

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

All in person Amana Church services are suspended and services will be live streamed from the church in Middle on FM 93.5 or Facebook. Must be parked near the church for radio transmission.

The Regular Sunday Service will be in Middle Sunday, February 14, 2021, starting at 10:00 AM with Elder Kristie Yoder presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Of God's Great Love I Sing Today" No. 56 vs. 1, 2, 4, 6

Testimony: Ursula Meyer, July 20, 1715 excerpts; C Metz December 24, 1843 excerpts

Scripture: Luke 14:25-33

1 John 4:9-16

Closing Hymn: "Of God's Great Love I Sing Today" No. 56 vs. 7-11

**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.

## PLEASE CLEAR A PATH FOR HYDRANTS

The Amana Fire Department and the Amana Society Service Company ask for some help from the residents and businesses that have a fire hydrant on your property. Please clear a path from the road or sidewalk to the hydrant and around the hydrant. This effort will make it easier for the Fire Department to access the hydrant and use it in the case of an emergency. We all thank you for any help you can provide to this endeavor!

## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Amana Library will host a 2-Day Mississippi Valley Blood Drive on February 23 & February 25 from 1:30-6:30 pm in the MVRBC Donor Bus at the Amana Library parking lot, 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana. Whole Blood, Double Red Cell & CCP Donations will be available on February 23. Whole Blood ONLY on February 25.

\*\*\*Have you tested positive and recovered from COVID? The Blood Drive is looking for COVID Convalescent Plasma Donors (CCP) – the product from recovered COVID patients that is used to help treat severe COVID cases. If a donor has a positive COVID test, they can fill out a referral form online to see if they qualify to give CCP.

By helping the Amana Elementary School host a successful blood drive, they can receive a special grant! Through the LIFESAVING program we are eligible to earn \$250 for hosting a drive of 20 donations. All donors will earn a T-shirt or a \$5 gift card. Potential donors must be at least 17, weigh more than 110 pounds and possess a photo ID to donate.

To sign up email [amanalibrary@ccaschools.org](mailto:amanalibrary@ccaschools.org) or call 319-622-3192.

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

In the period when the Eben-Ezer villages were in the process of being sold off and their property, and people, transferred to Iowa, the Society shipped many different items to Amana on the railroad. Originally, this material only traveled as far as Muscatine, before it was hauled, by wagon, the rest of the distance.

Eventually, the rails reached Iowa City and, for a few years, the Society owned land there where the goods shipped on the railroad could be stored until the teamsters were able to haul them to Amana by wagon. Finally, in 1861, the railroad reached Homestead and made all this shipping much, much easier. The Society purchased Homestead to gain access to the railroad, as well as to expand its farm holdings.

As the last shipments of lumber and other supplies arrived from Eben-Ezer, the first shipments of manufactured goods for sale began leaving Amana. These goods, mainly woolens and calico print fabric, came from the new woolen mills in

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Water Issue Resolved Quickly Sunday

Just when folks were cooking their lunches or thinking about starting to prepare their Super Bowl snacks, water pressure dropped in Amana, East Amana and Middle Amana homes and businesses.

Fortunately the Amana Society Service Co. was able to identify and resolve the issue quickly Sunday and within an hour or two water pressure was back up to normal. Russ Eimers, AS Service Co. told us Monday, that the controls for the water system locked up and prevented some of the wells from coming on when they were needed. Therefore the water level in the water tower dropped and so did water pressure. Once it was determined to be a control issue, the wells were started manually.

He noted that the company that installed the control equipment has investigated to correct any issues and as of Monday, control operations were normal.

### New Water Control Plan for Coralville Res Unveiled

Virtual open houses are being planned for the public to see the Army Corps of Engineers proposed plan for the operation of the Coralville dam. The Water Control Plan Update has been under review for two years. In 2019 public meetings were held in Iowa City, Marengo and other locations to allow for public input.

This past year the Army Corps of Engineers has been evaluating data and testing potential plan outcomes via computer modeling.

Now you can attend a virtual meeting to learn more about the proposed Water Control Plan Update. The water control plan is a month by month operational manual for the reservoir and it stipulates at what level the lake will be maintained and for how many weeks, when water can be released and at what rates. It also contains those numbers by which downstream flooding mandates outflow rates at the dam. The control plan is followed very closely by the Army Corps and can be modified only in the event of drought or significant flooding and only by order of the Army Corps Commander of the Rock Island District/ Mississippi Valley Division. Hence the document is important.

Two virtual open house events will be hosted to offer a question and answer opportunity for the public and gather feedback about the updated plan. The first virtual event will be held Thursday, Feb. 25, at 5 p.m. and the second will be Thursday, March 4, at 5 p.m. The event will be hosted online at <https://usace1.webex.com/meet/CoralvilleOpenHouse>.

An audio-only option is also available by dialing 1-844-800-2712 then entering the meeting number 199 338 6849. When prompted to enter an attendee ID, enter #.

To see a video about the proposed updates go to <https://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/About/Offices/Programs-and-Project-Management/Coralville-Lake-Water-Control-Plan-Update/>.

Upon viewing the video if you wish to comment you may email the Army at [PublicInvolvement@usace.army.mil](mailto:PublicInvolvement@usace.army.mil), telephone to: 309-794-5704, or by mail to: Rock Island District, Attn: PM-M, P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, IL 61204-2004.

According to the Army Corps of Engineers website, [mvr.usace.army.mil](http://mvr.usace.army.mil). "The current Water Control Plan for Coralville Lake was approved in 2001. These plans consist of operational parameters defining how, and when, water is stored and released from the reservoir. This includes a schedule of releases, conservation pool levels to be maintained during non-flood or drought conditions, and downstream water level constraints." The following key issues were the primary reason for updating Coralville Lake's Water Control Plan:

The Iowa River has experienced a significant increase in the magnitude and frequency of flooding.

Sedimentation within the reservoir has negatively impacted available conservation (water supply) storage capacity.


Changes in land use and flood risk management infrastructure that effects nature/start of flood impacts (e.g., levees within the City of Coralville, changes to Dubuque Street, etc.).

### Hoehnle to Speak Virtually on "Moving Garden"

Sign up to be watch a Zoom lecture by Peter Hoehnle, sponsored by the EV History Center to be held February 28, 2021 at 2 p.m.

Historian and author Peter Hoehnle, will be presenting drawings and maps of the Inspirationist community in Germany and in America. Three community artists Joseph Prestele (1796-1867), Wilhelm Noe (1804-1882) and Friedrich Jeck (1821-1906) chronicled the Inspirationist villages in Germany, Eben-Ezer and Amana, Iowa through distinctive watercolors, lithographs and maps, many of them unseen for decades. This presentation will examine how these images recapture the pastoral ethos of the Inspirationist community as it made its transatlantic journey from Germany to Iowa. Additionally, new re-

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**OBITUARY**

Robert C. Hergert, age 86 of East Amana, died Friday, February 5, 2021 at his home after a brief illness. A private family service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Homestead with Rev. Zachary Voss officiating. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo is assisting the family with arrangements.

Robert is survived by his wife Vivian of 62 years; two sons, Gregory (Ellen) Hergert, Rick (Victoria) Hergert, and a daughter Susan (Michael) Spellerberg. Eight grandchildren, Theodore, Kathryn, and Elizabeth Hergert, Hannah (Tim) McCool, Haley (Cameron) Kacena, Evan Hergert, Rachel Spellerberg and Ryan (Kaitlyn) Spellerberg, four great-grandchildren, Timothy and Julian McCool, Frank Kacena, and Nolan Spellerberg.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Henry Hergert and Elmer Hergert of Tennessee, who followed Robert to Heaven just 12 hours later; sisters-in-law Magelana and Mary Lou; and a nephew Paul Hergert.

Robert Carl Hergert was born September 18, 1934 at his home in East Amana, the son of Christian and Bertha (Geiger) Hergert. He graduated from Amana High School in 1952, in his junior and senior year he drove the Amana School Bus. Robert married Vivian Heitshusen on August 9, 1958 at St. John's Lutheran Church. He served in the Army stationed and was stationed in Germany. Robert was a translator and worked in the medical field. He also worked for the Amana Meat Shop for many years. He enjoyed golfing, trips with his friends and playing cards. Most of all, Bob loved his family and was very proud of them.

Online condolences: [www.klosterfuneralhome.com](http://www.klosterfuneralhome.com)

**ACLUD CONTRACTOR AND SUPPLIER LIST**

The Amana Colonies Land Use District Administrator is preparing a list of contractors and suppliers. The intent is that the information will be published on the ACLUD website, and made available in the ACLUD office, as a resource for property owners within the land use district.

If you are a contractor or supplier and would like to be included on the list, please send your name, contact information, specialty (if applicable) and other relevant information to the Elly at: [aclud@southslope.net](mailto:aclud@southslope.net).

If you are a property owner who has received great service from a contractor, please share this information with them and ask that they send their information to [aclud@southslope.net](mailto:aclud@southslope.net) so that they can be included.

Contact Elly at [aclud@southslope.net](mailto:aclud@southslope.net) or 622-3840 with any questions.

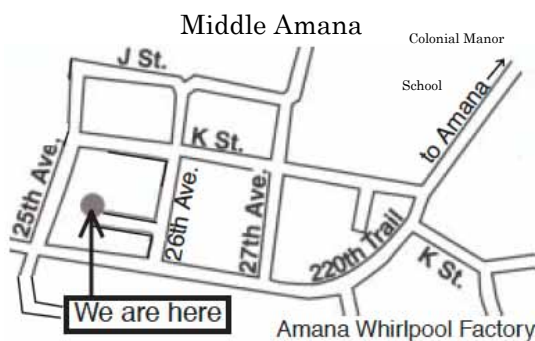
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING --- PROPOSED BUDGET**

Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Name of District: WEST HIGH SANITARY SEWER

The Board of Trustees of the above-named District will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year Meeting Date: 3/1/2020 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM Meeting Location: Fire Station 2725 K Street, Middle Amana Iowa 52203 At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Clerk.

Contact Name: Robert F Brost, Jr Contact Telephone Number: (319) 622-6242

Fund	FYE 6-30-2020 Actual Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2021 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2022 Proposed Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2022	Estimated July 1, 2021 Beg. Balance & All Other Receipts	Estimated Amount to Be Raised By Taxation
1. General	100,440	94,759	75,360	2,108	73,241	4,227
2. Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. TOTAL	100,440	94,759	75,360	2,108	73,241	4,227

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation \$ 0.54000

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search into the lives of these three men will provide a window into the pursuits of ordinary Inspirationist community members struggling to use and express their artistic and intellectual talents within the community.

To sign up to see this lecture live via Zoom, contact the EV History Center in North English by emailing [evhistory@yahoo.com](mailto:evhistory@yahoo.com) and express your interest in this lecture. Then you will be sent an invitation to access the event via Zoom. Having the application Zoom on your desktop or handheld device is required. Email or phone the EV History Center 319-664-3988 for information about a link to view a video of the lecture after the presentation Feb. 28.

**WENDLER SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE**

The Glenn and Mary Wendler Scholarship is an annual award of between \$500 and \$1,000 to graduates of Clear Creek-Amana High School planning to attend a fully accredited nonprofit or public two or four-year college or university and pursue a career in engineering, architecture or construction.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, volunteerism, and academic achievement, in that order. Applications may be obtained from the Guidance Office of Clear Creek-Amana High School. The deadline for applying for the 2021 Wendler Scholarship is 4:30 p.m. on February 26, 2021. For further information see: [www.wendlerscholarship.com](http://www.wendlerscholarship.com).

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Middle Amana and Amana, as well as the calico print works in Amana. Loaded onto wagons, teamsters delivered the goods to Homestead where they were processed for shipment, east, on the railroad.

Eventually, the Society built two large warehouses, connected by an enclosed walkway, behind the Homestead General Store. Known as the Wholesale Department, the warehouses were the location of the shipping office and storage, as well as space for processing and crating orders. Additionally, a room in the Wholesale building was where the Bruderrath, or governing council of the Society met once or twice a year as its monthly meetings rotated around the villages.

After the 1932 reorganization, shipping eventually moved to the woolen mill in Amana and the two warehouses stood empty. In the mid-1970s the Society demolished the massive brick structures, only a few years after the railroad had demolished the once all-important Homestead depot.

During the railroad's heyday, the Homestead Store was a busy place, doing trade not only with locals but with farm families from a wide area. Iowa governor Samuel J. Kirkwood stopped at Homestead and he, and Friedrich Moershel, the manager of the Homestead grain elevator became friends. The two men often sat on the wide porch of the General Store to talk business, as Kirkwood before becoming governor, has operated a grist mill, and famously appeared at a Republican gathering in Iowa City covered in flour dust.

When Kirkwood died, in 1894, Moershel attended his funeral in Iowa City. Later, Kirkwood's widow gifted Moershel with a walking stick and a carved pipe used by her husband, as well as a large photograph of the governor (recently donated to Kirkwood Community College).

**INCREDIBLE!**

Thank you everyone--Larry received over 60 birthday cards, and they are still coming in! We managed to keep it a surprise. With your help, his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday will be one he will remember forever!

**FOR RENT**

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**FOR SALE**

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Kirkwood was governor of Iowa during most of the Civil War and became a beloved figure in the state because of his effective leadership in that crisis.

When volunteer enlistments for the Iowa regiments began to decline, the state turned toward a draft. Because of their pacifist beliefs, members of the Amana Society petitioned the governor, directly, for an exemption. Kirkwood's sensitive handling of the situation won the friendship of the Society. As governor, Kirkwood issued passes for male members of the Society who were traveling to and from Eben-Ezer.

Although they were pacifists, the members of the Society supported the war effort through donations of cash, woolen goods and even knit items. An accounting after the war showed that the Society had contributed goods and cash valued at \$25,000 – about half a million in today's money. The donations were distributed, by the Iowa Sanitary Commission.

The Society ultimately paid the \$300 per person commutation fee for the sixteen Amana men the state drafted, thereby releasing them from military service. Some men from the community left the community to serve. In later years, some Union veterans joined the Society, which is why there are seven Civil War grave markers in the Amana cemeteries today.

In 1876 Society leaders hired the then former Governor Kirkwood to represent them in an attempted blackmail situation. Kirkwood arranged a sting operation during which they would be black-mailer was arrested. (The prospectus of the black-mailer's book survives and is really tame).

Kirkwood later served in the U.S. Senate and as Secretary of the Interior for a little over a year in the administrations of James Garfield and Chester Arthur. BSH