

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Combined Service, live stream on Facebook, at 10:00 a.m. April 19, 2020 with Elder Andrea Haldy presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Geh aus, mein Herz" - No. 311 Seite 304 vs 1-3

Testimony: Ursula Mayer, Schwazenu, April 26, 1716

Scripture: Matthew 5:3
Psalm 34

Closing Hymn: "Go Forth My Heart and Soul, Awake" No. 72 vs 4-6

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

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

CONGREGATE MEALS

Meals have been canceled until further notice. Please be safe, we wish to see you all when we can resume our gatherings.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

**Request Absentee Ballots
Now for June 2 Primary**

The Iowa Primary Election is June 2 and as of now, Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate has said the primary election will be held with in-person balloting, however, his office and that of the Iowa County Auditor Jessica Stohlmann, are urging voters to mail requests for absentee ballots.

The Tuesday, June 2 Iowa Primary election will decide who is on the ballot next fall.

Though no one has been able to predict when and how a "return to normal" activities will proceed in future, the primary vote will take place June 2. The more people who vote by absentee ballot the better, officials believe, as they work to reduce any chance of COVID-19 transmission. So extra effort is being made to encourage absentee balloting, Stohlmann noted.

Auditor Stohlmann told us Monday, "We are looking at combining some precincts in Iowa County, as we are having difficulty finding poll workers." Noting that every possible precaution will be put into place to insure poll worker and voter safety, she said that combining polling places is likely due to the lack of poll workers and that polling locations will be released closer to election day.

An absentee ballot must be requested by mail. A form to do so was published in the Hometown Marketplace, a weekly "shopper" by the Iowa County Auditor's Office last week.

You can download the request form by going to the newly revised Iowa County, Iowa website. On the Iowa County Iowa home page about half way down the page, there is a live link to a PDF form for the absentee ballot request. Complete the form and mail it to the Iowa County Auditor's Office in Marengo.

Ballot request forms are also available on the Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate website.

The Iowa County Courthouse is closed now due to the novel COVID-19 response. However, phone lines are open to all county offices so you may still call with questions or concerns.

On the ballot request you are asked to declare your party of choice so that you can vote for a party's primary candidates. This is time to switch parties if you so choose.

In Iowa County the biggest primary contest will be among Republicans running for Iowa County Supervisor. Longtime County Supervisor Ray Garringer is running again, but Supervisor Bruce Adams is not. Garringer is facing challenges from Republicans Abigail Maas, South Amana; Kristen Miller, Marengo; Alan Schumacher, Marengo and Josh Simmons, Marengo. Who will make it onto the fall election ballot will be determined June 2.

The Democrats have one candidate on the ballot for Iowa County Supervisor That candidate is Chris Montross, Williamsburg.

County candidates list by office:

Iowa County Supervisor

Chris Montross, 1847 275th Williamsburg, Democrat



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Mel. Kommt her zu Mir, spricht. (Art 116.)

1. Geh aus, mein Herz, und suche Freud, in dieser lieben Sommerzeit, an deines Gottes Gaben: schau an der schönen Gärten Zier, und siehe, wie sie mir und dir sich ausgeschmücket haben.
2. Die Bäume stehen voller Laub, das Erdreich decket seinen Staub mit einem grünen Kleide; Narcissen und die Tulipan, die ziehen sich viel schöner an als Salomonis Seide.
3. Die Lerche schwingt sich in die Luft, das Täublein fleucht aus seiner Kluft, und macht sich in die Wälder; die hochbegabte Nachtigall ergötzt und füllt mit ihrem Schall Berg, Hügel, Thal und Felder.

Ray Garringer, PO Box 960 Williamsburg, Republican,

Abigail Maas, 1852 S. Ave. South Amana, Republican

Kristen Miller, 501 W. Main Street, Marengo, Republican

Alan Schumacher, 2063 515 Blvd. Marengo, Republican

Josh Simmons, 1767 M. Ave. Marengo, Republican

Iowa County Auditor

Jessica Stohlmann, 2136 K. Ave. Marengo, Republican

Iowa County Sheriff

Robert Rotter, PO Box 365, Williamsburg, Republican

**Family Photo / Family Tree
Activity for this Spring of COVID-19**

Amana Heritage Society volunteer, RC Eichacker, Amana, has been a dedicated scholar of Amana's genealogy and has helped to spear head several initiatives to record and share genealogical records at the Amana Heritage Museum.

He said recently that now might be a time for families to gather electronically while social distancing to share memories and photographs. Here are his tips and suggestions for family activities this spring:

- Collect old pictures and photo albums. Set aside a time everyone can be available to view the collection.
- Have pencils and paper handy for all to make notes.
- Draw a basic family tree diagram showing several generations with names (Mother-Father, Grandmother-Grandfather and so on) for each individual on each side of the family tree as far back as everyone can recall. Try to find birthdates/ death dates, marriage dates and other such facts for the tree.
- Now pass round the photos and identify the individuals in each photo plus when and where the photo was taken. Write this down on the back of the photo.
- Have each person share a memory or ask a question about the photo.
- Make notes of these memories or make a digital recording of the meeting noting which memories go with each photo.
- Copy all important photos.
- Collect important original photos in a safe place. Don't glue them into a photo album.
- Allow each child to use copies of the photos to create their own family book or picture family history.
- Be creative. Find ways to creatively use photos and your family tree to tell your family story.
- Make oral history recordings (use a cell phone's digital recording function. Several apps you can download are very helpful for managing these recordings.) Record your parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles. Gather as many as possible.

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FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Easter is over, but the pandemic goes on, and on. I just cannot get used to the whole idea of being sequestered at home.

I have been reading, and reading, and reading. This reading of different books with historical backgrounds has led me to asking questions that, in turn, provoke even more questions. It began with (are you ready for this?) the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago which then led me to the University of Chicago, then to the Haymarket Riots, then to where some of the people involved are buried and, finally, to question why Macy's advertises in Iowa when the nearest store is probably in Chicago? All of this is connected, trust me.

Then, I started another book and the cycle began again. This time I got mad because it dealt with the farm crisis of the 1980s. Good friends of our's who farmed near Muscatine, were hit hard by the crisis, but managed to hold on. She took care of the farm, while he got an extra job at the local hospital and they pulled through, although they lost some of their land. Although I was a farmer's daughter, I had no idea how much land prices were or how interest rates work. But, then again, I didn't exactly know the difference between a steer and a bull..... Both my father and Opa tried to teach my sister and I about farm life, but all we were interested were the new lambs and calves. We could have cared less about commodity prices unless we were at the grocery store.

I remember how shocked to find out how deeply in debt our friends were, and to learn the

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Lakeview Village

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DESSERTS BAKED-TO-GO

Call to place an order by NOON ON FRIDAY, we'll "bake for you" and have it

READY TO GO on Monday or Tuesday.

We will bake pan or bar cookies (by the dozen), pies, cakes, cupcakes, cinnamon rolls, sweet breads, or coffee cakes. Cinnamon rolls and cupcakes must be ordered in half dozen or dozen quantity. Cookies/pan bars must be ordered by the dozen. Cakes - 9x13, round two layer

Call to ask about pricing and/or have a menu emailed to you 319-622-3911

Dear Amana Library patrons,

We hope you are doing well and staying safe! We will remain closed as directed and recommended by the CDC. We look forward to the day when we can open our doors again! We miss seeing your friendly faces. Our summer reading program will look different this year, but will still be fun and engaging for children. More details coming soon about that. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask. You can reach us at amanalibrary@ccaschools.org or heatherfox@ccaschools.org. Take care and we will see you sometime soon. Thank you for your patience during this difficult time!

May Blood Drive Update:

The date has been changed to Thursday, May 14th. The time will remain the same from 2:00pm-6:00pm. We will use the MVRBC bus as our location. It will be parked in the lot by the library. Thanks in advance for donating!

Heather Fox
Rhonda Hegewald
Jackie Pettit

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Identify topics for discussion or important family events you want to recall. Write down the questions and use them as a framework for the interview. Share these recordings with cousins and ask them to record their parents, grandparents. Make a collection of family digital recordings. Appoint at least two people to keep digital copies of all these recordings.

Eichacker adds that the Amana Heritage Society has a variety of tools to help with your family tree research. Don't hesitate to contact Eichacker or the staff at the Amana Heritage Society should you wish to access information or use resources to increase or add to your family tree. Some Amana trees have already been done as part of the Amana Heritage Genealogy Project so you could use this information or add to it.

Duplicate copies of photos of your family, your village or neighborhood and events large and small in the Colonies and donate these to the Amana Heritage Society photo archives, he added. Photos of communal era Amana and Amana in 1930's through 1980's are needed. And soon we'll be wondering what the 1990's and 2000's in the Amana Colonies were like, so today's snapshots might be tomorrow's artifacts.

Think about duplicating digital photos, videotapes, slides or photographic images for contribution to the Amana Heritage Society's record of our community.

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reality of that difficult time. My oldest son once told me about an older student he knew at Iowa State whose family had lost their farm, and much more, and how she politely asked to leave the room when the crisis came up in class. This was also the time, you may recall, when gambling was approved in Iowa and the ERA amendment failed to be ratified by the Iowa General Assembly. So much to think about, and that just leads me to get mad about the past and, of course, to want to read more about it, too!

In conclusion, the can see that my reading has caused a lot of dust to fly in this house. Unfortunately, the house in not any cleaner, but I am learning things. I think that my family is hoping more than ever that I am able to get outside and about again, soon!

B.S.H.

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Dear Amana Society Shareholders:

In these unprecedented times, and as a 43+ year Amana resident, the future of ASI has never been more important to me. During my last three years on the board, I have supported and/or been actively engaged in:

- The search for and hiring of a new CEO;
- Rehabilitating the Woolen Mill complex into a one-of-a-kind boutique hotel;
- Utilizing Iowa State University to help the company identify new opportunities;
- Expanding the content and use of the ASI website; and
- Developing a Stockholder survey, which is currently underway.

My goals are to help ASI reduce costs, deploy capital to maximize opportunities and increase revenues, and ensure sound planning and results-oriented execution. I believe I can help the company do this by employing my business skills and experience in board and committee meetings. These skills and experiences include:

- 25 years at Amana Refrigeration, last position Vice President-Consumer Communications; with experience in manufacturing, product evaluation and consumer communications.
- 19 years at Pearson, current position Director-Technology Business Operations, with financial oversight of \$80 million, and experience in technology, contracts, product management and development, strategic planning, and governance.
- Board Committees: Stockholder Communications, Stockholder Continuity, Ag, Audit/Governance and Executive/Compensation Committees.

It is truly an honor to serve on the Amana Society Board of Directors. I thank you for your past support and respectfully ask for your vote in the election. Please call me at 319-360-4022 or send an email to: trout.dixie@gmail.com with your input or any questions.

Thank you.
Dixie Trout

Dear Amana Society, Inc. Stockholders,

I am asking for your support and vote in the upcoming Amana Society, Inc Board of Directors Election. Current economic conditions are very, very challenging. During my 10 years in banking, I had the opportunity to work with and analyze many diverse business entities. As we look at the economic challenges our company faces as a result of COVID-19, it is crucial that board members and management analyze and understand our diverse business portfolio and make sound business decisions based on each business's strategic and financial strengths.

While with Amana Farms, and as an ag banker and Cargill Commodity Trading Advisor, I had the privilege of working with many successful ag operations. I believe my experiences in agriculture and banking are beneficial, providing oversight that will help Amana Farms weather the current economic storm and ultimately become more profitable AND more conservation and community minded in the long term. Please call or e-mail with questions or comments: 319-551-1820 mshoup@hotmail.com

Thank you,
Mike Shoup

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Any of your old jeans, coveralls, bib overalls, shirts, fabric - that you no longer need. I'm a rug weaver and my "wares" will be in the Amana Arts Guild, helping our community. Please leave boxes of clean pants/shirts/fabric at the North Door of 1806 4th Ave, South Amana. Thank You - Joel H.

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Dear Fellow Stockholders,

Through my business career, I have gained a unique set of experience and expertise that is beneficial to our Board of Directors. It includes:

- Over 38 years of retail management experience.
- Over 30 years with the Amana Society in sales, management, and on the Board
- Current Executive Director of the Amana Colonies CVB
- Past Board member of Iowa Destination Marketing Alliance
- Founder and owner of a successful retail business in Amana

I believe each board member should bring different expertise to the table. My expertise is in tourism and retail management and I would like the opportunity to help guide the Amana Society into the future. I would be grateful for your support and vote in the upcoming election. Please email me at rettigd@aol.com or call 319-622-3005 with questions.

David Rettig

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LAND USE DISTRICT SEEKS ADMINISTRATOR

The Amana Colonies Land Use District seeks a permanent part-time Administrator for planning and zoning office. Position requires the ability to administer all office functions, familiarity with budgeting, ability to keep accurate financial and public records, ability to interact professionally and amicably with the public, and work with minimum supervision. Good organizational skills a must. Some evening hours required.

Additional preferred qualifications include a working knowledge of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation, proven grant writing ability, and a working knowledge of planning and zoning ordinances. Experience with QuickBooks, Word-Press and Microsoft Office preferred.

Send a letter of interest, resume, and references, or any inquiry, to: ACLUD Administrator, PO Box 66, Amana IA 52203 or e-mail aclud@southslope.net. Position remains open until filled.