

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

In order to best care for each other, masks are required in all church buildings at all times. Masks are available for those who forget to bring theirs.

The Early (German) Repentance Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, February 06, 2022, starting 8:30 AM with Sw. Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Mein Geist sucht Ruh in Dir" No. 661 Seite

Testimony: Johann F. Rock, June 19, 1741, Bern SW.

Scripture: 2 Peter Chapter 3
Psalm 61

Closing Hymn: "Sieh! hier bin ich" No. 922 Seite

The Late (English) Service will start at 10:00 AM with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "My Soul Seeks Repose in Thee" No. 29

Closing Hymn: "Every Morning Mercies New" No. 183

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

Visitors are welcome to join us in worship at all Amana Church Services. Childcare is available during Sunday's 10:00 AM Service.

AMANA SOCIETY 2022 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Amana Society Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the Amana Society will be awarding up to three \$1000.00 scholarships to graduating high school seniors attending an accredited college or university in 2022.

Applicants must be either currently employed by the Amana Society, a child or grandchild of a current full-time Amana Society employee, or a child or grandchild of an Amana Society stockholder.

Application forms are available at the Amana Society Main Office front desk or by contacting Bruce Trumpold directly at 319-622-7526/ btrumpold@amanas.net. Forms may also be downloaded at www.amanasociety.com.

Thank you.
Amana Society, Inc.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

There is a commercial on PBS for (I think) the program dealing with one's ancestry. The show is at 7:00 on Tuesday evenings with Dr. Gates hosting.

Frankly nine times out of ten I do not know the two people whose ancestry is being explained, but by the end of the show I have learned a lot about their ancestors, country, etc. It is truly worth the sixty minutes of viewing time.

One thing that has been repeated numerous times is how strong or self reliant these people were by leaving their homeland and starting a new life at often a very young age.

This often segues to the maternal side of the family. We are then reminded of what sort of contribution we will be remembered by.

Naturally guilt washes over me since I certainly am no Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Joan of Arc, Julia Child, Dolly Madison, Harriet Beecher Stowe or Mary, the mother of Jesus.

I'm sure that in a hundred years or so the only way people will remember me is if they are doing genealogy, but that doesn't matter because, in reality, most of us are not remembered that way.

When back when men were sent to Iowa to get land ready for migration for the people of Ebenezer these men would write back asking for some domestic help. In other words, women who would cook, clean, etc. These women were sent and were indispensable in the settlement of Amana.

I think of some of the most bewildering stories

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

**CCA Town Hall on Bond Issue
Monday Feb. 7 in Middle**

Monday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Amana Elementary School in Middle, a town hall meeting will be held to explain and address questions about the upcoming Clear Creek Amana schools bond issue vote to be held March 1. The vote is to approve the issuance of \$65 million in bonds by the CCA School District.

Additionally, town hall meetings will be held Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. at Tiffin Elementary School and Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at North Bend Elementary.

According to the CCA's website should the ballot pass the CCA school district will use the \$65 million raised to:

- Build a new 600 student elementary school near Coralville.
- Improve existing playground spaces at the district elementary buildings.
- Build a Fine Arts addition to the Middle School.
- Build a Fine Arts and Career/ Technical Vocation addition to the CCA High School.
- Replace the Middle School roof.
- Make related site improvements to the CCA Middle and High Schools.

A 60 percent majority "yes" vote on the ballot is required for it to pass.

As per the website, "The district will maintain the current tax rate of 17.059. Our growth is not only in student enrollment but also in the commercial and residential tax base, which allows us to keep a fairly stable tax rate."

The ten-year enrollment estimates predict that the school district will have 4,500 students by 2032. In other words, the district will grow by about 150 to 200 students per year. These district growth projections were made by RSP and Associates, a public education planning firm hired by the CCA School District board.

To read about the bond issue go to www.ccaschools.org/2022bond.

If you can't attend the town hall meetings but have a question you may contact the CCA Schools office at 319-828-4510 or check their "ask a question" tab on the aforementioned website.

**Strickgruppe and Bastelklub Formed
Knitting and Handcrafts "Club"**

Here it is - a knitting and craft club for all of us. This informal, come as you are with your knitting, embroidery, sewing, fibercrafts or crocheting in hand, group has started to meet every Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Millstream Brau Haus.

You need not be proficient at your chosen craft and you need not feel compelled to get even a stitch down while you are there. It's a bit like having your Oma's cozy parlor to escape too on a Sunday afternoon to meet a few "sisters" and chit-chat. Can't make it this Sunday? Come next Sunday.

Love is in the Air

A sweet retreat mid-winter, Amana inns and merchants have some special things planned for Feb. 11 – 13. Here's what we know thus far:

Romance Weekend Package – Enjoy a two-night stay at Die Heimat Country Inn with a 5 course dinner at the Koru Berry Farm. This package includes roses, chocolates and wine in your room. The intriguing theme for supper is "Food is my Love Language."

"Love Flows" glass painting class at Ackerman Winery, Amana, 2 – 4, Feb. 12. Call Ackerman Winery or check out there website to sign up. \$15 provides for materials, step by step instruction and wine glass. Special wine cocktails and samples too.

Saturday, Feb. 12 from 6 – 9 p.m. Millstream Brewing Co. will feature live music, classic country, folk and rock with Randy Sandersfeld, who will be sharing some of his original work as well. Inside. Hey, check out their deliciously paired beer and chocolate flights too. Millstream Brewing has teamed up with Iowa's premier chocolatiers The Chocolate Haus to provide this specialty chocolate and beer pairing flight.

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**The team at
Warped & Woven
Mill Mercantile**

in Amana is looking for a Part Time Sales Associate!



This position involves assisting customers, operating a cash register and providing accurate change. The ability to unpack shipments, restock merchandise and handle phone orders is essential, along with excellent customer service skills. A willingness to learn and share Amana's rich history is a must!

The Amana Woolen Mill has been selling the finest American handcrafted cotton and wool products since 1855. Warped & Woven Mill Mercantile is the new salesroom offering all of their great products such as their signature blankets, bags, accessories and more!

Candidates can call 319-622-3953 for more information or apply at Warped & Woven Mill Mercantile.

LIBRARY BLOOD DRIVE

The Amana Library will host an ImpactLife Blood Drive on Thursday, February 17 from 2:00 to 6:00. The drive will be held in the Amana Elementary Cafeteria, 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana.

All donors will earn a St Patrick's Day t-shirt or a gift card, as a special THANK YOU! Potential donors must be at least 17, weigh more than 110 pounds, and possess a photo ID to donate. APPOINTMENTS AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED. Walk-ins will not be accepted to allow for proper distancing. Whole Blood and Double Red Cell will be available to donate. To sign up, please call the Amana Library 319-622-3192 to schedule a time.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
District Name: 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: 2/21/2022 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM Meeting Location: Middle Amana 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 Brost Contact Telephone Number: (319) 440-7905

FUND	FYE 6-30-2021 Actual Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2022 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2023 Proposed Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2023	Estimated July 1, 2022 Beg. Balance and All Other Receipts	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation
1. General	82,549	78,721	74,036	7,911	77,564	4,383
2. Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. TOTAL	82,549	78,721	74,036	7,911	77,564	4,383

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING --- PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
Name of District: HOMESTEAD SANITARY SEWER

The Board of Trustees of the above named district will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year
Meeting Date: 2/23/2022 Meeting Time: 06:00PM Meeting Location : Homestead Welfare Club, Homestead, IA
At the public hearing, any resident or tax payer 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: Thomas Oehler Contact Telephone Number: (319) 225-8065

Fund	FYE 6-30-2021 Actual Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2022 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2023 Proposed Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2023	Estimated July 1, 2020 Beg. Balance & All Other Receipts	Estimated Amount to Be Raised By Taxation
1. General	7591	19,375	35,875	18,804	54,679	0
2. Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. TOTAL	7591	19,375	35,875	18,804	54,679	0

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation \$ 0.00000

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Then on Sunday, Feb. 13 you can come back to Millstream Brewing Co. to watch the Super Bowl during their Super Bowl get together.

The Chocolate Haus has already begun to take orders for Valentine's Day treats. Stop by the shop in Amana or check their website to shop online for chocolate covered strawberries (order ahead and you pick up). Plus they have gift packs and boxes they can send directly to your loved one or you can pick up in the shop.

Are You an Old Timer?

Every so often when buying gas at Casey's, waiting for my coffee at the Chocolate Haus or buying my meat at the Amana Meat Shop, I'll overhear a tourist ask a question of a clerk and I feel compelled to answer it. After 42 years in the tourism biz, I feel I've earned the right to interrupt every such interchange to add my unsolicited two cents, as annoying as that may be for clerks and tourists alike.

Last fall a young man followed me out the door of the Chocolate Haus after one of these exchanges and he asked me, "Are you a local then?" When I said yes, he asked me a series of questions that became more interesting as he went along. After about the fourth question and answer he said, and I quote, "So you've lived here, like, forever."

Yes, young sir, I have lived here like forever. I have lived here nearly my entire life. So in honor of this fact here now is my check list. Answer any five of these and yes, you too have lived in the Amana Colonies forever.

1) Name five celebrities who attended the AMANA VIP and ask yourself, "Are these people dead?" (The answer is, "Yes." Just about anyone who played, sang, told a joke or teed up at the Amana VIP Golf tournament is now dead.)

2) Name all the Oktoberfest festival sites. If you named four places you would be correct. (Answer: The AWA Clubhouse, the Middle "ball park," the area now called the Market barn and lastly, the Festhalle.)

3) Do you own or have you ever owned a plaid, woolen CPO jacket (lined or unlined) that you purchased from the "sales room?" By the way, Helene Rind once told me that CPO stands for Chief Petty

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Officer and is reference to the fact that the boxy-cut jacket is lighter than a pea coat and heavier than a mere flannel shirt. Though no officer of the watch ever wore a red, brown and black plaid one like mine.

4) Did you or anyone in your immediate family take driving lessons from Coach Tremmel? Bonus point if you know why he stopped giving driving lessons? (Answer: After careening around the Homestead corner at break neck speed with certain members of the AHS Class of 77, he lost his nerve.)

5) Do you recall the plowing competitions at the World Ag Expo? What nation sent a delegation to compete much to the shock of everyone including the US Department of Agriculture and the US State Department. Answer: the USSR.

6) Have you ever hunted Easter eggs in Bill and Dorothy Ackerman's back yard?

7) Do you have a favorite spot from which to watch the Amana parades?

8) Have you ever ordered "the Builder"?

9) Has anyone ever asked you why there is no North Amana? Bonus point if you ever replied, "Oh but there is and you must see it!" and then directed the hapless strangers to drive north of Middle Amana until they come to a village.

10) Did you ever wine and dine your sweetheart at the Colony Market Place? Bonus point if every watched Dorothy play her stumpf fiddle.

11) Do you or any member of your family fish "up at the dam"?

12) Do you know where you can buy a "trespasser's permit" and why you need one?

13) Do you know what these acroynms stand for: AAG, ACCVB, AHS, CCA, ASI, ACS and and ACLUD? Bonus point if you know what ACHSF stands for.

14) Have you ever attended a party or gathering at the Homestead Welfare Club? Bonus point: Did the party or event include the presence of a coffin?

15) What song is happily, cheerfully sung at every local festival. This song celebrates an apparent obsession with an odd-looking, wood working implement and various unusual objects; coupled with a phrase that is overtly insensitive regarding body shape.

dence. Any voter who cannot show ID may have their identity attested to by another registered voter in the precinct who has proper ID. Starting January 1, 2019, all voters will be required to present an approved form of identification. For additional information about voter identification visit <https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid> or phone 319-642-3923 Option 0. (Valid forms of ID: Iowa Voter Identification Card; Iowa Driver's License; Iowa Non-Operator ID; U.S. Military ID or Veteran ID; U.S. Passport; Tribal ID Card/Document.)

Anyone wishing to vote absentee before Election Day may do so by stopping in the Auditor's Office Monday thru Friday 8:00 am until 4:30 pm starting February 9, 2022. Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request Forms are also available by mail or on the web at www.co.iowa.ia.us.

For further information, please contact the Auditor's Office at 319-642-3923 Option 0.

Voting Equipment Testing will begin on Wednesday, February 16th, 2022, at 9:00 am at the East Courthouse Annex in Marengo.

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 e-mail: amanaprintshop@southslope.net

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday Feb. 07, 2022 in the Amana Sanitary lift station.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

Please remember caucuses and the bond issue meeting are Monday Feb. 7th.

The bond issue meeting begins at 6:30 in the Middle Amana School, caucuses begin at 7:00 in the previously published locations.

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are of men who would, after leaving the community, bring their children back to be raised by relatives after the mother died.

I remember being told of one such story by one "orphaned girl" herself.

She was the youngest of three children. Her older siblings had married and really did not have the means of taking in another child, especially a pre-teen, so the father brought her to Middle to live with a maiden aunt. He then left and was never heard from again until this girl had grown and had a family of her own.

Her husband did the research and found her father's resting place. She would name her son after him.

I think the oddest stories concerns one of my great grandmothers. She and her younger son were pregnant and had sons about the same age.

The younger sister died so my great grandmother nursed and raised nursed and raised both boys as her own, who were both ironically named Wilhelm.

The widower left the community to seek his fortune in Kansas City during this time.

About the time the boys had finished school the one Wilhelm's father returned to claim his son and take him back to Missouri while the other Wilhelm was told to move to Amana and learn to become a store manager.

Both men kept in touch as did their descendents who ironically had two girls named Barbara.

The mother, meanwhile was left in Homestead to live out her days with her husband and daughter.

Perhaps in the end few of us will be remembered as well as the many women mentioned throughout history, but we all somehow leave our own mark on history if only it is to be the woman behind the man, pushing him into making history.

B.S.H.

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The Amana Community Library would like to give a huge thank you to all of our community members and patrons who contributed to our "Stuff the Stocking" fundraiser during the holidays. We are so grateful for your continued support of the library! Your generous contributions will be used to purchase materials and help make improvements to the library. We appreciate the positive response we get every year for this fundraiser from all of you. Thanks again!

Sincerely,
 Rhonda Hegewald and Heather Fox

PUBLISHER'S NOTE

While the author of "News & Notes" recalls the incident in Homestead, I recall another involving the expectation of a semi-tractor trailer yielding the right-of-way to a car entering the interstate. I was sitting behind the driver and could have touched the trailer as it passed.

Oh, I clearly remember the look on Dave Tremmel's face that day!

As for myself, after 20 yrs. of military service, 2 hurricanes, and 30 stitches worth of scar tissue on the back of my head, so far driver's education is still the closest I've come to a painful death.