

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, April 14, 2024 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Auf Auf Mein Herz" No. 65 Seite 64

Testimony: Excerpts Ursula Meyer, March 31, 1715 & Easter, April 21, 1715.

Scripture: Ephesians 4: 1 – 24
Psalm 115

Closing Hymn: "Jesu ist ja süß und schön" No. 553 vs 1-6 Seite 467

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

Opening Hymn: "Take my Life and Let it Be" No. 66

Closing Hymn: "Arise My Heart" No. 6

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.

Links to services posted online may be found at: <https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/>

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the Amana Community Chest for the funds that we recently received. We appreciate their support every year at this time. We use the funds to help pay for our special guests that visit the library for our Summer Reading Program. With their help, we are able to provide our families with educational, engaging, and fun events for FREE! The Community Chest's support shows how much they value the quality of the programs we bring to our library. Helping to promote a love of reading with our children is so important and we are thankful they choose to do that every year! Thank you!

Heather Fox
Amana Community Library Director
/ AES Teacher Librarian

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

A few months ago, my husband was giving an order to a speaker device at a drive through restaurant. He was asked to repeat the order twice, and when the clerk repeated it back to us, it was wrong. So, I took over by spelling it out. When we got the order, it was wrong! I was furious, but my husband, who has more self-control, just drove us home.

I am rather sensitive about peoples' voices simply because I often cannot hear what other people are saying.

I know that I speak with an accent, but most people understand me. My mother, having been raised in the communal era when German was the first language, spoke with a much heavier accent. In the late 1960s she would often go to the Woolworths Bakery in Cedar Rapids to buy a cinnamon coffee cake. These weekly purchases went on for years. One Saturday, a clerk could not understand her order, so the clerk who usually waited on mother, and overheard the situation, barked, "she wants a cinnamon coffee cake. I know she's hard to understand." Mother got her order, and left the bakery in tears. She never went back, but told me not to go back to the store to complain. Needless to say, that bakery is no longer in business, not because of the coffee cake, of course.

Going to college, I once was required to give three different speeches, which I did. At the end, the speech teacher proclaimed that I had an accent. Without thinking I replied, "You have one, too." Then I gathered up my books and left.

We all have our own peculiarities, but that does not give anyone the right to mock one another. My mother, for example, was a well-read and intelligent woman who was bilingual – the clerk who mocked her likely was not. At any rate, he lost a good customer by being judgmental about a characteristic that was part and parcel of who my mother was.

B.S.H.

AMANA FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly public meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held Wednesday, April 18, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Saturday is Village Cemetery Clean up

At 9 a.m. Saturday, April 13 join neighbors at your village cemetery to help pick up twigs, limbs and trash as we get the cemeteries presentable for the season.

What might you bring: showing up willing to help for an hour is the most important thing, but if you can perhaps bring work gloves, a lawn rake, perhaps a truck for hauling debris, a chainsaw or limb saw if you have one, trash bags, baskets to move lawn waste.

Reminder to all: now is the time to pick up all grave decorations and wreaths on gravesites.

If you would be willing to help, in future, clean or straighten gravestones, please contact the Amana Church office. This is a project that will be undertaken in stages, so having teams of volunteers will be helpful. Volunteers will need a few minutes of training. The proper stone detergent will be provided when the project gets underway, noted Elder Betsy Momany of the Amana Church building and grounds committee.

Two Remarkable Events this Week

All of Iowa celebrated and observed, not one, but two sensational events this week. First the Iowa Hawkeye Women advanced to the NCAA championships facing a tough, tall and ultimately unstoppable South Carolina. The championship game on Sunday, April 7, meant that nearly every single Iowan was glued to a television screen from 2 until after 4 p.m.

Second, a solar eclipse was viewed across North America Monday, April 8. Americans, in areas where the cloud cover was minimal, observed it from about 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. While the zone of totality, meaning the area where the sun was totally eclipsed by the moon, was east of Iowa in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, Iowans saw about an 84 percent eclipse. The sky here in eastern Iowa had few clouds and so viewing was excellent. Iowans who were able and interested were outside peering eagerly through specially designed glasses or using the shadow method to observe the solar eclipse.

While a solar eclipse is a heavenly happening which can be predicted and observed if one is patient and reads the signs correctly, the Hawkeye women's ascent to the top of the NCAA pyramid weathering tough competition, injuries, bad calls, good calls and lots of media attention was an earthly happening that could be predicted and observed if one was a Hawk fan and read the signs correctly. Both made for amazing, unforgettable and inspiring shows.

This reporter found the NCAA tourney much more riveting than the solar display, but then I grew up playing 6 on 6 girls basketball. Many of us stand amazed at the rocketing popularity of women's basketball, but then if you had been in the Des Moines for the state championships in 1975 it could have been predicted and observed if one was patient and read the signs correctly. I'm just happy we got to see it happen, and happier still, that my granddaughters did.

Emilie Hoppe

Kudos to the Clear Creek Amana girl's team who captured the State championship title just last month, another amazing 2024 event to remember.

You can hear a podcast about Iowa's 6 on 6 bb game featuring an interview with Iowa Coach Lisa Bluder who was a 6 on 6 star. Written and produced by Ellie Gordon-Moershel, whose mom, Rebecca Moershel, grew up in Homestead and played the game while attending Amana High School, for the highly popular podcast 99% Invisible, the show is fascinating. To hear the podcast go to 99percentinvisible.org and search for Six-on-Six basketball. It's episode 523. It features interviews with players, coaches and parents, a few from the Amana Colonies.

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THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards and well wishes and who came to my farewell get-together upon my retirement from the Visitors Center! I have been blessed.

Nola Moser

THANK YOU AMANA COMMUNITY CHEST!

A special thanks to the Amana Community Chest for their monetary contribution to the Amana Boy Scouts. We very much appreciate what the Amana Community Chest and their contributors do for us and the community.

Yours in Scouting,
Amana Troop 223

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING --- PROPOSED BUDGET						
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025						
Name of District: HOMESTEAD SANITARY SEWER						
The Board of Trustees of the above named district will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year						
Meeting Date: 4/16/2024 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Homestead Welfare Club, Homestead, IA						
At the public hearing, any resident or tax payer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of any part of the proposed budget.						
This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Clerk.						
Contact Name: Thomas Oehler Contact Telephone Number: (319) 225-8065						
Fund	FYE 6-30-2023 Actual Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2024 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2025 Proposed Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2024	Estimated July 1, 2023 Beg. Balance & All Other Receipts	Estimated Amount to Be Raised By Taxation
1. General	23,016	39,675	39,375	29,704	65,223	3,856
2. Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. TOTAL	23,016	39,675	39,375	29,704	65,223	3,856

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation \$ 0.54000

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GARAGE SALE WEEKENDS
 4460 V Street Homestead, Iowa (Former home of Connie Zuber)
1st Weekend: Friday, April 19: Noon - 5 pm
 Saturday, April 20: 9 am - 3 pm
 Sunday, April 21: 11 am - 3 pm
2nd Weekend: Friday, April 26: Noon - 5 pm
 Saturday, April 27: 9 am - 3 pm
 Sunday, April 28: 11 am - 3 pm

SELLING
 Beautiful, working Victorian pump organ; Story & Clark spinet piano; Czech glass; German cut-to-clear glassware; Haviland Limoges 8-place dinnerware set; Tea Leaf Ironstone; Pitcher and bowl sets; Pewter ware; Madame Alexander dolls; Many lamps and lamp parts; Amana baskets; Imported German and English dishes and decorative items; Complete Pendulum mantle clock kit; Black Forest cuckoo clock; Two smaller cuckoo clocks; Many silver-plate serving pieces; Pyrex casserole serving dishes; German language books; Antique, Signed & First Edition Books; Records; Kitchen items; Unsold items from a previous sale; Plus hundreds of items priced at \$1.

PRICING
 DAY 1: Unsold items from previous sale HALF OFF. Newly added items "As Marked."
 DAY 2: Most items HALF OFF
 DAY 3: EVERYTHING 70% OFF
 DAYS 4,5,6: EVERYTHING 70% OFF
SELLER IS WILLING TO CONSIDER REASONABLE OFFERS FOR QUANTITY PURCHASES ONLY.

WANT TO BUY

- Reloading Equipment
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- Shooting Sports Items
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- Supplies and Ammo
- Muzzleloaders and Firearms: Vintage & Modern

Will also do Appraisals & Consignment Sales
 Call, Text or Email JOEL VZ (319) 530-1234
 jvanzante@southslope.net

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW
 Make plans now to attend the Annual Spring Arts & Crafts Show on Saturday, April 22 at the Hyatt Regency Conference Center located at 300 East 9th Street in Coralville, off of I-80 at Exit 242. This is the area's largest show, with over 100 talented exhibitors presenting and selling the Midwest's finest handcrafts. The show is a production of Callahan Promotions, Inc. and offers patrons the opportunity to enjoy original affordable arts and crafts. Admission to the show is \$5, (\$1 off with ad on page 1) with anyone 10 and under free. Parking is always free. Show hours are Saturday from 9 AM to 4 PM.

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Amana Arts Guild Communal Supper ReScheduled
 Take note the Amana Arts Guild's annual communal supper has been rescheduled to Saturday, November 2. The supper was to have taken place on Saturday, April 13, at the Amana Church but due to unforeseen complications, the Board of Directors felt it was best to reschedule the event for November. A favorite among locals and longtime friends of the guild, this year's supper will include an art auction with pieces from local artists, as well as the presentation of delicious dishes from Amana's communal past prepared by guild volunteers. The dinner and the auction are a fundraiser for the Amana Arts Guild.

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 1BR apartment for rent in West Amana. \$600 rent/\$600 deposit. Heat, water, trash included. Private entrance, great views, brand new bathroom. Available May 1st. (319)-430-3373

A Community Invitation
All are Welcome

- **What: A Baha'i Fireside A Baha'i Faith Introduction**
- **Date: Saturday April 27**
- **Time 6:00 PM**
- **Place: Amana Heritage Museum Auditorium**

Refreshments Served

STAGES: AN ORIGINAL MINISERIES
 TKM Theatrical Productions proudly sponsors STAGES by Jonesy McElroy at The Amana Performing Arts Center, 39 38th Ave, Amana, IA. Join us at The Amana Performing Arts Center for the Iowa Premier Screening of: STAGES: An original miniseries about THEATRE and the many characters behind the curtain. EPISODE 1: The beginning. Meet some of the characters in this village of passionate theatrical enthusiasts. RATED: PG-13 STARRING: Rob Merritt, Marquetta Senters, Sedona Helmke, Zachary Greimann, and many more local celebrities! DATE/TIME: Saturday, April 20th at 6pm LOCATION: The Amana Performing Arts Center, 39 38th Ave, Amana, IA 52203 Sponsored by: TKM Theatrical Productions TICKETS & INFORMATION: \$25 <https://www.tkmtheatricalproductions.com/> or contact: deborahkennedy@live.com

OBITUARY
 Lynn Howard Ehrle passed away on March 31, 2024 at the age of 91. Lynn was born August 24, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan, son of Henry and Ruth Ehrle (nee Matthews). He grew up in Detroit, Michigan and graduated from Redford High School. He went on to continue his education and obtained a Master's Degree in Education from Wayne State University in Detroit. He taught school for over 30 years at Wayne-Westland Community School District where he started a consumer education course. Lynn was formerly the president of (MEA) Michigan Education Association and Consumer Alliance of Michigan. He was also a published author where he researched and wrote a book on the affects of radiation. Lynn had many hobbies including environmental advocacy, research, and politics. On the lighter side, he enjoyed jazz music and early american antique furniture, photos, and paintings. He was the beloved husband of the late Doris Ehrle (nee Laubert). He and Doris were married September 3, 1955 and celebrated many happy years of marriage prior to her passing. He is survived by his son, Mark (Glenda) Ehrle of Lake Sherwood, MO; daughter, Carol Ehrle of Canton, MI; two brothers, Brian Ehrle of CO and Richard (Ingrid) Ehrle of Macomb, MI; 5 grandchildren, Rachel LoPatin, Aaron LoPatin, Brenda Houston, Garrett Crawford, and Charlotte (David) Rubin; 5 great-grandchildren, Darren, Elijah, Julie, Samantha, and Natalie. He is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Ruth Ehrle, wife, Doris Ehrle, son, Bruce Ehrle. Lynn loved his family and spending time with them, he will be missed by his family and friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP
 COME ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY
Sunday Church Services
@ 9:00 a.m.
Next Services: April 21st, May 5th & May 19th
At the Amana Performing Arts Center
 (Former Old Creamery Theatre)
www.amanaareafellowship.org

QUILT AMANA
 Quilt Show & Sale at Price Creek April 12-14. Heritage Designs Quilting & Needlework and our talented quilters present QUILT AMANA 2024 at Price Creek Event Center in Amana. QUILT AMANA will showcase over 200 gorgeous quilts, many of which will be offered for sale. The event will include classic quilts, art quilts, and antique quilts with their modern reproductions. Our guest exhibit this year is by CITA (Central Iowa Textile Artists), with a collection of eclectic art quilts made by individual members. We also local quilter Molly Kephart, demonstrating traditional Amana whole cloth quilting. A raffle quilt from Safe Haven of Iowa County, with raffle proceeds benefiting their pet rescue efforts. We also accept fabric donations for Judy Rohret, rural Cosgrove who makes quilts and other needed cloth items for the NICU at the University of Iowa. This year our vendors will include Schanz Furniture and Refinishing with hardwood quilt display items and home décor; PGT Designs with primitive embroidery and wool applique patterns and kits; QUILT AMANA Quilters' Market with finished quilted items including lap quilts, wall hanging, table runners & toppers, seasonal home décor & more!; fabric rep swatch and sample sale; nature inspired art quilts by fiber artist Sue Kluber of Gypsy Soul Art; and Yarn Adventure, a local yarn shop experience offering hand dyed yarns from dozens of small batch dyers along with tools & specialty notions. We are also excited to bring you another installment of "Found...quilts no longer lost to time" at QUILT AMANA 2024. Admission \$8/ weekend pass/ \$10 (under 18 free)

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