# Amana Society Bulletin

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### AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The combined Communion Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, October 29, starting 10:00 A.M. with Br. Peter Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Invited Lord By Boundless Grace" No. 227

Testimony: Christian Metz, Lower Ebenezer, July 4, 1845

Scripture: Matthew 26: 26 - 30

Hymn: "Jesus, Dear True Bread of Life" No. 143

Hymn: "Draw Nigh And Take The Body Of The Lord" No. 275

Hymn: "Oh, Come Ye To The Righteous Vine" No. 161

Testimony: Johann Adam Gruber, Leisingen, Switzerland, Dec 22, 1716.

Closing Hymn: "Praise To The Lord The Almighty" No. 74

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.*

Links to services posted online may be found starting with the gateway page:

*https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/*

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### CUB SCOUT POPCORN

The Amana Cub Scouts are selling popcorn until November 1st. If you need to place an order or have any questions please contact Dawn Ball at 319-310-7526. Thank you.

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### SCOUTING FOR FOOD

This coming Saturday October 28 the Cub Scouts will be picking up Scouting For Food starting between 8:00 - 8:30 am. Please have your items in a bag/box and visible from the road, preferably in the middle of your driveway.

Remember all items collected will go to the Amana Food Pantry to help restock our shelves.

If you have any questions or inadvertently get missed please call

Charlotte Heishman 319-350-7407. We will get your donation picked up and to the Pantry.

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### FEATHERS IN THE WIND

It seemed to be too good to be true: we would get a machine that would text write phone conversations for us because I could not understand some people's voices over the phone, even with hearing aids. This marvelous system worked for less than a week before EVERYTHING went down – landline, cell, even our internet connection. Finally, after much button-punching, the internet came back, then disappeared, then came back again.

On Friday, Charlemagne had to get his new glasses and driver's license. We did not realize that we needed an appointment for the license, so I had to use the cell phone to call and make one., The trouble was that, one, my cell phone had gone down and, two, when that was taken care of, no one answered the phone at the court house. Having just come from Cedar Rapids and tried to get an appointment, I was upset so, using my dictator voice, I told Chalemagne to go in and tell the people in the courthouse that they we going to have to deal with an upset woman who yelled loudly! He did not have to say anything because, luckily, they had a vacancy, and he got his license.

On Monday I called the text call people and South Slope. The South Slope man came and checked everything he could for two hours. We got the landline and internet back, and a promise that the text phone people would come this week. Now, we are once again fieldling calls from solicitors, only this time I am grateful just to have telephone service again.

I want to say one last thing, the phone technician from South Slope was so polite and patient with us that he is a credit to the company.

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Bringing in the Harvest – Amana Farms Report Drought Worrisome

This past year with precipitation far below normal, the Amana Farms, Inc. team began the harvest anticipating that the yields would be down. While the results for some fields have exceeded expectations, others have been just as expected.

But so far, with the soybean harvest complete and the corn harvest over 60 percent done, the soybeans have averaged 48 bushels per acre and the corn has done about 205 bushels per acre. Yes, the soybeans are down this year as expected, but that's a pretty good corn yield given the lack of rainful, so overall it's not nearly as bad as some feared.

John McGrath, Amana Farms, Inc. noted that some years, when rains exceed the average, having sandy soils is helpful, but during a drought they are the first to dry out and they stay dry. "The sandy fields really hurt us this year," he reported.

Perhaps most worrisome of all for Amana Farms John McGrath is the state of the pastures. Over 1,800 cows are on pasture here. With so little rain, grass just hasn't grown, plus the small creeks and even local ponds are dry, or near dry.

"Many herds have needed water hauled in for much of the summer and a cow will drink 20 gallons on a hot day. Lots of work and quite expensive." McGrath added. Remember how hot July and August were? Hauling water to the cattle was a constant this late summer.

The need for rain continues. Autumn rainfall would help refill creeks, sustain the pastures and it would certainly help next year's crops and pasture conditions.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's 90 day forecast for Iowa (released in late August) predicted we would see more rainfall in Iowa this fall, but it appears to us that the rain has been falling to the north or south of Iowa County. Only Benton County has received less rainfall this fall.

The Iowa Dept. of Agriculture and Land Stewardship released September rainfalls for Iowa that showed that September was almost 4 degrees warmer than previous Septembers and we in eastern Iowa received only 2 inches of rainfall. That's 1.34 inches below normal and continues the drought trend in eastern Iowa.

That report read: "Timely rainfall in northeast Iowa in September helped to reduce the drought concern for that part of the state. While the large area of "Exceptional Drought (D4) was removed, a smaller area remains for parts of Tama and Benton Counties. Significant drought concerns remain for those counties and the surrounding area. Without normal to above normal rainfall this fall, eastern Iowa in general, and those counties in particular, could face a Drought Warning or even Drought Emergency, per the Iowa Drought Plan. The fall months are a time of reduced water demand, which helps to alleviate some concerns. However, normal to above-normal rainfall and snow are needed in the fall and winter months to reduce the impacts of drought in 2024. Current drought conditions have resulted in several county burn bans, and there are reports of voluntary and mandatory water restrictions in a limited number of communities in Iowa. As of the first week of October, the breakdown of drought categories was as follows: Abnormally Dry (D0) – 4%, Moderate Drought (D1) – 28%, Severe Drought (D2) – 40%, Extreme Drought (D3) – 24% and Exceptional Drought (D4) – 3%."

### You can Vote Now in Marengo for CCA School Board

In person, off-site voting is open right now at the Iowa County Auditor's office in Marengo. The office is located in the county annex building across the street from the courthouse.

Yes, you can go the Auditor's office Monday through Friday and vote now for the Clear Creek Amana School Board election. The auditor's office is open 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in Marengo.

Also, did you know that you need an appointment to renew or receive your driver's license? Yes, it's now an appointment system. To call for an appointment: 319-642-3921.

The CCA school board election is Tuesday, Nov. 7 polls are open 7 a.m. till 8 p.m. East Amana, Middle Amana, Amana and Homestead vote at the Middle Fire Station. West and South Amana vote in Conroy at the Hilton Hall.


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### Halloween Stuff to Do

Here's a few Halloween weekend happenings that crossed our desk this week. This is not an exhaustive list, but it gives you fun options.

"In the Silence" movie screening. Friday, Oct. 27, 6 p.m. A thriller set in Iowa written by Iowan Rob Merritt and filmed in eastern Iowa. Meet the cast and film crew after the show. A spooky atmospheric must see! $8 admission. Amana Performing Arts Center. Rated PG-13.

At Brau Haus in Amana it's a costume party, Friday Oct. 27. so after the movie at APAC come on down. Randy Sandersfeld will be entertaining 6 – 9 p.m.

At Fireside Winery, rural Conroy, Saturday, Oct. 28 they are hosting a Halloween party. Yes, please feel free to dress up (or not). Cassie and Randy are playing the tunes 6 – 9 p.m.

October 28 – 29 at Ackerman Winery, Amana they'll be screening fun, spooky movies in their "Witches Cove" (upper room) as well as passing out Halloween candy for the kids. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

At Millstream Brewing Co. Saturday Oct. 28 Joel Berger will be performing with a mix of pop covers by the stars of the 80s and 90s. 6 - 9 p.m.

Halloween, October 31, all day, wear a costume and visit Millstream Brewing Co. Amana for their Halloween beverage special. Check their website or Facebook page for hours.

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**The Holidays are approaching rather quickly.**

**We are now taking reservations for our delicious Thanksgiving Meal.**

First Seating at 11:00 a.m.
Last Seating at 2:00 p.m.
Please call: **319-622-5254**
Call or text: **319-361-6786**
or email: **pricecreekeventcenter@gmail.com**

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-Muzzleloaders and Firearms: Vintage & Modern
Will also do Appraisals & Consignment Sales
Call, Text or Email JOEL VZ (319) 530-1234
jvanzante@southslope.net

### WANTED/WANTED TO BUY

BUYING All ANTIQUES; Toys, signs, Furniture, Crocks, Paintings, textiles, automotive, oddities and the unusual. Any condition. Fair cash prices paid. Call or text 319-270-1251/Jack Cirkl.

### FOR RENT/ LEASE

Room for rent South Amana. No smoking, background check 319-540-9351

### SERVICES

Fall plowing and leaf pick-up. Call Rob Jeck at 319-622-3308

### RECEIPTS FOR EDUCATION AT BIG G

We are Excited to inform you that we are partnering with Big G Food Store in Marengo, in an incredible program that allows us to earn FREE classroom equipment and supplies.

Here's How You Can Help!

- Shop at the Big G Food Store from September 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024
- Save your receipts and send them to school with your child or drop them off at the Amana Library.
- Your receipts will earn us points for free classroom equipment and supplies, donated by the store.
- Please submit your receipts (the date needs to be on the receipt for it to be valid) to to our school by April 4, 2024

Thank you
Amana Elementary Staff & Students

IOWA 1855 AMANA MEAT SHOP & SMOKEHOUSE

**Seasonal Associates needed!**

Do you want to work in a friendly & fast paced environment with fun coworkers, while making extra money for the holidays? If so, the ***Amana Meat Shop*** is the place for you! Seasonal Production Associates assemble and package gift boxes and prepare them for shipping throughout November and December.

Customer Service Associates assist customers with their phone orders and perform data entry work. Basic computer knowledge is required & good typing, spelling and grammar skills are essential.

Flexible hours are available for both positions and snacks & meals are provided! Contact Laura Sue at 319-622-3953 or lswoods@amanas.net for more information.

WARPED & WOVEN MILL MERCANTILE

The team at **Warped & Woven Mill Mercantile** is seeking a Part Time Sales Associate for weekend shifts. This position involves assisting customers, operating a point-of-sale system, restocking merchandise and handling phone orders. Great customer service skills and willingness to learn and share Amana's rich history is a must!

The **Amana Woolen Mill** has been selling the finest handcrafted cotton and wool products since 1855. **Warped & Woven Mill Mercantile** showcases these beautiful, American made products.

If interested call Laura Sue at 319-622-3953 or stop by Warped & Woven Mill Mercantile!

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**Part Time Retail Associates**

are needed at the Amana Meat Shop & Smokehouse! Do you want to work in a friendly environment with fun coworkers? Are you interested in meeting new people as they shop at a great local business? If so, the Amana Meat Shop is the place for you! Come join our team and help customers find quality food right here in Amana. Stop in for more information or call Laura Sue at 319-622-3953.

**FOR SALE**

**708 47th Ave Main Amana**

**Price Reduction**

**$205,000**

1 bd, 1 bath Apartment Upstairs

Main floor living or commercial space.
1966 SF Above Ground

**Brenda Neuendorf**
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### AMANA FIRE DISTRICT RECEIVES GRANT FROM FIREHOUSE SUBS

According to the National Fire Prevention Association, firefighters can safely use their personal protective equipment (PPE) for up to 10 years. PPE is used by firefighters on all emergency calls, including fires, rescues, vehicle accidents and more. As imperative as this equipment is, many departments unfortunately lack up-to-date gear.

Now, thanks to a $19,845 grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, Amana Benefited Fire District is now equipped with five new sets of bunker gear, better protecting them from heat and hazards and allowing them to safely save more lives.

To celebrate the receipt of this grant, local Firehouse Subs owner John Chadima will join Amana Benefited Fire District at Firehouse Subs – Westdale Mall, 2460 Edgewood Rd. SW, Suite 200, Cedar Rapids, for an acknowledgement ceremony and official check presentation from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, on Saturday, October 28, 2023 between 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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**Turning 65 soon?**
**It's not too early to talk about your Medicare options.**

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***TEDDY RETURNS: A THEODORE ROOSEVELT THANKSGIVING***

TKM Theatrical Productions proudly sponsors a dinner theatre presentation of *TEDDY RETURNS: A Theodore Roosevelt Thanksgiving* at Price Creek Event Center, 4709 220th Trail, Amana, IA. on November 19th

Performer Joe Wiegand is the world's premiere Theodore Roosevelt reprisor, and as an actor and historian, his portrayals of Theodore Roosevelt have been enjoyed by audiences in all fifty states and internationally.

Doors will open at 12:00 pm for a delicious holiday feast with all the fixings, prepared by host, Yana Cutler. The performance will begin upstairs at 1:30 pm. Tickets are $35

For Information and Reservations, call (319) 622-5254 or (319)899-3799

TKM Theatrical Productions, Co-foundered by Tom Milligan and Deb Kennedy, is a charitable non-profit theatrical production company, is beginning its 11th season serving Eastern Iowa communities.