

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 Memorial Day Sunday Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, June 06, 2021, starting at 10:00 AM with Elder Alan Trumpold presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Father, Lead me Day by Day" No. 257

Testimony: J. F. Rock, Switzerland, June 23, 1741

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2: 11-13
Psalm 49

Closing Hymn: "Redeemed, Restored, Forgiveness" No. 229

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

Saturday Fellowship, meets 5:30 PM in Middle

AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance Additions June 14, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Homestead Church, Homestead, Iowa

The Amana Colonies Land Use District will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed additions to the ordinances on June 14, 2021, at the Homestead Church, at 7:00 p.m. Full text of the proposed ordinance additions is available at:

<https://aclud.org/next-bot-meeting/>

or at the Amana Colonies Land Use District Office during regular office hours.

I. Call Public Hearing to Order

II. Receive Public Input on proposed FY 2021-2022 Budget.

III. Adjourn.

LIBRARY NEWS!

The Amana Library is excited to share that we are OPEN again! Our summer hours are as follows:

-Monday: Noon-6

-Tuesday: 9-3

-Wednesday: 9-Noon

-Thursday: 9-3

-Friday: 9-Noon

Masks are welcomed but not required. We can't wait to see our patrons back in the library again. It's been WAY too long!

ICE POND INFO SOUGHT

RC Eichacker, in collaboration with the Amama Heritage Society and the Homestead Welfare Club, is working on the history of the Homestead Ice Pond. The three are putting out a call to any and all who may have information on the former historic body of water (pond) in the woods about a mile west of Homestead.

RC is interested in ANY type of documents of events at the surrounding forest and pond north of the railroad line. Many social events took place there over the years. Photos and movies, news articles and personal experiences that were documented are of great interest. He is also interested in interviewing persons who have memories of the place and activities held at the semi-private pond.

The pond was built in the summer and fall of 1924. It became a place for events, in addition to supplying block ice for area residences. Over the years it became a quiet place for picnics, fishing, community gatherings, scout camps, ice skating, reunions, parties of all types including local working parties to maintain the small lake.

Very little remains of the original pond that is why the story is important for the history of the area and community. Any materials or memories can be directed to RC at rc@southslope.net, call him at 622-3908 or better yet, share your info with an in person visit.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

New Uthoff Chiropractic Office Being Built

Stephanie and Brad Uthoff have broken ground on their new chiropractic office in Amana to be located just two doors north of their current offices in the village of Amana.

"As lessees in our current building at 609 39th Ave. Amana, we decided to take the leap to build just two lots down."

"Our new office will have an updated and functional floor plan with a larger, more comfortable waiting area. We will have two massage therapy suites and a small gym area to apply spinal functional movement exercise into patient treatment plans. We also offer other services along with Chiropractic care: digital full-spine X-rays, physiotherapies, cervical and lumbar decompression, deep tissue laser therapy and dry needling," reports Dr. Stephanie Uthoff.

She and her husband have been practicing in Amana about 8 and ½ years. They hope to add a third chiropractor. "We would like extend our team and bring on another chiropractor who shares the same philosophies and values as we do with patient care... We are excited to be staying in the Amana's to continue our passion for superior Chiropractic healthcare to all patients," She added.

The new office should be completed by the end of 2021.

COVID By the Numbers Now

As of June 1, 2021 the State of Iowa reported 246 new cases of COVID-19 in the state. That's Iowa's lowest per day, new case total since March 2020.

The state has counted 6,057 deaths in the state attributed to COVID-19 since the beginning of the outbreak. (This does not count deaths hastened by COVID but finally attributed to other diseases such as cancer or lung diseases.)

The data regarding the number of Iowans who were hospitalized due to COVID-19 is being collected but as a snapshot, during the most difficult months of the pandemic from November 1 through January 1, the number of Iowans in a hospital due to COVID-19 ranged from 600 to 1,510 persons per day. On the "worst day" 1,510 Iowans were in the hospital because of COVID-19. During much of December that number topped 800 persons each day. As of May 31, just 51 Iowans were hospitalized due to COVID-19.

In Iowa the 14 day average (the last 2 weeks of May) the positive test rate was 2.3% meaning just 2.3% percent of the COVID tests administered in the last 14 days was positive. During the last week of May just 2 percent were positive. So yes, COVID is still "out there" however the number of vaccinated individuals has increased dramatically in the last two months thus dramatically slowing the spread of the virus, according to the Center for Disease Control.

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THANK YOU

The family of Harry Heldt would like to Thank everyone for the kindness and prayers our family received during Dad's illness and at the time of his death.

Your cards, prayers, visits and memorials were much appreciated.

We also want to thank everyone for your thoughtfulness and prayers for our Mother at this difficult time.

May God bless this beautiful and caring community.

The family of Harry and Joan Heldt

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This Saturday, June 5 -
Serving from 7 - 11 a.m.
At the Middle Amana Fire Station
Donations Requested
Serving Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Hash Browns, Juice, Milk & Coffee



THANK YOU!

Cub Scout Pack 223 would like to thank the Amana Community Chest for the monetary support of our pack.

With this donation the Amana Community Chest is helping to provide learning and opportunity to the youth of our community. A big thank you to the Amana Community Chest for the donation and all that you do for our community.

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MILLSTREAM BIKE NITE

Get your bike out and ride with with the STAM-MTISCH RIDING GUILD! The plan is to meet every Tuesday night and ride a different route all summer long! Meet at the Brau Haus early for a beer and ride about 5:30pm.

ARTS GUILD COLONY ART CAMP

Our five day Summer Children's Colony Art Camp for ages 6-14, will be held July 26-30, and includes four classes from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. Students can enroll in all four classes for \$60 for the week or enroll in a single class for \$20 for the week. If you chose to send your child for the whole day you must send a sack lunch with them. A refrigerator will be available to use. Registration deadline is July 1, enrollment is limited.

- 9:00-10:20A.M. Inspired by Amana Folk Arts with Molly Kephart. Students will explore & create traditional Amana arts with a modern twist.
- 10:30-11:50 CLAY WORKS with Kristie Yoder. Students will have fun exploring various types of clay and finishes as you make several personal projects.
- 12:15-1:35 HAPPY FEET with Ruth Johnson. "All hands up to circle" through the fun and lively world of folk dancing! (Yes, dancing is an art form!) In addition to learning traditional dances, we will spend a portion of each day embellishing our dance bandanas with buttons and embroidery. By the end of the week we will have learned how to sew on a button and to move our happy feet in time to such dances as "The Virginia Reel".
- 1:45-3:00 OUTDOOR GAMES and ACTIVITIES with Margaret Trumpold. Children will enjoy the fresh air and learn fun games with their friends. Each day we will explore different outdoor activities. Jump rope, hopscotch, parachute, hula hoop and much more!

Return this form with fee to register

STUDENT(s) NAME(s), AGE(s): _____

ALL CLASSES _____ OR CLASS NAME _____

PARENT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

To register send this form with check to: Amana Arts Guild, P.O. Box 114, Amana, IA 52203. Registration deadline July 10. Enrollment is limited. For more information call the Amana Arts Guild at 319-622-3678 or email amanarts@southslope.net

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

As we walked through the cemetery in Homestead on memorial day R.C. Eichacker made the remark of how he remembered so many of the people buried in the parts of the cemeteries. I guess we all sort of echoed his sentiments and felt a tug at our hearts for these people We no longer saw on a daily basis.

Last week I said "love is eternal." It is because love of people goes on and on as long as you have the memory of them in your hearts. God's love on the other hand, is forever.

Meanwhile there are stories we all have that should be told and recorded. R.C. told me about John Eichacker (one of the four Amana men killed in WWII). That prompted more talk including the monument that used to stand in front of the old high school in Middle and how it was moved down to the library grounds.

It was then that Alan Trump old looked at me and asked if I remembered Gordon Wetjen who was killed in Vietnam.

The memories came flooding back and I remembered so many of my high school classmates were drafted and sent all over the world.

I looked at my Charlemagne who had been in the National Guard and did not have to go over seas, but then I saw my father's Art Miller's, Ed Fritsche's graves and the list goes on. I turned to Gaycia Clemens Neubauer and asked her if her father ever talked about being in Africa or Ed Fritsche being stranded in the South Pacific and she replied that they never talked about their experiences.

I know that I did not know my father was being trained to be a "frogman" until his gravestone went up.

One wonders if when these men and women came home, the chapter was closed. I often wonder how much of it bothered them to fight Germans whose language and customs they understood and now found to be their enemies.

Going home I start thinking about some of the things that my generation, the baby boomers, have gone through. We might not have gone through a dustbowl or world war, but we have gone through the Korean Police Action, Vietnam and now the longest conflict ever the Afghan War. We have weathered a few floods, two bad wind storms and a number of heat waves, not to mention climate change. We have seen polio eradicated, face masks and all the deaths. We have seen (literally) the twin towers blown up along with the Pentagon and the plane in Pennsylvania. We have seen the insurrection in Washington DC, two presidents impeached (one twice) and somehow lived through it. We have seen a man of color become President of the United States and a woman become Vice President. We have seen riots and people helping others. We have seen sports records being broken and people being punished for taking steroids.

We have lost our parents and become orphans, friends and wept from loneliness and had children that gave us joy and heartache, but most of all we have survived.

Perhaps our parent's generation was the "Greatest Generation," but we ARE and should record our memories so future generations will know our thoughts and dreams,

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tol and the State of Iowa's Covid website, coronavirus.gov.

Vaccines have provided a real, positive benefit, the CDC and local health officials agree. In Iowa 2,775,620 vaccine doses have been administered, the Iowa corona virus website reports. Over 1,251,000 have completed the two-dose vaccinations and over 111,490 have received the one-shot vaccine.

In the Amanas it is now easy to get a COVID vaccine. To do so you can call the Amana Pharmacy at 319-622-3341 or the Amana Family Practice Clinic at 319-622-3231 to set it up (there is no charge for the vaccines). You can also call the Iowa County Department of Health at 319-741-6422 for a vaccine appointment.

Rhubarb on the Menu

Saturday, June 5 colony restaurants, food purveyors and merchants are giving us all a taste of the pink stalked rhubarb as Amana merchants host a mini-rhubarb-fest.

Every restaurant and many shops will feature something rhubarb related. Check out the rhubarb crumble ice cream at the Amana Colonies Popcorn and Ice Cream Co in Amana, the pink lemonade fudge and pink vintage quilts. At the Amana General Store they will be sampling a rhubarb appetizer while Rusy Tractor will offer up rhubarb muffins and strawberry rhubarb pie. White Cross Cellars will be offering samples of their rhubarb strawberry sangria, while Millstream has something called a "strawberry rhubarb kotsch" you can sample. Of course ,the Ronneburg and the Ox Yoke Inn will have their famous pie in quantity for you!

One More Weekend for the Ren-Faire

Yes the lords and lassies of the Iowa Renaissance Festival and Gathering O Celts will be back in the Middle Amana park Sat. June 5 and Sun. June 6.

Last weekend proved pretty busy, so this weekend might be more of the same if the weather is fair. Fair or foul the ren-faire has plenty of entertainment on offer including the Brotherhood of Steel, William the puppeteer with his dragon Blackjack, the Fandazzi Fire Circus, the Guardians of the Black Forest and so many more acts. Plus this weekend only, Herr Karl and Company! The festival is open 10 – 6 p.m. No evening hours.

Charlie's Market is Back,
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The Amana Visitor Center is hiring a public restroom cleaner to begin asap. Cleaning takes 1 hour, 5 days a week: M,W,F, Sat, Sun. Times are flexible but days are not. Please email director@amanacolony.com or call 319-622-7624 for more information.

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