

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

Masks are requested but not required in all Amana Church Society buildings. Respect the choice of others to wear masks, even if we choose to not mask.

**Good Friday Service** will be in the Amana Church Friday, April 15 starting at 7:00 p.m. with Sw. Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" No. 85

Testimony: Ursula Mayer, Marburg, April 2, 1716

Scripture: Luke Chapter 23

Closing Hymn: "Upon the Cross Extended" No. 91

**The Easter Sunrise Service** will be held in the Amana cemetery at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 17. Following the service, please join us in Amana for rolls, juice, and coffee!

The Combined **Easter Service** will be in the Amana Church Sunday, April 17, 2022, starting 10:00 AM with Br. Mike Shoup presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense" No. 52 vs 1, 3, 6, 7

Testimony: Christian Metz, Haag, April 20, 1835  
Scripture: John 20:1 - 16

Choir: "Easter Song"

Scripture: I Peter 1:3

Choir: Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

Closing Hymn: "Go Forth My Heart And Soul, Awake" No. 72

Children's Easter nest hunt will be after the service.

**Visitors are welcome to join us in worship at all Amana Church Services. Childcare is available during Sunday's 10:00 AM Service.**

## AMANA POETRY COMPETITION

Calling all interested poets! The Amana Arts Guild is having a poetry contest that will offer poets an opportunity to have their poems read at the Amana Poetry and Song Celebration Saturday May 14, 2022

Persons of the of any age may enter. Categories include (1) adults and (2) grades 3 - 5. There is no entry fee.

### Contest deadline is Friday May 6

Entries must have for a subject matter a connection to the Amanas, past present or future. Any form rhymed or unrhymed. may be used. Types of poems may include: historical (factual), narrative (story telling), descriptive (a person or place, or lyric (expressing feelings)

Each poem must be on a separate page, with the author's name and address placed in the upper left corner of the title page. No more than two poems by one author will be accepted. Joint authorship or collaborations by groups are encouraged.

All poems must be delivered to the Amana School Community Library on or before the deadline. Winners will be awarded certificates and will be asked to read their poems at the Amana Poetry and Song Celebration on Saturday May 14, 2022 This event will be held at the Amana Arts Guild Center in High Amana

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

You know you are getting old when your school magazine comes in the mail and instead of looking for classmates who got married or had babies you look at the obituaries. Then you wonder why your former instructors are not spoken about.

You know you are getting old when you watch the movie "The Ten Commandments" and you realize that most of the actors are no longer with us.

You know you are getting up there in age when the oak tree across the street that was a mere sapling when you were a child gets blown over by a wind storm.

You just might be getting older when you realize that everyone is talking so quietly that you have to ask people to repeat what they are saying. Then there is the television. How come the people upstairs can hear it, but we can't? We've had our ears checked for wax, but the doctor said they were clear.

What is the deal with arthritis anyway? I don't

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Easter Worship Amana

Good Friday services Friday at 7 p.m. and Easter morning service, Sunday, April 17, will be at the Amana Church in Amana. Everyone is welcome to attend.

In addition to the 7 p.m. Good Friday service and the 10 a.m. Easter Morning Service., both at the Amana Church, a "Son Rise" Easter morning service will be held at 8:30 a.m. at the Amana Cemetery. Should the weather be inclement this service will be held at the Amana Church as well. A sign will be posted at the cemetery if the service has been moved to the church. Coffee will be available at the Amana Church following the Son Rise Easter Service.

The Amana Church choir will be singing two hymns at the 10 a.m. Easter Morning service with worship to be conducted by Elder Mike Shoup.

### A Celebration on Stage - CCA Spring Musical "Sister Act"

After two long years of Covid which curtailed or cancelled Clear Creek Amana High School drama and musical productions, the April 21 - 23 production of "Sister Act" is more than your average high school musical.

Deb Kennedy, CCA stage director, sings the praises of the highly talented high schoolers in this production. She can't say enough about the kids who weathered it all and waited through their high school career for things to get back to normal. "They have worked so hard and waited so long to share, this has been just an incredible journey for us all," she told The Bulletin.

This cast features CCA's talented student actors: Teagan Bollers, Natalie Stewart, Brock Sherman, Lily Schloss, Brayden Crawford, Alyssa Vance, Charlotte Watson, Sydney Emmel, Kaitlin Watson and many more.

The show was chosen last year by CCA High vocal instructor Tracy Williams who fought through a severe bout of COVID which meant many weeks in the hospital and a truly remarkable journey of healing. Thirty CCA students were cast in January when rehearsals began and continued three times a week from then on, with vocal direction by Williams, stage direction by Deb Kennedy choreography by Fawn Boster-Halther.

Now the curtain is about to go up on Thursday April 21 at the CCA High School performing arts auditorium in Tiffin at the high school. Performances are at 7 p.m. with a matinee April 23 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door, \$5 for students with activity passes welcome.

And you know the story. Cabaret singer Deloris witnesses a crime and is put into protective custody by a police detective who scratches his head trying to figure out where to hide this outspoken, glam-girl singer before lighting upon the quiet convent at "The Queen of Angels Cathedral." The nuns take her in but have no idea what they are agreeing too in sheltering a show girl. While converting their choir to a musical force and helping them connect to the world, Deloris connects with the sisters and learns to have faith. "SISTER ACT" is presented thru special arrangement with MTI with music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Glen Slater, book by Cheri & Bill Steinkellner and additional material by Douglas Carter Beane.

### Another Reason to Celebrate:

#### New Life for Amana Performing Arts Center

The curtain is going up on a new generation of entertainment at the former Old Creamery theatre now the Amana Performing Arts Center.

"Weekend Comedy" will be on stage May 20 - 21 at the Amana Performing Arts Center. Written by Jeanne and Sam Bobrick and produced by TKM Productions, that's Tom Milligan and Deborah Kennedy, this hilarious comedy about two couples, one in their 20s and the other in their 50s, who book the same cabin for the same three-day weekend is a hoot. It's just what the doctor ordered to get us out and enjoying live theatre again. How these four grapple with the obvious generational issues plus tensions within their own relationships makes for a wise and witty show.

"Weekend Comedy" stars Fisher Williams and

Samantha Scheetz, Deb Kennedy and Tom Milligan. Folks may recall that Williams and Scheetz are Clear Creek Amana High School graduates whose stand out work in CCA productions prepared them for university and college productions. Scheetz is currently performing with City Circle Theatre Co. and is "Serena" in the upcoming production of "Legally Blonde" at the Coralville Performing Arts Center, City Circle Theatre. More on St. Paul MN native, Fisher Williams, as we get closer to the show date.

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### HEY GOOD LOOKIN,' GOT KUCHEN?!

It's approaching Maifest time again, and the Amana Heritage Society will be helping feed hungry visitors at the Festhalle. If you'd like to help us out by backing Kuchen, we would appreciate it. It can be dropped off beginning at 9am at our booth at the Festhalle grounds. We thank you ahead of time for your continued support of AHS!!

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### AMANA FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held on Wednesday April 20, 2022 at 8:00 pm in the Middle Fire Station.

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The team at the  
**Amana RV Park &  
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This person will use our Kubota tractor & batwing-style mower. In addition to mowing, they will be responsible for helping to maintain our equipment and keep our buildings in shape for our campers. This position runs from mid-March to mid-November and is generally 25-30 hours per week. Contact Laura Sue Woods, Human Resources Manager, at 319-622-3953 or lwoods@amanas.net. To apply online, look for our ad on Indeed.

### Water Babies Swim Classes

May 09 - 13, 2019

Amana Pool, Middle Amana

Classes will be held  
Monday thru Friday  
The cost is \$40.00

6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

6 mo. - 18 mo.

6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

19 mo. - 2 yrs

Contact: Margaret Trumpold

Cell 319-400-0062 or home 319-622-3299

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remember any time being exposed to it, but "they" say I have it.

Why is it that when you go to the pharmacy the people working there all smile like cats seeing a mouse headed towards them?

You know you're not getting younger when you look at a phone book and (1) the person is not listed because they have a cell phone and (2) if they are listed the type in the phone book is so small you can barely make it out, especially the numbers like 3, 8, and 5 that blur together.

You know you have aged when the main topic of conversation are the ailments you and your friends have.

One of the worst parts of getting older is running out of sympathy instead of wedding, baby, or birthday cards.

Looking for something only to remember that where you are looking is the place you put it many years ago and moved it not quite so many years ago. Now to remember where the "new" place is.

The worst part is having the clerk not ask you if you want the senior discount, but "assuming" you already qualify.

Then there are the commercials (usually for medicines) that recommend you get checked, vaccinated or whatever when you get over a certain age (usually one that has long since passed you by).

Going to the cemetery and not only knowing who everyone is in the first row, but even the rows behind does not bring a spring to one's step either.

Last, but not least, is going to get your driver's licence and instead of being embarrassed over the weight category you hope and pray that you pass the eye exam without another trip to get new glasses.

To think that I thought being over 70 was old when I was young! You need not remind me about the foolishness of youth. THAT I still remember! Now if only I could find my needlework.

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**FOR RENT: Reunions, social gatherings, business meetings?**

**The Homestead Welfare Club** (4215 V St. Homestead), offers an exceptional 1100 sq. ft. meeting or gathering room in our historic 1860's home. It includes a mini kitchen, tables and chairs for 80+ persons plus a 1/2 acre private, beautifully shaded back yard with picnic tables and small shelter, perfect for outdoor activities. Rental is \$75/day. An additional 500 sq. ft. full-service kitchen is available for an additional \$25.

**Call 319-622-3620 for details and scheduling.**

**HOMESTEAD SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT**

The Homestead Sanitary District Board of Trustees will hold its quarterly meeting on Wednesday April 20, 2022 at 6 pm at the Homestead Welfare Club.

**SERVICES**

Spring Lawn Clean-up; Lawn Aeration; Lawn Thatching; Lawn Mowing; Lawn Rolling; Spring Garden Tilling. Call Robb Jeck at 319-622-3308

**HELP WANTED**

Hometown Lawncare and Landscaping, wanted full time help, must have valid driver's licence. Call 319-622-3417 and leave message.

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Join Us for Easter at the



A Delicious Buffet is being served from 11:00 - 2:00 pm  
Please call to reserve your table.  
319-622-5254 or 319-361-6786

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"This is a just a very funny show and I think audiences are going to really enjoy it," said Kennedy. Love, relationships and growing older; yes, as Kennedy said, "It's a story we can all relate too."

Relatable too is the story of the new generation rebirth at the theatre itself.

The Amana Society with staff members Bruce Trumpold, Jeff Poppenhagen, Dennis Hahn and Jamie Scott have worked hard to get the theatre back into operational order after the Creamery decamped abruptly a few months ago. Despite being asked to leave things as they found them, the building and equipment were in disrepair and some vital equipment from the sound and lighting systems was unworkable or missing.

But with a lot of hard work, brainstorming and calling in help when needed, the theatre will be ready for shows and bookings this year with "Weekend Comedy" the first show to open the Amana Performing Arts Center May 20 - 21.

What will happen there in future? Jamie Scott, director of the Amana RV Park and Event Center is handling all bookings for the Amana Performing Arts Center. She explained that in just a short time they've booked 10 different events including theatrical performances, a kids theatre camp and series of weekend evening swap meets with live Bluegrass music and a pop up food vendor to be held on back courtyard just like those that happened in South Amana in 2018-2019.

"It's been wonderful so far getting everyone's viewpoints and I've had many event inquiries for that space," she said.

The Amana Society has networked with theatrical professionals in the Colonies and spread the word that the venue is available. They will also be cross-promoting it via The Hotel Millwright and the Amana Colonies RV Park as a potential meeting site for corporate, business or club gatherings that require a larger size, auditorium venue.

A website will be created for it, but for now, you can read about the venue and get booking details via the Amana RV Park website at amanarvpark.com/Amana-performing-arts-center/. Or call the Amana Colonies RV Park at 319-622-7616.

The theatre seats 300. Photos of the freshly painted and spruced up space are on the RV Park/Amana PAC website.

Greg Luerkens, Amana Society President and CEO told The Bulletin, "We are hopeful that the

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**OBITUARY**

Ronald Otto Fels Ronald Otto Fels, 81, passed away April 6, 2022. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Hamilton's on Westown Parkway, 3601 Westown Parkway in West Des Moines, IA. Burial will be Thursday, April 14 at 11:00 a.m. at Homestead Cemetery in Homestead, IA. A celebration of life will be held at a later date at New Life Lutheran Church in Norwalk.

Ronald was born on March 14, 1941 to Marie (Eichacker) and Herbert Fels. He graduated from Drake University with his BA and from the University of Iowa with his Master's in economics. Ron worked in the finance industry and was an avid University of Iowa sports fan.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Madge Fels; his sons, Brad Fels and Chris Mulfinger; grandchildren, Madelaine Fels, Emerson Fels and Campbell Mulfinger; and his sister, Judy Chesley. Ron was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to New Life Lutheran Church, 4380 Wakonda Dr. in Norwalk, IA 50211 and condolences express at www.HamiltonsFuneralHome.com.

**NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY**

The Amana Library added the following to their catalog. To reserve a book, please call 319-622-3192.

- By Jennifer Armentrout: Crown of Gilded Bones;
- From Blood & Ash; Kingdom of Flesh & Fire
- Push by Ashley Audrain
- Mercy by David Baldacci
- Woman on Fire by Lisa Barr
- Shadows Reel by CJ Box
- Magnolia Palace by Fiona Davis
- Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr
- My Lovely Wife by Samantha Downing
- Sentence by Louise Erdrich
- Game On by Janet Evanovich
- Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley
- Caramel Pecan Roll Murder by Joanne Fluke
- Christie Affair by Nina de Gramont
- The Girl He Used to Know by Tracey Garvis Graves
- A Slow Fire Burning by Paula Hawkins
- By Colleen Hoover: Confess; It Ends with Us;
- November 9; Reminders of Him; Ugly Love; Verity
- The Club by Ellery Lloyd
- Such a Quiet Place by Megan Miranda
- Killing the Mob by Bill O'Reilly
- By James Patterson: Horsewoman;
- Run, Rose, Run; Steal
- Wish You Were Here by Jodi Picoult
- Wilder Girls by Rory Power
- The Maid by Nita Prose
- Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Reid
- Beautiful World, Where Are You by Sally Rooney
- Island of Missing Trees by Elif Shafak
- Lucky by Marissa Stapley
- Honor by Thrity Umrigar
- In My Dreams I Hold a Knife by Ashley Winstead



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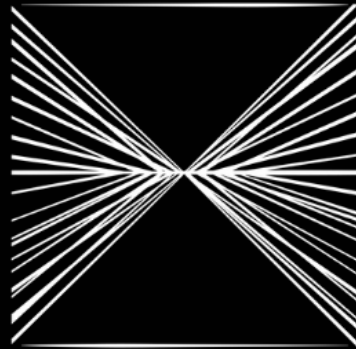
theater can remain a positive asset for the Amana Society and for the community. There is still much planning that needs to take place. We have officially changed the name from the Old Creamery Theater to the Amana Performing Arts Center. It's important to the Amana Society, Inc. and to the community that the facility operates at a profit or at minimum, is self-sustaining, assuring it operates for years to come. It's also important for the overall

maintenance and upkeep of the facility."

He added, "The hope is that community groups can utilize the space in a wide array of ways. In the immediate future, the Amana Society is working with a local non-profit, TKM Productions, that's ramping up production of theater presentations. The hope is that this group can bring much of what the Old Creamery Theater has brought to the community in the past, maintaining Amana as a place that promotes the arts."

While featuring theatre productions is important

because offering good entertainment is a natural draw, Luerkens explained that ASI believes widening what can and will happen at the venue will help sustain the venue in the future. The vision is to be able to use the venue for different kinds of events and programs— from professional theatre productions to musical performances and concerts, private events, corporate events ,plus events that appeal to children and families. Obviously this will take time and effort to develop, but steps are being made and the work has begun.



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**Thursday - Saturday  
4pm - 11pm**

**Lunch 11am - 2pm  
Tuesday - Saturday**

**Sunday  
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**Dinner 5pm - 9pm  
Wednesday - Saturday**

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