

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early (German) Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, September 08, 2019, starting at 8:30 AM with Elder Kristie Yoder presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Ach bleib mit deiner Gnade" No. 3, Seite 2

Testimony: JF Rock, Anweiler, May 10, 1733

Scripture: Mark 1:40-45

Closing Hymn: "Folget Mir ruft uns das Leben" No. 281, Seite 272

The late Service will start at 10:00 AM with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "Abide O dearest Jesus" No. 114

Closing Hymn: "Follow Me the Savior Calleth" No. 24

**Saturday Evening Fellowship**, Amana Church, 5:30. Reading 1 Samuel Ch 1.

The Wednesday Evening Prayer Service 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.**

## 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.

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

**Sept. 9:** Breaded Chicken Breast, Parsley Butter Potatoes, Confetti Corn Melon, Ice Cream Cup

**Sept. 16:** Baked Fish, 3 Bean Salad, Parsley Butter Potatoes, Tropical Fruit, Bread Pudding

## HERITAGE SOCIETY FALL HARVEST DINNER

The Amana Heritage Society will host its annual Fall Harvest Dinner & Silent Auction on Friday, September 13th, 2019 at the Price Creek Event Center with doors opening at 5:30, dinner at 7pm.

This event raises much-needed funds to help support the Amana Heritage Society and its mission to share Amana's special heritage and culture.

Raffle Tickets are \$100 each and include two dinners, dinner tickets are \$25 each, both may be purchased in person at the museum, or call 319-622-3567 to reserve tickets. Raffle tickets may be purchased online at [www.amanaheritage.org](http://www.amanaheritage.org).

## AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT

### Historic Preservation Commission

### Meeting Notes – August 26, 2019, 6:30 pm

### ACLUD Meeting Room, 4304 220th Trail, Amana

I. Call Meeting to Order; Chair Momany called meeting of the ACLUD HPC to order at 6:33 p.m. Present; Hoehnle & Conquest. Absent: Chesley & Ehltz. II. Set/Amend Agenda; motion to amend (added V.b. and V.c.) approve carried 3-0.

III. Review/Approve minutes

- July meeting; motion to approve carried 3-0.

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. 2019-052 Tom & Karen Boston-Kemple\Gretchen & Will Kemple-Taylor; 406 53rd Ave – East Amana – Install 18-24 Solar Panels on roof. Motion to recommend approval as presented carried 3-0.

b. 2019-053 Eberhard\Vernea Grosse-Strangmann (agent: Gerald Reiskamp); 505 R. St – South Amana, Replace 28 windows and 3 doors. Motion to recommend approval carried 3-0.

c. 2019-054 Peter\Eleanor Hoehnle; 4118 V. St Homestead, IA – remove\reconstruct porch and install vinyl siding. Motion to recommend approval as presented carried 2-0, Hoehnle abstained.

VI. Administrator Report; none

VII. Chairman's Report; none

VIII. Adjourn; into Ordinance Review work session. Motion to adjourn carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned to work session at 7:27pm.

## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### National Park Service Weighs In Wind Turbines in Iowa County

In a letter dated August 28, 2019, from Robert U. Bryson, associate regional director resource stewardship, the National Park Service informed the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that the National Park Service supports the Amana Society's request that all wind energy accessory buildings and structures have a setback no less than two miles from the boundary of the Amana Colonies Land Use District and the Amana Colonies National Historic Landmark.

The letter went on to state, "Our (the NPS) recommendation, however is that wind turbines would be located well beyond the viewshed and soundscape of the NHL district. These modern intrusions have the potential to adversely affect the setting, evocative feeling, historic character and continuing traditional use of the Amana Colonies."

Furthermore the letter cited, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, "specifically Section 110(f) of this Act codified in 36 CFR Section 800.10, the NPS shall be contacted if any activity or undertaking uses federal funds or requires a federal permit or license. The erection of the wind turbines may include one or both of these conditions. Thank you for your reconsideration of Ordinance 32 and recommendations to located wind turbines well beyond the boundaries and view of this Iowa treasure."

The letter was addressed to the Iowa County Board of Supervisors with copies sent to Sara Houlihan, DMUS, MidAmerica Energy Company, Sarah Eberly, Invenergy, LLC, Chicago, along with Steven King, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Iowa Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Pete Swisher, Superintendent of the Herbert Hoover NHS, West Branch, Bruce Trumpold, Amana Society.

Bruce Trumpold, secretary of the Amana Society and director of community services, ASI, contacted the National Park Service in mid August after learning that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors had drafted an ordinance regarding wind turbines that did not mention, nor take into account the Amana Colonies' status as a National Historic Landmark. No protection to the Colonies was offered beyond that of a setback for the Iowa River.

Construction of turbines, some of which will be nearly 600 feet tall, is underway in the county. Recent discussions have indicated that more construction may be coming. This past spring the Iowa County Board of Supervisors approved a plan for the construction of 78 wind turbines in Iowa County as part of the Diamond Trail. The turbines will be 494 feet and 591 feet tall. Any ordinance enacted

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**OBITUARY**

Emma Kathryn Dittrich, 102, of Amana, died 29 August 2019, at Colonial Manor of Amana, where she had been a resident for several years. A Funeral Service was held, Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at the Middle Amana Church, with Elder Peter Hoehle officiating. Burial followed in the Main Amana Cemetery. Memorial donations in her honor may be made to the Amana Church or the Amana Heritage Society. Online condolences may be sent to her family at [www.klosterfuneralhome.com](http://www.klosterfuneralhome.com)

Emma was preceded in death by her husband Elmer, of 69 years, her parents, Caroline and Fred Leichsenring, a sister Lillian Babbitt and brother Alfred Leichsenring. She is survived by her children Jeanene Hoppe (Ray) of Fergus Falls, MN, Jackie Pettit of Middle Amana, and Dr. Howard Dittrich (Teri) of Las Vegas; grandchildren Michelle Long (Bruce), Chris Hoppe (Michelle), Melissa Forbes (Chris), Randy Fordice (Megan), Jessica McCabe (Ryan) and Mark Dittrich (Kassidi). Emma was blessed with 11 great-grandchildren.

Emma was born July 21, 1917 in Amana, the daughter of Caroline and Fred Leichsenring. She went to elementary school in Amana and started high school in Marengo, Iowa. She was a member of the first graduating class at the newly established Amana High School in 1936. After high school she worked for the Amana Society main office and then for George Foerstner, the founder of Amana Refrigeration.

Emma married Elmer John Dittrich of Homestead on July 20, 1940. Elmer's birthday was July 19 so they were able to celebrate Elmer's birthday, their anniversary and Emma's birthday every year on July 19th, 20th and 21st. In 1944 Emma joined Elmer in San Diego where he was in the US Navy. She worked for Consolidated Aircraft Corporation returning to Amana in 1945. After the children were in school, she resumed work at the Amana Society in 1958 until her retirement in 1982.

Emma helped to establish Amana as a National Historic Landmark and was a founding member of the Amana Heritage Society and as the treasurer, served on their board for many years. Emma belonged to the first Amana women's investment club, was a campfire and 'Y' teen leader, a member of Eastern Star and became an antique dealer in her retirement. As the antique German house blessing hanging above her bed reads: "May God's peace come down to you and your loved ones."

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**CHILD ADVOCACY BOARD LAUNCHES VULNERABLE CHILD AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

Today the Iowa Child Advocacy Board launched a brand awareness campaign for Iowa CASA, in conjunction with the National Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian Ad Litem (CASA/GAL) Association for Children.

Iowa CASA recruits, trains and supports volunteers who advocate in court for the best interests of children who have experienced abuse or neglect. Their advocacy enables judges to make the most well-informed decision for each child. Though more than 1,300 Iowa children had a volunteer advocate last year, hundreds of children remain in need of assistance.

"The number of children who need advocates is growing. We need more volunteers to support that increasing need," said Jim Hennessey, head of the Iowa Child Advocacy Board.

National CASA has developed a broad-based national branding and public awareness campaign, "Change a Child's StoryTM," with the goal of increasing awareness of both the association and the state of the nation's most vulnerable children. "Change a Child's StoryTM" is distinguished from other campaigns in that it is told from the point of view of children who have experienced abuse or neglect. The campaign shows the importance to these children of having a volunteer advocate by their side, and encourages viewers to act by visiting their program's website to learn more about the organization and how they can get involved.

Those interested in child advocacy are encouraged to visit [CASAiowa.org](http://CASAiowa.org).

**FEATHERS IN THE WIND**

Upon returning from my hospital stay I figured everything would go better.

Obviously, I was wrong, and my daughter-in-law had left a sign in my bedroom that said, "The Lord is with me and I will not be afraid."

Obviously she knew better than I am because I am saying this over and over every day since I have been home.

My legs hurt, my stomach hurts, I cry and I beg for the pain to go away, but God has other plans.

Last Wednesday was my last chemo treatment, and if it was not for family and all my friends I don't know if I could have gone on. I do know that it is God that is helping me through this.

I thank you for all your prayers. I'm now bald, I ask for your patience and prayers.

Barbara

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now or later this fall would not impact the turbines already approved by the BOS.

A wind turbine draft ordinance called "ordinance #32" was presented to the public in August by the BOS. However, it met with resistance from those who felt it did not go far enough to protect landowners and from those who felt that any such ordinance was unnecessary. A petition written and circulated by members of the Iowa County Wind Information group asked for changes to the draft ordinance. Presented August 23 it had over 430 signatures. Changes requested included asking for protection of the English River valley and for increased setbacks for wind turbines placed near "non participating" landowners.

At the meeting the Iowa County BOS voted down the draft after hearing from nearly 40 people in a standing room only county annex. It failed when 3 of the Supervisors voted down the new ordinance. Those voting against it were Kevin Heitshusen, John Gahring and Vickie Pope with Kevin Adams voting yes and Ray Garringer abstaining.

Will a new draft ordinance be written? That remains to be seen. Though members of the Iowa County Wind Information have indicated that they plan to ask that an ordinance as a means to protect landowners, it is not clear that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors will draft one.

**APFELFEST SEPTEMBER 21**

You'll find everything from apple sauce to apple strudel for Apfelfest on September 21, 2019. All seven villages will be featuring all things apple on this special day with a Sampling Stroll, live music, the Eulenspiegel Puppet Show, a 5-course Vintner's Dinner, special foods in our restaurants, live theater and of course, fresh apples.

During the day stop by the Visitor Center and pickup a brochure. Plan to take the Sampling Stroll and after sampling tasty apple treats at the various businesses you can enter to win a \$100 Amana Colonies Gift Certificate.

The highly acclaimed Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre will present "Appleseed" a new story about Johnny Appleseed's true adventures with the settlers, Native Americans, and the animals and plants around him. This is a great family event. There are two performances and workshops are held at the Ox Yoke Inn. Advance tickets are suggested as there is limited seating. Call 319-622-3409 for tickets.

That evening you can enjoy live theater as the Old Creamery Theatre presents "Mama Mia", indulge in the Amana Meat Shop's Apple-Gouda Brats with live Blue Grass music by the River Bottom Ramblers at Iowa's oldest micro brewery, Millstream Brewery, or enjoy a 5-course themed Vintners Dinner complete with wine pairing from the Ox Yoke Inn and White Cross Cellars.

For a complete list of special events taking place for Apfelfest visit the Amana Visitors Center online at [www.amanacolonies.com](http://www.amanacolonies.com) or call 319.622.7622.

You're invited!  
 Join us for ghostly fun and frolic at  
**The Fool's Ball**  
**Halloween Party in Amana**  
 Partners and families are welcome  
 Costumes are encouraged but not required  
 Please bring your favorite dish to share and BYOB



 Band - The Langer's Ball
 


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OCT **26** Amana Colonies RV Park &  
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