

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Combined Service, live stream on Facebook, at 10:00 a.m. May 03, 2020 with Elder Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Hymns: "Because I know the Lord" No. 95
 "Of God's Great Love I Sing Today," No. 56
 Testimony: Christian Metz, Armenburg, Jan. 1, 1834 (The Pearl p 14)
 Scripture: Matthew 5:1-5
 Psalm 37:7 – 11

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

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

CONGREGATE MEALS

Meals have been canceled until further notice.

MAIFEST CANCELED

The traditional celebration to kick off spring has been canceled due to the COVID19 pandemic. Originally scheduled for May 2nd and 3rd then rescheduled to may 30th and 31st. The decision to cancel was made as our first priority is the safety of our visitors and staff.

The traditional Wine, Beer, and Chocolate Walk will be rescheduled to a different weekend in the summer. Our Maifest Dancers will also look to perform later in the year. Look for more information on these events in the near future.

LP SALES AVAILABLE AT RV PARK

The Amana RV Park is open for liquid propane sales 8am to 5pm, seven days a week. Tanks can be dropped off at any time as long as a name and contact information is attached. Staff will call when it has been filled. Payment can be made over the phone or by check at the self-registration kiosk. Please call 319-622-7616 with any questions.

NOTICE:

The pile of gravel down by the Christmas Tree Farm is for Bike Trail use only. Thank you!

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Soon it will be May 1, and "May Day." Do you remember when you were little and in grade school and made May baskets?

I remember making mine from colored construction paper which our teacher had printed the pattern on. We had to cut the basket out, fold the sides, and glue it all together. Naturally, we had to use those horrid metal round edged scissors, which had finger holes that really bit into your fingers as you cut. Besides that, I hated to cut and wanted it done before I even started.

Gluing the basket together was more fun! Our teacher always told us not to eat the glue, but it was May and by now the classroom glue had hardened so we had to sit it with our fingers since the little plastic sticks attached to the lid were stiff and no value. Our fingers got covered with glue, so, naturally, we ATE it, figuring that no one would be the wiser.

The idea was to decorate the front of the basket with flowers or stickers. One year we had some pussy willows growing at home, so I brought them to school. I liked the softness of them so much that I think I ruined more than I actually stuck on my basket.

Once the baskets were done, we stuffed them with leftover Easter "grass" and added a few jelly beans. We took our baskets home and either gave them to our mothers or threw them away. One industrious little girl in Homestead (Marianne Moershel), however actually made extra baskets and left them at friend's houses. THAT BASKET is the one that I treasured for years.

B.S.H.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

CCA Class of 2020 - All in this Together

It's been quite a spring for America's graduating seniors. At Clear Creek Amana the list of cancelled and postponed activities has included the spring musical, band concerts, prom, awards night, soccer, golf and track seasons. All high school summer sports are on hold and who knows if college and trade school campuses will be open in the fall, all of which means added stress for high school graduates.

The Clear Creek Amana School District has some official, school-sanctioned recognition activities in the works to help recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of their graduating class. Here's what school administrators have planned thus far.

- May 4 Senior class yard signs will be out. These specially created yard signs honoring the seniors will be delivered to their homes for display.

- May 11 Personalized senior banners will be hung from the CCA High School athletic field fences in Tiffin. Come to Tiffin to take a look (mindful of social distancing) at the banners honoring each senior class member.

- If possible, if safe and allowed by the State Board of Education and the Johnson County Board of Health, a graduation ceremony will be held July 24 at 7 p.m. Details on how that event will be conducted, it's size and scope will be forthcoming.

The school district is also planning to honor the Class of 2020 at the 2020 fall homecoming celebration.

As Assistant Principal Mike Potter explained, there are other plans in the works to recognize those receiving scholarships and awards and to celebrate the class as a whole, but some of these may come in the form of a surprise. So stay tuned to the CCA webpage or this page for details as they become available.

Senior Parents and Friends of the Class of 2020

Friends and parents of the CCA Class of 2020 have set up the "Adopt a CCA Senior" Facebook page. The goal of the page is to "show our graduating high school seniors that we are very proud of them," in recognition of their accomplishments and this milestone in their lives.

As page administrator Tara Kieffer Scranton explained, friends and family will post photos and information about their graduating senior encouraging others to support them with messages of encouragement and congratulations. Friends may "adopt" a student and send cards, notes and small gifts through their parents. Parents will be monitoring the page activity closely.

The group is also hoping to host a CCA Class of 2020 Parade Night this Friday night, May 1 in Tiffin. As envisioned this will be a very informal car parade, golf cart parade through the streets of Tiffin using "social distancing" protocols How to watch? Keep a very safe distance, stay in your cars and watch from one of the parking areas or side streets. Wear a mask.

Check the Facebook page for the parade route and other details.

Maifest Ribbons Aflutter – 2020 Spring Fest Not Happening

As of Monday morning it's official: Maifest 2020 has been cancelled.

When the COVID-19 pandemic measures were first announced in Iowa the annual spring event was postponed until May 29 – June 1, however, as of Monday it has been cancelled by Amana Colonies Festivals, Inc. the organizing host of the event.

Local merchants are still holding out hope for Oktoberfest, however as Iowa begins to slowly adjust to the "new normal" while coping with the affects of the novel virus, COVID-19. News about other events later this summer and Oktoberfest will be released when known.

The Facebook post which announced the cancellation Monday, reported, "Due to COVID-19 we have decided to cancel our 2020 Maifest. At our festivals in the Amana Colonies, visitor safety and health is a top priority and we want to do everything

The Ronneburg Restaurant



"Picnic Packs" \$12
 (2 sandwiches + one side)
 Choose from Hamburger, Tenderloin, Chicken or Reuben Sandwiches.
 Sides: Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Cottage Cheese

Introducing our own smoked meats!
 Pulled Pork sandwich with one side \$8.95
 Dinner Pack for 2 - \$25
 Broasted Chicken (6 pieces),
 Mashed Potatoes/gravy, green beans, coleslaw
 Friday & Saturday 11-7, Sunday 11-2
 Call ahead and order yours today
 319-622-3641 ronneburgrestaurant.com
For Mother's Day, Please call ahead to reserve your meal.

Lakeview Village

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- ❖ Housekeeping Services
- ❖ Wellness checks - Medication management
- ❖ Activities

Units Available

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Zuber's Homestead Hotel

DESSERTS BAKED-TO-GO

Call to place an order by NOON ON FRIDAY, will be bake and have it READY TO GO on Monday or Tuesday.

Pan or bar cookies (by the dozen only).
 Pies, Sweet Breads, or Coffee Cakes.
 Cakes - 9x13, round two layer).
 Cinnamon rolls & Cupcakes (by multiples of 6).
 Call to ask about pricing and/or have a menu emailed to you 319-622-3911

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**IOWA COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
SPRING PLANT GIVE AWAY**

If you wish to get some heirloom tomato, pepper, herbs, and assorted other veggie plants for your garden, the Iowa County Master Gardeners are giving away the plants that we usually sell during our May plant sale. Due to COVID-19, we cannot have our regular sale. Our loss is your gain!

You will need to place an order for plants prior to the sale. Please submit an order form for the plants you would like by MAY 1, following instructions on the order form that is available:

- Online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/iowa/>
- In some area post offices

Quantities of plants are limited, and there is no guarantee that your order will be filled, although we will try very hard to fill all orders. We reserve the right to limit quantities in order to serve as many customers as possible.

Plants will be distributed on Friday, May 8, from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1640 Court Avenue in Marengo. Instructions for pick-up times are on the order forms. To comply with social distancing requirements, please be patient and follow all the instructions from our Master Gardeners while picking up your plants.

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

**Thank you,
Mike Shoup**

FOR RENT

Condo for Rent: Colony Oaks/Amana Golf Course, Large furnished, one bedroom. W/D. Deck. Water/WiFi paid. \$850 mo. 319-338-0025.

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

2 BR Apartment in Norway recently refurbished includes high speed internet. \$525/month and deposit 12 month lease. 319-573-8673 calls only please.

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

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



**ALAN SCHUMACHER AND ABIGAIL MAAS
IOWA COUNTY SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES**

"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.
- We will bring professionalism, open-mindedness, transparency, and compassion to the Board of Supervisors

Paid for by Schumacher for Supervisor and by Maas for Supervisor

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 with your input or any questions.

**Thank you.
Dixie Trout**

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we can to keep people safe. We look forward to seeing visitors in town as our businesses are able to open back up, and we are here waiting for you to join us when it is a safe."

**Recipes Requested for
Cookie Walk Recipe Book**

It's been 25 years since the Amana Church first published the "Christmas Cookie Walk Collection" of recipes, a red, ring-bound, flipbook of nearly 100 cookie and candy recipes from the Amana Church's annual Prelude to Christmas event.

A new cookie walk recipe book is underway with a committee of Amana Church volunteers collecting recipes now from volunteers who have contributed cookies and candies to the highly popular cookie walk. The cookie walk has been a favorite event since first held in 1991. That's 29 years ago and yes, the event is coming up on its 30th anniversary.

The book is to be fund raiser for the Amana Church with proceeds used to support the Amana Church's Sunday School and summer vacation Bible camp. The cookbook committee is being chaired by Allison Momany.

Do you have recipes you would like to share? Email to the Amana Church mchurch@southslope.net Or jot them down and the committee will type them up. Mail to Amana Church, PO Box 103, Middle Amana, IA, 52307. Please include your name and telephone number, plus the name of the cookie or bar.

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.

Bulletin Deadlines: Articles & ads

Wednesday - 9:00 AM (for e-mailed items only)

Tuesday Noon if Typing and/or Graphics required

**Small/very short (1 inch) Ads/articles - Wed. Noon
e-mail: amanaprintshop@southslope.net**

The Amana Swim Team

How many can you name?

Do you Know the Year?

Can you name the coach?

Print Shop Hours

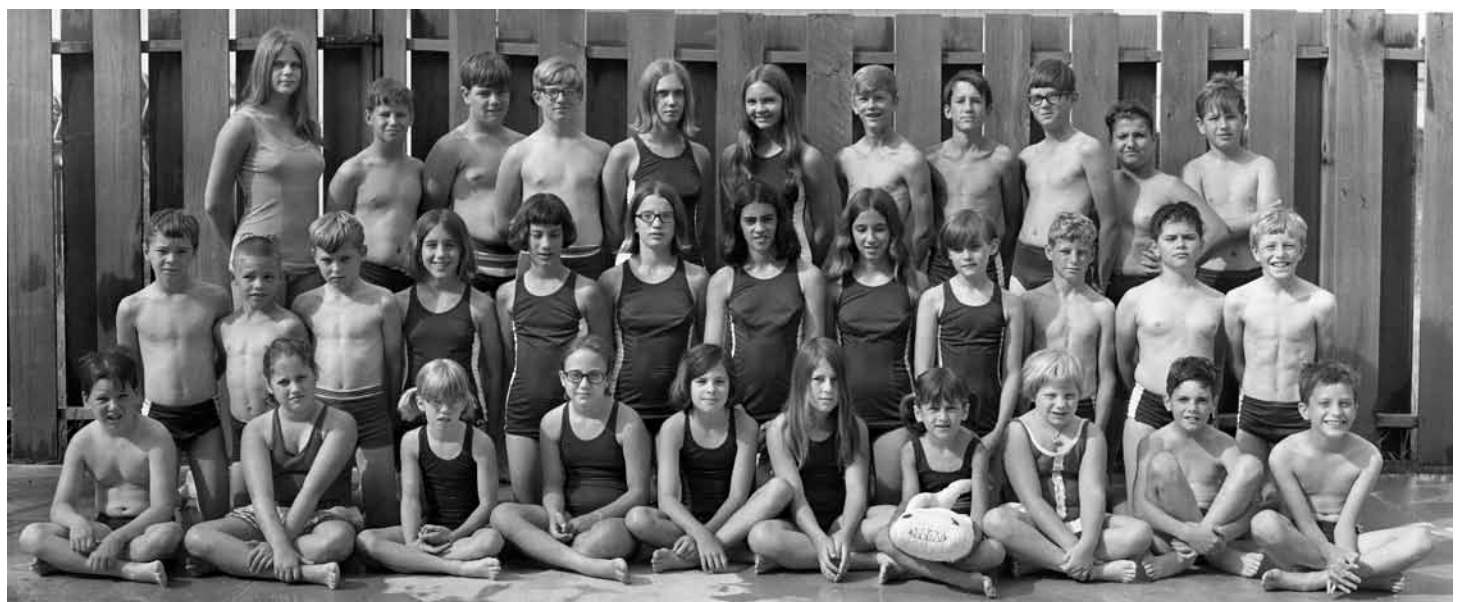
9-5 M-T, 9-2 W-Th

- Please Practice

Social Distancing-

Call 319-622-3912 or e-mail amanaprintshop@southslope.net

**Please Wear a mask
to help prevent the spread of
COVID-19**



COVID-19 Updates – Store Closures Updated

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
President/CEO



Donors needed at the upcoming Amana Community Blood Drive!

Sign up today to help our community get through this pandemic crisis. The need for blood is high and will continue to be so throughout the spring as we all get through this emergency state! See below for information on how you can donate blood and stay safe.

Amana Community Blood Drive

Thursday, May 14th

2:00 pm – 6:30 pm

MVRBC Donor Bus – Library Parking Lot

Sign up by contacting benmacumber@ccaschools.org or mdee@mvrbc.org.

Please consider making an appointment. *Walk-ins will not be allowed to make sure that social distancing guidelines are met.*

Please note the following safety protocols for our blood drive:

- You must have an appointment on the schedule to donate at this blood drive. We will not be accepting walk-in donations right now, so we can ensure social distancing protocols.
- You cannot bring additional guests with you to the drive unless they too are donating and have an appointment.
- We are ensuring that frequently touched surfaces, like donor beds, chairs and laptops are sanitized.
- We are encouraging donors to complete the online medical questionnaire (EarlyQ) ahead of their appointment by clicking the EarlyQ link on our website www.bloodcenter.org, under the "Donating Blood" tab.
- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Blood drives remain an "essential" healthcare service and are deemed an acceptable form of travel.

We need those who are healthy and well to continue to donate at our mobile blood drives so that we can keep a strong supply that supports our local communities and allows us to help in other areas during this crisis situation. All types are needed.



CALL IOWA CONCERN FOR HELP COPING WITH THE STRESS OF COVID-19

Social distancing, self-isolation, quarantine: the changes from COVID-19 can be hard to handle. However, Iowans can turn to Iowa Concern for help, says Tammy Jacobs, coordinator for the long-time service from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

With a toll-free phone number, live chat capabilities and a website, Iowa Concern services are available 24 hours a day, seven days per week at no charge. Iowa Concern provides access to stress counselors and an attorney for legal education, as well as information and referral services for a wide variety of topics.

To reach Iowa Concern, call 800-447-1985; language interpretation services are available. Or, visit the website, <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern/>, to live chat with a stress counselor one-on-one in a secure environment. Or email an expert regarding legal, finance, stress, or crisis and disaster issues.

"All personal information given to Iowa Concern, whether on the hotline or through e-mail or live chat, is kept confidential," Jacobs said.

She also suggests visiting Human Sciences Extension and Outreach's "Finding Answers Now" website for additional information and resources on dealing with stress.

Don't buy and haul heavy bottled water, save money & avoid waste plastic with a reasonably priced,



Made in the U.S.A., Reverse Osmosis
Water Right® (removes nitrates) water filtration system from
Rabe Hardware. For safe, clean, drinking water, call **319-454-6514**. Visit us at rabehardware.com

THE ESSEN WAGEN SERVES HOME DELIVERED MEALS

If you're home-bound, or an adult child of a home-bound person, this message is for you. "Essen Wagen" is "home-delivered meals," a service provided to any eligible home-bound persons living in the Amana Colonies. Essen Wagen volunteers deliver hot meals, prepared at Colonial Manor during the noon hours, and provide the benefit of a daily check in Monday through Friday (holidays excluded). A contribution of \$4.00 per meal is requested.

Essen Wagen meals are also available to fill a temporary need during illness, convalescence, or other home confinement periods of time. If you have a need for these services, or know of a person who could benefit from 'one hot meal a day,' please call the Amana church administrator at 622-6155, for more information.

REMINDER CONCERNING SOUTH DUMP

What is commonly referred to as the South Dump, is private property and **only** for the use of Amana Society stock holders living within the Amana Colonies, and may be under 24 hour photo surveillance.

Absolutely No burning is permitted at the South Dump. Burning is dangerous and not compliant with DNR Regulations.

Only organic compostable yard refuse is allowed, and users **must** empty & remove plastic bags or other containers used to transfer yard waste. Lumber, and other building material, & trash dumping is absolutely **NOT** permitted.

Using the dump is a privilege, not a right, and all dumping will end if Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) and Amana Society rules on what may be dumped or the burning ban are violated.

If you witness violations of these rules, **please** report those abuses, to Amana Society Conservation at 319-213-3445.

CASEY'S CASH FOR CLASSROOMS

Are you a Casey's Rewards member? Donate your rewards to the Amana Elementary School. Make an impact in your community by turning your Casey's Rewards Points into cash for the Amana Elementary School. Select Amana Elementary to support and Casey's will send your Cash for Classrooms to the school. Thank you for your support!