# Amana Society Bulletin

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### AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

***In order to best care for each other, the Amana Church Society Trustees voted to require masks be worn in all church buildings at all times. Masks are available for those who forget to bring theirs.***

The Early (German) Confession Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, January 30, 2022, starting 8:30 AM with Sw. Kristie Yoder presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Ach Gott und Herr, wie gross und schwer" No. 07 Seite 06

Testimony: Metz, Marienborn, Jan 9, 1833

Scripture: Psalm 51

Closing Hymn: "Herr ich habe misgehandelt" No. 385 Seite 382

The Late (English) Service will start at 10:00 AM with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "Lord we Confess Our Numerous Faults" No. 232

Closing Hymn: "Thine Forever, God of Love" No. 217

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

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

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### AMANA SOCIETY 2022 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 or university in 2022.

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.

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### FEATHERS IN THE WIND

I guess I have dancing on the brain these days, that or "brain freeze."

Our neighbor, Tamara, got to take lessons from the exclusive "Dieman and Bennett School of Dance" in Cedar Rapids on a weekly basis. We still have Christmas cards of her in her ballet outfits.

She and my sister were best friends so Tamara would show her all different ballet steps and they would practice in her rec room after school.

My sister never really cared to go to ballet lessons, but the green eyed god of jealousy had totally totally consumed me. I not only begged, but threw tantrums trying to convince our parents that sending us to these classes would be money well spent. Naturally I had visions of being a ballerina in New York.

The trouble was that these lessons were costly, my mother could not drive, we did not own a car of our own and I was about as graceful as a cow on roller skates. Even though my sister was quite coordinated she could have cared less about taking these lessons, so I had no "back up."

My cousin, Cindy, was taking "tap" lessons along with my friend Gayle.

Gayle was quite diligent with her practicing, but Cindy soon lost interest.

They did have a performance on the stag at Lakeside School which my father took pictures of.

It was called the "Cane Dance" which meant they danced with a cane that they hit on the floor and danced around. Frankly it was as exciting as any dance a 6 or 7 year old could give.

Gayle would keep taking lessons and give performances which were really quite good even though I would have to go to all sorts of dance recitals in very hot auditoriums and wait and wait until finally

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### 2022 AMANA SOCIETY, INC. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Amana Society, Inc. Board of Directors has appointed Guy Wendler (319-431-5037, guy.wendler@stamats.com), Dixie Trout (319-360-4022, trout.dixie@gmail.com), Jason Fels (630-244-3349, goclones92@gmail.com), and John Zuber (319-560-0299, johnzuber47@gmail.com) to serve on the 2022 Nominating Committee.

The committee is responsible for nominating individuals to be placed on the ballot as director candidates for the 2022 Amana Society, Inc. Board of Directors general election.

Any interested Class "A" stockholder who has owned Class "A" shares for a minimum of 3 years, is at least 25 years of age, and has a business background or business experience, is encouraged to submit their name for consideration prior to February 11th, 2022, either by contacting a committee member directly (contact information is listed above for each committee member) or by sending a summary of relevant experience to: Nominating Committee, c/o Amana Society, Inc., PO Box 189 Amana, IA 52203.

## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### CCA Selects 3 Superintendent Finalists

After conducting a nationwide search and interviews, the Clear Creek Amana Community School District board has narrowed the field to three men in their search for the next CCA district superintendent. The finalists are Brett Bunch, Corey Seymour and Matthew Strom. Each finalist will be interviewed by the school board January 25, January 26 and January 31.

Community members are invited to meet the finalists at 5:30 pm on January 25, January 26 & January 31 at the High School Performing Arts Center. Ray and Associates will be present to moderate a public question and answer meeting at each meeting. You can attend via Zoom at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81467475929, meeting ID: 814 6747 5929

Brett Bunch is the Superintendent of the Newport School District in Arkansas. Brett initially pursued a law degree at the University of Arkansas before transferring and graduating from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock with a Bachelor degree in Communications and Marketing. Upon graduation, he moved to Hilo, Hawaii where he was a television news anchor for KHBC for two years. He returned to the mainland and spent the next 20 years as a business executive before becoming an educator. He has a Masters in Educational Leadership and a Specialist degree in Education from Arkansas State University and is currently working on his Doctorate in Educational Administration. Bunch taught AP US History and economics, was a high school principal and has served the past eight years as a Superintendent. Brett is an innovator in education from on-site medical, dental, vision and mental health services for students and staff, to starting the only Conservation Academy in the country. He was recognized as the Administrator of the Year for his work with mental and physical health for his students by the State of Arkansas. He developed a school calendar to better serve minorities and socioeconomically challenged students and initiated an academic compliance counselor to increase the academic rigor and accountability of students during the COVID crisis. His district has stayed ahead of the COVID crisis through strategic planning for technology, additional mental health services for students and teachers, and developing a partnership with T Mobile to meet the needs of those students without quality internet services at their home by providing them with hot spots.

Dr. Corey Seymour graduated from Rice University, where he was selected as a member of the AFCA Good Works Team and was the Hitachi Promise of Tomorrow Scholarship recipient. He later earned a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Texas Southern University and a Doctorate from Walden University in Organizational Psychology. He began his career in education with the Houston Independent School District, serving as an English teacher and athletic coach. He later became a K-8 administrator, earning Assistant Principal of the Year and Principal of the Year honors. Seymour took those experiences with him to Cedar Hill Independent School District, where he served as a high school principal and leader of secondary schools. He later accepted the superintendent position for Santa Gertrudis Independent School District. During his tenure, student participation in Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses increased. The district achieved a 100% graduation rate, and district historic highs in college scholarships. He broadened his career as an Area Assistant Superintendent (Area Senior Director) for Portland Public Schools and as the Executive Director of Leadership for Ector County Independent School District: where he oversaw and supported numerous schools. His career has focused on improving equity and cultural proficiency, implementing diversity mindfulness practices, college and career readiness, developing school leaders, and closing the achievement gap.

Dr. Matthew Strom most recently served as Chief Operating Officer of Queen Creek Unified School District (12,100 students and 14 sites. Prior to this Strom was the Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Educational Services in Chandler Unified (45,000 students and 45 sites) working with Curriculum, Instruction, Research and Assessment. He holds a doctorate degree (Ed.D.) from Northern Arizona

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1/22/22, 11:13 AM — Local Government Property Valuation System

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING --- PROPOSED BUDGET**
**Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 AMANA BENEFITED FIRE DISTRICT**

The Board of Trustees of AMANA BENEFITED FIRE DISTRICT will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:
**Meeting Date: 2/16/2022 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM Meeting Location: Middle Fire Station, 2725 K St, Middle Amana, IA**
**District Clerk/Secretary Name: Steven Rose Clerk/Secretary Telephone Number: (319) 560-6727**
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Clerk.

| FUND | FYE June 30, 2021 Actual Expenditures | FYE June 30, 2022 Re-estimated Expenditures | FYE June 30, 2023 Proposed Expenditures | Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2023 | Estimated July 1, 2022 Beg. Balance & All Other Receipts | Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation |
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| General | 147,018 | 164,000 | 175,000 | 38,571 | 134,536 | 79,035 |

Proposed taxation rate per $1,000 valuation: $ 0.60750

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friends would show up in their expensive costumes to do their dance routines for a few short minutes.

Afterwards we would all file out of the auditorium craving some cool air, but instead we had to look for our friends and compliment them on their "fantastic" performance through gritted teeth, all the while knowing that if our parents had only let us take those lessons we would have been the "stars" and received not only a standing ovation but dozens of roses.

Ironically I would have a SON who was asked to fill in at a ballet recital while in college.

I nearly had a fit because he had no training and he would have to lift one of the girls and walk with her across the stage.

Well it seems he did it anyway and practiced daily for weeks. He actually grew to like ballet which really puzzled me.

When the big day came there he was center stage no less, and I was in a cold sweat. He had developed muscles I had never noticed before and "gracefully" did his moves including lifting the girl.

I was sure a hernia was inevitable, but the ballet coach had taught him well.

Afterwards I congratulated him, but he was too embarrassed to acknowledge his mother.

Years later I would see him at a wedding dancing and wonder if just maybe I had been given the chance I too could have really danced.

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**IT'S CAUCUS TIME AGAIN**

Iowa Democrats and Republicans will be holding caucuses on **February 07, 2022 at 7:00 P.M**.

**You must be in-line or signed-in by 7:00 pm to participate.**

While this is not a presidential election year attending is still important as both parties will be filling out nomination forms to get candidates on their primary ballots, and other party business.

**Iowa County Democratic Party Caucus**
**Monday, February 7, 2022 7:00 P.M.**

Iowa County Democrats from all 11 precincts will meet at the following location: Iowa Valley Junior-Senior High School, 359 E Hilton St, Marengo (use gym entrance) MASKS REQUIRED

The purpose of this year's caucus is to: Discuss and adopt proposed resolutions to be added to the county platform.mElect Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention. Elect Precinct Committee Persons to the County Central Committee

The precinct caucus is a great way to get involved in grassroots activities with the Iowa Democratic Party. All Iowa Democrats are encouraged to attend.

Please email iowacountyiadems@gmail.com if you have a question.

**Iowa County Republican Party Announcement:**

2022 Iowa County Republican Caucus Location, Monday, February 7, 2022 - 7:00PM (Arrive Early for Check in) Masks not required.

HC - Honey Creek Marengo: Marengo Public Library, 235 E Hilton St, Marengo, IA (west room - lower level)

MR - Marengo City: Marengo Public Library, 235 E Hilton St, Marengo, IA (east room - lower level)

HT - Washington Hilton: Hilton Hall, 550 7th Ave, Conroy, IA

LX - Lenox-Iowa: Welfare Club Homestead, 4215 V Street, Homestead, IA 52206

HS - Hartford 1 - Sumner & HL- Hartford 2 - Lincoln: Victor City Hall, 707 2nd St., Victor, IA

WM - Williamsbug City: Williamsburg Public Library, 300 W State St, Williamsburg, IA ( lower level - large room)

PI - Pilot Troy York: Williamsburg Public Library, 300 W State St, Williamsburg, IA (lower level - small room)

DA - Dayton English 1: Millersburg City Hall, 461 Washington Street, North English, Iowa

EN - English 2: North English City Hall, 200 S Main St., North English, IA

FM - Fillmore Green: Parnell City Hall, Corner of Hatter Ave. Cleveland St.

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University. Arizona School Administrators recognized his work in that program by awarding his dissertation the Dissertation of the Year in 2012. In conjunction with the Center for the Future of Arizona, Strom received a 2021 Arizona State University President's Medal for Social Embeddedness recognizing his efforts to bring Participatory Budgeting to both Chandler Unified and Queen Creek Unified. Participatory Budgeting involves students in allocating budgeted dollars for school improvement projects while promoting civic engagement. Prior to joining district office executive teams, Strom was the Mathematics Department Chair at Basha High School in Chandler, Arizona. His K-12 teaching experience spanned 13 years covering a variety of subjects from AP Statistics to Computer Programming. Strom was born in Boone, Iowa. He grew up in Ogden, Iowa before his father, a 45-year mathematics teacher, moved the family to Phoenix in 1986.

The board conducted the first round of interviews on January 17th & 18th. As a next step, the boards and stakeholder interview teams will conduct final interviews with each of the three finalists. The board plans to reach a final decision soon after the conclusion of the formal interviews. The individual selected will succeed current Interim Superintendent Joseph E. Brown, Sr. who has filled in for the year after Superintendent Tim Kuehl accepted employment as Superintendent for both East Union and Murray School Districts.

**Amana Freezer Run Bone Chilling But Winterfest Still Heartwarming**

A 15-degree morning with a cold, gusting wind out of the northwest did not stop 156 racers in the Amana Freezer Run from finishing the 5k race which took them from the lower loop of Amana out to East Amana, round the village of East and back into Amana.

Nearly 180 were entered, but 156 crossed the finish line to record their times. West Amana native Nathan Hopp once again claimed the Amana Freezer win with a time of 17:05 besting the second place finisher, Christian Sande of Marion, by nearly 2 seconds. Third place winner Justin Hajek of Marion finished a cool 19:27. Jessie Clark, Cedar Rapids was the overall female winner with a time of 21:56. Winning the 14 and under was Axel Brandsmeier of North Liberty took the boys 14 and under. Conner Duncan of South Amana took second place in that division.

In the girls 14 and under 8 racers duked it out with Ellie Yates and Addison Yates of Sigourney winning first and second place, followed by Kyla Schulte and Kinsey Schulte both of Amana. In the men's 70 and over division there were 8 racers with Jim Shimek of Fairfax besting the lot with a time of 26:19. Claudia Scott of Marion was the winner of the women's 70 and over division.

The majority of racers came from eastern Iowa and were joined by runners from Richland, Michigan and Coatsburg, IL, to name two of the out of state communities represented.

The race was timed by On The Run Race Timing and hosted by the Amana Colonies Trail Inc. For photos of the race head to the Amana Freeer Run's Facebook page.

Nor did the wind keep volunteers from setting up and managing the events at the Market barn where the crowds were exceptionally well fed and entertained. They were warmed by the Amana Fire Department's excellent chili served in the winter-sky blue 2022 Winterfest mugs. Over 250 visitors made the Wine and Beer Walk and over 100 played mini golf at the Festhalle. Checking out the mini golf course Saturday, we were thrilled with both the very cute cuckoo clock putting green and the nifty Maipole putting course. When we were there 4 couples and one large family were playing rounds of golf.

Winners of the 22 Winterfest Beard Contest are as followed: Bob Lynch of Robbins, Iowa was the winner of the "BEST BEARD" award; Fullest Beard was claimed by Ron Dietrich of Marengo. Ryan Paul had the Longest Beard. His measured a full 14 inches. Most unique was Verlen Klerk of Cedar Rapids and the male who has gone the longest without shaving was one Brad Anderson of Oneida who last shaved (fully) in 2004.

Dana Jensen, Amana Colonies Festivals manager, reported that this year's Winterfest was well attended and volunteers agree that while it was colder than last year, the crowd sizes at the Market barn were average or above average when compared to year's past, this is especially notable as last year the temps were in the 30's.

Right now merchants are planning for the Valentine's Romance Weekend so watch here for events coming up February 11-13 in the Amanas.

**Tannenbaum Forest – After the Forest Closed**

The 2021 Tannenbaum Forest is a cheerful memory now. Taking a look at the data, Dana Jensen, AC Festivals manager, told us that 13,511 people visited the forest over the four weekends it was open. The Saturday of Prelude to Christmas saw the highest attendance with 2,338.

Thankfully donations were on par this year with the last three years and so the Tannenbaum Forest was able to make a sizeable donation to the U of Iowa Stead Family Childrens Hospital.

**LIBRARY BLOOD DRIVE**

The Amana Library will host an ImpactLife Blood Drive on Thursday, February 17 from 2:00 to 6:00. The drive will be held in the Amana Elementary Cafeteria, 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana.

All donors will earn a St Patrick's Day t-shirt or a gift card, as a special THANK YOU! Potential donors must be at least 17, weigh more than 110 pounds, and possess a photo ID to donate. APPOINTMENTS AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED. Walk-ins will not be accepted to allow for proper distancing. Whole Blood and Double Red Cell will be available to donate. To sign up, please call the Amana Library 319-622-3192 to schedule a time.

**OLD TESTAMENT WALK THRU**

We just started, but it's not too late! Repetition is the mother of learning so we will be reviewing last week's Walk Thru foundation for the next couple weeks. So come out and jump in! 7 more weeks.Thursday evenings, 7:00-8:30PM, at Price Creek Event Center in Amana

Online participation provided on Zoom. Request Zoom invite and link at:

***info@amanaareafellowship.org.***

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**LOVE NETWORK THANK YOU**

Thank you to those of you that took LOVE gift tags in the Amana area, purchased an item and returned it. We appreciate the items, monetary donations and time given. Your thoughtful support of this project has touched both the families receiving help and the LOVE Network volunteers. Due to your kind and generous efforts we provided assistance this holiday season to 81 financially distressed families in Iowa County.

**WANTED/WANTED TO BUY**

BUYING All ANTIQUES; Toys, Furniture, Crocks, Paintings, Advertising Signs, and Weird Items "any condition." Buying Entire Estates, call for fair pricing. Please call 319-270-1251.

**FOR RENT**

Room for rent South Amana. No smoking, references required, background check. Call Larry at 319-540-9351

**Reunions, social gatherings, business meetings?**
The Homestead Welfare Club offers an exceptional 1100 sq ft meeting or gathering room in our historic 1860's home. It includes a mini kitchen, tables and chairs for 80+ persons inside, and a shaded back yard for outdoor activities including picnic tables and small shelter. Rental is $75 /day or for $100 /day includes a full-service kitchen.
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