

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

Church services are live streamed on FM 93.5 & Facebook. Limited in church attendance is offered, face masks & social distancing will be practiced.

The Baccalaureate Service will be in the Amana Church Sunday, May 09, 2021, starting at 10:00 AM with Elder Betsy Momany presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Stand up for Jesus" vs 1,3,4

Testimony: Johann F. Rock, Geneva Switzerland, December 27, 1719

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:6-14; James 2:14-17; Matthew 25:31-40; Psalm 139

Closing Hymn: "O Holy Spirit, Enter In," vs 1,2,6

The Wednesday Evening Prayer (Nachtgebet) meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in Middle.

Saturday Fellowship, meets in Amana at 5:30 PM

LIBRARY NEWS/BLOOD DRIVE

Will you give? The Amana Library will host a ImpactLife Blood Drive (formerly Mississippi Valley Blood Center) on Tuesday, May 18 & Thursday, May 20 from 1:30 to 6:30. The drive will be held in the Donor Bus at the Amana Library Parking Lot, 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana.

All donors will earn a \$10 gift card, as a special summer THANK YOU! Potential donors must be at least 17, weigh more than 110 pounds, and possess a photo ID to donate. APPOINTMENTS AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED. Walk-ins will not be accepted to allow for proper distancing. Whole Blood and Double Red Cell will be available to donate on both days. To sign up, please call the Amana Library 319-622-3192 to schedule a time.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS

July 1, 2021 is the deadline for the next round of applications for the Amana Colonies Land Use District's Historic Preservation Grant program. This intent of this program is to encourage the ongoing and appropriate restoration of historic properties within the Land Use District by providing financial incentives for the improvement of appearance and structural conditions of all types.

The maximum grant amount available to any one property owner is \$2,500 per grant cycle. Properties in the HP-R, HP-C, and HP-I zoning sub-districts are eligible for grants. Priority will be given to residential properties.

This is a competitive grant program. Project applications should include estimated cost of the project, design plans and construction schedules. Work must conform to ACLUD Historic Architectural Guidelines and the Amana Colonies Design Guidelines (both available from ACLUD). Applicants must demonstrate that the work is done to proper standards and techniques to receive reimbursement.

Project examples: Structural: foundation repair; chimney, repair or replacement of existing chimney; tuckpointing; wood siding. Restoration: Wood window sashes, windows and doors, new door hood, return gables, gutters and downspouts. Aesthetic: fences, lighting, trellises.

The grant application form and the grant program rules are available at www.aclud.org or send an email to aclud@southslope.net for more information. You may also visit the ACLUD office at 4304 220th Trail or call 319-622-3840 to speak with Elly Hoehnle, ALCUD administrator.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

The Amanas have had dealings with politicians from the beginning of the time people noticed that the community was here and therefore voters could be had.

Lina Unglenk told of the story of how a politician had gotten a hold of a vehicle to transport a group to Marengo to vote. She never did tell me what they voted for, but she said how wonderful it was to get out of town for a little excursion and see the "big town."

I do remember that there once was a big debate as to where the county seat was going to be many towns in Iowa County we're trying for the honor because it would bring more business to their town and thus more money.

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AMANA SOCIETY INC., SHAREHOLDERS

The Amana Society, Inc. would like to invite its shareholders to experience the soon-to-be launched Amana Farms Beef. Prior to the Annual Shareholder meeting on May 10th, the Amana Meat Shop will grill hamburgers for shareholders outside the Old Creamery Theater. We will begin serving at 5:15 PM and conclude at 6:15 PM, prior to the start of the Annual Shareholder Meeting.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Planting the Future

Amana Forestry received a \$5,000 grant from Trees Forever and Alliant Energy for new trees in the Middle Amana Park and in the Amana Colonies RV Park.

Amana Forestry's Sabrina Keiper applied for the "Branching Out" grant funding to buy and plant 16 trees at the Middle Park and 24 at the Amana Colonies RV Park. Four were planted in the park by volunteers helping out at the recent park clean-up day. Twelve of the trees were planted April 29 by the Amana Elementary School fourth and fifth grade students and staff. They planted a variety of shade trees including Swamp white oak, American Elm, Sugar Maple, tulip tree and Kentucky coffee tree, all of which are native to Iowa.

In the next few weeks 24 trees will be planted in or near the Amana Colonies RV Park. The plan is to plant 8 trees in the park and 16 along the west fence. Again, a variety of shade trees will be planted. If you would like to volunteer to plant trees contact Keiper at Amana Forestry or call the Amana Colonies RV Park office.

The program is fostering youth and community volunteer involvement in the planting of trees, while helping communities replant. This was a grant "out-right" meaning no cash match was required.

In the past five years, thankfully, Whirlpool, the Amana Society and various volunteer donors have planted about 20 trees, mostly oak, at the Middle Amana Park, so they had a jumpstart on keeping the park looking good before the disastrous derecho, however, the planting of an additional 16 trees is a boost to this effort. The Middle Amana Park was hit hard by the August 10, 2020 derecho which felled nine large oak trees and destroyed the public restroom building.

Tree planting is very important to the Amana Forestry. They plant about 5,000 trees each year in Amana forests, purchasing trees from the Iowa State Forestry nursery. Tim Krauss, ASI forester, explained that they plant a variety of trees here, including oak, walnut, maple, sycamore and other species depending upon the area to be planted.

All of us need to do our part to plant trees, said Pete Hildreth, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources conservation and recreation administrator. Last November (Des Moines Register, Nov. 14, 2020) he reported that Iowa lost 1/4 of its forest to the August 10 derecho windstorm. Statewide, the DNR has estimated, 724,000 acres of forest were lost. Iowa had about 2.9 million acres before the storm. In Cedar Rapids winds up to 126 mph ripped apart half of its tree canopy. The Amanas fared better, but many local residents have planting trees on their to-do list this year.

Maifest, OurFest, TheirFest, Windfest

We've had snow, sleet, rain, storms and cold for Maifest, but this weekend for Amana's Maifest, we had heat and wind. Temps topped 85 degrees both Saturday and Sunday making it the hottest Maifest ever, but with winds lashing up to 30 mph, we could have called it Windfest, but that didn't stop people from enjoying themselves.

As one visitor from Newton, Iowa said as she was watching the Maipoles dancers at the Festhalle, Saturday morning, "Well, we don't have to worry about air flow. We've got air flow."

Yes, we did. We also had sunshine, great food, lots of excellent entertainment and very cheerful crowds.

With the wind nearly ripping the ribbons from their hands, the Maipoles dance troupe had to pause mid-way through the day Saturday to replace shredded ribbons on their Maipoles. They danced beautifully nonetheless as they added a performance this year at the Hotel Millwright. As they do every year, they concluded Sunday afternoon at Colonial Manor where residents were able to watch their dance per-

formance, many gathering out of doors or watching from their windows.

Hotel Millwright offered a hog roast and a pop band playing on their front lawn. The party carried on until 10:30 Saturday with a nice-sized crowd there till the final song, locals who enjoyed it, told us.

Maifest 2020 was cancelled due to COVID and this year's event saw some changes. More tables at the Festhalle and at the other outdoors venues, all spaced apart, the request to don masks when indoors and plenty of outdoor-only events to keep crowds in the open air, plus of course the addition of the Hotel Millwright's Saturday night hog roast which was outside too.

"It was a great Maifest. . . I don't know when I've seen that many people here for the parade," said one main street merchant. "I think people were just very happy to be out and enjoying some entertainment. And it was a really good parade - some very nice looking floats!"

Live Music Series at Electric Thread

When Amana's Hotel Millwright opened in the Amana Woolen Mill, we knew it would be exciting. But here's more news - starting this week the Electric Thread will host a live, music series bringing together some of the best of Iowa's acoustic folk, jazz, blues and country performers.

The live performances will happen every Thursday from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. and every Saturday from 2 until 5 p.m. through October 30. Seating will be out of doors and inside at the Electric Thread. Check the Hotel Millwright Facebook page for weather postponements or delays. They've also got events and entertainment lined up for Amana's festivals too.

Here's the schedule of those artists entertaining through June 17. Marion's Tom Grubb, a popular singer songwriter who draws a crowd at CR venues, kicks off the series followed by country artist, Mark

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AMANA RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

**Colonial Manor is hiring for a
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Zalaznik, on Saturday. Known for his country covers, Zalaznik loves soft pop and folk classics too, so catch his act Saturday 2 – 5 at the Electric Thread.
 May 6: Thomas Grubb May 8: Mark Zalaznik
 May 13: Justin Goodchild May 15: Sheila Stevens
 May 20: Sheila Stevens May 22: Brook Hoover
 May 27: Thomas Grubb May 29: Mark Zalaznik
 June 3: Steve Grismore June 5: Steve Grismore Trio
 June 10: Justin Goodchild June 12: Thomas Grubb
 June 17: Steve Kalmes

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Finally the two towns of Williamsburg and Marengo where are the final two.

It seemed that Williamsburg would win the contest since it was closer to the middle of the county. Ironically it was not to be, Marengo became the County seat even though it was almost on the northern border of the county.

Some people even claimed that the Amana people had voted in favor of Marengo. This would be proven false since the church elders (at the time) had for forbidden political voting except that concerning church matters.

Later on Henry Wallace, who would become FDR's third vice president, would come with his new bride to the Amanas, on a belated honeymoon, to research our farming practices. Later on he would return and introduce hybrid seed corn to be tested in Homestead. Only a one line notice would appear in the "Amana Society Bulletin" when he, as vice president, came to the Main Office. One wonders what would it be like today, what with Secret Service officers and all.

Then there was the whistle stop campaign my Opa (grandfather) witnessed in Oxford of Teddy Roosevelt. Opa even got a campaign button to commensurate the event. There where rare occasions we actually got to see that button because we were registered as "independents." B.S.H.

HELP WANTED

Need part time help with farm and animals during and after knee replacement. Must be over the age of 16 (insurance requirements). Must be able to follow directions and be dependable. 319-560-3037

Wanted: Lawn Mowing crew members! Call Hometown LawnCare in Homestead 319-622-3417.

FOR RENT - COMMERCIAL RETAIL

1300 Sq/Ft Retail space available for lease at 4403 220th Trail Amana, IA 52203. Please contact Holly @319-622-6069 for more information.

FOR RENT

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

WANTED/WANTED TO BUY

BUYING All ANTIQUES; Toys, Furniture, Crocks, Paintings, Advertising Signs, and Weird Items "any condition." Buying Entire Estates, call for fair pricing. Please call 319-270-1251.

MASTER GARDENERS SPRING PLANT SALE

The Iowa County Master Gardeners are hosting their annual Spring Plant Sale again this year on Friday, May 14th 2-6pm and Saturday May 15th 8-noon at a new location: the Marengo American Legion Hall. To respect everyone's health and safety, we ask everyone to wear masks and practice social distancing.

The plants on sale are grown by Iowa County Master Gardeners in their own greenhouses and gardens and include many heirloom and hybrid tomatoes, peppers, vegetables, herbs as well as native plants, perennials and annuals. A full list of available plants can be found on the Iowa County Master Gardeners Facebook page.

JORDAN KRAUSS RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

The Iowa Automobile Dealers Foundation for Education awarded a \$2,500 scholarship (one of 25) to Jordan Krauss of Amana, enrolled in the automotive technology program at Kirkwood Community College, as part of its ongoing efforts to support automotive education in the state of Iowa.

The Amana Print Shop 319-622-3912
 email: amanaprintshop@southslope.net

OBITUARY

Shirley F. Childers, age 79, of East Amana, passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, May 1, 2021. A graveside service was held Tuesday May 4, 2021, at the East Amana Cemetery with Elder Tony Berger officiating. In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to Kloster Funeral Home in care of Shirley, 298 W. Washington St., Marengo, Iowa 52301. Masks and social distancing was required at the service.

Shirley is survived by her husband of 62 years, David, three children, Lonny Childers, Lori Ackermann, and Lisa Schneekloth; nine grandchildren, Sherrie, Mathew, Joseph, Elizabeth, Kristin, Justin, John, Kali, and Jake; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, and a son-in-law, P.J. Schneekloth.

Shirley Frances Bahndorf was born February 28, 1942 in East Amana, the daughter of Walter and Agnes Unkel Bahndorf. She attended the Amana Schools. Shirley spent her working career as a food service worker, working for the Amana Schools and local restaurants. She was united in marriage to David Childers on August 2, 1958, the couple made their home in East Amana for many years. Shirley's passion was her family, taking care of her children and grandchildren.

Online condolences: www.klosterfuneralhome.com

Attention: Customers of Harry Heldt

If you have a lawn mower or other equipment that was being repaired/serviced by Harry, please call Monica at **812-344-1777** to arrange return/retrieval of your equipment. Thank you

THANK YOU AMANA COMMUNITY CHEST!

The Amana Arts Guild would like to thank the Amana Community Chest for the monetary award to enable us to pay the teachers for the Children's Art Day Camp that we sponsor every summer. With this donation the Amana Community Chest is helping to keep the arts alive for our children. Thank you so much Amana Community Chest for the donation and all that you do for our community and thank you to all the people who donate to this organization!

**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT
 Notice of Public Hearing and Tentative Agenda
 May 10, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom App.**

I. Call the Public Hearing to Order
 II. Invite the public to comment on proposed ordinance additions Section 31.36.060(C)(6) Outdoor Retail (HP-C Sub-District), Section 31.26.080 Outdoor Retail (C-1) District, Section 31.28.080 Outdoor Retail (C-2 District), and Section 31.30.080 Outdoor Retail (C-3 District) Full text of the proposed additions to the ordinances may be found at <http://aclud.org/next-bot-meeting/>
 III. Adjourn Public Hearing

Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and Tentative Agenda May 10, 2021, following the public hearing.

I. Call Meeting to Order.
 II. Set Agenda.
 III. Review/Approve:
 a. Minutes of March regular meeting.
 b. Minutes of April regular meeting.
 IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda.
 V. Review/Approve May disbursements.
 VI. Review/Approve April Treasurer's Report.
 VII. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation District:
 a. 2020-085. Lanny Haldy, 2612 220th Trail, Fence.
 b. 2021-022. Jessica & Erik Emerson, 613 46th Ave. Add deck to rear of house.
 c. 2021-024. Amana Church Society, 622 45th Ave. Gutters, fascia, soffit. Repaint west end of building.
 d. 2021-025. Peter & Eleanor Hoehnle, 4118 V St. Replace window with door, add unenclosed porch.
 e. 2021-026. Compass Memorial Healthcare, 728 48th Ave. Doors, steps, deck, remove windows, replace window with door, remove patio, replace ramp.
 f. 2021-028. Molly Williams, 4417 V St. New siding and gutters on non-historic home in Historic Preservation district.
 g. 2021-029. Amana Colonies Historical Sites Foundation, 312 53rd Ave. Two new windows.
 VIII. Other Business
 a. Review/Action: 2021-034, Bradley & Stephanie Uthoff, build Chiropractic Office on 39th Avenue, south of ASI office.
 b. Discussion/Action: Conquest railing
 c. Discussion/Action: Interview Committee
 d. Discussion/Action: Review Actions not requiring a Certificate of Approval.
 e. Discussion/Action: Comments received at Public Hearing.
 IX. Administrator's Report
 X. President's Report

OBITUARY

Harry W. Heldt, Jr. age 83, of Homestead, passed away Sunday May 2, 2021 at the University of Iowa Hospital. Funeral service: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 6, 2021 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Marengo with Rev. Andrew Gray officiating. Burial will be at the Homestead Cemetery, Homestead. Visitation: 4:30-7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established.

Harry is survived by his wife, Joan of Homestead; his children, Marsha Heldt, Monica (Roy) Kersten and Michael Heldt; and a sister, Karlene (Lavern) Holmberg. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Harry Wayne Heldt, Jr. was born March 26, 1938, in Northwest Iowa, the son of Harry Peter and Lavern Evelyn (Spoo) Heldt. He graduated from the Terri Consolidated School System in 1956. He served his country by enlisting in the National Guard. Harry was united in marriage to Joan Markley on November 11, 1962. The couple are members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Marengo, where he served on the Board of Evangelism. Harry was employed at the Amana Furniture Shop in the wood working department from 1973 until his retirement. He also did local lawn mower repair. Harry was famous from start to finish making his apple cider. He loved drinking coffee, and gardening. Harry enjoyed traveling, visiting Kalona, and enjoying the simple life.

Online condolences: www.klosterfuneralhome.com

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Christopher James Misel passed away on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at his home at the age of 56. Chris was born February 18, 1965 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the son of Donald and Marilyn (Struck) Misel. He graduated from Amana High School in 1983. His college education included classes from the U. of Iowa, I.S.U., and graduating from U.N.I. with an (Graphic) Arts degree. He later qualified as an Occupational Therapy Assistant at Kirkwood Community College. Chris married Jan Henschen on June 9, 1990 in Garner, Iowa. Chris owned and operated Home Instead Senior Care from 2000 to 2007. He was an Eagle Scout, served in Army Reserves, a volunteer firefighter and EMT, a member of the Solon United Methodist Church, the Iowa City Lions Club, and Chamber of Commerce. He loved cooking, the outdoors, and traveling.

He is survived by his wife, Jan of Solon; two daughters, Kara (Cody) Wuchter of Solon and Katy (Michael) Kline of North Liberty; his father, Donald Misel and sister, Kim (George) Scott; niece, Jamie Scott and nephew, Alex Scott as well as an aunt, Jackie Peterson and uncle, Al Misel all of Marengo and cousins, Sari (Ramo) Hacker, Todd (Robin) Misel, David (Amy) Peterson, and Don Al (Bronwyn) Peterson; also mother-in-law, Jean Henschen, brother-in-law, Brad Henschen, and sister-in-law, Sheila (David) Isaacson. He was preceded in death by his mother and father-in-law, Norman Henschen. Chris was a friend to all and will be missed by so very many.

Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be 10:30 am Thursday, May 6, 2021 at the Solon United Methodist Church. Visitation, Wednesday from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at the church. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Solon. The service will be livestreamed on Powell Funeral Homes Facebook page and at www.powellfuneralhomes.com.

Job Posting - Administrator

The Amana Colonies Land Use District seeks a permanent part-time Administrator for Historic Preservation planning and zoning office. This position requires proficiency in all office functions including but not limited to:

- Budgeting
- Keeping accurate financial and public records
- Interacting professionally and amicably with the public
- Able to work well with minimum supervision
- Experience with QuickBooks, WordPress and Microsoft Office preferred

Excellent organizational skills and the ability to work some evening hours monthly are required.

Additional preferred qualifications include a working knowledge of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation, and a working knowledge of planning and zoning ordinances.

Send a letter of interest, resume and references, or any inquiry, to:

Lynn Trumpold
 President, Amana Colonies Land Use District Board of Trustees
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 319-400-3299.

Posting closes on May 9, 2021.