

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Combined Service, live streamed on Facebook, at 10:00 a.m. May 17, 2020 with Elder Mike Shoup presiding.

Opening Hymn: Folget Mir ruft uns das Leben vs 1, 3, 5. No. 281 Seite 272

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock, Neuenstein, May 18, 1716

Scripture: Matthew 5: 7

Ephesians 2: 4-10

Closing Hymn: Follow Me, the Savior Calleth vs 4, 5, 6. No 24

Wednesday Nachtgebet live stream on Facebook at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Fellowship live stream on Facebook at 5:30 p.m.

281 Art 91.

1. Folget Mir! ruft uns das Leben, was ihr bittet, will Ich geben, gehet nur den rechten Steg; folget, Ich bin selbst der Weg! folget Mir von ganzem Herzen, Ich benehm' euch alle Schmerzen; lernet von Mir insgemein sanft und reich von Demuth seyn.

3. Aber, Herr! wo find' ich Stärke, zu vollbringen gute Werke, Dir mit Lust zu folgen nach? Ach mein Gott! ich bin zu schwach. Geh' ich schon auf guten Wegen, muß ich bald mich niederlegen; Dich zu lieben, o mein Licht! steht in meinen Kräften nicht.

5. Ach! wie seh' ich doch ein Rennen nach den Gütern, die wir kennen; liebet doch die schnöde Welt nur den Reichthum und das Geld; und dem Herren, der das Leben nach dem Sterben uns will geben, folget Niemand mit der That, ob man's gleich versprochen hat.

AMANA SOCIETY SERVICE COMPANY NOTICE

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The IUB and Amana Society Service Company continues to encourage all customers to continue paying toward their energy bills to avoid accumulating high debt and avoid facing utility service disconnection as the moratorium ends on May 27, 2020.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

The quarantine has really kept us secluded. It has been making me think of things that just perhaps I should go out and buy to see if they would be better than what we have now.

Do you remember "Prell" or "Breck" shampoos? The ads for Breck seemed always to be on the back cover of a large magazine like *Look*, *Life*, or the *Saturday Evening Post*.

The model was always blonde (as far as I remember) with beautiful shoulder length hair, each one in place, unlike my curly mop of hair.

Prell shampoo came in a tube and was emerald green. The smell was so clean you wanted to use half the tube when only a little bit was needed.

Certainly, these were better than "Suave" which my mother insisted on using. My sister and I protested it burned our eyes so bad and would cause permanent loss of vision.

To "prevent us from losing or vision" our mother tricked us buying "goggles" with a terry cloth "seal" around the edges. It didn't work!

Then there was "Geritol". I suppose it was like all the folk medication peddlers used to sell decades before, only this stuff was better because it had IRON in it.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Some Local Merchants Re-Open Now Some Taking it Slowly

With her May 6 proclamation, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds has allowed for the reopening of retail stores in Iowa County, Linn, Johnson, Benton and those counties that had been impacted by the "stay at home" order of mid-April.

To read the entire 8-page order go to the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management page on the internet and look for the Governor's Disaster Proclamation date 5/06. Restaurants may reopen (with control measures in place) after midnight on May 15, but bars are to remain closed for now.

It states that a retail business may reopen "but only to the extent that it limits the number of customers present to 50% maximum legal occupancy capacity and implements reasonable measures under the circumstances of each establishment to ensure social distancing of employees and customers, increasing hygiene practices and other public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 consistent with guidance issued by the Iowa Department of Public Health."

This means that business owners follow guidelines issued by the Department of Public Health, while monitoring the number of people who are shopping in their stores.

Finding those rules and implementing them can be bewildering, two shop owners told us last week.

"I am confused, but have been doing a lot of research to try and find out what we need to do exactly," said one Williamsburg merchant.

"It's a little overwhelming, I'm going to be doing my best. I want to have the right information," a colony merchant told us.

After doing some on-line research we discovered that the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce has prepared an "Opening Your Business in the Age of Covid-19 Toolkit" sponsored by Shive-Hattery that is available free online via the Quad Cities Chamber website. It's a well written, well organized booklet that has recommendations and tips for all kinds of businesses from hair salons to motels and general retail shops, plus signs you can use in your business and resources you can access online.

To download the PDF, go to: https://quadcitieschamber.com/pdf/QCC_Reopen_Toolkit.pdf

Aj's Copper Garden, Fern Hill Gifts and Quilts, the Amana Colonies Golf Club, the Amana Colonies RV Park and Event Center and Heritage Designs were open this past weekend.

Hahn Bakery, Yana's, the Amana Colonies Bakery, Fireside Winery and Ackerman Winery will be opening again May 15.

The Amana Heritage Museum is planning to re-open the week of June 1, noted Jon Childers, Amana Heritage Society director.

Nearly all local businesses we talked to plan to be open on or before June 1.

The past two months have been very difficult for area merchants. While many are well prepared to handle a slow winter, no one was ready to see their shops closed completely March 13 through May 8. "I won't lie - it's been tough," one Amana shop owner said last week. "I can handle a slow winter - but being totally closed is something else and the bills just keep coming in for rent, for insurance, for heat, taxes, my health insurance."

Several colony merchants were successful in receiving the COVID-19 CARES Act (Corona Virus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) small business grants or loans. Some business owners applied for unemployment insurance payments previously unavailable to business owners. Some owners relied on their savings and on carryout or online sales.

"We'll do everything we can to keep our customers and ourselves safe. And it will be a big relief to be open again and see my customers. I will be wearing a mask and we'll go through a lot of hand sanitizer, I'm sure! But we'll be open and I hope people will be around and shopping," said an antique shop owner said Friday.

"I know it won't be like last May, but I think people will be wanting to get out and about a

little, I hope," she concluded.

A Few Tips for Shopping During a Pandemic

Doing research for the above story and reading the guidelines noted by various websites, including the Small Business Administration Help-Line for COVID-19, here are just a few tips for shopping these days. Just as a reminder to us all.

How to shop during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Wear a mask.
- Wash your hands frequently using hot water and soap. Use a hand sanitizer frequently. Carry hand sanitizer with you. Use sanitizer before and after shopping.
- Avoid touching any surfaces. Do not pick up items when shopping unless you plan to buy them. If you touch something and do not buy it - please

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OBITUARY

Margy E. Seifert, age 90, of Homestead passed away Thursday May 7, 2020 at Wesley Acres in Des Moines. A private graveside service will be held Monday May 11, 2020 at Homestead Cemetery, Homestead with Pastor Lisa Crow officiating. Memorials may be contributed to the Safe Haven of Iowa County. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo is assisting the family with arrangements.


She is survived by her children Randy Seifert of Marion, Timothy Seifert (Rodi) of Chicago, IL, and Karen Seifert (Melodie) of Urbandale; a granddaughter Angelique Kramer (Tim) of Cedar Rapids; and two great grandchildren Mya and Noah Hummel. Also surviving are siblings Helen Zimpleman of Marengo, Roy Gerard of North Chesterfield, VA, Lorrin Gerard (Carol) of Nevada, and Evan Gerard (Judy) of Cambell, CA, along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and husband Henry in 2009.

Margy Elaine Gerard was born March 30, 1930 in Millersburg Iowa the daughter of Glen and Leona Charlotte Jones Gerard. She graduated from the Marengo High School in 1948 where she was a member of the Honor Society. Margy and Henry were united in marriage June 27, 1948 at First United Methodist Church in Marengo. Margy worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Louie Clemens for many years, and then as a hostess at Zuber's Restaurant in Homestead. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Marengo for over 70 years, a member of the Eastern Star, Homestead Welfare Club and the Amana Heritage Society. Margy enjoyed bird watching and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. She was a recipe queen, always trying out a new recipe on Henry. She enjoyed spending time with her family and her beloved cat, Spice.

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FREE STUFF

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Being young and impressionable, I figured iron was good for me, but I had no idea why. I never did try the stuff so I can't vouch for it.

Years later my sister would whisper to me that her mother-in-law took a tablespoon of this magical potion daily, but her husband (sister's husband) had looked at the ingredients and found it contained a great deal of alcohol (for medicinal proposes only, of course) Considering she was a teacher, it might have made her day a bit more pleasant.

This has got me started on other products, so you can guess what next week's (tirade-diatribepolemic -philippic) column will be about.

B.S.H.

**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT
 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
 Notice and Tentative Agenda for the Regular Meeting May 19, 2020, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom App**

An in-person meeting is not possible due to the CDC guidelines regarding social distancing to limit/prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

- I. Call Meeting to Order.
- II. Set/Amend Agenda
- III. Discussion/Action. Review/approve the following:
 - a. April meeting minutes
 - IV. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:
 - a. 2020-052 Cherie Hansen-Rieskamp, 206 220th Trail. Replace door on historic chicken coop with white steel door (6-panel), replace wood siding in kind, replace wood on front porch deck.
 - b. 2020-052 Dennis Zuber, 4468 V St. Replace 2 sets of steps in front of house.
 - V. Other Business.
 - a. Administrator's Report
 - VI. Adjourn.

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My wife, the critical care nurse, has had enough of Covid-19 at work without worrying about me

**Zuber's Homestead Hotel
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- Call to place an order by NOON ON FRIDAY, will be bake and have it READY TO GO on Monday or Tuesday.
- Pan or bar cookies (by the dozen only).
- Pies, Sweet Breads, or Coffee Cakes.
- Cakes - 9x13, round two layer).
- Cinnamon rolls & Cupcakes (by multiples of 6).
- Call to ask about pricing and/or have a menu emailed to you 319-622-3911

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tell the clerk so that he can wipe it off with sanitizer.

- Carry your own pen with you and use it to sign receipts.

- Avoid crowded spaces. In smaller shops be mindful of the number of people in a shop. Wait your turn. Be patient.

- Stay at least 6 feet away from all people.

- Respect the employees. Do not hassle employees who are trying to follow the guidelines as set forth by their employers.

- Respect the rules of the establishment. Some colony merchants said that they have gotten impolite "push back" from shoppers who want everything to return to normal. Please be kind.

**Old Creamery Theatre
 to Suspend 2020 Season**

The curtain has closed on the Old Creamery Theatre's 2020 season.

Iowa's oldest professional theatre company announced Tuesday that they are suspending their remaining 2020 Main Stage, Youth Theatre and special events in 2020.

The 2020 Prelude to Christmas Show at the Price Creek and a fall dinner theatre production (TBA) at a Cedar Rapids location remain on the schedule at this time, explained co-artistic director Keegan Christopher.

He and wife, Katie Colletta, who serves as co-artistic director, notified employees and were calling members of the media Tuesday afternoon following the the OCTC board's decision Monday night.

"Thinking about our theatre's long term health and hoping to celebrate a 50th season next year, the board made the decision last evening to suspend the 2020 season," Christopher reported.

The Old Creamery Theatre has been closed since mid March when social distancing policies were put into place to help combat the COVID-19 pandemic. The spring shows were cancelled and the remainder of the season was put on hold.

This week with contracts and agreements looming to secure artistic licensing and staff for the upcoming season, the board took a look at the Creamery's budget and agreed it was not prudent to make deposits, book shows and send out binding contracts to produce shows that might not happen. All theaters are closed in Iowa and group events and gatherings are suspended until further notice.

The Creamery's fulltime staff of 8 will be employed through June, Christopher noted.

"It certainly breaks your heart. We, Katie and I, have been so blessed to be able to create theatre here in Iowa and when you look around and think that the Old Creamery is going to be 50 years old, that's just not seen. You don't see 50-year-old professional companies out there. It was important to do this now to protect the future of the company. . We're looking down the road and really we want to celebrate a 50th and a 51st season so that's the decision that needed to be made," he added.

This is particularly heartbreaking for Ashley Pirsig Shields who was hired this winter to be the OCTC's executive director. Previously, she served as Director of Advancement for Barrington Stage Company in Pittsfield, MA and Director of Development for Flat Rock Playhouse – the State Theatre of North Carolina. She and the company had positive plans for advancing their artistic reach and scope this year.

Season ticket holders will receive a notification on how to redeem their season tickets for next's year's production. Or another option would be to donate the season ticket to the Old Creamery and help the Creamery weather this bleak season. There are other options available to season ticket holders and they may call the OCTC box office for details on all those options. 319-622-6262.