Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, July 30, 2023, starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Jon Childers presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend'" No. 387 Seite 384

Testimony: Ursula Meyer, Ronneburg, May 9, 1717, Christian Metz, Amana, March 25, 1857 (excerpts)

Scripture: J Ephesians 2
Psalm 118:15-29

Closing Hymn: "Höret doch, ihr lieben Seelen," No. 435 Seite 432

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

Opening Hymn: "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" No. 57

Closing Hymn: "Hark, Dearl Souls, Do Listen Closely" No. 100

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.

THE ESSEN WAGEN SERVES HOME DELIVERED MEALS

The Amana Church, in conjunction with Colonial Manor, sponsors the Amana Essen Wagen, which provides a hot noon meal to home-bound, adults or their adult child, delivered to your home (even to your chair!) each weekday, except holidays. Enjoy not cooking and enjoy visiting with one of our volunteer drivers.

Please contact Colonial Manor at 319-622-3131 to sign up for this service. You can register for a short time while recuperating at home, or on a permanent basis. The suggested donation per meal is $4.00.

AMANA FARMS SUNFLOWERS, FREE TO A GOOD HOME.

Anyone interested in sunflower blooms please cut them at your pleasure. We will be mowing them off in early to mid-August.

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 08, 2023 in the Amana lift station.

AMANA LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, August 7 - CLOSED
Tuesday, August 8 - CLOSED
Wednesday, August 9 - 9:00 am-noon
Thursday, August 10 - 9:00 am-6:00 pm
Friday, August 11 - 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Saturday, August 12 - 9:00 am-noon

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Some of us think of a time when those we loved were still near by and we could reach out and call them up, but then we realize that time has gone by and our (OK, my) hair has gone gray, or away, our step has slowed and our eye sight now requires bi, or even trifocals. Those people we remember with fondness are now found among the evergreens waiting to be called as we lay flowers on their graves and recall another time.

last Wednesday (July 26) my father's close friend, George Eichacker quietly departed his earthly home to be reunited with his heavenly family after an extended battle with Parkinson's Disease.

His three children, Milton, Lois and Virginia were at his bedside as he closed his eyes for the final time.

George grew up in Homestead. He was the youngest son of Charles and Marie Geiger Eichacker and a brother to Otto. He attended the University of Iowa and earned his CPA certificate on his first try. He worked at the Homestead farm, the Main Office and the Keokuk Bank for many years.

In the late '60's he met and married the love of his life Lois Harper and built a home with her family in Ft. Madison where they remained until Lois began

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Amana Has a Treat in Store

Saturday, August 5, at the Amana Performing Arts Center "Meet the Roosevelts" an engaging, entering evening with President Teddy Roosevelt and the first Lady, Edith Roosevelt.

Tickets are just $15 and can be ordered by called 319-899-3799. This is a production of TKM Theatrical Productions, the nonprofit created to host and produce theatre in our community with artists Deb Kennedy and Tom Milligan leading the company.

Several years ago my husband and I were in Medora, ND, at the Theodore Roosevelt National Park when we spotted President Roosevelt crossing the lawn near the visitor center at the park. Well, at least he certainly looked like Roosevelt, talked like him and walked like him (according to newsreels) and he had that same high wattage, hat-waving grin and greeting that we would expect from the hero of San Juan Hill and the gentleman who practically invented the high adventure sportsman of the American west. Genial and funny, he was a dead ringer for Roosevelt.

Turns out this was Larry Marple, an Ohio teacher and historian, actor and story teller who has presented his amazing portrayal of President Teddy Roosevelt across the country – including historic sites closely associated with the 26th President. He and his wife, Julia Marple, are in high demand, but Deb Kennedy and Tom Milligan were able to persuade the Marples (whom they met while working in theatre at Medora) to come to Amana for a visit and a showcase performance here. Do not miss it Saturday night at 7 p.m. If you enjoy American story-telling, history, the theatre this will be fun.

The Marples have performed at the Sagamore Hill National Historic Site in Oyster Bay, Long Island, the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site in Buffalo, New York and the Roosevelt Memorial Island in Washington DC. You know, if the National Park Service and the Smithsonian Institute enlist them for these high-visibility performances at national historic sites, then they are have to be accurate and engaging.

So come meet President Teddy Roosevelt and First Lady Edith Roosevelt who, much to our delight, will have plenty to say about their White House years with words of wisdom on all sorts of subjects.

RAGBRAI 2023 in the Books Now

History will harken back to the 2023 Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa as a hot ride, a very hot ride. The day the Register's bike trek passed through Iowa County the actual temperature reached 99 degrees and the heat index topped 115 degrees.

"My boots kept sticking to the pavement on US Highway 151 as I was directing traffic," said Iowa County Sheriff Rob Rotter, who was happy to report that the day went pretty well despite the heat.

"We had a small handful of bike spills resulting in basic medical attention. Between the RAGBRAI dedicated EMS service and the Iowa County Ambulance Service, everyone was well cared for, and no one suffered any life threatening injuries. . . . Between the local organizers in Marengo and Amana, along with first responders, it went extremely well. It helps that RAGBRAI is nothing new to many of us. We heard many compliments from participants saying their ride through Iowa County was a pleasant one. I would also like to point out that I have personally helped with these large scale events for many years, and I do believe the participants of this year's RAGBRAI was made up of some of the most polite, considerate, and appreciative folks I have ever encountered in a large event."

"'Iowa Nice' was alive and well throughout this event," Sheriff Rotter said.

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Grapevine Antiques IS HELPING OUR FRIENDS
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Grapevine Antiques – 4515 F Street – Amana, IA 52203. For QUESTIONS please Call Liz Litwiller @ 319-936-7524
OR Conni Doser @319-560-1609
CASH or CHECKS ONLY !

Charlie's Saturday Morning Market
Plants, Produce, Cookies
10:00 A.M. - Noon

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to have heart problems and a move to Iowa City seemed the best option. After her death George moved to Las Vegas Nv. and lived with his daughter, Virginia, for many years until it was time to seek professional care.

The three children, Milton, Lois and Virginia, and one grandson, made regular visits making him feel loved.

George was quiet and not a boastful man. He always had a smile and quiet/dry sense of humor.

Thoughtful and kind was the way his family always thought of him. My father would be able to lean on him and ask for advice and know that the advice would be well thought out. After my father died in 2004 I would continue to write George asking questions. Finally, his children would write back for him. Truly he will be missed.

B.S.H.

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ACLUD NOTICE

There will be a second Public Hearing on the subject of the newly created ordinance regarding Short Term Rental of Guest Accommodations on Monday, August 14, 2023, 7:00 p.m. at the Amana Colonies Land Use District office-4304 220th Trail Amana and via Zoom link. The following is a link to a draft of the ordinance:

https://aclud.files.wordpress.com/2023/08/str-ordinance-aclud-post-7102023.pdf

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FREE FAMILY MOVIE!

The Perfect Race

Sunday, August 20, 2023, 4:00PM

Amana Performing Arts Center

"Always a Winner" is the third in a 3 movie series to be shown, yet it is a stand-alone movie. These movies address life issue for all ages, especially today's youth, dramatized through a competitive youth sport.

Invite your friends! All welcome!

Amana Area Fellowship

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Also find us on Facebook

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He added that there were a fair number of riders who chose to ride the "SAG" wagons from Marengo or Amana to Coralville due to exhaustion and heat, but there were surprisingly very few actual heat-related emergencies in Iowa County.

Iowa County EMS was on hand to assist and transport if need be. Iowa County Sheriff deputies and the Iowa County Highway patrol, along with volunteers provided traffic control at many locations in the county.

"It was certainly a big crowd. But it was not surprising that so many riders came through town at sunup or before 10 a.m. And then we even saw some long after sunset," said one Middle Amana resident.

Bikers seemed to love crowding under shade trees near the Middle Amana Fire Department where they had water hoses available for cooling down and home-made pie for sale. "That pie was a big, big hit," said one Middle volunteer. "Thank you to everyone who contributed a pie or two."

Steve Rose, Middle Amana, said that the fire department sold over 40 pies and distributed many gallons of much needed water.

Nearly everyone we talked to commented at how polite, respectful and generally nice the bike riders were. Gloria Alexander who was on duty at the Visitor Center said that she was thanked many times by riders who wanted her to know they appreciated her providing shade at the center and keeping the restrooms at the Visitor Center clean. "I even had one gentleman hold the dustpan for me while I swept up," she told us.

For the most part bike riders did follow the planned route into Main Amana though a few went down Highway 6 via South Amana. They might have done so to avoid the huge "Homestead hill" which proved a huge challenge for weary riders heading to Coralville for their overnight stop.

Talking with Stacey Colledge, executive director of the Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau Monday, she is planning to contact ACCVB members about a post-event debriefing meeting to discuss the day, but overall felt the day was a good one for Amana, if challenging and hot.

Jon Childers, Amana Heritage Society executive director, talked about the day's highs and lows adding, "From our perspective, it seemed that the riders were all having fun and trying to 'figure out' what Amana was. I had one man early in the day, about 8:30 a.m. at the Festhalle grounds who had me give him a tour of the Festhalle barn, give its communal history and how it became a festival barn. Then, he asked me to tell him about a building he took a picture of on the wall of the Visitor Center but didn't know where it was. It was the Amana Church Building. He loved the architecture and I told him about it and pointed it out to him and let him know he could visit it because it was as cooling zone. So, overall we had many wonderful people, and although they were hot, they made the best of it."

He added that they served a steady stream of bike riders at the Amana Heritage Society's food and beverage stand at the Festhalle. Childers added that the largest crowd they had was after 1 p.m. when folks stopped to enjoy Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchmen.

The Amana Heritage Museum and all its sites were open for free on Friday. Dennis Roemig who is a docent at the Amana Heritage Museum showed the slide show presentation on Amana's history to 90 people. They also had a good number of "walk through" number of visitors who didn't stay for the slide presentation but walked through the museum or the grounds, Childers said.

"Most were really focused on just getting to their next stop. RAGBRAI folks are ….willing to endure heat, rain, dust, and the prospect of riding a bike for 100 miles in one day. They are very nimble with their decisions, and many of them stayed only for a short time because they wanted to 'keep moving.'"

Those that did stay told volunteers that they loved Amana. "I heard that many times, 'This is our best stop,' so many told us," said John Zuber, Amana Heritage Society volunteer.

"I heard so many people say, how nice Amana is – how pretty, how charming," said Elise Heitmann, "You have to think that many will return to see more of Amana."

AAG Festival 10 – 4
Kellenberger Painting Raffle

The Summer Festival of the Arts is Saturday, Aug. 12 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Market barn in Amana.

This year all have the opportunity to enter a raffle to win a Gordon Kellenberger work of art. The painting is on display now at the Guild's Gallery on Main.

You can buy tickets at the gallery or at the festival of the arts August 12 before the drawing. The drawing is a fundraiser for the AAG which promotes and teaches Amana art, craft and hosts a number of events and classes throughout the year, including the summer youth workshops, craft workshops and more.

Over 30 artists have signed up to exhibit and sell their original work at the festival. Food trucks with delicious treats and lunch will be at the festival so come on down for art and good food. There is no admission fee.

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Raffle tickets are available for a beautiful Gordon Kellenberger original pastel! $1 each, or 6 for $5. Drawing will take place at 2:30 on August 12th at the Festival of the Arts. View this painting in all it's splendor (color) on

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FOUR WINDS FARM FIELD DAY

Please join us at Four Winds Farm for our first Field Day of the summer on Sunday, August 13th from 11-4 pm. We are located at 2312 Alpine Ave NW, (on the County Line Rd, north of Hwy 6) just outside of Homestead. Our hemp plants are growing tall and are starting to pucker as they enter their flowering stage. Come walk among the hemp plants and herbs that we are growing for our product line or check out our field inputs, implements and manufacturing tools. All of our products will be 25% off, so please come on out and say hello!

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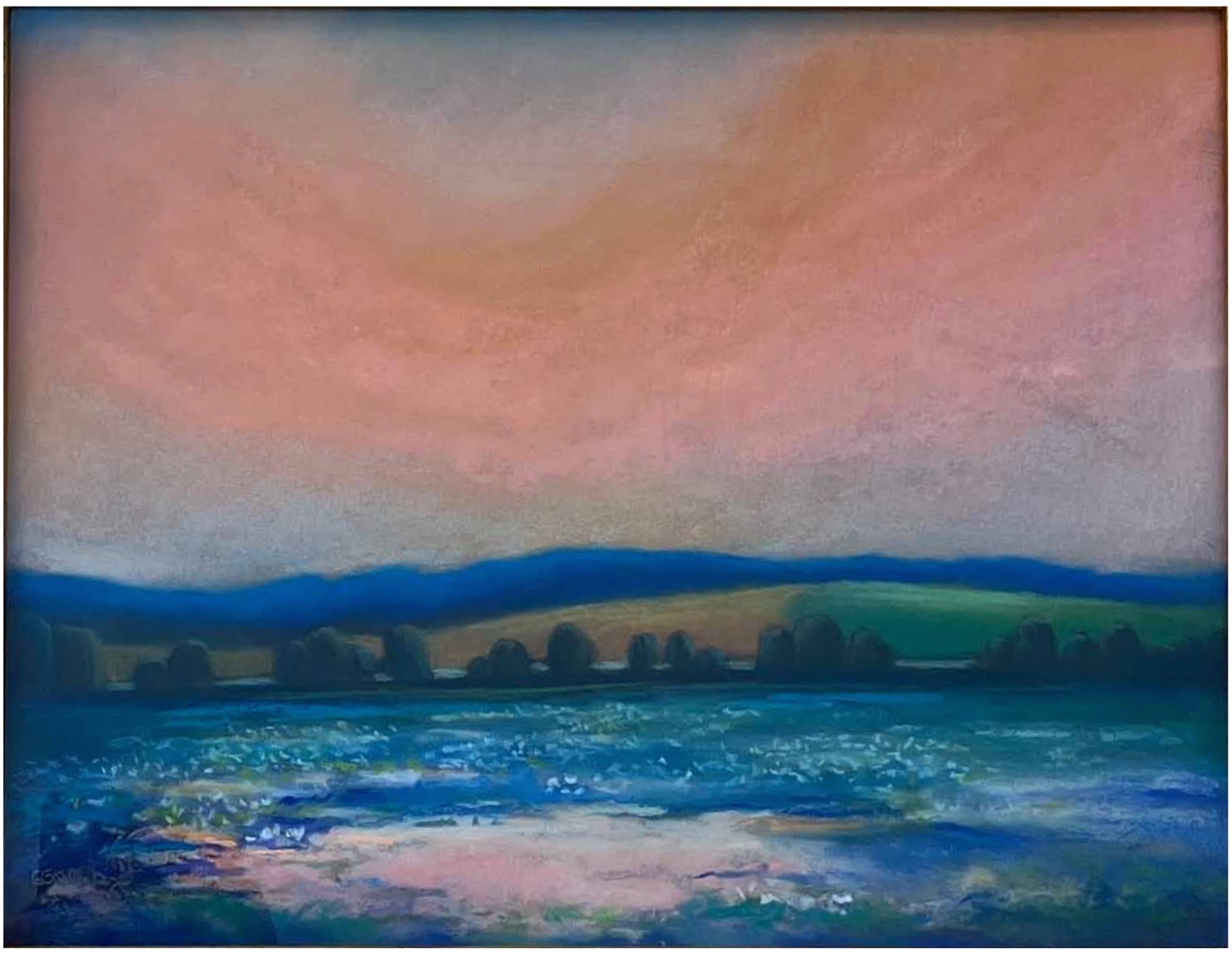

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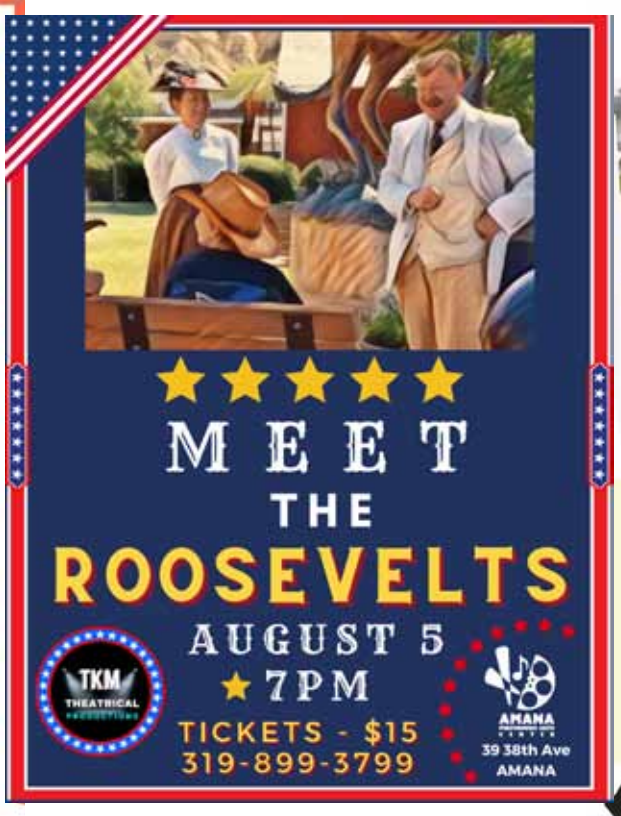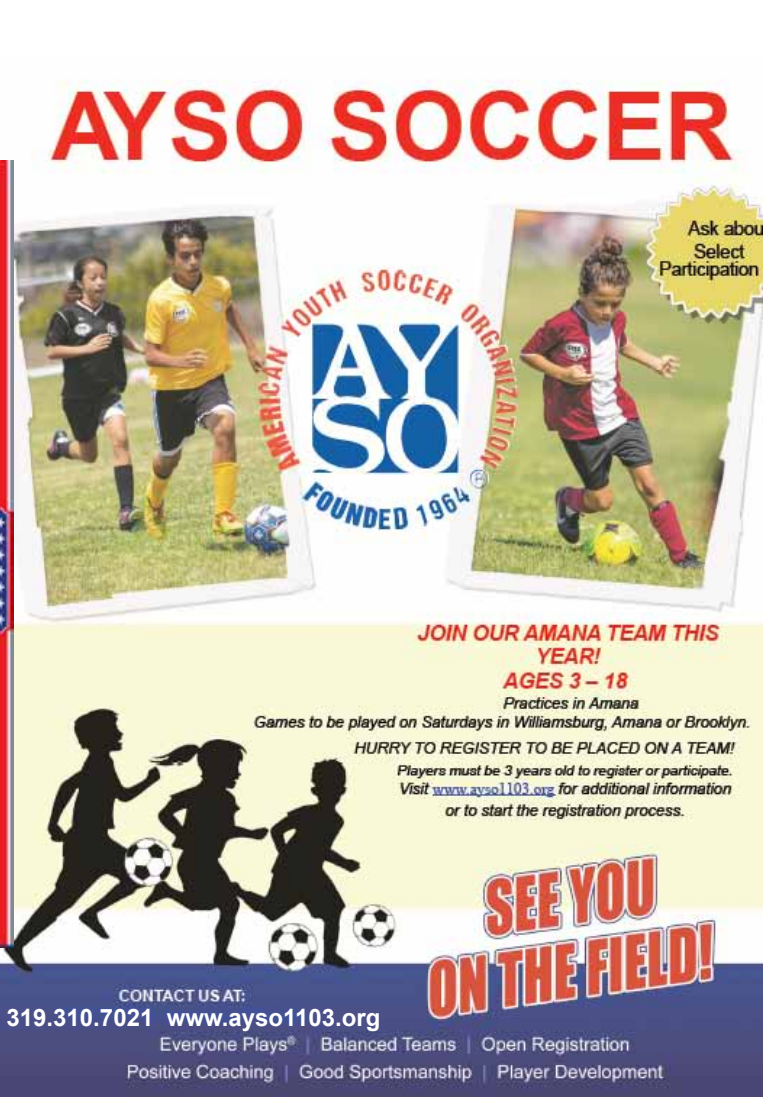
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