

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

All in person Amana Church services are suspended and services will be live streamed from the church in Middle on FM 93.5 or Facebook. Must be parked near the church for radio transmission.

The Amana Church Service, Sunday December 13, 2020 starting at 10:00 a.m. with Elder Elly Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Testimony: Barbara Landmann, Amana, July 25, 1880

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Closing Hymn: "The People That In Darkness Sat" No. 182, verses 1, 4, 5, 7

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

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

Services also available later on YouTube.

## AMANA FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST

The Amana Food Pantry is in need of a few items. If you are able, would you please consider picking up one or two items on your next shopping trip?

- \* Pancake syrup
- \* Hearty Soups
- \* Toilet Paper
- \* Laundry detergent
- \* Jelly
- \* grocery store gift cards
- \* Spaghetti-Os and canned ravioli

The Food Pantry is also able to accept venison, as long as it has been processed at a locker.

Please contact Kristie. 319-560-0397 to make a donation

## BLOOD DRIVE AT LIBRARY

Due to the **OVERWHELMING** response to the Amana Library Blood Drive, we've added another hour on Tuesday, December 15! The drive will be extended to 6:30, which will open up more appointments for donating. There are still times available on December 17, to also donate.

The Amana Library will host a 2-Day Mississippi Valley Blood Drive on December 15; 1:30-5:30 and December 17; 2:30-6:30 in the Donor Bus at the Library parking lot; 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana.

With your help, we have the power to save lives! The Blood Center is continuing to see countless cancellations and challenges brought on by the pandemic. By giving blood at our holiday Amana Community Blood Drive, you will ensure that patients at our local hospitals have the life-saving blood products they need. All blood types are needed! Donors will earn a T-shirt or \$10 gift card.

Whole Blood donors must be at least 17, weigh more than 110 pounds. Red Blood Cell Donation will also be available. Double Red Blood Cell donations use an automated procedure that enables the donor to give the equivalent of TWO units of red cells. This procedure takes a little longer than a whole blood donation (~20 min) and has some different qualifications: Male donors must be 5'1", 130lbs; Female donors must be 5'5", 150lbs and the deferral time is 112 days.

APPOINTMENTS AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED, AND A PHOTO ID TO DONATE! To sign up call 319-622-3192 or email [amanalibrary@ccaschools.org](mailto:amanalibrary@ccaschools.org).

Let's RALLY, before the Holidays, and fill those BLOOD BANKS!

## AMANA RETIREMENT COMMUNITY HOSTING FOOD DRIVE

Amana Retirement Community is once again hosting a food drive for the Iowa County Food Bank and local families in need. They will be collecting non-perishable food items from now until the end of January. Donation receptacles are located inside the main entry doors of Colonial Manor.

If you have any questions, please contact Joey at 319-622-3131

## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Hotel Millwright Receives State Preservation Tax Credits

The renovation of the Amana Woolen Mill to create Hotel Millwright will receive \$3.9 million in historic preservation tax credits via the Iowa Economic Development Authority.

The IEDA announced December 3 that the Amana Society, Inc. was one of 10 Iowa recipients of the tax credits which totaled \$20.4 million. Nineteen applications were received by the state and over \$39 million was requested.

The Amana Society applied this fall for the tax credits though the research and ground work for the lengthy and complicated application document was completed over a year ago. Jeff Popenhagen, ASI marketing and retail manager, said, "We were very happy to learn that we received the full amount we asked for. . . The project scored really high (each of the applications is scored) and we received 15 extra points for applying when the project was 95 percent complete. Yes, this is good news."

Administered by the IEDA and the State Historic Preservation Office, the final step in the review process was the inspection and evaluation of the completed project to check that it has met the US Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and state guidelines.

The tax credits are transferrable, they may be sold or they may be refunded or carried forward for five years or until depleted whichever is earlier, according to the IEDA website.

Other projects in eastern Iowa that received the state tax credits were a pair of Dubuque buildings; the Avery Rail building and the Security Building both in downtown Dubuque for a combined \$1.75 million. The Englert Theatre Building in Iowa City received \$530,000.

The state award is very good news for another reason. Once the state has inspected and scored the project it then informs the Department of the Interior and greenlights the award of the federal historic tax credits. Amana Society applied for and has been pre-approved for another \$3.5 million in federal tax credits. That federal historic preservation award will now move forward.

Additionally ASI is completing the final project audit for the state's Brownfield/ Grayfield Redevelopment grants, these are state-administered funds provided by the federal EPA for the clean-up and redevelopment of unused or under-used industrial buildings and grounds. The Hotel Millwright project led to the clean-up and redevelopment of over 8 acres of land and multiple buildings no longer in use for textile production. The Amana Society applied for and is slated to receive about \$1 million from the EPA's Brownfield/ Grayfield program. That award is expected to come through in early 2021, Popenhagen noted.

In total ASI has applied for and will receive over \$8 million in grant funding for the Hotel Millwright project. It was successful in all three of its major grant applications.

"We are extremely grateful for the support this project has received from our community, our state and from the Department of the Interior," Popenhagen concluded.

### Do Not Miss the Tannenbaum

There are just two weekends left to see Amana's Tannenbaum Forest. The forest will be open this weekend and next.

This Saturday, Dec. 12 live reindeer will be at the forest from 1 to 4 p.m. unless the weather proves too wet or cold. The forest will be open 11 – 5 on Friday; 10 – 7 on Sunday and 11 – 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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The Forest still needs some volunteer helpers on Saturday and Sunday Dec. 19 and 20. If you would like to volunteer (masks are mandated) please contact Emilie Hoppe at [zhoppe@southslope.net](mailto:zhoppe@southslope.net).

Proceeds from the Tannenbaum Forest benefit the University of Iowa Stead Family Childrens Hospital.

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## AMANA FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

## HAHN BAKERY

Taking orders for:

**Christmas**

For Dec. 24th pick-up

Please have orders in by Dec. 17th

& **New Year's Pretzels**

For Dec. 30 & Dec. 31 pick-up

Please have orders in by Dec. 24th

Call 622-3439

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Remember when you would go to Cedar Rapids to see the window displays in the department stores?

One just had to admire The display at "Killians" on the corner which inevitably had toys in it. Some of the toys even moved which of course made it more special.

There was the token toy train that would go round a circle over and over again and frankly was not exciting as the train one could view at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. That had more than one train and the trains were all running on different tracks.

My secret wish was always to Chicago at Christmas and see the decorations, especially at "Marshall Field's." The closest I ever got was the "Plaza" in Kansas City, but only to see the lights.

Back in Cedar Rapids we also had "Craemer's," but I don't recall any special display windows at Christmas. Frankly I don't recall any large windows at all so if you remember any let me know.

There was something special about Craemer's that always fascinated me. The sales clerks had to put the receipts and cash into metal cylinders then insert them into a rather complex pipe system which would take everything to the mezzanine where the money would be taken, change made, a receipt checked and made and sent back to the clerk. No cash registers!

I wonder what would have happened, or did happen once people started using credit cards.

The displays at the "new Armstrongs" were quite stunning. They featured new fashions, toys, and anything one could wish for at Christmas except farm implements.

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Just before Christmas these white molded figurines of a nativity scene would appear for a brief period of time right at the corner window to remind one of what Christmas was all about.

Years later after Armstrongs no longer existed I would again see these figurines in Smulekoff's windows.

One wonders what became of them after Smulekoff's ceased operations. In my old age I sort of long for those window displays and the excitement they would bring, they along with the big catalogues from "Montgomery Wards" or "Sears."

It is good, however, to look at the old movies again and again and sort of go back into one's childhood when things seemed simpler and your mother was in the kitchen baking cookies instead of you.

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Dear Amana Library patrons and community members

Typically this time of year the Amana Library does our annual "Stuff the Stocking" fundraiser. Since we have not been open for public access the past several months, we felt it would be more appropriate to do a fundraiser at a later time. We are always overwhelmed with the support we get from all of you and appreciate it so much!

If you'd still like to make a donation, you can mail it directly to the library. Our address is 3023 220th Trail, Amana 52203. Please continue to call or email the library to request books, DVDs, and use our other services. If you'd like to have free access to Bridges, an eBook library, please call and we can get an account set up for you. Our number is 622-3192 or email Rhonda Hegewald at [amanalibrary@ccaschools.org](mailto:amanalibrary@ccaschools.org). Our hours are 8:00-3:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and 8:00-1:00 on Wednesdays.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to email Heather Fox at [heatherfox@ccaschools.org](mailto:heatherfox@ccaschools.org). Your continued understanding of this unique situation we are in is helpful during this time! We look forward to getting back to "normal" someday very soon. Stay tuned for more information about an alternative fundraiser coming in the new year! Have a safe, healthy, and happy, holiday season!

Sincerely,  
Heather Fox  
Amana Community Library Director  
Rhonda Hegewald  
Amana Community Library Associate

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**OBITUARY**

Virginia K. Neumann, age 78, of Amana passed away after a short illness at Colonial Manor of Amana on Wednesday, December 2, 2020. Funeral Service was Monday, December 7, 2020 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Marengo with Pastor Andrew Gray officiating. Burial was at the Amana Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be contributed to St. John's Lutheran Church, Marengo, or Essence of Life Hospice. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo is assisting the family with arrangements.

Virginia is survived by her husband, Robert of Amana, two sons; Jeff (Angie) Neumann of Amana, Brad (Tamara) Neumann of Amana; six grandchildren, Zachary Neumann of Cedar Rapids, Kayla Neumann of North Liberty, Benjamin (Greta) Neumann of Eagan, MN., Stephanie (Josh) Hartson of Gilbert, AZ., Whitney (Bret) Potratz of Walcott, IA., Taylor (Sami) Parks of Columbus, OH.; three great grandchildren; and two sisters, Anita Frondle of Olds, IA., and Mary Steele of Davenport.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and a brother Charles Robinson.

Virginia Kay Robinson was born April 8, 1942 in Goodman, MO., the daughter of Bela and Alta Childers Robinson. She graduated from Amana High School with the class of 1960. Virginia was united in marriage to Robert Neumann on December 2, 1961 in Marengo. She worked at the Amana Meat Shop for 35 years. Virginia enjoyed all types of needlework, doing crossword puzzles, and watching the Iowa Hawkeyes on tv. She will be greatly missed by many.

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

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or call 319-622-3912

**RUG WEAVING ONE DAY WORKSHOP**

Make a rug in one day! December 29th from 9AM-5PM or until rug is done. You may bring your own prepared material or material will be available to purchase for \$15 for a 3 foot rug. Bring your own food and drink, a refrigerator and microwave will be available to use.

The rug could be useful in your home or it would make a great gift. This activity will be held in the weaving studio located at the Amana Arts Guild Center in High Amana. Enrollment is limited. For more information and to register call Linda Grabau 319-530-0127. Cost \$50 per student.

**OBITUARY**

Philip "Phil" A. Birk III, 83, of Middle Amana, Iowa, passed away at The Gardens of Cedar Rapids, on Dec. 6, 2020, from complications of COVID-19. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Cedar Rapids.

Phil was born Feb. 18, 1937, in Knoxville, Iowa, the son of Philip Birk II and Genevieve Birk. On May 30, 1957, he was united in marriage to Beverly Plattner.

Phil loved trains and collecting railroad memorabilia. He also loved to read, with Mark Twain being one of his favorites. Phil had an obsession with ancestry and his German roots and loved to visit Germany. If you knew Phil you knew how passionate he was about his family and his hobbies.

Phil is survived by daughters, Laurie (Tom) Picha of Oswego, Ill., Joyce (Gregg) Lungstrom of Woodford, Va., and Jessica (Erik) Emerson of Amana, Iowa; his younger sister, Diane (Fred) Schoneboom of Plainwell, Mich.; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and his nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beverly, who departed Dec. 10, 2018; his parents; and his brother, James Birk.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Safe Haven in South Amana, their favorite animal rescue. Please share a memory of Phil at [www.murdochfuneralhome.com](http://www.murdochfuneralhome.com) under obituaries.

**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT  
Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting  
and Tentative Agenda December 14,  
2020 – 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. Discussion with Iowa County Engineer Nick Amelon.
- IV. Presentation from David Rettig, Executive Director of the Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau.
- V. Board of Trustees Work Session: Goals.
- VI. Review/Approve:
  - a. Minutes of Public Input Session
  - b. November meeting minutes.
- VII. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda.
- VIII. Review/Approve December disbursements
- IX. Review/Approve November Treasurer's Report.
- X. Other Business
  - a. Discussion/Action: Allocation of Hotel/Motel tax money received by the Land Use District.
  - b. Discussion/Action: Review comments received at November Public Input Session and discuss further action.
  - c. Discussion/Action: Changes to HP Grant program language
  - d. Discussion/Action: Businesses blocking parking spaces
  - e. Discussion/Action: Amendments to ordinances concerning fences in Historic Districts
  - f. Discussion/Action: Possible update to ACOS-NA Principal Permitted Uses
  - g. Discussion/Action: Change to Historic Preservation Grant documents
- XI. Administrator's Report
- XII. President's Report
- XIII. Adjourn