

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, July 14, 2024 starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Alan Trumpold presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Alle Menschen müssen sterben" No. 46 Seite 45

Testimony: Johanna Margaetha Melchior, Nov. 3 & 20, 1714

Scripture: Genesis 12:10—13:18
Psalm 32

Closing Hymn: "Erwecke meinen Geist" vs 1, 4, 8, 10, 22 No. 260 Seite 253

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

Opening Hymn: "All Men Living are but Mortal" No. 3

Closing Hymn: "Just As I Am" No. 290

The Wednesday Evening Prayer Service (Nachtgebet) begins 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 FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly public meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

AMANA LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 9:00am-3:00pm
Tuesday 9:00am-6:00pm
Wednesday 9:00am-12:30pm
Thursday 9:00am-6:00pm
Friday 9:00am-6:00pm
Saturday 9:00am-Noon

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FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Remember the Robert Frost poem that says, "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by"? Well, yesterday, that got me thinking about something that a professor once said when I was in college. He asked us (his students) what was, or would be, the pivotal moment in our lives.

We were in our early twenties at the time, and probably thought that college, or the Vietnam conflict, would be what affected us most. Fifty plus years later many of us have experienced other moments that have affected us much more. Sunday, our son, Peter, spoke about our for-bearer's decision to go west from New York to a new land here in Iowa. I have often wondered how people were able to pick up what little they had and leave everything that was familiar to go blindly to a different country, fully aware that they would probably never return and see their homeland, friends, family, and all that they held dear again.

Our ancestors were not the only ones to make such voyages into the unknown. The Irish, starving from the potato famine fled their homeland in huge numbers, as did people from Sweden, which lost a third of its population to emigration, and many other nations at the time. There had been hunger, war and economic crisis all over Europe in the nineteenth century, so it is no wonder that people were looking toward the west, where there was hope for a better life.

Yet, upon arrival, these people were met with poor housing, communication problems, discrimination and outright hatred.

The Eben-Ezer/ Amana group was dealt with unfairly by land agents, faced disputes over water rights, and had to deal with the effects of being a pacifistic group in a national rocked by the American Civil War. All the while, they kept building and growing while, I am sure, wondering if they had made the right choice in leaving their homeland.

Then, after just twelve years, the leaders

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Clear Creek Amana 2024- 2025 Dates of Note

With the 4th of July behind us, the first day of school looms large. Here are a few dates of note to mark in your calendars for the Clear Creek Amana School District.

- First day of school – Friday, August 23, (early dismissal)
- Sept. 4 Labor Day – No school
- Oct. 12 – 13 – No School - mid term
- Nov. 7 – No school
- Nov. 22 – 24 – Thanksgiving vacation
- Dec. 22 – 2025 Jan. 2 – Christmas vacation
- Jan. 15 – No school. Martin Luther King Day
- Feb. 15 – 16 – No school – mid term
- March 11 – 15 – Spring break
- April 22 – 23 –Holiday break
- May 24 – High School graduation
- May 27- Memorial Day – no school
- May 31 – Last day of school.

Amana Fourth of July All About Timing and Volunteers

With rain clouds on the horizon, the 4th of July dawned with speculation that community events would not take place due to bad weather, but to everyone's delight the rain came at moments when it mattered least, so the day's schedule could be maintained.

While diners enjoyed a delicious pancake breakfast at the Middle Amana Park in the large Morton building served by the Amana Church Youth Group and volunteers, they were enjoying the last 20 minutes of the event, when the rain started. No matter, thanks to Penni Berger, Tony Berger, Kristie Yoder, Betsy Momany and the youth group kids there was plenty of coffee and food as we waited it out.

Donations from the breakfast will be saved for the 2025 youth group service mission. In 2025 the group hopes to go to the Pine Ridge Reservation to help winterize homes, build beds and handicapped ramps. They will be donating their time, labor and materials needed.

The rain poured for about 20 minutes but then let up enough to allow people to walk across the parking area to the pavilion for church. The rain held off during Elder Elly Hoehnle's inspiring message about our nation's birth as a free country.

Then once again the clouds loomed and it rained on and off for several hours until, just as hoped, the clouds parted about 2 p.m. Just in time for afternoon fun.

The community potluck supper at the Middle Amana Park without a hitch. Brats and hotdogs were provided by the Amana Meat Shop and the Amana Family Practice Clinic, Amana. Yes the line-up of delicious side dishes and desserts was awesome.

The Dogs on Skis dance took place as another round of storm clouds massed to the northwest of Amana and seemed to loom over the valley with vivid displays of lightning. As the crowds began to gather around the Lily Lake area the lightning raised some worry that the fireworks would have to be postponed. Speculation among spectators was that the fire works were literally "up in the air." Our fireworks volunteers, however, kept a close watch on the weather radar and hoped for the best. Thankfully the rainstorm held off and the fireworks display, one of the best yet, happened to everyone's joy.

The grand finale was grand indeed. Just as the last dazzling display drifted into darkness, thunder rumbled and within about 10 minutes of the conclusion of the fireworks, the heavens opened up and rain fell. Timing is everything. But so are volunteers.

Betsy Momany posted a thank you note on Facebook's Amana Villages Community Group page that may also be read on page 2.

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A Quote to Ponder.
"Most people, sometime in their lives, stumble across truth. Most jump up, brush themselves off, and hurry on about their business as if nothing had happened." --- Winston Churchill

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made the decision to move from New York to Iowa. This, after six villages had been built with houses, shops, barns, orchards and fields of grain. This decision must have made some of the colony members wonder if the leaders knew what they were doing.

Faith drove them westward over the next decade. They established seven villages in the Iowa River Valley and somehow survived several crisis, including the death of their charismatic leader, major fires, World War I, economic hardship and, finally, the decision to end communal living.

Yes, our forbearers had to make many decisions as to what road to take at critical junctures. We are privileged to stand on some pretty broad shoulders, but it is now our time to continue to make wise decisions that benefit all.

B.S.H.

CHARLIE'S MARKET
West end of V St
in Homestead
Open Saturdays at 10:00 A.M.
Produce - Cookies - Plants

RABBIT CONTROL**From ISU Extension & Outreach (abridged)**

Rabbit control is difficult. A combination of fencing, trapping, repellents, and habitat modification typically provides the best results.

Habitat Modification

Brush, junk, and tall weeds near flower and vegetable gardens provide good food and cover for rabbits. Removing debris (brush and junk) and cutting tall weeds should make the area less attractive to rabbits.

Fencing

The most effective way to prevent rabbit damage in home gardens is by placing chicken wire fencing (the mesh should be 1 inch or smaller) or 1/4-inch hardware cloth around vulnerable plants. Fencing material that is 2 feet tall should be adequate. Support the fence with wooden stakes or metal posts. (Rebars work nicely with chicken wire fencing.) To keep rabbits from crawling underneath the fence, pin it tightly to the ground with u-shaped landscape pins or bury the bottom 1 to 2 inches below the ground.

Repellents

Rabbit browsing can be discouraged by repellents. Taste repellents, such as thiram and ziram (Rabbit Scat), make plants distasteful. Odor repellents, such as Hinder (ammonium soaps), repel rabbits from treated areas with their strong odor.

Unfortunately, repellents are not always effective. Rabbits may become accustomed to the disagreeable odor. Others may ignore the poor taste. Repellents (especially taste repellents) cannot be applied to edible crops.

Scaring

Devices used to scare rabbits away include lifelike recreations of common rabbit predators such as owls and snakes and shiny spinning objects. These devices will only provide limited results and are only effective within close proximity. Rabbits will also become used to them over time. Rarely does this tactic provide adequate results.

Trapping

Live traps can be used to remove rabbits from the landscape. Traps can usually be purchased at garden centers, hardware stores, and garden catalogs. Place traps where rabbits are frequently seen eating or resting in the yard and close to protective cover. In the spring and summer months, bait the trap with apple slices, carrots, cabbage, or lettuce. Check the trap daily and place fresh material in it. When successful, release the trapped rabbit a few miles away in an area where it will not cause problems for others.

Always check trapping and relocating regulations for your county.

News & Notes from page 1**Scooby Doom Murder Mystery Dinner at Hotel Millwright**

Hey mystery buffs there is a dinner theatre Friday, July 12 at Hotel Millwright featuring Upstage Productions "Scooby Doom." Call Hotel Millwright right now for tickets.

Is Scooby doomed or just playing his part? Maybe it's all over for good old Scoob, but you know the food will be excellent. \$57 per person plus tip. Doors open at 6 p.m. and show / supper begins at 5:45.

Friday History Walking Tours

Ok, there are not just for tourists. You can take a walking tour of the village of Amana, learn about your community and enjoy a little exercise. Tours start at 3 p.m. at the Amana Heritage Museum. Your \$5 donation supports the mission of the museum. Tours are given by folks in the know and last about 1 hour.

AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP

COME ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

Sunday Church Services

@ 9:00 a.m.

Next Services: July 21

at the Middle park

August 3 at the Amana**Performing Arts Center**

(West of RV Park)

www.amanaareafellowship.org**THANK YOU!**

A big thanks to the members of the Amana Area Fellowship, members of the Amana Church Society, and other friends and neighbors for helping clean up the former Schiff house this past weekend. The homeowner, Daniel, wanted to share his gratitude and appreciation. It is wonderful working together as a community for a common cause!

FOR RENT

For Rent: Spacious Apartment in condo. Beautiful Amana Golf Course location. 2 bd/2bath. Deck. \$925 mo. Ready now. 319-338-0025

FOR SALE

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FOURTH OF JULY THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 4th a great celebration! There are so many people within our community who do their part, and more, to make our 4th of July happen. 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"!

To the folks who organized the baseball game and Kubb area. It is great to have groups of people enjoy the park all day!

Fireworks crew-Led by 'Fully Loaded Aerial Displays'-Chris Herr and Lynn Trumpold, it was all hands on deck to get the fireworks set up and displayed before the storm hit!

The Kitchen crew- Michael Heinze, Kristie Yoder, Penni Berger, Tony Berger, Carmen Grimm, Tom Gross, Andrea Haldy, Susan Shoup, Marcia Schutterle, Jane Krauss, Connie Baugh, Jackie Krauss, Dennis Gormley and Dixie Trout. Many of these folks show up year after year without being asked to help get food organized and served! A very special thanks to those who stay to clean up after the meal while the rest of us listen to music!

The breakfast gang-Amana Church youth group, leaders and cooks led by Penni Berger who do more before 7:30 am than most of us do all day! And Elly Hoehle for an inspiring church service.

A very special thanks to Amana Society for letting us use the park each year. Thank you to Dan Hollrah for the Bulletin space. To the Amana Meat Shop crew for the brats, hot dogs!

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

To anyone we forgot to mention, we appreciate all that you did! It was a great community effort!

And to these sponsors of the event!

Sponsors of the Fireworks display include:

Big Boomers - \$1000 and up

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Amana Society Inc.

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Salutes - \$250-\$999

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Edelstein Treasures (Azul World)

Don and Dru Hummer

Super Sparklers \$10-249

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TKM Theatrical Productions

White Cross Cellars

Kloster Funeral Home

Professional Plumbing

Crest Country Inn Chocolate Haus

Longview Financial Services

Village Antiques and More

Ronneburg Restaurant

Four Winds Farm Village Guest Suite

Zuber's Hotel (in memoriam of Brian James)

Many additional people who donated \$2,500 in total with amounts from \$10-\$200.

For Rent; The Homestead Welfare Club

4215 V St Homestead

The club offers an exceptional 1100 square foot setting in our historic 1860 home for family reunions, social gatherings, or business meetings. It includes a mini kitchen, tables and chairs for 80+ persons plus a 1/2 acre private, beautifully shaded back yard perfect for outdoor activities. It includes picnic tables and small shelter. The cost is \$75 per day. Additional 500 square foot full-service kitchen is available for an extra \$25.

Call 319-622-3620 for details & scheduling

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