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 when possible.

The Combined Communion Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, October 30, 2022, starting 10:00 A.M. with Br. Jon Childers presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Invited Lord, by Boundless Grace" No.

Testimony: Christian Metz, Lower Ebenezer, July 4, 1845.

Prayer: J. F. Rock, Himbach, January 1, 1738

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

Hymn: "Jesus, Dear True Bread Of Life"

Hymn: "Draw Nigh And Take The Body of The Lord" (Elder will read)

Hymn: "Oh Come Ye To the Righteous Vine"

Testimony: Johann Adam Gruber, Leisingen, Switzerland, December 22, 1716

Hymn: "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"

Song sheets will be provided

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.

HARLAN WILLIAMS NOTICE

A graveside funeral service for Harlan Williams will be held on Saturday, October 29 at the High Amana Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. All family and friends are invited.

BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES

The Amana Boy Scouts, Troop 223, is offering Christmas wreaths for sale in our community.

The wreaths are 24"with a red bow, cost $17.00 each and will be available on November 19th when we do our door to door sales. Call Gary Heishman, at 319-622-3039 if you want a wreath but can't be at home on the 19th.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Up until the late 1920's the Amana Church Liebesmahl (communion) was quite an elaborate ceremony.

The congregation was divided into four groups. The first or youngest group were given communion at their town meeting house (remember there were small meeting places throughout each village for nightly evening pray).

The children were given hot chocolate along with bread and the usual songs and prayers were said.

The next week the middle church from all seven villages would assemble in Der große Saal (big hall) in Amana for Liebesmahl.

This was an all day occasion so the people would come via wagons from the farms and be issued "tickets" for an afternoon dinner at one of the 15 communal kitchens.

In the morning, the usual service would be held, but then a select few would put on special white aprons and get water to put in the special tubs to wash the congregate's feet. A large set of sheets would be put in between the men and women for modesty's sake.

To wash a member's feet was considered an honor. The elders would get on their knees and wash one another's feet as a sigh of humility as Christ had done to his disciples.

There would be hymns and prayers and then everyone adjourned to eat their noon meal.

Meanwhile, in Der große Saal much activity took place as the walls dividing the main Saal from the two smaller Vorsaal (fore hall) were taken down and sawhorses from upstairs were brought down.

A diagram had been made long before where all the "tables" would be placed so with sawhorses serving as table legs and wall panels as tops, tables were constructed.

The benches were placed beside the tables and special white linen clothes used only for this occas

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Leisure Hotels to Manage Amana Society's Hotel Millwright

Beginning in January of 2023, the Amana Society will be contracting a new management company to operate Amana's Society Hotel Millwright in Amana.

Leisure Hotels and Resorts of Baxter, MN will be in house as the managers of the hotel.

Leisure Hotels is known for taking a strong, interactive approach to management with a heavy emphasis on marketing, building a personalized plan to increase sales and improve operations, while positioning a resort for success.

Greg Luerkens, ASI President and CEO, released Monday, "Amana Society is contracting with Leisure Hotels & Resorts to provide this exact approach to our unique, stand-alone boutique hotel." Hotel Millwright, now in its second year of full operation, has contended with the COVID headwind and staffing shortages, but has excelled in attracting family experiences, events, and weddings. The timing is right for us to adjust and normalize operations with a stronger emphasis on marketing to a midwestern population that is looking for experiences offered through resorts and boutique hotels."

Spooky Spoof on Stage at CCA High

Enjoy the final days of Halloween week with a blast from the past presented by the Clear Creek Amana High School Drama Department. The Fall play, " NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD" will be presented on November 3, 4 and 5, 2022at 7:00 pm. at the High School PAC in Tiffin.

This over-the-top comedy spoof makes fun of the horror movie, "Zombie" genre of the 1970's. Based on the black and white film of the same name, this play has a little fun with one of the first Zombie inspired movies of the time – one that shocked movie audiences.

Heading the cast is a group of talented actors: Nash Fisher, Natalie Stewart, Charlotte Watson, Sina Thomas, Kaitlyn Watson, Chase Loveinsky and Grace DeVore as well as an army of flesh-eating Zombies. Directed by Tom Milligan the style of the show reflects the black and white film era of the time with a few added surprises.

Tickets are available at the door at each performance with adults at $10 and a student at $5, Nov. 3 - 5.

General Election is November 8

The general election is Tuesday, November 8. A notice of election and a sample ballot have been posted on the Iowa County, Iowa website.

This election will decide one Iowa US Senate seat, the Iowa US District 1 seat, our Iowa Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, Iowa County Supervisors, County Treasurer, Record, County Attorney, Soil and Water, Iowa County Extension, various other county posts and state elected judges.

Voters must vote in their precinct of residence. Polling places will be open 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. For a complete list of all Iowa County polling precincts places go to the Iowa County, Iowa website.

Here are the polling places for Amana Colony and colony area residents:

Lenox/ Iowa townships – Middle Amana Fire Station.

Hilton/ Washington townships – Hilton Township Hall in Conroy.

Pilot/ Troy/ York – Williamsburg Recreation Center, Williamsburg.

Honey Creek/ Marengo Rural – Marengo Public Library, Marengo.

Registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot, according to Brandy Enochson, Iowa County Auditor. Her office released this information: Voters who are not registered – such as voters registering to vote on election day – and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or prove residence if required) 1) may have the voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct, 2) prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents, or 3) cast a provisional ballot and provide

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

Hotel Millwright
Breakfast
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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
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sion were spread across the table.

Wine (only the best from the past year) was brought in from the cellar below along with the "special" wine goblets and black trays for the bread which the local bakers had spent hours baking.

The congregation again assembled and partook of communion.

How they knew which table to sit at is lost to time.

After all was done everyone would clean up and go home only to have the same ceremony repeated a week or two later for the older congregation.

In the early years, communion or Liebesmahl was not held on a yearly basis, but only when the Werkzeug decided the community was "worthy" to receive it. Later it was held every two years.

It was for that reason that in 1928 Liebesmahl was suspended. It did not resume until 1952.

The all day service was suspended and so was the foot washing and sitting around the tables.

So time passes and one recalls these memories, but the most important thing we have to remember is not the rituals, but the meaning of it all. Christ gave himself for us.

B.S.H.

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.

MY AMANA EXPERIENCE

For this column, I was able to visit a part of Amana Society, Inc. that I have been curious about for some time - the anaerobic digester. I joined a group of local high school students, and led by Colin Strickland, Anaerobic Digester Manager, we learned how cows help keep the lights on here in Amana.

You might think, as I did, that the process of creating electricity is extremely complicated and requires diagrams and math with letters. This system is straightforward, green, and easily explained, even by me.

It all starts with manure of course.

The digester is located next to the feedlot, where the cattle are housed in an open barn with a slatted floor (the better for manure to be collected). The raw ingredients are pumped to the digester where micro bacteria "digest" them until the methane gas rises to the top. It then travels up a pipe into the engine room where it powers combustion engines to make electricity. The power is transferred to the electrical grid, and we can all microwave our popcorn.

The digester itself is a six sided, 16-feet deep, fully enclosed cement tank with eight mixers to ensure the solids sink to the bottom and the methane rises to the top. After the methane is harvested, the solids, which are now a rich fertilizer, are pumped from the digester to an 18,000-square-foot lagoon to await application to the fields. The process takes a month, start to finish.

The entire operation is run by Colin Strickland and Bobby Kruse, 365 days a year. For many years prior to this Scottie Clubb was in charge of the digester. If you happen to see any of them, you may want to thank them (and the cows) for keeping the lights on.

Until next time, all my best,
Amy Petta

For Rent; The Homestead Welfare Club

4215 V St Homestead 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.

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proof of identity/residence at the County Auditor's Office by Noon on Thursday, November 10, 2022. Election Day Registrant attesters must provide an approved form of identification.

For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid or phone 319-642-3923 (option 0).

You may cast your absentee ballot in person at the Iowa County Auditor's office in Marengo. In office absentee ballot voting is happening now until November 7, 2022 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. in the Iowa County Auditor's Office. Also, the Iowa County Auditor's Office will be open for in- office absentee voting on Saturday November 5, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place may vote from their vehicle. For further information please contact the Auditor's Office for details. Or for any questions regarding voting call: 319-642-3923 Or email address: elections@iowacounty.iowa.gov.

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Pension Poaching

Have you received a suspicious call from an organization claiming to represent or have affiliation with the Dept of Veteran Affairs (VA)? Did the caller guarantee a lucrative payout for your disability compensation or pension claim for a "small fee"?

Recently, VA has seen an increase of fraudsters and non-accredited representatives who are targeting the pension benefits of elderly Veterans and their dependents and survivors.

Pension Poaching is the financial exploitation by an advisor who profits by artificially qualifying a claimant for VA pension benefits. The scheme often involves financial maneuvers such as hiding assets in trusts or annuity products sometimes resulting in lost investments and lucrative fees paid to the advisor.

To avoid being a victim of fraud:

- Be suspicious if someone offers to shift your assets to qualify for VA pension.
- NEVER share eBenefits, VA.GOV, or other VA login credentials with anyone.
- DO NOT deposit VA benefits directly into a third-party bank account unless the person is court appointed or a VA accredited fiduciary.
- Remember, VA does not charge for processing a claim or request a processing fee. Use VA accredited organizations to help file your claim.
- VA does not threaten or take adverse actions such as jail or lawsuits on claimants. If in doubt, call VA directly at 1-800-827-1000.

To report suspected activity, please contact the VA Office of Inspector General (OIG) by calling 1-800-488-8244. You may also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission by visiting www.consumercomplaints.fcc.gov.

ESTATE LIQUIDATION

The estate of Alan Sponar is being liquidated. This includes his home at 313 52nd Ave. East Amana and contents, 2005 Mercury Sable, 1994 Ford F-150, 2012 Aluma 638 Trailer, and 2012 Kubota BX 1870 tractor. Interested parties should contact Brad Daggy at 319-361-0324 after 5:00 PM. All offers subject to state approval.

FOR SALE

For sale: Wood dining room table, seats 6. With four chairs and leaf $500. Floral sleeper sofa with double mattress $50. Please contact Shirley Reihman at (319) 310-0169 or Penny Davidson at (319) 337-4444.

SERVICES

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

FOR RENT

One Bedroom Apartment in Middle Amana $475/month + utilities. Available soon! Call 319-622-3873 or 602-284-3487

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

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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.

Amana Area Fellowship Night of Worship
Please join us for an evening of food, song and a message from the Bible.
Potluck 6:00-6:30 Music and Message 6:45
Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022
Amana Performing Arts Center
Message by Erik Schulte
visit us at www.amanaareafellowship.org

"THE ACLUD CORNER"

Did You Know?....

Calling all contractors! As Administrator I frequently get asked – "can you recommend any local contractors who are used to doing construction work around the Amana Colonies?". So, I have started a list, and I want you to be on it. This can be carpenters, plumbers, electricians, roofing, siding, etc. The common theme would be that you have experience and are familiar with working on the older, historic homes in the Amana Colonies (and are used to applying and conforming your work to ACLUD ordinances). I will not choose favorites, only supply the list of contactors to the homeowner and let them shop and decide. Please send your contact information to Richard Budde at aclud@southslope.net.

For further information regarding your local government visit our website www.aclud.org or call the office in Amana at 319-622-3840.