

**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.

Regular **Sunday Service** will be in Middle Sunday, January 17, 2021, starting at 10:00 AM with Elder Elly Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Just As I Am" No. 290

Testimony: Barbara Heinemann, Bischweiler, August 20, 1820

Scripture: Mark 1:14-20

1 Cor 7:29-31

Psalm 62:5-12

Closing Hymn: "In Peace and Joy I Now Depart" No. 124

**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.

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**AMANA SOCIETY, INC.  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2021**

The Amana Society, Inc. Board of Directors has appointed Mike Shoup (319-551-1820), mse-shoup@hotmail.com), Mike Schanz (319-560-0204, mmschanz@southslope.net), Jason Fels (630-244-3349, goclones92@gmail.com), and Heidi Sandersfeld (319-560-6259, hmsand@southslope.net) to serve on the 2021 Nominating Committee.

The committee is responsible for nominating individuals to be placed on the ballot as director candidates for the upcoming Amana Society, Inc. Board of Directors general election.

Any interested Class "A" stockholder who has owned Class "A" shares for a minimum of 3 years, is at least 25 years of age, and has a business background or business experience, is encouraged to submit his or her name for consideration prior to February 12th, 2021, either by contacting a committee member directly (contact information is listed above for each committee member) or by sending a summary of relevant experience to: Nominating Committee, c/o Amana Society, Inc., PO Box 189 Amana, IA 52203.

Thank you for your consideration and interest in this matter

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**FEATHERS IN THE WIND**

This is a story told to me from a resident of South Amana.

It was a cold and stormy winters night when a knock on a farmhouse east of South Amana was heard. The resident was an elderly woman who was all alone and frightened that anyone would be at her house at such a late hour.

She eventually answered the door only to find a man who asked for a place to sleep for the night and perhaps some food.

She made some food for him which he ate with relish. It seemed as if he had not eaten in a long

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

**What's Next in 2021:**

**The Amana Heritage Society**

Over the next couple of weeks we'll touch base with some of our local, nonprofit groups regarding their plans for 2021.

Let's check in the Amana Heritage Society, the nonprofit organization that operates the Amana Heritage Museum, the High Amana Store, the Communal Kitchen in Middle Amana and the Homestead Church historical site. Jon Childers, executive director of the Amana Heritage Society, reports that the group has a lot on its plate for 2021 and staff is very busy at this moment working with the museum spaces and museum collections.

Lower museum admissions in 2020 had an impact on the budget but the AHS was able to secure an emergency operations grant via the Iowa Fine Arts Council and the Iowa Department of Cultural affairs. This, plus their ongoing fundraising efforts and other grants secured, will help them pay bills as they move into 2021.

As Childers said, "Fortunately and unfortunately the business interruption caused by the pandemic has cleared time for us to concentrate on the collections (of the museums," and to plan. Here are some highlights of what's ahead in 2021:

- The Amana Heritage Museum and the High Amana Store will be open Saturdays and limited regular hours beginning March 15. The museum in Amana will be open this Saturday during Amana's Winterfest too. They will be open daily beginning April 1.

This spring the board and staff will evaluate the dates/ times the Communal Kitchen and the Homestead Church will be open to the public.

- Curator Rebecca Dickman is leading the curation and cataloging of a huge number of new artifacts and archival materials donated or acquired. The recent collections inventory has been completed with the remaining 5,000 artifacts cleaned, boxed or preserved, but now materials received in the past year must be cataloged and curated.

- The retail spaces at the museum store in Amana and the High Amana Store will see some improvements this year as they continue to make those spaces both pleasing and workable.

- The first phase of a project to digitize the Amana Heritage Society's sizeable collection of oral history tapes (over 250 tapes) will be undertaken. Then the collection of reel to reel tapes will be digitized. These include several tapes of speeches and musical performances in the Colonies in the recent past.

- The staff will complete the cataloging and cleaning of 1,500 artifacts at the Communal Kitchen and the cleaning of the attics, basement and outbuildings at the kitchen/ Ruedy house.

- The north side of the Homestead Church will be repaired/ reroofed. A portion of that roof was damaged during the derecho in August.

- Communal dinners at the Communal Kitchen in Middle will resume this summer. The popu-

lar communal dinners were able to take place as a "carry-out" meal last summer. Hopefully later this summer they can take place with an in-door dining option too.

**What's Next in 2021:**

**The Old Creamery Theatre**

As of this week, there is nothing on the Old Creamery Theatre Co. website to indicate that they will be having a 2021 season.

There are no events or programs, live or virtual, listed. No mention of board activity or meetings. No mention on the website or Facebook page of any sort of plans, indeed the last Facebook post from the Creamery was on June 24.

Contacting Peter Teahen via email on January 4 and stating that the ASI Bulletin is doing a "what's happening in 2021" article, Teahen wrote back, "The planning for the theater and live performances continue to be ongoing. You can certainly understand the challenges presented in this Covid environment that has negatively impacted the arts and other non-profits across the country.

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## Lakeview Village

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**WINTERFEST AT MILLSTREAM!**

Please join us at Millstream Brewery for some Winterfest activities!

We will be socially distancing for all events so please remember to wear your mask while walking around. Of course, marshmallows and beer are OK to take it off for!

Schedule of events:

- 2pm Marshmallow Roast in Biergarten
- 11am-4pm KUBB in the warehouse
- 11-am-4pm Wine/Beer Walk
- 5-8pm Live Music with Nick Stika

Thank you to everyone for supporting our businesses here in Amana!

Cheers to a better 2021!

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING --- PROPOSED BUDGET**  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 AMANA LAND USE DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of AMANA LAND USE DISTRICT will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed budget as follows:

**Meeting Date: 2/8/2021 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM Meeting Location: Meeting will be held via Zoom due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation and the small size of the ACLUD meeting room which does not allow for social distancing**

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: Eleanor Hoehnle Contact Telephone Number: (319) 622-3840**

FUND	FYE June 30, 2020 Actual Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2021 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE June 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
<b>1. General</b>	73,851	97,691	106,560	23,474	103,314	26,720
<b>2. Debt Service</b>						
<b>3. TOTAL</b>	73,851	97,691	106,560	23,474	103,314	26,720

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.27000

**OBITUARY**

Larry D. Magee, age 82, of Middle Amana and former Carrollton Missouri resident, passed away at The Bird House Hospice Home of Johnson County in Iowa City on Thursday January 14, 2021.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

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We watch with anticipation and great concern the growing Covid numbers and vaccine distribution. We look forward to reaching out to you and your readers when we have information to share.”

Questions regarding new board members, the hiring or rehiring of staff, future programs and the Iowa Fine Arts grants were not answered.

This year, 2021, is the OCTC’s 50th anniversary. Last year there was talk at the Creamery of special events and a reception for past company members. There is no mention of that on the website now.

Last March when restaurants, bars, live entertainment venues and other social events and programs were shut-down to control COVID-19, the theatre canceled their live theatre season, but later in the spring they continued with outdoor shows, virtual kids’ camps and virtual fundraisers.

July 2 ten staff members were terminated and the Creamery Theatre closed, cancelling all virtual programs and outdoor events. As they receive over 80 percent of their operating budget from the sale of tickets, the operating budget was cut to the bone by the loss of ticket sales in the spring and early summer, Teahen told the media. Pat Wagner remains on staff at the Old Creamery Theatre in Amana. Teahen and the board cited budget shortfalls and the financial risk of trying to mount plays during the ongoing pandemic, but some staff members asserted that there was a disagreement surrounding the issuing of a Black Lives Matter statement. At least three board members resigned.

Afterward a group of retired and fired managers, artistic directors, actors, marketing and fundraising staff members and former board members called on the remaining board to appoint new board members to plan for the Creamery’s future.

Since last summer there have been no media releases, announcements or social media posts to indicate if new board members have been appointed, what fund raising efforts are underway, to announce shows or what plans are being made for 2021.

The Old Creamery did not receive an Iowa Arts Council/ Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs COVID-19 emergency relief grant. It’s not known if the group even applied for such a grant. By contrast nearly all arts groups and theatres in the Cedar Rapids – Iowa City received grant funding from this source. Some of these grants were in the tens of thousands of dollars. Theatre Cedar Rapids received \$142,000.

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time so she took pity on him and offered him her barn to sleep in. It was warm and dry and seemed to be the only place available.

He gladly took the offer and they parted company.

The next morning this elderly woman got up to make breakfast for herself and her “guest,” but when she looked for him, but he had vanished leaving no trace. Had she imagined or even dreamt this?

Years later a letter came to her with a note thanking her for her kindness. Enclosed was some money.

The note was signed. JESSE JAMES.

Writer’s notes: Next week I will reveal the source of this story and some details about Jesse James. There are a few things that could make this true (1) the house was located near the Rock Island Railroad which the James Bros. had robbed, (2) the story has been told that the South Amana store was robbed by the James gang at one time, (3) the family says they saw the note although it has disappeared over time, (4) the James brothers were known to be as far north as Minnesota.

See you next week.

B.S.H.

**FOR RENT**

Short & Long term rental available at Abbi’s Cottage Call Betty Peterson at 319-432-8103

**FOR SALE**

Ice Melt, 50 lb bags. Call Hometown Lawn Care & Landscaping in Homestead, (319) 622-3417

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**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT**

**Historic Preservation Commission**

**Meeting Notice and Tentative Agenda for the Regular Meeting January 25, 2021, 6:30 p.m.**

Via Zoom. 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/Amend Agenda
- III. Review/approve the December meeting minutes
- IV. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
- V. Adjourn meeting and enter into Work Session.

**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT**

**Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and Tentative Agenda January 11, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom App (abridged)**

- I. Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Set Agenda. Motion carried 6-0.
- III. Discussion with Iowa County Engineer Nick Amelon regarding sidewalks. County has sidewalk ordinance. Land Use District does not. Iowa Code has requirement that sidewalks need to be “accepted” into the city. ACLUD sidewalks put in about 1909 – never “accepted” into ACLUD. Deficient sidewalks need to be replaced at homeowners’ expense, Amelon asked for Trustee support. How do we get community support? Possible requirement for sidewalks on title transfer? Iowa County Board of Supervisors want to get the sidewalks fixed. Motion by Sheely, second by Catiri, that a letter be sent to the County acknowledging that the County has presented their proposal to the ACLUD BOT regarding what they want to send to the Land Use residents, the Board of Trustees is fully notified and in support of the action the Iowa County Board of Supervisors is intending to take. Discussion: B. Trumpold not comfortable with any board action until we have talked with our attorney. L. Trumpold: agrees. Conquest: supports as a community member, does not support as an ACLUD Trustee. Motion failed on a 3-4 vote, with Sheely, Catiri and Hansen-Rieskamp voting aye.
- IV. Board of Trustees Work Session: 12-month and 24-month goals
  - Community presentation, such as the “What Makes an Amana House an Amana House” presentation from several years ago.
  - Trustees attend HPC meetings or take more active role with HPC.
  - Digitize all ACLUD records.
    - o Intern?
    - o Possible ICCF grant application.
  - Add option to pay application fees online.
  - Administrator to add all permit applications to a shared folder in One Drive.
  - Administrator to put all COAs in shared folder in One Drive.
 Discussion will continue at February meeting.
- V. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda. No comments.
- VI. Review/Approve: Dec. minutes, carried 7-0.
- VII. Review/Approve January disbursements. Motion carried 7-0.
- VIII. Review/Approve December Treasurer’s Report, amended to include the Hotel/Motel Taxes Percent of Budget of 31.37%. Motion carried 7-0.
- IX. Other Business
  - a. Discussion/Action: Amendments to fence ordinances. Administrator will add historic photos to proposed amendments at February meeting.
  - b. Discussion/Action: Guidelines for basement window wells and egress windows. The Administrator will tighten the language as requested and present at February meeting.
  - c. Discussion: Proposal for live plant sales. Discussion to continue at February meeting.
  - d. Review draft budget for FY 2021-2022 hearing on the FY 2021-2022 budget set for 7:00 p.m. on February 8, 2021. Motion carried 7-0.
- X. Administrator’s Report
  - a. Action items from Administrator’s Report
    - i. February 2021 Historic Preservation Grant Cycle. February 2021 cycle will be skipped due to lack of Hotel taxes collected. The next deadline for grant applications is July 1, 2021.
    - ii. Set date for Rawson hearing. Motion for February 8, 2021 carried 7-0.
- XI. President’s Report
- XII. Adjourn

**The Amana Print Shop**

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

The Board of Trustees of the above-named District will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year  
**Meeting Date: 2/10/2021 Meeting Time: 05:30 PM Meeting Location: Homestead Welfare Club 4215 V Street**  
 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: Thomas Oehler Contact Telephone Number: (319) 225-8065

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
<b>1. General</b>	37,894	15,405	15,875	32,229	44,579	3,525
<b>2. Debt Service</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>3. TOTAL</b>	37,894	15,405	15,875	32,229	44,579	3,525

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