

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, August 13, starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Tony Berger presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Heut ist der Tag des Heiles" No. 416 vs 1-4 Seite 414

Testimony: Ursula Meyer, Ronneburg, May 9, 1717, Christian Metz, Amana, March 25, 1857 (excerpts)

Scripture: John 8:1-11, John 10:1-5  
Psalm 32

Closing Hymn: "Heut ist der Tag des Heiles" No. 416 vs 5-8 Seite 414

The Late Service will start at 10:00 A.M. with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "This is the day of Grace" No. 88

Closing Hymn: "The Gospel shows the Father's Grace" No. 268

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

Visitors are welcome to join us in worship at all Amana Church Services. Childcare is available during Sunday's 10:00 A.M. Service.

Links to services posted online may be found starting with the gateway page:

<https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/>

## AMANA FARMS SUNFLOWERS, FREE TO A GOOD HOME.

Anyone interested in sunflower blooms please cut them at your pleasure. We will be mowing them off in early to mid-August.

## FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

The Amana Arts Guild annual Festival of the Arts will be held on Saturday, August 12th. This event will be hosted at 707 46th Ave, which is the Market Barn in Amana, Iowa.

An assortment of over 30 talented artists will be showing art pieces, many doing live demonstrations of their craft. There will be food trucks available and live music.

A raffle will take place in the afternoon for an original work by artist Gordon Kellenberger. The work is currently on display, and raffle tickets are available, at the Gallery On Main in Amana. The event will run from 10 AM to 4 PM. Entry is free to the public.

Visit the Amana Arts Guild website for more info, [amanaartsguild.com](http://amanaartsguild.com).

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Lots of us drive by the courthouse in Marengo and may have noticed the two statues of the Civil War and World War I Soldiers on each side of the front entrance of the courthouse. I have asked who they were, but no one knew. Well, I finally found an answer in one of my books.

It seems that these statues were cast in large numbers and sold at "bargain" prices to courthouses all over the country. HMM! We will never really know who these men were.

As a youngster I was taught that the first commandment said not to worship any graven image, so I often wondered. When I was five years old our parents took us to Virginia and showed us many beautiful sites including lots and lots of statues.

I was especially impressed to see that even the horse that Robert E. Lee rode on had been preserved and honored in a museum along with this marble statue lying in state.

I asked my mother why we didn't have statues. She replied that after the Civil War many of the widows would sell jewelry and such to have these statues made to remember people. I didn't know what the Civil War was and thought it silly to have a statue when you could repair a home or buy food, but I was only five at the time.

Now they are tearing down statues and I am wondering "why" don't they at least use the mon

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Fire Department Seeks Utility Task Vehicle for Fire Fighting

After volunteers of the Amana Fire Department were called upon to fight an out of control grass fire in the Iowa River bottom in June, the firemen and the volunteer AFD board of trustees determined that it was time to enhance their capabilities with the purchase of a Gater-like, utility task vehicle for the department.

This would be a six-wheeled, single cab UTV outfitted to pump water and to carry water and fire equipment. It would be outfitted so that a first aid emergency gurney could be loaded on board to carry an injured person to safety.

Steve Rose, longtime Amana Fire Department volunteer, told the ASI Bulletin, "We are proposing the purchase of a Can-Am 6X6 UTV. It will have an enclosed passenger area that can be used in all types of weather. It will be a single cab instead of a crew cab so it will be able to carry more water, be lower profile and the weight will be more evenly distributed for safety purposes. It will be an emergency vehicle with lights, siren, and radio. The base cost of this unit is approximately \$35,000."

Adding the fire fighting and emergency gurney capability, plus lights and a siren so that it can be used in a crowded event such as a festival or in the villages where a truck can't get to the accident site, the cost increases to about \$49,500.

The Amana Fire Department is applying for an Iowa Department of Natural Resources grant and is asking the public for donations.

Given how much forest and river bottom land the Amana Fire District encompasses, the purchase makes sense. Several times each year they are called upon to fight grassfires in areas far from roads. Additionally in large crowds such as Oktoberfest or when the Amana First Responders are called to aid a victim in the forest or some other location off the roadways, the UTV would be very useful.

Rose added, "This would be a multi-use skid unit, initially it would be fitted with the tank and pump for firefighting and it would be set up with a stokes basket/patient carrying area allowing it to be used by Amana QRS (first responders). This capability will allow for off-road emergencies and at local festivals throughout the year. Over the past years there have been calls for service in the timber. People hurt while mushrooming, falls from tree stands, injuries in remote locations and the like."

"AFD has a limited budget of which most is set to take care of primarily structural firefighting needs, daily operation," he explained.

Therefore the Amana Fire Department is seeking community support.

Could you help with this community need? Donations can be mailed to Amana Benefited Fire District, PO Box 342, Amana, IA 52203. Thank you!

### Ice Cream Social Date Set to Welcome New Residents

"Welcoming Amana's newcomers, that's the goal," said Cherie Hansen-Rieskamp of South Amana who is helping plan the ice cream social on Sunday, Sept. 24 at the Middle Amana Park, Morton building.

The ice cream social will be held inside the Morton building (with doors open if the weather is fair) from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24. A brief "welcome to Amana" will be made at 7 p.m. A door prize (you must be present to win) will be awarded.

All Amana residents are invited.

Volunteers from local organizations have been invited to hand out information and be available to meet newcomers and answer questions.

"There seem to be so many new families

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ey to fund medical research or feed people? It all seems so useless to me.

You look at a statue and what does it say to you? Does it make you feel better? Angry? Personally, I would rather look at a piece of art, but that's me. One last question...how come there are hardly any statues of women?

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**PADDLE THE IOWA**

The third annual Paddle the Iowa River will be taking place on Saturday, August 19 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. This relaxing, self-guided trip is a great way to end the summer on a high note.

The nine-mile paddling route begins in South Amana at the public boat ramp by Highway 220 and ends near Homestead at the public boat ramp off of Highway 151. This stretch of the Iowa River offers gorgeous scenery and an interesting course with many twists and turns. Paddle the Iowa is BYOC: bring your own canoe or kayak.

To facilitate a smooth finish to your excursion, the Amana Visitors Center will be operating a free shuttle from 9am - 11am. The shuttle van will run between the marked parking lot near the boat ramp off of Highway 151 in Homestead and the trip starting point in South Amana.

For more information on the shuttle service contact the Visitor Center at 319-622-7622.

A representative with the Iowa DNR will be giving pre-trip safety briefings. You will be required to wear a life jacket at all times on the water.

This event is subject to weather and river conditions. Due to ongoing hot temperatures and lack of rainfall, water levels and potential climate hazards will be closely monitored. For time-sensitive event updates, visit the Amana Colonies Festivals Inc. Facebook page.

To pre-register for Paddle the Iowa visit the Amana Colonies Visitors Center, [www.amanacolonies.com](http://www.amanacolonies.com), or call 319.622.7622.

\*Please be aware that the South Amana Public Access Ramp is a dirt road; it is walkable, but can be unsafe for driving. Please use caution.

**AMANA LIBRARY HOURS**

- Monday, August 14 - 9:00 am-3:00pm
- Tuesday, August 15 - 9:00am-6:00pm
- Wednesday, August 16 - 9:00am-noon
- Thursday August 17 - 9:00am-6:00pm
- Friday, August 18 - 9:00am-6:00pm
- Saturday, August 19 - 9:00-noon

**FREE FAMILY MOVIE!**

*The Perfect Race*

Sunday, August 20, 2023, 4:00PM

Amana Performing Arts Center

"Always a Winner" is the third in a 3 movie series to be shown, yet it is a stand-alone movie. These movies address life issue for all ages, especially today's youth, dramatized through a competitive youth sport.

Invite your friends! All welcome!

Amana Area Fellowship

[www.amanaareafellowship.org](http://www.amanaareafellowship.org)

Also find us on Facebook

**FOUR WINDS FARM FIELD DAY**

Please join us at Four Winds Farm for our first Field Day of the summer on Sunday, August 13th from 11-4 pm. We are located at 2312 Alpine Ave NW, (on the County Line Rd, north of Hwy 6) just outside of Homestead. Our hemp plants are growing tall and are starting to pucker as they enter their flowering stage. Come walk among the hemp plants and herbs that we are growing for our product line or check out our field inputs, implements and manufacturing tools. All of our products will be 25% off, so please come on out and say hello!

**PROPOSED PARK IN AMANA SEEKS DONATIONS**

The Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau (ACCVB) has announced a partnership among several local non-profits to build a family friendly park in the main village of Amana. The Amana Colonies has always been a family destination and the proposed park is an effort to expand upon that appeal.

The ACCVB is spearheading the project with assistance from the Iowa County Community Development group, Historic Sites Foundation, Amana Heritage Society, and with support from the Amana Society, Inc. Their collective efforts hope to establish a full-service park featuring a custom playground, off-leash dog park and more. The group is working with Themed Concepts of Minnesota to design playground equipment that captures the history, architecture, and agricultural roots of the Amana Colonies. The educational and entertainment based playground will feature a barn-like structure and faux water wheel as a nod to the wool and grain mills that sustained the Colonies during communal times. A grape trellis climber, produce stepping stones, and tree-like swing sets will also be incorporated and pay homage to the agricultural industries that still thrive in the Colonies today.

Ms. Colledge says that the project will be funded by donations, grants, and fundraisers. She encourages individuals in the community and businesses to donate to the project. The full project is estimated to cost \$291,000. For more information on the project, updates, and ways to donate, the ACCVB has set up a Facebook page [www.facebook.com/AmanaColoniesPlayground](http://www.facebook.com/AmanaColoniesPlayground). Addition information can also be obtained by contacting the Amana Colonies Visitor Center at 319-622-7622.

**Amana Area Fellowship**

**Night of Worship**

Please join us for an evening of food, fellowship, song and a message from the Bible. Thursday, August 10, 2023

**Amana Performing Arts Center**

Potluck 6:00-6:30 Music and Message 6:45

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Message: Letter to the church in Thyatira

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and on Facebook

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moving to our community so we just wanted to have an event to get people together so that new residents could meet people and feel welcome," she said. The ice cream social is sponsored by the Amana Community Chest.

Please, come to the ice cream social, and yes, help get the word out. If there is a new family or individual in your neighborhood let them know about the ice cream social or show them where to pick up an Amana Society Bulletin or take a look at the Amana Villagers Community Group Facebook page. Questions? Contact Emilie Hoppe or Cherie Hansen-Rieskamp.

**RAGBRAI Feedback**

The Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau is asking its members to provide feedback on how the Register's Great Bike Ride Across Iowa impacted their business.

A meeting will be held Monday Aug. 14 at the Amana Colonies Visitor Center at 8 a.m. to discuss how Friday, July 29 went and merchants' general impressions of the event.

While the Bulletin had a followup feature last week, this week we talked to a few Amana Colony residents and merchants this week and they offered their perceptions.

"Most bike riders were really, really nice," said one Middle Amana resident. "They seemed so happy just to be able to sit down in our yard in the shade. . . We did have two bike riders, ladies, who were topless in town. That kinda got everyone's attention!"

Said a second Middle Amana residents, "Water, water, water that's what everyone wanted. They were lined up at our hose filling up their water bottles. I think we had about 15 people out there the entire morning through mid afternoon."

Colony Cottage Baker, Marie Hoppe, sold out of her kolaches (dozens were baked) in just a couple of hours selling them from the street in front of her Amana home. "They really enjoyed them. Yeah, it was a fun day!"

Steve Charlier of Millstream Brewing Co. told us, "Several riders commented on how nice the people of Amana were to them. They also asked if people really lived in the town full-time... We saw a steady stream of riders from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m."

How did it go at Millstream? "It went very well," Charlier responded. "The riders we spoke with love the Amana pass-through. We saw about 6,000 riders stop at our property. We gave away nearly 4,000 free Millstream beers and sodas to the riders. They could not have been more grateful."

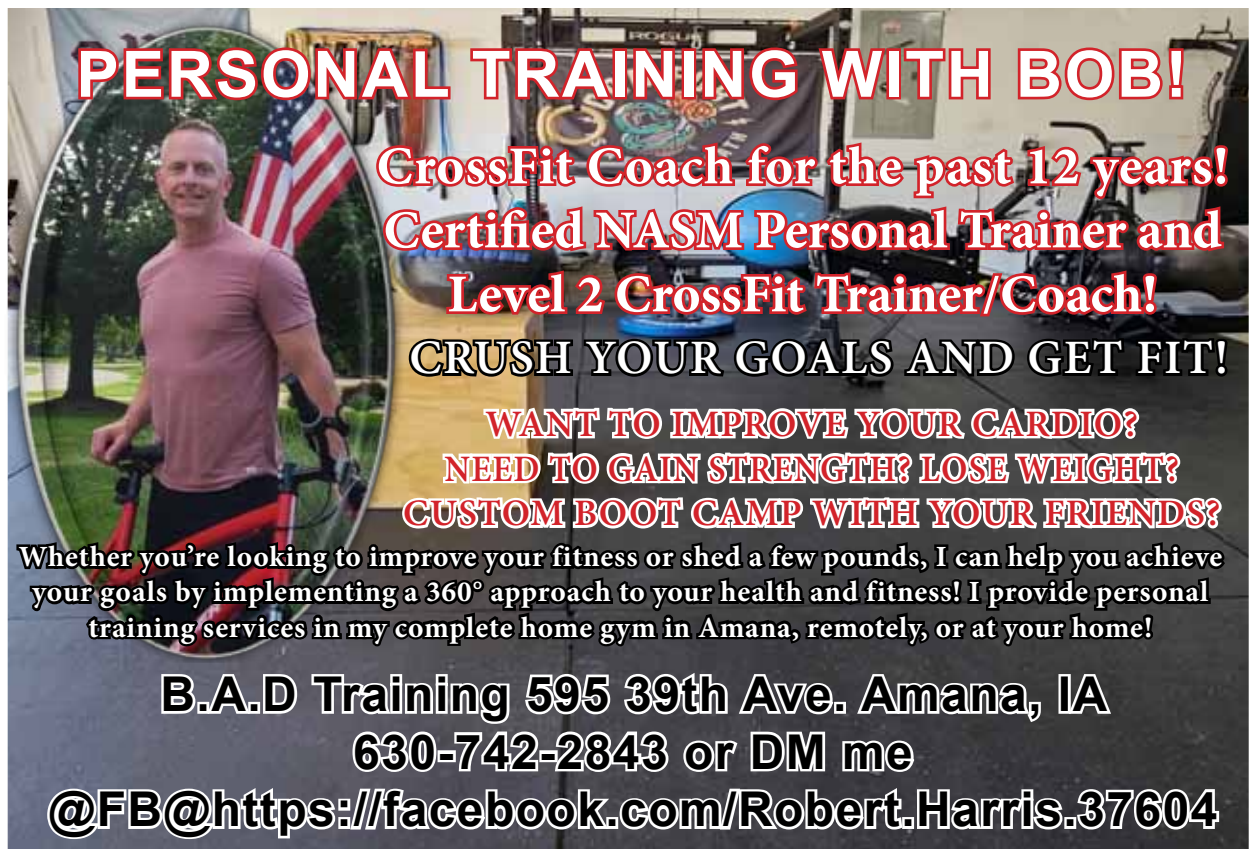
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**AMANA COLONIES LAND  
USE DISTRICT (ACLUD)**

**Notice of Public Hearing August 14, 2023 -**

**7:00 p.m., ACLUD office 4304 220th Trail Amana And via ZOOM**

1. Call Public Hearing to Order
2. Set Agenda
3. Open Discussion Regarding Agenda Item – Purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input from the General Public regarding potential changes to ACLUD Ordinance 2023-01 CHAPTER 31.40 SHORT-TERM RENTAL OF GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS. Document can be reviewed at the following link:

<https://aclud.files.wordpress.com/2023/08/str-ordinance-aclud-post-7102023.pdf>

4. Adjourn Public Hearing

(Note: Draft copy also on page 3 of the on-line Bulletin)



**Amana Colony newcomers and long time residents come meet your neighbors. Free ice cream. Social hour. Brief "Welcome to Amana" remarks at 7 p.m.**



**Gordon Kellenberger original pastel**

Raffle tickets: \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Available at the Gallery On Main.

Also available at the Festival of the Arts.

Drawing will take place at 2:30 on August 12th at the Festival of the Arts.



**CHAPTER 31.40 SHORT-TERM RENTAL  
OF GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Sections:**

- 31.40.010 Definitions and Interpretations
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- 31.40.030 Permit Availability
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- 31.40.060 Penalties and Enforcement Section

**31.40.010 Definitions and Interpretations**

Words and meanings set forth in this ordinance shall have the meanings set forth in this section. Words and phrases not defined in this section but already defined in the zoning ordinances of the ACLUD shall be given the meanings set forth in such ordinances. All other words and phrases shall be given their common, ordinary meaning, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

- Agricultural Area. Refers to ACOS, ACOS-NA and HP-A districts and sub-districts.
- Building. Principal and accessory buildings on a property.
- Commercial Area. Refers to C-1 and HP-C districts and sub-districts. Dwelling. Any stationary, permanent building, or portion thereof, which is designed or used exclusively for residential purposes.
- Residential Area. Refers to R-1, R-2, R-3 and HP-R districts and sub-districts.
- Short-Term Rental (STR). A guest accommodation, not meeting the definition of a Bed and Breakfast Establishment or Hotel/Motel, where, in exchange for compensation, a dwelling is provided for lodging for a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) consecutive days.
- Short-Term Rental Owner. The owner of record of the property.

**Section 31.40.020 Short-Term Rental Parameters**

The Short-Term Rental Owner, or a person or organization designated by the owner, shall be available for and responsive to contact at all times. The STR Permit document shall be posted on an interior wall next to the primary entrance of the dwelling being rented, and 24/7 contact information shall be available for viewing at any time at this location.

The Short-Term Rental Owner, or a person or organization designated by the owner, must have their permanent residence or place of business located within a 50-mile radius of the property being used for STR.

No entity shall operate a Short-Term Rental without first having obtained an STR Permit.

Change of Use Permits shall apply to a particular property.

No person or immediate family, individually or as part of a corporation, may hold more than quantity two (2) STR Permits at any given time. Permits are assigned to a specific property. Permits are transferable through the use of a Short-Term Rental of Guest Accommodations Transfer Application form. The transfer process requires re-application and re-evaluation by ACLUD as well as up to date permit fees.

A minimum of forty per cent (40%) of the total STR permits made available will be reserved for individuals who are permanent residents within the Land Use District.

Buildings with approved STR Permits shall be limited to no more than three (3) separate dwellings within them. Parking shall be made available on-site at a rate of one (1) parking space for each bedroom located in each dwelling.

**Section 31.40.030 Permit Availability**

A maximum quantity of twenty (20) active STR permits are to be issued within the boundaries of the Amana Colonies Land Use District. No more than seven (7) permits may be issued per village.

**Section 31.40.040 STR Permit Application and Approval**

Each applicant for an STR Permit will pay an initial, non-refundable permit application fee, even if the permit is not granted. There shall also be an additional fee charged for each additional rental dwelling within a building up to the maximum of three (3) allowed. The current permit application fees shall be stated on the Short-Term Rental Guest Accommodations Permit Application form. There will be an approval process in place for each individual permit application. The ACLUD Board of Trustees, at their discretion, may either perform this review process themselves, or delegate approval authority to the Land Use Administrator or a designated review committee. Only upon successful completion of this review will an applicant be granted an active STR Permit.

**Section 31.40.050 STR Permit Renewal and Approval**

Any STR Permitholder who wishes to renew their permit for another year shall submit the renewal within sixty (60) days of expiration. Renewals will require a non-refundable permit renewal fee, even if the renewal of the permit is not granted.

There shall also be an additional renewal fee charged for each additional rental dwelling within a building up to the maximum of three (3) allowed. The current permit renewal fees shall be stated on the Short-Term Rental Guest Accommodations Permit Renewal form. There will be an approval process in place for each individual permit renewal. The ACLUD Board of Trustees, at their discretion, may either perform this review process themselves, or delegate approval authority to the Land Use Administrator or a designated review committee. Only upon successful completion of this review will an individual be granted an STR Permit renewal.

**Section 31.40.060 Penalties and Enforcement**

Any person or entity operating a Short-Term Rental without an active STR Permit, after receiving notice of violation and notice of the permit requirements, shall cease all rentals until an STR Permit has been granted. Failure to comply will result, at the discretion of the ACLUD Board of Trustees, in a fine being levied against said person or entity as stated in the notice and as allowed by the ACLUD ordinances.

It is the responsibility of the Short-Term Rental Owner, or a person or organization designated by the owner, to operate and maintain their STR dwelling(s) in a safe and effective manner. All premises under an STR Permit shall be in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including basic uniform building and electric codes adopted by the State of Iowa and other local jurisdictions. The ACLUD may adopt policies requiring inspection and other reasonable means of proving fitness of habitability and compliance of STR dwelling(s). Failure to comply may result in revocation of an active STR Permit.