

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Confession Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, March 19, 2023, starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Kristie Yoder presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Herr ich habe misgehandelt" No. 385 Seite 382

Testimony: BH Landmann, High Amana, November 20, 1864

Scripture: Joshua 7:19-26

Psalm: 32:1-7; 1 John 1: 5-9

Closing Hymn: "Ach Gott, wie manches Herzeleid" No. 09 Seite 07

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

Opening Hymn: "Lord to Thee I make Confession" No. 51

Closing Hymn: "Lord we confess our numerous faults" No. 232

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.

AMANA SOCIETY, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The Amana Society is pleased to announce that David Rettig, Mike Shoup, Dixie Trout, and Brad Zuber will be on the ballot for the 2023 Amana Society, Inc. Board of Director's election. The election will be held on Monday May 15th, 2023. Absentee ballots and candidate information will be mailed to each shareholder in mid-April.

PLEASE CLOSE ALL GATES

The Amana Society would like to remind everyone to CLOSE ALL GATES when entering and exiting a farm field. In some areas you may not be able to see that there are cattle in an area. That DOES NOT make it okay to leave it open – even for a short time. Failure to close gates may result in a loss of recreational user privileges and reduced access.

HERITAGE SOCIETY EASTER EGG HUNT

Please join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, 2023 beginning at 9am at the Amana Heritage Museum, 705 44th Ave, Amana! Space is limited and tickets need to be purchased in advance on amanaheritage.org. Please contact the museum with questions. 319-622-3567, or heritageprograms@southslope.net

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

I feel like Daylight Savings Time is wasted on me. Yesterday (Saturday) I called the Amana Meat Market to ask if they had Bockwurst and/or Amana dyed Easter eggs. They had both, even recognized my voice.

That would embarrass me even more after Charlemagne came home with the meat and eggs plus the "Bulletin." It seems all this information was in "News and Note," not to mention that I should have been aware of the food selections at the various restaurants such as potato pancakes, dumplings, and even dumplings with Bockwurst in it at the Amana Meat Market.

Yes, we sampled the food, all the while, mentally kicking ourselves for not reading the "Bulletin" sooner.

Our youngest son, Sam and Justin were here for the weekend and we had a better, more fulfilled weekend thanks to our late reading.

So please forgive us ladies at the meat market and Emilie who spends so much time letting the community know what is going on.

Over the years, I have discovered how people from outside the colony keep up with activities, obituaries, church services and ads. Our own family in Illinois, Arizona, Florida, and the Carolinas periodically call to ask about events which we, frankly, have ignored.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

RAGBRAI 50 is Coming Through our Town

The Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) will be passing through the Amana Colonies on Friday, July 28.

As the 50th RAGBRAI the Des Moines Register announced Sunday night the 30 communities chosen were among those that had successfully hosted RAGBRAI in past years.

From Belle Plaine to Marengo they will use Highway 212 then turn onto F15 Blvd. passing alongside West Amana then turning east onto Highway 220 riding through High Amana, Middle Amana and Lakeside and then turning north onto Highway 151 at the four-way stop in Amana. It takes Highway 151 across the Iowa River to Homestead and then down Highway 6 turning on the county road to access Oxford and from Oxford they will take county roads into Coralville and Iowa City for the Friday night overnight stop in Coralville/ Iowa City.

In a press release sent by the Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau, Monday, ACCVB executive director Stacey Colledge stated, "We're thrilled to host RAGBRAI riders with the Amana Colonies hospitality people have come to know over generations," said Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Stacey Colledge. "We welcome thousands of visitors each year who are looking for a different experience, a different story. What's a few thousand more?"

The release continued, "The main village of Amana will refresh riders with music, food, and of course, wine and beer. Festivities begin at 10:30 a.m. and carry on until 3 p.m. Bike parking, restrooms, and rest areas will be available at the Market barn, home to the annual Amana Colonies Wurst Festival. A beer garden with music and food will be set up at the Festhalle barn where the Amana Colonies' Oktoberfest is held each year. The beer garden and vendors throughout the seven villages are open to the public, whether they are riding or not. For safety concerns, automobile traffic will be redirected through Amana until after the riders are ushered onto their next destination."

The last day, Saturday, July 29 the route goes from Coralville east 66 miles to Davenport via West Liberty, Muscatine and Buffalo, Iowa.

Thursday, Day 5 from Des Moines to Tama-Toledo the 82 mile route has the greatest elevation change as it will take riders from Des Moines to Altoona, and via county roads to Colfax, Newton, Kellogg, Grinnell and finally into Tama-Toledo. Day 5 and Day 6 are the longest rides of the week at 82 miles each day.

As RAGBRAI regulars will tell you the Friday – Saturday days are often the best attended of the week as day trippers pick up the ride on Thursday or Friday so they can ride the on the weekend.

While the route has been announced as "final" it is subject to change due to road conditions or unforeseen circumstances. But as far as can be said this is the final route.

Take A Bite is Cancelled

The March 31- April, Take a Bite, three day food fest, has been cancelled. The Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau informed merchants last week.

Dana Jensen, colony events and social media manager, said in an email to ACCVB members, "After consulting the (ACCVB) Board, the 'three day food festival' March 31- April 2 is canceled. The World on Wheels food fair at Maifest will be rebranded as the Take A Bite Food Fair. Businesses who submitted events for Take A Bite weekend, will be highlighted on a special rack card for the weekend and promoted through the Amana Colonies Festivals social media pages. We will be announcing these changes to the public immediately."

Take a Bite was introduced in the spring of 2016. The first four years the event was felt to be a success as it promoted culinary workshops and wine and beer tasting, including workshops on how to bake New Year's pretzel and another on how to make homemade sauerkraut. These events were well attended. In 2020 and again in 2021 the event was cancelled due to COVID. In 2022 it returned but some of the activities during did not see strong turnout.

Amana Town Hall with Dr. Seymour

Clear Creek Amana School Superintendent will host an Amana community town hall meeting on Monday, March 27 at 6 p.m. at the Amana Performing Arts Center by the Amana RV Park. Everyone is welcome.

Dr. Seymour will give an update on the CCA's planned changes for the 2023-24 school year, plans for Amana Elementary, the high school athletic/ activity facility plan and more.

Town hall meetings will be held in Oxford on Tuesday, March 28; Tiffin on March 29 and North Liberty on March 30. See the CCA website for times/ locations of these meetings.

CCA Wins First Ever State Speech Award for Musical Theatre

The Clear Creek Amana High School won the top place banner for Musical Theatre at the Iowa All-State Speech competition in Des Moines last Saturday. This is the first time in CCA history that an CCA team has won top awards at the All State competition in musical theatre.

The team also won the "Critic's Choice" 2023 award for songs from "Come From Away." Performing were: Natalie Stewart, Charlotte Watson, Sydney Emmel, Audrey Bell, Brock Sherman, Andrew Cartier, James Cavanary. Coaches are Tracy Williams and Lily Schloss.

SERVICE COMPANY REQUEST

The Amana Society Service Company is asking our water customers for their assistance in responding to the EPA. We are required to take an inventory of all residential and commercial water service lines. We have a website link which allows you to enter the information needed and help you understand the reasons behind this request. Please go online and fill out/submit a survey for your house or business at <https://amanaservicecompany.com/water/water-survey/>

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THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who surprised me for my 90th birthday with all the lovely cards and greetings.

Also a special thank you to the Ox Yoke staff for the wonderful food and service they provided for our family celebration dinner.

It was all very much appreciated!

Sincerely,
Dorothy Ackermann

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This weekend made us turn the clocks ahead, however, your's truly suddenly was awakened to Charlemagne standing over her to tell her that everyone was awake and ready for lunch!

This would have been funny except it was not only true, but I have been having a reaction to some new medicine causing me to "almost" fall out of bed. (I am not making this up!)

Luckily, today Charlemagne was standing by the side that was outside of the bed so preventing me from rolling out bed and onto the floor. My left ear usually hits the floor before the rest of my body so far so good.

Anyway, I got up in my usual grumpy state only to find it was past 10:30. Needless to say, there was no beautiful table set with a fabulous centerpiece.

I obviously was not dressed in my best formal dining attire - in fact the bed wasn't even made.

Sometimes I wonder if my family is not embarrassed by me.

B.S.H.

Note-- Daylight saving time began during World War I. On April 30, 1916, Germany and Austria/Hungary implemented a one-hour clock shift as a way of conserving electricity needed for the war effort. The first towns to implement a seasonal time-shift were Port Arthur and Fort William, Canada in 1908. The idea dates back to 1895 based around energy conservation and a desire to match daylight hours to the times when most people are awake. Hawaii and Arizona ignore the time change, and farmers have always been against it.

MY AMANA EXPERIENCE

You may have noticed it's been a while since my last column.


To be honest, I wasn't sure when I started writing it whether people would be interested in or enjoy reading a column by someone who is so new to The Amanas' heritage and Amana Society Incorporated. What I discovered, however, is that it is indeed rather well-liked. So, during my winter hibernation, I took some time to really think about how to make this a longer-term journey I could invite readers to take with me. I consulted with Amana Society Incorporated, (thanks Laura Sue Woods and Julia Wolter-Kokesh, you're the best!), and I'm pleased to report that I'll have a column in The Amana Bulletin twice a month.

The focus will of course remain on Amana culture and history as well as the good people whose work really makes The Colonies extraordinary. There are so many more stories to tell and businesses to explore.


Next time look for more information about the RV Park. If you wonder what happens there during the off-season or what events are scheduled for this year, you will very soon wonder no more.

Until next time, all my best,
Amy Petta

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LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Amana Library is having an ongoing USED BOOK SALE in the periodical room: Mondays 8-3, Tuesdays 8-6, Wednesdays 8-12, Thursdays 8-6, Fridays 8-6, and Saturdays 9-12. There are tons of great books to choose from - cook books, gardening, romance, fiction, non-fiction, and kid's books. Great authors such as Patricia Cornwell, John Jakes, Nora Roberts, Danielle Steel, James Patterson and Debbie Macomber. There are a lot of Classic Vintage books & Romance books. We would like to THANK everyone who has donated books to our sale. If you have any books to donate, they may be dropped off during the above hours. If you have any questions, call 319-622-3192.

HELP WANTED

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**Amana Area Fellowship
Night of Worship**

Please join us for an evening of food, fellowship, song and a message from the Bible.

Thursday, March 16, 2023

Amana Performing Arts Center
Potluck 6:00-6:30 Music and Message 6:45

Continuing series: The Road to the Cross

March 16th – It Is Finished

April 13th – Easter Message

visit us at www.amanaareafellowship.org

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Comedy **"Marriage is Murder"** by Nick Hall

TKM Theatrical Productions proudly presents "Marriage is Murder" by Nick Hall, March 24 & 25 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday March 26 at 3:00 p.m. at the newly renovated Amana Performing Arts Center, 39 38th Ave, Amana, IA.

Marriage is Murder is presented thru special arrangement with Samuel French. Tickets are \$20. Contact deborahkennedy@live.com OR call 319-899-3799, OR cash at the door. (Reservations recommended).

ARTS GUILD CLASSES

Registration for Spring Courses offered through Grant Wood's Art Iowa program Is Now Open!

• **Painting Homes & Buildings in Watercolor**

Guest Artist Sharon Larson | April 15-16

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Guest Artist Jo Myers-Walker | April 22-23

Limited spaces. Continuing education credits available. For more information or to register, visit amanaartsguild.com/courses, or contact us at info@amanaartsguild.com.

QUILT AMANA

Join us at Price Creek Event Center April 14-16, 2023 for QUILT AMANA. Offerings include quilts for show & sale, vendors, guests artists, and exhibits. Demos include traditional Amana Quilting demo Quilts of Valor booth with Rita Moore, and Safe Haven of Iowa County animal rescue raffle quilt.

Weekend pass \$8.

ACLUD END OF MARCH HOURS

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Elly Hoehnle will be covering for me in my absence. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Richard Budde, ACLUD Administrator.



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