

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Repentance Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, March 26, 2023, starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Betsy Momany presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Spar' deine Busse nicht" No. 947 Seite 936

Testimony: Barbara Heinemann, Schwarzenau, February 4, 1821

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

Psalm 25:4-11

Closing Hymn: "Nach Dir, O Gott" No. 718 vs 1,2, 6-9, 11 Seite 713

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

Opening Hymn: "Alas, my God, my sins are great" No. 16

Closing Hymn: "Repent today, repent" No. 164

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.

## AMANA SOCIETY, INC.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The Amana Society is pleased to announce that David Rettig, Mike Shoup, Dixie Trout, and Brad Zuber will be on the ballot for the 2023 Amana Society, Inc. Board of Director's election. The election will be held on Monday May 15th, 2023. Absentee ballots and candidate information will be mailed to each shareholder in mid-April.

### AMANA SOCIETY 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Amana Society Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the Amana Society will be awarding up to three \$1000.00 scholarships to graduating high school seniors attending an accredited college, university or trade school in 2023.

Applicants must be either currently employed by the Amana Society, a child or grandchild of a current full-time Amana Society employee, or a child or grandchild of an Amana Society stockholder.

Application forms are available at the Amana Society Main Office front desk or by contacting Bruce Trumpold directly at 319-622-7526/btrumpold@amanas.net. Forms may also be downloaded at www.amanasociety.com.

Thank you.  
Amana Society, Inc.

### FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Some random thoughts and memories came to mind this last week.

There is a boulder in front of what was once Walter and Dorothy Seifert's home in Homestead that I drive by and keep wanting to stop and tell people how it got there.

There is a tree species (American Chestnut) in front of Scott and Ursula Williams' house that is not seen often because of a blight that happened in (I think) the 1880's.

I'm sure Ursula is not fond of the tree because it gives off an odor and it's pods are prickly and have to be picked up with gloves, yet she lovingly takes care of it. There was another one next door to the north that pollinated it, but was cut down years ago, so the pods are void of chestnuts.

Then I wonder who began the "fashion" of having fish ponds, especially in South Amana. What did they do with the fish over winter? Did the local cats bother or even eat the fish?

In the 1950's when people were buying huge freezers they came stocked with Amana meat. What sorts of meat and how much did these freezers cost? Who bought them around here anyway.

I remember going to my Tanta Lina's and having to go into the basement to "admire" the freezer.

It was also quite an honor to be invited to someone's house to watch television.

The debate was always if we should watch it with the lights on or off and how close we could get to the screen without it hurting our eyes.

Naturally the television seemed to break down every few months causing the two repairmen at the Homestead store hours of countless time being on their knees testing or replacing tubes while we kids

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Your Clip and Save Colony Events Schedule

The Amana Colonies have a lot going on in 2023 so to make it a bit easier, here is your "clip and save" schedule to events in the Amana Colonies this year. Not every single event is listed here, but this is what we have to date.

**APAC Theatre** - "Marriage is Murder" - March 24 - 27. TKM Productions at the Amana Performing Arts Center, Amana. 319-899-3799 for tickets or buy at the door.

**Winemaker Series** - April 8, June 10, Aug. 12 and Oct. 14. Four classes with awardwinning winemaker Zach Bott at Fireside Winery. firesidewinery.com for registration.

**Vintner Dinners** - April 1, Aug. 19, Oct. 14, Nov. 4. Ox Yoke Inn and White Cross Cellars wine pairing dinners. Go to whitecrosscellars.com or oxyokeinn.com for details/ reservations.

**Quilt Amana** - April 14 - 16. 3rd annual quilt exhibition/ sale at Price Creek Event Center, Amana. Admission. 200 plus quilts exhibited. Over 100 quilts for sale. Guest artists. Vendors. Fabric bundle sale. Special exhibit of rescued and historic quilts.

**Food and Wine Pairing 101** - April 22, July 15, Aug. 5. David Rettig, CSW, will explain basic principles of pairing wine to food and help take the mystery out of the process. You'll sample different food and wine pairings. Whitecrosscellars.com for details. At White Cross Cellars.

**An Evening with Justin Goodchild** - April 29. At Fireside Winery, 1755 P. Ave. Sat. April 29 absolutely one of our favorite performers of pop, reggae. 6 - 9 p.m.

**"I Ought to be in Pictures"** - May 5 - 7. Neil Simon's classic comedy about a Hollywood screenwriter whose past comes knocking seeking celebrity. A TKM Productions live at the Amana Performing Arts Center. 319-899-3799 for tickets.

**Maifest** - May 6 - 7. Amana's spring celebration features our Amana Maipole Folk dancers, Saturday morning Main Street parade, pop up vendor food fair, wine/ chocolate walk. Street side entertainment.

**Renaissance Festival and Gathering O Celts** - May 27 - 29 and June 3 - 4. Two big weekends (Starts Memorial Day weekend). At the Middle Amana Park.

**Becksterfest** - June 2 - 4. Multiple polka bands perform including. Admission. At the Amana Colonies RV Park and Event Center.

**Colonies in Bloom** - June 3 and July 22. Free garden walk. 5 to 9 Pick up a map at the Amana Colonies Visitor Center.

**Allis Chalmers Collector's Show** - June 16 - 17. At the Middle Amana Park.

**Wurst Festival** - June 17. Our Wurst is the Best! Dachshund races, sausage to sample and purchase, music, beverages. Sat. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Market barn in Amana. Activities at Hotel Millwright & other venues too.

### AMANA HERITAGE SOCIETY

#### Communal Carry-Out Meal, March 31, 2023

There are only 15 Beef Tongue Dinners available for our first Communal Meal of the season! This meal is a carry-out meal! Meals must be purchased in advance, and stock is limited. Pickup will be at the Middle Amana Communal Kitchen between 5pm-6pm on Friday, March 31. Cost is \$25 per meal. Meals can be ordered online at amanaheritage.org, or you can call Elise at the museum, 319-622-3567.

#### Heritage Society Easter Egg Hunt

Please join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, 2023 beginning at 9am at the Amana Heritage Museum, 705 44th Ave, Amana! Space is limited and tickets need to be purchased in advance on amanaheritage.org. Please contact the museum with questions. 319-622-3567, or heritageprograms@southslope.net

#### The Amana Print Shop

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Mon., Tues., Thurs. Friday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Wed 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

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**Kids Theatre Camp** - June 26 - 30. Creative camp for kids. With the TKM Theatrical team at Amana Performing Arts Center. Call 319-899-3799 to register.

**Firecracker 4th Antique Show** - July 3 - 4. Antique show at the Amana RV Park and Event Center.

**AAG Childrens Art Camp** - July 24 - 28. At the AAG Center in High Amana. Contact the AAG to register.

**RAGBRAI** Comes Through - July 28 Amana on the way to Coralville.

**The BRIC** (Bike Ride Iowa County) - Aug. 12. A 28 mile run through Iowa County starts and stops in Amana.

**Festival of the Arts** - Aug. 12. Local artisans/ artists exhibit and sell their work. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Market barn in Amana.

**Hawk A Model A Day** - Aug. 19. Over 100 vintage cars on display in the village of Amana.

**AKC Cluster Dog Show** - Sept. 1 - 5. AKC approved dog breed / obedience show. At the Amana RV Park and Event Center, Amana.

**Plein Art Competition Weekend** - Sept. 1 - 3. Painting plein air / competition/exhibition of paintings. [amanaarts@southslope.net](mailto:amanaarts@southslope.net) or phone 319-622-3678.

**Handwerks** - Sept. 2 - 3. Finest woodworking vendors and craftsmen gather at the Festhalle, Amana.

**Iowa State Duck Calling Contest** - Sept. 9. At Amana Performing Arts Center.

**Theatre for Young Audiences** "Johnny Appleseed" - Sept. 15 - 16. At the Amana Performing Arts Center. By TKM Productions. An American folk tale for all ages. Matinees.

**Oktoberfest** - September 29 - Oct. 1. Amana's Oktoberfest is the party of the year!

**Autumn Renaissance Fair** - Oct. 7 - 8. Food. Crafts. At the Middle Amana Park.

**Fall Pops Up Arts and Antiques** - Oct. 14. Celebrating Amana's unique antique shops with an antique shop hop and popup arts fair.

**Girls Getaway Weekend** - Nov. 3 - 5. Crafty fun, wine sampling, holiday shopping and comedy theatre.

**Girls Weekend** - A Comedy by Karen Schaeffer - Nov. 3 - 5. At the Amana Performing Arts Center. A comedy meant to be shared. By TKM Productions. 319-899-3799 for tickets.

**The Tannenbaum Forest** - Nov. 24 - Dec. 17. Our annual magical forest will be open in the Festhalle, Amana.

**Prelude to Christmas** - Dec. 1 - 3. Amana Colonies traditional advent celebration.

**It's a Wonderful Life** Radio Play - Dec. 8 - 9. Holiday classic radio play. At the Amana Performing Arts Center. 319-899-3799. TKM Productions.

**Matt Barber** "Experience Christmas" show - Dec. 16. Musical entertainment. At the Amana Performing Arts Center.

### AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD)

#### Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Meeting Notice and Tentative Agenda of the Regular Meeting Monday, March 27, 2023, 6:30 p.m. At the ACLUD office-4304 220th Trail Amana And via Zoom link

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Set Agenda
- III. Review/Approve both January 23 and February 27, 2023 Minutes
- IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda
- V. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:
  - a. 2023-012. George Heimovics / 2716 K St Middle Amana / HP-R / On main structure: tuckpoint brickwork, repair soffit & fascia, install white aluminum cladding over the top.
  - b. 2023-013. Amana Church Society / Amana Meeting House Project / 622 45th Ave Amana / HP-R / 1) Remove and rebuild current accessibility ramp 2) Remove all steps, porches and hoods 2a) Rebuild south facade entrances to incorporate double doors and transoms as shown in historic photographs. Rebuild handrails to meet building code 2b) Rebuild north facade entrances. Rebuild handrails to meet building codes 3) Replace/repair soffit/fascia/sills/window trim and other wood trim as needed 4) repoint deteriorated mortar joints in sandstone foundation 5) Repoint chimneys 6) Repair parge coat 7) Remove egress stairs on west end of building. Cover door opening and side over the opening 8) Repair/restore dormers 9) Restore cupola 10) Remove asbestos siding on east and west annexes, preserving

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would sit near by anxiously awaiting the television to come back to life.

Then came color television and the NBC Peacock spread his feathers countless times.

We were thrilled and would watch almost any show as long as it was in color.

The trouble was that by now we baby boomers had "matured" (I use that term loosely) to think we knew the pros and cons of the various brands of television sets.

Frankly sometimes the debates got so fierce that even a political debate seemed mild in comparison.

Luckily our parents did not pay attention to us even if we had taken physics in high school.

In my case it was obvious I didn't know what I was talking about since I tried to wire a parallel circuit up without unplugging the socket. I still have the scar to prove it.

Then came the driving lessons or, to put it another way, this was one time our parents were going to their insurance agents or doctor for help.

Looking back on the "good old days" one wonders how our parents survived our antics, then again, will our children someday be amazed that we too live through it all?

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**BIG G RECEIPTS FOR EDUCATION**

The Amana Elementary is participating in a program that allows us to earn FREE classroom equipment and supplies with receipts from Big G Foods, Marengo until March 31, 2023.

Please save your receipts and send them to school with your child or drop them off at the Amana Library by April 9. Thank you!

**Amana Area Fellowship Night of Worship**

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

**Thursday, April 13, 2023**

Amana Performing Arts Center  
 Potluck 6:00-6:30 Music and Message 6:45

**The Road to the Cross** guest speaker  
 Pastor Jay Jentink of Calvary Baptist

**Final message in the series:**  
**"The Rest of the Story"**

visit us at [www.amanaareafellowship.org](http://www.amanaareafellowship.org)

**AMANA ARTS GUILD CLASSES**

Registration for spring courses is open for Amana Arts Guild courses through Grant Wood's Art Iowa program. These courses are an option continuing education credits, and non-credit or participation-only registrants. The Guild is offering **Painting Homes and Buildings in Watercolor** with guest artist Sharon Larson (April 15-16) and **Improvisational Intuitive Fabric Stories** with guest artist Jo Myers-Walker (March 25-26).

Summer course registration is also open, with courses including **Raku Clay** with Kirk Niehouse (June 12-16), **Exploring textile printing & dyeing** with Joan Webster-Vore (June 19-23) and **Imaginative Landscapes** (Colored Pencil & Mixed Media) with Jill Harper (June 26-29). For more information, email [info@amanaartsguild.com](mailto:info@amanaartsguild.com) or visit [amanaartsguild.com/courses](http://amanaartsguild.com/courses)

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as much of original wood siding as possible. Reside east and west annexes using wood siding, new wood siding as needed 11) Rebuild egress stairs to meet building codes 12) Repair/restore basement entrances 13) Restore wooden storm windows on north side of building 14) Move gutters/downspouts as noted on architect drawings.

c. 2023-014. Amana Church Society / Kinderschule Project / 1112 26th Ave Middle Amana/ HP-R / 1) Repoint limestone foundation 2) Repair/restore existing wood sash windows 3) Add wood storm windows (restore storms from Colony Attic or build new storms to match historic storm windows 4) Raise header to approx 80" on west side of porch to make building accessible 5) Remove existing siding taking care to preserve siding. Insulate walls. Replace existing wood siding and add new 4" wood siding as needed 6) Add half round gutters and round down spouts 7) Upgrade electrical service 8) Add HVAC mini-split system. Compressor to be located east side of building. 9) Add sidewalk to connect to existing sidewalk on east side of Meeting House.

d. 2023-016. Sandy Newkirk / 703 12th Ave High Amana / HP-R / Remove two layers asphalt shingles and south side sheeting. Re-sheet and shingle with brown shingles. Remove quantity two post 1932 (1947) brick chimneys both inside and above roofline and repair roof accordingly.

e. 2023-017. Anna and Tyler Schumacher / 1309 G St. High Amana / HP-R / Replaced second story bathroom window. Intend to replace all second story windows (7 total) in next 3 years. Replacements will have the same appearance as the original.

f. Allison Momany and Tyler Stockman / 2618 J St. Middle Amana / HP-R / (1) replace deteriorating porch materials for south side of house, with modifications to skirting and addition of steps to historic sidewalk and (2) rebuild north porch to historic size/design.

VI. Other Business:  
 a. Status of committee work and BOT review to develop ordinance amendments regarding short term rental of residential property.

VII. Administrator's Report (if applicable)

VIII. Adjourn

**OBITUARY**

Henry Carl Schuerer, age 35, passed away in his home on March 13, 2023. A service celebrating Henry's life was held Sunday March 19, 2023, at the Amana Church with burial at the East Amana Cemetery.

Henry was born on December 15, 1987. He attended Lutheran Interparish School in Williamsburg, from Kindergarten to 5th grade before attending Isaac Newton Christian Academy in Cedar Rapids, and Williamsburg High School. He earned a master's degree in accounting from Drake University in Des Moines. Henry was rewarded with a Certified Public Accounting designation and worked as an accountant.

Henry walked through life with a passion for the outdoors and had an infectious laugh. He was an avid outdoorsman, always up for an adventure, who was determined to make his mini goldendoodle, Walter, his hunting partner. His lifelong love for the outdoors began early as he achieved his rank as an Eagle Scout at 15 years old. Every spring Henry could be found deep in the wilderness hunting morel mushrooms.

One of his many goals was to visit all of the United States National Parks. He had a love for discovering new music and enjoyed seeing his favorite artists at outdoor concerts.

Henry is a beloved son, brother, and uncle and is survived by his parents, Neal and Melissa Schuerer of Colorado Springs, Colorado; his sister Greta Cummings, her husband Aaron, and his three nephews Gabriel, Mitchel, and Jacob Cummings of Mt. Union, Iowa, and his fiancé Megan Halsch of West Des Moines, Iowa; as well as his maternal grandparents, Duane and Louis Ann Crossett of Columbus Junction, Iowa, and paternal grandmother "Oma" Helen Schuerer of Amana, Iowa. Henry has several aunts, uncles, and cousins who will also dearly miss him.

Henry was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather "Opa" Harold Schuerer and "Uncle Chuck" Carl Schuerer, both of Amana.

The family appreciates all the heartfelt condolences from Henry's friends near and far.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers direct memorials and tributes to National Alliance on Mental Illness. NAMI Iowa Donation ([salsalabs.org](http://salsalabs.org))

Funeral arrangements directed by Kloster Funeral Home and the Amana Church Society. Online condolences: [www.klosterfuneralhome.com](http://www.klosterfuneralhome.com)

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**COMMUNITY WIDE RAGBRAI MEETING**

**April 7th 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**

**Ackerman Winery**

ACCVB Staff and Volunteers will provide an update on planning efforts and collect questions to take back to RAGBRAI organizers. We are also looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested in helping, call 319-622-7622.

**Safe Haven**  
 Soup Supper Fundraiser  
 March 25th  
 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

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**THURSDAY-MARCH 23RD, 2023**  
**6:30PM-8:30PM**

Join us for a fun SPRING Arts & Crafts project!  
 Bring your friends and enjoy a relaxing evening of creating, conversation & snacks.  
 We can't wait to see you at the library!

Scan the QR Code to Register  
 Email [heatherfox@ccaschools.org](mailto:heatherfox@ccaschools.org) with any questions!