

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

In order to best care for each other, the Amana Church Society Trustees voted to require masks be worn in all church buildings at all times. Masks are available for those who forget to bring theirs.

The Early (German) Sunday Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, January 16, 2022, starting 8:30 AM with Br. Alan Trumpold presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Sieh! Hier bin ich," No. 922 Seite 911

Testimony: Johann Adam Gruber, Battenburg, Switzerland, Dec. 23, 1716

Scripture: Matthew 5: 22-24, Matthew 6: 12- 15
Matthew 18: 21- 35

Closing Hymn: "Wer Gott vertraut, hat wohl gebaut," No. 1072, Seite 1049

The Late (English) Service will start at 10:00 AM with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "Here Behold Me" No. 59

Closing Hymn: "Take My Life and Let it Be" No. 267

The Wednesday Evening Prayer (Nachtgebet) meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in Middle.

Visitors are welcome to join us in worship at all Amana Church Services. Childcare is available during Sunday's 10:00 AM Service.

Food Pantry Winter Hours

The Amana Food Pantry is adjusting its winter hours for Wednesday pick up. Our new time for picking up food bags on the second Wednesday of each month will now be from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in effect for January, February, and March. Last Sunday of the month hours remain 11:00-noon.

AMANA FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

My family refers to me as the "Queen," I have yet to receive a crown or scepter. If there any jewels involved they must either be A) hidden, B) stolen or C) never existed.

So far my "royal decrees" have fallen on deaf ears as anyone can attest to who speaks to Charlemagne or the heirs to the throne who have a knack for hearing only those things of importance to themselves.

This past week made me want to issue some royal mandates.

It would begin on Sunday when the Crown Prince called Charlemagne to ask about water pressure.

We live in an older home so Charlemagne makes a daily check of the basement - dungeon - winter bee staging/storage area. All was well in the morning, but by afternoon a pipe had burst on the West side.

Luckily Charlemagne got the water turned off inside the house, but outside we were anticipating a duplicate of Niagara Falls.

I personally have a motto that the best things our ancestors ever did was to leave the Buffalo area, as on that particular Monday Buffalo was being hit with 11-15 inches of snow. Of course it would have been MY ancestors who didn't want to move at first, but that is characteristic of that branch of the family.

Anyway as the yard was slowly becoming a pond I thought of "30 Rock" and the ice skating rink. We could have this gold figure float over the pond and charge admission. The problem was who to select.

I didn't have to mull this over too long since the service company came over and fixed the problem which sort of ruined my plans.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Amana Christmas Bird Count

The 2021 Christmas bird count in the Amana Colonies was taken Monday, Dec. 27, a day notable for its unseasonably warm temperature and clear skies. Hence Amana bird watching volunteers, spotted 49 different species in the colonies. That number is 1 shy of their all-time record of 50 species set in 1998, they reported.

This year once again the trumpeter swans were the star of the show with almost 400 swans seen. The bird watchers believe this is all one flock, but that they often disperse in groups as small as three swans. These groups can be seen in and around the Lily Lake, and in fields along the Iowa River near High, West and South Amana.

Oddly, as bird count volunteer Andrea Haldy related, there were a smaller number than average of winter birds like Juncos and Tree Sparrows spotted. These species are typical winter dwellers in Iowa, and in years past, more have been noted on the count. Lack of snow may have made the darker-colored birds more difficult to see, one bird watcher reckoned.

Over 1,000 Canada Geese were counted here along about 1,000 Mallards. The large Mallard count was a surprise given the late date. Perhaps due to the warmer temps the waterfowl were lingering here over the holidays. Typically by December Mallards have decamped south.

Winterfest is 1/22/22

Next Saturday, January 22 it's Winterfest in Amanas which means we'll bundle up and gather out of doors to express our joy that January is almost over. And we'll eat some darn good chili and compare beard growth. Yes that's the plan. Well, there are some other things planned and here they are:

- Amana Freezer Run/ Walk. A 5k benefit for the Kolonieweg Recreational Trail. This year it starts at the Carding Studio (next to Warped and Woven) at the Amana Woolen Mill/ Hotel at 10 a.m. To sign up in advance go the Amana Colonies website. Look for the Winterfest page and go to the online Amana Colonies Freezer site to fill out the information. \$30 advance registration (before Jan. 18) and you will receive either a t-shirt or a Amana Meat Shop gift bag. You can also register same day but gift with registration last only as supplies last.

- Winterfest Wine and Dine at the Ox Yoke Inn with White Cross Cellars, Sat. Jan. 22. A five course meal starting with appetizers. A deliciously fun way to be entertained. Call the Ox Yoke Inn today for reservations. 5:30 p.m.

- Our Winterfest Winter Games. Think Winter

Olympics for the rest of us! The fun starts at 11 a.m. at the Market barn.

- Best Beard Contest. Market barn. Competition at 2 p.m.

- Support the Amana Fire Department by enjoying their open fire chili. Starts at 11 a.m. at the Market barn. Hot cocoa and other beverages available too.

- Stop by the Ackerman Winery in Amana for their fun "LET IT SNOW" wine cocktail! And a Snowflake Scavenger Hunt! Find the snowflakes (all ages can search and sign up to win!)

- Wine and Beer Walk 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$5 punch card allows you to sample your way up and down Amana's street. Turn in your punch card for a Winterfest logo glass.

- Up to SNOW Good! Party at Hotel Millwright. 5 – 10 p.m. with ViceBox, food and drinks in the Merino Loft Hotel Millwright. This top flight, high energy rock and roll band is a big Iowa favorite. Come see what's causing all the fuss!

- Sunday 2 – 4 p.m. Glass painting "Frosty Delite" class at Ackerman Winery. This is a chill way to learn a craft and have a gift to take home. \$15. Includes crafts supplies and class. Seating is limited so call the Ackerman Winery at 319-622-3379 to reserve your spot.

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News & Notes from page 1**2022 Celebrations and Colony Events**

If you have an event happening in the Amana Colonies that you would like listed on the Amana Colonies Convention and Visitor Bureau website's events calendar, contact the ACCVB office for information on how to have your event added.

Here now are the 2022 events they have got on the calendar thus far:

- February 12-13** Romance Weekend
- March 12** Dumpling Day
- April 1 – 3** Quilt Amana
- April 8 – 10** Take a Bite Food Fest
- April 30 – May 2** Maifest
- May 21** Rhubarb Day
- May 28 – 30** Renaissance Festival
- June 4 – 5** Becksterfest
- June 17-18** Amana Colonies Wurst Festival
- June 25** Colonies in Bloom Garden Walk
- July 2** Firecracker 4th of July Antique Show
- Aug. 13** AAG Summer Festival of the Arts
- Aug. 20** Hawk I Model A Day and Woodfest
- Sept. 3 - 5** Fresh Paint, AKC Dog Show, and the Hand Works wood crafts show
- Sept. 30 – Oct. 2** Oktoberfest
- Oct. 8** Leaf us Alone!
- Oct. 15** Arts and Craft Autumn Weekend
- Oct. 22** Colony Pumpkinfest
- Nov. 4 - 6** Girls Getaway Weekend
- Nov. 5** AAG Fall Fibre Show/ Gallery Event
- Nov. 25 -27** Tannenbaum Forest open for Thanksgiving weekend
- Dec. 2 – 4** Prelude to Christmas
- Dec. 9-11 and 16-18** Tannenbaum Forest open.

Reiner Erdt Art Exhibit

Open House Saturday, January 22
11:30am–2pm

Come by Hotel Millwright and check out the Reiner Erdt Art Exhibit that resides in the Courtyard Lobby. This installation includes 40 images of Amana, Iowa and Ronneburg, Germany, our sister city. Light refreshments will be available. Artwork may be purchased during the open house. This ink and watercolor artwork will be displayed through the end of January.

WANTED/WANTED TO BUY

BUYING All ANTIQUES; Toys, Furniture, Crocks, Paintings, Advertising Signs, and Weird Items "any condition." Buying Entire Estates, call for fair pricing. Please call 319-270-1251.

FOR RENT

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The Amana Print Shop

Please call before driving over

319-622-3912

Bulletin Deadlines:

Articles & display ads - Tues. 5:00 PM

Small/very short articles, box ads and Classifieds - Wed. Noon

Please email a format that can be cut & pasted

Classified ads are \$5/week for the first 30 words, extra words will be billed \$1.00/10 words.

Display (box) ads are \$6/column inch

Please send ads via e-mail to:

amanaprintshop@southslope.net

Snail Mail: Box 89 Middle IA 52307

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Well I thought everything was fine again when one of the furnaces broke down.

Our son and daughter-in-law sort of wonder why we're always cold, but putting on the stately ermine, velvet and such trapping of royalty becomes tiresome. Besides, I think the neighbors are tired of holding the robes and have a sort "blindness" from all the flash bulbs.

Well the rest of the week has been relatively "tame." I did venture out in the royal coach and decided a new one would be a good idea, but standing and looking at the new "horseless" carriages gets dull.

B.S.H.



**The Amana
RV Park &
Event Center
is seeking an
Office Specialist!**

This position is ideal for an energetic, motivated person with great office skills. This individual is responsible for general accounting and ensuring the accuracy of all reservations entered in the system. They also assist the Park Manager in coordinating groups, events and festival support. This is a full time, year-round position with great benefits. Hourly pay starts at \$16 - \$19 per hour.

For more information, please see our ad on "Indeed" or contact Laura Sue Woods, Human Resources Manager, at lswoods@amanas.net

**THE OLD TESTAMENT
WALK THRU IS BACK!**

It's been 6 years and about time to do it again! The Amana Area Fellowship is pleased to announce this 8 week study meeting Thursday evenings, at 7-8:30 PM, beginning this Thursday **January 13**, 2022 at the Price Creek Event Center.

Questions: Please contact us: 319-573-1947
info@amanaareafellowship.org
www.AmanaAreaFellowship.org

**The Amana Print Shop
PO Box 89, Middle IA 52307****UP TO SNOW GOOD
at Hotel Millwright**

This is a party to remember! Saturday, January 22, 2021, 5:00pm-10:00pm, Live Music @ 6pm Join us in the Merino Loft for winter themed shenanigans at our Up to SNOW Good Party! Part of Winterfest, Amana's COOLEST winter festival, Up to SNOW good will feature live music from Vicebox. As usual, awesome food and great beer will be available for purchase.

**OBITUARY**

Mary Ellen Sandersfeld, age 88, of Amana, died peacefully on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at The Bird House Hospice Home of Johnson County in Iowa City. She was in the loving company of family. Visitation will be at Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo, from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. on January 12. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., January 13, at First Lutheran Church in Conroy. Burial will be at First Lutheran Church cemetery.

Mary Ellen Martinson was born on September 23, 1933 to Frank Wilmer Martinson and Irene Katherine Alvina Martinson (Schwartz). She grew up—along with her brothers Harold and Edwin and her sister Gloria—on the family's farm near Conroy, Iowa. She graduated from high school in Conroy.

On May 20, 1953 she married the love of her life, Russell (Russ) Sandersfeld, in St. John's Lutheran Church. The couple settled in Amana, Iowa and raised five children: Randy, Vickie, Dan, Michael, and Jason.

Mary Ellen was a devout Christian and attended First Lutheran Church, Conroy. She was active in many church programs, serving as the Sunday school superintendent for 13 years. She led a junior choir for seven years, arranged and taught a weeklong vacation bible school for 12 summers, and directed Christmas programs for 12 years. She also sang in the choir at First Lutheran Church for over 40 years.

In 1967 Russ and Mary Ellen established The Colony Village Restaurant. Along with their family, the couple built the Colony Village into one of the most well-known and successful independent restaurants in Iowa. Over the years, Russ and Mary Ellen owned and operated—at times simultaneously—several other restaurants, including Old Ironsides and The Kozy Inn in Cedar Rapids and The Colony Village in Homestead. At the restaurant, no job was too big and no detail too small for Mary Ellen. She single-handedly managed the business's payroll and employee scheduling and pitched in when the kitchen needed help. Mary Ellen was quick to personally and professionally assist those with whom she worked. She was genuinely interested in others' lives, and made lifelong friends with many coworkers.

Outside of the restaurant business Mary Ellen had many interests and hobbies, including music, writing, cooking, and bridge club. She played the accordion, piano, and organ and taught piano lessons. Mary Ellen was a prolific poet; her favorite subjects were the church choir, friends, and family members. She enjoyed hosting picnics at the family farm. Frequently she was the primary voice of reason at Hawkeye tailgaters, where she played the accordion to accompany Russ's stumpy fiddle-infused Schnitzelbank song. Her driving purpose, however, was her family. She sought always to create a loving, warm, and welcoming home for her husband and children.

Mary Ellen is dearly missed by her children: Randy, of Amana; Vickie (Chris) of Iowa City and her children Joshua (Claire), Jessica, and Kaitlyn (Kevin); Dan (Wendy) of Amana and their children Adrian and Graham; Michael (Heidi) of Amana and their children Gunther and Ellery; Jason (Sarah) of Shueville and their children Garrett and Wyatt. Also loved by Mary Ellen are five great grandchildren: Martin, Evelyn, Hayden, Isabelle, and Jayce.

Mary Ellen was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Russ; a brother, Harold; and her sister, Gloria.

A memorial fund has been established in Mary Ellen's name. Contributions to the fund will go to support Essence of Life Hospice and The Bird House Hospice Home of Johnson County.

Online condolences: www.klosterfuneralhome.com.

Reunions, social gatherings, business meetings?

The Homestead Welfare Club offers an exceptional 1100 sq ft meeting or gathering room in our historic 1860's home. It includes a mini kitchen, tables and chairs for 80+ persons inside, and a shaded backyard for outdoor activities including picnic tables and small shelter. Rental is \$75 /day or for \$100 /day includes a full-service kitchen.

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