

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Combined Palm Sunday Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, March 24, 2024 starting 10:00 A.M. with Sw Kristie Yoder presiding.

Opening Hymn: "All Glory, laud, and honor" No. 242

Testimony: Metz, Amana, Dec 17, 1864  
Mayer, Ronneburg, July 26, 1715

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11  
Psalm 118:19-24

Closing Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 74

Holy Week prayer service, Mon. thru Thursday, Mar. 25-28, starting 7 P.M. in the Middle Church

Good Friday Service Mar. 29 starting 7 P.M. in the Middle Church

See "ad" on page 2 for more information.

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

Links to services posted online may be found at:

<https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/>

## AMANA SOCIETY, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The Amana Society is pleased to announce that Jon Childers, Stuart Geiger, Rebecca R. Selzer, and Guy Wendler will be on the ballot for the 2024 Amana Society, Inc. Board of Director's election. The election will be held on Monday May 20th, 2024, and absentee ballots will be mailed to each shareholder in mid-April.

## CUB SCOUT FUNDRAISER

There is an activity card available for purchase at the Amana Pharmacy. They are \$10 each and the pack gets \$5 of that right back to us to use for rechartering and fun activities. There are 4 single-use coupons and 8 multi-use coupons on them. Talk to Dawn Ball 319-310-7526 if you have any questions or want to purchase one. Thank you!

## LIBRARY/BIG G

Please submit your Big G receipts by April 4, 2024 for purchases made from September 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024. They may be dropped off at the Amana Library or Amana Elementary School.

Thank you for your continued support!

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Let me bear you to "the punch" and be the one to admit that I am not "the sharpest knife in the drawer." Also, "all my oars are not all in the water" and I was "not first in line when they handed out brains" and so on, but I can still be sneaky.

Okay, so I will not ever beat Charlemagne at "Wheel of Fortune" nor will I understand Sudoku or how to do tatting correctly, much to Ramona Gerard's consternation. I will also never finish a large jigsaw puzzle like Gloria Alexander does, because I lose patience. But, try to beat me at checkers and beware, unless you have figured out my trick.

As the older sibling I had my sister convinced that she was, in fact, older because her birthday came earlier in the month, March 9th as to mine, which is March 15. I even went so far as to divest her of money by telling her that I was doing her a favor by trading my nickel for her dime since, anyone could see, the nickel was much larger than the dime. This worked for a while, until she discussed this with our mother and I had to repay my loot.

I also informed my sister that, since I had curly hair, I could "fix" her doll's hair with my scissors. So I snipped off the doll's bangs. Unfortunately, they did not grow back but, instead, stood straight out from her forehead.

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Reclaiming Pasture Land Requires Hard Work

Some of Amana's once open pastures have become infested with invasive multiflora rose bushes, honey locust and honeysuckle which choke out grasses and render pastures useless.

So Amana Farms and Forestry is working to reclaim pasture land that has become wildly overgrown and filled with thorns and brush.

As John McGrath, general manager Amana Farms, explained, "We just finished on the Ice Pond timber, for now, and will be moving north of East Amana next. Areas north of High Amana and north of West Amana will be worked on in the coming months and years."

Most of the work is being done with a forestry mower mounted to the front of a skid steer loader and other heavy equipment. It's brutal looking machinery, but it does the job by removing felled, dead timber, ripping out the stubborn vines, thorns and woody shrubbery of the invasive species. Once the dead timber and brush is removed than the meadow can be maintained so that native grasses and young trees can thrive.

McGrath explained that fighting invasive woody plants has been a challenge for two generations, but it got worse after the derecho and recent storms when broken trees fell and created a tangle in which shrubs could thrive and make the areas almost inaccessible.

"The goal is to reclaim pasture areas that have been lost to woody and invasive species such as honeysuckle, honey locust and multiflora rose. The rapid growth of woody plants like this can make areas no longer viable pastures or forests. The goal is to convert the areas to more of a savannah setting," McGrath said.

The oak savannah landscapes, once prevalent in our area, feature a varied growth of rich grasses and wildflowers combined with a few oak or native Iowa shade trees. An example of an oak savannah can be seen surrounding the West Amana cemetery. That forest was all but destroyed by a wind storm about 15 years ago. Following that storm, Amana Farms worked to remove the downed, dead trees and salvage the full grown trees. Then the area was worked so that native meadow grasses and small oak trees could take hold without interference from invasive species. The result has been a natural landscape that looks much as it did 100 years ago with space for cattle to graze and for wildlife to make their habitat.

### Don't Forget Your ASI User Permit

The shareholders of the Amana Society, Inc. require everyone who is on Amana land to have a user permit so that the cost of protecting Amana forests and open areas is recognized and borne, to an extent, by all who use the land.

To learn more about ASI user permit rules and 2024 fees go to the Amana Society Inc. website and pull down the "Community Information" tab and then the "User Permit" topic to see and download PDF's and to fill out an application to receive a permit.

The user permit application is process is easy. Once you fill it out (and it needs to be done annually) it will be checked over and you will be contacted if there are any questions about your application. Then the Amana Society issues the permit.

Jon Degen, is the Amana Society Game Warden. What does he do? Degen makes sure the land and forests are not being abused via poaching, stealing, dumping or littering. He checks per

mits when he encounters folks in the field and answer questions.

If you have any concerns or if you see something that worries you, please contact Degen via the Amana Society main office or 319-560-2459.

Who needs a permit? Any adult who is on Amana Society lands not designated as "public access," areas. The Amana Colonies Nature Trail, the disc golf course and the Kolonieweg are public access areas. The Middle Amana Park is a public access area. No permit is required for access to these public access areas. But walking dogs, hunting mushrooms, picnicking, taking walks in other areas of Amana meadow, field or forest requires a general user permit. Other activities, including wood cutting, hunting and riding ATV or snowmobiles require permits.

What about the yard waste dump site by South? The yard waste dump site at South Amana has been the site of increased illegal dumping and vandalism of late, hence it is closed to all, except ASI shareholders who must abide by all use rules

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## Lakeview Village

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*Please call Tanya Strong, 319-622-3551*

**PLEASE NOTE!**

**BULLETIN DEADLINE CHANGE**

The deadline for the April 4th Bulletin will be Tuesday, April 2 at 3:00 P.M. due to our flight being at 5 A.M. (Could have sworn she said "P.M.") on Wednesday April 3.

## Amana Church Easter Services & Special Events

Please invite family, friends and neighbors to join in celebrating Easter! Everyone is welcome to all services and events

### Amana Church Easter Services

Everyone welcome to all services.

#### Palm Sunday

at the Middle Church in Middle Amana, Sunday, March 24, 10 a.m.

#### During Holy Week

Holy Week Prayer Services  
March 25 - 28 Monday - Thursday, 7 p.m. at the Middle Amana Church in Middle Amana

#### Good Friday Worship Service

Friday, March 29  
7 p.m. at the Middle Church in Middle Amana

#### Easter Sunday Worship

"Son Rise" Easter Morning Worship Amana Church in Amana  
8:30 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 31  
Praise, Prayers & Scripture to start the day.  
Rolls, coffee and juice will be served.  
Childrens' Easter egg hunt after the 10 a.m. service.

#### Easter Worship

at the Amana Church in Amana, Easter Sunday, March 31, 10 a.m.  
The Amana Church Choir and Sunday School students will sing songs of praise.

### WANT TO BUY

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jvanzante@southslope.net

### SERVICES

Mowing, Aerating, Thatching, Spring Yard Clean-up, Garden Tilling, and Stump Grinding. Call Rob Jeck at 319-622-3308

### WANTED/WANTED TO BUY

BUYING All ANTIQUES; Toys, signs, Furniture, Crocks, Paintings, textiles, automotive, oddities and the unusual. Any condition. Fair cash prices paid. Call or text 319-270-1251/Jack Cirkl.

### FOR RENT/ LEASE

Apartment for rent: Large 2 b/2b, w/d, s/w pd, deck. Colony Oaks, next to Amana Golf Course. 319-338-0025

1 BR Apt in South Amana. No smoking, background check, deposit. Call Larry at 319-540-9351

### ARTS GUILD CLASSES

**Blacksmithing Classes:** The Amana Arts Guild is offering classes in blacksmithing taught by experienced blacksmith Cory Nevitt. These classes are open to students of all levels. Class sizes of 2-6 students ensure that the learning experience is customized to fit each person. \$200. Dates: 3/30, 4/6, 4/27. Sign up at amanaartsguild.com.

**Materialism of Collage:** Come learn about collage and create a fun, unique project during this two-day workshop. Available for personal enrichment (\$100) or for continuing education teacher credit. April 6 & 7. More info at amanaartsguild.com.

**Communal Meal:** Traditional Amana communal meal and art auction. April 13, 5:30 PM. Tickets \$25/each. Pre-registration required. Registration and more info available at amanaartsguild.com.

### CUSTOMER SUPPORT ASSOCIATE SOUGHT

The Amana Colonies Visitor Center is seeking a Visitor Center Customer Support Associate. If you would like to help people learn about what Amana has to offer, we would love to have you at the Amana Colonies Visitors Center. This position includes retail and tour sales, assisting visitors with questions and providing them with resources. Flexible schedule is available. Stop in or contact us at [director@amanacolonies.com](mailto:director@amanacolonies.com) for more information.

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One Christmas we got a doll carriage which, for some reason, had a loose screw on the wheel. This, of course, made the back wheel fall off regularly. I, being older and bossy, told my little sister that I would hold the carriage up while she put the wheel back on. After all, I was bigger and stronger and she was lower to the ground. It made perfect sense – to me. After a while, she got tired of replacing the wheel and left. Then, I had a "flash of brilliance." You see, we lived upstairs and getting that buggy down fifteen steps was not easy, so I pushed it down. Naturally, it made quite the racket, making my Oma come out of her downstairs apartment to see what was wrong. My sister, by this time, had come to see what sort of punishment I would get, as my mother thundered through the rooms. My mother took one look at her two daughters and decided that we must both have been at fault. I never said a word as we were marched to our room, and seclusion. My sister just glared at me, probably thinking of a way to get even.

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## AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP

COME ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

### Sunday Church Services

@ 9:00 a.m.

Next Services: March 24<sup>th</sup>

& March 31<sup>st</sup> -Easter-

At the Amana Performing Arts Center

(Former Old Creamery Theatre)

[www.amanaareafellowship.org](http://www.amanaareafellowship.org)



Come join a friendly environment with fun coworkers at the Amana Meat Shop & Smokehouse! Currently we have openings for a Weekend Retail Associate and a Full Time Production Associate.

This is a great opportunity to work right in the heart of Amana and help provide quality foods to our customers! Stop in for more information or contact Laura Sue at 319-622-3953 or [lswoods@amanas.net](mailto:lswoods@amanas.net).



Amana Farms is seeking a Full Time Feedlot Associate! This individual will help feed cattle, operate and maintain equipment, perform yard maintenance, clean animal housing areas and more. Experience with cattle is a must. To apply, contact Laura Sue Woods at 319-622-3953 or [lswoods@amanas.net](mailto:lswoods@amanas.net) or see our ad on Indeed.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

ACLUD has an exciting job opportunity for someone as the ACLUD Administrator. This is a part-time job with flexible hours. To learn more about the position, receive a copy of the Job Description, submit a resume or schedule an interview, please contact either [aclud@southslope.net](mailto:aclud@southslope.net) or 319-622-3840. All information will then be shared with the Search Committee. Thank You.

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(yard and garden waste only). Permit holders who do not have ASI shares do not have access to the dump site. It is monitored for trespassers and illegal dumping. (Note: the Iowa County Landfill takes yard and garden waste also)

Can a resident of the 7 villages who does not own shares obtain a permit? Yes, a permanent, full time resident of the Amana Colonies who does not own shares may purchase a General User permit. Minor children accompanied by a General User Permit holder do not need a permit. Please carry your permit with you when on the land.

Can nonresidents purchase Amana land user permits? Generally speaking, no. Non residents may purchase a permit if they are fulltime employees of the Amana Society or if they own 100 or more shares of ASI stock under certain circumstances.

Why is there a fee for a general user permit? Amana Society lands and recreational resources are not supported or paid for in any way by tax dollars. So any improvements, such as fences, gates, shelters, picnic tables, tree plantings, bridges, walkways, trash cans and the like are paid for by Amana Society. Likewise ASI pays all property taxes, insurance and all maintenance costs. The small amount of revenue generated by the sale of permits helps to partially offset the cost of having a full time Amana Society Game Warden on staff to help keep land, property and users safe.

Do all shareholders need a permit? Yes, all shareholders should have and carry their permits when out on Amana lands.

Who sets these rules? The Amana Society Conservation Committee discusses and proposes the rules/ fees each year. The permit fees/ rules are brought to the ASI Board of Directors for approval. The Amana Society Conservation Committee also initiates and undertakes conservation projects to improve lands. The new fishing dock and parking area at the South Amana Pond, reclamation of the Ice Pond from invasive species, the improvement of the East Amana Pond are just some of their projects working hand in hand with Amana Farms and Forestry.

I have an idea for a conservation project what do I do? If you would like to say, organize volunteers to plant a wildlife food plot, clean up an area of invasive honeysuckle or rebuild a bridge on the nature trail, talk with Tim Krauss of the Amana Society Forestry at 319-622-7553 and go to the ASI website for a form you can fill out to have your project considered by the conservation committee. Help is very welcome.



### AMANA RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Colonial Manor is hiring for a part time **Dietary Aide** 4pm-730pm

Flexible scheduling to work around school activities or kid activities

No experience necessary

**Please call Tanya at 319-622-3131**

for more information

### AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD) Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Meeting Notice and Tentative Agenda of the Regular Meeting

Monday, March 25, 6:30 p.m. at ACLUD office 4304 220th Trail Amana & via Zoom link

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Set Agenda

III. Review/Approve the November 29, 2023, January 29, 2024 and February 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes

IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda

V. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:

a. 2024-012. Eric Kolsto – Smokehouse Square Antiques/ 4503 F St Amana/ HP-C / Place a steel shipping container in the back yard behind store as a storage unit. Won't be visible from the street. Also remove a chimney located on back slope of roof. Hole to be patched and re-roofed with existing spare shingles.

VI. Other Business

a. Continue to discuss strategy regarding HPC Work Plan for 2024.

VII. Administrator's Report (if applicable)

VIII. Adjourn