

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, July 16, 2023, starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Es Kommt, Es Kommt der Herre" vs 1-5 No. 268 Seite 261

Testimony: JF Rock, Dudelsheim, June 1, 1725
Scripture: Acts 4:1-12
Psalm 98

Closing Hymn: "O Jesu Christe Gott der Ehren" vs 1-5 No. 802 Seite 792

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

Opening Hymn: "He Comes He Comes Almighty Lord" No. 129

Closing Hymn: "Oh Dearest Jesus, God of Honor" No. 131

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 FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly public meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

1923: THE FIRE THAT SPARKED THE GREAT CHANGE AHS SPECIAL EXHIBIT

On Thursday, July 13th at 5pm join the Amana Heritage Society for an Open House of our brand-new special exhibit, 1923: The Fire that Sparked the Great Change. This Exhibit explores the devastating fire that destroyed the Amana Flour Mill and most of the Woolen Mill complex on August 11, 1923. Admission to the Amana Heritage Museum is free during the Open House event, and drinks and snacks will be provided.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Look I've often written about how I cannot find items in our apartment. Within these four rooms I have misplaced, three socks (non-matching) a medical alert necklace, a forest green nightgown, two pairs of slacks (I suspect Charlemagne on those) and other odds and ends. I therefore sympathize with Mike Pence and Joe Biden for "misplacing" classified papers, although I do wonder if they hire competent house cleaners. We "normal" humans have only ourselves and no secret service people to look after us, thus cookies mysteriously disappear with only crumbs remaining in their last known location - if only the containers would dispose of themselves as well.

You do however have to give another former President credit for knowing where all his "stray" documents were. Perhaps his cleaning crew and staff were better than Biden and Pence's (they were after all only Vice Presidents at the time - Robin & Kato).

Considering that some of those documents were delivered in a lead lined case handcuffed to a special carrier as part of an armed detail and signed for upon delivery, we should all be shocked if they had been misplaced.

I guess what we should wonder about is whatever happened to the tracking sign in/out logs? Did these documents get misplaced?

I mean, we sign out library books and "track" missing books down fairly easily so why not classified material?

I don't mean these papers have to be identified as "This is the Secret Code used by the Russian Police," but how about a number code or the type we use as our computer passwords (1-2-3-4 or 2-4-6-8 etc.).

Why don't these powerful people keep track of the papers they send out? I know that some are "Secret" or "Confidential" and they might think they will remember.

I have news! People forget or they die and information is lost. These transactions have to be recorded!

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Correction – Please Take Note Amana Road Closings for RAGBRAI

Stacey Colledge, Amana CVB director reports, "RAGBRAI road closure barriers will be placed at the east side of intersections of 220th Trail and Hwy 151, as well as at H Street and Hwy 151.

Barricades will be placed at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 28th and taken down after the riders have left town. Uniformed County Sheriff officers will be positioned at these intersections from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. when officers will canvas the community to encourage riders to move on to Oxford."

Also according to the Des Moines Register, this year they are expecting as many as 50,000 riders.

She adds that it is important for Amana and East Amana residents to plan accordingly and for merchants and employees in Amana to be aware of the road closures.

To recap – Main Street from the four-way stop (220th and Highway 151) will be closed on Friday, July 28 from 10:30 a.m. until most of the RAGBRAI riders have left town.

Also H Street in Amana from Highway 151 (the residential street behind the Ronneburg and Ox Yoke Inn) will be closed at that time as well.

Bikes will be admitted to drive down main street and bikers will be encouraged to exit town via H street.

Little Red Wagon and General Store Work

The front of the Amana General Store and the Little Red Wagon will be relandscaped, along with the installation of new paving behind the businesses to replace the existing worn and broken blacktop.

The Little Red Wagon will be enlarged with the construction of a new addition for retail and storage on the north side of the building.

The work is beginning and will be completed by the late fall of this year. The merchandising of the toy shop to integrate the new space with the existing space will take place during the winter, so residents might look forward to a spring "Grand Opening."

Both the toy shop and the Amana General Store will remain open during construction.

The Amana Society has been planning this work for some time. As Lyndsey McCarty, Amana General Store general manager, explained, they are seeking to improve the exterior area between the two retail shops with a green space that could be used during festivals and for special events, as well as enlarge the retail space of the very popular Little Red Wagon.

Closing the narrow "alley driveway" which exists between the general store and the Little Red Wagon to auto traffic will make it much safer for pedestrians and will allow for the addition of a couple more parking spaces at the rear and in the front.

The Little Red Wagon will be enlarged to the north adding about 800 square foot of retail space.

What's more it will add about 800 square feet of shipping/ receiving and storage space on its lower level. This will allow for more practical, more accessible receiving and shipping for both shops. The Little Red Wagon will be plumbed and a rest-room added. It currently does not have a rest-room on premises.

As McCarty told us, "An expansion of the Toy Store has always been on the list for management. . . When assessing the need for a new parking lot, the light bulb came on that an expansion on the current structure was the answer all along. Even better, we would not lose any parking as we would be gaining spaces on both ends of the new green space. And even better than that, all the merchandise received had to come through the front and only door at the Wagon. Now we will have a second emergency exit and dedicated receiving space (for deliveries)."

A certified professional building designer drew up plans for the addition, the parking area and the landscaping at the front of the building.

Making it safer for pedestrians is very important, as McCarty explained, and she is excited about the potential for the green space between the two

shops. "This space will give the Red Wagon and General store opportunity to offer additional experiences to guests during festivals and the many mini-festivals throughout the year. Any other day of the year visitors can relax and regroup in the space," she explained.

McCarty added, "Expanded offerings for children and the 'young at heart' within Amana is important in keeping our multi-generational customer base coming back. The toy store is one of our most frequented businesses by locals looking for a gift, so the expansion will allow a larger variety of Baby and Children's unique items. With this project, the new and returning guests to this property will experience the 'pride in ownership' to these Amana Society businesses. Our returning guests are always excited to see 'What's new?' so we look forward to this project through the eyes of our customers and the success that will follow."

AAG Kids Art Camp a Darn Good Time

Calling all kids, ages eight to twelve. Get on board the Colony Art Camp at the Amana Arts Guild Center in High Amana, four days, July 24 - 27. The AAG Colony Art Camp is an opportunity for kids to engage their creativity with fun, hands-on artistic projects. All three instructors are highly experienced arts teachers and bring a fresh perspective to inspiring creativity in kids.

"Junk Journals" with Molly Kephart. Students will make handmade paper journals from found and recycled items. The pages can be used to write, draw or record thoughts and inspirations

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One can only imagine how many important documents go across the President's desk. These men and women are only (definitely) human. They cannot remember everything. They probably forgot simple things like birthdays or anniversaries. We have people who help us, but we also have journals, notes, etc.

These are or were important documents yet no one seemed to notice. What does this mean about our government and the safety of our country?

Why or what was in Biden and Pence's documents that they were not missed until someone started making a fuss and people were sent in to search? Did they endanger the lives of "assets" abroad?

People HAVE to care! Records MUST be kept and people held accountable.

I'm a wife and a mother, it is my responsibility to care for my husband and children AND my fellow "man." One HAS to CARE and show compassion.

We all know people who do things for others quietly and don't get or desire (read Matt 6) any credit while others get awards. It's the "quiet people" that make the world run.

I always think of the janitors, secretaries, nurses, mothers, volunteers, scrip writers, teachers, and the people who DO KEEP TRACK of documents. Do they get thanked? Hardly ever - so it is up to YOU to right that wrong!

Thank a librarian, or one of the others mentioned today.

B.S.H.

THANK YOU

Bob Graesser would like thank everyone who reached out to him and joined him to celebrate his 80th birthday. All of your birthday wishes were greatly appreciated!

**Amana Area Fellowship
Night of Worship**

Please join us for an evening of food, fellowship, song and a message from the Bible.

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Amana Performing Arts Center

Potluck 6:00-6:30

Music and Message 6:45

Continuing Series:

Jesus' Letters to the 7 Churches in the Book of Revelation

Message: Letter to the church in Pergamum
visit us at www.amanaareafellowship.org
and on Facebook

TOUR DIVIDE BIKE RACE 2023

Erich Gnewikow, son of Larry and Charm of West Amana, left his home in Missoula, Montana on May 29 to ride his bike over 580 miles to Banff Canada, and start the Tour Divide, an Annual Mountain Bike Ride traversing the length of the Rocky Mountains, from Banff Canada to the Mexican border.

The Tour Divide traverses the length of the Rocky Mountains, from Banff to the Mexican border. Following the 2,694.1 Great Divide Mt Bike Route. In comparison, the distance from New York to Las Angles is 2,789 miles by car. The tour is arguably, the world's longest and most extreme test of endurance, self-reliance and mental toughness, as the entire ride is self-supported, no teams, no outside support, resupplying at towns along the route.

Riders used GPS for navigation and tracking, the ride could be followed via a website

After 25 days on the Tour, Erich finished the race at Antelope Wells, New Mexico on the US-Mexican border, the morning of July 4th. He finished 65th out of 204 register riders with 87 riders withdrawing from Tour.

Over the course of the race, he rode over the Rockies and spent numerous days at an elevation of over 12,000 feet and had 117,048 feet of elevation change over the course of the ride. He lost 2 days for equipment repairs and rode days without seeing another rider.

On the tour he met Matt Miller from the Fry Town (Iowa) area, that finished 57th and riders from all over the world. Erich plans to rent a car to drive back to Missoula.

Larry Gnewikow.

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"Quilted Collage and Clay" with Kristie Yoder. Students will create 3 different types of quilt squares, one out of collage papers, one painted on a ceramic tile, and the third from found textures pressed into clay and layered onto a handmade tile.

"Drawing, Painting, and Sculpture Creation" with Susan McKenna-Macumber. Students will have the chance to explore three different mediums and create art that they will cherish.

To register contact the Amana Arts Guild today via at INFO@AMANAARTSGUILD.ORG or call 319-622-3678.

**First ITAC Bluegrass Evening
a Toe Tapping Hit**

Bluegrass music, handcrafts, veggies, a picnic and friends, don't forget the friends - that's the bill of fare at the "Bluegrass Under the Summer Sky" introduced last summer by the Iowa Theatre Artists Co. of Amana and continued this summer at Koru Berry Farm.

This season the event is being held on Sundays at the Koru Berry Farm located just south of Highway 6 about a mile and a half west of Homestead on U Avenue.

Sunday the Anderegg Family Bluegrass band took the stage while the ITAC volunteers grilled pork tenderloin and folks enjoyed lemonade, sodas and beer. Several vendors selling garden produce, honey, jams, breads and craft goods were set up on the grounds. With plenty of picnic seating there was room to spread out. Kids enjoyed seeing the Koru Berry Farm's ponies, lamas and other animals while their folks enjoyed the music and food.

The very talented Anderegg family brought an uplifting and fun mix of bluegrass standards plus old Gospel favorites and American folk tunes. A large crowd enjoyed the fun of this first summer bluegrass with ITAC event at Koru.

What's coming up? Sunday, July 16 Straightback Chair and the Riverbottom Ramblers will be at Kor.; on July 23 look forward to Castle Ridge and the Splinters; July 30 it's the Burlington Street Bluegrass Band and on August 6 our favorites, Banjoy and the Great Bluegrass Herons will be there. The market opens and the picnic starts serving at 4 p.m. while the music starts about 4:30 and continues till about 7:15 or so.



WANTED/WANTED TO BUY

BUYING All ANTIQUES; Toys, signs, Furniture, Crocks, Paintings, textiles, automotive, oddities and the unusual. Any condition. Fair cash prices paid. Call or text 319-270-1251/Jack Cirkl.

FOR RENT

Large, 2 br, 1 bath, upper level apartment for rent available August 1st. \$700/month rent + deposit. Heat, water, and trash included. One pet allowed. W/d hook ups on site. **319-430-3373**

Walford & Amana. Upper 1& 2 Bedroom. Lease 6 mo., references, deposit. 319-227-7465

SERVICES

Mike Beck Landscape & Garden- General Landscaping! Trimming Trees, Vines, Bushes, Etc. General Cleanup, Mulching, Garden & Landscape Consultant. Phone 319-721-3993

OBITUARY

Tammy (Blount) Schwendinger died Sunday, July 9, 2023 at her home at the age of 64 years. Visitation will be Thursday July 13 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the Powell Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life Service will be held 10:30 am Friday, July 14, at the Powell Funeral Home in Williamsburg. Burial will be at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Williamsburg.

Tamara Marie (Blount) Schwendinger was born May 9, 1959, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to Wayne and Rose (Parson) Blount. She graduated from Amana High School in 1977 then attended University of Northern Iowa, completing a college degree in Graphic Arts at Kirkwood Community College. Tamara was united in marriage to David Carl Schwendinger on November 24, 1979 in Marengo, Iowa.

Tammy worked a number of jobs throughout her life, finally as a medical insurance coding specialist for Medi Rev. She enjoyed quilting, sewing, antiques, gardening with her antique garden décor, camping and especially spending time with her family and grandchildren. Tammy has a strong faith in Jesus and was involved in several churches and ministries.

She is survived by her husband, Dave; two daughters, Beth (Mark) Ohl of Grimes and Abby (Scott) Birkett of Des Moines; two grandchildren, Aidan and Arden; two brothers, Ron (Paula) Blount of East Amana and Dan Blount of High Amana and a number of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial fund has been established for the Iowa County Food Bank, Powerhouse Ministries or Meadow Lark. Messages and tributes may be directed to www.powellfuneralhomes.com

Amana Farms is seeking a Full Time Feedlot Associate!

This individual will help feed cattle, operate and maintain equipment, perform yard maintenance, clean animal housing areas and more.

Experience with cattle is a must.

To apply, contact Laura Sue Woods at 319-622-3953 or lswoods@amanas.net or see our ad on Indeed.

AMANA RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

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Full time or Part time hours
5:30 am- 2:00pm

Every other weekend required

Contact Tanya at 319-622-3131 for more information

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THE ACLUD CORNER

The RABRAI riders will be passing through the area on Friday, July 28 from approx. 10 am to 4 pm. It is not too late to get your special event sign permits. The special RAGBRAI pricing of \$10/ sign is in effect. Some caveats; pennants, banners, windsocks and street banners constructed of fabric or vinyl are on the Prohibited Sign List in the ordinances. No signs are to be placed in the Public Right Of Way (for example the two grass triangles at the Casey's intersection) that is State of Iowa property. Special Event signs can go up seven days before an event and should be taken down within two days after the event. Always ask permission first before placing a sign on someone else's property. And the following is the ordinance definition of a Special Event Sign: "A temporary sign advertising the occasion and location of community events, including but not limited to fairs, festivals and celebrations open to the general public".

For further information regarding your local government visit our website www.aclud.org or call the office in Amana at 319-622-3840