

## 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, September 04, 2022, starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Peter Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Himmel, Erde, Luft und Meer" No. 426 Seite 424

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock, Bern, Switzerland, December 2, 1719

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-18  
Psalm 138

Closing Hymn: "Nun danket alle Gott" No. 728 Seite 723

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

Opening Hymn: "Heaven, Earth and Sea and Air" No. 116

Closing Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 89

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

Due to Labor Day, the monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 12 in the Amana lift station.

## 14TH ANNUAL PLEIN AIR

Amana's 14th annual Plein Air competition will take place September 2 - 4th, 2022. The Amana Arts Guild will welcome artists from around the Midwest to participate in outdoor painting and events throughout the weekend, ending with the Art Party and Awards on Sunday evening, Sept 4. Tickets to the event (beginning at 6:00pm) are available for anyone interested at \$15 each, and will include appetizers, desserts, drinks, and early access to artists and artwork. At 7:00pm, doors will open to the general public for the awards ceremony. Please join us for a fun evening supporting the arts!

Tickets can be purchased by contacting the Arts Guild at [info@amanaartsguild.com](mailto:info@amanaartsguild.com) or [pleinair@amanaartsguild.com](mailto:pleinair@amanaartsguild.com), or by calling 3196223678

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Perhaps you are too young to remember, but there was a time when asbestos seemed to be the answer to so many of our fears about house fires.

We were putting it around boilers, in walls, up chimneys, even into the coats of fire fighters. It seemed like it would be a good idea to wrap an entire house in this fire retardant.

Charlemagne recently read an article in his "Bee Journal" magazine that started that asbestos had been put into bellows of some bee smokers!

Then came the news that this "wonderful" product was a killer whose tiny fibers would float into people's lungs and suffocate them.

Suddenly warnings came out all over of people dying of asbestos exposure - even people who had been in the navy or had worked in shipyards.

Well, that couldn't happen to us or could it?

Last night we met an old friend whom we had not seen in six years. Her partner had just died from having been exposed to asbestos while in the navy.

On the way home we were still stunned until out of the blue I realized that we knew two other people who had died from the same exposure.

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Theatre is Back in Amana!

Two theatrical shows are planned for the coming weeks at the Amana Performing Arts Center, Amana.

September 23 - 24, TKM Productions, Amana, is bringing us the hilariously true, "Leaving Iowa" a comedy about family vacations by Tim Clue and Spike Manton.

Featuring Clark Skaggs, Marcia Hughes, Tom Milligan, Sam Scheetz, Lisa Margolin and Joey Lepire, this smart, witty, slice of real life play about a "Greatest Generation" couple traveling with their "kids" on a "fam-vaca" has won acclaim and was nominated for "Best New Play" honors by Chicago theatre critics during its successful run at the Royal George Theatre, Chicago. It subsequently won a nomination for the "best new play in the country" by the national theatre critics association.

Produced by Deb Kennedy and Tom Milligan, they are thrilled to bring this fun, funny play to Amana in three weeks. This is the second production the couple has done at the Amana Performing Arts Center this year.

To buy tickets online go to Amana RV Park website and look for the Amana Performing Arts tab, pull down and locate the "Facilities" tab, scroll down the long page until you find the Performing Arts center photos. Below the photos, click on the tab for plays on September 23 and 24. It will take you to another page to reserve your tickets.

Or call 319-899-3799. Tickets are \$20.

Here's more exciting theatre news: A new play written by Tom Johnson, Middle Amana, based upon the letters Johann Friedrich Zuber wrote his mother and family while away fighting in the Civil War, will be on stage October 21 and 22.

Produced by ITAC the Iowa Theatre Arts Co., this theatrical reading with live performers, period music also live, and projected images will tell of Johann Friedrich Zuber's experience of war. And what an experience it was. A vivid account written by a thoughtful young man, his letters reveal both the glory and the horror of war, as seen from the perspective of a young man, born in Germany, taught by the Inspirationist community to embrace pacifism, yet swept up in the currents of the Civil War.

Look for ticket information as it becomes available. There will be matinee as well as evening performances on the Amana stage.

### Homestead Water Tower Update

The Homestead water tower has been swathed in protective wrap and has looked a like ET's mother ship while it is being repaired and upgraded. The work on it should be completed before

September 9.

As Russ Eimers, Amana Society Service Co. executive manager explained, the Homestead water tower was "well overdo for some maintenance and repairs, plus we made some small upgrades, such as, we needed to widen the ladder for safety reasons. We had all that taken care of and at the same time we had it painted and the inside cleaned."

The bowl of the tower was cleaned inside and out and repainted. Viking Water tower Service Co. of Omaha is doing the work.

"By end of this week the work should be done, or if something comes up, by the middle of next week I expect," Eimers explained.

Some minor work will be completed by the ASI Service Company beneath the tower and the tower will be thoroughly flushed. Residents may see water spilling from the tower as planned for three to four days as it is flushed. Then it will be filled - a process that takes about one day.

During the weeks the work was being completed, ASI Service Company had a pressure regulator to provide adequate water pressure to South Amana and Homestead customers.



**Hotel Millwright**  
IN AMANA

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<b>Monday - Thursday</b>	<b>Monday - Thursday</b>
<b>5pm - 9pm</b>	<b>4pm - 10pm</b>
<b>Friday - Saturday</b>	<b>Friday - Saturday</b>
<b>5pm - 10pm</b>	<b>4pm - 11pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>5pm - 9pm</b>	<b>4pm - 10pm</b>

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What does one say or do? You think you're safe and protected and you find you have been duped.

It's like DDT. I remember planes flying overhead spraying DDT to get the mosquitoes and flies and thinking how wonderful this all was.

A friend told me how she and her friends would ride behind the truck at dusk that sprayed this insecticide. (There were films showing children playing and adults cooking outside in the fog from these trucks showing the public how safe DDT was.)

There was our neighbor who would break out in a rash and complain. We would get mad at her and tell her to stay inside.

Then came Rachael Carson and her book, *Silent Spring* (1962), documenting the environmental harm caused by the indiscriminate use of pesticides. That book caused quite an uproar with chemical companies, but public opinion was swayed and things changed.

We have mosquitoes, flies, lice, and bedbugs back but we also have lots of beautiful animals, and the Bald Eagle has made a dramatic come back.

This all brings me to my question - what or who do you trust? All of us want cures for some of the most dreaded diseases and conditions, we want peace and prosperity, we want perfection. Who is to say what perfection really is. Is the perfect tomato a uniform color and eye pleasing shape nearly void of flavor and nutrition, or is it the one with no outside chemicals, full of vitamins and pleasing to the palate even though it's ugly and a bit deformed?

We're human and therefore imperfect, so I guess we have to have some faith and hope that God will be our guide even though bad and sometimes strange times.

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(1). 100 year old four poster bed with matching chest and mirrored dresser. (2). One powder blue love seat (3). \*Camera collection. Includes one 1950 Ziss Ikon (4) New blankets (5). Household: \*Crystal, \*Collectable dishes, \*China dishes, \*Porcelain cup and saucer collection, \*coffee pots, \*toasters and other kitchenware, \*vintage lamps, \*Wooden boxes, \*Jewelry boxes and vintage jewelry - bracelets, earrings, necklaces and pins (6). 1950 to 1990 men and women's vintage clothing. \*Upscale men's sport or dress jackets, \*Upscale men's suits, tie and windbreaker. (7). \*Large selection women's fine suits, \*Silk blouses, \*Skirts \*Pant suits. (8). COATS: Maroon leather with fur collar, \*Black cloth coat, \*Black puff coat. (9). \*Also a selection of very nice lingerie and new Hanes 'Alive' support hose - multiple colors. (10). \*Also, a large selection of 'worn once' Hanes 'Alive' support hose with absolutely no flaws! (11). \*Also, a large selection of 'worn once' Hanes 'Alive' support hose with very minor flaws ideal for wearing under slacks. (12). One complete Beta outfit.

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**OKTOBERFEST NEWS**

The Oktoberfest line-up will see some new faces this year. Ken and Mary Turbo Accordions out of Ohio will be making their Amana Colonies debut on Friday September 30th and Saturday October 1st. The headliner spot at 9pm on Saturday will be filled by Eli Alger and the Fast Horses, a Nashville country band with Iowa roots.

Eli is a big fan of Amana's Oktoberfest, and by request has been learning a few polka favorites to throw in with his own music. Crowd favorite Barefoot Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchmen will be adding a second Oktoberfest performance on Sunday October 2nd.

In March, Oktoberfest icon Johnny Wagner announced his retirement from touring due to personal circumstances. Johnny has been a staple at the annual Amana Colonies Oktoberfest celebration for many years and will greatly missed by all.

Amana Colonies Festivals Inc (ACFI) worked tirelessly to fill the performance spots left by Johnny's absence. We are excited to be able to offer something new this year even though we are losing one of our favorite performers.

ACFI wants to thank Johnny Wagner for all the music and excitement he's brought to Amana over the years. As a show of appreciation and congratulations on his retirement, ACFI will be mailing an Oktoberfest Care package. If any community members would like to include a personal thank you message please drop it off at the Visitor's Center by Sept 1st.

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Visit Fireside Winery on Facebook and go to "Upcoming Events" for the link to it all.

Please come and join us for a DIY leaning mini ladder or shiplap sign for your holiday decor. Your sign comes with 3 custom cut 3D tiles that are interchangeable so you can make more!

Choose from 20 fall and 21 Halloween tiles so they can be prepared for you. Everything you need for your project will be supplied.

Spots are limited, so please fill out the survey monkey and pay as soon as possible to reserve your spot!

Bring a friend and have an afternoon of laughs and getting creative. Enjoy some wine and appetizers!

**MY AMANA EXPERIENCE**

Did you know that on Friday, April 27, 1877, Jesse James and a gang of four men robbed the South Amana General Store? Well, maybe.

The store was robbed, that much we know for sure. Two young clerks, Emil Wolfe and Charles Ratzel, were asleep upstairs when their guard dog began to bark. Charles Ratzel called out, "Is anybody there?" He was answered with, "Yes, Jimmy and I want to see you." The door to their room burst open, and Emil Wolfe was tied up while Ratzel was taken downstairs and forced to open the safe, containing \$1,000 in currency, silver, and postage stamps. Mr. Ratzel was then bound and the thieves made away with their spoils. The next morning the robbers, minus George and William Green of Marengo, took the early morning passenger train and effectively exit our story.

William Green was arrested within roughly three weeks for selling the purloined postage stamps; it's not clear when his brother George was taken into custody. A search of the family property turned up many items previously missing from nearby neighbors and businesses, but no sign of the booty from the General Store. Their trials began in September 1877 and they were both convicted. William was sentenced to five years hard labor at Anamosa Penitentiary and George received seven years, also at Anamosa.

So where does Jesse James come into the picture? It all hinges on one man's word.

The only person who implicated Jesse James specifically was George Sowders, the Green's brother-in-law, who lived with the brothers, their mother, and his wife on the family farm in Marengo. Mr. Sowders gave up the information to the Iowa County Sheriff grudgingly during an interrogation, telling the Sheriff that three days before the robbery, three strangers were hanging around the farm with the brothers, "one called Fred, one Dutch Charley, and one James, said to be one of the James boys of Missouri fame". Sowder also said, "one of them was the most sly and dangerous man in the United States". No word exists on whether the Green brothers ever mentioned Jesse James or any of their other cohorts.

So, there's the story, make of it what you will. As for me I believe that sometimes history, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder.

Until next time, all my best,

Amy Petta