

**AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS**

The Combined Mother's Day Service, live stream on Facebook, at 10:00 a.m. May 10, 2020 with Elder Betsy Momany presiding.

Opening Hymn: Wer sich bücken kann, No 1081, page 1057, vs 1-3

Testimony: Barbara H. Landmann, East Amana, July 18, 1875

Scripture: Matthew 5:6; Luke 18:9-14  
Psalm 5

Closing Hymn: Who to God Does Yield, No 166, vs 4-6

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

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

**1081 (Art 23)**

1. Wer sich bücken kann, geht auf rechter Bahn; ist beständig aufgeräumt, giebt Acht, daß er nichts versäumet. Wer sich bücken kann, geht auf rechter Bahn.

2. Ein gebeugtes Herz wend't ab manchen Schmerz, so oft es auch wird gedücket, kommt es wiederum gebücket, so hat's nicht lang' Schmerz ein gebeugtes Herz.

3. Kinder, beuget euch, so gilt Alles gleich, Süß und Trübe; so bekommt ihr viele Liebe, und das wahre Reich; Kinder, beuget euch.

**CONGREGATE MEALS**

Meals have been canceled until further notice. Please be safe, we wish to see you all when we can resume our gatherings.

**Amana Library Patrons:**

During this unpredictable time, the Marengo Public Library is offering a curbside pickup service for books. The librarian suggested it's best to call in the morning. They are usually there by 8:00 am. If possible, have your request list ready to share with them. You can use the catalog on the Marengo Library website to see if they have the book(s) you're looking for in their collection. They typically have the books checked out and ready to be picked up around 1:30 pm.

In addition, if you would like to get an account with Overdrive/Bridges you may also call Marengo and they can set one up for you. Overdrive is a virtual library website/app where you can check out and borrow eBooks. They can also answer any additional questions you might have.

We hope everyone is staying healthy and safe!  
Heather Fox

**COVID-19 UPDATES – STORE CLOSURES**

The safety and well-being of our employees and customers is our top priority. To limit the spread of COVID-19, we have decided to close our non-essential retail stores in the Amana Colonies. Effective at the end of business Monday, March 23rd, 2020, the Amana General Store, Little Red Wagon, Amana Woolen Mill, and Amana Furniture Shop will be closed. These closures will be in effect through Friday May 15th, 2020. We invite you to continue to shop at amanashops.com.

The Amana Meat Shop remains open but is closing a 4:00 p.m. each day to allow our staff additional time for cleaning and sanitizing.

We are taking additional steps at all of our Amana Society business and facilities, including social distancing and extra safety and cleaning procedures, to help protect and support our employees and customers.

Thank you for your support and understanding!  
Sincerely,  
Greg Luerkens

*Greg Luerkens*  
President/CEO

**AMANA NEWS AND NOTES**

**CCA Virtual Graduation Ceremony May 22**

If we can't celebrate together than let's celebrate apart. That's the CCA spirit prompting the creation of a virtual graduation ceremony for the CCA High Class of 2020.

In an e-newsletter shared with CCA High School students and parents, the CCA administrative team outlined plans for the May 22 graduation ceremony.

"The virtual ceremony will be created to include many of the elements of the live ceremony while recognizing each of our graduates individually. This virtual commencement ceremony is a re-imagined format to celebrate this achievement. And it is an achievement the seniors reached while overcoming obstacles no class before has ever encountered. We respect our seniors in the class of 2020 as they have continually shown their ability to overcome adversity, and your bright future will be evidence of your resilience," it read.

The ceremony will be live via telecast on May 22 at 7 p.m. Parents of the graduating class will be sent an email with the link. A link to the video will be shared with the public through the CCA District Facebook page, the CCA High School Facebook page and the CCA website.

The CCA School District does hope to have a graduation ceremony with the grads in attendance on July 24th at 7 p.m. depending upon guidelines from the Iowa Governor's office, the State Board of Education and the Johnson County Department of Health regarding events and social distancing. The

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decision to hold the ceremony or not will be made no later than July 10 so that families may plan accordingly.

**Candidates for Supervisor Asked to Respond to Questions from ACCVB**

Iowa County candidates for the Board of Supervisors running in the June 2 primary election were invited to respond to questions from members of the Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau.

David Rettig, ACCVB executive director, explained, the ACCVB Board had hoped to host a "Meet the Supervisor Candidates" event as they have done in years past, but due to the COVID-19 response, this event had to be cancelled. Normally all the candidates would have been asked to come to meet ACCVB members and sit down for an informal "q and a" but this year the ACCVB director had to come up with something new. So Rettig invited the candidates to participate in a "Meet the Candidates" by mail sending them questions submitted by the ACCVB board and several colony residents. The candidates had over 2 weeks to respond to the questions.

Incumbent and candidate for re-election Supervisor Ray Garringer did not respond to the questions nor did candidate Josh Simmons. Abigail Maas, Chris Montross, Kristin Miller and Alan Schumacher did respond. The length of the responses precludes printing them in the Bulletin. But everyone is invited to read them in their original form – unedited. To receive the ACCVB Supervisor Candidates responses please email David Rettig at director@amanacolony.com. He will then send them to you via email or mail them to you.

Here's a list of the questions the candidates were asked:

- 1) Many counties have established districting so that each geographic area of the county is represented (on the Board of Supervisors). Do you believe this is a good idea for Iowa County? Why or why not?
- 2) In what ways will you work with the Amana Colonies Land Use District, the National Park Service and the Amana Colonies Sites Foundation to preserve and enhance Amana's status as a National Historic Landmark?
- 3) Tourism is a \$20 million plus industry in the Amana Colonies that brings money from outside of the county into Iowa County. How will you support and help grow tourism in the Amana Colonies and Iowa County?

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4) How will you help support the Amana Colonies, Whirlpool and all Iowa River valley residents in working with the Army Corps of Engineers to control and contain Iowa River flooding?

5) Quality of life is an important factor in today's society. It is a proven fact that bike and recreational trails not only improve quality of life for a community but also help in economic development. How will you support efforts to construct a bike trail connecting the existing Amana Colonies Bike Trail to trails coming through Iowa County from both Iowa City and Cedar Rapids and then continue the trail through Iowa County?

6) Would you support the use of Iowa County recreation funds in the Amana Colonies?

7) The Iowa County Supervisors voted to without tax funding from the Amana Colonies Community Library in 2019 and 2020. Would you vote to release the funding to the Amana Colonies Community that was withheld?

8) The new Hotel Millwright (one of Iowa County's largest investments in the last 8 years) as denied a TIF district by the Supervisors? What is your opinion on establishing a TIF district for multi-million dollar projects in Iowa County?

9) What do you see as the future of economic development in Iowa County and what would you do to realize this future?

10) Would you consider re-opening the now, long overdue second phase of the Amana Main Street project which was meant to improve Amana's "back street."?

11) What is your vision for Iowa County?

**Day Use is Fine but**

**Iowa Parks to Stay Closed Until May 15**

Iowa State Parks and forests are open for you to take a walk, have a picnic or do some fishing, but the restrooms, play grounds, shelters, beaches and other facilities will remain closed until at least May 14, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources announced last week.

Those restrictions were to be lifted April 30, but the DNR is going to extend them another two weeks or perhaps longer.

Cancellation fees at state cabins, lodges, shelters and campsites are being waived for reservations made through May 31.

DNR hosted activities; youth events and camps are suspended or postponed at state parks and forests until at least May 14.

The DNR advises all to please use parks and state forests mindful of all social distancing guidelines and to be respectful of your neighbor's space and the natural surroundings when using these natural areas. Please pick up trash and abide by all park rules.

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**OBITUARY**

Shirley A. Neumann age 83, of Amana passed away Thursday April 30, 2020 at Colonial Manor of Amana. Private family graveside services will be held at the Fairfax Cemetery with Father Craig Steimel officiating. In Lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the family in care of Kloster Funeral Home, 298 West Washington St. Marengo, Iowa 52301.

Shirley was born January 7, 1937 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa the third child of Thomas James and Zela Turner Carville. She graduated from Amana High School in 1955. She married Kenneth Neumann on July 7, 1956 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Walford. Shirley worked as a waitress for the Ox Yoke Inn for many years. Upon retirement she worked as a tour guide, sharing the history of the Amana Colonies. She enjoyed her flower gardens, especially her roses. Shirley loved going out eat and always looked forward to her and Kenny's trips to Riverside Casino.

She is survived by five nieces and nephews, Mark Vogt of Homestead, Kerri Vogt of Wheatridge, CO, Diane Smith (Mineard) of Watkins, Henry T Schuhmacher of Ankeny, and Pam Wahl (Gill) of Thorton, CO. She is also survived by her sister in law and brother in law Rosella and Ron Vogt of Homestead; her sister in law Mary Carville of Mountain Home, AR; many great nieces and great nephews; also special friends Jane Kulhavey and Donna Robinson. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Kenny, her sister Rose Mary Schuhmacher, her brother James Carville and a brother in law Henry Schuhmacher.

Shirley's family would like to thank Colonial Manor staff and Essence of Life Hospice for the excellent care shown Shirley in her last weeks.

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

**Dear Amana Society Shareholders:**

In these unprecedented times, and as a 43+ year Amana resident, the future of ASI has never been more important to me. During my last three years on the board, I have supported and/or been actively engaged in:

- The search for and hiring of a new CEO;
- Rehabilitating the Woolen Mill complex into a one-of-a-kind boutique hotel;
- Utilizing Iowa State University to help the company identify new opportunities;
- Expanding the content and use of the ASI website; and
- Developing a Stockholder survey, which is currently underway.

My goals are to help ASI reduce costs, deploy capital to maximize opportunities and increase revenues, and ensure sound planning and results-oriented execution. I believe I can help the company do this by employing my business skills and experience in board and committee meetings. These skills and experiences include:

-25 years at Amana Refrigeration, last position Vice President-Consumer Communications; with experience in manufacturing, product evaluation and consumer communications.

-19 years at Pearson, current position Director-Technology Business Operations, with financial oversight of \$80 million, and experience in technology, contracts, product management and development, strategic planning, and governance.

-Board Committees: Stockholder Communications, Stockholder Continuity, Ag, Audit/Governance and Executive/Compensation Committees.

It is truly an honor to serve on the Amana Society Board of Directors. I thank you for your past support and respectfully ask for your vote in the election. Please call me at 319-360-4022 or send an email to: [trout.dixie@gmail.com](mailto:trout.dixie@gmail.com) with your input or any questions.

**Thank you.**  
**Dixie Trout**

**OBITUARY**

Reed Paul Schaefer, age 65, of East Amana, passed away Monday, May 4, 2020 at the Iowa City Rehab and Health Care Center. Private family graveside services will be held in the East Amana Cemetery, East Amana. Memorials may be contributed in Reed's name to Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center, in Iowa City, the Amana Church, or the Nature Conservancy.

Reed is survived by his mother Isabella; a brother Kirby (Theresa) Schaefer, of Amana; a niece Katherine (Jonathan) Ron of Iowa City and, a nephew Aaron (Shana) Schaefer, of Iowa City; four great nieces and nephews; and an aunt Violet Harman, of Amana. He was preceded in death by his father Ken in 2012.

Reed was born August 4, 1954, in Cedar Rapids, the son of Ken and Isabella (Rettig) Schaefer. He graduated from the Amana High School. Reed worked in Santa Fe, NM as a landscaper for 15 years. After returning to Iowa, he was employed at the Kloubec Fish Farm. He made friends everywhere he lived and will be remembered by many as a kind, and generous man. He enjoyed fishing, mushroom hunting, birding, and many other outdoor activities in the timbers and rivers surrounding the Amana Colonies.

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

**Dear Amana Society Stockholders**

Thank you for considering me for a seat on the Amana Society Board of Directors. In addition to my interest and commitment to provide service to advance the success of the Society, following is background on my readiness to serve:

\*Held numerous leadership positions, including service on three Boards of Directors for professional organizations/societies, (including American Geriatrics Society, American Pain Society, American Society for Pain Management Nursing) responsible for the financial and mission success of the organizations with budget oversight ranging from \$2-9 million

\*During my 30+ year tenure at the University of Iowa, I have held significant administrative roles that involved restructuring, development of financially successful innovative contracts with partners outside the University, leading the recruitment and development of faculty and developing, implementing, and evaluating policies and procedures for organizational success.

\*Engaged in UI targeted initiatives and governance activities requiring understanding of institutional perspectives and issues that impact decision-making and would support the work to be done on the Amana Society Board of Directors. Developed strategic vision and business models for organization success.

I would bring a set of fresh eyes and perspective in considering the issues, solutions and decisions to advance the well-being of the Amana Society.

Thank you for considering my nomination.

**Sincerely,**

*Keela Herr*  
**Keela Herr**

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**ALAN SCHUMACHER AND ABIGAIL MAAS  
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"The Amana Colonies CVB Board of Directors and I personally believe that Abigail and Alan understand, support, and will accurately represent the Amana Colonies at the county level. They have a vision for the future that includes promoting tourism and providing the Colonies a voice in the county. The primary is an important vote, I urge you to support them on the ballot."

-David Rettig, Executive Director, Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau



As life-long Iowa County residents, Alan and Abigail are committed to serving the public by improving Iowa County. Alan has a business and environmental background, successfully managing production facilities-bringing expertise in budgeting, finance skills, and employee team building. As a owner-operator on a farm, Abigail has a deep passion for agriculture, a dedicated work ethic, decision making skills based on logic and common sense, as well as an inspired commitment to preserve the land. Both candidates have a rich history of leadership and have served on many boards and committees. Both candidates are confident and capable of making the changes necessary to improve Iowa County.

*A forward thinking vision*

- We would like to explore hiring a human resources manager for our county to minimize the litigation risk and improve employee experiences.
- We want to design districts for Iowa County Supervisors to be elected from to insure equal representation across the county.
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**FEATHERS IN THE WIND**  
I have heard of lots of people who have "bucket lists." Most of these lists contain lists of wishes of places they want to go, books they want to read, clothes or shoes they would like to have, a house, or something like that.

My list consists of something rather odd...a zipper for my mouth or, one to put on other people's mouths.

Lately I have had too much time to just think about things that I may have said or done that I would like to take back and re-do. Things that were spoken in haste, without any thought I have also thought of the times people have hurt my feelings by cruel words.

We can all say we are sorry, but the pain has been inflicted and though a person may forgive we, as humans seem not to forget.

The other day something happened which I thought was hilarious so I told a friend about it. As it turned out it was not funny and the people involved were hurt. Needless to say, I spent a restless night and begged God's forgiveness again and again.

The trouble is that it was not my fault, no one was hurt except for hurt feelings. That's the whole problem. We talk or act without thinking first. Often, we don't even listen.

I sometimes wonder if being a hermit would make more sense.

I know that many of my views are liberal, but I honestly do try and listen to other more conservative views and then try and decide if they make better sense than mine. It is hard to change views so one must give me some time, but please don't criticize me or make fun of me and I promise I will try and do the same for you.

Right now, we are facing this terrible disease and, quite frankly, it is depressing me more than I ever thought it would. I have been reading more than usual and watching PBS so I can avoid listening to a lot of commercials and just maybe learning something. I suppose I should clean or paint, but I am too depressed to do that, besides that I am still dizzy from the chemo treatments.

I guess the best thing to do is be quiet and meditate.

B.S.H.

**LAND USE DISTRICT  
SEEKS ADMINISTRATOR**

The Amana Colonies Land Use District seeks a permanent part-time Administrator for planning and zoning office. Position requires the ability to administer all office functions, familiarity with budgeting, ability to keep accurate financial and public records, ability to interact professionally and amicably with the public, and work with minimum supervision. Good organizational skills a must. Some evening hours required. Additional preferred qualifications include a working knowledge of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation, proven grant writing ability, and a working knowledge of planning and zoning ordinances. Experience with QuickBooks, Word-Press and Microsoft Office preferred. Send a letter of interest, resume, and references, or any inquiry, to: ACLUD Administrator, PO Box 66, Amana IA 52203 or e-mail aclud@southslope.net. Position remains open until filled.

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