

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, March 03, 2024 starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Jon Childers presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Kommt, ihr Kinder unserer Liebe" No. 605 vs 1-4 Seite 600

Testimony: J.F. Rock, Schwarzenau, Aug. 2, 1740

Scripture: II Timothy 2:1-10
Psalm 78:1-8

Closing Hymn: "Dein Jesus kommt und will sich ausgeben" No. 126 vs 1-6 Seite 117

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

Opening Hymn: "I Trust in Thee" No. 82 vs. 1-6

Closing Hymn: "I Trust in Thee" No. 82 vs. 7-12

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.

Save the Date!

We will be cleaning up and clearing the Amana Church cemeteries on Saturday April 13 starting at 9 am. Please consider helping to clean up the cemetery in your town. More information will be provided in the bulletin as we get closer to the date.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Two More Arrests and Murder Charges Filed

Three men were arrested in the kidnapping and murder of Melody Hoffman, age 20, Marion whose body was discovered Sunday, Feb. 18 at the Lily Lake picnic area.

McKinley Louisma, 23, of Hiawatha, was arrested Tuesday, Feb. 20 and has been charged with 1st degree murder and kidnapping.

Dakota Van Patten, 18, of Cedar Rapids, was arrested Wednesday, Feb. 21, and has been charged with 1st degree murder, kidnapping and conspiracy to commit a forcible felony in the death of Melody Hoffman.

Then Thursday afternoon Marion City Police announced that Logan Kimpton, 18, of Hiawatha was arrested and charged with conspiracy to commit forcible felony, assault with injury and willful injury. He was not charged with murder.

Tuesday, Feb. 20 a law enforcement media release accompanied by the Linn County attorney's affidavit reported that there were two people involved. It announced that Louisma had been arrested and was being held. Wednesday, Feb. 21, the Linn County Attorney confirmed that Dakota Van Patten as the second suspect. Evidence was found linking Van Patten to the case.

Louisma admitted to investigators that he and Van Patten were with Hoffman. He said that Van Patten bound Hoffman with duct tape and put her in Louisma's car at Morgan Creek Park in Linn County. He said the pair transported her to several locations. Investigators determined that she was at Morgan Creek Park when her Apple watch recorded her heartbeat intensify before it either stopped or was deactivated.

The Iowa State Medical Examiner's opinion is that Hoffman died of strangulation. She had been beaten and stabbed.

Then on Thursday afternoon law enforcement arrested Logan Kimpton. Investigators say that he was seen on a surveillance video with one of the other suspects buying gloves and two machetes from a Walmart in Cedar Rapids.

When questioned Kimpton confirmed the purchases. The complaint says that when he was confronted by officers he was told "he chickened out" and he responded "Damn right I did."

Kimpton reportedly told three other people one or two nights before the murder, that a plan had been made to murder someone. He did not name the intended victim.

Van Patten and Louisma were accused of beating the same man in January 2024, both had been released on bond in that case, according to a news report on KCRG News.

A candlelight vigil and memorial was held for Melody Hoffman, Thursday, February 22 at Wanatee Park in Marion. Organized by friends, the event was

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

I have a question that I am serious about, and really would like an answer too: How many couples do you know who actually talk to one another regularly? I do not mean one asking the other what they want to eat, or to tell them to take out the garbage or tidy things, or pick a child up from school. I mean really have a talk/ conversation about politics, finances, love, sports, family, a funny story, work, friends, or just general day-to-day things that remind you why you happened to marry that person years ago.

Charlemagne and I were discussing a conversation I had a few days before with a friend who said that, since she has moved away, she noticed how people, even those who cared for one another, never seemed very demonstrative.

I understand how uncomfortable holding hands or kissing in public would send people into a state of stiffness or fright, but I am talking about having a conversation.

I guess after you have been married a few years you sort of read each other's minds and, without speaking, send messages to one another.

It just is sad not being able to really talk and letting your friends and family hear you. I know that I do this with Charlemagne, too. We do hold hands, though, and embarrass our children with kisses in public.

On the other hand, when people say, "I love you," I get a little nervous. It is a nice, generous, gesture

to share memories and support the Hoffman family. A memorial fund has been established at Collins Community Credit Union, under "Memorial for Melody. Hoffman's body was found at the picnic area on the north shore of the Lily Lake on Sunday, Feb. 19

Homestead Folk Art Museum to Open

The former Homestead General Store is being transformed this winter by the Amana Heritage Museum team. With hard work and creativity, it will become the Homestead Folk Art Museum to open in the autumn.

Not only will it be a place for exhibiting folk art and fine art created during Amana's communal era and throughout the post-communal (post 1932) period, it will, in future, be a place where workshops can take place in partnership with the Amana Arts Guild and local artists. It will be open to the public and admission will be incorporated into the multi-site museum ticket price. The official opening will be November 1, 2024.

Jon Childers, Amana Heritage Society executive director explained that the opportunity came up last year to create this new site.

The Heritage Society Board of Directors working with the Arts Guild Board of Directors identified ways that collaborative events and workshops could take place there. Furthermore, it's important to have a large, accessible space to exhibit art and folk art created in Amana.

The building has a kitchen suitable for cooking classes, open space for classes, plus first and second floor exhibit and storage space.

Childers explained, "The interpretation of Amana's folk art culture includes dozens of trades brought from Germany to America and practiced during the communal era (1855-1932) and beyond. It also includes the Prestele family whose botanical lithography prints are considered the most important nineteenth-century lithography created in America. The works of renowned Amana-born painters like Carl Flick, John Noé, William Noé, Jack Hahn, and Gordon Kellenberger have not been available for public viewing. Frank Young Sr., whose parents were both members of the communal Amana Society, founded the American Academy of Art in 1923, left an impact on the Amana community through his contact with relatives and friends."

"We want to focus on placing the Amana people in a communal context and explore how they expressed themselves through the trades, crafts, and industrialized arts (calico and woolen) traditions."

"We will bridge the gap of understanding how they created utilitarian pieces with a small degree of expression in them to having an explosion of expressive arts beginning pre-1932 to what we have today," he added.

The Amana Heritage Society has many pieces, including paintings and lithographs, in its collection that will be exhibited, as does the Amana Arts Guild,

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but I feel a little strange wondering if they really mean it. Maybe, I take it too literally and should just thank the individual. After all, people should feel loved and needed.

I don't want anyone to go to their death not knowing that I do care and really love them, even if I cannot express it the way that I should. BSH

AMANA RETIREMENT COMMUNITY
Colonial Manor is hiring for a part time **Dietary Aide** 4pm-730pm
Flexible scheduling to work around school activities or kid activities No experience necessary
Please call Tanya at 319-622-3131 for more information

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, 2024 in the Amana lift station.

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but they are looking for specific items that help tell the story of art and craft in Amana. The plan is to reach out to the community to locate those pieces for the new museum.

Since last year the staff has been carefully inventorying the entire museum collection – that’s thousands of items – a process that happens every five to 10 years. Artifacts are evaluated, cleaned, museum identification numbers and locations are checked. That process, which would have taken place regardless of the new museum, has helped staff create exhibit plans for the new Homestead museum. Exhibits are being designed with the goal of creating a comprehensive view of Amana folk art, industrial art and craft.

The Homestead store has been owned by the Amana Heritage Society for nearly 20 years and has been used for storage and at various times for museum exhibits and special events. Most recently it was leased to and operated by Die Heimat as the Nextdoor Event Center.

Now it is being refurbished for exhibit and work space. “The next steps will be a good amount of carpentry work,” Childers said.

“Some of the walls require new wall covering to accommodate art, failing walls need to be repaired, and the entire first floor will be repainted. The floors will be repaired and refinished to help with color schemes in the exhibit areas. In the spring and summer, we will have brickwork done and the windows and doors repaired and painted. Over the summer, we’ll begin the layout of the exhibits as we purchase the exhibit cases, exhibit walls, and art hanging systems,” he said.

A grant from the Hall-Perrine Foundation helped provide for an art installation system so that art may be correctly exhibited and properly lighted. Fund-raising done by the board and the ASH team will pay for repairs and restoration work at the site.

“It’s pretty exciting. . . I think the opportunities for collaborating on classes and having exhibits is pretty neat. This will allow us to tell Amana’s stories in ways we’ve not been able to do and that’s really very exciting,” Childers concluded.

SILENT LENTEN RETREAT
 March 21-24, 2024
 Die Heimat Country Inn
 For more information and how to register:
<https://www.dieheimat.com/blog/silent-lenten-retreat>
 or call 319-461-6611

ROBERT {COACH} VAN CLEAVE SCHOLARSHIP

The Robert Van Cleave scholarship will award a \$1000 scholarship to a CCA graduating senior. This scholarship was created by former students of Coach Van Cleave, with permission from his family.

The committee raised donations from former students and faculty to establish this endowed scholarship in his name.

Application forms are available from the councilor at the high school.

Contact Rick Hergert to donate to the fund or with any questions at Scout5@southslope.net

AT THE AMANA FELLOWSHIP HALL Sunday’s symposium

This Sunday’s symposium will feature a special presentation by some of the members who have attended the Pine Ridge reservation over the past years. We will share stories from the Rez, along with beautiful slides and home made fry bread. This will be our 9th year volunteering on the reservation and this presentation will give you a very personal view of life for our native brothers and sisters. Everyone is invited to join us at the Amana Church fellowship hall at 2:00 for this informative and entertaining event.

Disaster Prep

The Amana Church is hosting a free U of I College of Public Health and AmeriCorps presentation called Disaster PrepWise, to guide older adults through the steps of creating a personalized disaster plan to handle any type of emergency and support the recruitment, training, and development of the next generation of public health leaders on Saturday, on March 2 at 10:00 in the Fellowship hall

AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP
 COME ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY
Sunday Church Services
@ 9:00 a.m.
Next Services: March 10th
& March 24th
At the Amana Performing Arts Center
 (Former Old Creamery Theatre)
www.amanaareafellowship.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

ACLUD has an exciting job opportunity for someone as the ACLUD Administrator. This is a part-time job with flexible hours. To learn more about the position, receive a copy of the Job Description, submit a resume or schedule an interview, please contact either aclud@southslope.net or 319-622-3840. All information will then be shared with the Search Committee. Thank You.

“THE ACLUD CORNER”

Did You Know?....

After the 20” of snow that was received back in January, there was a good deal of stress and strain on roofs and gutters due to ice formation. If your gutters look like an elephant sat on them, then its time for some repairs. Just a reminder that newer homes can use the modern “K” style of aluminum gutters and downspouts, while HP (Historic Preservation) properties are to always install the half-round gutters and round downspouts that were used on these older homes. If you have questions regarding this please reach out to the contact shown below.

For further information regarding your local government visit our website www.aclud.org or call the office in Amana at 319-622-3840.

OBITUARY

Henry Allen Bendorf, age 84, of Lenexa, Kansas, and Casa Grande, Arizona, died on Feb. 21, 2024. His wife Kathryn (Kathy) and daughter Angela Bendorf Jamison, Wake Forest, North Carolina, were by his side during his peaceful passing. Hank will be remembered as a kind, fair man who always had a story to share.

Hank was born Sept. 6, 1939 in High Amana, Iowa, to Henry Allen Bendorf, Sr., and Susanna (Wendler) Bendorf. He attended Amana school system, finishing his education at Iowa State University with a B.S. in agronomy in 1961.

Hank was a president of the Amana Jaycees and chair of the committee that founded the Amana Oktoberfest in 1965 and was honored to serve as grand marshal at the event’s 50th year in 2015.

He was president of several agricultural associations and received the merit certificate and medalion award from the American Forage and Grassland Council.

Hank is survived by wife Kathy; his daughter Angela (Warner), stepdaughter Debi Brown (Dennis), granddaughter Camryn Jamison, stepgrandchildren Michael (Charini) Urteaga, Joshua (Cassie) Urteaga, Robert Urteaga, Shelby Brown, and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents and four siblings: Marrietta Moershel, Marvin (Benny) Bendorf, Elisabeth (Betty) Williams and William (Billy) Bendorf; his wife of 34 years Amber Slezak Bendorf, and his son, Brian Paul Bendorf, age 34.

Per his wishes, Hank was cremated under the care of Heritage Casa Grande Funeral & Cremation. Share a memory or send condolences with the family at www.heritagefuneralchapels.com

Memorial services and life celebrations for Hank will be held June 8, 2024, at the Middle Amana Church with burial at the High Amana Cemetery.

Honor Hank through a donation in his name to the Amana Heritage Society, P.O. Box 81, Amana, IA 52203, www.amanaheritage.org

CUSTOMER SUPPORT ASSOCIATE SOUGHT

The Amana Colonies Visitor Center is seeking a Visitor Center Customer Support Associate. If you would like to help people learn about what Amana has to offer, we would love to have you at the Amana Colonies Visitors Center. This position includes retail and tour sales, assisting visitors with questions and providing them with resources. Flexible schedule is available. Stop in or contact us at director@amanacolonies.com for more information.

THE AMANA FAMILY TREE PRESENTS – GENEALOGY WEEK: THIS IS MY STORY

Join us each morning at 9:00 A.M. beginning March 4th through March 8th in the Amana Heritage Museum Auditorium for a variety of talks and discussions about heritage in the Amana Colonies. Get a close look at specific people and families in this series of talks that will include 10 sessions - 2 each day - about a family member, neighborhood, or village. Light refreshments will be provided with discussion and mingling time will take place each day between sessions. The final session of the week will be a panel discussion about memories of Upper South Amana. Sessions will be recorded and posted on the Amana Heritage Society website in case you can’t make it.

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