

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 **Repentance Service** will be in Middle Sunday, February 7, 2021, starting at 10:00 AM with Elder Andrea Haldy presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" No. 192

Testimony: Excerpts Christian Metz, Ronneburg January 27, 1831

Scripture: Psalm 32: 1-5

Psalm 139: 1-14, 23-24

Closing Hymn: "Take My Life and Let it Be" No. 267

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

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

WENDLER SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

The Glenn and Mary Wendler Scholarship is an annual award of between \$500 and \$1,000 to graduates of Clear Creek-Amana High School planning to attend a fully accredited nonprofit or public two or four-year college or university and pursue a career in engineering, architecture or construction.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, volunteerism, and academic achievement, in that order. Applications may be obtained from the Guidance Office of Clear Creek-Amana High School. The deadline for applying for the 2021 Wendler Scholarship is 4:30 p.m. on February 26, 2021. For further information see:

www.wendlerscholarship.com

HOMESTEAD SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The 2021/2022 budget approval meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at the Homestead Welfare Club, 4215 V Street, Homestead.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Just west of Homestead there are two hills on Highway 6. Years ago, these hills were quite steep and, although going down the first one was easy, coming up the second one took quite a lot of effort. The valley between the hills was called "Brush Run," after the creek that runs through it to the Iowa River.

According to the stories adults told us as children, and which seem to be based on some historical fact, outlaws waited in the valley for unsuspecting victims to begin the difficult ascent up the second hill with their horse teams. Because the road was dirt (and, if the outlaw were there on a lucky day, muddy) the horse would have a difficult time climbing up the grade. The robber's horse was fresh and rested, so he had little trouble overtaking his victim.

Brush Run Creek began – or used to begin – in the pasture behind the village of Homestead. It continues down through farm fields, eventually snaking its way inside the timber before passing under the Highway and then, under the steep embankment of the former Rock Island Railroad. At the turn of the century when the crews created the new railroad embankment, they built a limestone tunnel under it for the creek to continue its way. When later crews raised Highway 6 over thirty years ago, the tunnel was buried, with a tube connecting it to the tunnel under the Highway. You can still see the stone arch on the other side, however, provided you are willing to wade through a lot of underbrush (and have a trespass permit).

When I was a child, it was great fun to run through the tunnel and to listen to the echoes inside. Since we were told that rattlesnakes had been spotted in the fields west of the

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery in Iowa

The Iowa vaccine roll-out has been difficult to follow because of rumors, changes in the information made available and the fact that each of Iowa's 99 counties is handling their vaccination program a little differently.

To check the Iowa Department of Health guidelines for who is eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccines and for more information about the vaccines and the vaccine programs across Iowa go to the state's website: coronavirus.iowa.gov

Talking with the Iowa County Public Health Department on Monday, Iowa County residents who now meet the criteria to receive a COVID-19 vaccine (see the above website for the criteria) may be placed on a waiting list to receive the vaccine when it is available in Iowa County.

They should call both the Iowa County Public Health Department at 319-741-6422 and Compass Memorial Healthcare (the Marengo hospital) at 319-741-6789 to be placed on the waiting lists. Iowa County Public Health is recommending you call both places and get on both lists.

Please, do not call if you do not meet the criteria for receiving a vaccine. Yes, you may call for others who are unable to do so, such as your grandparents or parents. Please coordinate with relatives so that people are not calling two or three times for their elderly family members. The Iowa County Public Health department is staffed by Cindy Root, RN, nurse administrator; Cara Jack, RN, public health nurse; Abbie Schaffner RN, public health nurse. Additional staff include a service manager Amy Tapken; administrative assistant Emilie Brecht; and home care aides Mandi Becker, Sherry Wille and Lisa Rhinehart.

One of the nurses or administrators will take down your name, birthdate and your phone number and they will call you when they have an appointment for you to receive a vaccine. They will tell you where to go and when for your vaccine.

The Amana Pharmacy is listed as one of 9 future vaccine dispensing sites in Iowa County however as an audio recording on the Amana Pharmacy's phone reported on Monday, Feb. 1 the Amana Pharmacy does not have vaccines at this time (Monday, Feb. 1) and does not know when it will be receiving vaccines. They are not taking down names for a waiting list.

The 9 vaccine sites on the list include the Compass Memorial Hospital in Marengo and the Iowa County Public Health office in Marengo. The other sites are the Cornerstone Drugstore in Marengo, the Cornerstone Drugstore in Belle Plaine, Hartig Drug in Belle Plaine, Hartig Drugstore in Williamsburg, the HyVee Pharmacy in Victor and the Pharmacy on 8th in Wellman.

Checking with Iowa County Public Health, looking at the State of Iowa website and looking at federal census data for the State of Iowa, here are some interesting numbers:

- According to Iowa County Public Health as of Feb. 1, 2021 they have over 800 names on the "waiting list" for vaccines. More people are calling daily.
- The total population of Iowa County is 16,189 people (all ages.) Iowa County is ranked 48th in terms of size out of 99 counties.
- Total population of Iowa 3.5 million. Total number of Iowans over the age of 65 is over 540,000 (2018 data). At this point everyone will need two doses of vaccine so that means we will need 1.8

million doses to vaccinate the 65 and over population of Iowa and 7 million to vaccinate every person in the state.

- As of Feb. 1 the state of Iowa has administered a total of 254,043 doses. Just over 60,000 people have received the second dose. Both the Moderna and the Pfizer vaccine are in use in Iowa.

- Looking at the series of maps provided on the Iowa Covid-19 website, in this area: 1,440 doses have been given to Iowa County residents (one or both doses); 2,250 Benton County doses have been given; 19,100 Linn County doses; 21,700 Johnson County doses have been given, 726 Keokuk County doses. The largest number of vaccines was given to Dallas County residents with 71,600 doses administered. Neighboring Polk County has received 37,900 vaccine doses. Data is given for all 99 counties.

- Iowa County has administered a total of 687 doses of vaccine. (Why is this number different for Iowa County as compared with the number in the paragraph above? It's because Iowa County residents who work at a Johnson or Linn County health care facility may have received their vaccine at their workplace.) Johnson County has administered 30,900 vaccines. Linn County has administered 20,400 doses. Dubuque County has given 10,300 doses, Cedar County has given 785. Benton County has given 1,130 vaccines. Keokuk County has given 283. Remember everyone will need two doses. There are four counties where no vaccines have been recorded as given. Data is given for all 99 counties.

- The Iowa County Public Health department website lists these staff members: Cindy Root, RN, nurse administrator; Cara Jack, RN, public health nurse; Abbie Schaffner RN, public health nurse additional staff include a service manager, administrative assistant and three home care aides.

- As of Feb. 1. 4,919 Iowans have died of COVID-19. In Iowa County 23 deaths have been attributed to COVID-19. In Linn 294 deaths: Johnson

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Lakeview Village

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022
District Name: AMANA SANITARY SEWER

The Board of Trustees of the above-named District will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year Meeting Date: 2/15/2021 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM Meeting Location: Amana Sanitary Lift Station Garage Amana, IA 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: Hank Stumpff Contact Telephone Number: (319) 310-4539

FUND	FYE 6-30-2020 Actual Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2021 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2022 Proposed Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2022	Estimated July 1, 2021 Beg. Balance and All Other Receipts	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation
1. General	36,006	48,617	193,600	194,016	371,451	16,165
2. Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. TOTAL	36,006	48,617	193,600	194,016	371,451	16,165

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



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WANTED/WANTED TO BUY

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Amana residents looking to buy home in Amanas. Please contact us if you are interested in selling before you list at (319) 784-7823.

ROMANCE WEEKEND FEBRUARY 12-14,

Looking for a romantic weekend get-away? The Amana Colonies have designated February 12th through the 14th as Romance Weekend.

This weekend features antique specials, wine and cheese tastings, shopping deals, weekend and overnight lodging packages, and unique dinners and desserts in the historic seven villages that make up the Amana Colonies. Over the weekend, you will find a special 4 course Wine and Dine Dinner that features a different wine with each course on Saturday evening at the Ox Yoke Inn, as well as a chef's dinner at Hotel Millwright and special dinner menus at the Ronneburg Restaurant and Millstream Brau Haus.

Selected area hotels and inns are featuring special overnight packages for those wanting to escape for an evening or the entire weekend. You'll find food specials, special pricing, and even a blood drive at our various hotels and bed & breakfasts. For more information or a complete list of events contact the Amana Colonies Visitors Center, 319-622-7622 or visit the website at www.amanacolonies.com.

AMANA BLOOD DRIVE

**Hotel Millwright, Merino Loft 800
 Friday Feb. 12, 12:00 to 4:00PM**

Donation appointments can be made by downloading the free Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

As a thank-you, those who give this February will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, and participants of the Hotel Millwright drive will receive a coupon for 20% of a one night hotel stay.

The American Red Cross is testing all blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies (results available 7-14 days). Plasma from antibody-positive donations may help current coronavirus patients. Testing provides donors insight into whether they have been exposed to this coronavirus.

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County 62 deaths; Washington County 39 deaths, Benton 51 deaths. 500 died in Polk County of COVID making it the county with the highest death count.

- As of Feb. 1 just under 400 Iowans were / are in an Iowa hospital with COVID-19. The highest days on record for COVID hospitalizations were Nov. 15 – 20 when it hovered at about 1,510 Iowans hospitalized per day each of these days. Between Oct. 20 and Jan. 15 at no time were there fewer than 480 Iowans in the hospital with COVID-19.
- Of Iowans hospitalized: 8 percent were ages 18 – 29; 8 percent were ages 30 – 39; 8 percent were ages 40-49; 21 percent were ages 50 -5; 8 percent were ages 60 – 69, 17 percent were ages 70-79 and 29 percent were 80 or over.

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ACLU D CONTRACTOR AND SUPPLIER LIST

The Amana Colonies Land Use District Administrator is preparing a list of contractors and suppliers. The intent is that the information will be published on the ACLUD website, and made available in the ACLUD office, as a resource for property owners within the land use district.

If you are a contractor or supplier and would like to be included on the list, please send your name, contact information, specialty (if applicable) and other relevant information to the Ellyat aclud@southslope.net.

If you are a property owner who has received great service from a contractor, please share this information with them and ask that they send their information to aclud@southslope.net so that they can be included.

Contact Elly at aclud@southslope.net or 622-3840 with any questions.

AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT

- Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and Tentative Agenda February 8, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom App
- I. Call Meeting to Order.
 - II. Set Agenda.
 - III. The Trustees will hear from Janice Rawson and/or her attorney regarding the violation at 708 47th Avenue.
 - IV. Discussion on sidewalks with Iowa County Supervisors Alan Schumacher and Abby Maas.
 - V. Review/Approve: January meeting minutes.
 - VI. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda.
 - VII. Review/Approve February disbursements.
 - VIII. Review/Approve January Treasurer's Report.
 - IX. Other
 - a. Discussion/Action: FY 2021-2022 Budget.
 - b. Discussion: Trustees' 12-month and 24-month goals
 - c. Discussion: Proposal for live plant sales/outdoor merchandising
 - d. Discussion/Action: Review Permit fees
 - e. Discussion/Action: Possible rezoning of ACOS-NA property
 - f. Discussion/Action: Review/approve 2020 CLG Report
 - X. Administrator's Report
 - XI. President's Report
 - XII. Adjourn

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creek, as well as by the river, we kids dared one another to run through the tunnel barefoot – after we told each other that we had just heard snake sounds.

As the creek drops from the tunnel into a little pool on the north side of the tracks, it then continues to the Homestead Ice Pond. The Homestead Welfare Club built this pond in the 1920s. Club members built a large earthen dam to hold the water in a shallow area so that crews could come out and harvest ice for to keep the ice boxes cool at the kitchen houses and at the butcher shop.

The club did some landscaping around the pond, planting some cedar trees, and even building a rustic style arched bridge over the creek. The area became a picnic spot. In the 1960s the dam washed out. It was rebuilt many years later by a dedicated volunteer but has since washed out again.

When I was a child, the pond was still there, in all its glory. I remember that it was blue and tranquil. Many people, especially from Homestead, went there to picnic, and it was the location for Boy Scout campouts. Each spring, my father took us out there to see the blue bells. It was pointless to pick these flowers because they wilted quickly but seeing them in the wild was one of the most beautiful sights that you can imagine. Of course, memory enhances that beauty, but still I long for that quiet and serene place.

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COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Amana Library will host a 2-Day Mississippi Valley Blood Drive on February 23 & February 25 from 1:30-6:30 pm in the MVRBC Donor Bus at the Amana Library parking lot, 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana. Whole Blood, Double Red Cell & CCP Donations will be available on February 23. Whole Blood ONLY on February 25.

***Have you tested positive and recovered from COVID? The Blood Drive is looking for COVID Convalescent Plasma Donors (CCP) – the product from recovered COVID patients that is used to help treat severe COVID cases. If a donor has a positive COVID test, they can fill out a referral form online to see if they qualify to give CCP.

By helping the Amana Elementary School host a successful blood drive, they can receive a special grant! Through the LIFESAVING program we are eligible to earn \$250 for hosting a drive of 20 donations. All donors will earn a T-shirt or a \$5 gift card. Potential donors must be at least 17, weigh more than 110 pounds and possess a photo ID to donate. To sign up email amanalibrary@ccaschools.org or call 319-622-3192.

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ACLU D NOTICE

ACLU D meetings can not be in-person due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Because of the small size of the ACLUD meeting room, social distancing between those attending is not possible.

**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT
 Notice of Public Hearing on the FY 2021-2022 Budget
 February 8, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom**

- The Amana Colonies Land Use District will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2021-2022 budget on February 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- I. Call Public Hearing to Order
 - II. Set Agenda.
 - III. Receive Public Input on proposed FY 2021-2022 Budget.
 - IV. Adjourn.