

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Amana Church Service will be live streamed from the church in Amana on Facebook, July 12, 2020 starting at 10:00 a.m. with Elder Betsy Momany presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Folget mir! Ruft uns das Leben" No 281 v 11-14, Seite 272

Testimony: Ursula Mayer, Ronneburg, November 14, 1717

Scripture: Luke 14:28-33

Psalm 81

Closing Hymn: "Follow Me, the Saviour calleth" No.24

Wednesday Nachtgebet live stream on Facebook at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Fellowship live stream on Facebook at 5:30 p.m.

Services also available later on YouTube ("The Amana Church" is our channel).

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11. Laß mich deine Gnade spüren, meinen Tritt also zu führen, daß ich in der Unschuld geh', und nicht bei den Spöttern steh': hilf, daß ich nicht nur in Freuden, sondern auch in Kreuz und Leiden, durch so manchen Kampf und Streit Dir zu folgen sey bereit.

12. Laß mich, Herr! doch nicht verdrießen, Angst und Trübsal zu genießen, weil man weiß, daß diese Bahn ist ein rechter Marterplan, da man muß in Dönern waden, und mit Elend sich beladen, da denn laufend Jedermann gar zu schleunig fallen kann.

13. Laß mir doch mein Ziel auf Erden nicht so schnell verrückt werden, daß ich ja das Gnadenlicht in der Zeit verliere nicht: gieb, daß ich von meiner Jugend bis in's Alter mir die Tugend recht von Herzen, nicht zum Schein, hoch lass' angelegen seyn.

14. *Hilf mir, herr! vor allen Dingen, meinen Lauf also vollbringen, daß ich mich in deiner Lieb' und der wahren Demuth üb': hilf, daß ich Dir hier vertraue, und Dich dort mit Freuden schaue; Jenes gieb mir in der Zeit, Dieses in der Ewigkeit.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Is your nonprofit or organization looking for fundraising opportunities? Contact Elise at the Amana Colonies Festivals Inc. at 319-622-7010 for details!

TOUR DE BREW CANCELED

Millstream Brewing announced late Tuesday that this Saturday's schedule event Tour de Brew, a 38 mile bike ride that begins in the Amana Colonies, that is sponsored by the brewery has been canceled. The 2020 bike ride is part of the Amana Colonies' Bike and Hike Weekend.

The other scheduled events of Bike and Hike Weekend remain intact. They include a Gravel Bike route along with 7 walking trail designed for all fitness levels. Bike and Hike Weekend runs from July 11-12.

HERITAGE SOCIETY

TAKEOUT COMMUNAL MEALS

Stop by the Communal Kitchen in Middle Amana and pickup a tasty authentic meal at noon. The Amana Meat Shop will make the meal from traditional Amana recipes.

July 15th Menu:

Creamed Chicken, Potato Dumplings, Applesauce, Hot Vegetable, Cold Salads, Cream Puffs

Tickets will be available for purchase beginning July 8

After you have paid online, please keep your confirmation e-mail. Print or show the e-mail on your phone when you come to pickup your meal.

If you are unable to pay online, please e-mail amanaheritage@southslope.net to reserve a meal.

Please purchase or reserve a meal by 10am on Monday, July 13 so we have an accurate number

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Old Creamery Fires Staff, Ends 2020 Season

On the eve of celebrating its 50th anniversary, the Old Creamery Theatre suspended the remainder of their 2020 shows, including all outdoor shows and its virtual camps for kids and fired ten staff members July 2.

Letters of termination were sent to ten staff members the evening of Thursday, July 2, according to a story published online by the Cedar Rapids Gazette, dated July 3. Among those terminated: Ashley Pirsig Shields, executive director, Katie Colletta and Keegan Christopher, artistic directors, and Marquette Senters, longtime Creamery stage star and resident company member.

Peter Teahen, President of the Old Creamery Theatre Board of Directors, said in an interview by phone Monday that it was the decision of the board to terminate employment rather than to furlough or lay-off staff members because the board is not certain when the theatre will reopen. Before making the decision to terminate, the Creamery board sought advice from accountants, lawyers, experts on questions involving human resources, Teahen said.

Teahen explained that the future well-being of the company led the Old Creamery board to make the decision as they seek to preserve the financial health of the company.

He said that about 80 percent of the company's income is from ticket sales. Loss of ticket sales this spring and summer, loss of season ticket revenues and the potential impact of the loss of a school touring season, weighed heavily. "We had to make this decision in the best interests of the company. . . We are running operational losses and paying salaries with no income coming in just doesn't make sense."

In March when the State of Iowa took measures to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, closing restaurants, bars and theatres, the Old Creamery Theatre suspended its regular season, closing their stage facility. The company said it would reassess as the year progressed just as other companies and businesses were doing. Staff were hopeful that live theatre in some form could be created and a survey was sent to Creamery patrons asking if they would support outdoor entertainment events. Meanwhile Shields, Christopher, Colletta and the artistic staff collaborated with other area theatres and created two, live YouTube shows as fundraisers. They created two full scale, outdoor musical concerts, a youth show that was performed outdoors at the theatre and outdoors on the road, on-line camps for youth and creative online programs to maintain and entertain their audiences and to reach out to the public.

The July 3 Cedar Rapids Gazette article quoted board vice president Debra Brooks as saying, "We've known for months this was probably going to happen, and we kept delaying it because we just didn't want to have to do this."

The decision last week was to end these shows, the online youth camps and terminate the employment of all but one staff member.

Teahen explained, "We wanted to be fair to the staff and allow them to make their own decision about their future. And we have no short-term plan as to when we might reopen. We are not certain, no one is, what the world is going to look like and what our company is going to look like post-COVID, in a post-COVID economy."

Teahen said that staff members whose jobs were terminated could re-apply for jobs when the theatre reopens.

Pat Wagner, general manager, remains on staff. "Pat has been at the theatre 20, 21 years. She is going to be key. Pat has the contacts, the resources to bring the theatre back when the time comes. We are pleased that Pat joined us in staying on."

Teahen stressed, "I am excited about the Old Creamery's future. We are planning as a board is to bring it back sometime in 2021 but as to when exactly, we don't know. I would say that it would be in May or June most likely."

"We are very excited about the theatre's 50th anniversary," He said, adding that the 2021 season and part of the 2022 season programming has al

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ready been chosen by the programming committee chaired by Debra Brooks. This committee, which had been comprised of the artistic directors and several board members, has overseen programming these past several years, he explained.

"I'm excited about the future of the theatre. When we set the standards that we have set and we've gone forward in achieving those together. When I came on as president we had no handicapped bathrooms, there was damage (to the building) due to a leaky roof. We didn't really have a concession stand that made us money, our curtain needing replacing, 80 percent of our sound system didn't work as it should have. We've made many upgrades to the theatre facility to upgrade the audience's experience of the theatre and that's all due to teamwork of the artists on the stage, the staff and our board."

February 14, 2020 The Cedar Rapids Gazette reported discussions between Coe College and the Old Creamery Theatre board to move the company from their Amana home to Coe College's Sinclair Auditorium. Asked about these plans, Teahen said, that the board will continue talking with and exploring that with Coe College, but as COVID has put fall college start dates in question and has raised additional pressing questions for all colleges, Coe has

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Caitlin Wnek for being unanimously elected to the Athletic Union Softball Hall of Fame. Caitlin will be recognized and accept her award on Friday, July 31 during the Hall of Fame ceremony in Fort Dodge prior to the Class 4A championship game. Caitlin graduated from Clear Creek Amana High School in 2012. She went on to play softball for the University of Northern Iowa and is currently employed as an Assistant Softball coach at the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse. Congratulations on this well deserved honor.

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BEREND SANDERSFELD SENIOR RECITAL

The Shawn Sandersfeld family would like to invite you to Berend's Senior Recital! He will be performing pieces on piano and bass guitar, a dramatic reading from the story of Samson, plus a little juggling!

We will practice social distancing in our seating and wearing masks is optional.

Saturday, July 11, 1:00 PM

Calvary Baptist Church,

5338 Johnson Ave SW, Cedar Rapids



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a full plate at this moment.

As was reported in the Gazette's Feb. 14 story, there was no formal agreement between Coe College and the Old Creamery at that time.

The Old Creamery released a statement to the media July 2 in that statement Teahen states, "The health and safety of our audience, cast, crew and staff members are our highest priority. In addition, with the loss of ticket sales, and our inability to ensure our main stage performances and tours, we need to be fiscally responsible in order to preserve the Theatre and our future plans to celebrate the 50 year anniversary in 2021. We encourage everyone to consider supporting the fine arts and the Old Creamery Theatre during this pandemic as we plan a grand return in 2021."

Owner of Amana Colonies Popcorn is Deployed

The new owner of Amana Colonies Popcorn Co. located on Amana's Main Street next door to the bakery was not here for the 4th of July parade. If he had been here he could have in the parade as he is an Iowa National Guardsman.

CPL Stephen Robinson is currently deployed with the Iowa National Guards Bravo Co. in Qatar, on the Arabian Peninsula. He and fellow Iowa Guardsmen provide security for a US Air Force base there. His family looks forward to his return in July 2021.

Meanwhile Stephen's father, Steve Robinson, and his younger brother, Nic, are holding down the shop. His Mom, Jackie, is the manager of the Amana Colonies Bakery next door. The family has moved to Amana.

In addition to making their own gourmet flavored popcorn, Amana Colonies Popcorn offers a variety of flavors of hand-scooped ice cream in cones and dishes, plus salt water taffy and sodas. They have lots of creative ideas for their popcorn with everything from "salt and vinegar popcorn" to "cotton candy popcorn" on the board. The salted, caramel pecan made my day, to be frank.

CPL Robinson purchased the shop last fall and has been weathering the COVID shutdown and a less than busy 2020 summer season. His Dad reported, "Yes this has been quite the year to start! But we're here, we're open and we are happy to be here . . . The people in Amana are amazing. I mean really amazing. I can't get over it."

The Robinsons have been welcomed by their neighbors and the merchants, Steve said, explaining that they have received help mowing their lawn, home made bread, visits from neighbors and good advice from fellow shop owners. "I can't say enough about how great everyone has been. . . With someone new coming to town, you just wouldn't think it may be, but people here are just really terrific."

Steve Robinson or "Robbie" as his army buddies call him should have been on that veteran's hayrack in Saturday's parade as he served 22 years with the Army and 3 with the Navy before retiring and leading security with a Bettendorf company. Right now he's thrilled to be helping his son and working with the public. "Oh, I'm enjoying myself!"

So here's a Salute to the Robinsons, a new family in Amana! If you have a sweet tooth head on in to say "hi" and have a cone or bag of "Loaded baked potato popcorn," or their "Dr. Pepper Popcorn." Tell them The Bulletin sent you.

Illegal to Use Fireworks after July 8

The Iowa County Sheriff Rob Rotter wants to remind all that on Thursday, July 9 it is illegal to discharge fireworks in Iowa without a permit.

While there are no Iowa County ordinances specific to fireworks, the State of Iowa allowed fireworks to be sold and used during a specific time period around the 4th of July and New Year's Eve. That time period ends July 9.

The State of Iowa (though some cities and counties are more restrictive) allows fireworks 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. June 1 through July 8 and Dec. 10 through Jan. 3. On July 4 the hours are extended until 11 p.m.

In Middle Amana complaints were received at the Iowa County Sheriff's department about loud fireworks being used around midnight near the center of the village. An Iowa County Deputy investigated these complaints, Sheriff Rotter said. In other parts of the county complaints increased as June progressed and Sheriff Rotter warned that those who use fireworks ought to be mindful of their neighbors and self-regulate to avoid future state legislation to stop the use of fireworks.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Last night I happened to watch the "America Experience" on IPBS. I got lucky because it was a new program dealing with the suffragette movement in the USA.

This will mark the 100th anniversary of the 20th Amendment when women finally got the right to vote in every state, in every election.

You know when you look back on history you will note that it says "all men are created equal..." Yet it was not until the 1860's that men of color received the right to vote, and then only in the northern states. It took a few more years it took a few more years for the Fourteenth Amendment to be passed allowing men from the southern rebellion states the right to vote.

That worked for a short time, in some places, but as soon as Reconstruction ended Jim Crow "laws" came into effect and a lot of men were denied their voting rights among other things. It would take the Civil Rights Act, signed by President Johnson, and lots of civil rights workers in 1963 to rectify that, but I regress.

I have often maintained that women hurt their own cause and so it was with the right to vote. It seems that many women did not want to vote.

If it was just out of habit or even church doctrine that taught that the man shall be the head of the house or men usually had the ability to get more education is anyone's guess.

You can imagine the cartoons of a woman who wanted the right to vote. They weren't pretty. Why, for example, is the card game called "old maid" instead of "old geezer?" After all there is not any difference between a woman who chooses not to marry then a man is there.

It seems that my former idolized president, Woodrow Wilson, was not only a segregationist, but was also against the woman's vote although he changed his mind, having three daughters might have helped. (Suffragettes would only support the war if he endorsed votes for women)

I had no idea the marches and the awful things men did to the women to "keep them in line."

I find it commendable how these women really did not fight back like some do today.

I happen to have been raised by a father who treated his wife not only as an equal, but also his daughters so we did not suffer the indignity of inequality until later in life. For that I am grateful, I just wish he would have told me that many people don't treat other people as equals, but as inferiors.

B.S.H.

OBITUARY

Evelyn Kleinmeyer, 78, of Amana, passed away Thursday, July 2, 2020, at Living Center Care West in Cedar Rapids. A private grave side service will be held at a later date.

Evelyn was born on September 19, 1941 in Iowa City to parents Ben and Mary Mouchka. She attended Oxford High School, and grew up in rural Johnson County. Evelyn met and married Donald "Bob" Kleinmeyer on February 17, 1958 in Fairfax. She worked at the Colony Inn, and Amana Refrigeration during her life. She enjoyed roller skating, playing the accordion during her younger years. Most importantly, she enjoyed spending time with her family. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include, her husband of 62 years, Donald, daughters, Kathy (Terry) Zimmerman, Tyera (Douglas) Hess, sons, Rick (Ruby) Kleinmeyer, Todd Kleinmeyer (Susan Hayes). A stepsister, Doris McCarty. Six granddaughters along with one great granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant son, and a brother.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Unity Point Hospice.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at iowacremation.com under Obituaries.

NOTICE OF PASSING

Lorraine Todd (85) of Louisville, Colorado, died June 30th, 2020 after a long battle with Alzheimer's. She was the daughter of Henry and Louise Leichsenring of Amana. Lorraine attended the Amana schools and graduated from the University of Iowa in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Survivors include her children Mark, Ann, Jon, and Matt and three grandchildren. Her brother, Gene, and sister, Lila, preceded her in death. Burial will take place in the Amana Cemetery in the summer of 2021 and will include a celebration of her life.

Amana Arts Guild OPEN IN JULY

Fridays 11-3 Saturday 10-4

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