Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, October 16, 2022, starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Tony Berger presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Zion gieb dich nur zufrieden" No. 1158 Seite 1143

Testimony: Christian Metz, October 30, 1850

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:3-13, Esther 4:6-14
Psalm 33:1-11

Closing Hymn: "Lobe den Herren, den machtigen Konig" No. 639 Seite 637/638

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

Opening Hymn: "Brethren be ye not affrighted" No. 162

Closing Hymn: "Safely through another week" No. 244

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 October 19, 2022 at 5:30 pm at the Homestead Welfare Club

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AMANA FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

I guess those anxious days waiting for Charlemagne to call, or the fogged up car windows of us "talking" into the wee small hours or the excited planning of our future together are now past and we are at the point were he suggests a "date night."

Well after almost 50 years I should know that this will not consist of a fancy dinner or even a movie, after all on our 25th anniversary this romantic Casanova said he was going to show me a "good time." I had visions of an exotic trip with much hand holding and snuggling. What I got was a trip to "scenic Ohio" and the National Gourd Festival." Oh, yes, he also showed me Warren G. Harding's tomb as an added bonus.

Yes, Charlemagne, not only grows gourds, he collects and cross pollinates them. It is too exciting for words - so I'll drop the subject.

Anyway, last Friday was "date night" or at our age, date DAY.

First he took us to have our hearing aids checked for the two week check up. I was moved to tears of emotion as he told me that he had to deliver something before going to eat.

Naturally the people were not home and the road to the restaurant was blocked so it was decision time - back up and re-route or go some place else. My brain was still so over stimulated over the hearing aids I left the decision to my Casanova. HE backed up and went to the original restaurant - that lovely little hide-away with the red and white decor and friendly smiling chief, Col. Sanders.

Graciously he ordered for me because after all these years, he knew what I would like, besides steak, (filet mignon) with a salad, was not on the menu. (Her made sure of that after seeing the price of the hearing aids.)

We were informed there would be a wait so we had a lovely time with the "floor show" which consisted of trying to open the plastic packages of eating utensils, butter or honey without resorting to gripping them with out teeth.

I seemed to recall having had a Swiss Army knife years ago which I was required to surrender when I was at the Social Security Office, but that was another story and I didn't have it with me now.

The food came and I immediately burnt my tongue so I tried soothing the burn with the "gourmet" coleslaw which was also "seasoned."

After the main meal we returned to our fabulous 13 year old "limo" and returned to the road where we encountered the Friday evening traffic. (Yes, we ate early. People our age are prone to do that.)

We proceeded homeward, but not before a stop at the ice cream place in Tiffin which my beloved Charlemagne/Casanova insisted was closed. (He always says stores are closed when he doesn't want to stop.)

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Community Calendar: October Things to Do

Yes, there are kids' activities, classes, talks, sales, music, public service events and more happening in our neighborhood this month. Here are a few of the things we've seen in the Amana Bulletin, on the Clear Creek Amana School District and the Amana Convention and Visitors Bureau's calendars for October.

Thursday Oct. 13 – Live Music at the Electric Thread with Justin Goodchild 5 – 8 p.m.

Thursday Oct. 13 – Amana Community Blood Drive at the Amana Elementary School. 1:30 – 6:30 p.m. Please eat and drink water prior to donating. Bring a photo ID. Please schedule your appointment by contacting the Amana Library. amanalibrary@ccaschools.org

Thursday – Sunday, Oct. 13 – 16 – Pitz House Tag Sale, 715, 13th Avenue in High Amana. Thursday 9 – 6; Friday 9 – 5; Saturday 9 – 4; Sunday 9 to 3 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 14 – Millstream Brau Haus, Amana has live music. Starts at 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 15 – Book Sale at the Oxford Library. Their first book sale in support of the Oxford Library. Fill a bag for $5 or $1 each.

Saturday, Oct. 15 Arts and Antiques Amana Colonies mini fest. Pop up art vendors at the Amana Heritage Museum along with a new Amana art exhibit there. Many local antique shops will offer sidewalk/ or in-store sales. Antique Shop Walk – pick up a card in a Colony Shop – visit 6 of the shops on the walk and enter to win a drawing for a gift card worth $100.

Sunday, Oct. 16 Spooky Cat Glass Painting mini workshop at Ackerman Winery. 2 p.m. $15. Call 319-622- 3379 for your reservations. Or visit ackermanwinery.com

Thursday , Oct. 20 Bingo at Millstream Brewing Co. Plenty of prizes. Free. 6 – 8 p.m.

Friday – Saturday, Oct. 21 and Oct. 22 "A Pacifist Soldier" Concert theatre at the Amana Performing Arts Center, Amana. The true adventures and heartaches of an Amana Civil War soldier. An ITAC production. Buy tickets online at amanaheritage.org/store or at the Amana Heritage Museum or the High Amana Store. $20 Adults, $10 for students. 319-622-3567, museum. Friday show at 7:30; Saturday shows at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 22 – Oct. 23 – Paint your own Pumpkins at 10:30 a.m. and yes, there is pumpkin chucking contest at 3 p.m. at Ackerman Winery. Fee for pumpkin painting covers the cost of materials. Pumpkin tossing is free.

Saturday, Oct. 22 – Tiffin's Halloween Hike. 4 – 6 p.m. Dress up in your Halloween costume, receive Treats/ candy and enjoy walking the Clear Creek Trail! Park and start at the Tiffin Auxiliary Sports Fields. Free pizza at the end of the hike too.

Saturday, Oct. 22 – Oxford Public Library hosts the Riverside Paranormal group. 6 p.m. Join investigators for a spooky night of ghosts and ghouls. Learn the ins and outs of paranormal "investigations." See their gadgets and find out what they find lurking at the old library!

Sunday, Oct. 23 – Bluegrass/ Harvest Farm Market Indoors at the Amana Performing Arts Center. Indoors. Professional bands, swap meet and a farmers' market! Market opens at 1 and live music from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Epic Adventures of JF Zuber – Civil War Soldier Oct. 21 – 22 at the Amana Performing Arts Center

A 21-year-old, South Amana soldier fighting in the Civil War wrote his mother, "We are now approximately 1,000 miles apart and yet, we will not forget one another. God will bring me back to you. Then you will thank Him and say, 'This, my son, was lost and has again been found.'" Signed Johann Friedrich Zuber.

Only later did the soldier reveal to his mother his harrowing experiences in some of the biggest battles of the western campaign.

When Tom Johnson, playwright and director, read Zuber's letters they struck a chord. Zuber was born in Germany in 1840 and had lived in the house just down the street from Johnson's first home in Amana located in South Amana. Johnson, whose three older brothers saw combat in World War II, was drawn to Zuber's experiences as a fighting soldier. That Zuber had grown up in the Community of True Inspiration and had been a professed pacifist before volunteering to join the army made the story all the more intriguing. That he was and is father, grand father and great grandfather to a tree full of Zuber kin adds to the story.

Zuber wrote letters to his mother and family while serving in the Ohio 58th Infantry. The letters, all written in German, were given to the Iowa Historical Society archives many years ago by his family. Elaine Zuber, Zuber's great granddaughter, had copies made, and had them transcribed from German script into legible German, so that another family member, Janet Zuber, could translate them into English. They became the basis for a Willkommen, Summer 2022 feature story.

Now Johnson has created a concert theater presentation for three voices with period music and images based upon the Zuber letters.

It will debut October 21-22 at the Amana Performing Arts Center (former OCTC). Tickets are on sale now at the Amana Heritage Museum, 319-622-3567 or via their online amanaheritage.org store. There are three performances. Friday at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Zuber served in General Sherman's Army fighting in several major battles and many skirmishes as the 58th fought its way to Vicksburg. What happened to Zuber at Chickasaw bluff, Mississippi, has been the stuff of family legend. His letters, insightful, descriptive and illuminating, are fascinating.

"Zuber's relationship with his family and how he expresses that in his letters coupled with what happened to him in the war and his choices after the war, make for such a universal story - something we can all relate to yet it's an amazing story. It's dramatic. It's compelling. The challenge is building the story arc and getting it across," Johnson explained.

This is a another important creative project for Johnson whose long career began as a high school drama coach in Cherokee, Iowa, before achieving a Masters in Theatre Arts from the University of Northern Iowa. He went on to direct and teach theatre at Iowa State University, and then co-founded the Old Creamery Theatre in 1971. Retiring from

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IOWA 1855 AMANA MEAT SHOP & SMOKEHOUSE

The Amana Meat Shop Mail Order Division has temporary Customer Service Center positions available. This fun seasonal job is a great way to enjoy the holiday season while earning some extra cash!

The position involves assisting customers with their phone orders and data entry work. Basic computer knowledge is required & good typing, spelling and grammar skills are essential.

Flexible hours are available and snacks & meals are provided!

Please apply in person at the Amana Meat Shop, 4513 F ST, Amana, IA, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mon-Fri or call Charisse Lawrence at 319-622-7595.

Hotel Millwright
IN AMANA

Breakfast
Monday - Sunday
7am - 11am

Lunch
Monday - Sunday
11am - 4pm

Dinner
Monday - Thursday
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

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the Creamery in 2007. Johnson and his wife and artistic collaborator, actor Meg Merckens, formed the Iowa Theatre Artists Company in 2008 establishing a working theatre in the heart of Amana that brought new, innovative drama to Iowa. It was a success, earning the respect of both theatre professionals and audiences. But the physical demands of running a theatre, kept the Amana couple from truly enjoying the creative work they loved, so they sold the building, but they continue to do original ITAC shows and events at various venues.

When Johnson and Merckens took this project on just a couple of months ago, they were exhilarated to rekindle theatre magic after the long Covid hiatus. They enlisted the help of Tom Milligan actor director of TKM Theatrical Productions. Milligan is a longtime Civil War buff with a historian's detailed knowledge of the conflict. He has been helping nail down the historical detail and context. So has longtime Amana historian Peter Hoehnle, Homestead, a US Park Service Ranger at the Herbert Hoover Library in West Branch, who has written multiple books and articles on Amana's history. Hoehnle has assisted with or acted in multiple Old Creamery and ITAC theatre productions. He started acting at the age 12 in the Amana Community Theatre production, "A Story Retold."

Joining Meg Merckens, Peter Hoehnle and Tom Milligan on stage will be musicians Joy Ward, a classically trained violinist and bluegrass fiddler of renown, and Mark Clark, a guitarist whose long career has led him to work with some of the best regional blues, bluegrass and folk bands. They have found just the right music to capture the mood and help bring this story to life.

Working together these artists will be telling the true story of one young man who fought in America's deadly civil conflict and whose adventures in that war were epic.

As Zuber wrote to a friend, "Were I to tell you every single thing that has happened to me since I first left Amana, I could not find enough room or time. Still, I will share some things..."

For Rent, 4215 V St Homestead.

The Homestead Welfare Club offers an exceptional 1100 square foot setting in our historic 1860 home for family reunions, social gatherings, or business meetings. It includes a mini kitchen, tables and chairs for 80+ persons plus a ½ acre private, beautifully shaded back yard perfect for outdoor activities. It includes picnic tables and small shelter. The cost is $75 per day. An additional 500 square foot full-service kitchen is available for an additional $25.
Call 319-622-3620 for details

AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD)
Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and Tentative Agenda, October 17, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. Amana Colonies Land Use District office – 4304 220th Trail Amana And via ZOOM link

I. Call Meeting to Order
II. Set Agenda
III. Review/Approve Sept. 12, 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. 2022-095. 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 – four 6/6, quantity two 9/6. Downstairs – five 9/6, one 28" x 45" 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 the conclusion by a Structural Engineers inspection building is no longer structurally sound. Intent is to rebuild as a copy of the original.
c. 2022-102. Mark and Andrea Farrier / 4415 F St Amana / HP-R. Replace four existing 9/6 windows. Two on the first story and two on the second story.
VI. Other Business.
a. Discussion/Action: Certify Special Election results
b. Discussion/Action: Oath of Office for new Board member(s)
c. Discussion/Action: Election of B of T officers
d. Discussion/Action: Chickens, Ducks and Geese Ordinance.
e. Discussion/Action: The ACLUD/ACCVB Agreement
VII. Review/Approve October Disbursements Report.
VIII. Review/Approve September Treasurer's Report.
IX. President's Report.
X. Administrator's Report.
XI. Adjourn.

Grapevine Antiques IS HONORED TO ASSIST WITH

THE PITZ FAMILY 4 DAY TAG SALE

715 13TH AVE. - HIGH AMANA, IA

THIS HOME IS FULL OF FOUR GENERATION'S TREASURES & HISTORY.
IT IS LIKE A WONDERFUL ANTIQUE SHOP WITH GOOD QUALITY PIECES THROUGHOUT.

THURSDAY, OCT. 13TH = 9:00 – 6:00 (NUMBERS FOR ENTRY @ 8:00AM)
FRIDAY. OCT. 14TH = 9:00 – 5:00 / SATURDAY, OCT. 15TH = 9:00 – 4:00
& SUNDAY, OCT.16TH = 9:00 – 3:00

ITEMS INCLUDE THINGS FROM EVERY GENERATION: **OLD AMANA PIECES** IN GOOD CONDITION / AMANA SOFAS / SEVERAL **AMANA ROCKERS** / MANY SMALL TABLES / DESKS & WORK TABLES / **CLOCKS** – AMANA WALL CLOCKS, GRANDMOTHER CLOCK, MANTLE & SHELF CLOCKS / DRESSERS & CHESTS / AMANA COMMUNAL KITCHEN CUPBOARD / **CLASSIC ART WORK** / WONDERFUL LAMPS / TINWARE / GRANITEWARE / COMMUNAL KITCHEN ITEMS / COMMUNAL ERA **GARDENING TOOLS** AMANA MEMORBILIA / BOOKS – OLD & NEW / WARDROBES / MANY PRIMITIVE CUPBOARDS / BOXES / TRUNKS / **AMANA RUGS** VINTAGE CHRISTMAS / VINTAGE EASTER / **VINTAGE KITCHEN** / DINNERWARE – OLDER & VINTAGE / SERVING PIECES / BARWARE & GLASSES / **VINTAGE TOYS**, PUZZLES & CHILDRENS BOOKS IN GOOD CONDITION / WICKER / UNUSUAL DÉCOR ITEMS / LINENS / NICE SEWING / FILE CABINETS / OFFICE SUPPLIES / OLDER BASKETS / PAPER & POSTCARDS / JEWELRY / THIS HOME IS SO FULL OF AMANA HISTORY, THERE IS TOOOO MUCH TO LIST / WE ARE STILL SORTING AND WILL BE UP UNTIL SALE TIME. WORTH YOUR TIME TO VISIT. I LOVED EVERYTHING HERE – YOU WILL TOO ☺

CASH OR CHECKS ONLY !

SALE SPONSORED by Grapevine Antiques – AMANA, IA

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL Conni Doser at GRAPEVINE ANTIQUES @ 319-560-1609

SEE YOU THERE & TRAVEL SAFE !

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Well, it was not closed and I got a hot fudge sundae which was not a good idea. (1) I am lactose intolerant and would pay a second time for this delightful treat, and (2) I spilled chocolate over my freshly washed and ironed blouse.

So we got home and the love of my life looked deeply into my eyes and said we should do this again, then shook my hand and left the car as I stumbled out of my side of the car twisting my body in a most agonizing manner and wobbling thought the hallway to our door which naturally was stuck shut. Perfect ending.

B.S.H.

Lakeview Village

2BR, 2 Bath, 1 stall garage unit for sale located on Amana Retirement Community Campus. Must be 55 years of age or older.

Please contact Tanya Strong at (319) 622-3551 for details.

BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES

The Amana Boy Scouts, Troop 223, will again be offering Christmas wreaths and outdoor balsam roping for sale in our community.

The wreaths are 24"and are $17.00 each. These can be pre-ordered by October 24. Wreaths will also be available on November 19th when we do our door to door sales.

Roping is available in two lengths – 25 foot for $25.00 and 50 foot for $50.00. The roping needs to be pre-ordered by October 24. It will not be available after that date.

To pre-order your wreaths and roping call Gary Heishman, 319-622-3039. All pre-ordered items will be available by November 19th.

To those I've loved and then unexpectedly lost.

Years seem like seconds. If I had known that those last seconds, I saw your smiling faces would be the last, I would have held you longer. Life never seems to stand still, even when it crashes around you as you hopelessly attempt to pick up each piece of your identity. When you lose your loved ones, you know they've taken a part of you with them—wherever they went.

And sometimes, their departure leaves a vacuum that can never be filled and questions that can never be answered. As you stand in front of the mirror, wondering who you even are without them.

Whether we lost our loved ones to cancer or reasons unknown to us, we get the same pat on our backs, 'They're in a better place.' But where really is a better place?

Why is it not here, with us? Tell your family, friends, and neighbors that you love and cherish them while you still have the opportunity.

You never know if it were your last and if those would be their last smiles for you.

And to my dear friends, if no one has told you 'I love you' today, and if no one has told you that in a while, just know that I will always love you. S

SERVICES

Fall plowing and leaf/yard pick-up/clean-up. Call Rob Jeck at 319-622-3308

FOR RENT

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

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

WANTED/WANTED TO BUY

BUYING All ANTIQUES; Toys, signs, Furniture, Crocks, Paintings, textiles, automotive, oddities and the unusual. Any condition. Fair cash prices paid. Call or text 319-270-1251/Jack Cirkl.

MIDDLE BARN CLEANUP THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the volunteers who came out to clean up the Middle Barn complex. Over 15 people came to help, at least one as early as 9:00 am. We were able to remove almost all of the vines, trees and shrubs from around and on the barns. With multiple pickup trucks and dump trailers it was all hauled away by noon. Stop by and look at how beautiful our barns can be when people care for our historic buildings! Thank you again!

Amana Library Hours on Friday, October 14 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Sorry for any inconvenience.

FALL SOCIAL GIVING EVENT

The public is invited to 100+ of Iowa County's fall social giving event. The event will be held in Amana at the Price Creek Event Center on Thursday, Oct. 20. Registration begins at 5:30, followed by light appetizers and conversation. Attendees will then vote on a charitable cause from the Iowa County area to receive the evening's donations, with each voter committing to donate $100 to the winning charity. Please RSVP by emailing 100plusiaco@gmail.com. If you would like to learn more about the 100+ Who Care organization or have any questions about the event, please contact Lisa McGrath, 319-560-5160 or mcgraths@southslope.net.