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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early (German) Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, July 24, 2016, starting at 8:30 AM with Elder Harold Pitz presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Auf, Auf mein Herz! Mit Freuden" No. 63, Seite 63

Testimony: Christian Metz Ebenezer, April 17, 1853

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13

Closing Hymn: "Ich Glaub An Dich" No. 461, Seite 456

The late (English) service will start at 10:00 A.M. with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "Awake My Heart With Gladness" No. 25

Closing Hymn: "I Trust IN Thee" No.82

The Wednesday Evening Prayer Service will begin at 7:00 PM in Middle.

Saturday evening fellowship begins at 6 PM in the Sunday School Saal at the church in Amana

Visitors are welcome to join us in worship at all Amana Church Services. Childcare available at the English services.

CONGEREGATE MEALS July 25th - Cook's Choice.

Doors open at 11:00 and lunch is served at 11:30 at the Amana Church. If you want to make a reservation call Anne Freshour at 622-3781 before noon on Friday.

THE AMANA COLONIES ARE EXPLODING WITH FLOWERS ON JULY 30TH.

Gardeners of Amana will show off their work at the 2nd annual "Colonies in Bloom" on July 30th. Anyone with a green thumb will love this opportunity to view 18 private gardens that will be open to the public.

One of the gardens that will be open to the public was recently featured in the May/June 2016 issue of Midwest Living. The gardeners will be present at each home to answer questions. This is a FREE event.

Maps of the "Colonies in Bloom" homes are available at the Amana Visitor Center and selected businesses in the Amana Colonies.

For more information about Colonies in Bloom, or any other upcoming events, visit www.amanacolonies.com or call 319-622-7622

COLONY BAKED GOODS NEEDED FOR THE "FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS"

On Saturday, August 6, the Amana Arts Guild will sponsor its 39th annual Festival of the Arts. As always any cakes, cookies, pastries and traditional desserts you can make for the food booth will be appreciated! Please bring your favorites to the Middle Park any time after 8:00 AM on the 6th. Thank you!

AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT **Historic Preservation Commission** Meeting Notice and Tentative Agenda -

FOURTH OF JULY THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who helped make Fourth of July possible! There are so many people within our community who do their part and more to make our Fourth of July a fun-filled, family event. We are thanking those listed below and apologize for anyone we missed. Many hidden helpers do a lot of work so even if you are not named here "Thank You"!

Fireworks crew-Chris Herr, Chris Dunn, Lynn Trumpold, William Trumpold, Jerry Stimmel, Paul Novak, Mick Scheetz, Bill Yoder, Gerald Reiskamp, Justin Steiff, Lucas Miller, DJ and Travis Sheeley and all the rest for setting up, shooting, keeping us safe and cleaning up!

Fish guys-Lynn Trumpold, Chris Herr, Alex Momany, Caleb, Adam and Eric Reihman, Nick Kleinmeyer, Andrew Kleinmeyer, Don Vobeda, and many other great fishermen who spend 'thankless hours' with a line in the water and a drink in their hands!

To the Grillmasters-'Digger' Alan Neibus and Ingrid Schulte who work tirelessly in the hot sun so that we can eat!

To William Jasper for the fantastic BBQ pork!! The Baseball organizers-Lanny Haldy and Jon Childers. Come early next year - the event seating fills up fast!

The Kubb crew-Ron Heitman and Louie Caspers. For teaching being willing to teach people who can't even throw a ball how to throw wooden squares.

The Board gamers-Will Zuber and Spencer Beltz. For teaching at least one old lady a few new tricks.

The Kitchen crew-Carmen Grimm, Kristie Yoder, Terry Roemig, Susan Hollrah, Kristin Schulte, Erin Schulte, Dixie Trout, Dennis Gormley, Andrea Haldy, Mary Zuber, Susan Shoup, Marcia Graesser and Jane Kraus and Tom Gross, the quiet ones behind the scenes who sample the desserts and make sure they are ready to serve! A special thanks to Dixie and Dennis for the exemplary clean-up work.

The Bingo Lady-Terry Roemig for finding fun prizes every year and calling the game!

The breakfast gang-Amana Church youth group, leaders and cooks led by Penni Berger who do more before 8 am than most of us do all day! And Jon Childers for an inspiring church service.

The Fireworks and Fish guys would like to give a special thanks to Ginger Myers and the Kleinmeyer brothers for the great ribs!!!

A very special thanks to Jeff Popenhagen for making sure the refrigerated trailer was available and Jon Childers for getting the park ready and cleaning up. To the Amana Meat Shop crew for getting all the brats, hot dogs and buns together

for us. Thank you to Lois Lukes for always bringing the best Cheesy Potatoes this side of the planet.

And to Dr. Tim, the guy who does the fundraising!

AMANA FESTIVAL



July 25, 2016, 6:00 pm ACLUD Meeting Room, 4304 220th Trail, Amana

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Set/Amend Agenda

III. Review/Approve minutes of June meeting. IV. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:

a. 2016-059 Brad Daggy; Corn crib demolition V. Chairman's Report

VI. Other Business

a. Discussion/Action: Continued discussion about Future CLG projects (including Historic Preservation month activities

b. Discussion/Action: Preserve Iowa Summit historic training opportunity. VII. Adjourn



enrollments for the 2/3 year old program located in the Amana Elementary! Please call, email, or visit our website for more information or to enroll today! Phone: (319)545-4033

OF THE ARTS

The Amana Arts Guild will sponsor its Festival of the Arts on Saturday August 6, 10 AM – 5 PM at the Middle Amana Park in Middle Amana, Iowa.

This special event will feature sales of fine arts, crafts and traditional Colony folk arts by local and guest artists. A unique part of the festival will be demonstrations as visitors will enjoy observing: woodturning, quilting, tinsmithing, basket-making, spinning and painting.

Guests will also enjoy local foods such as Amana bratwurst, kraut, homemade apple fritters and baked goods along with a special homemade rhubarb drink.

Entertainment throughout the day by Ursula and Friends!

Also a children's art corner and an Amana Colony Quilt raffle. Amana Arts Guild: 319 622-3678 E-mail: amanarts@southslope.net



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FIRECRACKERS-10-99

Lee Herr, Steve Rose, Amana Colonies Village Store, Pat Jindrich, Bank of Iowa, RC Eichacker, Central State Bank, Dennis Lukes, Anne Freshour, Sandstone Winery, Robert Robertson, Lehm Books, Eric & Kim Zuber, Henry Schuhmacher, Cathy Oeh, Melvin Graesser, Kloster Funeral Home, Robert & Darlene Graesser, Gerda Holub, Stan & Georgie Wiebold, Karen & Gerald Schwarting, Great Midwestern Leather & Dry Goods



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The Amana Elementary PTO would like to say a Huge THANK YOU to the Amana Community Chest and all local business' for their support during the 2015-16 school year.

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THANK YOU I want to thank everyone who sent flowers, food,

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Ever felt like something bad was going to happen? I suppose people would call it, "Woman's Intuition" and laugh, but....

I have actually taken to not watching the television and doing lots of reading.

I am reading "Cozy Mysteries" which is another way of saying there is a murder, but that is not the focus. The blood and gore are gone and more about the people involved in solving the mystery.

Anyway all these terrible killings are really beginning to affect me in a bad way which I am sure they do for the rest of you so I am trying to just "cool down." (It doesn't work.) I guess I am naïve but I cannot understand these senseless killings.

When Jack Ruby shot Lee Harvey Oswald I was watching the television and did not even blink. I was sure this was just some sort of play and that Oswald would get up and go on with his life in jail.

When it finally became a reality to me I was so upset at myself that I vowed I would never take guns for granted again.

Ironically I took lessons shooting a bow and arrow for a few years. I never was good at it and finally just got rid of it. God was good to me and gave me a hunter and trapper who respected what he was doing and has taken great precautions with his old guns.

The idea of someone driving through a mass of people is hard for me to believe. I do not understand the mentality of such people.

Often people are called, "mentally iii" and I will agree with some of that, but I think that most of these people have been brainwashed.

I guess that is what is really bothering me. (I really would like your ideas on this idea of brainwashing.)

You see in the beginning some dictators did improve situations. The people thought what they were saying made sense and were grateful for the improvements.

Mussolini made the train system more efficient. Hitler made the Germans feel good about their country after the humiliation of the Versailles Treaty. All these people believed that things would improve and their country and ideas would be accepted by others.

If one feels bad about oneself someone comes along and suggests a few good sounding solutions and the "hurt" party follows blindly along.

Even we have done this in our daily lives.

Think of the beginnings of the unrest between the United States and England as an example. The leaders of revolution were not considered anything but "radicals."

We all know that there are good people in the world who are being labelled because of some of the radical acts that extremists are carrying out. I guess we are just like a lot of other people and refuse to look or DO ANYTHING about it.

It is time we start studying the issues and not pointing the finger at people, but trying instead to find solutions.

Instead of looking at commercials on television perhaps we should go and hear the candidates and ask some questions.

I don't mean just the presidential candidates, I mean all of the people who want to hold office ANYWHERE and then do some research as to exactly what their qualifications are and what they have done about the issues you care about most. Now what do you care about and what are you going to do about it? B.S.H.



"AT WITS END" DELIGHTFUL AND WISE A Great Summer Getaway Right Here at Home

While the glossy magazines were touting the perfect housewife in her pearls and Donna Reed "house dresses," Erma Bombeck's newspaper column told the truth. The truth about raising kids, the truth about marriage, the hysterical, silly, just plain whacky truth about life in America where husbands bring home the bacon and housewives cook it up in the pan.

"Erma Bombeck: At Wit's End" a new play by Allison Engel and Margaret Engel makes its Midwestern debut at the Iowa Theatre Artists Co. with Meg Merckens as Erma Bombeck in a one woman tour de force that is laugh out loud funny and all too true.

Bombeck, a Dayton, Ohio, housewife with three kids, became America's favorite syndicated columnist offering three columns a week about life in the trenches of the American home. We meet Bombeck, at home, getting her kids ready for school. She talks about her life, her career and what it was like to be on the frontlines of the "sexual revolution" during the 1970's when the ERA battle was taken to the streets - yours' and mine.

This is a very, very funny play, and a smart one too, prompting me to ask myself -- "Have women really made much progress since the 1960's?" Merckens is perfect as Bombeck whose wry wit deftly, yet lovingly, skewers suburban life where that glossy magazine image of a "housewife" (what woman is married to her house?) gaily vacuuming in her high heels is at odds with a reality that includes burnt Chef Boyardee and toilet bowl funerals for the pet goldfish. We've come a long way baby.... or have we?

Lest you think this show is for "ladies only" the guys in the audience appeared to love it as much as we women did. During the "talk back" after the show one gentleman remarked, "I thought this would be funny, but I was unprepared to be moved when she talked about how much she missed being a mom... It just made me think how much I missed being a dad now that my kids are grown. This show is about life transitions really."

Directed by Tom Johnson, whose nifty 1960 circa ranch house set reminded me, once again, that Johnson is perhaps the best set designer in the state, bar none, Johnson revealed that because the play is really new, they rehearsed the first version only to receive a new version from the playwrights just days before the opening. "I'm proud of Meg, how she pulls this off," he said. Indeed she does. It's never easy to play an icon, but to become one that folks have taken to their hearts is difficult indeed and Merckens does it beautifully. This is one of her very best performances and that's saying a great deal. Make a beeline to see "Erma Bombeck: At Wits End" at the ITAC Center in downtown Amana through August 14. Call 319-622-3222.

gifts, cards, and for the visits and phone calls. Harret Bierman



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