

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

Amana Church services are live streamed on FM 93.5 & Facebook. Limited in church attendance is offered, face masks & social distancing will be practiced.

The Regular Sunday Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, June 13, 2021, starting at 10:00 AM with Elder Peter Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Who Seeks The Truth, That Beacon Bright" No. 36

Testimony: Selected excerpts from testimonies by Ursula Meyer.

Scripture: John 1:1-5  
Psalm 19

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

The Wednesday Evening Prayer (Nachtgebet) meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in Middle.

Saturday Fellowship, meets 5:30 PM in Middle

## AMANA FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

## THE AMANA POOL IS REOPENING

We are gearing up for the June 14 reopening of the pool. It is located in the Amana Elementary in Middle Amana.

The first ones in the water will be the Lap Swimmers. The hours are 6-7:30AM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Starting Thursday, June 17, the pool will host the Aerobics Folks. We will have a new instructor and a new schedule, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30PM.

The Open Swims will be Sundays and Wednesdays from 1-3PM and Friday evenings from 7-9PM.

Come join us!

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

1971 must have been a special year. It seems that at least three couples (Larry and Caroline Ertz, Glen and Katheryn Johnson and Alan and Diane Baumgartel) all married in June 1971, each a week apart.

I'm sure I left someone out or that their are other people who have been married even longer such as Harold and Rose Wendler who will celebrate their 71st anniversary shortly.

It really makes one feel old to be able to not only to remember some of these weddings but to realize that you took part in them.

There was a time that I felt as if I was a permanent bridesmaid. Those dresses which I was assured I would be able to wear again hung in the cedar closet for decades. Exactly why would wear these dresses still is a puzzlement for that matter I doubt I would fit in any of them especially now that my arms look like crêpe paper and my sons were not tiny babies, leaving me with quite the torso.

A certain former bride suggested we either wear our prom, brides maid's or wedding dresses and leave the back unzipped while putting on a sweater or shawl over the back.

We could then re-create our younger years only this time not have to hide the fact that the punch had been spiked.

Seeing as we all aged we would probably have to make more room for walkers and canes. The food had to meet some dietary requirements for those who had food allergies, diabetic, gluten free, low salt, etc.

Although the twist was popular in our day we would have to make sure some of the "dancers" did not throw out their backs. Naturally those of us trained in CPR would be on alert and ready to assist until the paramedics arrived. I would have a few elders and church singers just in case of a fatality.

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### KCRG Our Town Features Amana Colonies

KCRG TV is featuring the Amana Colonies with a series of "Our Town" stories about Amana places, people and happenings.

This week, on Monday June 7, Beth Malicki and her team focused upon the Amana Colonies Wurst Fest, and upon Amana beef. A second piece on Amana energy production ran Wednesday, June 9 discussing the operation of the methane digester. To see all of the Amana Colony stories go to the KCRG webpage and look for the Our Town tab on the left hand pull-out menu or search for Amana Colonies Our Town on their website.

### Amana StoryWalk

If you are on the Amana Kolonieweg by the Amana Elementary or if you are driving by the school on Highway 220 in Middle, you'll notice a line of signs beside the recreational trail.

These are story boards of the book, "Over and Under the Pond" by Kate Messner put up by Clear Creek Amana Librarian Heather Fox with help from library volunteer, Julie Zuber and lawn care provider, Maury Gallagher.

Using a program called "StoryWalk" designed by Anne Ferguson, the Oxford Public Library and the CC Elementary have a StoryWalk in Creekside Park. Heather Fox saw it and thought it was perfect for Amana. "I'm always thinking about new ways to promote a love of literacy and books with kids. It's so important that children are read to often and especially at an early age. I also think the physical and interactive aspect of a StoryWalk is so fun. Moving from page to page is engaging for kids. It's something different that families can do out in the fresh air that doesn't cost a thing. Hopefully, it will become something that families look forward to!"

She asked for a donation from the Amana Community Chest to help buy books and cover the cost of the signs which are weather proof and reusable. The Amana Colonies Trails board was happy to lend their support to the project too.

Libraries must purchase two copies of the book they use, Fox explained, and use one copy to create the laminated signs which are placed along a public trail for walkers to read as they use the trail. The new StoryWalk on the Kolonieweg features interactive questions and challenges as well as illustrations from the book, making it both kid and adult friendly. She hopes to change the story boards three or four times a year, each time featuring a new book.

"I'd like to have a variety of different types of stories . . . For this first one, I was browsing ideas and came across, 'Over and Under the Pond' by Kate Messner. It seemed like the perfect fit since the Lily Lake has the same type of habitat featured in the book. It was also fun to pair some fun facts about the animals to go along with the story. I already have a book in mind for the next StoryWalk®! This next one is a funny story with a main character who kids love and will recognize. The books will also tie into the changing seasons as well."

She added, "We hope that families and people of all ages will enjoy participating in the StoryWalk®. It's a great opportunity to combine two activities that are beneficial to everyone, reading and exercise! We have such a beautiful trail in our community and hopefully the StoryWalk® will give people one more reason to get out and enjoy it."

The Amana Library at the Amana School in Middle is open to the public from noon till 3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this summer.

If you would like curbside service (librarians will pull your book and CD picks and have them

read for you) please call the Amana Library at 319-622-3192 after 9 a.m. Monday – Friday. Or email at [amanalibrary@ccaschools.org](mailto:amanalibrary@ccaschools.org). Yes, you can access their online catalog of books and materials via the Amana Library webpage.

### Getting Back to the Celebration

Last year in the United States due to the pandemic, about 1 million bridal couples postponed their wedding celebrations, cancelled them altogether or held a private ceremony while delaying the reception, according to the wedding website and bridal service provider, The Knot.

In a normal year about two million weddings take place in the United States, they report.

Now The Knot is tracking a 25 percent increase in weddings this year and predicting another 20 - 25 percent increase in 2022.

Wedding bookings for 2021 in the Amanas are picking up, reports Elise Heitmann, Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau executive director.

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Last weekend, June 4 – 6, there were five weddings in the Colonies, one at each of the larger wedding venues in the colonies except the Amana Colonies RV Park which hosted Beckster Fest and therefore couldn't accommodate a wedding. But not every weekend this summer is fully booked in Amana, as of now. The Festhalle does have a couple of openings for Saturdays in June and July, while the Amana RV Park has one Saturday available in August. While we didn't call each of the wedding venues in the colonies while preparing this story, you get the drift. It's busy but there is still room to host an event at a local venue. So yes, there is availability to book in 2021 in Amana if you or your family is seeking a site for a reception or really, any-sized event.

As a young bride told us last Tuesday afternoon, "We had to postpone last summer, and now we are regrouping and making our plans. . . We had our wedding ceremony for just us, so now we want to celebrate with our friends and families." She and her groom and their families were in Amana to make plans and take photos for their "save the date" cards announcing a fall 2021 reception in Amana.

Heitmann said that the ACCVB gets calls once in a while from bridal couples, but most couples contact the venues directly. "We're always happy to help and answer questions if we can." She added.

In the Amana Colonies area the wedding venues include: Price Creek Event Center, Hotel Millwright, the Festhalle, the Amana Colonies RV Park, the Amana Colonies Golf Club and Koru Berry Farm.

**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT  
Notice of Public Hearing and Tentative Agenda,  
June 14, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.**

- Homestead Church Museum – Homestead, Iowa**
- I. Call the Public Hearing to Order
  - II. Invite the public to comment on proposed ordinance additions Section 31.36.060(C)(6) Outdoor Retail (HP-C Sub-District), Section 31.26.080 Outdoor Retail (C-1) District, Section 31.28.080 Outdoor Retail (C-2 District), and Section 31.30.080 Outdoor Retail (C-3 District) Full text of the proposed additions to the ordinances may be found at <http://aclud.org/next-bot-meeting/>
  - III. Adjourn Public Hearing

**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT  
Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and  
Tentative Agenda, June 14, 2021 –  
immediately following the public hearing.**

- Homestead Church Museum – Homestead, Iowa**
- I. Call Meeting to Order.
  - II. Set Agenda.
  - III. Review/Approve:
    - a. Minutes of April Public Hearing.
    - b. Minutes of May Public Hearing
    - c. Minutes of May regular meeting.
    - d. Minutes of June special meeting.
  - IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda.
  - V. Review/Approve June disbursements.
  - VI. Review/Approve May Treasurer's Report.
  - VII. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation District:
    - a. 2021-026. Compass Memorial Healthcare, 728 48th Ave. Doors, steps, deck, remove windows, replace window with door, remove patio, replace ramp.
    - b. 2021-036. Cherie Hansen-Rieskamp and Gerald Rieskamp, 206 220th Trail. Change of use: historic chicken coop to classroom for yoga and meditation classes.
    - c. 2021-040. Cherie Hansen-Rieskamp and Gerald Rieskamp, 206 220th Trail. Replace doors on non-historic house.
  - VIII. Other Business
    - a. Discussion/Action: Comments received at Public Hearing.
    - b. Discussion/Action: Conquest railing
    - c. Discussion: report from digitizing subcommittee
    - d. Discussion/Action: Review Actions not requiring a Certificate of Approval.
    - e. Discussion: Noise in Amana
    - f. Discussion/Action: Grant review Committee members
    - g. Discussion/Action: appoint new Board of Adjustment member
  - IX. Administrator's Report
  - X. President's Report
  - XI. Adjourn

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We could also ask along the two former sextons along with our faithful monument builder, but that might be rushing things.

Getting back to the wedding anniversaries let me tell you that Charlemagne and I married late. (I believe it was 6 PM on a Friday)

People were so astonished that we were getting married that one woman dropped and broke the glass, an aunt circled the date in this believe, my cousin kept asking me which brother I was marrying and our parents almost immediately wrote out a guest list in fear we would change our minds.

So no matter how long you have been married always remember that it is not the amount of time, but the quality.

Charlemagne and I have often thought about the road we've traveled. There have been many bumps along with bright spots, but we've walked it together with tears and smiles thanks be to God.

B.S.H.

**HOTEL MILLWRIGHT HAPPENINGS  
Live music on the patio through June,  
Thursdays: 4–7pm, Saturdays: 2–5pm**

Grab your friends and a cold beer from our Electric Thread and enjoy live music on the patio! We've got an amazing line up of local musicians to help us beat the summer heat while relaxing under the Millwright smokestack on our outdoor patio. For a complete list of performances, check out our Facebook page!

**The Wurst Afterparty  
Saturday, June 19th, 3–9pm**

Join us after the Wurst Festival in our greenspace for the WURST Afterparty! Party starts at 3pm with food, drinks, and lawn games. At 5pm we kick it up a notch with a performance by local band, Well Lit. The party might be the wurst, but the food and music will be GREAT! See you then! Admission to the party is free.

**THE "ICE MEN" OF AMANA**

Taken about 1934-36, this photo (below) of nine men shows them wearing their winter warmest while no doubt harvesting ice. These and many other able-bodied men worked the lake, river and ponds to fill the special ice houses in each community. Researcher RC Eichacker, believes there are still many residents that can help him identify the "Opas" or neighbors shown here. Any additional opinions and information on local topics like these are always welcome. Help us share the past for the future.

Stories and events are being recalled about times at the former pond near Homestead. Photos involving the historic 1924 ice pond location are being sought. Stories and pictures help bring memories of old times plus bring wonderment to the young of what they must have missed.

**REQUESTS FOR THE AMANA ARTS GUILD**

The Gallery on Main is seeking donations for the new shop. We sure could use 2 tower fans and a mirror 12" wide X ??" long.

Volunteers are also welcome to work at the shop if they have some time, please contact us via email or phone to schedule, 319.622.3678 or [amanarts@southslope.net](mailto:amanarts@southslope.net)

**LIBRARY HOURS**

**Monday: Noon-6      Tuesday: 9-3**  
**Wednesday: 9-Noon      Thursday: 9-3**  
**Friday: 9-Noon**

Masks are welcomed but not required.

**THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST**

The Amana Colonies Trails would like to thank the Amana Community Chest for the generous contribution. The money has been earmarked for trail maintenance and sign replacement this year. This spring we used last year's contribution to repair the trail along the millrace levee. Our sincere thanks to the Community Chest for the donation and to all that contribute to the annual fundraiser.

**HELP WANTED**

Looking for a fun job? You get paid to pour samples of wine and talk to tourists visiting the Amana Colonies. Sell award winning wine at White Cross Cellars or Prosit Wines. Contact David for more info at [wine@whitecrosscellars.com](mailto:wine@whitecrosscellars.com)

Ackerman Winery / Fireside Winery are looking for Tasting Room staff to work weekday and weekend shifts. Shifts in Amana and Marengo. Please email [cassie@firesidewinery.com](mailto:cassie@firesidewinery.com) for more information.

**SERVICES**

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**FOR RENT - COMMERCIAL RETAIL**

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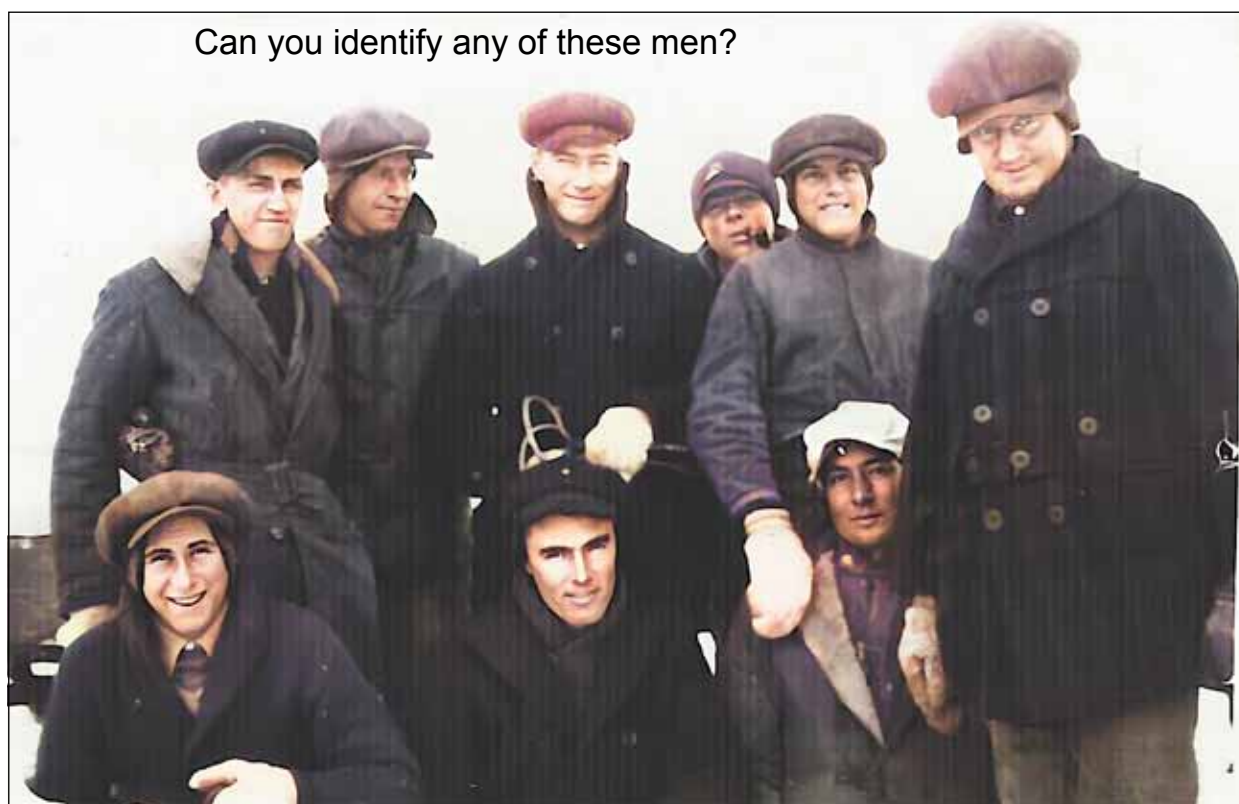
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