Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

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 and/or practice social distancing.

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, September 25, 2022, starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Andrea Haldy presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Zeuch uns nach Dir" No. 1155 Seite 1141

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock, Ober-Zelg near Diesbach, October 19, 1736

Scripture: John 1:1-14
Psalm 103:1-18

Closing Hymn: "Ich will Dich lieben" No. 490 v 1-2 & 5-8 Seite 486

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

Opening Hymn: "Draw us to Thee" No. 165

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

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.

LIBRARY TO HOST BLOOD DRIVE

The Amana Library will host an ImpactLife Blood Drive on Thursday, October 13 from 1:30 to 6:30 in the Amana Elementary Cafeteria.

To sign up, please email amanalibrary@ccaschools.org or call the Amana Library at 319-622-3192 to schedule a time.

FIRST RESPONDERS SEEK DONATIONS FOR VEHICLE

Amana First Responders are looking to purchase a newer vehicle to replace the current 30 yr old one with its prohibitive cost to maintain. As an all volunteer organization, we are not funded with any taxpayer money and rely on the generosity of the community we serve. If you can help, send donations to Amana First Responders, c/o Lucas Miller, 1713 S Ave., South Amana, IA 52334. Please make donations payable to Amana First Responders. If you would like additional information about Amana First Responders call Lucas at 319-551-5587.

THE IOWA BARN FOUNDATION IS CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

The Moershel Buggy Barn located at 4460 V Street in Homestead is open to the public Saturday and Sunday September 24 and 25 from 9:30 to 5:30 both days. This is one of 270 barns state wide that the Barn Foundation has helped restore. They are dedicated to preserving Iowa's rural agriculture buildings symbols of Iowa's early agricultural heritage. This barn was built in 1890 and housed horses and buggies, ready at all times for both Dr. William Moershel (1865 - 1931) and Dr Henry Moershel (1891 - 1972).

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

I was at the ripe old age of 25. That meant my "better" days were over and the days of playing "Old Maid" was meant for me. (This was in the 1970's when one didn't live so long.)

It was easier for a man to marry at an older age, after all, a man could be 90 for all the world cared. My groom was in his thirties andno one cared. (Well, his parents did, be he figured there was no rush.)

The fact that he had not been married before did seem a little odd however. What could be the matter with him? I was desperate and was about to find out. Oh, did I find out!

The first hint was that fateful evening when Charlemagne came to ask my father for my hand in marriage.

Now those of you who know me well know I am a "Woman's Libber" so this really took guts on his part. (I was not some object to be bargained for.)

Oh well, the man was over 30 so senility must have been setting in. It obviously was not my fantastic figure.

Well there he was in the living room with my father Charliemagne was not exactly dressed formally

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Comedy Theatre Tonight and Tomorrow! Leaving Iowa at Amana PAC

This weekend, September 23 – 24, you can take your own get-away by seeing "Leaving Iowa" a hilarious comedy about a family vacation that takes a turn or two.

Produced by TKM Theatrical Production, Tom Milligan and Deb Kennedy, this critically-acclaimed play by Tim Clue and Spike Manton, is a tribute, and well, a roast of the "Greatest Generation's" fondness for the family road trip.

"Deb and I chose this play because it's a great story with a lot of heart, that also has moments that are side-splitting funny! We are excited to be able to work with the wonderful cast of actors, and to able to bring this relatable story to Amana," said Milligan.

Milligan will be performing with Marcia Hughes, Sam Scheetz, Joey Lepire, Clark Skaggs and Lisa Margolin. The show is suitable for ages 10-110, said one critical reviewer who also noted that it is a sweet, but funny, postcard to anyone who has ever found themselves driving down the road revisiting family memories.

You can buy tickets at the door or call 319-899-3799. It's at the Amana Performing Arts Center, by the Amana Colonies RV Park, 38 38th Ave. Amana. Showtimes at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets are $20.

Flowers to Be Given to Volunteers

Oktoberfest is Sept 30 through Oct. 2. There will be no sale of mums on Sunday at the Festhalle following Oktoberfest as has been done in year's past. Instead the flowers will be given to festival volunteers as a thank you for all their help and hard work, said Dana Jensen, ACCVB Event Manager.

Any mums and pumpkins left over on Monday, after the volunteers have had a chance to make their selections, will be available to the public and free will donation may be left at the Amana Colonies Visitor Center.

"Oktoberfest volunteers collectively put in thousands of hours of work to help make the event successful and giving them first choice of the mums and pumpkins is a small way to show our appreciation," noted Jensen.

But hey, here's a way to get in on the fun. Volunteers are always needed to help out with various duties. This is a good way to meet people, make friends and participate in the community event. Anyone wishing to volunteer can contact Dana Jensen at events@amancolonies.com or call 319-622-7010

A Few Festival Highlights

This year's Oktoberfest has a few new twists and a few new events. So here's a bit of a rundown of what's happening next weekend in the Amanas as the community celebrates its Oktoberfest. For all the details go to the Amana Colonies Events page and download the Oktoberfest 2022 brochure.

- Friday starting at 11 a.m. is the Official Keg-Tapping Pre-Party with Burgermeister Kellenberger at the Amana Heritage Museum at the village's west end. Join the fun in the museum courtyard with Hops and Hotrods serving beer, wine and snacks. Enjoy free entry to the Museum that day. At 1:45 the parade leaves the museum taking the keg, accompanied by the Burgermeister and his troupe, to the Festhalle. The keg tapping ceremony will be at the Festhalle. (Tickets are required to gain entry to the Festhalle grounds – you may purchase these at the Museum at the pre-party or at the Festhalle at the entry gate.)
- Gordon Kellenberger's new exhibit will open at 4 p.m. on Friday at Catiri's Art Oasis, Amana.
- Bike decorating station pre-parade! The Amana Colonies Trail volunteers will be hosting "Trails in the Parade" with supplies to decorate your kids's bikes. Stop by and decorate your bike. Then all are invited to join the parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Decorating starts at 9 a.m. at the Bankhaus parking lot. You can join the parade when it passes the Bankhaus.
- First Ever Yodeling Contest. 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Festhalle. All participants receive food and drink tickets. Free to enter.
- Entertainment at the Festhalle starts at 11:30 Friday and continues until 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.
- The Amana Colony Folks Singers will perform twice this year – once on Friday at 7 p.m. and again on Saturday at 5 p.m. Both shows are at the Festhalle.
- Oktoberfest gear and t-shirts are available this week at the Haus Maus in Amana and at the ACCVB Visitor Center.

The Great Change Part 3

This is the third story in our Bulletin series about Amana's Great Change of 1932. By Emilie Hoppe.

With a feeling that the community was, for the most part, behind them, the Committee of 47 looked for a practical end to communal ways while fostering community well-being and improving the financial outlook.

From their ranks they chose a "Committee of 10" which included F. William Miller, Peter Stuck, Dr. Henry Moerschel, Ferdinand Ruff, Carl Flick, Henry

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Breakfast
Monday - Sunday
7am - 11am

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Monday - Sunday
11am - 4pm

Dinner
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5pm - 9pm
Friday - Saturday
5pm - 10pm
Sunday
5pm - 9pm

Bar
Monday - Thursday
4pm - 10pm
Friday - Saturday
4pm - 11pm
Sunday
4pm - 10pm

Amana Appreciation

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

Lakeview Village

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News and Notes *from page 1*

Bendorf, William Heinze, Louis Hess, William Noe and John Eichacker. These men were charged with writing a plan that would forever change Amana.

According to Peter Hoehnle, longtime Amana historian, they enlisted the advice of John Fletcher, the Attorney General of Iowa, and hired his assistant attorney, Oral Swift, as their legal advisor. Oral had grown up in Marengo and his father was still an attorney there with his offices close to the courthouse. His son, Oral Swift, started his career in Marengo but lived and worked in Des Moines. Swift listened carefully to his clients and began to create draft plans. These he presented to the Committee of 10 over the course of multiple meetings.

In October and November ideas were considered, some adapted, some rejected. The best ideas were presented to the Committee of 47 in several long meetings. Finally on January 2, 1932, a "marathon session" was held in Amana as the entire committee heard Swift's presentation on a full, draft plan for reorganizing the community.

Reorganization became the word used to describe the events of 1932- 1933 – as in their way of life, how they did things, was re-organized, rather than left behind or abandoned. This tells us something of what they were feeling. The changes they were proposing, great as they may be have been, were not considered an "end" but rather a transition. Indeed 1933 – 34 became known formally as the "the transition." While 1932 itself came to be known, years later, as the "the Great Change."

But on that cold January 2, 1932 as the meeting wore on into the night, the "change" had yet to take place. Finally that night, 39 of the 46 members present (one was absent) voted to support the plan as presented and to show a unified front to the Amana community, according to the minutes of the Committee of 47 in the Amana Society archives.

Copies of this plan were printed and distributed in both English and German for all members of the society. The Committee of 47 members were asked to visit with people and answer questions.

At a formal election held on February 2, 1932 over 96 percent of the members of the society voted in favor of the reorganization plan.

The vote counts on Feb. 1, 1932 were as follows: High Amana: Yes 62 and no one voted against. West Amana 88 voted Yes; 1 voted No. Homestead 116 voted Yea; 1 No. In Amana 267 Yes; 4 voted No. In East Amana 64 voted Yes and 1 voted no. In South Amana 102 voted Yes; 11 voted no. In Middle Amana 186 voted Yes. 23 voted. No.

Next week we'll look at the plan contained and the steps taken to bring it all about.

FOR SALE

For Sale: 150 ASI New Class A Shares $50/share Call 515-278-0808

GARAGE SALE

Friday, Sept. 30th 3:30pm-6:30pm, Saturday, Oct 1 8am -1pm. 3005 H Street, Middle Amana. Scrapbooking items, holiday décor, home décor, house hold items, CCA clothing, baby items & clothing, women's clothing xs-large, boys clothing 10/12-18/20, games, books, toys, boots/shoes, shredder, small dog kennel.

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1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment for rent in Middle Amana.Located on 1st floor. $575 (includes utilities). Minimum 1 year lease. Available around Nov. 1st 2022. Background check required. $35 app fee per applicant. Proof of income required. Credit check required. No pets. No Smoking. Please contact Gunther Sandersfeld at 319-826-4122 or Gunther@Skogman.com

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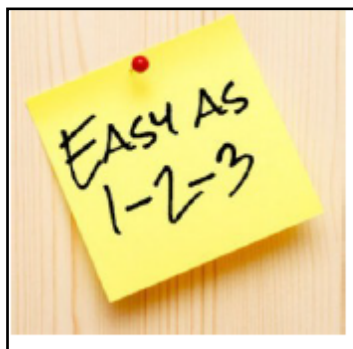

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unless you consider a softball uniform correct. Lucky for my parents (or me) he was not wearing cleats The living room carpet was new and had cost a fortune and here was this man clopping in in his softball uniform no less. I suppose swim truck would have been worse, but get real!

Meanwhile my sister and mother were "lurking" in the hallway listening to every word and trying to smother their giggles.

Charliemagne not only asked for my hand in marriage, but said those ill fated words, "I'll try to make her happy."

My sister and mother had to move because the thought of making ME happy would require money, patience and the stamina to endure my demands. "Spoiled" was my first, middle and last name.

My father, out of the goodness of his heart, was not going to give an answer, but instead list all my quirks.

Now you would think he would have been happy to get me off his hands, but he must have felt sorry for this poor fool who seemed so shy and innocent - after all this guy wanted to marry a HOMESTEAD WOMAN which made many men quake in their boots, not to mention marrying me was not exactly like marrying "Miss Congeniality."

Dad started telling Charliemagne how high strung I was, how I had temper tantrums… the list kept going on and on and on until Charliemagne looked at his watch and said he had to leave for his softball game, he was pitching. (This man was so romantic!)

Well that's about the time my sister exploded into laughter and came running in with mom in tow. There was no way they were letting him get away. After all, he was alive and might just slip off the hook and make good his escape!

Okay, he did get to the game on time and they did win, but I'm still wondering how many more things Dad could have told (warned?) Charliemagne about me, including the fact I wasn't much of a cook.

Sure glad he is/was hard of hearing. We are finally getting hearing aids this week. Charliemagne has slowed down so just maybe I'll be able to keep him.

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BBQ PORK & BLUEGRASS

Join the folks at Clover Ridge Church in Walford for a BBQ pork supper and bluegrass music featuring the Anderegg Family on Saturday September 24 BBQ begins at 5pm with music at 6:45 pm.

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AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD) Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Notice and Tentative Agenda of the Regular Meeting Sept. 26, 2022, 6:30 p.m. At the ACLUD office - 4304 220th Trail Amana And via Zoom link

I. Call Meeting to Order
II. Set Agenda
III. Review/Approve August 2022 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. 2022-095. Les and Linda Ackerman / 207 220th Trail South Amana / HP-C. Replace six upstairs and six downstairs 1960s vintage wooden windows with double hung vinyl. Upstairs – Quantity four 28" x 33" will be 6/6, quantity two 28" x 53" will be 9/6. Downstairs – Quantity five 28" x 53" will be 9/6, quantity one 28" x 45" will be 6/6.

b. 2022-101. Susan Matrise / 2601 and 2515 J St Middle Amana / HP-R. The application requests a permit for complete demolition of the fire damaged property at 2601 and 2515 J St Middle Amana. This is a result of the conclusion reached by a Structural Engineers inspection in September that the building is no longer structurally sound. The ultimate intent of the owners is to rebuild the structure as a copy of the original.

c. 2022-102. Mark and Andrea Farrier / 4415 F St Amana / HP-R. Replace quantity four existing windows measuring 28" x 57". Two on the first story and two on the second story. Windows will all be 9/6. VI.

Other Business:

a. Continue discussion regarding results of 8/15 work session pertaining to modifications of livestock ordinance and OCR scanning of the old Amana Colonies Design Guidelines documents from 1988.

VII. Administrator's Report (if applicable)
VIII. Adjourn

ACLUD PUBLIC NOTICE

This is a Public Notice of an Application for a Permit to Demolish a Structure in a Historic Preservation-Residential Zone. The application requests a permit for demolition of the fire damaged property at 2601 and 2515 J St Middle Amana. This is a result of the conclusion reached by a Structural Engineers inspection in September that the building is no longer structurally sound. The ultimate intent of the owners is to rebuild the structure as a copy of the original.

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INDUSTRIAL HEMP HARVEST TOUR

Four Winds Farm would like to invite you to join us at our Harvest Field Day on Saturday, September 24th from 11-4 pm. We are located at 2312 Alpine Ave NW (County Line Rd, north of Hwy 6), outside of Homestead. The hemp flower is in full bloom and about to get harvested.

We invite you to come and walk amongst the plants and experience the beauty of fully mature cannabis plants, right here in Iowa.

We will have our manufacturing tools, books, growing implements, organic amendments and pesticides on display, as well as our product line available at 25% off. We've gotten our THC-free and Full Spectrum Gummies in since our last field day, so please come out and give them a sample- we hope to see you then!