

## 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 15, 2021, starting at 8:30 AM with Elder Elly Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Wer is wohl wie Du" No. 1075 Seite 1051

Testimony: Christian Metz, Haag, April 20, 1835

Scripture: Mark 11:12-25  
Psalm 91

Closing Hymn: "Dies is Fūwahr ein theures Wort" No. 196 Seite 187

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

Opening Hymn: "Who is Lord Like Thee?" No. 163

Closing Hymn: "Indeed This is a Precious Word" No. 110

Saturday Fellowship, meets 5:30 PM in Middle

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

## AMANA FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Let's face it, if the phone rings after eight P.M. you can figure the news incoming is bad so brace yourself to hear the bad news and start making mental notes of what you are doing in the coming days in case you have to travel some place to deal with your bad news.

This weekend the phone call was not bad news, but an alert from out neighbor, Ramona Hoppe, that her night blooming cereus was about to bloom. Charlemagne was to rush over to her house quickly to see this miracle of nature take place because she did not have just one, but three buds about to flower.

Charlemagne (once I located him - he has a habit of disappearing) raced across the street quickly to see all this trans fold.

This cactus will quite frankly never win any awards for beauty, remember, this is just me giving that opinion. It blooms only once a year - at night blossoming into a large white (with a pink center) lotus looking flower.

You actually see it opening which makes it even more spectacular.

Ramona gave Charlemagne a cutting from her plant so last night (Sunday) guess what happened!

He woke me up to tell me his plant was about to open. Early this morning he actually went upstairs to show his granddaughter and her family the flower which he had picked and put into the refrigerator.

I wonder if this plant is related to the Century Plant that used to be in front of the old, old pharmacy in the 1950's and my grandpa's house in Amana. Did that plant only bloom once in a 100 years?

Now seriously why would one keep such a plant around especially because it took up so much room?

One is always overcome at the beauty of nature especially now that fall is coming and the trees will soon change leaf colors. I look forward to the farmers in Kalona come to market with their hay racks of mums. When the wagon hits a pothole the mums "float" up and down like waves. It is truly one of God's gifts.

I know I have written about this plant before, but it truly is a miracle to watch and it seems to only happen in Homestead!

B.S.H.

## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### C.C.A. Offers Pre-Boarding Meetings for Information on Open Board Positions

On Tuesday, November 2, 2021, Iowans across the state will head to the polls to vote for the men and women who will govern the education of more than 483,000 students. Local communities elect school board members every other year for four-year terms.

At Clear Creek Amana Community School District (CCA CSD), four school board positions are open for election. The Iowa Association of School Boards urges the public to make education a priority by paying attention to local campaigns and voting on Nov. 2.

Whether you are planning to run for a seat on the Clear Creek Amana Community School Board this November or considering doing so at some point in the future, becoming informed about the work of the board is important to best serve the students, staff and entire community.

That is why the School Board and District are hosting "Pre-Boarding" Meetings. These events are opportunities to share information on the work and responsibilities of a School Board, review major issues that come before the board, and answer questions about the work.

- Tuesday, August 24th, Oak Hill Elementary from 6-7:30 PM
- Saturday, August 28, Clear Creek Elementary 10-11:30 AM
- Sunday, August 29, North Bend Elementary 4-5:30 PM

While there is no "ideal" board member profile, the Iowa Association of School Boards suggests voters look for these basic characteristics in candidates in order to elect effective board members.

- They must have a laser-like focus on improving achievement for all students.
- They act with professionalism and integrity when monitoring district finances.
- They understand the board's roles and responsibilities.
- They work well as a member of a team.
- They can commit the time and energy required to be effective.

School board members are elected to serve four-year terms, with elections taking place in odd-numbered years. Those elected receive no pay. Experienced school board members say the rewards of service lie in meeting the needs of children and communities.

For more information please visit the CCA CSD website at <https://www.ccaschools.org/Page/5581> or call 319-828-4510.

### You Know the Summer of 21 is Dragging a Bit When...

This summer has been one for the record books. As I write this we are in week 20 of a drought. Much of Iowa is rated as seriously dry. We are literally longing for rain.

Furthermore the nation is again discussing mask mandates and COVID-19 prevention measures as the Delta variant causes a resurgence of disease among the unvaccinated.

There are times when summer seems to drag on just a little bit; when dragging the hose round to water the wilting petunias gets a little old. And though we don't wish for a frost, golly wouldn't it be nice, to have a showery, drippy, cloudy week and a real respite from the news?

Well for good or for ill here are our "Signs that this Summer is Dragging on."

- 1) A crack appears in your yard wide enough that you're certain Mothra or Godzilla will emerge and run amuck. Hopefully the hydrogen bomb they have to drop to kill the monster will result in some rain.
- 2) Though frost is weeks away, you rip out the petunias because you simply can't face them anymore.
- 3) You welcome with delight even those annoying pumpkin recipes that folks have started circulating on Facebook.
- 4) You wonder if the smoke from western wildfires might stun your noisy cicadas. Your spouse points out that more than likely it would cause them to grow to 1,000 times their size as demonstrated in

the 1964 monster flick, "Mothra vs. Godzilla."  
5) You walk outside barefoot and are speared so badly by the dry grass that you need stitches and you now understand why they are called, "blades of grass."

6) Along with the boxes of Crayola crayons, glue sticks and pencils you buy two packs of new face masks in various cartoon character themes. Your kid helps you pick them out and is absolutely non-plussed about it. You, on the other hand, want to weep because it's been a year and here we are again, or rather, still.

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### AN ECHO OF THANKS

We extend a heartfelt and grateful Thank You to everyone who gave us help and encouragement during and after the devastating fire that took our home June 18th. It truly demonstrates what a great community we live in.

Terry and Lorna Baugh



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7) After 15 hours of watching Olympic synchronized swimming in which the swimmers engage in oddly jerky, puppet-like hand, arm and leg gestures as they swim or are submerged in the water, you are pretty sure that you too could do this. You order a new swimming suit and a matching cap.

8) A tourist asks you about Oktoberfest and you have to scratch your chin and "harken back" like an 88 year old farmer trying to remember the name of his first bovine. It feels like years since we had one.

9) A goose family has taken up residence in your above ground pool.

10) An older man behind you in Trader Joe sneezes and his wife wallops him with her handbag saying, "Do you want us thrown out of here!"

11) You find a dusty umbrella beneath the car seat and open it up, once, twice and wonder about that old saying about bad luck and umbrellas. Is it bad luck to open one? Or bad luck to never open one?

**AMANA FARMS LAUNCHES DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER BEEF SALES**

The Amana Society has launched Amana Farms Beef, a new locally raised and processed, sustainably farmed, quality beef option for regional consumers.

"When you're purchasing Amana Farms Beef, you can rest assured that you're buying beef that was raised right here in Amana using humane and sustainable farming practices," said John McGrath, Amana Farms Manager. "All the beef is inspected, packaged and frozen in our facilities, ensuring it meets the Amana standard that many have come to expect."

"COVID-19's impact on meat production, supply chain and meat prices was the nudge we needed to launch our new product line," said Jeff Popenhagen, Amana Society CRO. "It was time for us to take more control of the process and get Amana-raised cattle into the local market."

"Controlling the entire process allows us to keep our prices steady throughout the year. By leveling the pricing and removing the traditional seasonal spikes, we can offer consumers the ability to make fair and affordable purchases year-round," said McGrath.

Amana Farms beef is aimed at consumers who want to eat as healthy as possible without sacrificing taste.

"We focus on a healthy, all-vegetarian diet of homegrown forage and corn to deliver beef with the flavor, tenderness and juiciness that consumers desire," said Jennifer Sauers, Amana Farms Beef program director. "The majority of our 2,000 cattle are born in the spring and freely roam the 6,500 acres of Amana pasture until late fall when we bring them into our covered cattle barn to better monitor their health, feed and keep them safe from the elements."

Consumers can purchase directly through the Amana Farms Beef website ([www.amanafarms-beef.com](http://www.amanafarms-beef.com)). Individuals can choose from pre-determined bundles or create their own to mix and match.

Amana Farms Beef purchases are currently only available for pick-up, with locations at the new Amana Farms Beef offices just south of Amana in Homestead, IA, and Cedar Rapids on Wednesday evenings in the south parking lot of Lindale Mall. Amana Farms Beef is not available in-store or online at the Amana Meat Shop & Smokehouse.

**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](http://www.amanaheritage.org). Businesses and individuals are invited to donate unique items for the silent auction.

Please email [amanaheritage@southslope.net](mailto: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.



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**GARAGE SALES**

3 Garage sales in West Amana. Watch for signs, easy to find them all. Friday August 13th, Saturday August 14th and Sunday August 15th. 9-5 all days. Lots of tools, hunting, fishing, antiques, collectables, lots of everything.

**FOR RENT**

Very large 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment for rent in Middle Amana. \$675 + utilities. Located on 2nd floor. Minimum 1 year lease. Available around September 1st 2021. Background check required. \$35 app fee per applicant. Proof of income required. Credit check required. No pets. No Smoking. Please contact Gunther Sandersfeld at 319-826-4122 or [Gunther@Skogman.com](mailto:Gunther@Skogman.com)

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**FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS REPORT**

The Amana Arts Guild would like to thank all of the volunteers who contributed their time and effort to making the Festival of the Arts a successful event. Thanks to the all the bakers who donated desserts, the food sales booth volunteers, the information table volunteers, all the artisans who demonstrated, the apple fritter crew and the setup and cleanup crew. Without your help The Amana Arts Guild would not be able to have the Festival of Arts, thank you!

We would like to congratulate Ruth Johnson, Middle Amana and Tom Oehler, Homestead on receiving this year's Friend of the Arts award; they are always ready to lend a hand whenever the Guild or anyone needs a helping hand. Both are former board members and the Guild thanks them for all they have done and will continue to do for the Amana Arts Guild and the community.

We would also like to thank Amana Society, Inc., Millstream Brewery, IGA (Marengo), Casey's (Amana), Amana RV Park, Hy-Vee (Coralville) for the donations of root beer, ice, rolls, apple fritter ingredients and apples.

**RC&D HIRES NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

The Iowa Valley RC&D Board of Directors is excited to announce the hiring of Giselle Bruskewitz as Iowa Valley RC&D's new Program Director.

Bruskewitz worked previously as the Sales and Partnership Manager for Field to Family in Iowa City where she launched and managed the Field to Family Food Hub, forging relationships between farmers, schools, restaurants, and relief agencies.

Bruskewitz will bring her experience working with food hubs to Iowa Valley RC&D where she will work to strengthen programs and projects at community and regional levels in the areas of farm to school, farmers markets, farmer training, food safety, food hub development, food entrepreneur technical assistance, food production, and community food security. She will build and identify new partnerships, assist in grant writing and project administration.

Giselle Bruskewitz started as Program Director with Iowa Valley RC&D on Monday, July 19th.

Iowa Valley RC&D has greatly expanded its staff and project portfolio in the past five years to become a leader in Iowa and the Midwest for community food system work. To learn more about the scope of their services and the talented team of professionals visit [www.iowavalleyrcd.org](http://www.iowavalleyrcd.org).

**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 information about the First Responders call Lucas at 319-551-5587.

**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.

For further information contact the ACLUD office at 319-622-3840 or the Auditor's Office at 319-642-3923 option 0.

Sample ballots will be published in the Pioneer Republican the week of September 19th.

Voting information will be printed the first Thursday in September.