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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, September 22, 2024 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Andrea Haldy presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Der Glaub' ist eine Himmelskraft" No. 139 v 1-4 Seite

Testimony: Christian Metz, Marienborn April 5, 1833. Excerpts

Scripture: Genesis 22:1-19.
Psalm 91:1-16

Closing Hymn: "Wer unter'm Schirm des Höchsten sitzet" No. 1085 v 1-3 Seite

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

Opening Hymn: "In Faith We Find A Heav'nly Power" No. 73

Closing Hymn: "Oh, For a Faith That Will Not Shrink" No. 224

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/*

FIRE DISTRICT RECEIVES MATCHING GRANTS FOR HOSE

South Slope Cooperative Communications and Aureon are pleased to announce that matching charity grants have been awarded to the Amana Benefited Fire District and the North Liberty Community Pantry. The Aureon Charity Grant Committee delegates funds to projects committed to the betterment of local communities.

The Amana Benefited Fire District will use the funds to replace their fire hose which failed during the hose testing procedure and has since been deemed unusable and taken out of service. This hose is critical for a wide variety of fire suppression activities, and its replacement is essential for the department to maintain effective operations.

FOUR WINDS FARM HARVEST FIELD DAY

It's harvest time at Four Winds Farm and we would like to invite you to our last Field Day of the year. It will be on Sunday, September 22nd from 11-4. We are located at 2312 Alpine Ave NW, Homestead (Alpine Ave is the Johnson/Iowa Rd, north of Hwy 6). The hemp plants and flowers are in full bloom and all of our CBG hemp products will be 25% off- we hope to see you then!

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Did you ever have a time when you felt that you were losing your mind? I mean, seriously. This weekend I was in such a situation. I could not find anything in the house!

It actually began weeks ago when an attachment to the vacuum cleaner went missing. We looked all over, to the point of cleaning out closets, but to no avail.

Then, there was this tiny screw to the wheel chair that I sometimes use. Okay, I admit that it is an older chair that is hard to open, so Charlemagne had to slam it down on the ground and say a few choice words, but, somehow, this "thing" just disappeared. We have yet to find it.

Then came the hook for my CPAP machine house. I will admit that I was trying to loosen the strap, but how can it just flip off the strap when I never moved from the bed? We have not found that item, either.

I did find my "good" glasses and a whole bunch of spoons that had been missing – at least the search for those was fruitful.

There is also the ever present search for the television remote. We always argue that the other one has it. I am ashamed to admit that it usually is me who is sitting on it.

Perhaps I should do like my Middle friend's husband and attach the remote to a piece of wood that is long and easy to find.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

ACLUD Receives MAJOR Historic Revitalization Grant

The National Park Service (NPS) announced September 10 that $12.125 million in Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants will be made to 17 grant programs in just 15 states to support economic development through the preservation of historic buildings in rural communities across the country.

The grants will allow state and local governments and nonprofit organizations to develop subgrant programs and select individual projects in their rural communities for physical preservation projects that will contribute to local economic development.
The Amana Colonies Land Use District applied for and has been awarded $748,375 for a program to provide sub grants for four to six significant, at-risk historical properties within the Amana Colonies National Historic Landmark that promise to have an impact upon the community and a sustainable future.

Saving at-risk structures and providing more options for economically viable and sustainable uses for buildings will help point the way for future rehabilitation projects, the ACLUD application notes.
"The National Park Service helps rural areas across the country revitalize their communities through historic preservation," said National Park Service Director Chuck Sams. "This locally stewarded work supports improvements to historic buildings, preserving America's cultural resources while benefiting local economies."

Right now the Amana Colonies Land Use District offers a local subgrant program – the Historic Preservation Grant Program - to help property owners. It is funded by the Amana Colony / Iowa County hotel-motel tax. About $20,000 annually is given in small grants to property owners for projects such as historical lantern installation, doorway or siding reconstruction, brick or stone work. (To learn about that program go the ACLUD website.)

As the ACLUD application for the NPS Paul Bruhn grant reads, "We have less than $20K to distribute annually. 10% of contributing structures (to our National Landmark status) have been lost. There are 15 structures that would benefit from this project . . . The loss of these structures will negatively affect the preservation and interpretation of our history. Future generations will lose access to these properties and a significant portion of our history will be lost. We are at a tipping point. Our current subgrant program, though successful, has not been able to address the level of need within the community."
The Amana Colonies Land Use District will provide a $1,200 non-federal match.

Other projects in the USA receiving Paul Bruhn Revitalization Grants include:

- Georgia – The Coastal Regional Commission will offer subgrants that support retail, tourism, and home-based business development projects in historic buildings in McIntosh County.
- Maryland – Preservation Maryland, $737,417 for subgrants to historic properties that serve residents and visitors in small towns along three historic canals in the state.
- Utah – The Utah State Historic Preservation Office, $749,160 for subgrants to support reactivation of ground floor and upper story space in historic commercial buildings located in the state's Main Street communities.
- Iowa – Iowa Economic Development Authority, $750,000 for sub grants for rural revitalization of National Register listed properties owned by local governments and nonprofit groups that will enhance development in rural communities.

According to the National Park Service, the grants are supported through the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), which has provided more than $2 billion in historic preservation grants to states, tribes, local governments, and nonprofit organizations since its inception in 1977. HPF funds may be appropriated by Congress to support a variety of historic preservation projects to help preserve the nation's cultural resources.

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WARPED & WOVEN MILL MERCANTILE

The Team at
Warped & Woven Mill Mercantile
is seeking a
Part Time Sales Associate.

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

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IOWA 1855 AMANA GENERAL STORE
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Haus Maus Tees is seeking a Full Time Sales Associate! A sister store to the Amana General Store, Haus Maus Tees offers a large selection of t-shirts, souvenirs and gifts. Associate must be able to operate a point-of-sales system and work independently in an upbeat environment.

Also, the Amana General Store is seeking a Part Time Sales Associate! Associates at the Amana General Store assist customers, use a point-of-sale system, unpack shipments and handle phone orders.

For more information, stop by the General Store and ask for Lyndsey, or contact Laura Sue at 319-622-3953 or lswoods@amanas.net.

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NOTE

Due to Chris' Sept. 19th surgical procedure for cancer, and following recovery period, I will not be available for jobs outside publishing the Bulletin for the next few weeks. I will check my e-mail, but will only spend a limited amount of time in the shop when I am able.

Thanks for understanding
Dan

OBITUARY

Helen Kraus Schuerer, of East Amana, Iowa passed away Tuesday, September 12, 2024, at the age of 93. A Funeral Service was held at the Middle Amana Church on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, with Emilie Hoppe officiating. Family will receive friends prior to the service beginning at 11am. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Amana Church Society. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo is assisting with arrangements.

Helen is survived by her son Neal Schuerer (Melissa) and her daughter Carol Zuber (Brad). Grandchildren Greta Cummings (Aaron), Maria Madden (Mark) and Harry Zuber (Deana). Her beloved great-grandchildren; Gabe Cummings, Mitch Cummings, Jake Cummings and Grace Madden. And numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harold, her parents Charles and Helene Kraus, her grandson Henry Schuerer, and her brothers George and Elmer Kraus.

Helen was born on March 28, 1931, in Middle Amana, Iowa. A life-long resident of the Amana Colonies, she received her education in the Amana Schools and began her career with the Amana Society. Helen was married to Harold W. Schuerer on June 5, 1950.

Together with her brother-in-law and sister-in-law George and Florence Z. Schuerer, Harold and Helen would spend the next 33 years managing the Amana Meat Shop. George and Harold loved to be out front with the customers while Florence and Helen were in the back office building a large mail order business for the Amana Meat Shop products. There were no computers or specialized customer relations software programs. They pioneered the growth of the business with typewriters, telephones, notecards and a fancy four-color mail-order catalogue. Today the Amana Meat Shop mail order business is a cornerstone of the Amana Society brand.

Helen's favorite community activities were Y-Teen Leadership and Cub Scouts. She also served many years as Treasurer of the Amana Church Society.

In 1984 Helen's lifelong dream was fulfilled with the opening of the Amana Barn Restaurant which she and Harold operated with their family through their retirement year in 2001. Helen poured her energy into the recipes, the menu, the brunch offerings and all of the back-office work. She was especially proud of her team of co-workers. Mostly young people who would become lifelong friends whom she relished watching go on to their own marriages and careers.

In retirement Helen became a devoted Cubs fan and closely followed the activities of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren attending their games or concerts as often as she could. Health issues curtailed her church attendance in the last few years. Although living the Christian life and church attendance was an important and active part of her life. Her wish for each, and everyone was for their commitment to accepting Jesus Christ as Savior.

Online condolences: www:klosterfuneralhome.com

LEARN HISTORIC PRESERVATION HOW-TOS
ACLUD Hosts Training Workshops Oct. 19

The Amana Colonies Land Use District is hosting training sessions October 19 for those engaged in fixing up or preserving their historical Amana Colony home / building or for anyone interested in historic preservation in the Amana Colonies.

The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions will provide two Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program (CAMP) sessions on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at the Amana Church Fellowship Hall from 9 a.m. until noon.

The sessions will cover: "Alternative Materials" and "Standards and "Guidelines for Design Review."

In addition, a recording of the sessions will be available for 60 days for those unable to attend on the 19th.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to aclud@southslope.net with your name and number attending by October 7, 2024 as there are limited number of spots available. There is no charge, but a free will donation will be accepted.

This is an opportunity to learn valuable tips and information about historic preservation as we work together to preserve our community legacy.

OBITUARY

Betty M. Graesser, age 88, of West Amana, passed away Monday, September 16, 2024, at Windmill Manor in Coralville. Funeral service: 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 20, 2024, at the Middle Amana Church, Middle Amana, with Elder Jon Childers officiating. Burial will be at the West Amana Cemetery, West Amana. Visitation: 4:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 19, 2024, at the Middle Amana Church, Middle Amana. Memorials may be contributed to the Amana Church Society. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo, is caring for Betty and her family.

Betty is survived by her children, Randy Graesser (Marcia Schutterle) of South Amana, Susan (Mike) Shoup of South Amana, and John (Jody) Graesser of Citrus Heights, CA., three grandchildren, Justin (Stacy) Graesser of Roseville, CA., Joshua Graesser of Sacramento, CA., and Erin Shoup of Fairfax; and three great-grandchildren Kenzie and Harper Graesser and Finn Wilding.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Leroy, her siblings, Rose Blount, Sam Parson, Bill Parson, and Mary Conway.

Betty Mae Parson was born October 5, 1935, the daughter of Wes and Elizabeth Muesse Parson. She attended school East of East Amana. Betty was united in marriage to Leroy Graesser in 1953 at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. She was a homemaker, later working part-time at the West Amana Store. Betty was a cub scout leader and an avid bridge player. She enjoyed cooking, feeding the birds, her flowers, and she always had a big vegetable garden. Betty loved cooking and volunteering her time to deliver meals on wheels. Her faith was very important to her, and she always saw the good in people. She always put her family first and cherished the time she spent with her siblings and friends. Betty will be missed by all of her family and friends.

The family would like to acknowledge and send a special thank you to all the nurses and staff at Windmill Manor for the care given to Betty while she was there.

Online condolences: www:klosterfuneralhome.com

AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP
COME ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY
Sunday Church Services
@ 9:00 a.m.
Next Services: *September 22*
& October 06, 2024
at the Amana
Performing Arts Center
(West of RV Park)
www.amanaareafellowship.org

LIBRARY NEWS

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, 2024 - March 31, 2025

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, 2025

Thank you!

HELP WANTED:

Very part time kitchen helper. Will pay $15/hr. Call Larry at 319-540-9351

Someone to run caterpillar/back hoe. (319) 361-0425.

FOR RENT

House for rent in Middle Amana. 2 BR, 1 Bath, 1,000 SF ranch, 2 car attached garage. No pets. $1,400 per month. Contact Gunther Sandersfeld for more info at 319-826-4122 or Gunther@Skogman.com

OBITUARY

Harold "Bud" Charles Schulte, Jr. age 73 of Amana, passed away after a sudden illness, on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, surrounded by his family. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, with Fr. Jacob Dunn officiating. Inurnment followed at St. Michael's Cemetery, Norway. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be contributed to St. Michael's Catholic Church, Norway, Safe Haven of Iowa County, or the Amana Arts Guild. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Bud was born the ninth of thirteen children to Harold and Marie (Bigge) Schulte on April 26, 1951, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He graduated from Norway High School in 1969. Following graduation, Bud attended college at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art Education. Following college, he worked full-time as a manager for the Ox Yoke Inn. Bud married the love of his life, Renate, on October 22, 1976, at Holy Trinity Church in Walford. Bud and Renate would have celebrated 48 years of marriage this year.

Bud loved antiques and antique sales. In 1984 he was given the opportunity to open his own antique shop, Renate's Antique Gallery in Amana. Together he and Renate enjoyed their shop and selling their antiques across the United States. Bud saw true beauty and purpose in every antique he touched and displayed in his shop. His enthusiasm, soft smile and artistic hands will always be remembered. Together Bud and Renate loved traveling to Europe and other countries. They loved fine dining, and entertaining family and friends in their home. Bud volunteered for his church and local activities, serving as a board member of the Amana Heritage Society, member of the Amana Arts Guild, Catholic Foresters and Parish Council. He also delivered Meals on Wheels.

He is survived by his wife, Renate; brothers, Arnold and Nick Schulte of Amana; sisters, Cecelia Becker of Marshalltown, Ann (Walt) Oakley of Libertyville, IL., Christine (Larry McDowell) of Cedar Rapids, Jolene (Frank) Randall of Ames, Brenda (Tim) Kapucian of Keystone, & Valerie (Sue Ann) Schulte of Phoenix, AZ. Also surviving are his in-laws, Karen Schulte of Amana, Jutta (Morrie) Denson of Marengo, Margaret (Lynn) Trumpold of Middle Amana, Peter (Kim) Otte of Cedar Falls, and Robert (Denise) Otte of Marengo, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Alan and Vincent Schulte, and his sisters Susan Schulte and Janice Tranberry, along with brothers-in law, Wayne Becker and Jim Tranberry.

With kindness, Bud's free time was spent helping many family siblings through the years. He will always be remembered as a wonderful man, loving husband, brother, uncle and friend. He was an extraordinary man who managed his life for the good of all. He will be greatly missed by his family and all those who felt his love.

Online condolence: www.klosterfuneralhome.com.

AMANA COMMUNITY LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 8-3	Tuesday 8-6
Wednesday 8-1	Thursday 8-6
Friday 8-6	Saturday 9-12

TUTORING

Personalized tutoring for elementary students! I'm a qualified educator with a Master's degree and 8 years of teaching experience. All resources are provided, and transportation is included. One hour sessions are $30 for one per week or $25 each for two or more per week. Contact Samantha Heinze at samanthamheinze@gmail.com for more information.

News & Notes *from page 1*

The HPF, which uses revenue from federal offshore oil and gas leases, supports a broad range of preservation projects without spending tax dollars. The intent behind the HPF is to mitigate the loss of nonrenewable resources through the preservation of other irreplaceable resources.

Tax dollars are not spent for this grant program the NPS explained.

These grants mark the sixth year of funding for the program honoring the late Paul Bruhn, who served as executive director of the Preservation Trust of Vermont for nearly 40 years. State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, Certified Local Governments, special district governments, and nonprofits are eligible to apply for funding to create a subgrant program to fund multiple preservation projects in their rural jurisdictions.

For more information about the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program, please visit https://go.nps.gov/revitalization.

Oktoberfest Volunteers are Needed

Hey, want to help put on Iowa's favorite fall festival and Amana's gift to its friends and neighbors? Then join in helping at Oktoberfest.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the festival area around the Festhalle barn before the festival and to clean up after the events and to sell tickets and admit guests during Oktoberfest.

Nope, you need not wear lederhosen or "Trachten" (but you can if you want too!) but you do need to smile! You need to be over 21 to work in the admissions booth.

To sign up go to the Amana Oktoberfest Admissions Booth or the Set-up, Tear-down, and General Cleaning links on SignUpGenius.com or call the Amana Colonies Visitor Center 319-622-7622.

Yes, we are only a few short weeks away from Oktoberfest. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Fish Fall from Sky Over Parkside

Residents of the Parkside addition to Middle Amana were shocked and bewildered to see dozens of fish lying in their yards and on the streets Monday, Sept. 16. The fish were seen falling from the sky about 7 p.m. Monday.

Rick Hergert reported that Tom Johnson and Meg Mercken spotted the rain of fish and made him aware but that he quickly found over a dozen laying in his yard and on the street near his house. The fish - apparently shad - ranged in size but most were from 2 to 6 inches in length.

"It's really almost Biblical . . . like one of the plagues or something," said Hergert who called this reporter Tuesday morning.

Residents wondered if the fish were dropped from the sky by the large flock of pelicans that has been seen on the Lily Lake and flying high overhead in great flocks, dipping and swirling in the super heated air. That seems the only likely explanation.

Tuesday morning residents were picking up fish though many had already been eaten by birds, rodents, cats, etc. The DNR was called to give their opinion on the very unusual circumstance. No one we questioned could recall ever hearing of such a thing.

Brad Baker, Iowa County DNR officer, quickly returned Hergert's text (which had photos of the fish) and confirmed that the pelicans were known to gorge themselves on shad. At this time of year with the low water levels, fat shad are abundant and easy to scoop up in the Coralville Reservoir on the Iowa River. Flocks of pelicans have been seen on the reservoir diving for shad. Most likely they overate and then regurgitated fish as they flew over Middle.

Feathers *from page 1*

The next problem is searching for books. You know how much I love to read, so is it any wonder that I have books all over? I was looking for a particular book and could not find it until I picked up a grocery sack. It seemed heavy so I looked inside and there, of all places, was the book!

Life goes on and I keep misplacing things……

B.S.H.

GRANT WOOD: PRAIRIE REBEL
Dinner Theatre Presentation at PRICE CREEK EVENT CENTER October 9

Immerse yourself in a living history presentation, of GRANT WOOD: Prairie Rebel at Price Creek Event Center in Amana.

In this one act, one man show, Grant Wood chats with the audience as if talking to an old friend across the backyard fence, or maybe at his home at Five Turner Alley in Cedar Rapids. He tells us about his life and how he changed the art world forever with his work. It is the man behind American Gothic that we hear and see, and the story of how he took the moments, the memories, and the people of our state, and showed the whole world the specialness of this place, Iowa. After the presentation, the audience is encouraged to ask actor Tom Milligan questions about Grant Wood and his life.

Tickets are $35, doors open at noon, meal starts at 12:30 pm and show begins at 2:00 pm.

Sponcered By: TKM Theatrical Productions

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Amana Colonies Land Use District in Iowa County, Iowa, that a special election will be held at the Middle Amana Fire Station, 2725 K St, Middle Amana, on Tuesday, October 1, 2024. Polls will open at Noon and close at 8:00 PM.

Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered – such as voters registering to vote on election day – and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or prove residence if required) 1) may have the voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct, 2) prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents, or 3) cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the county auditor's office by 12:00 Noon on Thursday, October 3, 2024. Election Day Registrant attesters must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid.

Voters can start in-office absentee voting beginning September 11, 2024 to September 30, 2024 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. in the Iowa County Auditor's Office.

Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. Please contact the Auditor's Office for details.

E-mail address: elections@iowacounty.iowa.gov
For TTY access, dial 711 + 319-642-3923.
Dated this 12th day of September, 2024

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A PROPHECY IN PAINT

Renowned local artist David Garman will exhibit his series- A Prophecy In Paint. These large format narratives represent the focus of his life's work. Now 29 years in the making, these were last shown in Iowa as a solo at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art Iowa Galley, January, 2000. Many new pieces have been added since then, some never before seen by the public. Along with the finished oils, this show will also include preliminary and comprehensive drawings, giving an idea of the creative process. The show will run during regular Homestead Church Museum hours from September 21 through September 29. An opening reception will be held on Friday, September 20 from 6:30-8:00 at the Homestead Church Museum. All are invited to attend.

CUB SCOUTS POPCORN

The Amana Cub Scouts will be starting to sell popcorn very soon. If you want to order and don't know a scout personally please feel free to call Dawn Ball (cubmaster) 319-310-7526 and we will get you in contact with one. Thank you so much for all your support as we keep growing the Cub Scout Pack! Popcorn sales are the main fundraiser for us to make money for registration fees, camps, books, supplies, etc that we need and we really appreciate any help with that.

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