

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

In light of the CDC recommendations to help prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the Amana Church is canceling all in-person church services, meetings and events until May 10. This information may be updated, as conditions change.

The Elders will be providing a Facebook live stream of the Sunday service at 10:00 each Sunday morning. In addition, Sunday services and Wednesday evening Nachtgebet services will be recorded as podcasts and will be available on our website, [www.amanachurch.com](http://www.amanachurch.com) under the "Listen Now" tab, or through iTunes or Google podcast apps.

Sunday, March 29, Elder Tony Berger presiding:  
Opening Hymn: 162 "Brethern Be Ye Not Affrighted"  
Testimony: J.F. Rock, June 19, 1741  
Scripture: Mark 11:15-18  
Psalm 11:15-18  
Closing Hymn: 257 "Father, Lead Me Day by Day"

## CONGREGATE MEALS

To prevent our diners from possible contact with the COVID-19 virus, meals have been canceled until further notice.

## AMANA SOCIETY, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The Amana Society is pleased to announce that David Rettig, Mike Shoup, Dixie Trout, and Keela Herr will be on the ballot for the 2020 Amana Society Board of Directors election. The election will be held on May 18th, 2020 and absentee ballots will be mailed to each shareholder in mid-April.

## HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE

The Amana Society Service Company will be flushing hydrants on the following days (weather permitting) in the following places you may experience low water pressure. If water is discolored, it is recommended you let the water run until clear. To flush your own pipes, consider opening your outside spigots for 5-10 minutes or until they run clear.

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## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

I keep wondering what to do next. I suppose cleaning the house would be a good idea. After all it might make sense for anyone who take over next or the ambulance people who came to take us away.

Our one son, who shall go nameless, once left a note on our bedroom door when we both has a bad case of the flu.

It read "Dear Mr Kloister (the mortician) They're both in here. Send the bill."

It was so "touching" that we rallied soon thereafter and have never let him forget his "kind" sentiments. Seriously it gave us all a good laugh.

I have changed my winter cloths for my spring/summer clothes although a good tough of the iron wouldn't hurt them.

Frankly, I'm too lazy to clean or iron and my taste buds are still not back to normal so cooking and baking are not options.

I do watch these cooking shows and have this silly notion that I actually cooked whatever they did. I can almost "taste" it, but since my operation everything, especially things with sugar in it taste FLAT or tasteless. If there is a taste it is so revolting I want to retch, especially, chocolate.

Yes, you read that right, CHOCOLATE!

Our grand-daughter used to come downstairs for her daily "fix" of chocolate. Sometimes she was treated to Oma's very special chocolate mint candy from Chicago which was kept hidden from Opa.

Well on day she decided that she "needed" a piece of that candy, so she went to ask permission from Oma, who paid her no mind, then she asked Opa.

Opa claimed he had forgotten were he had hidden it so she pointed to the hiding place (a cupboard on the top shelf).

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Free Meals for CCA Students "Grab and Go"

As of Monday, March 23, the Clear Creek Amana School District will be offering free meals for any students and families who need this service.

The CCA food service and transportation staff will hand out lunches and breakfast to-go foods from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at designated locations. This is free and available to ALL students.

To help the staff and volunteers know how many lunches to provide, please go to the CCA webpage and look for the COVID response banner. Or call the CCA food service office at 319-828-4510 and speak with director Debbie Klein.

Volunteers will be driving to these locations, parking in a visible area and handing out the meals to students or family members. In the Amana Colonies meals will be handed out in the Amana Elementary parking lot.

Other nearby locations for meal pickup: The Casey's in Tiffin (north side of the parking lot), the Little Clippers Daycare Center (south side), Sleepy Hollow RV Park in Oxford, Northbend Elementary, Clear Creek Elementary and Western Hills, (entrance). See the CCA webpage for the entire list of meal pick-up spots.

At this time, the schools are expected to be re-open April 13.

### IEDA Resources for Businesses Impacted by COVID-19

The Iowa Economic Development Authority has posted a number of resources for small business owners to help them keep informed and direct operations at their own shops and businesses.

To access all the information being made available go to the [traveliowa.com](http://traveliowa.com) website and look for the COVID-19 Resources for Tourism Partners. This includes information regarding Small Business Administration (SBA) loans should Iowa County be designated a federal disaster area due to the virus and its disruption to business. The entire state of Illinois and some counties in Iowa on the Illinois border have already been so designated by the federal government/ SBA.

The IEDA site offers links to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) webpage with specific guidance for business owners on updated strategies and recommendations that can be implemented now in response to COVID-19.

The Iowa Economic Development Authority has posted a link to the Iowa State University Center for Industrial Research and Service that includes checklists for protecting your business from COVID-19, a checklist for screening employees and a great deal more, including links to the Johns Hopkins Global COVID-19 watch page.

### Tourism in the State of Iowa and in Iowa County

In 2018 travelers spent \$8.99 billion in Iowa on gas, lodging, meals, recreation/ entertainment and retail shopping. That's a 5.8 % increase over 2017 according to the Iowa Economic Development Authority.

Here's more according to their 2018 report:

- Total payroll income received by domestic travel-generated employees and workers was over \$1.4 billion in 2018.

- Traveler spending directly generated 70,200 jobs in Iowa during 2018. A ten percent increase over 2017. This 4.4% of the total non-farm remployment in 2018.

In Iowa County alone, domestic travelers spent \$46.76 million in 2018. Expenditures in order of size – gas, lodging, food, retail and entertainment.

Iowa County ranked 26th in the state (out of 99 counties) in total travel-related expenditures. The top counties were Polk, Linn, Scott and Johnson Counties.

Here are the numbers for Iowa County:

- Expenditures in millions: \$46.76
- Tourism related job payroll in millions: \$7.42
- Employment in thousands: 0.43 (430)
- State tax receipts in millions: \$3.20
- Local tax receipts in millions: \$0.72 (\$720,000)

## 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 Sunday, April 5th, 2020. We invite you to continue to shop at [amanashops.com](http://amanashops.com).

As the situation remains fluid, the Amana Meat Shop remains open and will continue its normal operations.

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.

Sincerely,

*Greg Luerkens*

Greg Luerkens  
President/CEO



## Amana Retirement Community

### Now Hiring Dietary Aide

Part time hours shifts include 4:00 pm-7:30 pm, 5:30am-10am, or 5:30am-2:00pm  
Weekend hours required.

No experience necessary

Great job for students, retired individuals, or those just looking for some extra income

Call Tanya at 319-622-3131

## The Ronneburg Restaurant

Let us cook for you



•Soups to go

•Sandwiches to go

Special: Slice of Pie \$2

Open: Friday & Saturday 11-6  
Sunday 11-2

Just give us a call 319-622-3641

## NEW at Zuber's Homestead Hotel

### DESSERTS BAKED-TO-GO

Call to place an order by NOON ON FRIDAY, we'll "bake for you" and have it

READY TO GO on Monday or Tuesday.

We will bake pan or bar cookies (by the dozen), pies, cakes, cupcakes, cinnamon rolls, sweet breads, or coffee cakes. Cinnamon rolls and cupcakes must be ordered in half dozen or dozen quantity. Cookies/pan bars must be ordered by the dozen. Cakes - 9x13, round two layer

Call to ask about pricing and/or have a menu emailed to you 319-622-3911

## CORRECTION - RECYCLING

City Carton near Hawkeye Downs at 901 Ingleside Dr. Sw. has been closed to the public for some time, as for the landfills and others, call for hours, if any.



Ladies boutique. Serving customers for over 40 years!

Spring is in the air!

Come in and discover the cheerful new spring colors. Get inspired while strolling through our store. Merchandise arriving daily.

Bring this ad in and receive 20% off your entire purchase.

Open Friday & Saturday 11-6 Sunday 11-2

Happy shopping.

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OBITUARY

Mark Alan Schumacher, age 58 of Amana, died suddenly on March 12, 2020 at his home. Private graveside services will be conducted at First Lutheran Cemetery, Conroy, with Rev. Don Dove officiating. Cards and memorials may be directed to Shelly Schumacher, 709 39th Avenue, Amana, Iowa 52203. Kloster Funeral Home is assisting the family with final arrangements.

Mark is survived by his wife Shelly; a son Kyle (Ashley) of Tiffin; a daughter Sheena (Joseph) Ballatore also of Tiffin; grandchildren Miles Ballatore, and Marcus Schumacher; his mother Shirley Burns of Iowa City, a brother Kevin (Teresa) Schumacher of Altoona and a sister Connie (John) Pegump of Walford. He was preceded in death by his father Ronald, a brother Jeff Schumacher and most recently his father-in-law Earl Brown.

Mark Alan Schumacher was born June 3, 1961 in Iowa City, Iowa, the son of Ronald Schumacher and Shirley Wardenburg Schumacher. He graduated from Amana High School in 1980 and married Shelly Brown on May 18, 1985 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Iowa City. The couple settled in the Amana area. Mark was employed as a supervisor and team leader at Whirlpool for over 20 years. Previously he worked for the Amana Farms, Goss in Cedar Rapids, and Heartland Coop in Conroy.

Mark was a family man, enjoying attending sporting events of his children, and sharing these times with family members. He was a Lakers fan, relished a good game of uchre, and a tasty meal out on the town. He also enjoyed the outdoors and spent time cutting wood.

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

WANTED/WANTED TO BUY

BUYING All ANTIQUES; Toys, Furniture, Crocks, Paintings, Advertising Signs, and Weird Items “any condition.” Buying Entire Estates, call for fair pricing. Please call 319-270-1251.

Wanted: 2 traditional Amana dolls dressed in ladies Amana church attire. Call 816-898-0785

FOR RENT

Short & Long term rental available at Abbie’s Cottage B&B. Call Betty Peterson at 319-432-8103

Walford, 1 bedroom apartment, no pets, lease/references, \$375/mo. Call 319-227-7465

For rent, 1 bedroom apartment in Middle Amana. Call 319-622-3873 or 602-284-3487

1 bedroom available with shared bath room in South Amana. Deposit. Call Larry Hertel at 319.540.9351.

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He gave her a piece, but she said she had a sore throat and needed more so Opa gave her another piece of Oma’s precious chocolate and helped himself to some too.

The next day the same scenerio went on and Oma knew she was beaten so she told her granddaughter to just take it all.

All of a sudden a parade began. First Rose, with one box of chocolates, then her father, Peter, with two boxes, and finally Charlemagne at the end with some “Oreos.” All had their heads held high as they marched out of the kitchen in triumph while Oma (me) watched plotting my revenge once my taste buds came back to life.

Thank you God for children to bring joy to our lives.

B.S.H.



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OBITUARY

Deanna L. Green, age 53, of Amana passed away in her home on Thursday March 19, 2020. A private graveside service will be held at the Main Amana Cemetery, Main Amana, with Betsy Momany officiating. There will be no visitation. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the family. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo is assisting the family with arrangements.

She is survived by her father, LeeRoy of Amana; two half-brothers, Rick Shafranik of Missouri, and David Green of Center Point; a half-sister, Susan Hollrah of Cedar Rapids; and two nieces, Rebecca Hollrah and Anneli Ginader. She is also survived by her Ronneburg Restaurant Family, where she was the kitchen manager. Deanna is preceded in death by her mother.

Deanna Lynn Green was born October 14, 1966 in Anamosa, Iowa the daughter of LeeRoy and Nancy Covvyl Green. She graduated from Anamosa High School in 1985 and attended Kirkwood Community College. She then was employed with food service at the Colony Inn. Deanna went on to own and operate the Pizza Factory at Middle Amana for 15 years. In 2006, she took a position with the Ronneburg Restaurant. Deanna enjoyed motorcycling, she rode a Honda, but loved Harley Davidson. She enjoyed fishing in Minnesota and Iowa and was an avid lover of cats. Deanna will be greatly missed.

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OBITUARY

Arthur T. Petrzelka, age 67, of Cedar Rapids passed away on Sunday March 22, 2020 at the Hiawatha Care Center as a result of pancreatic cancer. A private graveside service will be held at Calvary Cemetery, Marengo with Deacon Mark Sandersfeld officiating. Memorials may be contributed in Arthur’s name. Kloster Funeral home of Marengo is assisting the family with arrangements.

Arthur is survived by his children Joseph (Jenna) Petrzelka of Long Beach, CA, Sara (Aloyce) Makalanga of Albany, NY, Thomas Petrzelka of Iowa City, and John Petrzelka of Iowa City; and by his grandchildren Lucy Makalanga, Gabriel Makalanga, and Alexander Petrzelka. He was preceded in death by his parents and by his sister, Patricia.

Arthur Thomas Petrzelka was born October 23, 1952 to Joseph A. and Dolores (Cheney) Petrzelka in Amana. He was married to Ann Shima for thirty-three years during which time they were blessed with four children. Art attended the St. Michael Catholic School in Norway, graduated from LaSalle High School in Cedar Rapids, and was awarded a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Iowa. After an initial career in engineering, Art devoted his later years to fellowship and community service with a special passion for his recovery community. Art was a member of St. Ludmilla Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids. He loved traveling around the country, with a focus on his recovery community, faith, and family.

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NOTE

As we try to stop the spread of COVID-19, let's not forget those businesses that depend on social gathering. All four restaurants remain open for take away, and they just might deliver.

Want a really good gourmet pizza? Magpie Pizza, order off the menu, local delivery also available.

Dear Amana Society, Inc. Stockholders,

I am asking for your support and vote in the upcoming Amana Society, Inc Board of Directors Election. Current economic conditions are very, very challenging. During my 10 years in banking, I had the opportunity to work with and analyze many diverse business entities. As we look at the economic challenges our company faces as a result of COVID-19, it is crucial that board members and management analyze and understand our diverse business portfolio and make sound business decisions based on each business’s strategic and financial strengths.

While with Amana Farms, and as an ag banker and Cargill Commodity Trading Advisor, I had the privilege of working with many successful ag operations. I believe my experiences in agriculture and banking are beneficial, providing oversight that will help Amana Farms weather the current economic storm and ultimately become more profitable AND more conservation and community minded in the long term. Please call or e-mail with questions or comments: 319-551-1820 [mseshoup@hotmail.com](mailto:mseshoup@hotmail.com)

Thank you,  
**Mike Shoup**

Dear Amana Society Stockholders

I want to take an opportunity to share a little about myself as a candidate for the Amana Society Board of Directors. I have been a professor in the College of Nursing at the University of Iowa for the past 30 plus years, living in Solon IA but frequent Amana which is home for our family including my dad and siblings, Lee, Jacki and Chris and their families. In my work roles, I have experience serving on professional organization Board of Directors, such as the American Geriatric Society and American Pain Society, and in my organization was responsible for program development and organizational restructuring, as well as developing, implementing, and evaluating policies and procedures for the success of the organization. I also have been responsible for budget oversight in my leadership roles.

I have contemplated serving on the Board for several years as a way to connect deeper with my heritage and contribute to the decision-making required to keep the Society sustainable and thriving into the future. If selected, I am committed to serve the membership with due diligence and open-minded exploration of issues and solutions. Thank you for considering my candidacy.

Sincerely,  
  
**Keela Herr**

VETERANS’ ECHE

Veterans: Call before visiting your VA facility

Got a fever, cold, cough or flu-like symptoms? Are you worried that you have a viral illness? The last thing you want to do is get out of the house to see the doctor, exposing yourself (and others) to more potential bugs and viruses.

VA can make it easier and safer to get back to health with virtual care through My HealtheVet and the VA Video Connect app on your smartphone, tablet or computer.

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, WordPress 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](mailto:aclud@southslope.net). Position remains open until filled.