

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

Amana Church services are live streamed on FM 93.5 & Facebook. Limited in church attendance is offered, face masks are optional at the church for fully vaccinated people, and it is strongly encouraged for unvaccinated people to wear masks. In addition, singing will be allowed during church services. Social distancing is encouraged in the Saal.

The Regular Sunday Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, July 18, 2021, starting at 10:00 AM with Elder Mike Shoup presiding.

Opening Hymn: "O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry" No. 256

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock, Ronneburg, February 27, 1718

Scripture: Mark 3: 1-6 (Please read Mark 3 & 4 prior to service)

Psalm 126

Closing Hymn: "Sweet the Moments, Rich In Blessing" No. 265

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, July 21, 2021, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

## NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

The Amana Library added the following books to their catalog. Call 319-622-3192 to reserve or to hold a book.

*A Gambling Man* by David Baldacci

*The Mystery of Mrs Christie* by Marie Benedict

*Northern Spy* by Flynn Berry

*Dark Sky* by CJ Box; *Infinite* by Patricia Engel

*What's Mine and Yours* by Naima Coster

*Triple Chocolate Cheesecake Murder*

by Joanne Fluke *Sooley* by John Grisham

*Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

*Wife Upstairs* by Rachel Hawkins

*Dragonfly* by Leila Meacham

*Outlawed* by Anna North;

*21st Birthday, President's Daughter,* and

*Walk in my Combat Boots* by James Patterson

*Rose Code* by Kate Quinn

*Eternal* by Lisa Scottoline

*Great Circle* by Maggie Shipstead

*Good Company* by Cynthia Sweeney

## COLONY BAKED GOODS NEEDED FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

On Saturday, August 7th, the Amana Arts Guild will sponsor our annual Festival of the Arts. Please note: WE HAVE MOVED, the venue for the Festival is the Market Barn in Amana, 707-46th Ave. As always any pies, cakes, cookies, pastries and traditional desserts you can make for the food booth will be appreciated! Please bring your favorites to the Market Barn any time after 8:00 AM on August 7th. Thank you in advance for your donation! The Festival of the Arts is a major fund raiser for the Guild and all donations are greatly appreciated!

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

As a young girl I would often sit in Dr. Moeshel's waiting room listening to Dr. Clemen's dentist drill in the opposite office, the steady ticking of the crafts man style clock against the south wall and wondering when "Onkel Doctor" would open his door and see us and "reward" us for being brave with one stick of Juicy Fruit gum.

I would often stare at the long picture of the baseball players on the east wall and count off the numbers until I got to the one player I knew, Bill Zuber.

He sure didn't look like he did when the picture was taken, besides he was wearing a hat and

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Eco Park Phase 1 - Disc Golf Course

Plans for an Eco Park along Price Creek near the village of Amana are being developed with the first phase, the installation of a disc golf course, receiving grant funding from the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa.

The foundation awarded the disc golf project \$15,000 this summer for installation of the 18-hole course north of Amana between Highway 151 and the Amana Meat Shop, south of Price Creek. The pasture will be prepped for a public course to open later this year.

The Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau board of directors is the sponsoring group along with the Amana Society, Inc. (ASI) They will propose a zoning change to the Amana Colonies Land Use District board this summer, said retired ACCVB executive director David Rettig. Rettig retired last winter with Elise Heitmann coming on board as the new ACCVB Director. Rettig has been instrumental in the Eco Park planning and wrote the grant application for the CFNI grant award.

As he explained, the Eco Park is a phase by phase project that will take several years to complete as funding is acquired.

At this point many details need to be worked out, but tentative plans for the Eco Park include undisturbed meadow space, a small, outdoor garden theatre just northeast of the "Hospital barn" (northern most barn in the Festhalle complex) for outdoor performances, a "canopy walk" ropes fitness course, a picnic area and nature trail along the creek.

The Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau and ASI boards have enlisted help and input for this plan from Iowa Valley Resource Conservation and Development, the Amana Colonies Historic Sites Foundation and the Amana Heritage Society.

As Rettig explained, "The Eco Park is a joint effort between the ACCVB and ASI. This was started at the ACCVB as we were looking for something that could bring people to the Colonies, provide an activity for those people that are already here, and also develop something that would appeal to a younger market. Our discussions centered around things to do in the Colonies. We realized that the future of tourism is pointed at the concept of outdoor activities that would be ecologically friendly. Since the ACCVB has no budget for this type of thing and certainly no land we realized that other groups would need to be involved. At this point the project went from an idea at the ACCVB to a process of 'what should this actually look like.' We then involved the Iowa Valley RC & D, along with Laura Hoover from the Amana Historic Sites, several people from the ACCVB, Amana Heritage Society, and ASI. Some of these people are also involved with other groups in the Colonies like the Bike Trail etc. Laura Hoover arranged to have two professors from Iowa State University to meet with us for a half a day planning session. This was really a meeting to extract ideas from this group of local people on what we would like to see in a park. The ISU professors took this information and developed three basic plans. We then had another meeting to review the three plans and select the plan that best fit our needs. This was done and the plan was then adjusted to include our final desires."

Greg Luerkens, Amana Society, explained that the Amana Society has committed \$25,000 in initial funding. This will be added to the \$15,000 grant funding. Phase one is the creation of the

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disc golf course.

Luerkens said that they have contracted with the individual who planned the Wildcat Bluff disc golf course in Urbana, Iowa, to design the course.

As Rettig explained, "The actual framework of who will own the park is still being worked out but I'm guessing it will be a leased property to the ACCVB with ASI still owning the land. Greg Luerkens (ASI) is working on those details. Based on our research we expect to get donations from those playing the course. This is common among disc golfers and we should be able to raise enough money for any mowing or upkeep of the course. I would not expect the businesses or community residents to provide any funding for this part of the park. Based on the model it should be self sustaining. The other elements of the Eco Park will take some funding but we are set to go on the disc golf course."

When asked about funding should the donations not meet maintenance costs, Rettig posited that perhaps funds from merchant festivals could be used.

"Currently, this area is pasture. The Disc Golf Course will consist of small tee areas of some type of solid surface, signs that show the layout of each hole, and metal baskets at the end of each hole. These baskets can be removed if we would ever decide to turn this area back into pasture. This is as low of impact to the environment as there can be," Rettig reported.

What is disc golf? Players throw a disc (not a frisbee – it's smaller and a little heavier) at a target called a disc golf basket on a course with either nine or 18 holes. The winner is the person with the lowest number of total throws.

According to a May 13, 2021 article in the AARP newsletter, disc golf is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States for all age groups. Last year over 50 million rounds were played worldwide it reported via UDisc, a disc

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not the familiar white apron he always wore at his restaurant.

It brought back memories when, last week, PBS had a program on Ted Williams on.

My husband loves baseball and even if he is a National League fan (the Cubs) he watched the program with me only to tell me that Ted Williams and Bill Zuber played in the American League specifically for the Boston Red Sox.

Unlike Williams who played for Boston his entire career, Bill played for a few teams, notably for the Yankees where he once pitched a no-hitter and was called up in 1943 to pitch in a World Series game. Zuber's career lasted from 1936-1947 during which he played for Cleveland, the Washington Senators, Red Sox and Yankees.

In 1946 Zuber once again played in a World Series, this time with Boston, thus ending his career a year later having been in two World Series'.

Ted Williams was only in one World Series although he is in the Baseball Hall of Fame. In 1941 Williams' batting average was .401, something no one has done since.

Ted Williams is baseball's all time greatest hitter. Williams had a distinctive quality that even the umpires would acknowledge - his eye-sight was 20/10. He could judge where a ball was coming from so well that if an umpire called a strike on him and he said it wasn't the umpire would yield.

There is a rather ironic story here. Bill Zuber had a problem with erratic pitches (very fast, a little wild) so before Williams made it to the majors Bill accidentally hit Williams with a pitch and knocked him out. One night in the hospital and Williams was back on the field again.

Obviously the two men had a respect for one another because years later when Zuber's oldest grandson, Eric, was a toddler and Zuber was running his restaurant Williams came by for a visit and a photo shoot.

Personally what I remember about Bill was the way he would always have or make time to meet and greet all the patrons of the restaurant and answer endless baseball questions.

Looking back on what I remember of him I remember his humor, his handshake which was a real "bone crusher," but also a humbleness even though the community adored him.

For years and years the high school seniors would get free passes to see the White Sox or the Cubs play on their (the senior) class trip courtesy of Bill Zuber.

To me, that has been the only Major League game I ever saw. Luckily it was a Cubs game so Charlemagne is not disgusted with me.

B.S.H

P.S. Yes, I married a ball pitcher like Zuber, but he never made it to baseball world series. Instead he won the world series of my heart.

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**THANK YOU**

The family of Arlene Ehrmann would like to thank our many friends, family and neighbors for all the cards, memorials, and calls we received after her passing. We live in a truly wonderful community.

Also a special thanks to pastors Larry & Dianna Buswell for their support during this time.

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**100+ WHO CARE OF IOWA COUNTY**

The public is invited to 100+ Who Care of Iowa County's summer social giving event. The event will be held at the Nature Center at Lake Iowa Park on Wednesday, July 21st. Registration begins at 5:30, followed by a pulled pork dinner provided by Ben's Bear Creek BBQ.

Attendees will then vote on a local charitable cause to receive the evening's donations, with each voter committing to donate \$100 towards the winning charity. The dinner is complimentary, and you are invited to bring your own beverage.

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**BLOOD DRIVE**

The Amana Library will host an ImpactLife Blood Drive on Thursday, July 22 from 1:30 to 6:30. The drive will be held in the Amana Elementary Cafeteria, 220th Trail, Middle Amana.

All donors will earn a pullover jacket or a \$10 gift card, as a special summer THANK YOU! Potential donors must be at least 17, weigh more than 110 pounds, with a photo ID. APPOINTMENTS AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED. Walk-ins will not be accepted. To sign up, please call the Amana Library 319-622-3192.

**ARTS GUILD RAFFLE!**

The Amana Arts Guild annual raffle is a special one this year because of our new Gallery on Main. In celebration of our opening we are offering a \$250 shopping spree at the gallery as our raffle prize.

Tickets as always are \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5. Tickets are available at the new gallery, and will be available at the Festival of the Arts on August 7th at the Market Barn in Amana. The drawing will be held during the afternoon at the festival. (Need not be present to win)

Stop in at the Gallery on Main and get your entry in for this amazing offer and think about what wonderful piece of Amana art or craft would look great in your home.

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golf industry group. Why has it become popular? According AARP, because it is out of doors, has few rules, is easy to learn and play. It's especially easy for older adults who maybe can't make a long hike or take the knee stress associated with biking.

To quote the AARP article, "Disc golf is accessible, with free, walk-up-and-play courses usually found at public parks, schools and camps. Breweries and wineries are starting to get in on the action, too: The 18-hole Whale Rock Disc Golf Course in Templeton, California, for instance, is 'nestled near the tasting room facility' at Castoro Cellars Winery, according to its website. Disc golf also is inexpensive. A single disc, which is really all that's needed to begin, costs less than \$15. Starter kits with three or more discs — including a driver, mid-range and putter — typically range from \$25 to \$50."

**Three Men, Three Shattering Points of View  
Three Plays at Ackerman Winery**

Actor, director, writer, Tom Milligan has three, one-act plays that celebrate the life's work of three influential, inspiring individuals. All three shows can be seen — for free — this summer at Ackerman Winery in Amana. Yes, they are free so need to call for tickets, but seating is limited so go early or call ahead to Ackerman Winery, Amana, to reserve a seat. Here are the details.

**Saturday, July 17, 2 pm: CARTOONS & CONSERVATION: A Visit with Ding Darling**

In this hour-long show presented by Milligan, Jay N. "Ding" Darling visits with the audience from his 11th floor office at The Des Moines Register. Beginning with his early years in Sioux City, where he became aware of the natural world around him, as well as developing skills as an editorial cartoonist, he reflects upon his remarkable life journey. His story includes 2 Pulitzer Prizes and a remarkable career as a nationally known conservationist. From the introduction of The Duck Stamp to the creation of the National Wildlife Federation, Darling's influence was felt, not only through his cartoons, but through his actions as well. Considered by many to be one of the most influential members of the modern conservation movement in the first half of the 20th century, the impact of his work is still felt today.

**Saturday, July 24, 2 pm: AMERICAN DREAMER: The Life & Times of Henry A Wallace**

In this one act play based on the award-winning book of the same name by Senator John C. Culver and John Hyde, Milligan portrays Henry A Wallace, the agricultural innovator and founder of Pioneer Hi-Bred Seed Corn Company, who also became US Secretary of Agriculture, and later Vice President under Franklin Roosevelt. Admired by many and later branded as a Socialist during his controversial 1948 campaign for the presidency, Wallace always held out a vision for the future.

**Saturday, August 7, 2 pm: GRANT WOOD: Prairie Rebel**

Grant Wood chats with the audience in this 45 minute, one man show, as if talking to an old friend across the backyard fence, or maybe at his home at 5 Turner Alley in Cedar Rapids. He tells us about his life and how he changed the art world forever with his work. It is the man behind American Gothic that we hear and see, and the story of how he took the moments, the memories, and the people of our state, and showed the whole world the specialness of this place, Iowa. After the presentation, the audience is encouraged to ask questions about Grant Wood and his life. This presentation is part of the Amana Festival of the Arts day and the pop up art mart at Ackerman Winery.

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