

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

Amana Church services are live streamed from the church on FM 93.5 and Facebook. Limited in church attendance offered, face-masks and social distancing will be practiced.

The English Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, April 18, 2021, starting at 10:00 AM with Elder Andrea Haldy presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Lord, Incline Thy Ear" No. 31

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock on January 12, 1742 Excerpts

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10  
Psalm 19


Closing Hymn: "Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear" No. 171

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

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

## HOMESTEAD SANITARY DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING

The quarterly meeting for the Homestead Sanitary District will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Homestead Welfare Club.



**AMANA SOCIETY**  
**ATTENTION**  
**ATV/UTV USERS**

The Amana Society would like to remind ATV/UTV users that use on Amana Society lands requires an [Amana Society General User Permit and an ATV/UTV Operator Permit.](#)

Please visit [www.amanasociety.com](http://www.amanasociety.com) for more information and to purchase permits.

Thank you.  
Amana Society, Inc.

## HEY GOOD LOOKIN,' THE MUSEUM STILL NEEDS KUCHEN

Attention all Obstkuchen bakers. The Amana Heritage Society will be a vendor at Maifest again this year. If you are willing to bake Kuchen again, we can accept at the Feshhalle grounds beginning at 9am on Saturday, May 1st. Thanks

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Twenty plus years after the Great Depression our father would take us in the old Ford truck down many of the old timber or logging roads in the Homestead woods.

Often these roads were still being used to drag trees through the woods not only to supply fuel for some of the wood stoves. Oh, yes, there are still some of us who remember the woodpiles/wood sheds and the large black cauldrons in which some women still washed clothes in.

Even though the Amanas were one of the earliest framing towns to get electricity some women considered it as a matter of pride to be one of the first in the neighborhood to have the laundry out and have the sheets waving in the breeze.

Later on the wood would be used not only for furniture, but to heat cauldron to soak other things such as traps.

We, in MOST of Iowa did not have to experience the Dust Bowl like so many people on the Great Plains did. Luckily for us we had some farm managers who would meet on a regular basis in Cedar Rapids and discuss farming practices that might help preserve the soil.

There were stories about a judge in Le Mars Iowa who had to face a lynch mob because the farmers did not want to inoculate the cows for TB. (I think there was also something like this in Tip-ton).

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Letting the Iowa State Patrol Know We Care

So often we see Iowa State Patrolmen and women on duty in the Amana Colonies patrolling Highways 220, 6 and 151, assisting at local events and of course, serving when called to accidents, both minor and very serious auto accidents.

Recently serious accidents in this area have brought the state troopers here more often than in the past.

The Amana Colonies are served by District 11 of the Iowa Highway Patrol which has its offices in Cedar Rapids. District 11 has officers serving Iowa County, Benton, Linn, Johnson and Poweshiek counties. This means they are serving a population of over 419,000 people and 3,900 square miles according to the Iowa State Patrol website.

A community wide outreach has been initiated locally to help show Iowa State troopers that the public sees and cares about their work and well-being.

What can we do? Send a thank you note, offer a dozen cookies, have the kids create a poster or make cards – small gestures would mean a great deal, says one who knows. Melody Green, Middle Amana, is making this known as her husband, Kyle is an Iowa State Trooper and she has seen, first hand, what troopers go through day to day. The mom of three CCA students posted about her concerns on Facebook last week. The Bulletin contacted her and she explained that as state troopers are spread across a wide area they don't have the opportunity to build neighborhood relationships, as say, a town or city police officer might. So she and other spouses of state troopers are appealing to their local communities to help with an outreach.

To send a thank you note or cheerful card please write: District 11, Iowa State Patrol, 5400, 16th AVE. Cedar Rapids, IA, 52404. To call to speak to a trooper representative about other ways you, your church or group might be supportive call 319-396-1944 ask for Trooper Bob Conrad, public resource officer. Melody Green would be happy to assist a youth group, Cub Scout troop or elementary class too or anyone who might like to show their support. Contact her via her Facebook page.

### Amana Villages Cemetery Clean Up

While no single day has been set aside, the Amana Church is asking village residents to spend a few minutes picking up branches and limbs in their village cemeteries this week and next as mowing season is here.

Fifty new pine trees have been planted this spring by volunteers in the cemeteries. Trees in each cemetery were felled in the 2020 derecho and some trees were damaged, of course, so young trees have been planted and additional trees will be moved from a tree nursery to fill in as need be as the year progresses, the Amana Church reports.

Please, if you can, when you can, pick up branches and twigs and place on a single pile outside or near the front gate to the cemetery. These piles of debris will be picked up and disposed of by volunteers. The large tree limbs in Middle Amana will be disposed of appropriately, but please do not add to this pile, or any cemetery pile, by bringing yard waste from outside the cemetery. These are being dealt with by volunteers so you would be adding to their work.

Please take away any litter you might find in the cemeteries and dispose of properly.

The Amana Church property maintenance committee is asking you to please remove old

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wreaths, worn plastic flowers or other types arrangements at the gravestones, as per the policy of the Amana Church. The veteran designations at the graves of American military veterans should not be moved.

The cemeteries are the property of the Amana Church Society and are maintained by the church which pays over \$15,000 each year to keep them mowed. Other expenses include replacement of gravel, lumber for fences and gates, replacement of broken headstones and the planting of trees. Volunteers do much of the labor to maintain the cemeteries other than mowing.

If you would like to make a donation to assist the church in this work or if you would like to help by painting fence, repairing fences or other jobs please contact the Amana Church administrator, Elly Hoehnle by phone 319-622-6155. The mailing address is Amana Church, PO Box 103, Middle Amana, IA 52307.

### Savor Take a Bite

Last year the Take A Bite three day food festival did not happen. This year it's been modified but there are plenty of things to do and foods to enjoy this weekend in the Amanas.

Pick up a brochure or check the ACCVB Amana Colonies website, but here's a quick but not comprehensive list of things to do:

- Chocolate Haus Strawberry dipping days. Call the Chocolate Haus to reserve your hand-dipped fresh berries.
- Stop by Schanz Furniture for an open house and enjoy cherry cookies and walnut orange coffee cake Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. in South Amana.
- Amana Heritage Society Communal Kitchen Meal. May be sold out – but call to find out. \$25 per person. 319-622-3567. Will be served Friday at noon. Must pre-order.
- Wine tasting flights at Ackerman Winery and Wine and Cheese tasting boards at Fireside Winery in the Village of Amana. All weekend.

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**OBITUARY**

William Charles Metz, age 87, "the Tinsmith", of Middle Amana, passed away Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at the Mercy Hospice House, Hiawatha. A Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, April 19, 2021 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Marengo, with Pastor Andrew Gray officiating. Burial will be in the Middle Amana Cemetery, with military honors. Visitation will be 3 to 7 p.m., Sunday, April 18, 2021 at Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo. Memorials may be contributed to the Amana Arts Guild, Amana. Masks and social distancing are required.

William is survived by two daughters, Angela (Darren) Banko, of Muscatine and Lisa Grulke, of Des Moines; seven grandchildren, Rev. Carl (Kelsey) Grulke, of Maun, Botswana (Africa), Lisette Metz Grulke, of Atlanta, GA, Elaine (Mike) Johnson, of West Lafayette, IN, Caleb (Kelsey) Grulke, of Polk City, Luther (Lauren) Grulke, of Olatha, KS, Timothy Banko, of Cedar Rapids and Jonathan Banko, of Macomb, Il; and eight great-grandchildren, MaryJane, Audrey, Judah, Gideon and Isaac Grulke, Moses Reed, and Henry and Wesley Johnson. He was preceded in death by his parents Carl and Lisette Metz, his wife of 44 years, Audrey, a son-in-law Dennis Grulke, a sister Virginia Nordyke and a brother Dale Metz.

William was born September 19, 1933, in Middle Amana, the son of Carl and Lisette (Hahn) Metz. He graduated from Amana High School in 1951. William served in the U.S. Army from 1954-1956. He was united in marriage to Audrey Ellen Henderson on June 2, 1957 at the Alice United Methodist Church, in Center Point. The couple made their home in Middle Amana. William was employed in the tin shop at Quaker Oats for 25 years. He revived the art of Tinsmithing in the Amana Colonies and was a founding member of the Amana Arts Guild. He was a member of the Middle Amana Fire Department for 36 years and St. John's Lutheran Church. William was a sports enthusiast. He was a high school baseball and softball umpire for 30 years and the official score keeper for the Amana High School basketball team. William was also a member of the Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa High School Athletic Union and the Iowa Valley Baseball League.

Online condolences: [www.klosterfuneralhome.com](http://www.klosterfuneralhome.com)

**SOUTH DUMP RULES**

The South Dump, is private property and only for the use of Amana Society stock holders living within the Amana Colonies, and may be under 24 hour photo surveillance.

Absolutely No burning. Only organic compostable yard refuse is allowed, users must empty & remove plastic bags or other containers used to transfer yard waste. Lumber, and other building material, & trash dumping is NOT permitted.

If you witness violations of these rules, please report those abuses, to Amana Society Conservation at 319-213-3445.

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- Friday and Saturday morning, 9 a.m. – noon, you can come in for the Bloody Mary special at the Electric Thread Social Club, Hotel Millwright.
- Friday is Trivia Night – Electric Thread Social Club, Hotel Millwright starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday.
- The Ox Yoke Inn's Vintner's Night with White Cross Cellars is Saturday, 6 p.m. featuring a salute to Napoleon! Call 622-3409 to reserve your seats.
- The Ronneburg's presentation of a special menu of dishes including new entrees, appetizers and several wine and beer selections. Call ahead to reserve your table. 319-622-3641.
- Foraging Class, Saturday 10 – 11 a.m. with Lake Iowa Ranger Cecilia Dirks at the Carding Studio, Hotel Millwright. Learn how to forage forests and fields.
- 11 – 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday live music on the patio at Hotel Millwright's Social Club, the Electric Thread, beneath the big stack. Hear blue and acoustic artist Bryce Janey.

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC-BOARD OF EDUCATION AT LARGE DIRECTOR VACANCY**

Pursuant to Iowa Code 279.6, the Clear Creek Amana School Board publishes this notice of its intent to appoint a person to fill a vacancy on the Board as an At Large Director. Eligible electors of the Clear Creek Amana School District have the right to file a petition requiring that this vacancy be filled by special election. Petitions must be received by the board secretary within 14 days after the publication of this notice. For more information about applying for the vacancy, petition details and signatory requirements, contact Lori Robertson, Board Secretary at 319-828-4510.

**CASA: SUPPORTING CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and CASA or Court Appointed Special Advocates are raising awareness of the need for more dedicated members of the community to step up and become CASA volunteers, and help end child abuse and neglect, through supporting children and their families.

CASA volunteers, are specially trained to advocates for children who may be at risk in their homes or who are living in foster care. CASAs provide a consistent, reliable adult presence for them as they navigate through the child welfare system.

CASA volunteers are assigned to one child or sibling group to advocate for their best interest in court, in school and in other settings with the child's best interest at the forefront, making recommendations to the judge overseeing the child's case.

This April, consider stepping up to make a difference by becoming a CASA volunteer.

If you see abuse, call the Iowa Child Abuse Reporting Hotline at 1-800-362-2178. It is confidential and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you suspect a child under the age of 18 is in imminent danger, call 911 immediately.

For more information on CASA, visit [casaiowa.org](http://casaiowa.org) or contact [teresa Barnes](mailto:teresa.barnes@dia.iowa.gov) at [Teresa.barnes@dia.iowa.gov](mailto:teresa.barnes@dia.iowa.gov)

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When people were told to get rid of the milk by dumping it on the ground riots broke out.

Then came April 14, 1935 "Suddenly there appeared on the northern horizon a black blizzard, moving toward them; there was no sound, no wind, nothing but an immense 'boogery' cloud." (The Southern Plains 1930) 6:15 PM Amarillo TX.

Ultimately over 1000 miles wide with 300,000 tons of dirt across 100 million acres of land were destroyed by this ONE storm alone. It would destroy wildlife, livestock, and people over an eight year period of time making farming nearly impossible.

The storm would go as far Chicago, and on to Washington D.C. making the people of the plains remark that "now, perhaps, the government would take notice of the predicament they were facing."

Franklin D. Roosevelt had begun his "alphabet" programs such as CCC, WPA, etc. but, as stated before people did not always listen.

Americans are proud. They did not want a hand out - they figured they could handle it all on their own.

Needless to say Hoover would be blamed for the depression when in fact there were many contributing factors beyond his control. To be sure farming had been in a state of depression since the end of "The Great War," nearly ten years prior to the market crash. The situation was exacerbated by poor farming practices, the weather, and just plain stubbornness of some farmers.

It is ironic to think that during these times Amana would change from a communal system into a corporate one.

In California many migrant workers were banding together to form unions. Discrimination to people from outside residents of California was so terrible that hospitals would refuse aide, children were discriminated in schools, etc.

America has an ugly past and yet there were and are good people who rise up to help the lowly, even in times such as ours.

B.S.H.

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**HELP WANTED**

The Amana Visitor Center is hiring a public restroom cleaner to begin asap. Cleaning takes 1 hour, 5 days a week: M,W,F, Sat, Sun. Times are flexible but days are not. Please email [director@amanacolony.com](mailto:director@amanacolony.com) for more information.

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- 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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