

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, May 14, 2023, starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Kristie Yoder presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Folget mir, ruft uns das Leben" No. 281 Seite 272

Testimony: Ursula Meyer, Heidelberg, April 14, 1715

Scripture: John 21:1-17

Closing Hymn: "Mir nach, Spricht christus unser held" No. 708 Seite 707

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

Opening Hymn: "Follow Me the Saviour Cal-leth" No. 24

Closing Hymn: "Come Follow Me, the Saviour Spake" No. 61

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 FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly public meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

There is a program on PBS these days which is called, "My Grandparents' War." Just by luck I have seen two episodes and become totally nostalgic over them.

As you might guess it speaks about one family's grandparents and what they did during the second war.

The latest episode dealt with a young couple who were married and separated within a year. He was sent off to India and the Burma.

Often we hear of the war in Europe, but except for Pear Harbor and the atomic bomb little is said about the war in Africa and the Pacific.

I know my father was sent to the Filipino and that he lost his best-friend, John Eichacker, over there. I also know that there were quite a few men like William Leichsenring, Carl Moershel, Henry Hertel, and some others who belonged to what was called the, "CBI" (China, Burma, India) group which also included other counties and encountered some of the most horrendous fighting of the war including the "Death March."

Truthfully I know next to nothing about that war except that MacArthur was a commander and Harry Truman would eventually lock horns with him.

Watching the PBS program brought something rather startling into focus. It seems India, prior to the war, had been trying for independence and almost succeeded, but when the war came it joined with the United Kingdom against the Japanese. It would take decades for India to win its independence.

Truly the war in the east was bloody and ugly. The enlisted personnel seemed not to talk much about it which leads many of us to believe that many came home with PTSD.

I so would like to ask my father questions, but know that there were things not discussed in our family.

My mother always respected a lady from Amana whose husband was in some very fierce battles, but because of the communication being what it was she would not hear from her husband for weeks at a time yet she kept praying for his safety and believed he would return back to her safely. (He did!)

It has been a long time since that end of World War II and yet we still know so little about what happened and how people survived.

Personally I don't like reading books about battle, but this PBS program has made me wonder about so many things. I do want to know about the day to day lives of these people and how they could just keep going on after loosing homes. family, etc.

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Maifest Mighty Nice

The winds ceased and the sun shone, at least most of the time, for Amana's springtime celebration and a very good time was had by all.

Dancing, music, good food and fun made for an awesome start to our spring and summer season. "Saturday was huge! Sunday, was good. It was a terrific weekend. I was so glad the weather cooperated until Sunday late afternoon . . . I think the Maifest dancers were excellent. I'm always so impressed with how well these ladies perform and we are truly fortunate to have them as they add so much and we all enjoy them so much!," said one Amana village resident whose home is just steps from Main Street.

### High Winds and Hail Sunday

Emergency sirens went off in the Amanas about 4:15 p.m. or so Sunday, May 7 as a storm bringing hail, wind and lashing rain rolled over the Colonies. A second storm Sunday after midnight dumped more much-needed rain.

Hail the size of dimes, nickels and quarters plus a few random half-dollar sized hailstones pummeled the area. Roof damage and tree damage was reported in several villages, including West Amana, High Amana, Middle Amana and Amana.

The Amana Elementary School in Middle Amana had significant roof damage. Amana Principal Ben Macumber reported, "The rubber roof over the pool was stripped off and landed on the gym roof. The structure above the pool is concrete so there is not any damage we are aware of (to the interior). The rubber roof around the pool and gym does have some puncture holes. There were some sky lights above the pool locker rooms that were damaged. The gym does have some leaking. A window to our technology room (perhaps from flying debris) was shattered. Sadly the tree that was planted to memorialize Mackenzie Lown was split in two, along with some other trees out front that were destroyed."

"Maury Gallagher was here at the time the roof peeled off so he was able to contact our roofing contractor and our insurance company. Gary Reihman was here bright and early making sure the mess was cleaned up." Amana Elementary students helped pick up sticks on the playground.

### Sat. May 27 FunkDaddies Coming to Town

TKM Theatrical, Amana's theatre group, is bringing the hippest band around to our town, Saturday May 27 at the Amana Performing Arts Center, courtyard.

Food on site, ice cold beverages and cool music under the stars. Tickets are \$15. Use the ticket links on TKM Theatrical Productions Facebook Events Page, or email deborahkennedy@live.com or call 319-899-3799. Music starts at 7 p.m. Food and beverage service begins at 6 p.m.

FunkDaddies plays horn-driven soul, R&B and dance music in an exciting, original style. FunkDaddies brings its own irresistible, high-energy sound and first-class stage show to audiences everywhere. FunkDaddies has performed for thousands at the Midwest's premiere events, including Opening Act for The Beach Boys, 38 Special and Grand Funk Railroad, Iowa City Jazz Festival, Jazz Under the Stars, Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival, RAGBRAI, Coralville 4th Fest, and many Iowa events.

### The Seven Amana Colonies are a National Historic Landmark

Do You Benefit?

Did you know that all seven of the Amana Colonies are a National Historic Landmark?

The Amana Colonies received their designation from the US Department of the Interior in 1965. As a National Historic Landmark the Colonies are one of about 2,700 Landmarks in the United States and are overseen by the National Park Service: that includes park service oversight and marketing.

There are 27 National Historic Landmarks in Iowa: including Old Capitol in Iowa City; the Herbert Hoover birthplace in West Branch; Dodge House, Council Bluffs; the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake; and Blood Run Oneota and Dakota tribal heritage site on the Big Sioux River.

In the Amana Colonies all pre-1932 buildings (communal era structures), the Mill Race canal and landscape features of the 26,000 acre Amana attract are listed as contributing to the Amana's National Historic Landmark status. According to Jon Childers, Amana

Heritage Society Executive Director, there are over 400 communal-era structures in the Amana villages.

As stated on the National Park Service website: National Historic Landmarks are buildings, sites, districts, structures, and objects that have been determined by the Secretary of the Interior to be nationally significant in American history and culture. Many of the most renowned historic properties in the nation are Landmarks. Mount Vernon, Pearl Harbor, the Apollo Mission Control Center, Alcatraz, and Martin Luther King's Birthplace are Landmarks that illustrate important contributions to the nation's historical development.

Does being a National Historic Landmark affect our community? Yes, it does. In the mid 1980s, the Amana Colonies Land Use District was established by Iowa law to help maintain the historic character of our villages and protect the NHL status by regulating new development in and around the villages, stopping the use of over-large or inappropriate signs, curbing the loss of historic structures, curbing the construction of structures that do not fit in with the landscape and thus diminish the "look" of our villages by interfering with or diminishing neighboring structures.

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## Come Celebrate Mother's Day with us at the

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Enjoy a great selection of tasty meats, house made salads, fresh fruit, deserts, pastries & beverages.

Please call today as reservations are highly recommended.

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*We hope everyone enjoyed MaiFest 2023!  
We are proud to be a part of the  
Amana Colonies.*



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**ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS!**

## Madelyn Kussmann, PA

Madelyn Kussmann is a Physician Assistant at Colonies Family Medical Clinic. Madelyn provides care for the entire family - including routine well child checks, annual physicals, and assessing diagnosing and treating illnesses and injuries.

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In broad terms ACLUD is here to help us protect our community heritage and to protect each property owner's investment in his or her property.

The Amana Colonies Land Use code upholds historic preservation while recognizing that yes, there is a cost to property owners in maintaining a property. There are expenses related to owning any building however old it may be, but for owners of historic properties the upside is that they will see a higher than average return on their investment.

As reported on BobVila.com a historic property's value can be as much as 26 percent higher than other similar homes without the "historic" designation. Meaning that when you spend money on your historic Amana building by maintaining, enhancing or restoring its exterior, you can see a 26 percent higher return on that investment. Thus maintaining a historic home or property is worth the money. It pays to fix gutters, tuckpoint and repair.

The ACLUD guidelines and their resources help colony property owners spend dollars and time wisely, said former ACLUD president and current board member Bruce Trumpold. "It's expensive to maintain any house and we want to help our colony property owners."

"Yes, ACLUD has a permit process and it has information that can be really helpful to property owners. It can make it easier and less of a hassle. So before any of us start any work on our buildings, we need to check with ACLUD," he added.

For homes in a designated historic district, such as the Amana Colonies Land Use District, studies have shown real positive incentives for communities. From BobVila.com, "Studies in Texas, New York, and Pennsylvania corroborate the positive effect a historic district designation has on property values, with overall increases between 5 percent and 26 percent. The stability of property value appears to extend to owner tenure as well: There is a reportedly lower owner turnover within historic districts than in neighborhoods lacking that distinction."

The site continued, "Owning property within a historic district offers you the unique opportunity to interpret and share the history of your home, as a steward of a recognized contributor to our nation's past."

When you own an Amana historic building you own a part of history.

Amana benefits in key ways from the NHL designation.

"Having a National Historic Landmark status for our community means that it had a significant impact on American history. Not all communities can boast that status... All local cultural organizations, like the Amana Arts Guild, Amana Heritage Museum, ACLUD, ACCVB, and Historic Sites Foundation use the designation in our grant writing efforts which give us a huge advantage in funding important projects," said Jon Childers, Amana Heritage Society Executive Director.

For example, when the National Trust for Historic Preservation chose the Amana Church as one of just 15 "Sacred Spaces" projects in the United States, having that National Historic Landmark designation mattered a great deal. The National Fund for Sacred Spaces, a program in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation chose the Amana

Church and Middle Amana Kinderschule rehabilitation project from over a thousand submissions for help. That selection kick-started a major fund drive to restore and renew these buildings.

Other examples: the application for federal historic tax credits for the Hotel Millwright rehabilitation project helped make that project, a major milestone for Amana, possible. In the last two decades several huge colony projects benefitted including, the Amana Mainstreet project, the repair of the Mill Race canal and the Amana Kolonieweg, not to mention the restoration of the Festhalle and other sites in Amana.

On TripAdvisor, on travel blogs, in magazine feature stories, the fact that the Colonies is a NPL is front and center. All NHL are part of National Park Service marketing as well.

Childers agreed the NHL status gets the community noticed and is an economic driver. "Tourism in many areas is predicated on the history and culture of a region. The Amanas are the perfect example of this natural attraction created by a unique cultural setting combined with historic sites and hospitality to create the perfect place for visitors to enjoy a vacation and learn. . . . Without the NHL status, tourism would be a much more difficult industry to be in."

Can the National Historic Landmark designation be withdrawn? Yes, according to the National Park Service website, NHL status can be withdrawn by the Park Service if a site fails to meet the criteria, as in "The property has ceased to meet criteria for designation; the qualities for which it was originally designated have been lost or destroyed." This is what the NPS defines as "loss of integrity (through alteration, addition or demolition)" when the historic site loses or fails to maintain those physical aspects that tell its story and make it special to see.

#### Lost Wedding Ring

The Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau has received a report that a wedding ring was lost in the village of Amana, perhaps somewhere near the Ox Yoke Inn and the Ronneburg.

A reward is being offered. Please contact Stacey Colledge, ACCVB executive director, if you find a ring, at 319-622-7624.

#### SERVICES

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#### 100+ OF IOWA COUNTY -- SIMPLE CONCEPT, BIG IMPACT.

The public is invited to 100+ of Iowa County's May social giving event. The event will be held at Fireside Winery, 1755 P Avenue, Marengo on Friday, May 19, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy appetizers, drinks, live music and conversation. Members will learn about local charities and then vote on a charitable/worthy cause from the Iowa County area to receive the evening's donations. To join, you commit to giving \$150, two times per year for a total of \$300/year.

Our mission is simple: 100+ people who care, donating to causes that make an impact right here in Iowa County. Through Iowa County 100+ Who Care, we can bring like-minded individuals together with the same goal of making Iowa County a better place.

For more details, find us on Facebook or visit our website at <https://100plusiaco.com> or email [100plusiaco@gmail.com](mailto:100plusiaco@gmail.com).

#### FOR SALE

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#### FOR RENT

Walford & Amana. Upper 1 & 2 Bedroom. Lease 6 mo., references, deposit. 319-227-7465

**Amana Area Fellowship Night of Worship**

Please join us for an evening of food, fellowship, song and a message from the Bible. Thursday, May 11, 2023 Amana Performing Arts Center Potluck 6:00-6:30 Music and Message 6:45 New Series: Jesus' Letters to the 7 Churches- Book of Revelation  
Message: Letter to the Ephesians  
visit us at [www.amanaareafellowship.org](http://www.amanaareafellowship.org)

#### For Rent; The Homestead Welfare Club

**4215 V St Homestead** offers an exceptional 1100 square foot setting in our historic 1860 home for family reunions, social gatherings, or business meetings. It includes a mini kitchen, tables and chairs for 80+ persons plus a 1/2 acre private, beautifully shaded back yard perfect for outdoor activities. It includes picnic tables and small shelter. The cost is \$75 per day. An additional 500 square foot full-service kitchen is available for an additional \$25.  
**Call 319-622-3620 for details & scheduling**

#### ANNUAL PLANT SALES THIS WEEKEND

The Iowa County Master Gardener and the Safe Haven "Plants for Pets" Plant Sales are this weekend. The Safe Haven Sale will be held Thursday May 11, 12, & 13 at their facility, 2783 Hwy 6 South Amana Hours 10-6, Sat. 10-4. The Master Gardener sale will be held Friday, May 12, from 3:00-6:00 pm, and Saturday, May 13, from 9:00-noon, at Zentmire Hall at the Iowa County Fairgrounds in Marengo, selling locally grown vegetables, flowers, tree seedlings and rain barrels. Only cash and checks please.