

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

Amana Church services are live streamed on FM 93.5 & Facebook. Limited in church attendance is offered, face masks are optional at the church for fully vaccinated people, and it is strongly encouraged for unvaccinated people to wear masks. In addition, singing will be allowed during church services. Social distancing is encouraged in the Saal.

The Regular Sunday Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, June 27, 2021, starting at 10:00 AM with Elder Emilie Hoppe presiding.

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

Testimony: Ursula Mayer, Wetzler, July 31, 1715 (#34 "A Heavenly Twilight" p. 66)

Scripture: John Chapter 1: 43 - 51
Psalm 46

Closing Hymn: "Follow me the Savior Calleth" No. 24

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

Saturday Fellowship, meets 5:30 PM in Middle

JULY 4TH BREAKFAST

Once again, the Amana Church Youth Group is sponsoring the 4th of July breakfast. Please come join us for pancakes, sausage, eggs and more at 8:00 am July 4th at the Middle Amana Park. What a great way to start off the holiday. Money raised goes towards youth group projects/mission trips.

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

Join us on July 4th for fireworks around the Lily Lake at sunset! We are excited to have the fireworks display back this year. We are also asking for any donations to make this a very special show. Please direct donations to:

Amana Community Fireworks,
PO Box 11,
Amana IA 52203.

Thank you!

LIBRARY NEWS

The Amana Library will be closed on Wednesday, June 30 for cleaning. We apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

There have always been those of us who have marched to a different drummer. Charlemagne and I used to joke over the little button that my friend, Mark, gave me that said something to the effect that if I left town so had the village idiot. Only two good friends could do that and now since his passing I guess I must uphold his "mantle" and make people shake their heads in disbelief.

Coming from a small community we have always had our share of "characters."

They were usually harmless, but seemed to do things that just didn't fit the "norm."

I am not going to mention names so please don't call me and ask, just speculate.

In the village of Amana there was an elderly bachelor who, instead of taking his used cans to the local dump would just drop the cans down a hole in the floor of one of his rooms down into the basement.

I remember the day his house was burned for an exercise for the fire department and I kept wondering what happened to all that debris in the basement.

He also had a Christmas tree which he chose to keep in place all year because it looked "so nice." The fact that the needles were brown and falling off did not seem to bother him. Meanwhile the neighborhood worried that the house would go up in flames.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Fire Erupts in Golf Course Condo Helping Hands Make the Difference

The Amana Fire Department responded to a fire at the four unit condominium, Colony Oaks, at the Amana Colonies Golf Club, Friday, June 18 about 4:30 a.m.

Residents of the condo heard noises and smelled smoke, discovering a fire in progress and calling for help. The fire spread very quickly and the condo was fully engulfed when volunteers from the Amana Fire Department arrived minutes later. Mutual aid was received from volunteers in the Swisher, Fairfax, Norway, Williamsburg and Marengo Fire Departments all of which brought fire-fighting vehicles, equipment and water in response, reported Chris Herr, chief of the Amana Fire Department.

Four families were displaced. There were no reported injuries. Two pets had smoke inhalation and two dogs, pets of Curtis Sawin and Carolyn Wilcoxin, were killed in the blaze.

According to a news report on KGAN, Carolyn Wilcoxin, a resident of the second floor condo, was forced to escape by climbing onto the balcony and dropping into the arms of her neighbors. She was able to drop one of her dogs to safety.

The structure is a total loss with the garage, walls, rear and roof of the building destroyed, said Herr. Some possessions from the residences may be salvaged, though the apartments received heavy smoke and water damage. Cars in and around the structure were destroyed or heavily damaged.

"The fire appears to have started in the garage area but we do not know the cause," said Herr.

"We want to thank all of the volunteers and the departments who responded," said Herr who noted that over 40 firefighters worked together. He also was grateful for the prompt response of the Iowa County emergency medical and safety personnel and the American Red Cross. The American Red Cross was called to the scene and provide immediate support to the victims.

By Friday evening through the efforts of family, friends and neighbors all four families had shelter, some clothes to wear and a few of the essentials they needed to carry on.

One of the fire victims, Terry Baugh, told friends afterward that the smoke detectors saved their lives.

Herr said that victims had the presence of mind to keep doors closed to their apartments thus helping to contain the fire and slow the spread and to use only safe exits to leave the building immediately. "Keeping the door closed between you and the fire is important. It buys you time to get out and helps to keep the fire out for as long as possible," he said.

A fund has been established at the Amana Church to assist all of the victims of the fire. Donations can be mailed to PO Box 103, Middle Amana, IA. 52307. Please indicate that the check is for the fire victims fund.

Fourth of July Next Weekend

Amana's Fourth of July celebration will be a red letter day. Here are some of the highlights.

- Pancakes in the Park. Sunday, July 4. A complete breakfast - pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, cinnamon rolls, coffee, juice, will be served beginning at 8 a.m. at the Middle Amana Park, in the large Morton building. (If you want just coffee and a roll that's fine too). Hosted by the Amana Church Youth Group and volunteers. This is a fund-raiser for the youth group mission trip. Everyone is invited.

- Sunday, July 4 Worship in the Park. 10 a.m. at the pavilion at the Middle Amana Park. A sound system will be used. Seating will be available in the pavilion, but if you rather, bring your lawn chair. Members of the Amana Church Choir will

perform. Everyone is invited.

- Fireworks over the Lily Lake, Sunday, July 4 at nightfall, about 9:45 p.m. Yes, there will be fireworks this year! And yes donations for the annual show are always welcome. To make a donation send to Amana Community Fireworks, PO Box 11, Amana, IA, 52203.

- Firecracker Fourth of July Antique Show, Amana Colonies RV Park and Event Center. Saturday. July 3 and Sunday, July 4. Early bird buying begins 8 am until noon: Saturday, July 3rd with \$5 admission. Regular admission is Saturday from 12 - 5pm and Sunday, July 4th 8am - 3pm. \$2 admission. Free Parking. In two air conditioned buildings.

A Word about Fireworks in this Drought

Amana Fire Department chief Chris Herr reminds all that the dry conditions warrant extra caution for all who use charcoal grills, open fires, fire pits and for those considering the use of firecrackers, bottle rockets, sparklers and so forth during the holiday.

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AHS 1955-57 REUNION
Attention Amana High School
Classes of 1955, 1956 & 1957
We will hold a Reunion on
Wednesday, September 29 at
the Brau Haus (the former Colony Inn)
Social hour starts at 4:00 p.m.
Dinner at 5:00
Come, Reminisce & Renew
Old Friendships

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OBITUARY

Arlene S. Ehrmann, age 96, of South Amana, passed away Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at her home. Funeral service was: 10:00 a.m., Tuesday June 22, 2021, at the Amana Church, with Elder Elly Hoehnle officiating. Burial was in the South Amana Cemetery, South Amana. Memorials may be contributed to the Amana Church. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo is assisting the family with arrangements.

Arlene is survived by her daughter Joyce (Jerry) Tarvin of South Amana; her grandchildren Daniel, Rick and Tara; seven great-grandchildren; and a brother Harold (Rose) Wendler of Dixon, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Walter, a son Dwight, a grandson Mike, a great-grandson Shawn, and a brother Raymond.

Arlene Susanna Wendler was born December 31, 1924, in South Amana, Iowa the daughter of Fred A. and Wilamine Berger Wendler. She graduated from Amana High School and went on to Business College. Arlene was united in marriage to Walter "Pete" Ehrmann in 1943 in South Amana, Iowa. She worked for the Colony Market Place and several different businesses in the Amana Colonies. Arlene enjoyed sewing, crossword puzzles, and reading, never missing her morning devotions. She was a member of the Amana Church and attended the German church services. Arlene was especially fond of Joyce's kitties, she enjoyed sharing her home with them. The Amanas were near and dear to Arlene, and she was always willing to help in the community in any way she could.

Online condolences: www.klosterfuneralhome.com

FOR SALE

Flowers.. 50% off all bedding plants and 25 % off all hanging baskets at 708 47th Ave. in Amana. (next door to the Guest House Motel) First come first served.

1000 shares new class A common stock. Call Cheri @ 214/766-3371

SERVICES

Amana Insurance Agency. We remain the only property and casualty agency located in the Amanas. We are independent and represent several companies. Contact Bruce, Bart or Karla at 319.622.3535. We are located across the street from Casey's in Amana.

FOR RENT

Nice 1 bedroom apartment in South Amana with washer and dryer. Free WiFi. No Smoking No Pets. Background check. Call Larry, 319-540-9351

Short & Long term rental available at Abbi's Cottage Call Betty Peterson at 319-432-8103

WANTED/WANTED TO BUY

BUYING ALL ANTIQUES; Toys, Furniture, Crocks, Paintings, Advertising Signs, and Weird Items "any condition." Buying Entire Estates, call for fair pricing. Please call 319-270-1251.

**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Notice
and Tentative Agenda for the Regular Meeting June
28, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom**

- I. Call Meeting to Order.
- II. Set Agenda.
- III. Review/approve May Minutes.
- IV. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:
 - a. 2021-052. Amana Society Inc. Replace siding and door on E Street barn.
 - b. 2021-053. Amana Heritage Society, 1003 26th Ave. Remove white garage doors; eliminate one and create "hidden" door.
 - c. 2021-054. Alan and Joyce Brower. 5209 E St. Replace windows.
- V. Other Business.
 - a. Discussion/Action: barns/outbuildings Inventory.
- VI. Administrator's Report.
- VII. Work session.
- VIII. Adjourn.

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While there has been some rain this week, the conditions are very dry. Herr notes that most Class C fireworks – those that can be purchased by the layman – are especially dangerous in dry conditions because they emit plenty of sparks and often are fired on the ground. When shot in the air, they do not go high enough into the air to extinguish before hitting the ground. Special care, evaluation of the circumstances and great caution is required.

At the Amana Fireworks display on Sunday, July 4 the Amana Fire truck will be on hand and they will be shot above the Lily Lake. Also these fireworks go high enough into the air, so that they are fully extinguished before they hit grass or other things, Herr noted. The volunteers doing the firing are trained.

According to the Iowa Safety website: in Iowa it is legal to use fireworks June 1 – July 8 and December 10 – January 3. Fireworks are permissible to be fired off 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. and July 4 and the weekends immediately before and after July 4, until 11 p.m. Cities may have their own ordinances restricting fireworks.

**Kids Drama/ Theatre Camp
at the Amana Library**

Calling all kids, theatre educators Deb Kennedy and Tom Milligan (co-directors at the CCA High School drama department) will be leading a week-long summer theatre day camp at the Amana Community Library in Middle Amana.

The camp will be July 5 through 9, from 9 a.m. until noon, with a public performance of the folk tale classic, "Jack and the Beanstalk." Friday at 1 p.m.

The Amana Theatre Camp is open for all kids ages 7 to 16 years with a registration fee of \$150. Sign up at the Amana Library or contact librarian Heather Fox via email or phone. The library is open to the public.

Along with theatre professionals, Kennedy and Milligan, three members of the CCA High Drama team will be there to guide and to inspire our young actors. It will be an active, creative, educational and very fun week at the Amana Library.

TREKFEST

Hailing all Amana Trekkies; Beam down to Capt Kirk's hometown, Riverside Iowa, this weekend, June 25 & 26, for Trekfest. Special guest star is Robin Curtis, who played Vulcan Lt. Saavik in "Star Trek III: The Search for Spock."

Trekfest activities include: parade, costume contest, kid's inflatables, search for Spock scavenger hunt, live bands, fireworks, lots of food and drink. All activities are free except for the Demolition Derby.

Check out trekfest.org for more information and a complete schedule of events. Live Long and Prosper!

AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT

**Minutes of the Public Hearing June 14, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
Homestead Church Museum – Homestead, Iowa**

- I. Call the Public Hearing to Order. Amana Colonies Land Use District Board of Trustees Vice-President Bruce Trumpold called the public hearing to order at 7:06 p.m. Present: B. Trumpold, Cherie Hansen-Rieskamp, Joe Parcell, and Laura Kay Sheely. Andrew Conquest joined by telephone. Absent: Lynn Trumpold and Ithiel Catiri.
- II. The Trustees received public comments on proposed ordinance additions Section 31.36.060(C)(6) Outdoor Retail (HP-C Sub-District), Section 31.26.080 Outdoor Retail (C-1) District, Section 31.28.080 Outdoor Retail (C-2 District), and Section 31.30.080 Outdoor Retail (C-3 District).
- III. Adjourn Public Hearing. Public hearing was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Bulletin Deadlines:**Articles & display ads - Tues. 5:00 PM**

Small/very short articles, box ads
and Classifieds - Wed. Noon

Please email a format that can be cut & pasted

Classified ads are \$5/week for the first 30 words,
extra words will be billed \$1.00/10 words.

Display (box) ads are \$6/column inch Please send ads via
e-mail to: amanaprintshop@southslope.net

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A man in Homestead took some fish out of his lily pond and put them in a rain barrel thinking he would put them someplace else later.

He forgot about them and the next spring found the fish still alive and swimming in the rain barrel.

This same individual decided to take some of his bee hives and do like bee keepers did years ago. Without his wife's knowledge he placed the hives in the part of basement that was sealed off.

In the spring his wife was driving out of the driveway only to notice a bee hive resting on the cellar steps. She thought that odd and reported it to the husband who confessed to his deed of leaving a "small" colony of 10,000 bees in the basement without her knowledge.

Needless to say, words were spoken.

Then there is the man and his wife in High who kept a pig in the basement of their house. The food scraps were fed to the pig after meals like some sort of garbage disposal.

The story also goes that the same man would cut hair. One day, while trimming a man's hair, a rat appeared. This man took out a gun he had and shot the rat then went back to barbering.

So you see we all have our "moments." I personally think that some of the eccentricities (as long as they don't hurt anyone) are much more interesting than the general public. Everyone needs a good laugh and I'm sorry that my friend Mark is no longer around to give me those wonderful buttons such as --- "I am the pink flamingo on the lawn of life."

B.S.H.

(Now you know where I get the name "Feathers")

Charlie's Market

Saturdays 10:00 AM till Noon

COOKIES, PRODUCE, PLANTS, FLOWERS

West End of Homestead near the Old Fire House

AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting June 14, 2021 –
following the public hearing. Homestead Church Museum –
Homestead, Iowa**

- I. Call Meeting to Order. Amana Colonies Land Use District meeting CALLED to order at 7:48 p.m. (same attendance as hearing)
- II. Set Agenda. Motion to set the agenda as presented carried 5-0.
- III. Review/Approve:
 - a. Minutes of April Public Hearing. Motion to approve carried 5-0.
 - b. Minutes of May Public Hearing. Motion to approve carried 5-0.
 - c. Minutes of May regular meeting. Motion to approve carried 5-0.
 - d. Minutes of June special meeting. Motion to approve carried 5-0.
- IV. Welcome visitors, allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda. None.
- V. Review/Approve June disbursements. Motion to approve carried 5-0.
- VI. Review/Approve May Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve carried 5-0.
- VII. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation District:
 - a. 2021-026. Compass Memorial Healthcare, 728 48th Ave. Doors, steps, deck, remove windows, replace window with door, remove patio, replace ramp. Motion to approve the application carried 5-0.
 - b. 2021-036. Cherie Hansen-Rieskamp and Gerald Rieskamp, 206 220th Trail. Change of use: historic chicken coop to classroom for yoga and meditation classes. Motion to approve the presented carried 4-0 with Cherie Hansen-Rieskamp abstaining.
 - c. 2021-040. Cherie Hansen-Rieskamp and Gerald Rieskamp, 206 220th Trail. Replace doors on non-historic house. Motion to approve the application carried 4-0 with Cherie Hansen-Rieskamp abstaining.
- VIII. Other Business
 - a. Discussion/Action: Comments received at Public Hearing. This will be discussed in detail at the July meeting.
 - b. Discussion/Action: Review Actions not requiring a Certificate of Approval. This will be discussed further at the July meeting.
 - c. Discussion: Noise in Amana.
 - d. Discussion/Action: Grant review Committee members. Appoint Elly Hoehnle to the Historic Preservation Grant Review Committee as a community representative, effective July 1, 2021. Motion carried 5-0.
 - e. Discussion/Action: Appoint Elly Hoehnle to fill an open position on the Board of Adjustment, effective July 1, 2021. Motion carried 5-0.
 - f. Discussion/Action: Resolution 2021-01. Motion to approve Resolution 2021-01 approving Rebecca Palmer as the account administrator at U.S. Bank and authorizing a business credit card with a \$500 limit carried 5-0.
 - g. Discussion/Action: To appoint Rebecca Palmer as clerk of the ACLU District. Motion carried 5-0.
- IX. Administrator's Report. No report.
- X. President's Report. No report.
- XI. Adjourn. Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.