

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

Due to increasing Covid cases among members, masks are requested but not required in all Amana Church Society buildings for the fully vaccinated, all others are humbly asked to wear a mask.

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, July 31, 2022, starting 8:30 A.M. with Kristie Yoder presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Es ist gewisslich an der Zeit" No.266 Seite 260

Testimony: JF Rock, Rolle Switzerland, Jan 2, 1720

Scripture: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43  
Psalm: 140

Closing Hymn: "Jesus, komm doch Selbst zu Mir" No. 526 Seite 524

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

Opening Hymn: "The day is surely drawing near" No. 23

Closing Hymn: "Jesus Savior Come to Me" No. 5

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.

## NOTICE

The Amana Library will be CLOSED on Friday, July 29 due to carpet cleaning. We will be open on Saturday, July 30 from 9:00am - noon. Sorry for any inconvenience!

## AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 01, 2022 in the Amana Sanitary lift station.

## SWIMMING POOL NEWS

The last day for Wednesday afternoon swimming will be August 17. On the 24th we will revert to Wednesdays 7-9pm.

Open Swims: Sunday 1-3pm, Wednesday 7-9pm, Friday 7-9pm

Aerobics: Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm  
Lap Swims: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 6-7:30am

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

A long time ago Mrs. Ruff (our high school English teacher - later the librarian) gave us a writing assignment that has me puzzled to this day.

The assignment was to write an autobiography. Now at age 17 there are not many great accomplishments one has done. Certainly none of us had won any great elected office, the Nobel Prize, Academic Award, Olympic Gold medal or even come close to achieving something prestigious such as graduating.

So what was important to a teenager in the 1960's (beyond the Beatles or Elvis)?

For one thing many of us were hoping and planning to graduate high school, but few of us really had any idea what direction we should head in, especially those of us thinking of college. Those were the days when girls still thought that teaching or nursing were the only options available. Gloria Steinem and the women's movement had just begun and we were not really aware of all the avenues available to us as females.

The boys were worried about Vietnam and the draft. One could still avoid the draft by going to college and hoping the conflict would end by the time you graduated or you could get married.

There would be some in our class who would choose to be conscientious objectors saying that the Amana Church was based on not bearing arms. They would go into the armed forces as CO's and become medics, work in hospitals, or civilian programs for the required two years (dur.

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Auto and Boat Theft in Boys Town, Amana

Monday, July 18 the Iowa County Sheriff's department received a report from 4420 H Street in the village of Amana of the theft of a gray, 2017 Dodge Ram pickup truck. Hitched to the truck was a trailer with a 1985 Lowe fishing boat. Both were parked in the driveway of the Amana Boystown neighborhood home, reported Sheriff Rob Rotter.

The theft occurred sometime Sunday night. The truck cab contained fishing equipment and an Apple i-pad.

On the 19th the Johnson County Sheriff reported that the missing pickup, boat and trailer were located in the ditch on Amana road near Highway 965. Later, a citizen reported to Johnson County that they had noticed the truck in the ditch on the night of July 18th.

When recovered, the truck, trailer and boat were heavily damaged and much of the property from the truck and boat was missing.

The Iowa County Sheriff is asking anyone with business or home security cameras to please check the footage to see if there are images of the gray Dodge truck/ trailer leaving the area or any other findings.

The Sheriff reminds all residents to lock and remove car keys from vehicles - even those parked in your driveway - and to keep doors to garages and all buildings locked at all times.

### Summertime Stress

Saturday's 95 degree temps certainly appeared to chill the visitor count at the Amana Garden Walk and other activities in town Saturday, but crowds were good at Friday evening and Sunday events.

"We had only 19 visitors and another garden in South had just over 23," said one garden walk homeowner about the event on Saturday that normally attracts anywhere from 50 to 100 visitors. "Heat was definitely a factor!"

Heat does impact tourism that's for certain. "Yes, that and high gas prices," said one downtown Amana merchant.

But they aren't complaining. "Honestly, despite the gas prices we've had a pretty ok summer. Weekends have been very good, midweek less so, but not bad really," he told us. "I can't complain. What's really been hard is the lack of help. We are having a very hard time finding employees."

There are "help wanted" notices the doors and websites of lots of Amana businesses including all the restaurants. We asked several business people in the area about why they felt there is a local labor shortage and here are the replies we received.

"During Covid we lost a few of our good, retired, part-time employees - people we could count on - and now some have just not come back. We don't see as many high school students as we once did from the surrounding area. Maybe because they have more options for work closer to their homes? Or maybe they aren't working at as a young an age as we did? I don't know why but we don't see as many high school or even college age kids as we used to," said a food service manager.

"There are more options for jobs around here then there once were that's for sure. I think the competition for workers is really tough and I can't offer the higher wages because I just can't afford to. I'm just working a lot more hours myself," said one merchant.

"People don't want to work? I don't want to think that, but I'm wondering!" said another business owner.

"I think people have a lot more options for jobs around here. Think of how much has opened in Coralville, Tiffin, Fairfax, Walford, west side of Cedar Rapids in the last five years," said another.

## Back to School Around the Corner

Wednesday Aug. 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. it's Back to School night at the Amana Elementary School. The first day of school is Tuesday, August 23. The first two days of school will be "early outs" as everyone gets acclimated.

More Back to School Open Houses at CCA

- Thursday, Aug. 18 6th Open House. 6th graders may come in and check out the Middle School in Tiffin from 9 - 11 a.m.

- Thursday, Aug. 18 9th graders Open House at Tiffin High School 9 - 11 a.m.

- Thursday, Aug. 18 7th and 8th Graders Open House, Middle School 1 - 6 p.m.

- CCA High School New Parent Meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18 at the High School.

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## Help promote the Amana Colonies at the Iowa State Fair!

The Visitor Center is in need of volunteers to work the Amana Colonies booth at the Varied Industries Building during the Iowa State Fair. We have shifts from 9am-3pm and 2pm-8pm. All volunteers will get free admission & parking passes to the fair.

For more info please email [events@amanacolony.com](mailto:events@amanacolony.com)

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## Charlie's Market

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ing WWII this included parachuting into forest fires or being human guinea pigs).

We would ponder the paper long and hard. Mrs. Ruff's original plan was to show us the difference between an autobiography and a biography, but it went way beyond that. It made us "think" about what we had done and where we might be headed.

I sure wish we could look back at our papers and see if we fulfilled any of our goals.

I do not know that Mrs. Ruff must have secretly chuckled at some of them and thought how foolish we were. She was kind enough not to laugh at us and our blunders (which were many) and for that I will always be grateful.

I remember my autobiography very well (especially the title) and would truly like to go and talk to her about the paper.

Yes, I did go and graduate from college, but then things changed and instead of becoming a teacher I became a librarian and story teller. I also got very involved in the woman's movement and embraced many causes that would have made my mother proud.

Although I was sure I would never marry I met a man to whom I became engaged to in less than three weeks and have been married to almost fifty years - not because of my kindness and understanding, but because he is a remarkable man.

Together we have raised two sons who have made us proud not because they are learned, but because they are compassionate people who care for others.

So I am bragging, but if I had to rewrite my paper I would say - "I did not win high awards or honors, but I did do some things that are not always right, but I tried."

People have told me that I will have memories of my sister. I do! I've tried to write some down for her husband, Glen and daughter, Anne Marie, but I have to stop now, for awhile.

I thought losing our parents would be the worst, but I survived. A few years ago three very close friends died in three years - all around August.

That hurt badly, but when my beloved Charlie had a heart attack and two of his friends passed I thought God had left me.

He hadn't! He brought me our granddaughter, Rose, who loves unconditionally. He also showed me some very special friends.

Truly when I say "I love you" I mean it.

I need to stop for awhile and take a breath. I'll keep writing, but please know that right now I'm sort of "fragile."

B.S.H.

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**For Rent** in Middle Amana. One Bedroom Apartment. Just remodeled. Laundry and water furnished. No pets, no smoking. One year lease references and background check required. Call 319 360 8875 for application.

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**ACLUD BOARD VACANCY**

The Amana Colonies Land Use District Board of Trustees has an opening for a new member. If you or someone you know might have an interest in giving back to the community by becoming a Board of Trustees member, please contact Administrator Richard Budde. Administrator mailing address is P.O. Box 66 Amana IA 52203 or e-mail [aclud@southslope.net](mailto:aclud@southslope.net). Thank you for your consideration.

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**Coming Up on the August Calendar in Amana**

There is a lot going in August in the Colonies. Here's what we know about:

Thursdays Live at Electric Thread – Every Thursday 5 – 8 p.m. at Hotel Millwright. Live music

• Fridays at Millstream Brau Haus – Every Friday at the Brau Haus, Amana, 6 – 9 p.m.

• Saturday Afternoons live at Electric Thread – Every Saturday 3 to 6 p.m. at Hotel Millwright.

• Saturdays at Millstream Brewing Co. – Every Saturday 6 – 9 at the Brewery in Amana featuring this month, Hot Rod Lincoln (Aug. 27) the Retrokits (Aug. 20) The Airwaves (Aug. 19 and Brass Pear (August 6).

• Wine and Food Pairings Workshops – Saturday August 6 and August 20 at White Cross

• Baseball at Field of Dream Watch it Live at Hotel Millwright - Thursday, August. 11 Live stream of the Field of Dreams baseball game. Game starts at 6:15, ballpark food, drinks and more starts at 5:30 p.m.

• Bluegrass Under the Summer Sky Market and Fun – Friday August 12 and August 19, Amana Performing Arts Center. Farmer's Market, swap meet, Bluegrass music, food and beverages. Market opens at 4. Food at 5 p.m. and Music starts at 6 p.m.

• Hotel Millwright Outdoor Movie Night – "Field of Dream" – Friday August 12, 7 p.m. at Hotel Millwright courtyard.

• Communal Meals at the Communal Kitchen – Friday August 12 and Saturday, August 27.

• Amana Arts Guild Summer Festival of the Arts – August 13 at the Market barn 10 – 5p .m. with a 3 p.m. special presentation. Food truck foods! And all your favorites too. Our 45th year with over 30 artists.

• "Grant Wood Prairie Rebel" theatre – August 13, 2 p.m. at Ackerman Winery

• BRIC Bike Ride Iowa County – August 13 starts and stops in Amana, 28 mile through Iowa County. Maps at Amana Visitor Center.

• Bingo at the Brau Haus – Thursday, August 18, Bingo nite at the Millstream Brau Haus

• Hawk A Model A Day – Saturday, August 20 in Amana.

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**AMANA HERITAGE SOCIETY – ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER & SILENT AUCTION**

The Amana Heritage Society will host its annual Fall Harvest Dinner on Friday, September 9th, 2022 at the Price Creek Event Center with doors opening at 5:30. This Harvest Dinner raises much-needed funds to help support the Amana Heritage Society and its mission to share Amana's special heritage and culture. We use our collections to interpret the Amana Heritage Museum, the Communal Kitchen & Cooper Shop Museum, now including the Residential Home Museum and Print Shop & Book Bindery, the High Amana General Store, and the Homestead Church. In the past several years, we've undertaken some hefty projects. Upcoming plans will be announced at the Harvest Dinner!

The dinner will take place at Price Creek Event Center, 4709 220th Trail, Amana. Doors open at 5:30pm, dinner at 7:00pm. Winners of the drawings and silent auction announced following dinner.

Raffle Ticket (includes two dinners and one chance to win the raffle) is \$100. Dinner Tickets (without a raffle ticket) are \$35 each

Tickets are available online at [amanaheritage.org](http://amanaheritage.org) or by calling the Amana Heritage Museum at 319-622-3567.

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**MY AMANA SOCIETY EXPERIENCE**

We had some excitement at the Amana Woolen Mill last week that I want to share with you.

A television program called "John McGivern's Main Streets" came to visit us at Warped and Woven and the Amana Woolen Mill to film a segment for their upcoming season.

If Mr. McGivern's name sounds familiar, you may have heard of his previous show "Around the Corner with John McGivern", which ran on PBS for nine seasons. It explored communities in Wisconsin and was produced by Milwaukee PBS station WMVS. John McGivern earned five local Emmys for his work on the show.

Mr. McGivern, his producer, and camera and sound crew are traveling and filming his new show, "John McGivern's Main Streets", expanding their scope to cover six states – Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, and of course Iowa. You can find the show on Fox 28 Sunday mornings at 10:30.

The host and crew arrived at the Amana Woolen Mill Thursday afternoon after visiting Warped and Woven, and wasted no time shooting footage of the looms, the creel, and the sewing stations. Mr. McGivern interviewed Shawn Brandt, Loom Technician, to understand how the looms run and how they're maintained. They next talked with Suzanne Beltz about how the creel works and got some great footage of her making a warp. Between demonstrating the different equipment, Mr. McGivern asked Shawn and Suzanne about their backgrounds and how they came to work at the Amana Woolen Mill. Last, it was time for me to show how to hem and label a blanket. I was a bit nervous and I'm fairly certain my hands were shaking just a little but that's showbiz! Pure adrenaline.

The Amana episode of "John McGivern's Main Streets" is due to air sometime in October. When the final date is known, you will find it here.

Until next time, all my best,  
Amy Petta

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