

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 under the "Listen Now" tab, or through iTunes or Google podcast apps.

Sunday, March 22, Elder Jon Childers presiding: Opening Hymn: Fort, ihr Glieder, laßt uns gehen #284

Testimony: Susanna Schissel, Schwarzenau, May 22nd, 1715

Scripture: Luke 11:33-36

Commentary: Be the Light!!

Closing Hymn: 147 O Light That's Ever Bright

CONGREGATE MEALS

Join us Mondays for food and conversation at the Fellowship Hall in the Amana Church. Doors open at 11:00 o'clock, we serve at 11:30.

Cost is only \$5.00. No age restrictions.

For Reservations call Donna Trumpold by noon on Friday.....319-622-3218 or 319-560-6285.

March 23: Cook's Choice

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 Director's election. The election will be held on May 18th, 2020 and absentee ballots will be mailed to each shareholder in mid-April.

ASI SERVICE COMPANY

HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE

The Amana Society Service Company water department 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. If you use a hose, remove when done to ensure the spigot does not freeze and break.

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AMANA SOCIETY SHAREHOLDERS

Do you want to stay connected to news and information relevant to Amana Society shareholders? Go to www.amanasociety.com and log into your secure Shareholder Portal and look for the Amana Society Journal.

The Amana Society Journal is a quick rundown of news and information from the Amana Society posted regularly by CEO Greg Luerkens.

Your Shareholder Portal is also where you can see past Annual Meeting information, Amana Society newsletters, sign up to receive information by e-mail, and even buy your Amana Society user and hunting permits.

If you have any questions or need some help signing into your Shareholder Portal, please contact Bruce Trumpold at 319-622-7526 or at btrumpold@amanas.net.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

COVID-19 and the Amana Community

Residents agree, the last couple of weeks have brought significant changes and significant challenges as Amana community groups, the CCA School District and local employers respond to the COVID-19 global pandemic and control measures put into place by Iowa health officials with the Center for Disease Control guidelines.

As the situation unfolds it is possible that more scheduling changes will be made. As of Tuesday, March 17, 2020 here is what we know:

- The Clear Creek Amana School District will be closed for four weeks as per Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds' March 15 recommendation. All school activities, rehearsals, competitions and team events are postponed until further notice. As per the CCA website, "We are in the process of developing plans and will communicate these plans as quickly as possible. Immediate focus will be on the next few weeks, beyond that, we will operate with a week-to-week mindset. As you know the situation is evolving daily, sometimes hourly."

- The Amana Church has announced that it will suspend worship and church events at the Middle and Amana Churches until May 10. This includes regular Sunday and Wednesday evening services, Amana Sunday School classes and the spring dumpling soup supper to have been held March 22.

- Amana Church worship services will be offered for all to listen to at home. The Amana Church Elders are working on a "Facebook live" presentation for 10 a.m. Sundays. More information about that and about Easter services will be shared via social media and the church's email list.

All services will be posted as audio podcasts on the church's website amanachurch.com. On the webpage past services are available for you to hear. Watch for the upcoming services as they become available.

Like and follow the Amana Church Facebook or Instagram pages for the latest church related news. Also please do sign up to receive emails from the church. To do so an email to the Amana Church office mchurch@southslope.net

- Monday congregante meals, otherwise known as "senior dining," at the Amana Church will continue at this time.

- The Amana Colonies Food Pantry at the Middle Amana Church will be distributing food as per its regular schedule. The next scheduled distribution is March 29. See the story below for more information about the Food Pantry and COVID-19.

- Iowa's restaurants (with the exception of carry out) will be closed until March 31 by an executive order of Gov. Reynolds issued Tuesday noon. Many small merchants in the Colonies are open as per their normal March hours, the ACCVB announced Tuesday. It is possible for many local merchants to arrange for home delivery to you or for you to preorder and pick up food/ product. Local restaurants do offer carry-out meals/ foods too.

- The Old Creamery Theatre is postponing performances of "The Buddy Holly Story" until September 25. The show is now scheduled to run Sept. 25 through Oct. 4, 2020. Reserved ticket holders should call the box office for details and reservations in the fall. 319-622-6262.

- The Amana Arts Guild has postponed its April 4 Communal Supper until next fall.

- The Amana Community Library is closed until further notice.

- The Amana Swimming Pool is closed until further notice.

The Amana Colonies Food Bank and COVID-19

Annie Trumpold and Kristie Yoder, co-chairs of the Amana Colonies Food Pantry at the Amana Church report that the Amana Food Pantry will continue to distribute food as per their schedule. The next distribution will be March 29 at 11 a.m. at the Middle Amana Church.

If you need food, but can't get to the pantry, you can ask for a food delivery to be made to your home by calling the Amana Church office at 319-622-6155. The food bank is a confidential service offered at the church via HACAP.

With the schools not in session and some em-

ployers forced to cut hours and some people unable to work, organizers are anticipating an increased need for food. Donations of canned food, household cleaning products, laundry soap and other items are needed.

Young Chef in Training Honored by Scholarship

Dakota Parks Schorg was the kind of employee everyone wants and needs. He loved his work and did his job very well. He came to work with a smile on his face and he liked to make others smile.

For the past five years the Benton High School graduate (Class of 2017) and Kirkwood College culinary student was a favorite at the Ox Yoke Inn where he worked along with his sister, Montana. Before starting at the Ox Yoke Inn, as a high schooler he worked at the former Colony Inn. It was his goal to become a chef and he reveled in the kitchen camaraderie.

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Lakeview Village

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NOTICE

Whirlpool Corporation is temporarily closing the community recycle facility until further notice. Consider discarding your recycle material with your household trash at this time to reduce potential spread of any illness.

Thank You

Whirlpool Environment Health & Safety Team

Note...

Ask your trash removal service if they do recycling. Paper & Cardboard may be recycled at City Carton near Hawkeye Downs at 901 Ingleside Dr. Sw.

Also try landfills, Linn (Hwy 13 & County Home Road) and Johnson (3900 Hebl Ave SW, South of the IWW) Counties. Both have recycling areas.

News & Notes continued

January 19th Schorg was killed in an auto accident on his way to work. It's been heartbreaking for his family, his friends and his fellow employees at the Ox Yoke Inn.

Bill Leichsenring and the team at the Ox Yoke wanted to do something to honor Schorg's memory so they are helping to endow a scholarship at Kirkwood Community College Culinary School for Benton High and Vinton-Shellsburg High School Seniors in honor of Dakota.

Chef Cynthia Romstadt and Dakota's friends at the Ox Yoke put their heads together and created a sandwich in his honor. Dakota's favorite dish was chicken alfredo so they created the "Dakota Delight" a parmesan crusted chicken breast on a toasted pretzel bun with alfredo sauce. It's served with a side and they recommend their creamy Spätzle alfredo. The sandwich has gotten rave reviews from customers at the Ox Yoke Inn. Proceeds from the sale of the Dakota Delight sandwich will go to the scholarship fund.

Anyone who would like to make a direct donation to the fund may do so at the Ox Yoke Inn. Talk to the Ox Yoke Inn front desk or call the Ox Yoke Inn, 319-622-3441.

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MILLSTREAM BREWERY & BRAU HAUS NOTICE

In accordance with the Public Disaster Emergency Plan Millstream Brewery and The Brau Haus will be closed to indoor and outdoor seating effectively immediately until further notice.

The Brau Haus will still be open and available for carry out food, 6 pack beverages and gift shop items.

Please feel free to come in and place your order to go or call it in at (319) 622-7332

Sorry for the inconvenience and we appreciate your continued support through this time.

Classified ads are \$5/week for the first 30 words, extra words will be billed \$1.00/10 words. Display (box) ads are \$6/column inch Please send ads via e-mail to: amanaprintshop@southslope.net

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FEATHERS IN THE WIND

I know that we should all be vigilant and do what the doctors and scientists recommend during the Corona virus.

Those of you that know me well know how I worry and how anxious I am over the people I care about. I pray constantly that this would all end and a cure would be found, but I also know that God cannot be rushed and that things will turn out just the way he plans.

The 23rd Psalm that I used to dislike so much when I saw it (it seemed) every memorial card comes at me with new meaning and I wonder after all these years I should be still and listen to those words more carefully.

The television is off at our house and we are really getting the collection of books we have stored up over the years read. It is satisfying knowing when another book has been read or chore been done.

It is truly wonderful to write letters to people and get letters back from people one has not heard from in a long period of time.

Perhaps taking some time off is not that bad after all.

I called Jon Childers about the influenza epidemic that happened during WWI (1918 Spanish Flu). It seems that four men from the Amanas were infected and died from it, but then there were some who survived. All were soldiers so they had been in close quarters.

During the black Plaque which can and went over four centuries, one town (Eyam in Northern England) self quarantined+by leaving large rocks around the perimeter of the village and then leaving money that had been disinfected with vinegar by the rocks with which people from other villages could buy food with and leave near the rocks. This went on for a year.

Open air church services were held and plaque houses were designated.

Although up to 3/4 of the population did die they felt they had not spread the plaque to others. It was only later that it was discovered that flea bites were how the plaque was spread.

Our youngest son, Sam, works in the health profession in Chicago, and is attending Loyola University in downtown Chicago. He lives in a neighborhood with a large Ukrainian population. Store selves in his neighborhood are empty groceries, and vinegar, which they feel is a good disinfectant. I wonder? Then again - why not?

Our older son, Peter, works at the Herbert Hoover site, which I wonder why is not closed. No mater what I will worry and pray at the same time.

I think I should do like my good friend, Kim Zuber is doing and keep a list of the good things in our lives. mShe mentioned the rainbow you see in soap bubbles. Well look at them everytime you wash your hands and praise God for the beauty and wonder of them.

Praise God the Easter will soon be here and with it the remainder of God's greatest blessing - the forgiveness of sins. BSH

OBITUARY

Earl L. Brown, age 92 of Amana, passed away in his home on Sunday, March 15, 2020. Due to the current national health situation a private Graveside Service will be held at First Lutheran Cemetery, rural Conroy with Pastor Don Dovre officiating. Cards and memorials may be directed to Shelly Schumacher, 709 39th Avenue, Amana, Iowa 52203. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo is assisting the family with arrangements.

Earl is survived by his children, Dixie Hildenbrand of Oskaloosa, Randy Brown of Williamsburg, and Shelly Schumacher of Amana; nine grandchildren, Tanya Hildenbrand, Nicole (Seth) Elgin, Angela (Dwayne) Groet, Michael Hildenbrand Jr., Sheena (Joseph) Ballatore, Kyle (Ashley) Schumacher, Brandy (Ryan) Myers, Stephanie (Carlos) Frias, Hannah Irinaka, fourteen great-grandchildren, Ashton, Kierston and Joston Groet, Miles Ballatore, Aiden, Jade and Malakai Hildenbrand, Sophia and Loren Elgin, Piper and Preston Myers, Mabelle and Nico Frias, and Marcus Schumacher; a brother Everett (Louise) Brown of Indianola and a sister Margie (Roy) Middaugh of Glidden.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife Jeanne in 2015, and two sons-in-law, Michael Hildenbrand and Mark Schumacher.

Earl Leroy Brown was born March 17, 1927 in Brayton, Iowa, the son of Peter and Marie Rasmussen Brown. He graduated from Exira High School. Earl served in the U.S Army from 1946-1947. He was united in marriage to Jeanne Sykes on August 20, 1950 at Oak Hill Lutheran Church, rural Brayton. After serving Earl worked at the Amana Society Farms as a cattleman for 35 years. Upon retiring he went to work for the Amana Golf Course, caring for the grounds. Earl was a member of the Marengo American Legion Post 76 and the First Lutheran Church, Conroy. He enjoyed collecting golf balls, making wren birdhouses and cutting wood. Above all Earl cherished going to his grandchildren's sporting events.

Online Condolences: www.klosterfuneralhome.com

MARK SCHUMACHER PASSING

At the time of printing an obituary for Mark Schumacher was not available. Our sincere condolences go out to Shelly and the entire family.

BASIC PROTECTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE NEW CORONA VIRUS

From the World Health Organization

Stay aware of the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak, available on the WHO website and through your national and local public health authority. COVID-19 is still affecting mostly people in China with some outbreaks in other countries. Most people who become infected experience mild illness and recover, but it can be more severe for others. Take care of your health and protect others by doing the following:

- **Wash your hands frequently.** Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water kills viruses that may be on your hands.
- **Maintain social distancing.** Maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing. When someone coughs or sneezes they spray small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth which may contain virus. (other sources say 6 ft)
- **Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.** Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth.
- **Practice respiratory hygiene.** This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.
- **If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early.** Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance. Follow the directions of your local health authority.
- **Stay informed and follow advice given by your healthcare provider.** Stay informed on the latest developments about COVID-19. Follow advice given by your healthcare provider, your national and local public health authority or your employer on how to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.