

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, March 05, 2023, starting 8:30 A.M. Sw. Andrea Haldy with presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Gelobet seist Du, Jesu Christ" No. 316 Seite 310

Testimony: Excerpts Johann Adam Gruber, Leisingen, Switzerland December 25, 1716 Excerpts - Christan Metz, Lower Ebenezer, December 25, 1854

Scripture: 2 Samuel 22: 1-18; 47-51
Psalm: 34

Closing Hymn: "Hallelujah, Lob, Preis und Ehr" No. 362 Seite 359

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

Opening Hymn: "All Praise to Jesus' Hallowed Name" No. 10

Closing Hymn: "Hallelujah! Let Praises Ring" No. 34

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 SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. **Tuesday**, March 07, 2023 in the Amana lift station.

QUILTING CLASS

Molly Kephart will be offering a quilting class beginning March 6 (noon-5) at the Arts Guild in High Amana. Limited spaces available. Individuals or pairs/groups welcome. The rest of the schedule will be decided by the attendees at the first class. Approximately 5 total meetings. \$100 start to finish. Contact Molly with questions at Mollybethkephart@gmail.com or register with the Guild at info@amanaartsguild.com.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Looking back on it one wonders whatever happened to make our teachers come up with such a idea? It was in the middle of winter and they were dealing with the first crop of "baby boomers." Obviously the time of the year or the amount of children had driven the teachers "over the edge" and they had all gone stir crazy.

It was the middle of the 1950's and we had a new music teacher by the name of Mrs. Brady. She (I assume) came up with the idea of using the newly built gym and stage and having the upper elementary grades put on a musical. (A massive groan is now heard from this 70+ year old woman who never could carry a tune)

The musical was about Tom Sawyer. My parents had not only read the story of how Tom had tricked friends into painting the fence, but taken us to the Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) home in Hannibal Missouri.

I, a fifth grader was prepared and ready to play a starting role, unfortunately our teachers knew how talented I was and placed me in the back row of the girls' chorus. What a waste!

Tom Sawyer, the lead, was played by Bob Zuber who became the "matinee idol" of the girls in fourth thru sixth grade of Lakeside School. The kid could do no wrong as we all "swooned" over his singing talent. Frank Sinatra didn't stand a chance!

The female lead of Becky Thatcher was a girl in my grade, Marianne Moershel whom we all felt got the role because she was one of the smartest people in the class and could probably memorize all her lines. She also had long hair which she often wore in braids just like Becky would have.

Obviously she would steal the star of the show away and the rest of us would be stuck with some other classmate less suitable.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

CCA Girls BB Go to State

By the time this column has been submitted for press, the fate of the Clear Creek Amana Girls basketball team will be sealed as they play the first round of the Class 4A tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 3:15.

They are facing Number 2 North Pork with a 21-2 record. The Number 7 CCA team is 18 and 4.

This is only the second time in the history of the CCA school district that the CCA girls have advanced to the state basketball tournament. The first time was in 2020. They are coached by PJ Sweeney.

A note for those who enjoy Iowa history and girls' basketball. A podcast on the unique story of Iowa's 6 on 6 girls basketball was created by Elly Gordon-Moerschel, Toronto, for the national podcast "99 percent invisible," hosted by Roman Mars. The show includes interviews with some of the biggest names in 6 on 6 Iowa BB and perspectives from Hawkeye Coach Lisa Bluder and others with a bead on women's sports in Iowa, plus a couple of Gordon-Moerschel's family members who played the game. Yes, there's stories about Amana girls basketball in it too. Elly Gordon-Moerschel is the granddaughter of the late Marietta Moerschel and the daughter of Rebecca Moerschel, graduate of Amana High School Class of 1967. To hear it go to: <https://99percentinvisible.org/episode/six-on-six-basketball/> Elly Gordon-Moerschel, lives in Canada and is a regular writer, producer for 99percent invisible as well as creating podcasts for other shows.

Public Meeting Addresses Concerns as Questions are Raised

Amana Elementary parents and residents had the opportunity to ask questions and share concerns with Dr. Corey Seymour, Clear Creek Amana School Superintendent, and school board member, Jen Mooney, at last week's public meeting about the changes proposed for the 2023-24 school year and the plans to make the Amana Elementary a magnet school.

About 50 people attended the meeting. A second town hall is planned for March 27 at 6 p.m. at the Amana Performing Arts Center, Amana.

Those who attended heard more about the decision to send the Amana 5th grade, as well as all other 5th grades in Oxford and Tiffin, to the Oak Hill building in Tiffin, next fall. They also heard plans for the Amana magnet school. Creating a magnet school means creating curriculum beginning in kindergarten that will feature fine arts, a foreign language and financial literacy. This will require a multi-year roll-out Dr. Seymour and

Principal Ben Macumber told parents.

As Amana Elementary Principal Ben Macumber told us after the meeting, "It was exciting to have such a large group of people passionate about students, the Amana building and the community of Amana in general. I am excited about the opportunities planned for Amana Elementary as well as students from CCA and surrounding communities. To be able to rethink what school can be like. To be part of something that could have a lasting impact on education long after I retire inspires me." He encouraged anyone who has questions to contact him.

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One parent told us after the meeting that she felt Dr. Seymour clearly expressed his enthusiasm for and commitment to keeping Amana Elementary a strong, viable part of the district. "We appreciated the commitment to Amana that Dr. Seymour conveyed, and we all hope that the magnet school plan and future growth of the school will be as positive as he indicated it will be." She noted that he had expressed his belief that making Amana a magnet school will have important benefits for pupils and the community.

Some parents expressed a strong desire to see communication improved and greater transparency in school planning.

**Marriage is Murder at Amana PAC
March 24-26**

The spring season of fun and theatre will kick off at the Amana Performing Arts Center, March 24 – 26 with a new comedy brought to you by TKM Productions.

"Marriage is Murder" by Nick Hall will be just the ticket. Show times at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are on sale now via deborahkennedy@live.com or by calling 319-899-3799.

Starring our own Deb Kennedy and Tom Milligan, the comedy sparks will fly as they portray a pair of murder mystery authors who collaborate on their novels, and yes, were once, married to one another. Caught up crafting who-dun-its together they act out their plots and try to outdo one another. Spirited, fast paced and hilarious, the twists and turns make for a very funny show as a quite unexpected event upends the plot.

Tom Milligan of TKM Theatrical Productions states, "Deb and I chose this play because it's fast, funny, and we get to "play" together. MARRIAGE IS MURDER is a 2-person comedy, and Deb and I always look forward to shows that we get to play opposite of each other on stage. We look forward to the wonderful opportunity to serve our community with laughter, and hope you enjoy the show!"

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Meanwhile, back in the chorus, we were to wear calico dresses. Please remember we were not brilliant so we had no idea what calico was. If we had known things we might have turned out differently.

Our sneaky mothers got together and decided that now was the time to get out the old dresses hanging in the "schanks" (wardrobes) in the attic and put them to use for their daughters.

Suddenly the smell of mothballs filled the air and these dark Amana calico dresses came out for us to wear.

The ONE song we sang in the entire show went like this--

"Pretty little calico | nicest dress I ever wore.
Oh I feel proud. In any crowd.
I don't care for silk or lace,
But gingham seems to match my face"

and so on.

Now what kind of face would one have to match calico? Pretty ugly?

Looking back on this whole thing we could really have had colorful dresses if our mothers had told us what calico material was and sewn some dresses. GRRR!

So for one performance we "sang" took our bows and returned to our regular class routines. We thought it was over, but our teachers had the idea that since this was such a great success they would put together another play starring Terry Trimpe. It was called "Cowboy on the Moon." This was the play when a square dance took place at the edge of the stage and the Mayor of East was twirled around so hard by her future husband she almost laded in an audience member's lap!

B.S.H.

**REMINDER WHEN USING THE
AMANA COLONIES TRAIL:**

The gates on the trail along the Millrace are closed with this wet weather and will likely remain closed with temperatures above freezing. Your help in keeping bikes off that section of the trail when the gates are closed would be greatly appreciated.

We would also like to remind everyone that no motorized vehicles should be accessing the trail. Vehicles can cause damage to the bridge planks and the trails surface. Please be respectful and keep all motorized vehicles off all sections of the trail in all weather.

OBITUARY

Roger Duane Gaddis, 86, passed away on Thursday, February 16, 2023, in Plano, TX.

Roger, son of Merle Gaddis and Helen (Schaefer) Gaddis Heinze, was born on June 26, 1936 in East Amana, Iowa. Roger attended school in Amana graduating in 1954. He lettered in basketball and baseball. He served briefly in the Iowa National Guard.

After high school, he served honorably in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany for most of his service, from January 1955 until January 1957. During this time he was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart Pauline Fink.

He graduated from the U. of Iowa in 1960. In 1962 he began a career with the U.S. Department of the Treasury in the Kansas City area, eventually being transferred to the Washington, D.C. area in 1969. He retired from the Treasury after 33 years in 1995. He then worked at the Illinois Institute of Technology in D.C. from 1996-2002. He and his wife Pauline moved to Plano, TX in 2002 to retire near family.

Roger loved classical and choral music, belonging to church choirs in Overland Park KS, Bowie, MD, the Chesapeake Choral Society, and finally, the Plano Choral Society.

He had a lifetime love of learning and enjoyed opera, orchestral music, bluegrass, folk music, ballroom and polka dancing, and musical theatre. He loved sharing stories and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Roger is survived by his sister Patricia Hergert (Richard) of DeWitt, IA; son Merle Gaddis (Kelly) of Olathe, KS; son Robert Gaddis (Vivian Garcia) of Redondo Beach, CA; daughter Melissa Toohey (Peter) of Plano, TX. He is also survived by his 5 grandchildren—Melissa Gaddis (Owen Phillips) of Salt Lake City, UT; Kristin Gaddis of Overland Park, KS; Brendan Toohey (Jessica) of Dallas, TX; Sofia Toohey of New York City, NY; and Schaefer Toohey of Plano, TX; his sister-in-law Gerda Holub; his brother-in-law Fred Finch (Laura); and 9 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Merle Gaddis, mother Helen Gaddis Heinze, stepfather Adolph Heinze, and wife Pauline Gaddis. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Memorial celebration will be in the Woodshed Room at the Ox Yoke Inn in Amana, Iowa on April 1st at 2:00 – 4:00 PM.

**Amana Area Fellowship
Night of Worship**

Please join us for an evening of food, fellowship, song and a message from the Bible.

Thursday, March 9, 2023
Amana Performing Arts Center
Potluck 6:00-6:30 Music and Message 6:45

Continuing series: The Road to the Cross
March 9th – It Is Finished
April 13th – Easter Message
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET						
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024						
District Name: MIDDLE SANITARY SEWER						
The Board of Trustees of the above-named District will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year						
Meeting Date: 3/7/2023 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Middle Sanitary District Office Middle Amana, IA 52307						
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Clerk.						
Contact Name: Anthony Berger			Contact Telephone Number: (319) 361-8459			
FUND	FYE 6-30-2022 Actual Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2023 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2024 Proposed Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2024	Estimated July 1, 2023 Beg. Balance and All Other Receipts	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation
1. General	8,191	6,297	6,902	67,025	66,957	6,970
2. Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. TOTAL	8,191	6,297	6,902	67,025	66,957	6,970

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.21000