

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, 11 June, 2023, starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Tony Berger presiding.

Opening Hymn: "O Gott, du frommer Gott" No. 780 vs 1-4 Seite 768

Testimony: Barbara Heinemann, April 11, 1820
Scripture: Luke 16:1-13
Psalm 19

Closing Hymn: "O Gott, du frommer Gott" No. 780 vs 5-8 Seite 769

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

Opening Hymn: "Every Morning Mercies New" No. 183

Closing Hymn: "May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfil" No. 206

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.

LILY LAKE CLEAN-UP THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to the great community of willing workers who volunteered last Saturday to clean up the Lily Lake shoreline. Another job well done!

Your cutting, weed-whacking, raking, loading and hauling greatly improved the Lily Lake visibility. What an amazing, hard and fast working team!

Great Job! Thank you!

Amana Area Fellowship
& the Amana Society, Inc.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Emilie Hoppe wrote a wonderful tribute about some of the men who served during WWII. She said she would finish it in her column "News & Notes," this week.

Meanwhile, I would like to add some of my own reflections about that awful time.

How terrible it must have been not knowing where they were or if they were alive or not.

People from the colonies had the added burden of having Germanic sounding names which made them suspect to others.

Harry Ackerman, for example, removed the second/last "n" from his name to make it more "American." Then there was Jack Zimpleman who was imprisoned (P.O.W.). One would think his name alone would make his captors suspicious, but he never let on that he was fluent in German. Somehow he escaped using that knowledge.

Otto Solbrig was wounded on the battlefield and had a gun aimed at his head. He remained "lifeless" hoping the enemy would think him dead. It worked and he eventually returned home.

Fred Oehl knew his letters were being censored so he developed a code for his future wife, Emilie, by using the first letter of where he was stationed as her middle name initial as he sent her a series of letters.

There is the story in the "Bulletin" of a man returning from the war, going into the woods to look for his father, finding him and his father being surprised and of course pleased to see his son, Ray Baumgartel, home for even a short time.

Then there are the war brides who would live in some rather deplorable housing while their husbands trained for combat. Erna Fels and Marietta Moershel would take on clerical jobs during those times.

In Erna's case her husband, Martin, went through training, but then the Army finally noticed something they should have spotted when he had his physical - he had flat feet. So after all that time and suffering he was released from service.

I often wonder how those German speaking women who married servicemen and left their home in Europe felt living here. It must have been lonely even though most of the colonist still spoke German.

I was doing research on the anniversary of D-Day many years ago and was horrified to learn that toward the end of the war the call went out for high schools and older men.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Amana Swimming Pool Closed until Further Notice

The wind and hail storm of Sunday, May 7 did quite a bit of damage that has since come to light, but ripping off a portion of the roof above Amana's public swimming pool at the Amana School has put a real damper on swimming lessons and pool time.

As Maury Gallagher, Clear Creek Amana School District buildings director reported, "Not only was the roof membrane and all its fastening material physically removed from the pool building, all of its anchoring system and much of the top 10 courses of exterior brick were torn off as well. The internal structural integrity of the pool area itself was not affected but a large amount of water and small debris did enter the space through joints in the precast ceiling structure. A temporary rubber membrane has been installed on the exterior of the roof which will keep water from entering into the building but does not help to insulate from the outside temperatures." From a memo sent to Principal Ben Macumber.

"As a result, we were required to shut down the pool until all the permanent repairs were made. We anticipate this being a lengthy process and have been working diligently with our insurance, engineers and contractors to keep this process moving forward as quickly as possible...We established this time frame several weeks ago prior to getting tentative schedules from contractors and suppliers. The replacement brick requires a longer lead time than the roof membrane. Unfortunately, the brick must be installed prior to moving on to the next step. I don't have an updated schedule at this point but will know more in the upcoming week or so."

The pool will remain closed until further notice. Water has been drained from the swimming pool.

APAC Theatre

"Squatters on Red Earth"

A free performance of "Squatters on the Red Earth" by award winning author Mary Swander with guidance by members of the Meskwaki Settlement will be presented on Friday, June 9 at the Amana Arts Center in Amana at 8 p.m.

"Squatters on Red Earth" explores a core story revolving around a peaceful encounter between the Meskwakis and the Amana Inspirationists. With input from local historian Peter Hoehnle, this is a fair telling. By 1855, the Inspirationists had settled the Amana Colonies on what had been Meskwaki land. The Meskwakis, forced to move to a reservation in Kansas, longed to return to Iowa. The state agreed to the purchase, and the Inspirationists helped the Meskwakis buy back some of their own land. Once resettled, the Meskwakis canoed down the Iowa River to trade with the Inspirationists in their communal kitchens. The two groups, both grounded in their own spiritual traditions and a desire to be removed from the outside world, co-existed peacefully together. They exchanged languages, enjoyed trading food, bead work and blankets. Every year the Meskwakis returned to harvest the lotuses, or water potatoes, that they had planted years before in a wetland that eventually became The Lily Lake.

"Squatters on Red Earth" will resonate with those who have desired a more comprehensive history of the United States. What civilizations, ecological and agricultural systems were in place before the white settlers arrived? And how do they compare to our present systems? What forces pushed the settlers from their European homelands, and in turn, pushed the Indigenous people off of their land? How did two communal groups hidden in the middle of Iowa become an example of peace and cooperation for the rest of the country? This drama is enacted through the use of a crankie, a medieval puppetry device, designed and built by Shelley Buffalo (Meskwaki Settlement.) Shadow puppets were made by Monica Leo of Eulenspiegel Puppets (West Liberty, IA)

The music was composed and sung by Laura Hudson Kitrell of Iowa City; costumes designed and made by Michele Payne Hinz of Cedar Rapids and members of the Meskwaki Settlement. Brant Bollman from William Penn University directs. Rip Russell of Iowa City stars in the show with members of the Meskwaki Settlement School Youth Theatre Group. Historians Peter Hoehnle, Amana, and Jonathan and Suzanne Buffalo of the Meskwaki Settlement served as con-

sultants and will be involved in the talk-backs after the shows.

This performance is free and open to the public. Tickets—first come, first serve—at the door. The play runs 1 hour with a talk-back discussion afterwards. Two more performances will be held at the Wieting Theatre in Toledo, on June 10 at 2 and 7 p.m.

Rain Needed But Steps Taken to Help Lily Lake

The Lily Lake has suffered in this drought with water levels dropping so much it appears to be a mud flat, but steps have been taken to raise the water level in the Lake.

The Lily Lake takes in water from field tiles and a spring to the north and water entering the lake from the canal on the south. In recent years with enough rain there was little need to keep the level of the Mill Race canal high enough to feed the Lily Lake.

Bruce Trumpold, Amana Colonies Historic Sites Foundation board member, noted that this week the Sites Foundation which owns the Mill Race levee system, its intake and over-flow structures, made the decision to raise the level of the canal to help fill the lake. They do this by partially closing the gates at the hydroplant by the Woolen Mill Hotel Millwright. The canal level is now high enough to flow into the lake and by Tuesday afternoon we could see the Lily water level rising.

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Leonard Rettig was all packed and ready to leave when the call came that he need not report. There were people like Hal Wendler, Clifford Trumpold, etc., who finished high school while in the service or when they came home.

As a mother and a wife I think Memorial Day should also be dedicated to those women who waited, prayed, and had hope their loved one would return home well as they did whatever they could to support the war effort.

Coming home would only be the beginning of starting a new life, It wasn't going to be easy after living a life or terror.

B.S.H.

Charlie's Saturday Morning Market
Plants, Produce, Cookies
10:00 A.M. - Noon


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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, June 8, 2023 - **Amana Performing Arts Center**
 Potluck 6:00-6:30; Music and Message 6:45
 visit us at www.amanaareafellowship.org

GARAGE SALE

HUGE Garage Sale Father's Day weekend! 2603 K Street Middle Amana Friday, June 16, 8-5 Saturday, June 17, 8-4. 50 CENT SALE on BOYS CLOTHING from our 7 boys random sizes from NB- teen size. MANY items \$1-\$2 LOTS of: good Junk, Antiques, Linens, Crafts, Decor, Wedding, Furniture, Toys Garden Books, Jewelry, Home school Curriculum

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The downside to this, Trumpold explained, is that higher levels put pressure on the earthen canal levees. Some stretches of the levee are weakened by the burrowing of muskrats and other animals. So the hope is that the levees "will hold," even with the pressure of higher water levels. If a portion of the levee appears to be weakening then that's an "additional issue to deal with," Trumpold noted.

The need for rain is pressing, so community prayers for rainfall in good measure are essential now.

In Honor of Our Veterans -- 2nd of 4 excerpts from a 2013 Willkommen feature on Amana's WW2 Soldiers By Emilie Hoppe

This excerpt picks up where part 1 left off last week. News of the boys in service and letters from them were reprinted in the Amana Society Bulletin. At first the news was cheerful and the tone excited, as the young men, few of whom had ever traveled farther than Dubuque, wrote home describing new sights from the murky shadows of a Louisiana swamp to the glitzy glamour of Hollywood and Vine.

Harry Leonhardt, who would earn the Silver Star serving as a tank commander in Patton's 3rd Army, wrote from his training camp in California that he had received "32 Christmas cards and some packages" from colony well-wishers and had seen a bevy of starlets and celebrities while at the Variety Club in Hollywood.

Clifford Trumpold recalls that many of the "Kolonie boys" were worried about how they, with their German names and German accents, would be received by their comrades in arms. He told this story in a 1994 issue of Willkommen, "With names like Leonhardt, Baumgartel, Unkel, Hess, Oehl, Schuerer you can't hide your German heritage. Happily, outside of some lusty, good-natured ribbing nobody ever questioned the Amana boys' loyalty. On a personal note, my apprehension disappeared quickly when my Company stood for inspection after arriving in Navy boot camp; as the commander slowly walked down the uneven formation, each man sang out his last name: Young, Weismann, Vogel, Ulrich, Trumpold, Sondermanne... At this point the Commander stopped and in faked indignation loudly asked, 'Wait a minute! Is this the German navy?' His own name was Walter Lauterbach."

The Amana boys had reason to worry. In World War I a couple of ignorant lowans wrote scathing editorials and so-called "reports" in Iowa newspapers calling into question the Amana Colonies' loyalty...

Worried that this war would spark another round of prejudice, leaders of the Amana community held a community meeting in Amana early in 1941. Clifford Trumpold described it, "concern was voiced regarding Amana's seemingly precarious position as a German ethnic community and the danger of uninformed and hasty statements by Amana citizens leading 'outsiders' to judge Amana as un-American." Residents were urged not to speak German when away from Amana.

The Amana Society went on the offensive welcoming reporters to write about the community's wartime efforts. Though a 1941 Des Moines Register article written in a provocative style accused the Amana Society of realizing \$130,000 profit on just one military contract for army woolen suiting, most of the war-time press about Amana was highly positive.

A very lengthy, Des Moines Register article was headlined, "Peace loving Amanas Make Army Cloths. Speak German, Dislike Nazis." The third paragraph in bold type read: "Today they still speak German in their homes...but they abhor Nazism, just as their forebears abhorred its counterpart a century ago." Articles in the Register, the Cedar Rapids Gazette and other regional publications discussed the efficient production of the portable, room-sized, walk-in Amana coolers, the 'deliver before they are due' mind-set of the plant workers. . ."

The Amana Society Refrigeration Plant received the Army-Navy "E" four times for production efficiency and high quality and the Treasury "T" flag for bond sales. Both the refrigeration and the woolen mill added second and third shifts to pump out product, while farm production was greatly expanded. For example, the number of hogs raised in Amana grew 70 percent during World War II and hundreds of acres of meadow or brush land were cleared and brought into crop production. The Amana Society invested in new mill buildings, new tractors and new textile mill machinery. All this was done with fewer workers.

Manpower was a real concern. Able retirees were urged to return to work. Competitive wages were paid to attract workers from neighboring towns and the Society offered these new workers the same benefits

Amana corporation members enjoyed, free dental and medical care, and discounts on general store purchases. When more housing was needed, Amana residents rented their spare rooms to the "outside" workers. (Next week -- women in the war effort)

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RAGBRAI NEWS

RAGBRAI organizers are conducting a pre-ride assessment across the state from June 3rd to June 10th. The organizers, and others, will be riding the route to inspect possible problem areas. The group will be passing through the Colonies between 1:30 and 2:30 on June 9th.

Please show your support of the riders and the organizers. More information is available at the Amana Colonies Visitor Center at 319-622-7622.

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AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD)
Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and Tentative Agenda, 12 June, 2023 - 7:00 pm ACLUD office - 4304 220th Trail Amana And via ZOOM link

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Set Agenda
- III. Review/Approve May 16, 2023 BOT Meeting Minutes.
- IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda.
- V. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in both non-historic and Historic Preservation Zoning Districts:
 - a. 2023-052. Tyler Stockman and Allison Momany / 2618 J St Middle Amana / HP-R / North and south porches.
 - b. 2023-024. Amana Society Inc. - Creative Colony / 4530 220th Trail Amana/ HP-C / Replace one 39" high by 72" long casement window with two 6/6 double hung vinyl with mullion between.
 - c. 2023-048. MGTD Group - Gary Wolter / 4465 V St Homestead / I-2 / Finish adding steel siding to west end of storage building. Repair existing wood frame windows.
 - d. 2023-051. Tim and Kimberly Riggie / 3214 220th Trail Middle Amana / R-1 / Add 4 season porch and wooden deck onto back of house, over existing stone patio w/blue siding matching house siding. Four 5' x 6' windows on south side of porch. Deck constructed from laminate wood.
 - e. 2023S-049. ACCVB / Intersection of Highways 6 and 151 / ACCVB requests BOT input on replacement billboard for one that windstorm blew down.
 - f. 2023-032. Les and Linda Ackerman / 207 220th Trail South Amana / HP-R / Replace five windows with 9/6 vinyl. Replace deck with concrete pad of same size.
 - g. 2023-033. Harry and Laura Holmes / 2704 220th Trail Middle Amana/ HP-R / Property has been used as a rooming house since at least spring of 2021 w/o having change of use approval.
 - h. 2023-036. Cody Massey / 5213 C St East Amana / HP-R / 1950s-built house on a HP-R lot. 11 new 32" x 60" windows on first floor. New vinyl siding in dark green. Remove concrete steps on south entrance and build a 12' x 16' pressure treated wood deck.
 - i. 2023-053. Ryan Spratt / 4335 V St Homestead / R-1 Construct a new home. Metal roof. & siding. w/wood and brick-work features. Front and rear porch.
- VI. Other Business.
 - a. Discussion/Action: The ACCVB is researching the potential of adding a "rustic looking" playground to one of three locations that ASI is willing to provide. ACCVB would like the BOT to review the concept, review the three locations and discuss whether rezoning a location would be necessary.
 - b. Discussion/Action: Review of any suggested changes to first draft of ordinance and application form development for Short-Term Rental Program and next steps.
 - c. Discussion/Action: Veenstra & Kimm bill.
 - d. Discussion/Action: Review the current document "Actions Not Requiring a Certificate of Approval".
- VII. Review/Approve June Disbursements Report.
- VIII. Review/Approve May Treasurer's Report.
- IX. President's Report.
- X. Administrator's Report.
- XI. Adjourn.