

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 20, 2021, starting at 10:00 AM with Elder Andrea Haldy presiding.

Opening Hymn: "A mighty Fortress is Our God" No. 11

Testimony: Ursula Mayer, Ronneburg, April 30, 1717

Scripture: Joshua 20
Psalm 46

Closing Hymn: "Jesus Refuge of the Weary" No. 236

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

Saturday Fellowship, meets 5:30 PM in Middle

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

Join us on July 4th for fireworks around the Lily Lake at sunset! We are excited to have the fireworks display back this year. We are also asking for any donations to make this a very special show. Please direct donations to:

**Amana Community Fireworks,
PO Box 11,
Amana IA 52203.**

Thank you!

KIDS THEATRE CAMP AT THE AMANA LIBRARY

Calling all kids, theatre educators Deb Kennedy and Tom Milligan (co-directors at the CCA High School drama department) will be leading a week-long summer theatre day camp at the Amana Community Library in Middle Amana.

The camp will be July 5 through 9, from 9 a.m. until noon, with a public performance of the folk tale classic, "Jack and the Beanstalk."

The Amana Theatre Camp is open for all kids ages 7 to 16 years with a registration fee of \$150. Sign up at the Amana Library or contact librarian Heather Fox via email or phone. The library is open to the public.

Along with theatre professionals, Kennedy and Milligan, three members of the CCA High Drama team will be there to guide and to inspire our young actors. It will be an active, creative, educational and very fun week at the Amana Library.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Years ago you were always buried in the town you had last lived in, then things changed.

I remember when my Granpa Stuck died at my parents' home where he had been living for five years.

As was the custom my Uncle Carl Selzer came and read a verse from the "Psalter Spiel" or Bible then said a prayer with us while we waited for the coroner.

Unfortunately it was at that time another Elder (why? I have no recollection) said, "Well, we'll have to get the grave ready in Homestead."

My mother who dearly loved Homestead yelled "NO!" She then preceded to say how Granpa had lived in Amana over 85 years, his family, including his wife, friends, and others were all buried in Amana and besides that he had been an Elder and deserved to be buried where he (actually she) wanted him.

Needless to say when my mother issued an ultimatum you straightened up and followed orders.

I told this to our son Peter, who recalled a story he had read about in the Inspirations-Historie.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Iowa County Community Foundation Distributes to Local Organizations

The Iowa County Community Foundation announced \$99,910 in grant funding to 11 projects serving Iowa County. These are projects in support of the arts, culture, parks, recreation and human services in Iowa County. The news release came from Jenna Flugman, Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, marketing manager.

The Community Foundation will not hold its annual award celebration this year. Grant checks will be mailed directly to the nonprofit organizations.

"The Iowa County Community Foundation is proud to support these nonprofit projects and programs that are working to make transformational impacts in Iowa County. We appreciate all our nonprofits do for our communities," said Josh Humphrey, chair of the Iowa County Community Foundation.

Grant recipient organization and projects are listed below:

Arts & Culture

Amana Heritage Society, Communal Kitchen Museum HVAC Installation, \$5,306

Iowa County Genealogy Society, New Computer and Monitor, \$1,500

Iowa County Historical Society, Pioneer Heritage Museum Machinery Exhibit Building, \$12,700

Community Betterment

Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau, ECO Park Phase 1 Disc Golf / Trail, \$15,000

City of Victor, Water Works Park, \$10,403

City of Williamsburg, Aquatic Center - Drop Slide Replacement, \$11,801

Iowa County, Countywide Law Enforcement PPE Equipment, \$18,000

Education & Youth Development

Williamsburg Community Child Care, Kitchen/Food Safety Project, \$4,000

Williamsburg Community School District, Iowa County Academy of Innovation and Management, \$8,000

Health

Iowa County, Iowa County Ambulance - Generator Project, \$11,200

Human Service

Families Helping Families of Iowa, Program Support for Iowa County Children in Foster Care, \$2,000

The Iowa County Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, a nonprofit committed to supporting worthwhile projects in 20 counties in Iowa in northeast and eastern Iowa. For more information, contact 319-287-9106 or visit www.cfneia.org. CFNEIA is confirmed in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations.

Decisions on grant awards are determined by a local committee, which consists of volunteers from Iowa County. Committee members include: Cassie Bott, Mikaela Gehring, Natasha Hauschilt, Emilie Hoppe, Josh Humphrey (chair), Grayson Jones, Lori McClenathan, Mallory Meier, Bonnie Romine and Aaron Sandersfeld.

These grants were part of the 2021 grant funding cycle. Grants are awarded through Iowa County Community Foundation's competitive grant process to projects in the program areas of: arts and culture, community betterment, education and youth development, environment and animal welfare, health, and human service. Grant applicants must be a 501(c)(3) designated organization or government entity serving Iowa County in order to be considered for funding. The 2022 grant cycle opens January 1.

Saturday Is Our Wurst Festival

It's the Wurst Festival of the year. Yes, the Amana Colonies Wurst Festival is Saturday

at the Market Barn starting at 11 a.m. with the Wurst Games of Skill, sausage sampling and your chance to help select the best sausage of the festival!

Plus there's a "Kickback It's Friday" Party for all locals at the Market Barn on Friday - starting at 4:30 p.m. with Brad and Kate entertaining. Yes, there will be food and drink too. Stop by Friday after work.

On Saturday the fun begins at the Market Barn just in time for lunch. In addition to the sausage vendors there will be dessert and beverage options served. Here are the highlights:

- Dean Wiener is back and guess who is fulfilling that role! Attend the Wurst University and proudly wear the wurst!

- Wurst Games of Skill 11 - 4 p.m. Market Barn.
- Bernemann Brothers entertain at the Market Barn 2 - 5 p.m.

- Free Rootbeer Floats at the new Compass Memorial Family Medical Clinic, 728 47th Ave. 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

- 1 p.m. Masskrugstemmen at the Market Barn. The stein holding challenge! Registration fee of \$30 gets you a t-shirt, a 2021, one-liter, Oktoberfest stein filled with beer and a chance to compete for the title of strongest beer drinker! Contact the Amana Colonies RV Park staff to sign up.

- 5 p.m. it's the Wiener Dog Derby! The Dachshunds will be racing for the title of Fastest Little Wiener. The Grand prize is a \$100 gift certificate. To enter your Dachshund - and yes, there are some rules - go to the Wurst Festival webpage for registration and information. Or call the Amana Colonies Visitor Center at 319-622-7622. Race is at the Market Barn.

- New this year - A Wurst Festival Party at the Hotel Millwright from 3 to 9 p.m. Entertainment with Well LIT at 5 p.m. Great food. Cold beer. Yard games too. Out on the lawn.

- Millstream Brewing Co. hosts Dogs on Skis starting at 6 p.m. With the release of their "Wurst Beer Ever!"

- All sorts of creative cookery at the Ronneburg Restaurant featuring wurst! Famous chicken rol-ups stuffed with sausage, oh my!

- The Ox Yoke Inn has weekend specials to tempt you and for the kids mini-soft pretzel hot dogs with mac and cheese.

- Three unique bratwurst specials will be featured all weekend at Millstream Brau Haus. Word on the street is that the portabella mushroom swiss bratwurst is to die for.

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- There's more, so check the Wurst Festival website for other details.

Thanks to our local vendors and supporters: Big G Foods Marengo, Amos Deans of Solon, the Amana Meat Shop and Smokehouse, the Amana Society, Bankhaus, Compass Memorial, KCRG, South Slope, Whirlpool, Hills Banks, WRH, Inc., US Bank and Collins Aerospace.

GARAGE SALES

Garage sale lots of kids clothes, kids costumes, baby blankets, stroller, high chair, car seat, adult clothing, toys, Christmas wreaths, home decor, bedding set, crib with changing table, pack and play, purses, tricycle and lots of other items. Thursday 9 to 6, Friday 9 to 6 and Saturday 9 to 4. Located at 4305 H Street Amana. Corner of H Street and 44th Ave. Cash only

4 family Yard Sale. Infant-Adult clothing, some furniture, small appliances (microwave, dorm fridge, rotisserie) Wilton cake pan & candy molds, puzzles, lots of misc. Friday & Saturday 8-4, at 3903 G Street, Amana.

SERVICES

Wanted: Dog walking/sitting, Reiner and Otto Sandersfeld Call: 319-784-8605

FOR RENT - COMMERCIAL RETAIL

1300 Sq/Ft Retail space available for lease at 4403 220th Trail Amana, IA 52203. Please contact Holly @319-622-6069 for more information.

FOR RENT

Room for rent with shared bath, No Smoking. Call 319-540-9351

Short & Long term rental available at Abbi's Cottage Call Betty Peterson at 319-432-8103

WANTED/WANTED TO BUY

BUYING ALL ANTIQUES; Toys, Furniture, Crocks, Paintings, Advertising Signs, and Weird Items "any condition." Buying Entire Estates, call for fair pricing. Please call 319-270-1251.

ISU EXTENSION FAQ

Question: What is the correct mowing height for a lawn in summer?

Answer: Kentucky bluegrass and other cool-season grasses thrive in the cool weather of spring and fall. Hot, dry conditions in summer are stressful for cool-season grasses. Kentucky bluegrass lawns should be mowed at a height of 3 to 3½ inches during the summer months. Bluegrass lawns should be mowed at a height of 2½ to 3 inches in spring and fall. The additional leaf area during summer shades and cools the crowns of the turfgrass plants. The higher mowing height also provides more food-producing foliage and promotes deeper root growth.

When mowing the lawn, never remove more than 1/3 of the total leaf area at any one time. Removing more than 1/3 of the leaf area severely injures the turfgrass plants and reduces their ability to withstand additional environmental stresses.

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It seems this woman by the name of Magdalena Schaup went to visit her son in South Amana, (Her husband had taken the family out of the community and upon his death they had rejoined and were assigned a place in High only six years prior) so she got on the wagon for the trip to South.

The trip was to last a few days, but circumstances (she became ill) prevailed making the stay "longer."

While still on her visit she passed away and her daughter-in-law had to prepare her and the house for the funeral and visitation (In the Amana Church, visitations were done at home, now it's still an option but almost all visitations since 2000 have been at the church).

The funeral and burial were done in South Amana where she still lies even today.

One would think that it would not have been that much of a chore to have transported her body back to High Amana and thus gotten the funeral clothes and other items.

It is still the custom to bury each person in the order of their death, there are no "family plots" because we are all supposed to be part of the same family. Sometimes I think that some of the old Amana customs were questionable and one wonders why people talk about "the good old days."

B.S.H (a Schaup)

Charlie's Market
Saturdays 10:00 AM till Noon
COOKIES, PRODUCE, PLANTS, FLOWERS
West End of Homestead near the Old Fire House

**REMINDER CONCERNING SOUTH DUMP
Trash and Appliance Dumping are
Absolutely Not Permitted**

What is commonly referred to as the South Dump, is **Private Property** and only for the use of **Amana Society Stock Holders** living within the Amana Colonies, and may be under 24 hour photo surveillance.

Absolutely No burning is permitted at the South Dump. Burning is dangerous and not compliant with DNR Regulations.

Only organic compostable yard refuse is allowed, and users **will** empty & remove plastic bags or other containers used to transfer yard waste. Lumber, and other building material, & trash dumping is absolutely **NOT** permitted.

Using this area to disposed of organic yard refuse is a privilege, not a right, and privileges will be revoked if Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) and Amana Society rules on what may be disposed of or if the burning ban are violated.

If you witness violations of these rules, **please** report those abuses, to Amana Society Conservation at 319-213-3445.

The Amana Print Shop
Please call ahead - 319-622-3912
Please get your covid-19 vaccination so we may achieve herd immunity, there is a new one out that doesn't use the same technology, otherwise we all still need to wear a mask (sometimes) and practice social distancing.
E-mail amanaprintshop@southslope.net
If we do not respond we may not have received your e-mail, or it went directly to "Junk" folder

OBITUARY

Randy Alan Seifert, 72, of Homestead, Iowa, passed away Thursday, June 10, 2021, at Mitchellville Care Center.

Randy leaves behind his brother Timothy Seifert (Rodolfo) of Chicago, Illinois; his sister Karen Seifert (Melodie) of Urbandale; his daughter Angelique Kramer (Tim) of Cedar Rapids; his grandchildren Mya Hummel of St. Paul, Minnesota, Noah Hummel of Cedar Rapids and Kenna Kramer of Cedar Rapids, along with beloved aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Randy was born June 5th, 1949, the son of Henry and Margy (Gerard) Seifert. He graduated from Amana High School and was also a proud graduate of The University of Iowa. Randy went on to work for the Amana Refrigeration as an Engineer.

There was not an antique Randy did not own or want to own, a steak he could not grill to perfection or a vegetable he had not tried to grow in his garden. As a youngster, Randy liked to play with his brother and his friends from across the street in their tree house and on their farm. He also loved to go on summer vacations and play bridge with this family. Randy loved to quietly fish on the banks of a local pond or the Iowa River; he loved nature, photography, the Chicago Cubs, and most of all, his family.

There will be a private family celebration of life later, when his ashes will be scattered along the Iowa River. Online condolences may be left at www.celebratelifeliowa.com/obituaries.

Randy's family is grateful to the staff at Mitchellville Care Center, Crestview Acres and St. Croix Hospice for all the kindness and care given to Randy.

- Dad, you are free from your pain. Grandma and Grandpa will be with you now until we can all meet again.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

Masks are welcomed but not required.

ANTLIONS: IT'S THE PITS

By Donald Lewis, ISU Dept. of Entomology

Bob Dodds, Lee County Extension Education Director sent in a great photo of one our least-seen, common insects in Iowa: the antlion. Antlions are devious, cold-blooded killers. They make small, conical pits in loose sand in dry, sheltered locations (photo below). Unsuspecting ants that stumble into the pit slide to the bottom and are quickly sucked dry of all body fluids by the larva hiding just under the surface at the bottom of the pit.

Here is a link to a fuller description of the antlion. Enjoy! <https://hortnews.extension.iastate.edu/antlions-and-doodlebugs>

