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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, September 29, 2024 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Kristie Yoder presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Ich Glaub an Dich" No. 461 v 1-6 Seite 456

Testimony: C Metz, Ebenezer, May 12, 1850

Scripture: Luke 7:18-35

Closing Hymn: "Ich Glaub an Dich" No. 461 v 7-12 Seite 456

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

Opening Hymn: "I Trust in Thee" No. 82 v 1-6

Closing Hymn: "I Trust in Thee" No. 82 v 7-12

The Wednesday Evening Prayer Service (Nachtgebet) begins 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.

Links to services posted online may be found at: *https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/*

Reminder: No permanent grave decorations are allowed in Amana Church Society cemeteries. Temporary decorations (for Memorial Day, Christmas, etc.) must be removed after one week. Grave decorations interfere with mowing and trimming in the cemeteries. Please remove any grave decorations you may have placed in a cemetery in the next few days. Cemetery monitors will be removing grave decorations starting October 4. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Administrator at 319-622-6155.

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 02, 2024 in the Amana lift station.

FRIENDS FROM RONNEBURG UPDATE

Our friends from Ronneburg were here September 9-15. As usual, they had a wonderful visit. We'd like to thank Connie Baugh, Gloria Alexander, and Ryan & Lyndsey McCarty for hosting families in their homes. We'd like to thank the Amana Society, Inc. for arranging rooms for two families at the Hotel Millwright. On Wednesday of their visit, there was a program at the APAC where Reiner Erdt showed recent photos of Amana people visiting Ronneburg. The APAC staff went out of their way to make the night special. We'd also like to thank Bill Leichsenring and the Ox Yoke Inn for hosting a very special lunch for the Ronneburg friends and host families. John and Julie Zuber hosted a farewell dinner for the Ronneburg friends. Thanks to them and to all who attended our events and helped make this visit truly memorable.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Lately, I have had trouble falling asleep, so my mind goes into "over drive" and I think about all sorts of things – including what I should or should not have done during the day, week, or years before. That spells "trouble" with a capital "T."

Most troubling of all was I think of how I should have thanked people while they were still around, but did not. The one on the top of that list is my mother. Oh, how I miss her even though it has been twenty-five years since she died.

I remember how I would sob on her shoulder Saturday after Saturday when my friends would go off to roller skate at Williamsburg. (I never learned how to roller skate, and even ruined Linda Blechschmidt's birthday party by falling and breaking my arm). Then came the Saturday nights at the Swisher ballroom to which I was never invited. The fact that I could not dance and still cannot did not enter into it, but my wonderful mother listened and tried to console me.

Then there were those countless birthday parties when she would make "pigs in a blanket" not from crescent rolls in a can, but from yeast dough that she mixed herself.

Every year she made "stollen," Christmas and Easter cookies by the dozen, New Year's pretzel

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Hotel Millwright Wins Iowa Hotel Association Award

The Iowa Hotel and Lodging Association awarded Hotel Millwright the "Sustainability Award" recognizing "how sustainability and preservation can work hand in hand."

Hotel Millwright will be featured in a four-minute video shown at the industry conclave next week.

A feature article will be in the Iowa Hotel and Lodging Association magazine, "Iowa Hospitality Advocate" and on its website and social media. The video will be available on YouTube. Last year's winner was Heart of America founder Mike Whalen, developer of Hyatt Place in Altoona. The award is sponsored by WoodRiver Energy.

From the release sent to local media, "Recognizing the need to save this historic site, the Amana Society made the bold decision to transform the mill complex into a boutique hotel. . . As part of the Hotel Millwright campus urban conservation project, the hotel worked with the Iowa Valley Resource Conservation and Development and Trees Forever to install eco-friendly features. Permeable pavers, native (plant) landscaping and a biorention cell were added to manage stormwater runoff and protect the local watershed. . . . The hotel is powered partly by green electricity from the Amana Farm's methane digestor which turns a methane from cattle manure into renewable energy. This system reduces the hotel's carbon footprint and supports local renewable energy efforts."

The award recognition continues, "By blending the past with the future, Hotel Millwright has created a sustainable hospitality experience that honors the heritage of the Amana Colonies and promotes environmental responsibility."

The video production team was at the hotel two weeks ago to shoot video footage.

Oktoberfest Highlights - It's About Here Folks!

Fall arrived Sunday morning with a fresh, autumnal breeze. Oktoberfest is October 4 – 6 and there is a lot planned. Here are some fest highlights.

First, if you would like to volunteer there is a need for volunteers. Call the Amana Visitor Center or check in there to see where you can help. Volunteers are needed to take tickets, etc. go sign up go to the Amana Oktoberfest Admissions Booth the Oktoberfest link on SignUpGenius.com or call LaShelle Morrison, festivals director, at the Amana Colonies Visitor Center 319-622-7622.

The Keg Tapping Ceremony is Friday, October 4 with a party and a free brat (first come first served) at the Amana Heritage Museum yard in Amana. Yes, your first festival brat is FREE at the Amana Heritage Museum on Friday starting at 11 a.m. And yes, there is free admission to the museum on Friday. The party will take place at the museum from 11 till 2 p.m. Then the party moves east to our own Festhalle for the official keg tap. So from the museum parade east down main street behind the Burgermeister and his entourage to the Festhalle (You will need an admission ticket to the Festhalle.) Give a shout out to the businesses who sponsor and help make our Oktoberfest happen. Thank you to: the Amana Society, Inc. Compass Memorial, WRH, Inc. Whirlpool, KCRG Channel 9, South Slope, KWWL, Millstream Brau Haus, Hills Bank, Ackerman Winery, US Bank and the BankHaus.

Here are more festival highlights:

• Barefoot Becky and her Ivanhoe Dutchmen will kick off the Festhalle entertainment playing Friday from 11:30 – 3 p.m. at the Festhalle. Also performing during the weekend: Die Tiefen Keller Kinder, the Amana Colony Folksingers, Bavarian Musikmeisters, Alpensterne, and the U of I Tubas.

• The Amana Colony Folksingers will be on stage at 7 p.m. Friday at the Festhalle. We love our Amana Colony Folksingers! They perform one time at Oktoberfest so don't miss this. Just before they sing there will be a yodeling contest! So practice up people.

• The UNI Dancers are back and will be in the parade and performing on Saturday at the Amana Furniture Shop at 11 a.m. the Amana Visitor Center at 1 p.m., the Festhalle at 2 p.m. and the Ackerman Winery at 3 p.m.

• Yes, there will be free parking and a free shuttle bus. Pick up the Oktoberfest brochure for the map of where it stops but it will be transporting folks Friday till 11 p.m. and Saturday till 11:30 p.m. to and from the Amana Colonies RV Park. Sponsored by Compass Memorial.

• Check out the list of contests and competitions at Oktoberfest. Most are free to enter except the Brat Eatting Contest Saturday at 5 p.m. and the Eisenmann Competition at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Market barn in Amana.

• Hotel Millwright will offer live music Friday and Saturuday starting at noon. Stop by to hear The Remains, New Trick, the Ben Schmidt Band, Dogs on Skis and ViceBox.

• Millstream Brewing Co. has their annual Oktoberfest happening planned with lots going on at the brewery all weekend. Check out their website and the Oktoberfest brochure for details. DTKK will be there on Sunday at 11 pm. Fyi. Serving Wood fired

•Ox Yoke hosts Oxtoberfest! Friday 4– 8 p.m. enjoy the Bierstube cellar. Friday 4 - 6 there will be drink specials and live music from 5 till 8 p.m. with Jeff and Jessica Weimer. Saturday join friends on the north lawn of the Ox Yoke Inn for coffee, pastries and hot chocolate from 9 – 11 a.m. as you enjoy the parade. Saturday the Bierstube celler will offer German sandwiches and pizza menu 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday "Kinder treat bags" while supplies last when kids order from the

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Lakeview Village

Assisted Living Apartments

- Meals Provided
- Housekeeping Services
- Wellness checks – Medication management
- Activities

Units Available

Call Tanya Powell for a tour 622-3131

"Experience the Comfort and Security of Retirement Living in the Amanas"

CHARLIE'S MARKET
Last Market of the Season
West end of V St in Homestead
Open Saturdays at 10:00 A.M.
Produce - Cookies - Plants

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for countless people, countless birthday cakes, and the list goes on and on.

I remember how often my father or my sister and I would bring someone home who stayed to eat. Mother never complained, and just added extra plates to the table.

We just took things for granted, including the letters that she would type us when we went to camp, and then college.

How did she do it? Often we would just leave, never offering to help clear up. It wasn't until we were in homes of our own that we realized that meals did not appear on the table by themselves, nor did the beds make themselves or laundry magically wash and fold itself.

Recently, I found a book about Anne Bronte' whose mother died when she was still an infant. The same thing happened to my own mother. She was often told how wonderful her mother was. Luckily, she had aunts who helped to raise her, but becoming a wife and mother was another thing. Instead of going to college as she wanted, she was directed to stay at home and care for the family because her grandmother was then dying of throat cancer.

It was almost ten years later that my father came home from the navy, married her, and brought her to Homestead where she shared a house with her in-laws for over twenty years. From the very beginning, her father came every evening for supper, sitting at the head of the table. After the death of my Selzer Opa, my Oma sat at the opposite end of the table for each evening meal. Of course, every holiday the whole family was there and my mother did all of the cooking.

My mother was a wonder at the stove, washing machine, lawn mower and typewriter. She just did it ALL. She had her faults, but my sister and I never heard our parents quarrel. They were always a "united front."

I often wonder how life would have been different for her if she had gotten the college education that she desired, if she had had a chance to go off on her own and explore her own gifts.

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LEARN HISTORIC PRESERVATION HOW-TOS
ACLUD Hosts Training Workshops Oct. 19

The Amana Colonies Land Use District is hosting training sessions October 19 for those engaged in fixing up or preserving their historical Amana Colony home / building or for anyone interested in historic preservation in the Amana Colonies.

The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions will provide two Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program (CAMP) sessions on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at the Amana Church Fellowship Hall from 9 a.m. until noon.

The sessions will cover: "Alternative Materials" and "Standards and "Guidelines for Design Review."

In addition, a recording of the sessions will be available for 60 days for those unable to attend on the 19th.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to aclud@southslope.net with your name and number attending by October 7, 2024 as there are limited number of spots available. There is no charge, but a free will donation will be accepted.

This is an opportunity to learn valuable tips and information about historic preservation as we work together to preserve our community legacy.

WARPED & WOVEN MILL MERCANTILE

The Team at
Warped & Woven Mill Mercantile
is seeking a
Part Time Sales Associate.

This position involves assisting customers, operating a point-of-sale system, restocking merchandise and handling phone orders. Great customer service skills and willingness to learn and share Amana's rich history is a must!

The Amana Woolen Mill has been selling the finest handcrafted cotton and wool products since 1855. Warped & Woven Mill Mercantile showcases these beautiful, American made products.

If interested, stop by Warped & Woven Mill Mercantile or call Laura Sue at
319-622-3953!

IOWA 1855 AMANA MEAT SHOP & SMOKEHOUSE

Come join a friendly environment with fun coworkers at the Amana Meat Shop & Smokehouse!

Currently we have an opening for a Full Time Production Associate.

This is a great opportunity to work right in the heart of Amana and help provide quality foods to our customers!

Stop in for more information or contact Laura Sue at 319-622-3953 or lswoods@amanas.net.

AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP
COME ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY
Sunday Church Services
@ 9:00 a.m.
Next Services: ***October 06 & October 20, 2024***
at the Amana Performing Arts Center
(West of RV Park)
www.amanaareafellowship.org

FOR RENT

Apartment for rent in condo. Very large two bedroom, big storage room. Over looking Amana Golf Course in Colony Oaks, Middle Amana. $925 a month. Call 319-338-0025 for more information.

House for rent in Middle Amana. 2 BR, 1 Bath, 1,000 SF ranch, 2 car attached garage. No pets. $1,400 per month. Contact Gunther Sandersfeld for more info at 319-826-4122 or Gunther@Skogman.com

HELP WANTED:

Part time work $15/hour picking up small brush and trash. Call (319)361-0425.

GARAGE SALE

4 Family garage sale 220th Trail Middle Amana. Thurs. Oct. 3rd Noon - 5 p.m., Fri. Oct. 4th 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat. Oct 5th 8:30 a.m.- Noon. Amana furniture, old trunks, plus size clothing, lawn equipment and LOTS MORE !

GRANT WOOD DINNER THEATRE

Immerse yourself in a living history presentation, of GRANT WOOD: Prairie Rebel at Price Creek Event Center in Amana on October 9.

In this one act, one man show, Grant Wood chats with the audience as if talking to an old friend across the backyard fence. He tells us about his life and how he changed the art world forever with his work. It is the story of how he took the moments, the memories, and the people of our state, and showed the whole world how special of this place, Iowa was. After the presentation, the audience is encouraged to ask actor Tom Milligan questions about Grant Wood and his life.

Tickets are $35, doors open at noon, meal starts at 12:30 pm and show begins at 2:00 pm.

Sponsored By: TKM Theatrical Productions

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kids' menu. Make your reservations today for the Oktoberfest Sunday brunch at the Ox Yoke Inn! Mimosas and Bloody Mary bar too.

Part 3 of "Stages" to be Screened October 11

Mark your calendars for the third installment of our "Stages" film story by Jonesy McElroy. Part 3 will be shown Friday, Oct. 11 at the Amana Performing Arts Center.

Featuring Amana actors and truly friendly faces, the plot thickens as there's a curse on our favorite band of professional theatre troupers. They must come together to break the horrid streak of bad luck but can they get through it while sharing chilling tales of spirited encounters at the little theatre in the cornfield? Film lasts about 1 hour. Mix and mingle before the show at a "do" catered by the Ox Yoke Inn beginning at 7 p.m. Show starts at 7:30

IOWA 1855 AMANA GENERAL STORE
HAUS MAUS TEES

Haus Maus Tees is seeking a Full Time Sales Associate!

A sister store to the Amana General Store, Haus Maus Tees offers a large selection of t-shirts, souvenirs and gifts. Associate must be able to operate a point-of-sales system and work independently in an upbeat environment.

Also, the Amana General Store is seeking a Part Time Sales Associate! Associates at the Amana General Store assist customers, use a point-of-sale system, unpack shipments and handle phone orders.

For more information, stop by the General Store and ask for Lyndsey, or contact Laura Sue at 319-622-3953 or lswoods@amanas.net.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Amana Colonies Land Use District in Iowa County, Iowa, that a special election will be held at the Middle Amana Fire Station, 2725 K St, Middle Amana, on Tuesday, October 1, 2024. Polls will open at Noon and close at 8:00 PM.

Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-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 proof of identity/residence at the county auditor's office by 12:00 Noon on Thursday, October 3, 2024. 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.

Voters can start in-office absentee voting beginning September 11, 2024 to September 30, 2024 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. in the Iowa County Auditor's Office.

Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. Please contact the Auditor's Office for details.

E-mail address: elections@iowacounty.iowa.gov
Telephone: 319-642-3923
For TTY access, dial 711 + 319-642-3923.
Dated this 12th day of September, 2024.

Amana Colonies Land Use District Trustee Candidates
*Board of Trustee at Large-***vote for no more than Three***
>Tyler Stockman

AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD)
Tentative Agenda of the Meeting
Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)
Monday, September 30th, 2024 6:30 p.m. at ACLUD office, 4304 220th Trail Amana & via Zoom

I. Call HPC Meeting to Order
II. Set Agenda
III. Review/Approve the August 26, 2024 HPC Meeting Minutes
IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda
V. Discussion/Action on permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:
a. 2024-072. Bill Yoder / 2610 J St Middle Amana / HP-R / Replace rotted wooden posts in an Amana Style fence. Intended to re-use existing cedar fence boards. Attempting to use fiberglass, not cedar tone pressure-treated fence posts. HPC was to give recommendation from SHPO regarding alternate building materials.
VI. Other Business
a. Paul Bruhn revitalization grant update
b. Continue to discuss parameters used by HP Grant Review Committee
c. Continue Discussion regarding e-mails sent to five local realtors-what is best way to inform potential ACLUD home/business buyers of the rules and guidelines regarding HP properties, etc.
d. Status of HPC Work Plan for 2024
e. Status of Nathan Smith renewal in HPC
f. Update on CAMP sign up
VII. Administrator's Report (if applicable)
VIII. Adjourn