Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

Masks are requested but not required in all Amana Church Society buildings for the fully vaccinated, all others are humbly asked to wear a mask and/or practice social distancing when possible.

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, November 20, 2022, starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Betsy Momany presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Wär Gott nicht mi tuns dieser Zeit" No. 1019 Seite 1001

Testimony: Johann Adam Gruber, Büdingen, July 4, 1716 (rules 17 – 24)

Scripture: Matthew 7:1-5; 1 Kings 3:4-15
Psalm 51:1-17

Closing Hymn: "Ich bin ein Herr, der ewig liebt" No. 447 Seite 443

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

Opening Hymn: "If God within these evil days" No. 101

Closing Hymn: "Lord of eternal love am I" No. 104

The Covenant Service will be in the Amana Church, Thursday November 24, 2022 starting at 10:00 with Elder Alan Trumpold presiding

Opening Hymn: No. 67, I Am Thy God

Testimony: excerpts from Ursula Mayer March 28, 1715 and Christian Metz, January 30, 1858

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7, Hebrews 8:7-12

Hymn: No. 186, I leave All Things to God's Direction

Closing Hymn: No. 102, All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above (vs 1, 4, 5 and 8)

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 LIBRARY NEWS

Thanksgiving Hours

Wed., Nov. 23 & Thurs., Nov. 24 - CLOSED
Friday, Nov. 25 - 9am-Noon
Saturday, Nov. 26 - 9am-Noon

Winter Opening Guild Lines

With winter approaching, the Amana Library would like patrons to please call ahead to make sure the library is open. The library will close during bad weather. The library will follow the same schedule as the Clear Creek Amana School District schedule. If school has a late start, the library will open at 10:00. If school is cancelled, the library will be closed. If there is an early dismissal, the library will also close at the posted time. We would like to keep all of our wonderful patrons and staff safe. Please call the library 319-622-3192 to make sure we are open and before heading out.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

There is something very special about living in a small community where you know one another and share hopes, dreams, and sorrows, without even speaking, but by a simple nod or a glimpse in the eye of a special person.

I feel truly blessed to have grown up and reached my older years in such a place. It is therefore with a heavy heart that every year I bid farewell to neighbors and friends as they journey on to see their more glorious home.

Last Thursday was such a day when my neighbor of over 70 years, Ramona Marz Hoppe, passed away, peacefully. She remained independent and lived in the house she was born in, spent her married life in and, finally, her last years. It was not uncommon for us to get a call from her early in the morning concerning some gardening question, seeing her on her lawn mower, or dashing off to do some project.

Ramona could never have been called "lazy." A few months ago, she injured her leg. After therapy, shots, and so on she went to see a specialist. Given her age, the doctor probably expected a feeble woman to come into his office. Instead, he found this ball of energy we referred to as Ramona, charge in.

Somehow, she always got things done: new people in town were welcomed, the Easter eggs colored, sick people got meals, gardens all over Homestead were plowed because she coordinated it. You knew when the night blooming cereus was to

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Advent in the Tannenbaum Forest
Sunday, Nov. 27

Celebrate the first Sunday of Advent in the Tannenbaum Forest with the Amana Church on Sunday, Nov. 27 at 7 p.m.

Elder Kristie Yoder will lead the Advent celebration which will include Scripture, Advent hymns and carols. Everyone is welcome.

See that Train Rolling Down the Track

The Union Pacific rail line will be transporting donated heritage fleet engines and side cars through Iowa and will stop overnight at the South Amana maintenance depot arriving about 7:30 p.m. on Friday, November 18 and departing from the South Amana depot about 8 a.m. Saturday traveling east through Homestead enroute to Silvis, Ill.

While there will be no public access to the heritage train cars in South Amana as that depot is closed to the public, but you may stand alongside the track, at least 25 feet away, as the train passes from Grinnell (where it will leave about 5 p.m. Friday) to South Amana and the next morning as it heads through Homestead to points east.

As the UP reported, the Union Pacific will be delivering a small portion of its heritage fleet that was donated to the non-profit Railroading Heritage of Midwest America (RRHMA) in November. To learn more go to the UP.com website and look for the Heritage / UP Steam tab.

Two Shows this Holiday Season at the APAC
Music and Laughs All a Glitter

Singer Matt Barber will be at the Amana Performing Arts Center Saturday Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4 at 1:30 p.m. performing his special holiday concert.

Matt Barber's non-stop touring schedule has taken him from nationwide performing over 300 concerts a year since 2005. This special showcase will feature holiday carols and popular tunes backed by a 4 piece band. Suitable for all ages. Tickets are $25 go to the Amana Colonies Events Calendar at amanacolonies.com to purchase or contact the Amana Colonies RV Park, 319-6223-7616.

Then come see "Every Christmas Story Ever Told (and Then Some)" a hilarious spoof on Christmas shows starring Joey Lepire, Clark Skaggs and Tom Milligan produced by TKM Productions. At the Amana Performing Arts Center, December 9 – 11 with matinee and evening performances.

You will recall that Lepire, Milligan and Skaggs were more than excellent in "Leaving Iowa," so we can't wait to see what they come up with as three actors who attempt to stage Charles Dickens' classic, "A Christmas Carol" but end up taking a wildly funny left turn into a slightly irreverent look at all of our favorite "Beloved Christmas Classics." From "It's a Wonderful Life," to "Charlie Brown Christmas," to "Rudolph" they bee-bop through all of our favorite holiday movies, musicals and cartoons, in this unforgettably high octane, holly-jolly Christmas show.

Knowing what fun these three gifted comics can create, this is a must see show.

It's written by: Michael Carleton, James FitzGerald & John K. Alvarez, with original music by Will Knapp. Show times: Friday, Dec 9 at 7:30pm; Saturday, Dec 10 at 7:30pm and Sunday, Dec 11: 3pm. Tickets are $20

Call 319-899-3799 for reservations or pay cash at the door.

Amana Community Chest Seeks Donations

What is the Amana Community Chest? It's a fund raising organization, a non profit, that raises money for Amana Colony area groups and organizations who provide important youth, cultural, historical or charitable services in our community.

It was formed over 65 years ago to help Amana Colony groups serve this community through a joint fundraising effort. Every year volunteers send letters to residents in all seven villages. Nearly 100 percent of all funds collected stay in the immediate Amana Colonies area. This year's board of trustees includes: John Zuber, Ben Macumber, Lisa McGrath, Gretchen Muhlenbruck, Tara Childers, Susan Macumber, Amanda Okopski and Micah

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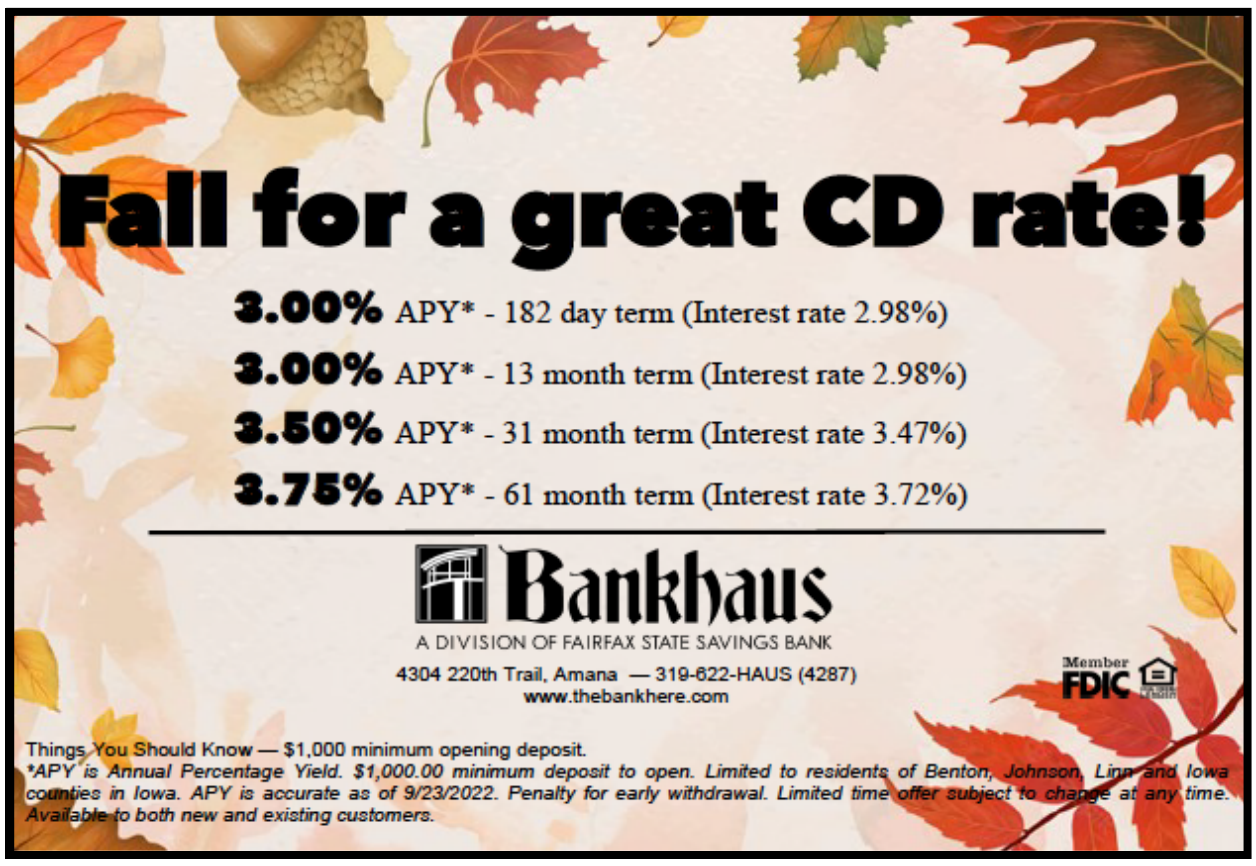
Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary, Charles and Barbara



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bloom, at her house, ours, whoever had one, and so it went. Now there is a deafening stillness. She will be missed, and many of us will smile when we think of her.

Someone once described the stars as being like remembrances of people who have gone before us. We will look up and, if we see a shooting star, we will think of her.

B.S.H.

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to my neighbors Dave, Kathy & Levi Karrow, Galen & Linda Moser, Kris Ehrmann and Marie LaGrange for all the yard work they did for me this year. It was very much appreciated! It is such a blessing to have such wonderful neighbors.

Joanne Griess

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Both positions come with great benefits and competitive pay.

For more information contact Laura Sue at 319-622-3953 or email your resume to lswoods@amanas.net.

TANNENBAUM FOREST OPENS IN AMANA
November 25-December 18

Welcome the winter season on November 25th, with the Tannenbaum Forest in the Amana Colonies. This year's forest will feature over 70 live Christmas trees decorated by local businesses, a beautiful nativity, and our 17' tall German style Christmas pyramid. Trees are displayed in the historic century old Festhalle barn. A free-will donation of $3.00 is encouraged. Proceeds of the forest benefit The University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital. A Holiday Bonfire outside the barn on Saturday November 26th will kick the holiday season in the full gear.

The Amana Colonies will celebrate the 37th Prelude to Christmas December 2 - 4. Friday. Prelude to Christmas features the annual Cookie Walk, live music, food, and specials in many of the shops along with decorated streets and a warm holiday atmosphere.

Children's Weekend December 9-11 features Santa in the Tannebaum Forest all weekend long. Santa will be bringing one of his Reindeer to Amana on Saturday December 11th from 1pm-4pm. A live theater performance will be at the Amana Performing Arts Center.

Don't miss the Cocoa and Hot Beverage Crawl on the final weekend, December 16th-18th. Pick up a passport at the Visitor's Center and sample hot beverages throughout town. Return the passport and get a limited-edition Tannenbaum Forest Mug while supplies last. We'll be celebrating Holiday Traditions all weekend long with special discounts for Ugly Sweaters and an Ugly Sweater Fashion Show in the Forest.

The Tannenbaum Forest is open, weather permitting, Friday, Saturday and Sunday each weekend November 23-December 16, with weekday openings for groups available by appointment. Tannenbaum Forest in the Historic Amana Colonies is an authentic holiday experience waiting for all ages!

Call the Amana Colonies Visitors Center at 319-622-7622 for more information and full scheduling for Tannenbaum Forest and Prelude to Christmas in the Amana Colonies, or visit amanacolonies.com.

Hotel Millwright

Breakfast
Monday - Sunday
7am - 11am

Lunch
Monday - Sunday
11am - 4pm

Dinner
Monday - Thursday
5pm - 9pm
Friday - Saturday
5pm - 10pm
Sunday
5pm - 9pm

Bar
Monday - Thursday
4pm - 10pm
Friday - Saturday
4pm - 11pm
Sunday
4pm - 10pm

Amana Appreciation
Wednesdays & Sundays We extend a 15% discount on food + drink to our local community members and Amana Society, Inc. shareholders

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Venema.

Some of the groups helped by the Amana Community Chest: The Amana Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, Amana Colonies Trails, Amana Community Fireworks, CCA Schools Pool, Amana School Community Library, Amana Heritage Society, Amana Arts Guild, Safe Haven of Iowa County and other groups.

Furthermore, donations are made to individuals and families in the Amana Colony area who find themselves, due to emergency, illness or accident, in sudden need of financial assistance. These are handled on a case by case basis in complete confidentiality.

Your help and your contribution is needed. To make a donation please send a check to the Amana Community Chest, PO Box 161, Amana, IA, 52203. Make checks out to the Amana Community Chest. Your help is appreciated.

Meet Our New Superintendent of Schools

The community is invited to meet Clear Creek Amana's new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Corey Seymour, at a "town hall" meet and greet Thursday, December 1 at 7 p.m. at the Amana Performing Arts Center, Amana.

Dr. Seymour, who joined the CCA School District this year, will be there to say hello and chat, meet and get to know Amana Colonies community members. Hosted by the Amana Society, everyone is welcome to attend.

Lakeview Village

2BR, 2 Bath, 1 stall garage unit for sale located on Amana Retirement Community Campus. Must be 55 years of age or older.

Please contact Tanya Strong at (319) 622-3551 for details.

ARTS GUILD HAUS TOUR

The 2022 Amana Arts Guild Holiday Haus Tour will be held December 3 10am-4pm, December 4 1pm-4pm

Tickets are $20 each, and will be available at each house during tour hours, or at the Gallery on Main beginning November 15. Kids 12 and under get in free. For complete details: amanaartsguild.com/haustour

This year's houses include the Ron and Vicki Conley House, the Suzanne and Jeff Conquest House, the Katie and Bryce Steckly House, and the Bill and Kristie Yoder House. Also included is the Amana Heritage Society's Ruedy House, as well as refreshments at the Gallery on Main.

The Amana Print Shop 319-622-3912
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OBITUARY

Ramona B. Hoppe, age 92, of Homestead, passed away Thursday, November 10, 2022, at her home. Funeral Service was Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Marengo, with Rev. Andrew Gray officiating. Interment was in the Homestead Cemetery, Homestead. Memorials may be contributed to St. John's Lutheran Church. Ramona and her family are in the care of Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo.

Ramona is survived by her sister Anita McDonald; nieces, Dolores Roemig, Phyllis Wedig, Monique McDonald, Heather Chapman and Michele Hoppe Long; nephews Randy Hess, Larry Burgy, David Burgy, Jeff Burgy, Anthony McDonald, David Guerhn, Christopher Hoppe and Robert Hoppe. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Glenn on February 3, 1983, three sisters, Marie Burgy, Norma Hess and Dorothy Wedig and two nieces, Stephanie Gossage and Ginger Hoppe Myer.

Ramona was born January 8, 1930, in her home in Homestead, where she lived her entire life. She is the daughter of the late Fritz L. and Ella W. (Miller) Marz. She graduated from Amana High School in 1949 and continued her education at the Davenport Business College. Ramona was united in marriage to Glenn Hoppe on August 25, 1951 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Marengo. Ramona worked at Amana Refrigeration as a receptionist and switchboard operator. Later she worked at several local wineries. Ramona was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Marengo. She taught Sunday School for many years, was a member of the Ladies Aid as well as the quilting group. Ramona was also a member of the Amana Society, the Homestead Welfare Group and was a contributing artist of the Amana Arts Guild Gallery. She enjoyed stitching and quilting, was an avid gardener and avid Iowa Hawkeye football and basketball fan. Ramona was a very giving, energetic person and a delight to be around. Her gift wrapping skills were a "work of art". She never knew a stranger. Ramona's firm faith in the Lord, courage and steadfast love was an example and gift to us all. She will be missed by many.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.

Online condolences may be left at: www.klosterfuneralhome.com

FOR RENT

One Bedroom Apartment in Middle Amana $475/month + utilities. Available soon! Call 319-622-3873 or 602-284-3487

For Rent room with shared bath and common area South Amana. No smoking, references, background check. Call Larry at 319-540-9351

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Amana Area Fellowship Night of Worship
Please join us for an evening of food, song and a message from the Bible.
Potluck 6:00-6:30 Music and Message 6:45
Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022
Amana Performing Arts Center
Guest Speaker Brooks Simpson
Lead Pastor, Grace Community Church
North Liberty, Iowa
visit us at www.amanaareafellowship.org

ACLUD BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Please welcome our new Board of Trustees members! Norine Magee and Lynn Trumpold were sworn in as members this fall. Norine is completing the term of Laura Kay Sheely who moved to Arizona in June. Her term is complete in October of 2023. Lynn Trumpold has joined us for a three year term which ends in October 2025. The current officers of the ACLUD Board of Trustees are: Joe Parcell-President, Bruce Trumpold-Vice-President and Moses de los Santos-Treasurer. Please congratulate Norine and Lynn when you see them

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