

### AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, April 28, 2024 starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Jon Childers presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Was frag ich nach der Welt," No. 1028 vs 1-4 Seite 1008

Testimony: Ursula Meyer, Ronneburg, March 31st, 1715

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalm 46

Closing Hymn: Was frag ich nach der Welt," No. 1028 vs 5-8 Seite 1009

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

Opening Hymn: "What is the World to Me" No. 146 vs 1-4

Closing Hymn: "What is the World to Me" No. 146 vs 5-8

The Wednesday Evening Prayer Service (Nachtgebet) begins 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.

Registration for VBS 2024 is open. Take the dive into God's love as we SCUBA in the sea! VBS will be July 15-19 at Amana Elementary. A link to register is on the church website.

### RED CROSS LIFE GUARDING COURSE

A new 2024 version of the Red Cross life guarding course will be offered at the Amana Pool in Middle Amana on May 11 and May 18. These will be long days with mandatory attendance. Students will need to be competent swimmers. Potential guards must be 15 by the end of class.

Contact TJ Croco at 319-430-9181 for further information.

This class will be great for learning life-long skills, gaining employment, developing leadership skills, enhancing communication skills, and more!

### CCA OPEN ENROLLMENT WINDOW OPEN UNTIL MAY 9

On April 17, 2024, the Clear Creek Amana Community School District Board of Directors approved open enrollment for students receiving regular education services in designated buildings and grade levels. Classroom space availability will be evaluated as open enrollment applications are received and in-district registration continues. The deadline for open enrollment is May 9, 2024. Open enrollment does not apply to building transfers for current CCA students.

The following buildings and grade levels are accepting up to 25 applications per grade:

- Amana Elementary - Kindergarten through Fourth grades
- Tiffin Elementary - Kindergarten and First grades
- Oak Hill Elementary - Second and Third grades

For the application and more information, please visit [www.ccaschools.org/registration](http://www.ccaschools.org/registration).

### FEATHERS IN THE WIND

It is about 9 a.m. on an April morning, as I write, and the world is "deafeningly" quiet, except for strange noises in the basement. With my imagination, I can think of all sorts of strange things because this house is over 100 years old and has been occupied by several generations of my family who have never been considered normal. Eccentric – yes – but normal seems too bland and boring for us.

We will not order vanilla ice cream, read best sellers, laugh at the usual jokes, nor dance to the beat of the music or walk down a path without wandering off to check something else out. Talking to me, for example, requires your full attention because I am libel to change subjects quickly and be meandering off on a totally different subject at any given moment.

Anyway, back to the basement and the noises that I am hearing. I do not have my hearing aids in, so the sounds must be loud, which means that Charlemagne is up to something again. Just when I thought he had planted his garden yesterday, he went outside again to, supposedly, pick up the sticks that the trees had deposited. I should have known better because he brought in a large box of garden paraphernalia and deposited in on the COUCH!

### ART GUILD EVENTS NEWS

Registrations are open for the 2024 Festival of the Arts and the 2024 Amana Plein Air fresh paint event. For more information and to sign up interested artists should visit [amanaartsguild.com](http://amanaartsguild.com).

### HEY GOOD LOOKIN', THE MUSEUM 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, we can accept them at the Festhalle grounds beginning at 9am on Saturday, May 4th, 2024. Thanks for your continued support!

### THANK YOU

The Amana Church Food Pantry would like to thank the customers of Amazing Grace Antiques for their donations to "Oma's Tray" during 2023. All that loose change (and the occasional bill) added up to \$802! This allows us to provide extra fresh produce, dairy products, and meat to our clients this year. Thank you also to owner Sandy Newkirk for designating the Amana Church Food Pantry as the recipient of the donations!

### MAIFEST NEWS

Maifest 2024 festivities kick off on Saturday, May 4th at 10:00 am with a "May the Fest Be With You" parade through Amana. Then head to the Festhalle for food and drink at the "World on Wheels – Food Truck Fair" from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm (some available from Noon – 3:00 pm on Sunday). The bar inside the Festhalle Barn will be open from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm on Saturday.

The Festhalle Barn takes center stage with TWO days of music and dancing including the bands All Natural, Blame Not the Bard, Swampland Jewels, and dance performance by Robert Thomas Dancer Irish Performance Team. Of course, what would Maifest be without the famous Maipole Dancers performing at various locations?

Our Kinderplatz will be set-up in the Peace Garden next to the Visitors Center. Regan's Face Painting will be offering free face painting from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, and the Balloon Guy will be available for kids of all ages.

Our popular Wine & Beer Walk will be happening ALL weekend! You can purchase your 2024 Collectible Maifest pilsner glass at the Visitors Center (beginning at 9:00 am on Saturday) and receive a free passport. Stroll through Amana and try wines and beers from 10:00 am on Saturday until 8:00 pm on Sunday, getting your passport stamped at each location. Turn your passport into any of the participating locations for a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate to Amana Colonies businesses.

For a complete list of special events taking place in the Amana Colonies for Maifest 2024, visit the Amana Colonies Visitors Center, <https://amanacolony.com/things-to-do/festivals/maifest/>, find Amana Colonies Festivals on Facebook, or call (319) 622-7622.

Why he could not have set it on a table or left it in the hallway is a riddle that I have not figured out, but he had stayed married to me for over fifty years, so it is best to remain quiet and not rock the boat.

Obviously, picking up sticks was no longer of interest to him anymore and something now had captured his mind. He did mumble something about bees at some point. I in my wisdom had decided that this Christmas I would get him some bees since all of his bees had died and buying anything for him is next to impossible. A few days ago, he got a call that the bees had arrived and were ready to be put into their new homes. I heard nothing else. An ominous sign if there ever was one.

So now I am wondering if the noise in the basement might be Charlemagne and his bee equipment. I am not going to check since the last time I checked I found out that he had stored over ten thousands bees over the winter in the basement so that they would not freeze over winter. Can you imagine sitting over that many bees and not knowing it? Did I mention that our family was not normal?

So now we enter on another season of bee keeping and gardening. Spring has truly sprung with some new surprises at our house!

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**Water Babies Swim Classes**  
May 6 - 10, 2023  
Amana Pool, Middle Amana  
Classes will be held  
Monday thru Friday  
The cost is \$40  
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.  
6 mo. - 18 mo.  
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
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**A Community Invitation All are Welcome**  
What: A Baha'i Fireside  
A Baha'i Faith Introduction  
Date: Saturday April 27  
Time 6:00 PM  
Place: Amana Heritage Museum Auditorium  
Refreshments Served

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**Dear Amana Society Shareholders,**

As the new candidate on the ballot, I wanted to introduce myself and answer some questions that have been sent my way. Born and raised in the Amanas, I have been a shareholder most of my life with keen interest in the success of the Amana Society and its commitment to the people's and community's legacy. Through my parents' lifelong service to the community, I have learned the value of sharing one's experience and strengths to grow and enhance the value that has been built within the Amanas.

While I have lived across the state line in Madison, WI, I return regularly to remain connected to my family and hometown. With a B.S. in Marine Biology and a Ph.D. in Environmental Toxicology, I have worked for 2 different startup technology companies that emerged from the University of Wisconsin and were later acquired by global technology leaders (Roche and Fujifilm). Through this experience, I have learned to deliver to the expectations of our stakeholders and shareholders. I have driven new developments, enhanced efficiencies, and driven profitability initiatives while keeping careful management of positive cultures and employee engagement. I have managed business P&Ls and driven change and restructured when necessary to drive profit and growth.

Growing up in the Amanas, I witnessed the entrepreneurial spirit of my parents and grandparents. I grew up in the shops and services of the Amanas, including a family farm here in Iowa County. I have felt the need to stay connected to this entrepreneurial drive and volunteered for the past 6 years with a local mentoring group in Madison that fosters entrepreneurs across the business spectrum. I help them develop successful businesses and have applied this to many business ventures ranging from scientific technology companies to service industries including 2 breweries, a dog day-care, and several hospital-ity establishments.

I have received questions about how I would attend the board meetings, and I plan to attend in person the majority of the time, joining virtually only when absolutely unavoidable, as do the other Directors. I understand the Board takes in many factors when making business decisions including value, community, and preservation. I will take into account all data presented to me, which starts with hearing what is important to the shareholders. I would be honored to serve on the Amana Society Board and would appreciate your support.

**Rebecca Roemig Selzer**

**HELP WANTED**

We are hiring! All kitchen jobs, full or part-time, starting at age 14. Will work with school and sports schedules. Part-time host needed as well. Nights and weekends required. Stop in and get an application!" Ronneburg Restaurant 4408 220th Trl 319-622-3641

The Amana Colonies Visitor Center is seeking a Visitor Center Customer Support Associate. If you would like to help people learn about what Amana has to offer, we would love to have you at the Amana Colonies Visitors Center. This position includes retail and tour sales, assisting visitors with questions and providing them with resources. Flexible schedule is available. Stop in or contact us at [director@amanacolony.com](mailto:director@amanacolony.com) for more information.

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**OBITUARY**

Long-time Marengo farmer Willard Dickel died Monday, April 22, 2024, at Compass Memorial Hospital surrounded by his loving family at the age of 96 years after a rich and fulfilling life. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 26 at the Middle Amana Community Church with Elder Alan Trumpold officiating. The family will be at the church from 9-11 to greet visitors. Burial with Military Honors conducted by the Marengo American Legion Post #76 and the U.S. Army Honor Guard will be in the Middle Amana Cemetery.

Willard was born Nov. 18, 1927, in Middle Amana to Jacob and Louise (Schmieder) Dickel, the youngest of five children. His life was turned upside down on May 6, 1936, at the age of 8 when his mother died very unexpectedly. His four older sisters took on the task of substitute mother, for which he was forever grateful.

Following graduation from Amana Community High School, Willard enlisted with the U.S. Army, during which time he was stationed at Ft. Lewis, WA where he worked as a clerk and typed discharge papers for soldiers returning from World War II. He was proud as could be in 2013 when he was selected for Eastern Iowa Honor Flight, his first time in the nation's capital.

After his service to the country, he worked as a carpenter for his uncle Henry Shaefer's construction company in Davenport, Iowa. Using his GI Bill benefits he enrolled at Iowa State University earning a double degree in agronomy and economics. He was also president of the Adelante Fraternity. Willard never tired of telling about his time at Iowa State and was especially proud of passing Quantitative Analysis in his senior year.

Willard returned home to Amana following graduation working for Amana Society farms. It was during that time he met the love of his life, Mary Lou Aiken, at a Swisher dance. The couple were married on Oct. 23, 1954. Willard and Mary Lou raised five children living their early years of married life in Amana and then moving to the Aiken farm west of Marengo about 1968.

Willard loved his family, farming, and the Chicago Cubs. As a farmer he was always looking for new opportunities, eventually purchasing a number of farms across Iowa County. With the 1980s Farm Crisis approaching Willard and his son Chris embarked on a new adventure, purchasing land in Northern Missouri where they grew crops, hogs, and cattle.

About 2000 Willard and Mary Lou decided to return to Iowa County, moving into family's Amana house. Chris and his family continue to own and operate the Missouri farm.

Willard's "retirement" was filled with gardening, visiting, and entertaining their large family and friends, and trips to the casinos. He served as a mentor for his grandson Jim Yenter, who runs the Marengo farm. He was also quite successful in managing his investments.

Willard is survived by: five children, Sharon (Terry) Roberts of Marengo; Dean (Mary) Dickel of Mineral Point, WI; Joan (Russ) Jones of Williamsburg; Chris (Donna) Dickel of Green City, MO, and Danny (Mandy) Dickel of Marengo; 16 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren (including one on the way); and his special nephews Jack and Carol Shaefer, who was also his best man.

Willard was preceded in death by his parents; wife Mary Lou in 2022; and four sisters Johanna Kellenberger, Marie Shaefer, Betty Blechschmidt and Wilma Shaefer.

Memorials may be made to the Marengo American Legion Post 76 or the Amana Historical Society.

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

**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD) Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)**

**Meeting Notice and Tentative Agenda of the Regular Meeting, Monday, April 29, 6:30 p.m. at ACLUD office, 4304 220th Trail Amana, & via Zoom**

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Set Agenda
- III. Review/Approve the March 25, 2024 Meeting 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. 2024-022. Eric and Marsha Reihmann/ 709 13th Ave High Amana/ HP-R / Privacy fencing around back yard above ground swimming pool. Treated lumber, 7.5 ft from west property line, 15 feet from south property line. Gate on east side and west side.
  - b. 2024-024. Tim and Lacie Blattner / 309 52nd Ave East Amana / HP-R / Replace 21 windows w double hung vinyl. 13- 6/6, 7- 9/6, 1 (one) casement per provided dimension chart. Remove one exterior door, cover over that spot with siding painted to match existing.
- VI. Other Business
  - a. Continue to discuss strategy regarding HPC Work Plan for 2024.
- VII. Administrator's Report (if applicable)
- VIII. Adjourn

**OBITUARY**

Francis G. Byrn, age 86, of Conroy, passed away Thursday, April 18, 2024. A memorial service was held Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Memorials may be sent in care of Francis Byrn, to Kloster Funeral Home, 298 W. Washington St., Marengo, Ia 52301. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Francis, also known as "Frisky" or "Sparky" to his friends, was born May 8, 1937, in Rutledge, MO. to Grover and Marie (Kirkpatrick) Byrn. Francis married the love of his life, Darlene Schropp, on September 10, 1960, in Alburnett. Of this union, the couple had three children, Ronda Sue, Mary and Rick. Francis owned and operated a small engine repair service and later worked at the Amana Society Farms for several years, before retiring in 1991. He was also a volunteer on the Amana Fire Department from 1977 to 1990. He was known for waving at passerby with a cigar in hand.

Survivors include his daughter Mary (Andy Adams), of Conroy, and his son Rick (Dianne Benner) Byrn, of Williamsburg; sisters, Christine Snow and Fern Zahrt; a brother Frank Byrn; three grandchildren, Bonnie Tibai (Chris), Bradley (Lacey) Ivy, II and Danielle Byrn; step-grandson Marcus Adams and two great-grandchildren Misty and Lilly Adams.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, an infant daughter Ronda Sue, two sisters Mary and Daisy, three brothers Robert, Donald and Chapron.

The family would like to thank the North English Care Center, Compass Memorial Hospital and Hospice for their wonderful care of Francis.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at: [www.klosterfuneralhome.com](http://www.klosterfuneralhome.com)

**NOTICE OF PASSING**

Patricia L. Starbuck, 77, daughter of Herbert F. and Adaline (Duda) Zuber, South Amana. Obituary in next week's Bulletin

**AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP**

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**Sunday Church Services**

**@ 9:00 a.m.**

**Next Services:**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> & May 19<sup>th</sup>**

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