

## 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, August 07, 2022, starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Ich Singe Dich" No. 485 vs 1-3 & 16-18 Seite 480

Testimony: TBD

Scripture: 1 John 1: 1 – 10

Psalm: 4

Closing Hymn: "Aufrichtigkeit, Herr!" No. 79 vs 1-4 Seite 76

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

Opening Hymn: "Lord Open Thou My Heart to Hear" No. 171

Closing Hymn: "O' Lord I Sing" No. 40

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.

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Perhaps it really began nine months before, but the explosion occurred around March 9th & 10th of 1949 when two neighbor ladies went to Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids to give birth to two baby girls, girls whose cries were heard all over the once sleepy (but no longer able to sleep) town of Homestead.

World War II had just ended a very few short years before and everyone thought that things could get back to normal. Little did anyone know that the "Baby Boom" was beginning and these two little girls were going to shake things up!

Born only about 12 hours apart the two would blaze a trail that would last for decades (if one knows where to look one may still find it, much like the original Lincoln Hwy. What follows is strangely reminiscent of a Stephen King novel).

One was short with dark eyes and perpetually skinned knees, the other was tall, blonde and blue eyed- obviously not related, yet somehow they could read each other's thoughts and were always following each other around - no one led - they just followed one another.

When you got right down to it you realized they didn't speak much. They didn't have to because they "sensed" what the other wanted to do.

They would just stare at people with those deep dark (seemingly pupil-less) and wide blue eyes never saying a word.

Those of us who knew the Fearsome Two would just know what they wanted, when, and how. If we did not "obey" they would turn and leave us in a flash leaving us slack jawed, open handed and wondering what had happened.

School came and off they would go to Kindergarten with a major change in the middle of winter when the school was moved from South Amana to the newly built "Lakeside" in Middle.

Theirs would be the largest class Amana ever had (over 40 with 5 girls from Homestead alone) It didn't phase these two because they had figured out how to tell their right from their left hands.

The one was left handed so using scissors or eventually a notebook would bother her, but their was another Kathy in the class with the same "problem" so they could over come it.

The other comrade had a secret. She had a little mole on her right hand that would alert her to which hand was the right one. Eventually the mole would be removed and no one would be the wiser.

There were trips to Elmcrest Country Club, the Purple Cow Miniature Golf Course by Coralville, the "Athletic Club" and sports events they would go to while, I, and the older sister would sit at home and wish I could join them. I was then and still am not now at all athletic - so it really didn't matter.

Finally it was time for high school. The tall blonde knew how to dance well and even discovered wigs and hairpieces which she taught her friend to wear.

They also discovered that boys could dance if forced to, although playing basketball was still more

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Amana Arts Guild Festival Celebrates 45 Years

It's hard to imagine but it's true, the Amana Festival of the Arts has been a colony festival for 45 years making it one of the longest running events in Amana's history. It happens Saturday Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

It started on the grounds of the Amana Heim museum in Homestead as a celebration of Amana art and craft organized by Gordon Kellenberger, Joanna Schanz, Norman Schanz and friends. It moved to the Middle Amana Park the next year and was there for nearly 40 years.

This year the festival is again in the middle of Amana at the Market barn. Also this year there will be pop up food vendors. Smiley's Soups and Sandwiches and Stone Wall Brick Oven Pizza. Rusty Tractor will offer iced lemonades and tea at the festival too.

This year they will be welcoming over 30 area artists all of whom will be showing and selling their work. From handcrafted jewelry to watercolors, landscapes, textiles, pottery, photography and paper art, woodcrafts and more, this is a juried show featuring the latest creative efforts of our best Amana Colony and eastern Iowa artists.

There will be live music too and a special presentation at 3 p.m. that highlights this anniversary year for the AAG Summer Festival of the Arts. This year a handsewn quilt by Molly Kephart, South Amana, will be raffled. Raffle tickets will be available at the Gallery on Main or at the festival. Proceeds benefit the Amana Arts Guild's ongoing educational efforts in support of the arts. For more information, contact the Amana Arts Guild at info@amanaartsguild.com or 319-622-3678

### Milligan to Present Grant Wood - Prairie Rebel

At the Ackerman Winery on Saturday, August 13, Tom Milligan, West Amana, will present his acclaimed one-man show, "Grant Wood - Prairie Rebel." This thoughtful and thought-provoking one hour play depicts the Iowa artist as he discusses his work, his life and his state. It was researched and written by Milligan

Grant Wood has close ties to the Amana Colonies as he frequently visited here, had friends in the community and painted here. More than one of his works was painted in this area. He was instrumental in encouraging several Amana Colony area artists including Carl Flick.

It's 60 minutes. To purchase tickets contact Ackerman Winery, Amana. Or check their website. Show starts at 2 p.m.

### Iowa Civil War Images with Michael Huston

On Sunday, August 28th, at 2:00 p.m., at the English Valley History Center, North English, Michael Huston from Wellman will be presenting "Iowa Civil War Images," a program that features his large collection of photographs from the Civil War and the story of how he collected them. You are invited to bring your Civil War images, too.

Huston encourages attendees to bring any images that they have questions about, and most definitely any Civil War images that they might have. He will also be willing to do some research on the ancestors of the attendees as well, if they have questions about an ancestor's service, etc. He will have his computer available, and he has a variety of resources.

Huston and his wife Sarah are natives of Wellman, Iowa, where they currently reside with their three children, Caedyn (13), Adelyn (13), and Aftyn (7). Mike graduated from Iowa State University in 2004 with a degree in Agricultural Education. While his entire career has been dedicated to working in the seed industry and farming with his father, his love for history is something that he dedicates much of his spare time to. His interest in the Civil War started at a young age when he watched The Civil War, A Film By Ken Burns, documentary with his grandfather. Mike is the descendant of five federal Civil War soldiers and, in his spare time, he enjoys keeping their memory alive by participating in living

histories and historical reenactments.

Mike collects images of Iowa Civil War soldiers with an emphasis on Washington County. In December of 2021, his article about a large photo composite of members of Company C 19th Iowa Infantry entitled "The Pride of Washington County" was published in Military Images magazine. He will also be contributing to another article about Iowa Civil War images that will be featured in the December 2022 issue of Military Images.

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.

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God bless you all  
Sharon Grimm

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**REMINDER:**  
There is no Bluegrass - Under the Summer Sky this coming weekend (Aug. 5) ~ We'll be back!!  
August 12 - Banjo  
August 19 - Straightback Chair

**The Amana Print Shop 319-622-3912**  
E-mail: [amanaprintshop@southslope.net](mailto:amanaprintshop@southslope.net)  
Mail: PO Box 05 Middle IA 52307

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fun. It seemed, however, that it was a good idea to have a male date for the prom.

The search was on. The blonde quickly found someone and then looked for someone for her shy friend. It took two tries, but she finally found the co-captain of the C.R. Washington High School football team. Not bad!

Well, those relationships went on for awhile until the two friends parted ways and went off to college where they would graduate and find their husbands to whom they remained married to for over 50 years.

This June the dark eyed friend died of a brain bleed. The tall blonde wrote a lovely tribute - "I always cared for her. She had my back."

B.S.H

**FOR RENT**

**For Rent** in Middle Amana. One Bedroom Apartment. Just remodeled. Laundry and water furnished. No pets, no smoking. One year lease references and background check required. Call 319 360 8875 for application.

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

**HEMP PUBLIC FIELD DAY**

Four Winds Farm would like to invite the community to join us in our hemp field this Sunday, August 7th from 11-6 pm for a public field day. Come and join us at the farm for our first ever field day! Walk our hemp field, learn about our farming practices, check out our manufacturing tools, sample our hemp products, and enjoy saving 25% off when you shop at the farm. We will have shade, cold drinks, snacks, and some yard games for the kids- please come and say hey to your local hemp farmers and learn about the many benefits of hemp.

We are located at 2312 Alpine Ave, NW Oxford. Please park along Alpine Ave and walk into the hemp field- we hope to see you then!

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

**MY AMANA EXPERIANCE**

With August and its high temperatures and humidity upon us again, staying cool is on all our minds. But what if you live outside? I'm thinking of the cows of course.

One way we all cool off is to sweat, but did you know that cattle only sweat at 10 percent the rate of humans? Also, because they are ruminants, cows actually generate extra heat just digesting their food. Surprisingly, sometimes in severe heat, cattle will actually bunch together in the field.

So, what's a cow to do? For answers, I went to Jennifer Sauers, Program Manager of Amana Branded Beef. Jen's background is in cattle, and she works closely with the cow/calf team. Jen told me that they have several strategies in place to help the livestock cope with extreme heat.

At the feedlot where it's more difficult for the stock to spread out, they have a monoslope barn, which is a structure with open sides that has a roof truss higher in the front and sloping toward the back. This feature pulls the air into the barn and down onto the cattle, creating a sort of natural fan. The monoslope barn, along with sprinklers, keep the cattle cool. The herds out in the fields will seek shade and water in the creeks that run through the pastures. There are also water tanks in every pasture along with the naturally occurring waterways such as creeks and ponds.

The Cow/Calf team, led by Roger Byers, check the creeks regularly to make sure they are not running dry. If they have, the crew will deliver additional water to the cows in trucks. If the grass in the fields has dried out, they begin to haul hay to them. Talk about service!

I always learn so much when speaking with Jen, and I want to thank her specially for taking the time to speak with me.

Until next time, all my best,  
Amy Petta

**OBITUARY**

Henry W. Moser, age 90, of Amana, passed away Friday, July 29, 2022 at Colonial Manor Nursing Home, in Amana. Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 6, 2022 at the Middle Amana Church, with Elder Tony Berger officiating. The family encourages masks to be worn. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 6, 2022 at the Middle Amana Church. Burial will be in the Amana Cemetery. Memorials may be contributed to the Amana Church Society, P.O. Box 103, Middle Amana, Iowa or to the Amana Heritage Society, P.O. Box 81, Amana, Iowa 52203. Kloster Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Henry is survived by his wife of 63 years, Nola, of Amana; three children, Erin (John) Ballard, of Norway, Amy (Brian) Carlson, of Peculiar, MO and Todd (Rebecca) Moser, of West Des Moines; four grandchildren, Rachel (Justin) Betz, Cody Carlson, Magdalyn Carlson and Abigail Moser; three great-grandchildren, Jacquelyn, Charles and James Betz; and a brother Reynold (LaVerna) Moser, of Amana. He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Louise Moser, a nephew and many other loved relatives and friends.

Henry was born December 22, 1931 in Amana, the son of John and Louise (Fels) Moser. He graduated from Amana High School with the class of 1950. He was united in marriage to Nola Jane Brockschink on October 18, 1958 at St. James United Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids.

After high school, Henry worked at the Amana furniture shop where he crafted beautiful walnut furniture. He also traveled throughout eastern Iowa showing movies; a skill he used as a Corporal in the United States Army to bring joy to the troops he was stationed with in South Korea. Henry received a commendation citation for his service in the Korean conflict.

His craftsman abilities extended to mechanics where he first honed his skills at the Amana gas station and later in a career at Pepsi Cola that spanned several decades until he retired in 1994. Thereafter, he continued to meet with friends at the Pepsi Cola breakfast club. He was an avid enthusiast of all things Chevrolet. He also enjoyed boating and teaching many generations how to water ski at Coralville Lake; being an expert slalom skier himself. If it had a motor, he could repair or rebuild it. The Dew Crew Pulling Truck became his favorite 'piggy bank' and pastime, filled with trophies and banquet memories even after he was 80 years young. If it was a map, he couldn't read it. Nonetheless he took his wife, family and even grandchildren on many adventures, with missed exits and indelible memories.

Henry was a member of the Amana Church Society, Amana Heritage Society, the Amana Art Guild, Fantasy Truck Pullers of Wisconsin, East Central Iowa Pullers Association and Coralville Lake Kazoo Club.

You not only served and loved, but you did both well. We are better because of you. You will be missed.

Online condolences [www.klosterfuneralhome.com](http://www.klosterfuneralhome.com)

**OBITUARY**

Alex A. Meyer, 91, passed away in his home in Jacksonville, Florida, on Sunday, July 17, 2022, and is now at home with the Lord.

Alex was born on February 1, 1931, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. Once he was mature enough (as Alex liked to say), he graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in Business Administration in 1956. While at the University of Iowa, Alex met the love of his life, JoAnn, and they were married in 1955. Few who knew Alex would not remember the way he looked at JoAnn, or his "bride" as he still called her after more than 60 years of marriage.

After graduating from the University of Iowa, Alex began working for Amana Refrigeration, Inc. He was a born salesman and ultimately became Chief Executive Officer of Amana Refrigeration; retiring as Chairman of the Board in 1997. His career was an example of leadership in both profit and non-profit enterprises. In 1985 he was the recipient of the Oscar C. Schmidt Iowa Business Leadership Award. He served on many boards, including of Merchants National Bank, Toro Company, Mercy Medical Center, the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, and Westminster Presbyterian Church, among many others. He was also the Founder and President of the Foerster Scholarship Foundation, which provided scholarships for children of employees at Amana Refrigeration.

While he was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Alex had adopted hometowns of Amana, Iowa; St. George Island, Florida; and Jacksonville, Florida. In those places, Alex adored spending time with his family and friends of all kinds, giving tours of the local establishments, and always making people smile. He spent many days hunting, fishing, and spending time outdoors, and enjoyed recounting stories of the same. Alex never met a stranger and, in his later years, enjoyed being about town; going to the Farmer's Market, his favorite restaurant with JoAnn (where you could always find them at lunchtime), and visiting with family. He was immensely proud of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Alex is survived by his wife, JoAnn Meyer, of 66 years; son, Jeff Meyer (Anne); daughter, Margee Michaelis (Peter); grandchildren, Forest Meyer (Shea), Scott Meyer (Lindsay), Alexa Worsham (Mark), and William Michaelis (Brooke); and, great-grandchildren, Alice Grace, Huntley, Beckett, Bodie, and Wells.

Alex will be remembered as a loving, generous and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He will be missed dearly.

A private graveside service will be held for family on August 2, 2022, with a reception to follow at 5:00 p.m. for family and friends.

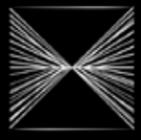
In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Riverside Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, FL or Amana Church - Kinderschule building project (food pantry), P.O. Box 103, Middle Amana, IA 52307

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## A SIMPLE MAY DAY FEELS EUPHORIC

### Letter For a Dark Place

If you have ever or are currently struggling, I hope this letter helps.

I don't know as to what you are going through currently, or in the past, but I do know the most painful thing to say is also the most truthful: You are not alone.

You know this, you understand other people are struggling. The fact you face isn't being alone. It's feeling unheard. A whisper in a tornado, regardless of how loud you scream.

And I am sorry you are hurting. There simply isn't a phrase, simple words to ease the suffering you face. If there was; I would tell you them daily.

I do hope this letter reaches you, and regardless of the fact you don't know me, I hope it makes you feel heard.

You never take a smile, or laugh that comes so easily to others for granted. Because after a long, dreary, dark winter, a simple May day feels euphoric. A warm embrace you haven't had in so long.

You also never want others to feel the darkness you've been trapped in. So you give total strangers a place in the sunshine. Helping at least one person, in your head, makes them feel less alone.

That you invited someone who felt like a burden, a blight on life, a spot next to you in the grass. Soaking up the sunshine.

The days are far and few in between. Which is why you make the most of them, telling everyone you're there, that you care.

Even if you feel they won't do the same for you, but I promise they do care. Sometimes it's scary dealing with mental health.

For those out there, in that position of fear to help. Since you feel so powerless, you don't understand how to help. So you avoid them. You care- You just don't know how to help.

What you can try to do, is they know you can't fix them. You can't take away the pain; that you just don't have the answer.

They just want an ear. A shoulder to cry on momentarily. Honestly, they'd rather not talk about it. They just want a distraction from the situation. Maybe idle chatting about music, movies, a passion they haven't been able to accomplish.

Sometimes sitting in silence is enough. Because you've done what it seems no one in their

life has done. You were there for them, even if it felt otherwise. You made an effort.

For that, we are forever grateful.

If no one has told you today, or lately, I love you. You are an astonishing individual. We have to get past the rains of April to see the flowers of May.

Remember that.

S.

***Publisher's note:** We all know (even if we don't realize it) someone dealing with the hurt described in this letter. My daughter had a friend who committed suicide, something a young person should never feel was the only option left. Sadly, it happens every day.*

*Electronic bullying is a dangerous reality our young people face, too many parasitic cowards using bogus names hide in the shadows to harass and taunt others on the internet because they themselves are too inadequate/flawed to be participants of the social contract we call civil society*

## BIKE RIDE OF IOWA COUNTY

Come join us on Saturday, August 13th for the seventh annual Bike Ride of Iowa County (BRIC) event. All cyclists in the area are welcome to join, there is no registration fee.

The event will start at Hotel Millwright at 9am. and travel to Marengo and back with an optional loop to Fireside Winery.

Check out BRIC on Facebook by visiting "Bike Ride of Iowa County" for more updates.

For more information please contact: Jenna Wilson: (515) 291-9321 or acfi.intern@gmail.com

## AMANA HERITAGE SOCIETY – ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

The Amana Heritage Society will host its annual Fall Harvest Dinner on Friday, September 9th, 2022 at the Price Creek Event Center, 4709 220th Trail, Amana. Doors open at 5:30pm, dinner at 7:00pm. Winners of the drawings and silent auction announced following dinner.

Raffle Ticket (includes two dinners and one chance to win the raffle) is \$100. Dinner Tickets (without a raffle ticket) are \$35 each

Tickets are available online at amanaheritage.org or by calling the Amana Heritage Museum at 319-622-3567.

## LIBRARY NEWS

The Amana Library is having an ongoing USED BOOK SALE in the periodical room. There are tons of great books to choose from - cook books, gardening, romance, fiction, non-fiction, and kid's books.

If you have any questions, call 319-622-3192.

## AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD) Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and Tentative Agenda August 8, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. ACLUD office – 4304 220th Trail Amana And via ZOOM link

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Set Agenda

III. Review/Approve July 11, 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. 2022-085. Alan and Virginia Dubberke / 4312 F Street Amana / HP-R. 1) Replace quantity three (3) windows with vinyl windows. It should be noted that the application was modified from the original Andersen window proposal to the current Lowes/Pella proposal. It is the Lowes/Pella design and proposal that the HPC approved.

b. GRANT REQUEST. Alan Brower / 5209 E St East Amana / HP-R. On front exterior entryway - replace rotted porch flooring and damaged posts. On rear patio structure - rebuild grape arbor and replace sagging patio boards. Note that the Grant Review Committee on July 15, 2022 unanimous approval to recommend the grant. Total bid was \$8400, 75% is \$6300. \$2500 grant value applies. Grant request was reviewed and approved by HPC on July 25th.

c. GRANT REQUEST. Tony Berger / 2609 K St Middle Amana / HP-R. On north side of residence remove tile (slate/asbestos) siding and replace with Smartside wood composite lap siding. Note that the Grant Review Committee on July 15, 2022 unanimous approval to recommend the grant. Total bid was \$1500, 75% is \$1125. \$1125 grant value applies. Grant request was reviewed and approved by HPC on July 25th.

d. GRANT REQUEST. Dan and Elizabeth Wood / 4521 220th Trail Amana / HP-C. Remove all caulking on cedar siding, and re-caulk with appropriate caulking. Remove and replace quantity two (2) water damaged corner boards. Remove and replace quantity two (2) water damaged window sill boards. Note Grant Review Committee on July 15, 2022 unanimous approval to recommend the grant. Total bid was \$1925, 60% (commercial property) is \$1155. \$1155 grant value applies. Grant request was reviewed and approved by HPC on July 25th.

VI. Other Business.

a. Discussion/Action: Board of Trustees review of potential candidate(s) for the open Board of Trustees position. Also discuss steps involved in planning for a Special election in October.

b. Final review of revised ACLUD Fee Schedule before posting in ASB.

VII. Review/Approve August Disbursements Report.

VIII. Review/Approve July Treasurer's Report.

IX. President's Report.

X. Administrator's Report.

XI. Adjourn.

### Help promote the Amana Colonies at the Iowa State Fair!

The Visitor Center is in need of volunteers to work the Amana Colonies booth at the Varied Industries Building during the Iowa State Fair. We have shifts from 9am-3pm and 2pm-8pm. All volunteers will get free admission & parking passes to the fair. For more info please email [events@amanacolony.com](mailto:events@amanacolony.com)

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