Amana Society Bulletin

Vol. XCIV | Amana, Iowa, Thursday, April 10, 2025 | No. 06

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Combined Palm Sunday Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, April 13, 2025 starting 10:00 A.M. with Br. Jon Childers presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Follow Me, the Savior Calleth" No. 24

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock, Grünstadt, November 3, 1738

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11
Psalm 118:19-24

Closing Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 74

Song Sheets will be available.

The Holy Week Prayer Service will be held Monday-Thursday April 14-17 beginning 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 online may be found at:
https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/

NOTICE
Please Close All Gates
Who Let the Cows Out? – Hopefully Not YOU!!

The Amana Society would like to remind everyone to CLOSE ALL GATES when entering and exiting a farm field. In some areas you may not be able to see that there are cattle in an area. That DOES NOT make it okay to leave it open – even for a short time. Failure to close a gate can create a very dangerous and costly situation and may result in a loss of recreational user privileges and reduced access.

AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD)
Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and Tentative Agenda, April 14th, 2025 – 7 p.m. ACLUD office 4304 220th Trail Amana And via ZOOM link

I. Call Meeting to Order
II. Set Agenda
III. Review/Approve March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes
IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items that are not on the agenda
V. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:
VI. Other Business.
  a. Discussion/Action: Abandoned Junk Vehicles
  b. Discussion/Action: Ordinances updated in blue book
  c. Discussion/Action: Org Chart
  d. Discussion/Action: Permit Process Flow
  e. Discussion/Action: ACLUD Grant Rubric
VII. Review/Approve April Disbursements Report.
VIII. Review/Approve the April Treasurer's Report.
IX. President's Report (if applicable).
X. Administrator's Report. XI. Adjourn.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

As children, we all adored the weekends, when you could make plans for fun on your free Saturday, after a week of the daily grind of schoolwork.

Now, those days are long past and, instead, we spend our weekends looking forward to yard work, catching up on cleaning, or getting groceries together.

One fun part of the weekday, that made school more bearable, was television. Does anyone recall the weekday program, The Wonderful World of Disney which featured the Mousketeers? I believe the show came on around 5 o'clock so that your mother could slip a Swanson TV dinner into the oven before your father came home.

The Mouseketeers always introduced themselves, while wearing white tee shirts with their names emblazoned on the front. The very last two to come on were "Jimmy" and "Don" who were really adults and thus in charge.

I was convinced that, given the chance, I could be a part of this talented group of youngsters if only my parents would drive our family out to California. What did it matter that I could not play an instrument, sing, or dance? These cheerful kids would surely take me under their wings and teach me how in no time.

Years later, who should I see on television but Mousketeer Bobby Burgess, dancing on the Lawrence Welk Shop. He still had that toothy grin and those wonderful dance moves. In his dances, he frequently would lift his dance partner over his head and twirl her around.

***Feathers** continues on Page 2*

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Quilt Amana is This Weekend

Hosted by the team at Heritage Designs in Amana, this celebration of all things quilting has become a favorite spring event in the Colonies. This will be its 5th year.

It's at Price Creek Event Center. Open 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. On Sunday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Admission is $8 Friday or Saturday; $6 on Sunday. The all -weekend pass is $10.

Showcasing over 200 quilts, many of which be offered for sale, Quilt Amana features award winning quilts, classic quilts, art pieces and more. The Found exhibition will pair historic quilts and their modern reproductions, as well as some never before exhibited, heirloom pieces.

Guest quilter, Sandra Lessard's, work will be featured along with local quilter, Molly Kephart, who will be demonstrating Amana Colony quilting. A quilt raffle benefittiing Safe Haven of Iowa County will be on offer.

This year's vendors include PGT Designs, Quilter's Market and Schanz Furniture among others.

Maifest Twirling Into View

With the Amana Maipole dancers practicing each Sunday, a maypole craft project underway at the Amana Elementary School and the merchant of Amana undertaking to refurbish their Maipole decorations, everyone is getting into the swing of spring.

Here's what we know thus far. Maifest is May 3 – 4 with the kick off parade starting at 10 a.m. Our theme is "Spring Into Action" celebrating the hard work and dedication of our Amana volunteer First Responders and Firefight4ers.

The "World on Wheels – Food Truck Fair" will be open at the Festhalle from 10 am – 5 pm. Also indoors at the Festhalle don't miss feasting on Amana Heritage Society potato pancakes and obstkuchen.

The Festalle stage will host performances by Blame Not the Bard and a dance performance by Robert Thomas Dancenter Irish Performance Team. Of course, what would Maifest be without the famous Maipole Dancers? Stick around all weekend and see them perform at various locations.

Maifest isn't just for the adults. On Saturday in the Peace Garden next to the Visitors Center, our Kinderplatz will be set-up offering Regan's Face Painting - free from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, and the Balloon Guy will be available for kids of all ages.

Millstream Brewing Co., Hotel Millwright and the Ronneburg Restaurant have already made their Maifest plans and we are hearing about additional craft vendor pop ups and street-side entertainment as the festival nears. Give your pals a call and get them here for Amana's kick-off 2025 event.

Easter at the Amana Church

Head to the Amana Church in Amana on Easter Sunday at 9 a.m. for coffee, sweet rolls and a light breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 20 before the worship service and Easter cantata at 10 a.m.

This year the Amana Church Easter Cantata will feature contemporary praise music, several familiar pieces and gospel music as the church choir under the direction of Elder Kristie Yoder sings with members of the Amana Church Sunday School. The life story of Jesus will be told in song.

Following the service an Easter egg hunt for the youngsters will be held. Everyone is welcome.

Holy week evening prayers will be held Monday, April 14 through Good Friday, April 18 at 7 p.m. at the Middle Amana Church. These 30-minute services invite us to hear the words of Jesus at the Last Supper and in the Garden as we prepare for Calvary. Everyone is welcome to all events and services.

Easter Treats in Communal Amana

Early in holy week, the kitchen ladies colored the eggs they had been collecting for the past day or two. With 300 or so laying hens in their coop beside the kitchen garden having enough eggs was not a problem.

Now Thursday or Saturday before Easter, egg hunts were held at each one of the communal kitchen houses. To this hunt the children who dined at the kitchen were invited, plus all the children related to the cooks. So every child in Amana went to at least two such hunts, if not three, during holy week.

***News & Notes** continues on page 2*

IOWA 1855 AMANA FURNITURE & CLOCK SHOP

Amana Furniture Shop
Part-time - Weekends

Amana Furniture Shop is looking for a friendly, organized, and dependable individual to join our team as a part-time counter staff member. If you enjoy working with people and are passionate about customer service, we'd love to meet you!

Requirements:
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Basic computer skills and ability to operate a POS system
- Previous retail or customer service experience is a plus
- Ability to work independently and in a team
- Must be punctual and reliable

Contact Laura Sue at 319-622-3953 or lswoods@amanas.net.

Water Babies Swim Classes
May 5 - 9, 2025
Amana Pool, Middle Amana

Classes will be held
Monday thru Friday
The cost is $40

6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
6 mo. - 18 mo.

6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
19 mo. - 2 yrs

Contact Margaret Trumpold
Cell 319-400-0062/Home 319-622-3299

Lakeview Village

Assisted Living Apartments
- Meals Provided
- Housekeeping Services
- Wellness checks – Medication management
- Activities

Units Available

Call Tanya Powell for a tour 622-3131

"Experience the Comfort and Security of Retirement Living in the Amanas"

HAILEY
at AMANDA'S SALON

RESERVE YOUR APPOINTMENT
CALL OR TEXT HAILEY AT
(319)677-4789
OR SCAN QR CODE

AMANDA'S SALON
(LOCATED INSIDE PRICE CREEK EVENT CENTER)
4709 220TH TRAIL
AMANA, IA 52203

- CUTS
- COLORS
- BLONDES
- CORRECTIVE COLORS
- CASUAL/FORMAL STYLING
- EXTENSIONS
- LASH LIFT + TINT
- BROW LAMINATION + TINT
- FACIAL + UNDERARM WAXING
- TREATMENTS + MORE

Feathers from Page 1

My illusions of becoming a Mouseketeer were crushed the day that I realized that all of the kids were actually older than they looked on TV and had been taught do dance, etc., long before they were cast on television.

B.S.H.

BRAU HAUS AMANA, IA
Serving Breakfast
Thurs.- Sun. 8-10:30
Monday Night
is Trivia!
Friday Night
Live Music!
Sundays are
for Music Bingo!
319-622-7332

AMANA FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly public meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP
Church Services
SUNDAYS 9:00 AM
All Are Welcome
Amana Performing Arts Center
www.amanaareafellowship.org

LIBRARY NEWS

The Amana Community Library added the following books to their collection. Call 319-622-3192 to reserve or to hold a book.

Society of Lies by Lauren Brown
Flashpoint by Catherine Coulter
Now or Never by Janet Evanovich
James by Percival Everett
Three Lives of Cate Kay by Kate Fagan
Midnight Feast by Lucy Foley
God of the Woods by Liz Moore
Here One Moment by Liane Moriarty
Holmes is Missing & *House of Cross*
both by James Patterson
Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters
Comfort of Crows by Margaret Renkl
Brooke Shields is Not Allowed to Get Old
by Brooke Shields
The Cliffs by J Courtney Sullivan
All the Colors of the Dark by Chris Whitaker

Are you in need of receiving free produce this growing season?
Call or text Erin @ 319-270-0794

MAIFEST

Maifest 2025 festivities kick off on Saturday, May 3rd at 10:00 am with the "Spring Into Action" parade through the village of Amana.

For a complete list of special events taking place in the Amana Colonies for Maifest 2025, visit the Amana Colonies Visitors Center, https://amanacolonies.com/things-to-do/festivals/maifest/, find Amana Colonies Festivals on Facebook, or call (319) 622-7622.

For Rent; The Homestead Welfare Club
4215 V St Homestead offers an exceptional 1100 square foot setting in our historic 1860 home for family reunions, social gatherings, or business meetings. It includes a mini kitchen, tables and chairs for 80+ persons plus a ½ acre private, beautifully shaded back yard perfect for outdoor activities. It includes picnic tables and small shelter. The cost is $75 per day. An additional 500 square foot full-service kitchen is available for an additional $25.
Call 319-622-3620 for details & scheduling

The ***Amana Society Bulletin*** is published by the Amana Print Shop for the **Amana Society Inc.** and distributed free as a public service to the Amana Community.
On-line at: ***amanacoloniestoday.com***

The Amana Print Shop
319-622-3912
e-mail: amanaprintshop@southslope.net

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES SALE
1111 26th Avenue,
Middle Amana, Iowa
(ACROSS FROM THE MIDDLE CHURCH)
FRIDAY, APRIL 11: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 12: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Featuring:
HAWKEYE COLLECTIBLES; BEER GLASS COLLECTION; MECHANICAL BANKS; POST CARDS; CROCKS & JUGS; SOUTHWEST NATIVE AMERICAN WEDDING BASKETS; KEY-WIND POCKET WATCH; ANTIQUE PADLOCKS; STACK BOOK SHELVES; ANTIQUE BICYCLE; CARPENTER'S TOOL CHEST, LOVELY AMANA-MADE DINING ROOM TABLE WITH SET OF 6 CHAIRS: AMANA WARDROBE; MANY ADVERTISING ITEMS; RUTH SCHMIEDER PRINT; MANY ANTIQUE DECORATIVE PIECES; ROUND OAK TABLE WITH SET OF LEAVES; OLD AMANA CLOTH SAMPLES; FRAMED ART; SOME HOUSEHOLD ITEMS; AND MANY MORE INTERESTING & UNUSUAL VINTAGE ITEMS.

News & Notes from Page 1

"Nests" contained a cluster of eggs and a handful of Easter sugar cookies. Candy, such as we have today, was not available then in Amana. But some families did have a large, paper-mache' hand-painted Easter Bunny which they got out each Easter and set on the parlor table.

Easter eggs were colored using a traditional Swiss method which involved creating a sticky, glue-based gelatin-like color poured into chipped ironstone coffee mugs or little bowls. This dye was made with dye from the woolen mills. Hot, hard boiled eggs were rolled in this coloring and transformed into bright gold, deep green, red, purple and blue Easter eggs. At the end of the process, the bits and pieces of jellied dye were combined in one cup and an esteemed dozen or so of the multi-colored eggs were created.

Each kitchen made their own Easter bunny cookies. Now much has been said about the best of the Easter bunny recipes but let's just state once and for all that the Zuber Kitchen Easter Bunny recipe is the best. It was given to the Middle Amana Zuber kitchen by friends from South Amana and so in truth it originates in South Amana. But there are perhaps half a dozen sugar cookie recipes that have been used for Easter bunnies. At least one of which calls for brown sugar and another calls for butter rather than shortening or a mix of butter and shortening. The stiff dough is cut into sitting bunny shapes, chicks, horses, hens and fish. Raisins were used for chick and bunny eyes. The cookie cutters were all made by the local tinsmiths, so their imagination and creativity had its impact upon the Easter traditions. The long – almost 10-inch long - running rabbit shape was a popular cookie cutter. However, it used up so much dough that only 1 such large cookie was made for each of the nests.

Once the nests were ready they were hidden by the youngest cooks outdoors in the flower beds, the herb beds and new leafed raspberry patches alongside the kitchen house. If the weather was rainy, they hid nests inside the kitchen house and in the woodshed and washhouse.

At the appointed hour, never on Good Friday, but usually on Thursday evening or Saturday after school, the children, with their little baskets in hand, and their mothers went to the kitchen house and upon the word of the Baas hunted for their nests. Each child had his or her own Easter basket made just for them by the village basket weaver. A child received this basket when still a baby or toddler and kept it all through their childhood, if not their entire lives. The little baskets generally could hold a half dozen eggs and a half dozen sugar cookies which was about the standard nest size.

Henry Schiff who was a baker for many years in Amana remembers when he as a young man delivered the bread by wagon to each one of the 16 kitchen houses in Amana. Using a bit of the charm for which he was known, Henry coaxed each one of the kitchen teams to give him a cookie so by the end of the week he had 16 cookies. I once asked him if he shared the cookies with the other bakers and his reply was a hoot and a laugh, "Heck no!"

Bulletin Deadlines: Most Items - Tues 4:30 P.M. Small Items- Wed 11 A.M. ***amanaprintshop@southslope.net***

Marie Schulte
REALTOR® Licensed in Iowa
marieschulte@ruhlhomes.com
marieschulte.ruhlhomes.com
(319) 350-2450
5805 Council Street NE Suite A
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
Ruhl & Ruhl REALTORS

GUNTHER SANDERSFELD
REALTOR®
Serving the
Amana Colonies
and surrounding area
since 2015

319-826-4122
GUNTHER@SKOGMAN.COM
SKOGMAN REALTY
417 1ST AVE SE
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401
LICENSED REALTOR IN THE STATE OF IOWA

WANT TO BUY
-Reloading Equipment -Bullets and Brass
-Presses and Dies -Shooting Sports Items
-Large and Small Estates -Supplies and Ammo
-Muzzleloaders and Firearms: Vintage & Modern
Will also do Appraisals & Consignment Sales
Call, Text or Email JOEL VZ (319) 530-1234
jvanzante@southslope.net

HELP WANTED

Part time Health Care assistant needed in South Amana. Call Larry at 319-540-9351

FOR SALE

For Sale 40 shares of Amana Society Inc. New Class "A" stock. Contact dpalaggo@gmail.com

SERVICES

Mowing, Aerating, Thatching, Spring Yard Clean-up, Garden Tilling, and Stump Grinding. Call Rob Jeck at 319-521-4018

FOR RENT

Newly remodeled upstairs apartment for rent in Amana. Two bedrooms with garage and free heat, $575 per month. Call 319-361-0699 or 319-330-4360

West Amana. 1 Bedroom apartment, Stove/Refridge furnished. References, lease required. 319-573-5265

Employment: Customer Support Associate:

The Amana Colonies Visitors Center is seeking a reliable part-time Customer Support Associate to help visitors learn what all the Amana Colonies have to offer! Customer Support Associates respond to emails, answer phones, perform tour and retail sales, and provide light cleaning. Must be able to count money, learn to use Square POS Register, and do some light lifting. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday required, with availability to cover Sunday, Tuesday, Friday, and/or Saturday as needed. To learn more, please stop into the Amana Colonies Visitors Center or email director@amanacolonies.com

Employment Opportunity – Grant Manager

ACLUD has an exciting job opportunity for someone as the Paul Bruhn Revitalization Grant Manager. This is a part-time position requiring 10 hours per week to administer the Amana Colonies Paul Bruhn ***Historic Revitalization Grant.*** The successful candidate will have familiarity with budgeting, the ability to keep accurate financial and public records, the ability to interact professionally and amicably with the public, and minimal need for supervision.

Duties include submitting grant reports and communicating with the National Park Service, organizing the subgrant program for projects within the ACLUD historic districts, and managing subgrant agreements. Good organizational skills are a must.

To receive a copy of the Job Description please contact the ACLUD at aclud@southslope.net. Resumes will be accepted by email (aclud@southslope.net) or regular mail ACLUD, PO Box 66, Amana, IA 52203 through April 24, 2024. Thank You