

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

Amana Church services are live streamed from the church on FM 93.5 and Facebook. Limited in church attendance offered, facemasks and social distancing will be practiced.

The English Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, May 02, 2021, starting at 10:00 AM with Elder Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Lord of Eternal Love am I." No. 104

Testimony: Ursula Meyer, May 10, 1716, Schwarzenau

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2: 9 -16
Psalm 40 (verses from)

Closing Hymn: To be announced

The Wednesday Evening Prayer (Nachtgebet) meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in Middle.

Saturday Evening Fellowship, will meet in Amana at 5:30 PM

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday, May 03, 2021 in the Amana Sanitary lift station.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

It seems that when the Amana Bulletin was first published Dr. H.G. Moershel wrote a one page letter to the community members saying that periodically a notification of what was happening in the colonies would be submitted to the residents about important matters.

What was a one page "letter" would turn into a six page/2 fold sheet of paper that would come out weekly on Fridays.

Different towns had people who would act as the gatherers of the news by having people report to them via the local "grape vine" or eventually the phone.

The remaining correspondents were Mary Ann Haas Fels in Amana and Richard Seifert who would be replaced by Marie Stuck Selzer - the last of the "reporters."

A note was recently received from Madeline R. Bendorf telling how she and Mary Seifert Wendler would pick up the "Bulletin" each and every week and deliver them to every home in the Amanas. Upon completion they would report back to the Secretary of the Amana Society, Mr. Stuck who would, with great solemnity open the middle drawer of his desk and reward those hard working girls with two shiny dimes which he kept in a roll.

Madeline did not report if she and Mary saved this money or went next door to the general store to buy some candy or perhaps a soda.

The "Bulletin" has remained although the reports have changed. Instead of the oversized large sheet, the paper has decreased to a more reasonable size, much to the relief of the librarians who file these "tomes" into the archives.

We now know who had the first dandelion salad in the colonies, what happened to Bismarck the fabled bull that graced two farm village farms, what families went on vacations and where they went, out of town visitors, birthday parties, even the colors and songs sung at some of the weddings, who the "Personalities" were, who broke an arm, or when a baby was born.

Truly the "life" of the community was recorded for decades for all to celebrate or mourn. Amana was a true community that was held together with the words of this simple "Bulletin" that was (and is) free to the residents.

B.S.H.

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Due to health issues I am personally unable to repair mowers & such. I do have some help, but they are very limited in time. You are all very important to us and we will do what we can to help you. Give us a call. 319-622-3694. Harry Heldt.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Maifest is Here: Spring is a Popping

It's back! Maifest is this weekend in the Amanas. Don your lederhosen or fancy dirndl, put on your masks and come join the (socially distanced) party.

Here's a quick rundown of Maifest events, but there is more going on than we can list here so pick up an event schedule at a local merchant or download at amanacolonies.com.

- Maifest Breakfast, Sat. 8 - 10:30 a.m. at the Ox Yoke Inn. Kids, 10 and under, eat free with adult meal purchase.

- Maifest parade at 10 a.m. Saturday in Amana.

- Amana's Maifest dancers will perform tradition Bavarian maipole dances Saturday and Sunday. Our local troupe has been performing at festivals for over 30 years. Calling all past Maipole dancers, team captains are asking you to come help the team sing as this year of COVID fewer rehearsals were held. Dance performances throughout the day Saturday starting at 10:45 a.m. at the Amana Woolen Mill, 11:30 a.m. at the Festhalle and 12:15 and 2 p.m. at the Amana General Store. On Sunday they will be dancing at 12:30 p.m. at the Amana Meat Shop; 1:15 p.m. at the Amana General Store and 2 p.m. at Millstream Brau Haus.

- Popup food vendors at the Festhalle, Saturday, 11 - 3 Plus you can visit the Amana Heritage Society's food booth with hot, fresh potato pancakes and obstkuchen.

- Die Tiefen Keller Kinder are performing Noon - 2 and 3 - 4 p.m. at the Festhalle

- The Robert Thomas Irish Dancers present an Irish dancing workshop and perform 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday at the Festhalle.

- The Ronneburg Restaurant will host their ever popular streetside party with Barefoot Becky and her band from 11 - 2.

- Millstream Brewing Co. has the Barry Boyce Band in their biergarten from 1 - 5 p.m. On Sunday rock/ pop vocalist Nick Stika performs there 1 - 5 p.m.

- The new Hotel Millwright at the Amana Woolen Mill will kick off their first festival season with Mai Kind of Party in their courtyard, 5:30 - 10:30 p.m. with Birdchild, a high energy hits band, a hog roast and more fun on the menu. Not just for hotel guests, this party is open to all!

- The Amana Woolen Mill's new salesroom in the restored historical millwright shop opens this spring. Yes, Warped and Woven Mill Mercantile welcomes you with weaving demos. Located by the weaving building in the Amana Woolen Mill complex. Take a guided tour of the Amana Woolen Mill.

- "Kindness Counts!" rock art, hands-on for kids on their front patio at Amazing Grace's new downtown location at 4503 220th Trail, next door to the Amana General Store. Begins at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Continues while supplies last.

- Open house and workshop tours at the reopened Schanz Furniture, South Amana all weekend.

- Ackerman Winery, Amana, hosts a Wine Bottle Maipole art class, 2 p.m. Saturday. Sign up at Ackerman Winery. \$20 for materials.

- Amana's Wine, Beer and Chocolate Walk is Sunday from 11 - 4, Start at the Amana Visitor Center. Pick up a \$2 punch card make your way on the tour to receive a logo glass. For adults 21 years and older.

- Open house all weekend at the Gallery on Main, the Amana Arts Guild's new shop on main street in Amana.

CCA Superintendent to Leave Post

After 8 years with the district, Clear Creek Amana Schools Superintendent Tim Kuehl is leaving for East Union and Murray School Districts as a joint superintendent starting July 1. East Union is located in Afton and Murray is located in Murray, Iowa. Kuehl was one of three finalists to replace East Union and Murray Joint Superintendent Ken Casper.

Kuehl has served as the superintendent of Clear Creek Amana Schools since 2013. His prior experience includes serving as the superintendent at Gladbrook-Reinbeck for five years and as an elementary, middle and high school principal at other school districts. Kuehl stated, "My eight years as part of CCA have been a great experience. We have accomplished so many great things for our students. While I'm excited at the new opportunities before me, I will miss many of the great CCA staff, students, and community members that I've been fortunate to get to know and work with."

"I would like to thank Tim for his leadership and service to the Clear Creek Amana Community School District for the last 8 years," said Jen Mooney, CCA board president. "I wish him the best of luck on all his future endeavors."

HELP WANTED

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HEY GOOD LOOKIN,' THE MUSEUM STILL NEEDS KUCHEN

Attention all Obstkuchen bakers. The Amana Heritage Society will be a vendor at Maifest again this year. If you are willing to bake Kuchen again, we can accept at the Festhalle grounds beginning at 9am on Saturday, May 1st.

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TIPS... CARING FOR RHUBARB (abridged)
April 23, 2021, Ajay Nair, Patrick O'Malley, I.S.U
 Rhubarb has long been a popular crop to grow in the home garden. In this week's Yard and Garden entry, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach horticulture specialists Ajay Nair and Patrick O'Malley give answers and advice on some frequently asked questions about rhubarb.

My rhubarb plants are blooming. What should I do?

The flower stalks should be promptly pulled and discarded. Plant vigor and next year's production will be reduced if the plants are allowed to flower and set seed.

Flower formation may have been induced by stressful growing conditions, such as drought, extreme heat or infertile soils. Age also may be a factor. Flower formation can be discouraged by following good cultural practices. Sprinkle one-half cup of an all-purpose garden fertilizer, such as 10-10-10, around each plant in early spring. Stop harvesting rhubarb in mid-June. Water rhubarb plants once a week during prolonged dry periods. Dig and divide large, old rhubarb plants in early spring or late summer.

When can I transplant or divide rhubarb?

Early spring is an excellent time to transplant rhubarb. As soon as the ground is workable, carefully dig up the plants before growth begins. Dig deeply to insure getting a large portion of each plant's root system. Divide large clumps with a sharp spade or butcher knife. Each section should have at least two or three buds and a portion of the root system.

Replant the rhubarb as soon as possible. The roots must not be allowed to dry out prior to planting. If the rhubarb can't be planted immediately, place the clumps in a plastic bag and store them in a cool, dark location. This temporary storage should be fine for a few days.

When planting rhubarb, place each section upright in the planting hole with the buds 1 to 2 inches below the soil surface. Space the plants about 3 feet apart. After planting, water thoroughly. Continue to water the plants throughout the first growing season. During dry weather, a deep soaking every seven to 10 days should be adequate.

Rhubarb also can be transplanted in early fall (mid-September to early October). Mulch fall planted rhubarb with several inches of straw in mid-November.

When can I start harvesting newly planted rhubarb?

It's best to wait two years before harvesting any stalks. The two-year period allows the plants to become strong and productive.

Rhubarb can be harvested over a four-week period in the third year. In the fourth and succeeding years, stalks can be harvested for eight to 10 weeks.

For more information, check out Rhubarb in the Home Garden in the Extension Store.

SERVICES

Garden Tilling, yard clean-up, aerating, thatching and mowing. Call Rob Jeck at 622-3308

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When dumping, Back-up as close as you can, AWAY from the road, toward the pile of previously dumped loads. Remove Bags.

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Absolutely No burning is permitted. **Only** organic compostable yard refuse is allowed, and users **must** empty & remove plastic bags or other containers used to transfer yard waste. Lumber, and other building material, & trash dumping is absolutely **NOT** permitted.

If you witness violations of these rules, **please** report those abuses, to Amana Society Conservation at 319-213-3445.

Job Posting - Administrator

The Amana Colonies Land Use District seeks a permanent part-time Administrator for Historic Preservation planning and zoning office. This position requires proficiency in all office functions including but not limited to:

- Budgeting
- Keeping accurate financial and public records
- Interacting professionally and amicably with the public
- Able to work well with minimum supervision
- Experience with QuickBooks, WordPress and Microsoft Office preferred

Excellent organizational skills and the ability to work some evening hours monthly are required.

Additional preferred qualifications include a working knowledge of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation, and a working knowledge of planning and zoning ordinances. .

Send a letter of interest, resume and references, or any inquiry, to:

Lynn Trumpold
 President, Amana Colonies Land Use District Board of Trustees
 PO Box 167, Amana IA 52203
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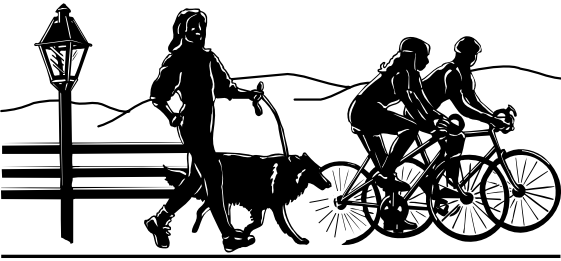
Bulletin Deadlines:

Articles & display ads - Tues. 5:00 PM
 Small/very short (1 column inch or less)

Classified Ads/articles - Wed. Noon
 Please email a format that can be cut & pasted

Walford Weekend (garage/yard) sales,
 Saturday May 8th 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
 (some on Friday May 7)

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Amana Colonies Recreational Trail

Trail Etiquette

- Motorized vehicles (including snowmobiles and ATVs) are prohibited from using the trail.
- Please wear a bike helmet.
- Go with the flow! Stay to the right.
- Allow faster moving bikers & walkers to pass on your left.
- Signal turns and stops, and announce yourself when passing someone on the trail.
- When stopping on the trail, step aside so others can pass you safely.
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