

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Amana Church Service will be live streamed from the church in Amana on Facebook or via Radio broadcast, September 20, 2020 starting at 10:00 a.m. with Elder Mike Shoup presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Humility, the Noblest Virtue" No. 140

Testimony: Christian Metz, Willoughby, Canada, July 2, 1845

Scripture: Philippians 2: 1-4 & 3: 12-16  
John 15: 13-17

Closing Hymn: "The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns" No. 280

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

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

Services also available later on YouTube ("The Amana Church" is our channel).

## THANK YOU

The Board of Trustees of the Amana Church would like to thank everyone helped with clean up in the cemeteries after the Derecho in August, especially those who just jumped in right away. A special thank you to those who donated the use of trucks, trailers, and loading equipment to haul away the trees and debris. A special thank you to the Amana Society for arranging additional dump sites and managing those sites. We tried to make a list of who helped and the number of hours put into the clean-up efforts and found that task impossible. The response from both church members and the community at large was overwhelming and we are grateful for your assistance. Thank you.

"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers." 1 Thessalonians 1:2

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Favorite toys seemed to be more my sisters concern than mine. Mine was the television set.

Kathryn meanwhile could spend hours with blocks. She would build houses which she filled with home made furniture. I being the loving sister, would kick the houses apart because she would always build them in front of the T.V. thus making the view not as perfect as I wanted it to be.

Then came the time when our mother bought us a library card to the Cedar Rapids library. Every Saturday morning our father would drive into Cedar Rapids and drop the three of us off at the basement entrance on the east side.

The basement was where the children's section was. My mother was determined that her oldest daughter (me) was going to read and ENJOY it.

I had always had problems reading and my mother would not give up. It was ironic that my postgraduate work is in library science and I seem to always have a book near me now.

My sister on the other hand was the "Golden Child" who not only could read, but read constantly and not the comic books I preferred.

At the library we would choose some books. It was there that I found a love for reading historical biographies. My sister, meanwhile, would read anything that caught her fancy.

We would then go with our mother to the main floor so she could get a book or two and then wait for our father on Third Avenue.

I think the only thing that really interested me were dolls. Every Christmas our friends from Cedar Rapids would come bringing a doll from Craemers Department store

The best Christmas I had as a girl was when they brought me a cardboard suitcase and inside was a blond doll with a "wardrobe" of dresses.

The doll even had nylon hose with a seam up the back which should tell you about how old I am. I loved changing her dresses and swirling her around in them as if she was dancing.

For some reason I named all my dolls, "Nancy."

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Iowa County Voting Facts: How to Vote Absentee

Talking with Iowa County Auditor Jessica Stohlmann, voters in Iowa County shouldn't worry about their absentee ballot.

She told us to obtain an absentee ballot you must do one of the following things:

Go to her office in Marengo and request an absentee ballot. Bring your driver's license and fill out the request form right there and then.

Call her office at 319-642-3923 and ask for an absentee ballot to be sent to you.

Download an absentee ballot request form from the following State of Iowa link: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/absenteeinfo.html>, fill it out and mail to her office.

Stohlmann noted that several organizations are mailing out request forms for absentee ballots and you need only fill out ONE of these forms, mail it to her office to receive your absentee ballot.

Jessica Stohlmann  
Iowa County Auditor's Office  
970 Court Ave.  
Marengo, IA, 52301

Absentee ballots will be mailed out beginning October 5. That is the first day the Auditor is allowed to mail them. So, if you have requested a ballot and have not received it, you should after October 5.

Fill out the absentee ballot as instructed. Once you have filled out your absentee ballot. You may mail it to the Auditor's office. They are "postage paid" so they are ready to mail.

Or you may drop your ballot off at the Auditor's office in Marengo.

You may also vote in person in the Auditor's office during their office hours any day starting October 5.

Absentee ballots are counted on election day by a bipartisan team using a voting machine, somewhat like what is used at the polling places, Stohlmann explained. "We have had no delays," nor does she expect to have delays. Yes, it is best to mail your ballot back soon after receiving it so that it has time to reach the auditor by election day which is Tuesday, November 3.

She noted that so far, she is having a little difficulty finding polling workers to serve as precinct election officials. If you would like to serve as a polling worker this is a paid job. The rate of pay depends upon whether or not you serve a half-day or a full day. The number to call if you are willing to work at the polls is 319-642-3923. Due to a shortage of workers, a couple of the smaller precincts may have to be consolidated, as has happened at the last two elections, Stohlmann explained.

### East Amana Water Tower Comes Down

With prep work beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 8 on Thursday, Sept 10 at about 8:30 a.m. the water tower in East Amana was brought down.

The work was completed by DW Zinser Co. demolition services of Walford under contract to the Amana Society Service Co. Russ Eimers, Amana Society Service Co. General Manager, reported that while he didn't get much notice of just when Zinser would be bringing down the East Amana tower, he will try to find out the dates for the removal of water towers in Amana, Middle, High and West. These are being replaced by the new tower in Middle Amana. The new tower hold 250,000 gallons and has been in service since the fall of 2018.

Dramatic photographs and videos of the East Amana tower removal have been posted to the Amana Society Service Co. Facebook page and on the pages of several residents of the village.

The plan to remove the water towers has been in the works since the Service Co. proposed a major overhaul of the Amana waterworks in 2016. In 2018 the waterwork improvement project was initiated and it's been completed in stages.

Eimers explained that keeping the unused, empty towers up would be expensive as they would still require maintenance and need to be insured. Maintenance on the towers is not cheap. For example, Eimers said, he recently got bids for the repainting of the Homestead water tower which is still in use. That project will cost the Amana Service Company about \$150,000. Multiply that expense by seven, plus annual maintenance costs and insurance for seven

water towers and it's apparent that having one tower for the north side of the river and two on the south side is economically practical. The water towers in East, West and High are the second towers for each of those villages. They were built in the 1960's to replace towers erected in the 1930's. In Middle and Amana the towers have been replaced three times; in the 1920's, the 1940's and the 1970's.

Eimers reports that once he knows when the other village towers are to be removed by Zinser he will inform the public so that local photographers can be at the ready.



**The Amana Meat Shop & Smokehouse** is seeking to fill two (2) part-time/temporary Production Associate positions. This role has flexible scheduling averaging 20-24 hrs./week and a pleasant working environment. Job duties include labeling bags & packaging product. Requirements include:

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## OBITUARY

Clarence Adolph Reihmann, age 94, of Middle Amana, Iowa, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 10, 2020, at his home. Graveside Services with military honors will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 19, 2020 at the Middle Amana Cemetery, Middle Amana with Elder Alan Trumpold officiating. The family requests those in attendance to meet at the Middle Amana Church at 10:45 a.m., then proceed to the cemetery together. Please practice social distancing and wear masks. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo is assisting the family with arrangements.

Clarence was born July 1, 1926, in Middle Amana, Iowa, the son of Adolph and Helene Geyer Reihmann. He graduated from Amana High School in 1944 and entered the U.S. Army, 84th Infantry Division, serving in Germany during World War II. On September 16, 1950, Clarence married the love of his life, Esther Lou Moser at the Amana Church. They enjoyed nearly 70 years together. Clarence worked at Amana Refrigeration for 36 years as a tool engineer. He was a skilled woodworker and enjoyed his wood shop where he made furniture, picture frames, and fixed many things. He did metal work and learned to oil paint. Clarence loved his Middle Amana family home, where he could walk to work and church, and enjoyed lifelong friends and a membership in the Amana Community Church, where he was a song leader. Clarence had a wonderful tenor voice, and was known to "burst into song", and found many willing participants and harmonizers. In his last days he was leading his daughter in singing "Amazing Grace".

Clarence and Esther enjoyed going to his Army reunions, traveling abroad, dancing and family gatherings. The joy of his life was being "Opa" to his granddaughters and to his young great-granddaughter, Helena.

He will be dearly missed by his wife Esther; his daughter Susan Melenovsky and his granddaughters and families, Amy (Nate) Lefebvre of Bloomington, MN, and Abby Utecht of Cedar Rapids; and great granddaughter Helena Lefebvre. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son-in-law Robert Melenovsky and his beloved daughter, Julie.

The family requests no plants or flowers. Instead those wishing to honor Clarence's memory, may make a donation to the Amana Community Church in hopes of planting new trees, to replace those destroyed by the storm. Cards and memorials may be sent to Susan Melenovsky, P.O. Box 94, Middle Amana, Iowa 52307

Online condolences may be left at [www.klosterfuneralhome.com](http://www.klosterfuneralhome.com)

## HELP US HELP OUR NEIGHBORS

The Clover Ridge United Methodist Church in Walford will not be holding their annual fall supper and auction. The church will instead be collecting items for the people affected by the August 10 derecho. Items needed are diapers and baby supplies, toiletries, feminine hygiene products, cleaning supplies, small household items, pet supplies, and non-perishable food. Because of COVID-19, items need to be new and unopened. Any amount you can donate is appreciated.

Drive-through drop off times are Saturday, September 26, 4 to 7 PM and Sunday, September 27, 10 AM to noon. We will unload your car for no contact contributions.

If unable to come at these times, contact Brandi Gross (319-560-2310) or Ruth Phelps (319-350-7277) to arrange another time. Thank you. Cover Ridge United Methodist 125, 5th St. Walford, IA

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## Feathers from page 1

It is sort of ironic that when I was expecting a baby I never once considered that name.

I wonder what my mother did with all our dolls I only know of two. At age 12 I was informed that I was too old for dolls. You know Christmas has never been the same since.

Did you have a favorite toy and is it still around? I hope it is and brings back memories of a pleasant childhood.

B.S.H.

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## ACLUD CAPTURE THE IMAGE...

The Amana Colonies Land Use District Historic Preservation Commission (ACLUD HPC) is pleased to announce the winners of its first annual photography contest, "Capture the Image-Preserve the Story."

- Amateur Division, Historic Architecture-- First: Judith Bernhard Second: Sarah Michalec
- Amateur Division, Sense of Place-- First: Judith Bernhard Second: Sarah Michalec Third: Kristie Ballweg
- Amateur Division, Then And Now-- First: Judith Bernhard Second: Kristie Ballweg
- Experienced Division, Historic Architecture-- First: Dan Sandersfeld Second: Doug Carr
- Experienced Division, Sense of Place-- First: Dan Sandersfeld Second: Allyn Neubauer Third: Doug Carr

- People's Choice Winner-- Judith Bernhard

Winning photographs may be viewed on the Land Use District's website, [www.aclud.org](http://www.aclud.org)

The ACLUD HPC, and Board of Trustees would like to thank all of this year's participants for their spectacular & thoughtful interpretation of the themes, and for the helpful feedback for next year's contest.

The 2021 contest information and rules are now available on the District's website

## LIBRARY NEWS

Here is a list of books that we added right before we closed due to COVID. If you have any questions or requests, let us know. To reserve or hold a book for pick-up please call, 622-3192. Thank you!

**Finding Chika** by Mitch Albom; **A Long Petal of the Sea** by Isabel Allende; **Whisper Network** by Chandler Baker; **A Minute to Midnight & Redemption** by David Baldacci; **Lady Clementine & Only Woman in the Room** by Marie Benedict; **Night Fire** by Michael Connelly; **American Dirt** by Jeanine Cummins; **Manhattan Beach** by Jennifer Egan; **Twisted Twenty-Six** by Janet Evanovich; **The World That We Knew** by Alice Hoffman; **Little Gods** by Meng Jin; **Miracle Creek** by Angie Kim; **Grace Year** by Kim Liggett; **Conviction** by Denise Mina; **Long Bright River** by Liz Moore; **Starless Sea** by Erin Morgenstern; **Cilka's Journey** by Heather Morris; **Giver of Stars** by Jojo Moyes; **Dear Edward** by Ann Napolitano; **Everything I Never Told You** by Celeste Ng; **Dutch House** by Ann Patchett; **Criss Cross & 19th Christmas & Warning** by James Patterson; **The Need** by Helen Phillips; **Secrets We Kept** by Lara Prescott; **Such a Fun Age** by Kiley Reid; **Rise of Magicks** by Nora Roberts; **Fair Play** by Eve Rodsky; **Normal People** by Sally Rooney; **Thirteen Doorways** by Laura Ruby; **Where'd You Go, Bernadette** by Maria Semple; **Fountains of Silence** by Ruta Sepetys; **Olive, Again** by Elizabeth Strout; **On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous** by Ocean Vuong; **Wanderers** by Chuck Wendig; **Nickel Boys** by Colson Whitehead

## STRAY CATS - HUMANE SOLUTIONS

Those of us who volunteer at Safe Haven of Iowa County know that we are so fortunate to have the building we have and the warm acceptance into the community that we feel. That feeling of being a part of the community combined with one aspect of our mission, "reduce the overpopulation of stray dogs and cats, and improve the lives of humans and the lives of pets through public education and sponsoring low/no cost spay and neuter programs", prompts me to suggest to you that we should be helping you help yourselves with a problem.

Every summer we are contacted by visitors to the colonies asking about cats or kittens they see that are needing either medical or food/shelter attention. We have even heard some more extreme comments from people that they won't be back to visit because what they saw made them so sad. We have not heard that extreme this year but we have been contacted four times this summer by businesses that are notifying us that there is a litter of kittens on their property or a new stray that needs help of some kind. A pitifully screaming kitten is not the way we want people to remember the Amanas....and that was one of the calls we got in early August.

I don't have a concrete plan in mind as far as timing and details are concerned but I can say that Iowa Humane Alliance in Cedar Rapids is very good about working with us to spay or neuter cats at a very reasonable cost. Working with them during a three day trapping blitz in North English we trapped and spayed/neutered 17 cats, which made a huge difference in the number of kittens born this spring in the neighborhood we were working.

A couple of years ago we worked the corn crib area of Middle and slowed the population growth there very successfully. We went door to door with fliers asking residents to keep their cats inside the nights we were trapping and asking for financial help. We received the cooperation we needed to make that project a success. There is no reason we can't do a similar project in any other area if we have residents and businesses who will work with us.

I just want to extend an invitation to join us in making a plan for working with you to spay/neuter and vaccinate the community cats living in the yards and bushes and out buildings to create a healthier and more reasonably sized community cat population. Research has shown that just removing the cats only makes room for new ones to come in since the resources that attract the cats are still there. Conversely, trap/neuter/release (meaning the cats are returned to the original location) prevents new reproducing cats from moving in.

Iowa Humane Alliance's website <https://iowahumanalliance.org/trapneuterreturn> explains the concept and techniques in trap/neuter/release to control the community cat population. We have the live traps and experience and desire to help. Let us work together to create a healthier acceptable size population of un-owned cats in Amana.

Mary McCord, Safe Haven of Iowa County

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