigh more than 110 pounds, and a photo ID.

APPOINTMENTS AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED. Walk-ins will not be accepted. Please email amanalibrary@ccaschools.org or call 319-622-3192 or to schedule a time.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Mother was determined her daughters would learn to swim since she was unable to.

Kathryn and I were offered Red Cross Lessons via the school, but that meant getting up early in the morning and riding on the bus to Marengo to jump into that ice cold pool.

Our mother felt that private instructions made more sense because we would get individual attention and "really" learn to swim.

Somehow she got in contact with my first grade teacher's daughter and had Mia Fritsche enroll her daughter, Patty with us. Mia could drive which my mother couldn't do so that was another plus.

Off we went in the afternoon for lessons two or three times a week to Marengo with that ice cold pool.

Those were the days of swim caps. Mother was determined my curly hair stay dry so she stuffed tissues under the edge of the already snug cap. (It didn't really work)

Patty and Kathryn breezed through the lessons. I, on the other hand, had this phobia about putting my head under water.

I'm sure that the "standing dive' was never well done either, but I never could understand the reason for it anyway. Then came diving off the board - no, thank you.

Okay, I tried it ONCE and my teacher had to dive in to rescue me, but by that time I had floated to the surface.

My father, the former sailor, was perhaps more determined then my mother so he got a STOCK TANK and filled it with water.

It didn't exactly fit our desire for an outdoor pool, but beggars can't be choosers.

So for one summer we had this oval stock and where we practiced our "American Crawl", "Dog Paddle", and "Scissor Kick" all the time I kept my head out of the water.

Finally my mother, who had worked hours with me pleading, bribing, whatever just reached in and held my head underwater.

I came out sputtering, telling her she could have killed me. My sister just sat and smirked - probably thinking it was about time.

Well I did go as far as "swimmers" and thus did not have to pass the test at Coe for swimming.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

German Sister Community Delegation Visits Amana; Meet Them Thursday or Sunday

A delegation of sixteen residents of Ronneburg, Hessen Germany will be in the Amana Colonies July 14 - 20. The community of Ronneburg surrounds the Ronneburg castle near Frankfurt, Germany.

A public reception to welcome the Ronneburg guests will be held at the Hotel Millwright courtyard on Sunday, July 17 from 2 – 4 p.m. Please stop by to meet our guests and see a special exhibit of illustrations by Ronneburger artist and chef, Reine Erdt, at Hotel Millwright. The exhibition of his work is part of a joint Amana-Ronneburg art project. The reception at Hotel Millwright courtyard is hosted by the Amana Society, Inc.

Thursday, July 14 from 5 – 7 p.m. the delegation will be the guests of the Amana Heritage Society at the Museum's free admission night – "Night at the Museum." Come say hello and see the entire museum, including their latest exhibits.

The Ronneburg visitors will be staying in the homes of local residents or at Hotel Millwright. Host families, the Amana Society and the Amana Heritage Society have arranged for activities for the group including a tour of the seven villages, a visit to the newly reopened Ruedy Communal kitchen with breakfast there, a tour of Amana farms, visits to a line dancing club and barbecue, local industrial plants, a wine pairing- appetizer workshop and more. Sunday they have been invited to attend the Amana Church.

Some of the delegation members including Reiner Erdt, Hanne Schneider and Elke Itt have visited the Amanas before, for others this will be their first time to the Amanas, explained Jon Childers, Amana Heritage Society, executive director.

The Amana connection to Ronneburg dates back to 1714 when members of the Community of True Inspiration, now called the Amana Church, gathered at and around the Ronneburg after the Prince of Ysenburg invited religious separatists to help repopulate his estates, decimated by years of civil conflict. The Prince had a more tolerant view of religious separatism than most and so E.L. Gruber and his family, J.F. Rock, Ursula Meyer and others came to the Ronneburg castle or rented houses in villages nearby. With the establishment of the first Inspirationist communities 1715 – 1725 they came to rent farms, factories and estates owned by the Prince in the villages surrounding the Ronneburg castle including a set of buildings at the Herrnhaag (Hill of the Brethren) once used by Ysenburg to house his military guard. By the mid 1800s the Amana people had a plan in place to emigrate to the United States in search of greater freedom of worship. However, several families elected to stay in the Ronneburg, Germany area rather than embracing the uncertainty of moving to a new land.

Letter writing kept everyone in contact for nearly 200 years. The letters were both personal and for business purposes as Amana maintained contact with the brethren in Germany to buy looms, textile dye and other specialty products from Germany.

Following World War II a number of the Amana men who had served in the US military sought out those former Inspirationists still living near the Ronneburg. Eventually making return visits in the 1960s, they helped established a new era of contact between the communities of Amana and Ronneburg. In the 1970s and 1980s visits between the communities increased. Social media has helped solidify the connection, enabling many to maintain almost daily contact.

If you visit Ronneburg, Germany, it's is just 45 minutes from the Frankfurt airport making it a wonderful location to spend the first or last day of your tour of Germany. The castle Ronneburg is host to frequent weekend family-oriented festivals and events. Beneath the castle is the Hotel Zur Krone where the Reiner Erdt family operates a regionally-acclaimed restaurant featuring culinary specialties of the German state of Hessen. Visit the nearby medieval walled town of Büdigen.

Amana Jingle Cross GX Bike Race is Not Happening

What might have been a pretty exciting event in the Amanas this summer has been canceled.

Dana Jensen, Amana Colonies Festivals, Inc. an-

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ARTS GUILD PHOTO EXHIBIT

The Amana Arts Guild is hosting a Photo Exhibit at the Amana Performing Arts Center. The exhibit will kick off with a grand opening and reception on Sunday, July 17 from 2pm-4pm.

Please join us for wine, appetizers, and a beautiful selection of photos taken by the talented artists of the Amana Area Photo Club, and a featured exhibit by Moses De Los Santos.

The exhibit will be available for viewing through the end of August.

Help us celebrate

Sharon Grimm's 80th Birthday

on July 21st by sending a card to:

Sharon Grimm, PO Box 62, Middle Amana, IA 52307

ACLUD BOARD VACANCY

The Amana Colonies Land Use District Board of Trustees has an opening for a new member. If you or someone you know might have an interest in giving back to the community by becoming a Board of Trustees member, please contact Administrator Richard Budde. Administrator mailing address is P.O. Box 66 Amana IA 52203 or e-mail aclud@southslope.net. Thank you for your consideration.

SUMMER SOCIAL GIVING EVENT

The public is invited to 100+ of Iowa County's summer social giving event . The event will be held at Legacy Acres in Parnell on Thursday, July 21st. Registration begins at 5:30, followed by light appetizers and conversation (BYOB).

Attendees will then vote on a local charitable cause to receive the evening's donations, with each voter committing to donate $100 towards the winning charity. Please RSVP by emailing 100plusiaco@gmail.com.

AMANA FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

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My sister and I would discuss who/whom we could save in case of drowning - Mom or Dad. (Lovely children!)

Little did we know that our father was not only a sailor, but had been trained to be a Frogman (modern day "Seal") AND with Martin Dickel rescued a drowning man at a picnic.

Our father knew how to swim and we didn't even know it! B.S.H.

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THANK YOU

Dear Friends, words can not express how thankful I am for your prayers, cards, flowers, and especially visits & phone calls while in the hospital and at home.

While lying in that hospital bed my favorite VBS song of years ago comforted me "You (God) have been so good to me, in spite of all you know of me. In the daytime I feel your embrace and in the nighttime I rest in your grace. You are so good to me"

Thank you, Elsie Sayers

Amana Arts Guild

Woodcarving Club

Mon, July 18, 6-8 pm, High Amana

Bring your Knife / Carving Kit

Free Turtle Roughout

319-551-2800 (Bob Ward)

FOR SALE

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

Moving/garage sale: toys, games, kitchen stuff, glasses, furniture and much more ... 704 31st Ave, Middle Amana (by lily lake) cash only. Saturday 16th 9am-5pm, Sunday 17th 8am-4pm

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

PURPLE MARTIN PROJECT – A FOLLOW UP

Last July, Dan Ray wrote an article about bringing back the Purple Martin population to Amana. Early this spring, Dan set up his 42 gourds, ready to welcome in these birds that travel all the way from Brazil.

Unfortunately, Dan hasn't been able to enjoy these summer residents since he has been in the hospital for the past two months due to cardiac arrest and a subsequent heart transplant. His family is busy keeping tabs on the birds and documenting hatchlings for the Purple Martin Conservation Association.

Currently, the Rays have 30 nests in their gourds, bringing the total of adult Purple Martins to around 60. They track the nests every five days, and currently the count is up to 111 babies and 35 eggs. In a few weeks, these babies will fledge and head south to Brazil for the winter and will come back to the Lily Lake next spring, where Dan will be at home happily awaiting their arrival.

The Lily Lake flourishes with birds and other wildlife year-round, and the Rays have been documenting what they see on Instagram and would love for you to follow along @lilylakepurplemartins.

Charlie's Market

10 AM - Noon Saturdays

West End of V St in Homestead

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nounced last week that the Jingle GX Bike Race scheduled for August 5 – 7, has been cancelled due to challenges within the international bike racing group that would have sanctioned the competition.

As Jensen explained, they were not able to make it work this year, however race organizers have hopes of bringing the event here next summer.

As this was to be an internationally sanctioned event part of the GX Bike race (gravel extreme) bike racing circuit, organizers in Iowa City felt the race must be cancelled this year since it had not been promoted long enough on the international circuit for racers to make arrangements to come to Iowa.

As Jingle Cross (Iowa City group) announced July, 6, "We regret to announce the Jingle GX Gravel Race weekend August 5-7, 2022 in Amana, Iowa, including the second US based round of the UCI Gravel World Series, has been cancelled. We had been very excited to be part of this inaugural UCI gravel world series, recognizing many challenges as a first year global event. We also respect the challenges our friends at the UCI had between COVID, world politics, inflation, and trying to launch a new sport and a new global series in the midst of all that. Among the many logistical challenges they had was finding a location and date for the new UCI Gravel World Championships. Unfortunately, this was only recently established 3 and a half weeks ago which shortened our timeline and ability to promote as a UCI World Championship qualifier because it had been unclear if and when a UCI world championship would occur. Therefore, after exhausting all possible options, we regret to announce we must cancel for this year. As a non-profit, we hope you understand our difficult situation and look forward to seeing you down the road. Thank you for your understanding."

Gravel bike racing is a fast-growing segment of the international bike racing scene and involves racers traversing gravel roads, unpaved dirt roads and tracks for up to hundreds of kilometers. Race lengths and difficulty of course varies, but this is, rugged, technical bike racing. If you would like to learn more in order to compete or simply join in, go to bikeradar.com to learn more or trekbikes.com.

MEET ONE OF OUR STATE SENATORS

Come meet Senator Kevin Kinney Wednesday, July 20 at 6pm at the Brau Haus in Amana.

Kevin is a farmer, a retired Sheriff's Deputy and a former Clear Creek Amana School Board Member.

Senator Kinney is running against Senator Dawn Driscoll in newly formed Senate District 46.

Kinney has been in the Iowa Senate since 2014, Driscoll since 2020

JULY 4TH THANK YOU

A huge Thank You! to everyone who helped with the July 4th celebration this year.

To the Amana Church Youth Group current and former members, leaders and special frying volunteers a hearty 'thank you' for the breakfast! And thank you to all who donated for the mission trips!

To Lacie and Tim Blattner for getting the meat and buns and condiments ready and to the park.

To Penni Berger, Tony Berger, Carmen Grimm, Tom Gross, Terry Roemig, Kristie Yoder, and especially to Dixie Trout and Dennis Gormley for all their help with organizing, managing, and cleaning up the potluck.

To all the great cooks and bakers who made the potluck amazing again this year, especially Dennis Lukes for Lois's special recipe Cheesy potatoes!

To everyone who lent a hand during the day and was forgotten in the list above! This day is made of lots of people jumping in and helping whenever it is needed.

To Lynn Trumpold and Chris Herr and all the pyrotechnicians who work with them to make our show the best anywhere or ever each year!

And to our Donors-

Big Boomers! $500 and up: Amana Community Chest, Amana Family Practice Clinic, Amana Society Inc, The Noble Stone, Wagner Law Offices

Salutes $100-$499: Fairfax State Savings Bank, Kloster Funeral Home, South Slope Cooperative, Hills Bank and Trust, WRH, Bank Iowa, Colonial Manor of Amana, First Trust and Savings Bank, LongView Financial, Schantz Furniture and Refinishing, Smokehouse Square Antiques, Village Guest Suite, White Cross Cellars

Many individuals who donated $3,000 in total with amounts from $10-$350.

OBITUARY

Harlan D. Williams, age 74, of High Amana, passed away at his home on Wednesday, July 6, 2022. Per Harlan's wishes there will be no services at this time. A memorial fund has been established. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo is assisting the family with arrangements.

Harlan is survived by his siblings, Clifford Williams of High Amana, Levi (Kay) Williams of Williamsburg, Lovona (Frank) Mimick of Texas, and Rachel Williams of Pleasant Hill. Also surviving him are many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his siblings James, Ralph, Melvin, Howard, and Roland Williams, Gloria Racey, and Marilyn Springstead.

Harlan Dean Williams was born March 18, 1948, in High Amana, the son Elver Hugo and Amanda Jane Puegner Williams. He attended the Amana Schools through the 8th grade. Harlan was drafted into the U.S. Army and served as a cook stationed in Alaska. He worked for many years in the maintenance department at Amana Refrigeration. Harlan was a private man and was very comfortable being in his own home. He enjoyed gardening and didn't miss an old western when it was on the television.

Online condolences: www.klosterfuneralhome.com

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Restaurant Supervisor $18 - $20 per hour

Banquet Captain $16 - $18 per hour

Banquet Server $12 - $14 per hour plus gratuity

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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/

MY AMANA SOCIETY EXPERIENCE

This week I'd like to stick close to home and talk a little about production at the Woolen Mill. I've been sewing and finishing for almost a year and a half now, and while I would not say I've completely mastered the process, thanks to the support and patience of my coworkers and supervisor, I'm moving forward with confidence every day.

The big news at the Mill is wool throws are back! We're producing approximately 120 to 150 blankets and throws every week and they are quite literally selling as fast as we can make them! There are four beautiful wool throws already at Warped and Woven, and many more on the way before fall. We're also making three new plaid cotton bed blankets in blue/natural, dark linen/natural, and black/plum/natural that I would encourage everyone to check out. The rainbow Dorothy throw has already gone through several runs and continues to fly off the shelves. There is a charming red/natural/blue throw called Patriot. My personal favorite, however, is a cotton plum/natural houndstooth throw that is a striking color/pattern combination. There are always new throws and blankets on the website, but I would really recommend an in-person visit to Warped and Woven, just for the immediate gratification of being the first to be in-the-know.

There are so many community members who have worked in the Mill in its various forms throughout the years, it seems every person I meet has a connection. Sometimes at the end of the day when I turn out the lights, the looms are off, and the creel quietly waits for another day, I can imagine those workers still bustling around. And it's a very nice feeling to join them and take my small place in history.

Until next time, all my best,

Amy Petta