

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Amana Church Picnic Service will be in the Middle Ballpark, Sunday, September 8, 2024 starting at 11:00 A.M. with Br. Peter Hoehnle, presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" No. 1

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock, Near Ulm, Germany, August 16, 1718

Scripture: Phillipians 4:4-9;

Psalm 47 (Elder will read)

Closing Hymn: "Hallelujah! Let Praises Ring" No. 34

The Wednesday Evening Prayer Service (Nachtgebet) begins at 7:00 P.M. in Middle.

Links to services posted online may be found at:

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

## AMANA-RONNEBURG RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 11TH

On Wednesday, September 11th, the Amana Heritage Museum will host a program followed by a reception for our friends from Ronneburg at the Amana Performing Arts Center (APAC). Reiner Erdt's short program will begin at 6pm followed by the reception that will include refreshments and snacks. Feel free to RSVP to amanaheritage@southslope.net to help us predict attendance. Thanks and see you then!!

## HERITAGE SOCIETY FALL HARVEST DINNER

The Amana Heritage Society will host its annual Fall Harvest Dinner on Friday, September 13th, 2024 at the Price Creek Event Center with doors opening at 5:30pm. This Harvest Dinner raises much-needed funds to help support the Amana Heritage Society and its mission to share Amana's special heritage and culture.

Dinner begins at 7pm and winners of the drawings and silent auction will be announced following dinner. Raffle Tickets (includes one raffle entry and two dinner tickets) are \$125, and dinner-only tickets are \$45 each.

Raffle tickets may be purchased through our website at [www.amanaheritage.org](http://www.amanaheritage.org), or from an Amana Heritage Society board member, by calling the office at: 319-622-3567, or emailing [amanaheritage@southslope.net](mailto:amanaheritage@southslope.net).

Our motto is simple: *Preserving Our Heritage, Sharing Our Culture.*

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

A few years ago, Charlemagne rescued a kitten from a sheet of ice, where it was surrounded by a group of hissing male cats. He brought this tiny creature into the warmth of our apartment. I was not thrilled, but how can you say "no" to a poor little orphan kitten being held by a loving man like Charlemagne?

I said that the kitten could live in the basement until spring. That lasted a few weeks until Charlemagne brought it upstairs.

Once again, I gave orders to neuter the cat. This was taken care of and the cat stayed. Not being known as a cat lover I grew used to it, albeit grudgingly, never thinking that our sweet kind granddaughter would turn out to be a cat lover.

She started to volunteer at Safe Haven, which I was proud of her for doing, but then she brought home a cat, then a dog and another cat. She now has four cats and a dog. She takes good care of them.

One of our cats can trip the old Amana lever latches, and has been known to visit us that way. I once told Charlemagne "it's the cat or me." Obviously, I do not rank very high in his eyes. I wonder if he will scratch my ears and let me lay on his lap (that would be a sight.)

-B.S.H.

## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Railway Bridge is Being Rebuilt

You may not even know it's there, but this major bridge in the Colonies is being rebuilt.

CRANDIC bridge I-142 (that's its bridge identity number) crosses the Iowa River south of Middle Amana a couple miles west of Highway 151. It's on the busy "Main Line" near the South Amana Rail Terminal.

As Matt Perkins, project manager and CRANDIC spokesperson, explained in an email, "This 19-mile-line is used as a direct interchange connection between CRANDIC and the IAIS." About 177,000 rail cars travel on this line each year, he explained.

"This line is a major artery for the CRANDIC as well as the Cedar Rapids based companies it serves. 75% of the traffic moved by CRANDIC flows up and down this line. To lose this line would cripple not only CRANDIC but also some major industries in the Cedar Rapids area," Perkins added.

The bridge was built by the American Bridge Co. of New York in 1902, by the owner of the line at that time, the Milwaukee Road.

As Perkins told us, the foundations of the bridge are starting to deteriorate and in general, it needed to be replaced to accommodate today's heavier train loads. The entire bridge is being replaced with all new foundations and structural steel spans.

It will take about 1 year to do all the work. Work began this summer, so by the end of July or early August next year it should be done. It is being done by Kraemer America- National Railroad Group of Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

How does one replace a railroad bridge? The goal is to keep the rail line open and the trains running. So the existing bridge will first be raised about 27 inches so that a new foundation can be built below it. During that time new steel spans will be placed on a support structure. By working underneath and alongside the old bridge will remain open for use for most of the project.

Once the foundations are complete and the steel spans are built, they demolish the old bridge and roll the new steel spans into place onto the new foundation using hydraulic rams and heavy-duty rollers. "We anticipate this operation will be complete in about one year," CRANDIC reported.

To hear more about this bridge and see it, you

**News & Notes continues on page 2**

### ESTATE SALE

There will be an estate sale Friday September 6th from 9am - 5pm & Saturday September 7th from 9am - 2pm at the home of Bob & Karlene Robertson  
719 29th ave. Middle Amana



**GUNTHER SANDERSFELD**  
REALTOR®  
Serving the Amana Colonies and surrounding area since 2015  
319-826-4122  
GUNTHER@SKOGMAN.COM  
**SKOGMAN REALTY** 417 1ST AVE SE CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401  
LICENSED REALTOR IN THE STATE OF IOWA

## Lakeview Village

### Assisted Living Apartments

- ❖ Meals Provided
- ❖ Housekeeping Services
- ❖ Wellness checks - Medication management
- ❖ Activities

### Units Available

Call Tanya Powell for a tour 622-3131

"Experience the Comfort and Security of Retirement Living in the Amanas"



IT'S TIME TO  
**SCORE FASTER  
INTERNET.**

Get two months of  
**FREE internet and Wi-Fi.**  
Visit [southslope.com](http://southslope.com) or  
call 319-626-2211.



\*Taxes, fees, and some restrictions apply. Offer expires 12.31.24.





News & Notes from page 1

can watch a video on YouTube. Go https://youtu.be/W32XkJ-gqb8. Or look for "CRANDIC's Historic Amana Railway Bridge" on YouTube. The 18 minute video features interviews with the project engineer and Amana historian Jon Childers with neat footage of the bridge and the rail line.

Homestead Folk Art Museum To Open

The new Homestead Folk Art Museum at the former Homestead General Store is being created right now by the Amana Heritage Museum staff.

Jon Childers, Amana Heritage Society Executive Director, reports that a "soft opening" for Amana residents will be set for one day in December with the new museum opening to the public next spring.

With about 6,000 square feet of exhibit and work space, the goal is to exhibit Amana art and trade arts; objects made during Amana's communal, post-communal and contemporary period. Contemporary fine art, particularly paintings and prints, created after 1940 will be highlighted along with objects created in the textile arts, furniture building, metalwork, broom and basket-making.

A 12-month long inventory of the collection that was stored in the building has been undertaken by Rebecca Simpson, museum curator, and her team members.

In addition, the former store, used most recently as an event space by Die Heimat, needed interior remodeling so that it could be used to exhibit objects. Some space in the building will be used for special or rotating exhibits and the kitchen area will be suitable for classes or workshops. Finally having space for special, new exhibits and to show objects that were donated decades ago but have not been shown will be exciting.

"Just having the space to show what we have is neat," Childers said. Then they hope to add classes and workshops one day.

"The Amana Arts Guild does a great job with so many art classes and workshops. We envision areas where we can help provide classes or talks to our members and local residents in other areas . . . we could do how-to's in restoration work like how to fix old windows or how -tos relating to restoration. And then there are traditional crafts that could be taught as well. We would like to offer things that fill a need here," Childers notes. "That's what we be exploring in future."

The exhibits will "tell Amana's story through it's objects," as Childers said. In many ways Amana craftsmen built to suit, creating objects as needed to fulfill specific needs. But then there are some amazing pieces of furniture of metal work or needlework, quilting and lace work, that are one of a kind.

Being able to share and show off these pieces will be an opportunity to tell Amana's story in a new way. "We have such wonderful collections to share with the public, to engage people of all ages and all walks of life. Our hope is that our new museum will open doors to new ideas . . ." Simpson wrote about the new site.


**CHARLIE'S MARKET**  
West end of V St in Homestead  
Open Saturdays at 10:00 A.M.  
Produce - Cookies - Plants

The *Amana Society Bulletin* is published by the Amana Print Shop for the **Amana Society Inc.** and distributed free as a public service to the Amana Community.  
On-line at: [amanacoloniestoday.com](http://amanacoloniestoday.com)

**The Amana Print Shop 319-622-3912**  
[amanaprintshop@southslope.net](mailto:amanaprintshop@southslope.net)  
Mail: PO Box 06 Middle IA 52307  
Mon., Tues., Thurs. 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
Wednesday, Friday 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

**AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP**  
COME ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY  
**Sunday Church Services**  
**@ 9:00 a.m.**  
Next Services: *September 08*  
& *September 22, 2024*  
at the *Amana*  
*Performing Arts Center*  
(West of RV Park)  
[www.amanaareafellowship.org](http://www.amanaareafellowship.org)

**Come join a friendly environment with fun coworkers at the Amana Meat Shop & Smokehouse!**  
Currently we have an opening for a Full Time Production Associate.  
This is a great opportunity to work right in the heart of Amana and help provide quality foods to our customers!  
Stop in for more information or contact Laura Sue at 319-622-3953 or [lswoods@amanas.net](mailto:lswoods@amanas.net).

**AMANA RETIREMENT COMMUNITY**  
**COLONIAL MANOR IS HIRING!**  
Part time dietary aide 4pm-7:30pm  
Full time or part time housekeeping 5:30am-2:00pm  
Call 319-622-3131 for more information or stop by and pick up an application

**QUOTES**  
"I was in darkness, but I took three steps and found myself in paradise. The first step was a good thought, the second, a good word; and the third, a good deed."  
~ Friedrich Nietzsche  
"The heights of popularity and patriotism are still the beaten road to power and tyranny."  
~ David Hume  
"The more often a stupidity is repeated, the more it gets the appearance of wisdom."  
~ Voltaire  
"Study has been for me the sovereign remedy against all the disappointments of life. I have never known any trouble that an hour's reading would not dissipate."  
~ Baron de Montesquieu  
"The difficulty lies, not in the new ideas, but in escaping from the old ones."  
~John Maynard Keynes

**THE ESSEN WAGEN SERVES HOME DELIVERED MEALS**  
The Amana Church, in conjunction with Colonial Manor, sponsors the Amana Essen Wagen, which provides a hot noon meal to home-bound, adults or their adult child, delivered to your home (even to your chair!) each weekday, except holidays. Enjoy not cooking and enjoy visiting with one of our volunteer drivers.  
Please contact Colonial Manor at 319-622-3131 to sign up for this service. You can register for a short time while recuperating at home, or on a permanent basis. The suggested donation per meal is \$4.00.

**Haus Maus Tees is seeking a Full Time Sales Associate!**  
A sister store to the Amana General Store, Haus Maus Tees offers a large selection of t-shirts, souvenirs and gifts. Associate must be able to operate a point-of-sales system and work independently in an upbeat environment.  
Also, the Amana General Store is seeking a Part Time Sales Associate! Associates at the Amana General Store assist customers, use a point-of-sale system, unpack shipments and handle phone orders.  
For more information, stop by the General Store and ask for Lyndsey, or contact Laura Sue at 319-622-3953 or [lswoods@amanas.net](mailto:lswoods@amanas.net).

**TUTORING**  
Personalized tutoring for elementary students! I'm a qualified educator with a Master's degree and 8 years of teaching experience. All resources are provided, and transportation is included. One hour sessions are \$30 for one per week or \$25 each for two or more per week. Contact Samantha Heinze at [samanthamheinze@gmail.com](mailto:samanthamheinze@gmail.com) for more information.

**FOR SALE**  
Mahogany buffet antique Ph 319-530-0737  
483 shares of Amana Society Inc., new class A common stock for sale. If interested contact me at [perrykraus790@gmail.com](mailto:perrykraus790@gmail.com).

**HELP WANTED:**  
Very part time kitchen helper. Will pay \$15/hr. Call Larry at 319-540-9351  
Someone to run caterpillar/back hoe. (319) 361-0425..

**FOR RENT**  
House for rent in Middle Amana. 2 BR, 1 Bath, 1,000 SF ranch, 2 car attached garage. No pets. \$1,400 per month. Contact Gunther Sandersfeld for more info at 319-826-4122 or [Gunther@Skogman.com](mailto:Gunther@Skogman.com)

