

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early (German) Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, February 09, 2020, starting at 8:30 AM with Elder Alan Trumpold presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern" No. 1104 v 1-4 Seite 1080

Testimony: C Metz, Armenburg, July 6, 1834

Scripture: John 7: 53-8:11

Psalm: 96

Closing Hymn: "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern" No. 1104 v 5-8 Seite 1080

The Late (English) Service will start at 10:00 AM with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "How Lovely Now the Morning Star" No. 149

Closing Hymn: "Rise Again, Ye Lionhearted" No. 233

Saturday Evening Fellowship, will meet in Amana at 5:30 PM.

The Wednesday Evening Prayer (Nachtgebet) meeting 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. No age restrictions.

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

Menu Feb. 10: Roast Turkey, Sweet Potatoes, Escalloped Corn, Ice Cream Cup, Cinnamon Applesauce

BLOOD DRIVE

Will you give? Donate local! The Amana Library will host a Mississippi Valley Blood Drive on Thursday, February 20 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm at the Amana Elementary Cafeteria, 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana.

Help the Amana Elementary School host a successful blood drive and 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. Potential donors must be at least 17, weigh more than 110 pounds and possess a photo ID to donate. To sign up call 319-622-3192 or email amanalibrary@ccaschools.org. Save the date for the next Blood Drive - May 19.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

My husband is walking past me quietly in the hopes that I won't bite. My friends just don't call out of fear.

It is "the winter" of discontent," or (in my case) it is just plain winter.

I am having trouble thinking of anything to write. I am not allowed to drive because my doctors have not given me permission. They think I would be a hazard on the highway which, I have a feeling, people have thought I had been for a long time.

I am angry because I have gone through most of my stack of books and need some good reading material.

The television programs are worthless because of the political commercials (it might get better now the caucus is over). This brings me to my biggest issue- POLITICS.

I am sure many of you who know me well were wondering why I had not addressed that issue earlier. It was because I couldn't stomach listening to "that person" much longer.

The President's wife's mission is supposedly to end bullying. With the turn-over rate in her husband's cabinet and other government positions, she might want to consider honing her mission skills at home first.

If he has that many inadequate people perhaps he should take a deep breath and start over. The only thing he seems to be content with is the chocolate cake he seems so fond of. Perhaps he would be willing to share the recipe?

I am also angry over the impeachment hearings. All of us know what the final results will be, but I am totally disgusted at the legislative body who SWORE that they would be impartial and then (except for two) vote down straight party lines. Why? Out of fear?

I hope they will come to realize the voting pub-

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

My Report from the Democratic Hilton - Washington Precinct In Iowa County, Iowa, Feb. 3, 2020

Meeting in the overheated cafeteria at the Iowa Valley High School, a pleasant room decorated in the IV Tiger colors with bright lighting and just the faintest scent of that day's lunch lingering, two volunteers arranged tables and chairs at 4:50 p.m. on February 3, 2020, the night of the Iowa Caucus 2020.

This was my second go-round as the Hilton-Washington precinct chairperson and I had spent the day preparing. The Hilton-Washington precinct is comprised of West Amana, rural West Amana, South Amana, Conroy and rural Conroy.

Normally we vote at the Hilton township hall in Conroy. In years past we have caucused in the union hall in Conroy, the basement of the Iowa County Courthouse and once, most notably, at the Iowa County Courthouse Annex, second floor during the remodeling where an unfinished elevator shaft gaped wide open though festooned with caution tape, directly behind the precinct chairperson, Ellen Miller. That dramatic backdrop lent a thrill to the proceedings that I've never forgotten, though I can't recall who won that caucus night of years ago.

Little did I know February 3 at 5 p.m. that the elevator shaft would be a metaphor for what Iowa was about to go through as we local yokel volunteers did our bit only to find out that the results were clogging the works and not being generated fast enough for the powers that be. Yes, Monday night, little did we know, but we were all working with a deep, dark hole directly behind us, and Iowa, as a state, was about to take a costly misstep ending in backward plunge.

Both the Republican and the Democratic parties take the caucus extremely seriously and recruit volunteers to serve as caucus chairs and secretary weeks in advance. They provide training for them. In Iowa County they had some trouble finding enough volunteers but by caucus time had them in place. Each volunteer is given a detailed set of instructions you must follow to the letter. Additionally you are required to complete and pass an on-line, training course. They also offer live, in-person training and the county chair walks through the process with you. Six days before the caucus I was recruited to serve as a chair when another volunteer dropped out, so I logged in, took and passed the training course, a process that took me about two hours. I also downloaded and read and re-read the manual. The script the Democratic Party provided was dry but dramatic.

In the manual you are given two options for reporting precinct results - a cell phone APP or a direct call to the party's toll free telephone line. From the get-go the cell phone recording APP was difficult for me to download. On Thursday prior to the caucus I gave it another whirl, but I did not have the proper PIN. Upon receiving that PIN Saturday I still couldn't get it to open and function. Calling the state office, I received a text and an email with PIN instructions. I tried again but no go. Discussing this with my party chairperson, who reported that others were having trouble, we decided I would phone in results.

On Monday at 11 a.m. I spoke to a state party IT volunteer who confirmed that I, and as it turned out many others, would call in the results. She gave me the toll free number to use.

Fine, I was OK with that.

On Monday after breakfast I received word that the Hilton precinct secretary was sick with the stomach flu so I would have to recruit a recording secretary on the spot. So it goes.

With the doors opening officially at 6 p.m., about 5 p.m. Monday, more volunteers arrived in the lunchroom ready to help. Iowa Valley High has several entrances and to make matters more confusing, the Democrats were holding the Marengo City and the Honey Creek precinct caucuses in the building, while the Republicans were also caucusing there. In total there were four caucus meetings happening at the Iowa Valley High School. We papered the doors and halls with signs trying to direct citizens to the correct meeting site. By 5:30 the Yang, Sanders, Warren and Buttigieg people were there and setting up signs in their assigned areas.

Someone tried to open a box of cupcakes, but I stopped them as the rules stated no food on site (unless you need it for medical reasons), only water allowed. In years past caucuses in Iowa County encouraged the sharing of food and folks nibbled on homemade cupcakes, patriotically decorated sheet cake and semi-stale donuts provided by volunteers. Not so Feb. 3, 2020. It was going to be a carb-less caucus.

I recruited a hesitant but willing and very capable Amy Reihmann to serve as a caucus secretary (responsible for counting the preference cards, verifying results and helping take down the names and addresses of those elected to serve as delegates. The secretary also witnesses and co-signs the official caucus result work sheet.) She spent the next 45 minutes studying the agenda and the rules. Reading the script, making some notes, she was calmly, ready to go.

Cherie Hanson Rieskamp, Bob Hoppe, Judy Madsen and Jessica Johnson helped sign-in caucus attendees and got people registered to vote if they weren't already. We signed up so many new voters we ran out of the voter registration forms

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PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR CC AMANA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Clear Creek Amana Community School District preschools will offer morning and afternoon preschool for the 2020-2021 school year at Amana, Clear Creek, Tiffin, and North Bend elementary sites. Both morning and afternoon classes will be in three hours sessions, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. There will be no preschool services on Wednesdays. Students who qualify by age (4 years old on or before September 15th, 2020) will be eligible for FREE preschool, through Iowa's Voluntary Preschool Grant. There are no requirements for residency or income. Families wishing to enroll a child who would otherwise be eligible for kindergarten will be asked to contact building principals directly.
CCA will once again partner with both Little Clippers and Sprout Kids Academy in Tiffin, to provide off site preschool. Please contact Little Clippers or Sprout directly for any additional information. Curriculum guidelines and assessment procedures will be the same for both morning and afternoon classes at school-based and partner based centers.
For more information and the registration form please visit www.ccaschools.org/preschool.

NEW at Zuber's Homestead Hotel
DESSERTS BAKED-TO-GO
Call to place an order by NOON ON FRIDAY, we'll "bake for you" and have it
READY TO GO on Monday or Tuesday.
We will bake pan or bar cookies (by the dozen), pies, cakes, cupcakes, cinnamon rolls, sweet breads, or coffee cakes. Cinnamon rolls and cupcakes must be ordered in half dozen or dozen quantity. Cookies/pan bars must be ordered by the dozen. Cakes - 9x13, round two layer
Call to ask about pricing and/or have a menu emailed to you 319-622-3911

Amana Print Shop Hours
Feb. 10-5; Mon Noon-5, Tue-Thurs 9-4
Call: 319-622-3912
amanaprintshop@southslope.net

Zuber's Home Plate Lunch
Serving Wed. & Thursday 11:00 – 1:30 p.m.
 Sandwiches, salads, soups, and homemade desserts.
February Daily Specials
 Wednesdays – Lasagna dinner
 Thursdays – Rouladen dinner
 Cinnamon Rolls Thursday only

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provided and borrowed additional forms from the Marengo City caucus.

At 6:50 p.m. we sent other volunteers into the hallway to make sure that everyone was finding their way to the correct room. We double and triple checked that everyone in the room was registered and eligible to caucus.

At 7 p.m. sharp. we signed up the last of those in line and opened the proceeding.

I know that many take issue with the caucus process. I know that these complaints will mount, rightly so after Tuesday, but while I agree there are problems with it, I will always revere the Iowa Caucus for that moment when neighbors share in a process to improve our nation. I will always revere that hour when people listen carefully to one another as they share viewpoints and ideas. They talk about the things they value and the issues that strike a chord. They have clearly given it thought and then they decide which person might best represent them and their values. Say what you will and right now, everyone is saying quite a lot, but in Iowa people listen to the candidates. They listen. Then they weigh the candidate's views against their own personal story and they chose.

Then the next phase of the caucus begins. Sadly, that's the part of the agenda that receives little or no press. After the presidential preference count and the realignment we ask for volunteers and elect them to serve as delegates to the county convention. That question – will you serve? That moment when we consider when and if we are willing to serve is most vitally important and that to me is the heart, and the soul, of the caucus. For it is not enough to merely vote. Any citizen can vote. And every citizen should vote. But the question for Americans everywhere is will you serve? Are you willing to be part of the democratic process to serve as a party volunteer, as a county delegate or to run for office as a county elected official. Are you willing to serve your country? For this country needs people to step up to service.

Cynical as we are, jaded as we have become, we need to consider personal service both sacred and worthwhile. For America requires good, honorable, dedicated people serving in our political parties, but also in our local and civic organizations and governments. We need good and honorable people running for office. We need these people to commit themselves to such service just as we need the US Constitution to protect the very rights we claim. America needs the honorable, the ethical, the righteous and prayerful of all creeds and colors, all persuasions to stand up and serve.

At 9:30 p.m. I was on my cell waiting "on hold" give the results of our caucus while volunteers rearranged the tables and chairs and pulled the party signs from the walls. The results had been carefully tabulated, double checked and verified by me, Amy and by the candidate precinct captains. The preference cards were sealed properly in their envelope and ready to deliver. 65 people caucused in the Hilton Washington Precinct in Iowa County. After the second round, 1 person declined to commit; 18 voted for Buttigieg, 17 for Sanders, 16 for Warren and 13 for Biden. Eight delegates were elected to the county party convention. Two agreed to serve on the county committee. By 9:45 or so the results were recorded in Des Moines. My job was done.

Driving home later, I checked the "news feed" on my cell phone. It was just after 10 p.m. and I saw multiple stories about the "chaos" in Iowa, the reporting APP failure and all manner of negative punditry. I wondered how on earth anyone expected the results to be released by 10 p.m. when no caucus was predicted to conclude before 9:30 p.m.?

But when no results were available at 1 a.m. and even by mid-afternoon Tuesday, the negative comments from all quarters, became overwhelming. They made for sad reading so soon after what had been, in our small, rural county, a good night for Democracy.

Many people are going to say quite a lot about all of this, about what did not work. Clearly there were failures at various points in an Iowa Democratic Party caucus system that should not have failed. But in one township in Iowa, it all worked just fine and the results were generated and recorded, as they should have been.

It's quite possible that Monday, Feb. 3 was the last Iowa caucus. If that's the case, so be it, but when next we meet to choose our presidential candidates let us not lose that moment when we stand together and ask one another the question, "Will you serve?" What should not be lost is that moment when we Iowans turn to one another and share our values, hopes and dreams. Let's not lose those good moments they worked splendidly, yes, even gloriously.

- Emilie Hoppe

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING --- PROPOSED BUDGET
 Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 **AMANA BENEFITED FIRE DISTRICT**
 The Board of Trustees of AMANA BENEFITED FIRE DISTRICT will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 2/19/2020 Meeting Time: 07:00PM Meeting Location : Middle Fire Station , Middle Amana, IA
District Clerk/Secretary Name: Steven Rose Clerk/Secretary Telephone Number: (319) 622-3634
 At the public hearing, any resident or tax payer 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.

Fund	FYE June 30, 2019 Actual Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2020 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2021 Proposed Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2021	Estimated July 1, 2020 Beg. Balance & All Other Receipts	Estimated Amount to Be Raised By Taxation
General	418,832	103,000	209,000	33,978	169,233	73,745

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation \$ 0.6075

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 lic will not forget and vote accordingly in this year's election.

These men and women were sent to represent the people of their states, not a party, their own interests, or some corporation, or just one or more financial patron, which it seems to me has been the case for some of these Senators for years.

Obviously I am looking at having term limits and checking voting records.

As one side claims that the arguments for removal were not strong enough, while the other side contended that the admitted behavior was exactly what the framers had in mind by "high crimes," that fact remains that there were numerous other charges that might have been brought.

Then again, it is probably my moral judgement that is speaking out here. Oh well, tonight I get to listen to the state of the union, and how great everything is. Whoopee!

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

1 bedroom available with shared bath room in South Amana. Call Larry Hertel at 319.540.9351. Deposit required.

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ESTATE TAG SALE
4407 V Street, Homestead, IA
Friday February 7th 11 to 6 Numbers at 10 am.
Saturday February 8th 9-6
Sunday February 9th 9-4
Antiques, Amana clothes and blankets,
Amana furniture, German books, antique
dishes, toys, household, holiday, beanie
babies, old singer, games and more.
Garage is full, basement is full, house is full!

RECEIPTS FOR EDUCATION

The Amana Elementary is excited to inform you that we are participating in an incredible program that allows us to earn FREE classroom equipment and supplies! Here's How You Can Help! Shop at Big G Foods, Marengo from September 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020. Save your receipts and send them to school with your child or drop them off at the Amana Library. Your receipts will earn us points for free classroom equipment, donated by the store!

* When turning in Big G receipts, please make sure it is the ORIGINAL receipt (copies are not accepted) and the DATE needs to be on the receipt for it to be valid. If you do not want your name on the receipt, please cross it off with a sharpie. Thank you for saving Big G receipts for Amana Elementary!

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AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT
Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and
Tentative Agenda February 10, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.
ACLUD Meeting Room, 4304 220th Trail, Amana
 I. Call Meeting to Order.
 II. Set Agenda.
 III. Discussion/Action: Review/approve the following
 a. January meeting minutes
 IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda.
 V. Discussion/action: February disbursements
 VI. Discussion/Action: January Treasurer's Report
 VII. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation District:
 a. 2020-001 Carmine and Lisa Scarpa, 1309 220th Trail. Replace two non-historic windows
 b. 2010-004 Larry and Tonya Bern. 3138 Highway 6 Trail. Change of use: car wash to vehicle storage and personal vehicle maintenance and storage.
 VIII. Other Business
 a. Discussion with Lucas Miller regarding 4405 V Street
 b. Discussion/Action: Draft budget for FY 2020-2021
 c. Discussion/Action: Set date and time for Public Hearing on FY 2020-2021 budget
 d. Discussion/Action: violations
 e. Discussion/Action: Administrator's position
 f. Discussion/Action: Historic Preservation Month activity
 g. Discussion/Action: Hotel/Motel Tax Fund Expenses
 IX. Administrator's Report
 X. President's Report
 XI. Adjourn

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 Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021
Name of District: AMANA SANITARY SEWER
 The Board of Trustees of the above named district will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year
Meeting Date: 2/17/2020 Meeting Time: 07:00PM Meeting Location : Amana Sanitary Lift Station Garage Amana, IA
 At the public hearing, any resident or tax payer 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 Stumpf Contact Telephone Number: (319) 310-4539

Fund	FYE 6-30-2019 Actual Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2020 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2021 Proposed Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2021	Estimated July 1, 2020 Beg. Balance & All Other Receipts	Estimated Amount to Be Raised By Taxation
1. General	157,958	64,920	152,850	183,040	319,659	16,231
2. Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. TOTAL	157,958	64,920	152,850	183,040	319,659	16,231

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