

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

Amana Church services are live streamed on FM 93.5 & Facebook. Limited in church attendance is offered, face masks are strongly encouraged for unvaccinated members. Social distancing is encouraged in the Saal.

The Early (German) Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, August 01, 2021, starting at 8:30 AM with Elder Tony Berger presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Bewege dich nicht" vs 1-10 No. 94 Seite

Testimony: JF Rock, November 03, 1738; Ursula Mayer, November 27, 1718

Scripture: Mark 8:31-38

Closing Hymn: "Bewege dich nicht" vs 11-19 No. Seite

The Late (English) Service will start at 10:00 AM with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "Oh, be not dismayed" No. 9

Closing Hymn: "Jesus, refuge of the weary" No. 236

Saturday Fellowship, meets 5:30 PM in Middle

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

FIRST RESPONDERS SEEK DONATIONS FOR EMT CLASS

Amana First Responders are seeking donations to help send four volunteers to EMT class. Amana First Responders are down to one active EMS provider and need to get these new volunteers through EMT training. The cost to train one EMT is \$2116.00. If you can help please send donations to Amana First Responders, c/o Lucas Miller, 1713 S Ave., South Amana, IA 52334.

Please make donations payable to Amana First Responders. If you would like additional information about Amana First Responders call Lucas at 319-551-5587.

HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE

The Amana Society Service Co. Will be flushing hydrants on the following dates from 8am – 4pm

East & High Amana	Thursday July 29
West Amana	Friday July 30
South Amana	Monday August 2
Homestead	Tuesday August 3

Should you encounter any discolored water or low pressure please let water run for up to 15 min out of a bathtub or outdoor spigot. If problems persist call 319-622-3052

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Charlemagne is harvesting his crop of gladiolus. He went overboard again this year. It began with the bulbs he had from last year, then he found some buckets with still more bulbs.

I being foolish, thought that was the end of the story. You think that having been married to this man for over 45 years I would know better, but obviously no one ever nominated me for the Phi Beta Kappa chapter.

I came want going into the living room only to find a large box on my fairly new sofa. You guessed it, a shipment of your yet more flower bulbs.

One thinks that June is the month for weddings when actually more weddings occur in August.

Years ago "glads" were used to decorate the altar at weddings. If that was still the case Charlemagne would be well-prepared. As it turned out we married in November and use mums.

Being a bridesmaid is an honor until the bride says "I chose the dress because you'll be able to wear it again."

Having been a professional bridesmaid I would just like to say that is a lie. Who wants to wear a dress that is shiny puffy, and comes in a color that is popular just for that time. Trust me burnt orange is no longer stylish.

Ironically my sister is the only person I know who wore her dress over and over again. Yes it was from my wedding.

I do remember two things that happen when I was fairly young.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Getting a Covid Vaccine is Easy

It's simple to get a COVID-19 vaccine in the Amana Colonies.

The CDC is recommending that people, ages 12 and older, receive the vaccine. COVID-19 vaccines are free.

To get a vaccine in the Amanas: call the Amana Pharmacy – 319-622-3341 to schedule or go to their website at <https://www.amanapharmacy.com>, as per the recommendation of the vaccinateiowa.gov website and our colony healthcare professionals.

Iowans over age 12 are now eligible to receive the vaccine. Here are the facts from the Vaccinate Iowa website maintained by the Iowa Department of Health at vaccinateiowa.gov.

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. Each vaccine has gone through extensive testing in clinical trials, which is the standard process for all vaccines. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) monitors the testing process to ensure safety and efficacy before authorizing any vaccine for use. Even though the COVID-19 vaccine was developed, tested and approved much faster than other vaccines, the same process was followed.

The vaccine will not give you COVID-19. The vaccine doesn't contain the virus, but it does help your cells make one of the virus proteins that builds the antibodies you need to fight the virus. After getting the vaccine, you may experience some side effects. The most common are pain and swelling in your arm where you received the shot. Most side effects are mild and could include headache, fever, chills, and tiredness. If you have side effects that last longer than a few days, call your doctor.

You can't get the vaccine if you have COVID-19 at the time of vaccination. You must be recovered from the illness and done with quarantine before being vaccinated.

Even if you've already had COVID-19 and recovered, you should still get vaccinated. Experts are still learning about how long natural immunity lasts. Getting vaccinated is a safe, effective way to protect yourself. However, if you were treated with monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma while ill, you should wait 90 days before being vaccinated.

Talk to your doctor if you're unsure. Why should you and your teen be vaccinated? Here are just some of the reasons listed on the CDC.gov website.

- To protect your life and your families' health. Those who are vaccinated are much less likely to die or be hospitalized from the new variants of COVID-19 or COVID-19. Vaccinated persons are much better equipped to fight the virus and avoid the long term effects of COVID-19.

- To protect babies and others with weakened immune systems. Newborn babies cannot be vaccinated and some people have diseases, like certain cancers or transplants, that means their systems are not able to fight off viruses (in some cases even if they have been vaccinated the vaccine does not take as well). Therefore we have to help protect them. If you are unvaccinated and get COVID, you may pass it on to someone who is harmed by the virus.

- Get back to normal. Once fully vaccinated you are able to resume activities without wearing a mask (except where a mask is required by federal, state, workplace or tribal rules).

- Help stop the virus from changing, mutating. The longer the virus is in the population the more time it has to change/ mutate – as we have seen with the Delta variant of the virus. The Delta variant is much more contagious than the first variant

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therefore it is very important for all who are able to get vaccinated.

CCA Hires Interim Superintendent

The Clear Creek Amana (CCA) school board of education approved the hiring of Joseph Brown Sr. as the Interim Superintendent with his contract effective August 1, 2021. Mr. Brown is an Iowa native but comes most recently from Fairmont Area Schools ISD in Fairmont, Minnesota where he has served as the Superintendent since 2010. The CCA school board interviewed 4 final candidates for the interim position on July 8th and 12th.

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ANNUAL ACLUD TRUSTEES ELECTION

The annual election for the Amana Colonies Land Use District (ACLUD) trustees will be held Tuesday, October 5, 2021. Three regular trustee positions will appear on the ballot and One vacancy trustee position will appear on ballot.

Nomination papers are available by appointment only at the ACLUD office at 4304 220th Trail, in Amana. Papers are also available at the Auditor's Office in the East Courthouse Annex at 970 Court Avenue in Marengo between 8:00AM and 4:30PM, Monday through Friday.

The deadline for filing nomination papers is September 10th at 4:30 PM in the Auditor's Office.

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One was when I noticed Bob Van Cleave had a wedding ring on his finger. I was shocked because man in the Amana's seemed not to wear rings for a long time, probably because they were mostly doing manual labor and feared that a ring would get entangled in the machinery.

Even Charlemagne doesn't wear his ring to this day.

The other thing happened in one of the Lutheran churches in Cedar Rapids. This service had almost ended when The minister told the groom he could kiss the bride.

Trust me an audible gasp went up from the congregation. Lots of us had not even seen our parents kiss one another, obviously they kissed, but in private, not in front of an entire congregation!

Things sure have changed over the years. One no longer has to wear a hat and gloves.

People serve wine and/or liquor instead of punch and coffee, mothers of the bridal party do not often have huge orchid corsages. Cars do not have tin cans hanging from their fenders, and the list goes on.

The most important thing is that the couple remains together in spite of dozens of flowers when the Groom knows that his bride really does have asthma and has made all kinds of threats.

B.S.H.

Charlie's Market Saturdays 10 till 12

COOKIES, PRODUCE, PLANTS, FLOWERS
West End of Homestead near the Old Fire House

BAKED GOODS NEEDED FOR THE ARTS

On Saturday, August 7th, the Amana Arts Guild will sponsor our annual Festival of the Arts. Please note: WE HAVE MOVED, the venue for the Festival is the Market Barn in Amana, 707-46th Ave. As always any pies, cakes, cookies, pastries and traditional desserts you can make for the food booth will be appreciated! Please bring your favorites to the Market Barn any time after 8:00 AM on August 7th. Thank you in advance for your donation! The Festival of the Arts is a major fund raiser for the Guild and all donations are greatly appreciated!

All Colony Quilters are invited to come and share your skills and any one wanting to try your hand at quilting please come. Molly Kephart will have a quilt set up in her booth at the Festival of the Arts. Join us!

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

The Amana Arts Guild will sponsor its Festival of the Arts on Saturday August 7, 2021 from 10 AM – 5 PM at the Market Barn area in Amana. This special event will feature sales of fine arts, crafts and traditional Colony folk arts by local and guest artists. A unique part of the festival will be demonstrations as visitors will enjoy observing such as quilting, tinsmithing, and painting.

Guests will also enjoy local foods such as Amana bratwurst, sauerkraut, homemade apple fritters and baked goods. There will be entertainment throughout the day.

Friend of the Arts Award presentation at 2:00pm.

A \$250 shopping spree at the new Gallery on Main will be raffled off. The drawing is at 4:00 at the Festival. The tickets are for sale now at the Gallery on Main Located at 4502-220th Trail in Amana and at the festival the day of the event. Need not be present to win.

This is a juried event and new artisans are welcome for more information e-mail the Amana Arts Guild: amanarts@southslope.net or call 319 622-3678

The Amana Print Shop

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If you haven't already, Please get the COVID vaccination, healthcare providers, and we who love you, thank you.

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At Fairmont, Mr. Brown served a district of 1,700 students and combined teacher and support staff of 250. He was instrumental in passing a \$6.7 million bond for an expansion of a Vocational Trades Academics Building this past February with a 67% approval. He oversaw the construction of a new preschool through 2nd grade elementary school, eliminated a projected budget deficit of \$1.5 million, expanded the ECFE program for three and four year old students, served as chief contract negotiator for all employee groups, implemented their Agriculture Academy and Welding Academy and was a graduate of the Martin County Leadership Program.

Mr. Brown has also served as a Superintendent/5-12 Principal for Grand Meadow ISD for five years and prior to that he was a Principal for grades 9-12 at Austin High School, K-12 Principal for Chicago International Charter School, 7-12 Principal for LaSueur-Henderson (LeSueur, MN). Mr. Brown was raised in Clinton, Iowa and has the following degrees; AA from Mount St. Clare College, BA from William Penn College, MA from University of Iowa, and 6th Year Administrative Degree from Minnesota State University Mankato. He will be starting his 27th year as a public school administrator (10 years as a high school principal and 16 years as a school superintendent). Prior to working in education administration, Mr. Brown has been in a variety of positions in the private sector and public service as an Iowa State Senator for two terms serving the 35th and 27th Senate Districts. The 27th District covered most of Johnson County and all of Iowa and Poweshiek Counties.

"I am really excited about serving as the interim superintendent of the Clear Creek Amana School District for the next 11 months. This is a great time for public education. Our students deserve access to quality education delivered in a physically and psychologically safe environment. I am aware that CCA is a rapidly growing district. This provides positive challenges for the entire district to be flexible in providing relevant and rigorous education for all students," said Mr. Brown.

The previous CCA Superintendent, Tim Kuehl, left the district this summer and has gone on to East Union and Murray School Districts having served CCA since 2013. The CCA Board opted to hire an interim superintendent this summer and resume the search for a superintendent this fall allowing for more time to convene the search committee, interview candidates and gain community input.

FOR SALE

146 shares of Amana Society New Class A Common Stock for sale. Please call Randy at (319) 270-2105.

For sale 300 shares of the new Class A Amana Society stock. Please text 602-763-4310.

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700 shares new class A common stock for sale. Email offers to ehmann1@sbcglobal.net

HELP WANTED

Fireside Winery in the Village (main Amana) is hiring for a FT tasting room staff member (Fri-Wed) and PT help (Tues/Wed/Sat/Sun). Please email cassie@firesidewinery.com for an application.

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

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OBITUARY

Florence (Flo) Couch, 85 of Bonita Springs, Florida passed away peacefully on July 2, 2021.

Florence was born April 30, 1936, to Paul and Frieda Oehl of Amana.

Flo met her husband Robert Blaine Couch (Bob) while attending the University of Iowa where she received her degree in teaching and taught elementary school. On August 16, 1958, Florence married Bob. Together they had 3 children, Connie, Roy & Chuck. Flo was a loving and devoted wife, mother, Oma, sister, aunt and friend. She had a very generous, loving heart.

Bob's profession took him and his family to many states in the Midwest. When they left Iowa they moved to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin where Flo was part of a women's quartet called "Sweet Adeline's".

Next was Austin Minnesota, then to Quincy, Illinois. After Quincy it was off to Kokomo, Indiana and then to Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. Florence and Bob's final stop was in Bonita Springs, Florida. They had resided in Bonita for a little over 30 years enjoying the beach, sunshine, and the many visits from family and friends.

Flo was preceded in death by he husband, Bob, a daughter Constance Marie, her parents and brother Don Oehl.

Florence is survived by her 2 sons: Roy Paul Couch (Janice) and Charles Frederick Couch. Six grandchildren: Matthew Larson, David Larson, Anna (Josh) Young, Alexandra Couch, Madison (Jonathon) Calkins and Kimberly Couch. Also, five great-grandchildren: Zeighlyn Larson, DJ Larson, Blaine Calkins, Audie Calkins, Emma Young, and sister Madeline Roemig Bendorf.

A Memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church of Naples, Florida on Sunday, August 1, 2021, at 4:00 PM. Pastor Larry Rigley will be officiating. Family and friends may greet and give condolences to the family following the service.

HERITAGE SOCIETY FALL HARVEST DINNER

The Amana Heritage Society will host its annual Fall Harvest Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, September 10th, 2021 at the Price Creek Event Center. Doors open at 5:30pm; dinner at 7pm. A raffle ticket (includes two dinners) is \$100; dinner tickets are \$35 each. Tickets may be purchased from a board member, the museum office, or through our website at www.amanaheritage.org. Businesses and individuals are invited to donate unique items for the silent auction.

Please email amanaheritage@southslope.net or call 319-622-3567 to arrange for us to pick up your auction items. The Harvest Dinner raises much-needed funds to help support the Amana Heritage Society and its mission to share Amana's special heritage and culture.

BIKE RIDE OF IOWA COUNTY (BRIC)

Join us on Saturday, August 7th, 2021 for the sixth annual Bike Ride of Iowa County (BRIC). The event is free and riders must register to participate in the event. Registration will open on Saturday, August 7th at 10am at Millstream Brewing Company. The ride will officially take off at 11am from the Brewery.

The BRIC route will take riders 28 miles through the Amana Colonies and to Marengo, the ride's halfway point from the north before heading south to Highway 6 and returning to Millstream Brewing Co. in Amana. Maps and other BRIC information will be available at the registration table.

New this year is an optional loop to Fireside Winery to make the route 31 miles for those who wish to go the extra miles to do some wine tasting.

Bring the family, friends, and other bike lovers; the ride is open to all and there will be local BBQ and live music that evening in Amana. Check out BRIC on Facebook by visiting "Bike Ride of Iowa County" for more updates.