

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, February 03, 2024 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Andrea Haldy presiding.

Opening Hymn: "O heil'ger Geist, kehr' bei uns ein" No. 794 vs 1-7 Seite 783

Testimony: Excerpts Christian Metz, Marienborn, December 13, 1833

Scripture: Luke 2:22-40

Psalm 24

Closing Hymn: "Der Glaub' ist eine Himmelskraft" No. 139 vs 1,3,6,12,15 Seite 132

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

Opening Hymn: "O Holy Spirit Enter In" No. 79

Closing Hymn: "In Faith We Find a Heav'nly Power" No. 73

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.

Links to services posted online may be found at: <https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/>

AMANA SOCIETY INC. 2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Amana Society, Inc. Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the Amana Society will be awarding two (2) \$2000.00 scholarships to graduating high school seniors attending an accredited college, university, or trade school in 2024.

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.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

I thought that it was odd the day that Charlemagne began getting seed catalogues in the FALL! Thanksgiving had not even come, and here was my beloved looking and planning his garden for the following year.

Then came January and the big snow storms. I actually cleaned my glasses and repositioned them because there was Charlemagne bent over one of his THREE magazine racks sorting through seed catalogues.

January 11th came and, for once, instead of getting a solicitor on the telephone we got an honest to goodness real person in the form of Kirk Setzer who asked to speak to Charlemagne. I should have known there was trouble. I have a mental list of troublemakers, all from north of the river, who call Charlemagne to plan their next moves. This call had to do with ordering a shipment of onion sets – in January with two feet of snow on the ground! The weather forecast for the next few days was for below zero degrees, but never mind that, for these gardeners had "frozen mindsets" for the coming spring and, like the old postal slogan, "neither rain nor snow" would keep them from their appointed gardening rounds.

I wanted to point out that we had not had any mail delivery for two days this week, and possibly three, but why argue with gardeners. The sun on their heads during those hot summer months melts the ice from their brains which has accumulated over the winter.

Since we are likely to have another cold snap in the coming weeks, I guess that means it would be a good idea to do some deep cleaning and, perhaps, find some real "treasures" that I had put away in safe places.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Zach Bott is Looking Ahead

A blanket of heavy snow may mean the grapevines at the Brickyard are protected from deep freeze, but things are heating up at Fireside Winery's press house where winemaker Zach Bott is very busy making wine.

Bott earned the Iowa Wine Growers 2024 Winemaker of the Year Award a couple of weeks ago, an honor that surprised Bott, but delighted his family and friends. The hard-working winemaker puts in long days making some 60 varieties of wine. This year he introduced a line of delicious Firecidrs, apple cider at 7 percent alcohol content with just the right amount of effervescence to elevate the flavor.

As Christie Jensen, Executive Director Iowa Wine Growers Association, noted, "Zach is the creator behind one of Iowa's best-selling wineries. . . Zach's line-up reflects some of the best wines in Iowa, everything from dry wines made from locally grown varietals, to popular seasonal offerings, to the sweet fruit wines Ackerman (Winery) is known for."

Bott told us, "I love it. I love making wine. Yeah, it's busy and we put in some long hours, but I like being my own boss and getting to see all my kids' activities and yes, I love making wine." Asked which wines he is most proud of and Bott smiled and said, "That's sort of like asking a Dad to pick his favorite kid. I'm proud of every bottle or I wouldn't put it in a bottle." But when pressed he admitted there are several that exemplify what he and the Fireside team are working toward, "I think our reds, our vintage wines. . . those made from grapes we grow ourselves."

Expanding their Brickyard vineyard to 20 acres means they are able to harvest some 62 tons or 120,000 pounds of grape or about 85 percent of the grapes Fireside uses. They purchase whole, fresh or crushed fresh fruit, mostly rhubarb and berries, to produce the traditional Amana wines visitors ask for – the rhubarb wines, the Concord grape, the strawberry, cherry, cranberry and other fruit wines perfected by Ackerman Winery.

Ackerman Winery was purchased by Fireside in 2015. It opened in 1956 established by the Ackerman family of South Amana. Les Ackerman, South Amana, was the first Iowa winemaker selected to receive the Iowa Winemaker of the Year award in 2013.

Ackerman Winery and Fireside Winery have created and built Iowa's wine industry one delicious bottle after another. Today there are almost 100 wineries in Iowa, more than 250 vineyards and 1,300 acres of grapes under cultivation. It's a \$420 million dollar industry in Iowa.

Ackerman Winery, Fireside in the Village and

Fireside Winery, rural Conroy, offer not only wine, but the experience of enjoying Fireside and Ackerman wine at the winery with live entertainment and special events.

This weekend Fireside Winery is hosting the DVIP Galentine's PJ Party fundraiser to raise money for victims of domestic violence. Saturday, Feb. 3, Fireside will host the party which'll feature dancing, drawings, snacks and more. Check out the details on the Fireside website. February 9 – 10 it's "Death by Disco" a murder mystery dinner party at Fireside, featuring TKM Theatricals. These are just two examples of the long list of events Fireside hosts.

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Happy 90th Birthday

Oris Martins

on February 10th

Help him celebrate

by sending a greeting to:

Oris Martins

3012 F Drive Apt 10,

Amana, IA 52203

Please, no gifts.



Happy 90th Birthday

Marlene Trumpold

Please help Marlene celebrate her

90th birthday on February 11th

by sending a greeting to:

Marlene Trumpold

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But the wine is the focus and centerpiece of all their creative energy at Fireside. "This is a team effort," Bott said. There are 13 full-time and even more part-time employees at Fireside. "I think that's why this award was special to me – it's really a recognition of what our team is doing," he concluded.

Winterfest Misty and Drippy but Fun Race Results Here

The weather was not quite as one might have imagined, but it was warm enough for all to get out and enjoy Amana's Winterfest 2024.

The temperature was just about freezing when the gun sounded and 182 runners and walkers took off heading down the street and turning northeast to traverse 5 kilometers of wet, sandy, salt-treated roads.

Who won? You guessed it! Our hometown track star, Nathan Hopp,

took first place with a blistering time of 15:57 meaning he was running at a 5.08 minute per mile pace. Hopp who grew up in West Amana has won this race so many times we are not sure we know how many it's been. We must ask him.

He was followed by Justin Hajek, Marion, at 18 minutes; Noah Yost, another hometown Amana hero at 18:09; Jeff Friedmann, Zwingle, IA at 18:17 and Elaina Biechler, Dubuque at 18:21. Winning the 14 and under was Jake Weller of Coralville; followed by Lucas Iverson, Iowa City, Henry Kopelman, Iowa City and Kate McBurney of Oskaloosa. Winning the 70 years and over division was Tom Wolfe, Cedar Rapids with a time of 27:04. Winning the female 70 years and over division was Lizabeth Oxborne, West Branch with 39.09.

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 Find your perfect "date" for Valentine's Day at Amana's new bookstore!
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I plan on having Charlemagne clean his sun room out, and eliminate some of his gardening stuff so that one can walk through the room normally, rather than sideways – wish me luck!

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HELP WANTED

Sales Associate Needed for Fireside Winery in the Village - Main Amana. Wednesday and Thursdays and occasional weekends. \$15/hour plus tips. Contact cassie@firesidewinery.com for more information.

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.

OBITUARY

Casey Charles Leichsenring, 18, of Arlington Heights, passed away Saturday, January 27, 2024 in Rock Island, IL as a result of an impulsive decision. A freshman at Augustana College, Casey was a 2023 Buffalo Grove High School graduate, Illinois State Scholar, AP Scholar, and National Merit Commended Scholar. Visitation will be held Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 185 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine, IL. Funeral services will begin at 3 p.m. that same day with Pastor Jeanne Murawski officiating.

Casey was the second of three children born to Jessica Giurato (née Frank) and Jesse Leichsenring. He arrived on August 12, 2005 in Baraboo, WI. Casey was a very active and animated kid, always finding mischief and snacks. His nickname as a toddler and preschooler was Hurricane Casey, because he seemed to leave a jagged path of destruction behind him wherever he went. He was the subject of many family legends and funny stories, always had a twinkle in his eye, and absolutely loved making people laugh. Everyone that knew him has a Casey story. He was loved beyond measure and will be missed every day.

He is survived by his devastated parents Jessica (Jeff) Giurato of Arlington Heights IL. and Jesse Leichsenring of Baraboo, WI.; two siblings he absolutely adored, Nate Leichsenring of Madison, WI and Annie Leichsenring of Arlington Heights, IL.; grandparents Candace and Brent Dowler of Crystal Lake, IL., Jeff and Linda Frank of Schaumburg, and Richard and Pam Leichsenring of Middle Amana, IA ; great-grandfather Charles Richard Terrell of Solon, IA; aunts and uncles Joshua and Nikki Frank of Aurora, IL., Matt Leichsenring of Colorado Springs, CO, Erin Durr of Henderson, NV, Megan and Ty Winkhart of Rockford, IL., and Keelan Alberts and Clarissa Johnstone of Naperville, IL.; as well as his cousins Alex, Zach, Lauren, Jon, Chris, Mackenzie, Cayden, Joaquin, and Xiomara. He also leaves behind his beloved kitten, George.

A week prior to his death, Casey saved someone else's life by calling 911 when they attempted suicide.

Memorial donations in Casey's name can be made here to the family's Go Fund Me page (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/casey-leichsenring>).

*You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
 You make me happy when skies are gray
 You'll never know dear, how much I love you
 Please don't take my sunshine away*

OBITUARY

Harriet Mae Pickart, 95, of Amana, Iowa, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024 following a brief illness at Compass Memorial Hospital in Marengo.

Harriet was born Sept. 11, 1928, in Norway, Iowa, to Ole and Amber (Linn) Holland. Following graduation from Norway Schools in 1945, she wed David Pickart at St. Michael's on June 28, 1948. David and Harriet raised their family on farms outside of Norway and Blairstown, before moving to Norway in 1969, and then Amana in 2000. Harriet was employed for many years by the Norway Schools, and worked at the Amana General Store.

Harriet is survived by her youngest brother, Robert Dean Holland of Norway; five children, Gerald of Marengo, Bruce (Liz) of Labadie, Mo., Terry of Norway, Mark (Regina) of Lake Havasu, Ariz., daughter, Lorie (Steve) Davis of Prosper, Texas; seven grandchildren, Thad Pickart, Damien (Vanessa) Pickart, Rachel (Josh) Lathrop, Erin (Erik) Schulte, Jason Pickart, Shelly (Joe) Koehn, Dustin (Robin) Pickart; nine great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Harriet was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Harris and Mayo Holland; sister, Jesse Law; husband, David in 2005; and eldest son, David Allen in 2021. Condolences may be left at www.neuhausfuneralservice.com. Brosh Funeral Service of Norway is assisting the family.

Bulletin Deadlines:

Most Articles & ads - Tues. 5:00 P.M.
Very Small Ads/articles - Wed. 11:30 A.M.
 email: amanaprintshop@southslope.net

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING — PROPOSED BUDGET
 Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 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: 2/21/2024 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM Meeting Location: Middle Fire Station, 2725 K Street, 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, 2023 Actual Expenditures | FYE June 30, 2024 Re-estimated Expenditures | FYE June 30, 2025 Proposed Expenditures | Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2025 | Estimated July 1, 2024 Beg. Balance & All Other Receipts | Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation |
|---------|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|---|
| General | 174,243 | 313,000 | 199,642 | 115,955 | 237,151 | 78,446 |

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