

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

Amana Church services are live streamed from the church on FM 93.5 and Facebook. Limited in church attendance offered, face-masks and social distancing will be practiced.

The English Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, April 11, 2021, starting at 10:00 AM with Elder Alan Trumpold presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Spread, oh Spread, Thou Mighty Word" No. 246

Testimony: Christian Metz, May 3, 1819, the Ronneburg

Scripture: Ephesians 4

Psalm 139, 1-18

Closing Hymn: "With The Lord Begin Thy Task" No. 260

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

Saturday Evening Fellowship, will meet in Amana at 5:30 PM

LIBRARY NEWS - NEW BOOKS

The Amana Library added the following new books to their collection. To reserve a book please email amanalibrary@ccaschools.org or call 319-622-3192.

Daylight by David Baldacci

Thick as Thieves by Sandra Brown

Little Faith by Nickolas Butler

Paris Library by Janet Charles

Law of Innocence by Michael Connelly

Deadlock by Catherine Coulter

Marauder by Clive Cussler

Christmas Cupcake Murder by Joanne Fluke

Send for Me by Lauren Fox

Home Body by Joanna Gaines

Four Winds by Kristin Hannah

Last Story of Mina Lee by Nancy Jooyoun Kim

A Promised Land by Barack Obama

The Book of Two Ways by Jodi Picoult

One by One by Ruth Ware;

Books by James Patterson:

20th Victim, Coast to Coast Murders,

Deadly Cross, and NYPD Red 6.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Into the deep dark recess north of Middle lived all sorts of interesting people much like aliens from a different planet.

One of the better known was located in a clearing to the East of the woods. His name was Martin Schaup, my own great-great-great grandfather.

He had chosen to live away from the colonies because he felt he had been cheated out of his land and money in Canada. He even when so far to file a lawsuit which he lost.

After his death, his house was put on skids and it was moved down to Main Amana. The house is still standing and is the first one on the West end of 220 on the North side of the road.

Another couple, Lloyd and Bertha Jones, living in the inner regions of the Middle Amana woods and a boxcar for a home. They even dug a root cellar which, after the husband had died and the wife moved to a family in Marengo was found neatly stocked with canned goods.

Unfortunately, one of the woodcutters was driven home from the general store to his place in the woods. Within an hour the fire truck siren was heard. The woodcutter's house was on fire and with him in it. No one ever knew the cause of the fire.

Finally there was the mysterious couple. No one knew if they were married or what. She would walk down the long hill with a wheel barrow and go to the local store. The most important thing she HAD to buy was beer for the man. Back she would go, up the hill to their shack.

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AMANA SOCIETY ATTENTION ATV/UTV USERS

The Amana Society would like to remind ATV/UTV users that use on Amana Society lands requires an **Amana Society General User Permit and an ATV/UTV Operator Permit.**

Please visit www.amanasociety.com for more information and to purchase permits.

Thank you.
Amana Society, Inc.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Amana Farms - Spring 2021

The Amana Farms in all its long history has had several headquarters. Until after World War II it had offices in each of the seven villages, then they were located in Amana, Homestead, West Amana and High Amana. This spring Amana Farms is moving its offices to the Homestead grain storage facility.

As John McGrath, Amana Farms executive manager, explained, planning for the move began over three years ago.

Larger planters, combines and tractors made the repair shop in High Amana obsolete and equipment storage there was cramped. The High Amana farm office and repair shop was built over 30 years ago, so over these past three decades with the establishment of the Amana Forestry, the methane digester, a larger beef cattle operation and the new feedlot, more office space was needed.

How best to expand the repair/maintenance areas and add farm office space in the most cost effective way was the question, McGrath said, but the answer was obvious.

Over the past decade, the Homestead grain storage facility on US Highway 6 has been made more accessible, more usable and more energy efficient with upgrades to its loading areas, equipment storage, drying systems and grain bins. Additionally during those times when it was possible to do so, any excess storage at the Homestead facility has been profitably leased to other ag operations.

By adding 11,750 square feet for equipment maintenance, storage and offices, the Homestead facility could be most easily converted to a centralized Amana Farms facility. Amana Forestry will remain in High Amana and High Amana will continue to be used as a home base for the farm's digester trucking, but grain trucking will move in and out of the Highway 6 facility.

"At Homestead is most of the grain storage and corn drying capacity. Seed, chemical and fertilizer storage and machine sheds are there also. Even though we had the High Amana shop and office, there was actually more of the high-use infrastructure at Homestead that it made sense to be near . . . The shop equipment, projects and staff have moved already. The offices are moving in April. More of the final work will be down this summer," after planting time, McGrath explained.

The question of space, farming and change, brings to

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mind the number of old barns in need of repair. McGrath discussed this, explaining that finding a purpose for the unused barns and directing money toward barn restoration when so much else needs to be done and paid for, is an ongoing issue he, the ASI Board and management team are trying to tackle.

Last year's August 10 derecho added to the list of barn repairs needed. McGrath explained that an Amish barn crew had been brought in to do an inspection but was not interested in the job.

A local construction company has been hired to repair metal roofs on barns in use, but right now there is a shortage of roof steel. The roofing supplies needed have been ordered, but are on back order indefinitely, McGrath reported.

Jon Childers Amana Heritage Society, executive director explained, the Amana Society is partnering with the Amana Heritage on a grant that would allow the Heritage Society to engage a summer intern graduate student to examine the barns, their locations and design a viable ag tourism project with ideas for marketable uses for the barns. The goal of the multi-year project will be to find solid, practical uses for historical barns not currently in use and finding ways of making those ideas happen. By focusing upon ag tourism it incorporates our community history of agriculture while creating quality experiences for visitors, Childers stated.

This is the type of partnership that led to the successful reclamation of six barns and ag buildings in Amana. Once an unused farmyard, these barns now house the Festhalle, the Market barn, the ACCVB office and Amana Visitor Center and Heritage Designs. These buildings were all reclaimed through a multi-year project in partnership with the Amana Colonies Historic Sites Foundation. In the next three years the large "tent barn" and the wire corncrib will be rehabbed too as part of that original site plan created in the early 1990s.

As Amana Farms readies to being the 2021 planting season here are some facts and figures: Amana Farms is one of Iowa's largest con-

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Bankhaus Is an Official PPP Lender

When banks were called upon to help small businesses through the Paycheck Protection Program, Bankhaus answered the call — making **150+ PPP LOANS** to help keep the community running.

Those critical loans helped **Amana** small businesses keep their doors open, saving the jobs of our residents.

The uncertainty created by the pandemic has only reaffirmed the important relationship between bankers and business owners. Our community's success is supported by the success of our small businesses. And that's why **Bankhaus** backs Amana small businesses.

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OBITUARY

Beverly Jean (Andersen) Merritt, 85, passed away April 1, 2021. Services will be held at Hamilton's on Westown Parkway, 3601 Westown Parkway in West Des Moines on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Adel, IA.

Beverly was born December 16, 1935 to Marinus and Mary Andersen in Dumont, Iowa. A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Beverly enjoyed time with her family, grandchildren, and her many friends. Possessing the ultimate green thumb, Beverly loved working with plants and flowers and her many family recipes will provide a lasting memory of her. Beverly took great pride in her career as an elementary school teacher in the Amana Community School District and was passionate about education.

She is survived by her children, Dave (Shelley) Merritt and Susan (Wayne) Baer; grandchildren, Robert (Melodee) Baer, Sara (Tobin) Wyatt, Travis (Allison) Merritt, Emily (Tyler) Koonce and Katie Merritt; brother-in-law, Charles (Jean) Merritt; and sisters-in-law, Mary Louise Hayden and Marilyn Merritt.

Beverly was preceded in death by her husband, James, her parents and her brothers, Junior Andersen, and Delmar Andersen.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Iowa Veterans Cemetery, or the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.HamiltonsFuneralHome.com.

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Sometimes a kind person would drive her back up. She seemed a good soul, but he was only known as a mean woodcutter.

People in the colonies had wood stoves and were allotted a certain amount of wood each year to heat their homes.

For many years there were logging roads and houses that the woodcutters used.

Many of the men were "outsiders" often who had left their homes to find another way of life.

Some had "demons" they wanted to escape by living a secluded life. Many were buried in the local cemeteries and remembered fondly.

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SERVICES

Garden Tilling, yard clean-up, aerating, thatching and mowing. Call Rob Jeck at 622-3308

Wanted: Lawn mowing jobs, Berend and Jurgen Sandersfeld. Call Berend at 319-213-2484

HELP WANTED

The Amana Visitor Center is hiring a public restroom cleaner to begin asap. Cleaning takes 1 hour, 5 days a week: M,W,F, Sat, Sun. Times are flexible but days are not. Please email director@amanacolonies.com for more information.

Very Part Time Personal Assistant/Garden assistant Call Larry 319-540-9351

FOR RENT

Short & Long term rental available at Abbi's Cottage Call Betty Peterson at 319-432-8103

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...tiguous farms with 8,500 acres of crop land plus meadows and forest. It maintains a 2,400 cow/calf herd and a cattle feedlot with a 4,000 head capacity. Amana's 1.6 million gallon anaerobic digester is a green energy generator providing clean electric power by processing about 75 tons of manure per day plus organic waste streams from partners. The manure and waste are fed to the digester to produce energy which is fed back into the electric grid and the after product is applied to the fields as fertilizer both in the Amanas and on the farms of its neighbors who contract with Amana Farms. This leads to higher yields with the use of very little commercial fertilizer by the farmers.

Amana Farms is an Iowa Century and Iowa Heritage Farm so designated by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship having been farmed for more than 150 years (since 1855) by the Amana Society whose shareholder-owners are descended from the original landowners. It has been designated a leader in land stewardship and conservation by the Iowa Dept. of Agriculture.

Food Fun April 16 – 18 in the Villages

There is still time to get in on the fun of Amana's "Take a Bite" April 16 – 18. Here's how:

- Sign up for the "at home" YouTube linked Roladen and Spätzle Class hosted by the Amana Meat Shop. Buy a \$40 meal kit and sign up for the YouTube class. Meal kit provides all you need for a meal for a family of four. Receive the link so that you can tune into the class. Call Amana Meat Shop at 319-622-7586 today to set up.
- Foraging and Harvest Class in person at the Hotel Millwright, Carding Studio at 10 a.m. Saturday. Join Ranger Cecilia Dirks from Lake Iowa to learn about spring woodland foraging and making your own inspired appetizers. Then go on a nature walk and experience foraging first hand.
- Stop by and sample the rhubarb streusel bread at the Amana Colonies Bakery.
- Order your own chocolate strawberries from the Chocolate Haus.
- Communal Meal Carryout Lunch noon on Friday. \$25 per person. Boiling beef, Amana cream spinach, horseradish sauce, beets and yes, a cream puff! You must preorder at amanaheritage.org or call the Amana Heritage Museum 319-622-3567.
- Electric Thread at Hotel Millwright will have pizza and live entertainment on Saturday and Sunday 11 – 3 p.m. Check out the a.m. bloody mary specials too.
- The Ronneburg will host a special spring flavors dinner 6 p.m. Saturday with Amana wine braised pork chops, chicken Diane and salmon Oscar on the menu, plus delicious sides and prosciutto wrapped roasted asparagus. Presentation will be offered with wine and beer selection and yes, dessert! Call to reserve your table.
- Check out their new, deliciously relaxed savory wine and cheese tasting boards at Fireside Winery in the village of Amana.

HELP WANTED

Fireside Winery (Marengo) is hiring a Full Time Tasting Room Manager. Fri-Sunday plus 2 week day shifts. Benefits include Medical, Dental, Vision, Paid Vacation and 401K Match. Please email cassie@firesidewinery.com for more information.

AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and Tentative Agenda April 12, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom App

An in-person meeting is not possible due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the small size of the ACLUD meeting room, which does not provide enough room to maintain social distance between those attending.

- I. Call Meeting to Order.
- II. Set Agenda.
- III. Review/Approve: minutes of March regular meeting.
- IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda.
- V. Review/Approve April disbursements.
- VI. Review/Approve March Treasurer's Report.
- VII. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation District:
 - a. 2021-010 Allison Momany & Tyler Stockman, 2618 J St. Replace windows, remove window from non-historic location.
 - b. 2021-011 AEBTMG Legacy Enterprises, 750 48th Ave. Replace concrete sidewalk, remove brick patio and replace with stamped concrete, stamp concrete currently in place.
- VIII. Other Business
 - a. Discussion/Action: Possible dates for annual joint BOT/HPC meeting
 - b. Discussion/Action: Venard violation
 - c. Discussion/Action: Administrator position
 - d. Approve/Revise: Proposed Guidelines for Egress Windows in Historic Preservation Districts
 - e. Approve/Revise: Proposed Guidelines for Window Wells in Historic Preservation Districts
 - f. Discussion/Action: Feedback from SHPO on proposed ordinance changes
- IX. Administrator's Report
- X. President's Report
- XI. Adjourn

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April 1 - October 31

Tuesday - Saturday

March, Nov. & Dec. - Wednesday & Saturday

Jan. & Feb. - Saturday only

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Orders by 10 A.M.

Safe Haven of Iowa County Drive-Thru Soup Supper

April 9, 2021

4:30 to 6:30 pm ♦ Safe Haven Parking Lot

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MEAL INCLUDES:
SOUP, VEGGIES and CHOICE OF DESSERT (pie, brownie or cookies)

Soup Choices
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Chicken Noodle
Chili
Twice Baked Potato,
Chicken Tortilla
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