

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, May 28, 2023, starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Betsy Momany presiding.

Opening Hymn: "O Durchbrecher alle Bande!" No. 765 Seite 755

Testimony: Ursula Mayer, Ronneburg, June 7, 1716

Scripture: John 8:31-34; Mark 12:28-34

1 Corinthians 10:23-31;

John 15:9-14; Psalm 119:41-48

Closing Hymn: "Wohl, Wohl Denjenigan" No. 1132 vs 21-24 Seite 1114

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

Opening Hymn: "Jesus, mighty liberator" No. 134

Closing Hymn: "Who to God does yield" No. 166

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.

Memorial Day Service:

The Amana Church Society will be holding Memorial Day Services in each Amana Village to honor those who gave their lives serving our country. Please join us! Services will be held in each village cemetery Monday, May 29 at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome!

NOTICE

West Amana Dam Road & Access

As a result of an agreement between Amana Colonies Historic Sites Foundation, owner of the Millrace, and Amana Society, Inc., an Amana Society User Permit will be required to use the road and areas adjacent to the West Amana Dam for any purpose effective immediately.

The intent of the agreement is to create better road conditions, reduce littering and other issues. A reminder that accessing the West Amana Dam from F15 Blvd. to the north also requires an Amana Society, Inc. user permit. Please close all gates at all times. Information about Amana Society User Permits can be found at www.amanasociety.com.

Thank You,

Amana Society Conservation Committee

COLONIES IN BLOOM

- Hunt for the Hidden Gem

On June 3rd 10am-4pm explore the villages of Homestead, High Amana, South Amana, Middle Amana, and West Amana. Visit shops and private gardens off the beaten. Participate in the treasure hunt for "Hidden Gems"; specific painted rocks hidden at each location, and win a special prize, redeemable at Visitor Center where maps will be available. Check the amanacolonies.com website event page for more information.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

I wonder what it was like in communal Amana when you were expected to go to church 11 times a week. Every evening you had night prayer in the "Kleine Saal" (small meeting room) near your home, then on Wednesday you were divided into categories; children, middle, and elderly or more "pious". Finally came Sunday with three services held in the "Grosse Saal" (main meeting room).

One wonders if it might not have made more sense to just remain in church on Sunday instead of going home to eat, take a walk, or read from some theological text.

My mother was a real stickler for showing up on time. She would make sure we were dressed and ready to go at least 15-20 minutes before the beginning of each service.

It was a point of honor for her if she could be sitting on her bench before Richard Seifert who lived in the Homestead church.

Richard did not like this at all, his ears would wiggle when he was upset. Mother would smile and sort of snicker when this happened. Kathryn and I who sat on the bench in front of her would sigh

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Memorial Day Service in Each Cemetery

The Amana Church will offer a 9:30 a.m. service Monday, May 29, Memorial Day at each of the seven Amana Colony cemeteries. The service will be identical in all seven cemeteries. Everyone is welcome as we honor those who gave to protect our freedoms and remember those whose memories we cherish.

Summer Blast Off with Music

Music and more music is on the schedule for this Memorial Day weekend in the Colonies. Here's a quick rundown but keep in mind that on Friday, Saturday and Sunday you can do back to back musical events so as not to miss any of the fun.

Thursday, Koro Berry Farm, off of Highway 6 between Homestead and South Amana is hosting the band, The Remains, a pop up pizza truck with pizza until sundown.

Friday, May 26, Hotel Millwright and the Electric Thread offers The Neighbors Music with Steve Kalmes. 7 to 10 p.m. Music outdoors on the patio if the weather is fair or indoors if it's not.

Jake Stack is performing (indoors or out on the patio) Friday, May 26 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Brau Haus, Amana. The Brau Haus has a full summer of Friday night live performances lined up for us.

Boot Jack Black will be rocking at Fireside Winery, 1755 P. Ave. Marengo (actually nearer to Conroy), 6 - 9 p.m. with appetizers, wine, sodas and summertime wine cocktails as the sun sets. This is the first Friday Night Live of the Fireside summer schedule.

Funkdaddies will be performing their 20th anniversary show, Saturday, May 27 at the Amana Performing Arts Center, Amana. This five-piece group is an Iowa legend having performed with some of the biggest names in the business and carving their own story in the midwestern soul - rock scene. Food and beverages being served. 7 - 10 p.m. Tickets at the door or contact Deb Kennedy, TKM, at deborahkennedy@live.com

Betty Calling, a band new to our area, will be performing Saturday, May 27, at Millstream Brewing Co. 6 - 9 p.m. with Opal and Hazel's serving wood fired pizza from 5 - 8 p.m. Always a fun evening at Millstream. Betty Calling plays 60' covers and more.

Die Tiefen Keller Kinder will be playing at Millstream Brewing Co. on Sunday, from 3 till 5 p.m. Our local brass bands will be getting ready for their summer events outdoors at Millstream.

The acoustic duo Hudson Road is performing 1 - 4 at Fireside Winery, Sunday May 28. They'll have the bag toss set up too at Fireside Winery.

Amana Disc Golf Course Set-Up Underway

The location for Amana's new disc golf course has been moved to the Price Creek area behind the Village Winery and the Amana Woolen Mill/ Hotel Millwright where course designer Steve Kepker, a professional disc golfer and Iowa course designer, has created the course and staked the holes.

The Amana Society is working with the Amana Colonies Visitor Center which received a recreation grant from the Iowa County Community Foundation for the new course. Amana Forestry, Tim Krauss, is undertaking the installation of the disc golf baskets and signs. Each basket will be set up so that they can be removed in the event of flooding. A free will donation kiosk will be installed as well.

The first disc basket will be located between the

Army Corps of Engineers pump house near Price Creek not far from the Village Winery in Amana. This will allow the public to park near Hotel Millwright and the Woolen Mill and walk to shops and restaurants before or after they play the course.

The course will be created so that all levels of play will find it appealing, yet challenging. Disc golf is growing in popularity for all ages. It is easy to learn, entertaining to play and allows for a nice walk with a purpose, as one local fan of the game explained to me.

It's anticipated that the Amana course will be ready to use by the end of June or early July.

Disc golf is a game that's similar to golf but players use Frisbee-like disks instead of clubs and a ball to play. The professional disc golf association boasts over 200,000 members and it hosts major tournaments in every state. The association known as USDGC (US Disc Golf Championships) reports that over 4 million play disc golf and that number is growing. Last year the National Champion was crowned at the USDGC championships at Winthrop University, South Carolina. The winner: Gannon Buhr of Urbandale, Iowa who won by 1 throw. Thus far in 2023 young Buhr has won over \$120,000 in prizes and purses playing disc golf.

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Lily Lake Clean-up

Plans are coming together for the 2nd clean-up of the Lily lake. The community is invited to help clear out brush and small trees along the shoreline and improve the visibility of the lake.

Date: June 3, 2023 (rain date 6/10/23)

Time: Plans & prayer 7:45

Work 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Meeting Place: Picnic table area
Supplies to bring: Gloves, weed whackers, loppers, pole saws, tubs/basets, chain saws, insect repellent and anything else you like to work with.

This service project is organized by the Amana Area Fellowship and approved by the Amana Society Inc.

Questions: contact Les Ackerman
3129-330-8713 or

email info@amanaareafellowship.org
www.amanaareafellowship.org



42nd Annual Amana FIREFIGHTERS' BREAKFAST

- Saturday, June 3 -

Serving from 7 - 11 a.m.

At the Middle Amana Fire Station

Donations Requested

Serving Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Hash Browns, Juice, Milk & Coffee

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knowing full well we would once again hear how she had beat him to church. We would proceed to count window pains and try really hard to appear pious.

During Holy Week the congregation kept coming earlier and earlier until the elders finally would decide since everyone was in church they might as well start early.

Well, there is always one exception, you know, that one person you don't start anything until they arrive.

In Homestead it was Helen D. It didn't matter that her husband and daughter were Vorsanger and were already "in place---" she was coming in her own good time. I thought I should be the last one in because of my claustrophobia, but she must have had it worse than I.

Then there was the men's side. They always came in as a group, or "herd." I often wondered why they waited so long to come in.

Perhaps it was talk of a baseball game or who got the most rain. No matter what they were and still are some of the last to come in, BUT there is one man who straggles in at the very end. He even has to check the door to make sure it's firmly shut.

Usually it's the bell ringer or Charlemagne. He has his own timetable that revolves around reading the paper, feeding the birds, weeding the garden, or most importantly finishing dessert.

He's the perfect consort for me (the Queen) because as I am off to various places he is always 6 paces behind me going at his own speed.

Well, it has been since 11 trips to church a week, so I guess Charlemagne is safe, my mother (as have I) gave up on his time table long ago.

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CHILDRENS GARDENING PROGRAM AT MARENGO LIBRARY
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NEW PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
 Iowans 65 and older have until July 1st to apply for the new property tax exemption. Once accepted, the exemption is worth \$3,250 off the assessed value of your property in the first year, and \$6,500 in the second. (Roughly \$110 and \$220 with tax rate of \$29.30625/\$1000, 58.858% of that from schools. Rates for home in Middle from Assessor's website)

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Madelyn Kussmann is a Physician Assistant at Colonies Family Medical Clinic. Madelyn provides care for the entire family - including routine well child checks, annual physicals, and assessing diagnosing and treating illnesses and injuries.

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 Sunday, May 28, 2023, 4:00PM
 Amana Performing Arts Center
Courageous, rated PG13, is an action packed movie with a message for today.
 Invite your friends! All welcome!
 Amana Area Fellowship
www.amanaareafellowship.org

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Artists Studio Tours
Friday Gallery Open House

The Amana Arts Guild is hosting Friday evening art and studio tours, Friday May 26, From 4 - 8 p.m. visit the workshops and studios of local Amana Colony artists. They will be on hand to show their work and share how they create their pieces. The Gallery on Main Street in Amana will be open evening hours Friday with special demonstrations too. Pick up a map at the Gallery on Main or at the ACCVB Visitor Center with a list of all participating colony artists and craftspeople.

31 Years of Magic in the Park

Hard to believe but yes, the Iowa Renaissance Festival has been coming to the Middle Amana Park each spring for 31 years. They are returning this weekend, May 27 - 29 and again June 3 - 4.

The festival starts at 10 a.m. and continues until 6 p.m. rain or shine. This year in addition to the English and Celtic players, they've invited the Olskipan Vikings and Pirate King Mannifred Johnstone and yes, Queen Renea La Roux. Joust Evolution the equine warriors demonstration of tournament play is there all three days this weekend. Brotherhood of Steele is also back this year along with over a dozen other popular Ren-Faire acts, 55 craft/ merchandise vendors and seven food stands offering everything from burritos to ale. There is free parking at the Middle Amana Park and overflow parking (with a free shuttle provided) at the Amana Colonies RV Park.

Current or retired military may enter free on Memorial Day, though please bring a valid ID with you to the festival gate.

Charlie's Saturday Morning Market
Returns for the season May 27th
Plants, Produce, Cookies
10:00 A.M. - Noon

YOUTH THEATRE CAMP "THE SUPERHERO THAT IS ME" by Deb Kennedy
Coming to AMANA June 26-30, 2023.

"The Superhero That Is Me" is an original show by Deb Kennedy. A young boy inspired by superheroes, ventures out to get some "super" training in this year's youth theatre camp. Along his journey, he learns that being someone else isn't a good fit and discovers that he has his own "strengths" and is a "Super" kid.

Original Music tracks by Travis Smith.
 At the end of the week the students will act, sing, dance, and SHINE as they perform for their families and friends of the community. Nut free snacks provided.

Camp Hours: Students will work with theatrical professionals each day from 9-1 at the Amana Performing Arts Center, 39 38th Ave, Amana, IA.
Performance -- June 30th at 7pm at the Amana Performing Arts Center, 39 38th Ave, Amana.
CAMP REGISTRATION: \$50 per student **Thank you to our producing sponsors, Hills Bank.
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