

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

In order to best care for each other, the Amana Church Society B of T has voted to require masks be worn in all church buildings at all times. Masks are available for those who forget to bring theirs.

The Early (German) Sunday Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, January 02, 2022, starting 8:30 AM with Br. Peter Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Heut ist der Tag des Heils" No. 416 vs 1-4 Seite 414

Testimony: Ursula Meyer, Ronneburg, May 3, 1717

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12
Psalm 72:1-14

Closing Hymn: "Nun danket alle Gott" No. 728 Seite 723

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

Opening Hymn: "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise" No. 252

Closing Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 90

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

Visitors are welcome to join us in worship at all Amana Church Services. Childcare is available during Sunday's 10:00 AM Service.

Food Pantry Winter Hours

The Amana Food Pantry is adjusting its winter hours for Wednesday pick up. Our new time for picking up food bags on the second Wednesday of each month will now be from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in effect for January, February, and March. Last Sunday of the month hours remain 11:00-noon.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

It's the start of 2021 and I am determined to write something I've wanted to write or work into a story for years.

It's been over 50 years ago that two very special people passed of this life and went to heaven. If there is anything I am sure of I know that, like the song's "and take us to heaven to live with you there."

As a child in this community I just took it for granted that there were and still are people who keep an "eye on you" and are there when you need them even without being called.

Such was the case with Bill and Susie Ehrle. Ironically Charlemagne and I would be related to each one yet never met one another until long after they had died. It goes to show how communities really are families.

Tanta Susie and my mother loved one another like sisters. They were first cousins and only children.

She would be the one who played board games with my sister and me while the adults talked. She was the one who quietly picked up my favorite handkerchief in church as we filed out and my mother was scolding me. She was the one who found the beautiful pink ribbon for the hat I was to wear at her son's wedding. (She knew I loved pink and/or lavender, but a **VELVET** ribbon was the **BEST!**) She was the one that let me take the **Big** tricycle and ride though the store between the glassware displays. She was the one who made a very special birthday cake covered with gum-drop flowers. She gave me memories that I still cherish.

Most of all she didn't yell in anger or put us down. She just loved us.

Onkel Bill lost Tanta Susie because of a blood clot she developed after an operation. He went on thanks to his children.

Every year he would ask my sister and me to help decorate his house and wrap gifts. We were honored by the gentile was he asked.

It wasn't until years later that I saw a picture of him being pulled on a wagon by a goat!

Finally I learned he had lost a leg when a train ran over it.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

CO2 Pipeline Meeting Large and, at Moments, Heated

Over 100 people attended the meeting in Amana called by Navigator CO2 Ventures and monitored by representatives of the Iowa Utilities Board about the proposed large scale, carbon capture pipeline to cross Iowa County known as the Heartland Greenway project.

The public meeting started at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 3 at the Price Creek Event Center. At 8:50 this reporter (Emilie Hoppe) left, but the meeting continued till about 9:15 p.m. a resident of High Amana who attended confirmed Tuesday. This was one of nearly 40 public informational meetings in Iowa on this project – a project that is controversial and has prompted emotional exchanges and pointed questions at public meetings, including the one in Amana on Monday. To read about the Navigator Heartland Greenway project go to their company webpage www.heartlandgreenway.com.

Elizabeth Burns Thompson, vice president and spokesperson for Navigator; David Giles, Navigator chief operating officer; Monica Howard, Navigator's senior director of environmental and regulatory operations; and Stephan Lee, vice president of engineering spoke on behalf of the project, stating that the exact route has not been determined but is likely to be within the ½ mile wide corridor as shown on a map given to the Iowa County Supervisors and mailed to landowners. The exact route will be determined once engineers are allowed to inspect properties.

Looking at the map filed with the Iowa Utilities Board, this ½ mile wide corridor in Iowa County starts at Highway 151 at the Benton County line, heads west just below the Benton county line to a point north of West Amana and then across Amana Society property around the Amana Farms beef barn before crossing paved county road F15 at about PP Avenue and proceeding south westerly to the Iowa River. Transecting Highway 6 the pipeline corridor passes south of Marengo heading roughly along Highway 6 to Ladora. The corridor then proceeds south westerly around Ladora through the river valley toward Victor before going due south transecting I80 heading south entering Poweshiek county east of Guernsey.

Navigator plans to access nearly 20 ethanol plants, fertilizer producers and manufacturers, capture the CO2 gas emitted from their manufacturing processes, convert it into liquid and transport the liquid for sequestration in Illinois where it will be stored underground.

The goal of Navigator's Heartland Greenway project is to "capture and store approximately 15 million metric tons of CO2 a year at full capacity which is equivalent to the emissions from approximately 3.2 million vehicles driven annually," as the Navigator brochure stated. It provides ethanol and fertilizer producers in the Midwest with "a long-term, cost effective means to reduce their carbon footprint," Burns Thompson said. "This will help them add value to the agricultural supply chain and enable them to create a more sustainable product to bring to market."

When asked about how the company generates revenue she explained, "like a bus company we will be paid a fee to transport the CO2" and they will utilize federal tax incentives while the companies who use the pipeline will be eligible for carbon credits. The federal incentives are an important part of the startup financing, but have a 12 year limit, COO Giles added.

The pipeline company is seeking voluntary temporary and permanent easements from landowners on this route and will be contacting landowners now using third party agents, both Giles and Burns Thompson said. These third party agents will represent Navigator LLC in the negotiation with land owners. "We want to work with the landowners," Burns Thompson said.

Bruce Trumpold, Amana Society, said Tuesday that the Amana Society was contacted directly by Navigator, not by a third party agent. The ASI team is carefully monitoring the project's progress and making Navigator "well aware" of the unique characteristics of the Amana area. Before attending Monday evening's meeting in Amana, Trumpold and others from ASI attended the Benton County meeting to hear Navigator's presentation and to listen to what Benton County landowners were asking and saying.

If voluntary easements are not obtained the company will seek eminent domain (condemnation) of the property they have stated publicly. This process involves obtaining permission from the Iowa Utility Board to have land condemned for acquisition. The IUB representatives at the meeting gave out a thick packet of information about the IUB, its permitting process for hazardous liquid pipelines, the legal rights of landowners involved in voluntary easements, rules regarding the condemnation process and Iowa Code on landowner property rights in the event of acquisition of the property via condemnation.

The Iowa County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to oppose the use eminent domain (condemnation) in Iowa County. In a November 19, 2021 letter to the IUB, the Iowa County Supervisors wrote, "...we are requesting the Iowa Utilities Board to (sic) deny the use of Eminent Domain for Navigator and other CO2 pipelines. We feel it is important to keep the control of Iowa County land in the owners' possession."

During the Q and A, there were a number of questions about negotiations, how and when landowners will be paid for crop loss, impact to

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OBITUARY

Lawrence L. “Larry” Rettig, age 80, of South Amana, died Tuesday, January 4, 2022, shortly before his 81st Birthday, at the University of Iowa Rehab Hospital in Iowa City. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be contributed in Larry’s name to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo is caring for the family.

Larry is survived by his beloved wife and life partner of 59 years, Wilma; his daughter Robin of South Amana, and “son” Michael Newton from Cedar Rapids; sister Rosemary (David and family) of Moatsville, WV; and too many nieces and nephews to mention by name. He is also survived by his beloved dog, Brique and friends Laia, Banjo, Byte, and Cali.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilma’s parents, and his sister and brother-in-law Bonnie and Stan Hertel.

Larry was born January 31, 1941, in Middle Amana, the son of Leonard and Lina (Leonhardt) Rettig. He graduated as valedictorian of his high school class in 1959. His continuing scholarly efforts resulted in a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. He was a professor of German and Linguistics at Defiance College, Defiance, OH.; Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, AL.; and the University of Alabama, also Huntsville. For 25 years he served the University of Iowa as a central administrator in the Office of the Vice President for Research, retiring in 2003. During his administrative career he received numerous awards, among them The University of Iowa Staff Excellence Award and the State Board of Regents Staff Excellence Award. In his retirement, he became a garden writer for the website, Dave’s Garden, and wrote a popular monthly gardening column for the Amana Society Bulletin. He continued his service on the boards of a number of civic and nonprofit organizations.

Larry had a great zest for life as evidenced by his many interests and activities. He was a gardener extraordinaire, a writer, a poet, an historian, an artist, a musician, a photographer, and a friend to many. He was frequently sought out for his extensive gardening knowledge, but lent a sympathetic ear to those with personal issues as well. He held a special place in his heart for his family, his dear friends, Jim and the late Kathy Fisher, and for the residents of Lakeview Village, where he volunteered his musical talents. Together with Wilma, he established Cottage-in-the-Meadow Gardens, which is listed with the Smithsonian Institution as a National Heritage Garden and has been featured in magazines, newspapers, and online. In the mid-1980s he and Wilma founded a seed bank that preserves vegetable varieties brought from Germany by Amana settlers in the 1840s. He loved taking garden visitors on a tour of the gardens and telling them not only about the plants in the many garden beds, but also about Amana’s historical legacy. Larry was a member of the Amana Arts Guild and the Amana Heritage Society.

Online condolences: www.klosterfuneralhome.com

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to the Iowa City Free Lunch Program over the past year. From the deer hunters who give meat for meals, to the gardeners who find extra produce for our meals and to give out, to those who take the time to bring extra clothes, blankets, sheets and pillows to be shared with those in need, to those who donate soap, personal items, and money. All of it goes to use and all of it is very much appreciated.

We can’t show you the smiles or the enthusiasm when someone gets a plate full of Amana food (our love language) or someone finds a pair of clean socks that fit (or almost fit) or someone gets soap and a washcloth. So, this thank you is for each of you who take the time to think about how you can help others.

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corn suitability ratings, impact to forest reserve agreements, impact to drainage tiles, what the company takes into consideration when plotting the course of the pipeline and what can be done with the affected property after the pipeline is built.

According to the handout provided by Navigator, “Pipeline right of way must be kept free from obstructions,” so “do not plant trees or shrubs on the ROW. Also do not dig, store or place anything on or near the ROW without first having the pipeline company personnel mark the pipeline, stake the ROW and explain the company’s policy. Always call 811 before you dig.”

Unlike the wind turbine projects in Iowa County, affected land owners would be paid in two installments and would not receive a “royalty” or regular, reoccurring payments, however they can ask about receiving their payment over time. The company says it will reimburse for damages due to the construction of the pipeline. Landowners were urged to tell the land agents about any and all buildings they propose to build in future on their land, such as homes, barns, bins, sheds and animal confinements.

When asked “What happens if we say, ‘no?’” Lee responded, “then we go ask your neighbor.”

Pipeline construction is proposed to start in 2024 with completion in 2025.

In discussing the project’s risks, Burns Thompson said that the company was taking steps to mitigate risk but that no pipeline project was “without risk.”

During the Q and A period, Amana resident Lothar Beyer, asked the presenters to explain the risks. Navigator engineer Lee said that CO2 is toxic and has the potential to kill people or make them ill. It displaces oxygen.

He referenced the February 2020 explosion of a pipeline near Satartia, Mississippi.

According to the Feb. 27, 2020 article in the Clarion-Ledger, the newspaper of Jackson, Mississippi, the “pipe contained liquid CO2, but, when the pipe ruptured, it was depressurized and the liquid became a gas.” The pipeline was owned by Denbury Resources, Inc. of Plano Texas. It ruptured in a heavily wooded area off of Mississippi Highway 433 near Satartia. Reporter Sarah Fowler of the Clarion-Ledger reported that 300 people were evacuated and 45 people were treated at area hospitals. Breathing difficulties, disorientation, foaming at the mouth and seizures were reported.

Lee and Burns Thompson outlined risk mitigation strategies the project is taking or plans to take including the use of product specific design and construction, 24/7 continuous manned monitoring, advanced leak detection methods, alarm techniques, thorough inspection processes, thermal imaging via airplane and in-person moni-

toring with safety “shut-offs” at regular intervals along the pipeline. A brochure they handed out at the presentation noted that “public education” and “emergency response training and drills,” would be part of their safety plan.

They said that there are currently about 5,000 miles of CO2 pipeline in operation in the US today.

Later in the meeting, a landowner from Cedar County who did not identify herself said, “It seems like you gain all the reward and we take all the risk!”

Then she added that her research showed that 136 metric tons of CO2 can travel 1,300 feet in under four minutes. These numbers were questioned by the Navigator engineer who responded that it depended upon the pressure that the liquid was under and the size or rate of the leak. The Cedar County landowner concluded by stating that she and her neighbors would not be signing an easement with the company and she urged other landowners to do likewise. She said that other landowners in Iowa and the surrounding states were “banding together” to stop the pipeline. Her remarks received applause.

Another landowner asked about the threat from entities hacking into the computer system.

There are several recent examples of cyber-hacking such as the Colonial Pipeline fuel pipeline hack in May 2021 which prompted emergency measures in 17 states. In Wright County, Iowa, this fall, New Cooperative was hacked disrupting operations during the harvest season and a ransom of \$5.9 million was demanded by an alleged foreign entity.

Lee said that every precaution would be taken and that yes, hacking is a concern. He noted that the pipeline and utility industry was working hard to address those concerns and reduce the risk and impact of a cyber hack.

Less added that the company plans community outreach and to train local First Responders, EMTs, fire departments and ambulance crews for pipeline leaks and will provide and maintain equipment for them to use, including transportation. When asked by this reporter, Lee and COO Giles said yes, that means they plan to provide electric vehicles for emergency first responder use.

Other risk mitigations listed by Lee: the pipeline avoids schools, hospitals and populated areas, it will avoid sensitive or unstable landscapes or soils, it will be buried at least 60 inches (5

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The two didn't have the easiest lives, but they mad things interesting and fun for each other.

My father and Onkel Bill were always going to the twin cities to buy more farm equipment. Onkel Bill was the man you went to for stoves, refrigerators, etc. He was one "wheeler-dealer."

His daughter recalls never having a Sunday dinner without somebody coming to buy something.

In 1969 this wonderful couple were gone. Luckily we still have their children who we keep in contact with.

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feet) beneath the surface. He also noted that the pipeline would be built of high quality steel which has been coated in a way that protects the steel from corrosion, as well as a "cathodic protection system" that further mitigates any "potential exterior pipeline deterioration." To quote the hand-out provided.

The pipeline connects nearly 20 manufacturers, mostly ethanol plants and fertilizer producers, Burns Thompson said, including 8 Valero owned ethanol plants. CO2 that is a byproduct of the manufacturing process at the plants is captured, dehydrated (water removed) and compressed so that it goes from a gas to a liquid form. Under pressure the CO2 remains a liquid and then is transported via the pipeline to the sequestration site in western Illinois. In Illinois the CO2 will be injected more than a mile beneath layers of rock for permanent storage, Burns Thompson said.

On Tuesday morning, Craig Schoenfeld, an independent contractor consulting with Navigator on government and public affairs, said to the Amana Bulletin reporter that he had been told that Navigator had contacted the National Park Service about the Amana Colonies though he was unable to provide the name of the contact at NPS Tuesday morning but would call with that information when he had it. He said that Navigator "Is in ongoing communication with the Iowa State Office of Historic Preservation regarding Iowa County and the entire pipeline footprint in Iowa and with those offices in the other states as well," regarding any landmarks, buildings or features of historic significance and the presence of Native American burial mounds and other culturally significant areas along the pipeline route.

Heartland Greenway cannot, by law, begin negotiating with landowners until this public meeting on the project was held. Hence many at the meeting, including the Amana Society staff members present, did not know precisely where the pipeline is going. The Heartland Greenway company has provided a map of the Iowa County with a "proposed corridor" ½ mile wide and they hope to build the pipeline somewhere in that ½ mile wide corridor. The corridor extends 39.9 miles in Iowa County.

Iowa County landowner Mitch Magill spoke at the meeting and urged Iowa County landowners to get in touch with one another and with him. He has information on his Facebook page and administers the, No Iowa Pipeline Facebook page.

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The Iowa Chapter of the Sierra Club has come out against this pipeline calling it a "greenwashing scheme" and a "false climate solution." Read their analysis on sierraclub.org/iowa/carbon-dioxide-pipelines. Or go to the Sierra Club Iowa Chapter Facebook page.

For more information check out the Facebook back of Iowa County Supervisor Abigail Maas. Maas shared a map of the proposed pipeline route through Iowa County and the information Navigator sent to the Iowa County Supervisors on her Facebook page.

Monday's meeting in Amana was monitored by the Iowa Utilities Board to see if it fulfills the public information requirement in Iowa law regarding hazardous liquid pipeline construction and easement negotiations, however, comments and questions made at the meeting were not added to the public record on this project.

To have your questions, comments and views noted in the Iowa Utilities Board record of proceedings you must file them in the "open docket" number HLP-2021-0003 on the Iowa Utilities Board website. If you need help getting onto the website call the IT support, lowagov. at 515-725-7337. Or you may write the Iowa Utilities Board 1375 E. Court Ave. Des Moines, Iowa, 50319 to give them your views. Please include the docket number HLP-2021-0003 on your letter so that it is added to the full report to be made to the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB).

Taking a look at the IUB online docket on Tuesday, there were many letters from Iowa landowners and residents along with procedural documents, informational documents and maps from the IUB, from Navigator and from other entities. This docket allows you to read any or all of these materials.

