Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, November 13, 2022, starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Andrea Haldy presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Mit Ernst, ihr Menschenkinder" No. 710 Seite 709

Testimony: Ursula Meyer, Ronneburg, March 28,1715

Scripture: Isaiah 40:6-11
Psalm 118:1-21

Closing Hymn: "Es ist gewisslich an der Zeit" No. 266 Seite 260

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

Opening Hymn: "Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Harken" No. 39

Closing Hymn: "The Day is Surely Drawing near" No. 23

The Wednesday Evening Prayer (Nachtgebet) meeting will begin 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.

AMANA CHURCH PRELUDE TO CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND COOKIE WALK

During Amana's Prelude to Christmas

Cookies, cookies and more cookies plus homemade holiday crafts – all for a good cause – will be at the Amana Church's annual Prelude to Christmas Bazaar, open two days, Friday, Dec. 2 and Sat. Dec. 3 and the Prelude to Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, Dec. 3, during Amana's Prelude to Christmas weekend.

Both are at the Amana Church in downtown Amana just ½ block west of Tannenbaum Forest at the Festhalle during our annual Advent celebration in Amana, Prelude to Christmas.

Here's how the Cookie Walk works: Come to the Amana Church, west entrance, starting at 9 a.m. Saturday to pick up your cookie walk reservation. Stay or come back at your appointed time. The Cookie Walk begins at 10 a.m.on Saturday. Dec. 3 Every 15 to 20 minutes we allow about 25 people to enter the cook walk room, wearing gloves, they select their cookies and candies from among all the cookies, bars and candies at the walk. Patrons purchase a cookie box for $30. Boxes hold about 6 dozen cookies and candies. You fill your box with your selection from the thousands of cookies, candies and bars on display. The walk continues until all the sweets are gone.

The Amana Church Bazaar features homemade foods: yeast breads and kuchens, jams, jellies, salsa, fudge and caramel popcorn; plus handmade craft items, woodworking, needlework, toys, Christmas décor, ornaments for your tree and unique treasures. Nearly everything is made by local volunteers who donate their work to the Bazaar. The Bazaar is open Friday noon – 6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Amana Church in the village of Amana. Please use the west entrance. There is parking behind the church.

Proceeds from the Cookie Walk and Christmas Bazaar support the Amana Church's summer vacation Bible camp, the Sunday school and local youth groups. All are open to all youth. Your support is much appreciated.

Merry Christmas!

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Years ago the "Amana Bulletin" had news from various towns. I only remember the towns of Amana and Homestead giving weekly reports.

Mary Ann Griess Fels was the reported for Amana and my mother Marie Stuck Selzer for Homestead after Richard Seifert and for a brief time Erna Fels and Marietta Moershal.

It seems that Sunday evening was the night when we would hear the typewriter's steady beat of news items and our mother calling out if we knew of anything happening in town.

Birthday parties with all the participants, out of town visitors, coffees, bridal and baby showers, even the purchase of a new car. More importantly hospitalizations, injuries or illnesses, and of course, deaths were all included.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

LOVE Network Trees are UP

The Iowa County LOVE Network has put up their Christmas trees. Each one is decorated with cards indicating the wish of an Iowa County resident. A nine-year-old boy wishes for a warm sweatshirt. A 38-year-old man wants thermal underwear. A 16-year-old is wishing for a hat and mittens that match.

Many of these wishes are for simple things like warm sweaters and socks. The wishes are gathered by social workers, school nurses and other professionals who are in contact with those who might need a hand. This year there are so many wishes to fill and not much time to do so.

The Christmas Trees are set up in the Amana Family Practice Clinic and the Amana Pharmacy right now. All the gifts must be back to the Amana Clinic or the Amana Pharmacy by December 7. Simply stop by, pick up a red card from the tree and buy the gift as suggested on the card (size, gender and age information are on each card). Wrap the gift and return it to the tree where you picked up the card.

Then Iowa County volunteers will pick up the gifts and distribute them to those who made the wishes.

If you can't get to a tree but would love to help. Please send a check to the LOVE Network via Claudia Kleinmeyer, 158 Circle Drive, Williamsburg, IA, 52361. These cash donations, according to LOVE Network co-chairs Erin Folkmann and Sara Wade, are used to purchase items for those gift cards not filled or that come in last minute. Cash is used to buy groceries and winter coats for Iowa County residents in need this holiday season.

Bring the joy of a Christmas to Iowa County senior citizens, kids and adults who might not otherwise have a gift this holiday season.

Do you have a question? Contact Carmen Grimm whose been working with this charity for over 20 years. 319-389-3694.

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

News flash from the North Pole: Santa Claus will be in the Amana Colonies.

He will be at the High Amana General Store on Friday, December 2 from Noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday, December 3 Noon to 5 p.m.

Santa will also be appearing at Hotel Millwright in Amana on Sunday, December 4 and Sunday December 18 from 1 - 3 p.m. He'll be seated right by the toasty warm fireplace and ready to greet kids.

Yes, Santa Claus will be at the Tannenbaum Forest December 9 – 11. The Forest is open at 11 - 5 on Friday, December 9; 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Saturday December 11 - 4 and on Sunday, 11 – 4 p.m. His reindeer may be joining him on Sunday the 11th of Dec. 1 to 4 .m. if they are able. You know this time of year is pretty darn busy for reindeer and Santa too.

Experience a Communal Meal at Christmas

Here's a new event for Amana's Prelude to Christmas. They will be preparing and serving a traditional Amana communal kitchen dinner at the Ruedy Kitchen House in Middle Amana on Saturday, Dec. 3. Dine by lantern light and taste the goodness of an Amana communal holiday supper.

Contact the Amana Heritage Museum today for your reservations. Cost is $35 per person. The menu includes dishes typically prepared on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day in the communal kitchens in the seven villages. The menu includes creamed chicken, mashed potatoes, side dishes and dessert. Additionally you'll hear about communal Amana Christmas celebrations and yes, there are a couple of surprises planned. Seating is limited so call today, 319-622-3567 or sign up via the Amanaheritage.org website.

Advent in the Tannenbaum Forest

A special Advent worship will be held at the Tannenbaum Forest, 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 27 with Elder Kristie Yoder.

All ages will remember this holy advent worship amidst the lights and color of the decorated Christmas trees in the forest. Everyone welcome. The service will include prayers, Scripture and the singing of carols and hymns.

AMANA SOCIETY USER PERMIT HOLDER NOTICE

A few reminders related to gun deer season:

For safety purposes, all user and hunting privileges are invalid during gun deer hunting seasons except for licensed deer hunters to deer hunt during their particular season.

NO permits, including deer hunting, are valid on Amana Colonies Golf Club grounds.

ALL deer harvested on Amana Society, Inc. property must be reported and checked. Please contact one of the individuals below immediately upon harvesting a deer. The information collected will be used to monitor the deer herd size and health.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Questions or concerns related to Amana Society land use permits & activities may be directed to Jon Degen, Amana Society Conservation Warden @ 319-560-2459.

Thank You,
Amana Society Conservation Committee

Deer Checkers:
Tim Krauss – 319-330-8393
Chris Herr – 319-533-6644
Tony Berger – 319-361-8459
Kirby Schaefer – 319-430-6722
Patrick Henry – 319-899-8354
John Zuber - 319-560-0299
Marc Phelps – 319-213-3445

Michele Maring Miller Art Gallery
20% off Michele's Art Work
10% off everything else including antiques
Open 10 to 5 Friday-Sunday now until Dec. 24 or call 319-249-4524.
Small rummage sale in the back of the gallery
611 F Street West Amana

AMANA RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

EARLY BIRDS WANTED!
Colonial Manor is hiring for the following positions
Housekeeping 5:30am-2:00 pm Part time or full time. Every other weekend required
Dietary Aide 5:30 am-1:30 pm or 5:30 am - 10:00 am Part time or full time.
Every other weekend required
Please call 319-622-3131 for more information or stop by for an application

Food Drive Collection at Colonial Manor Nursing Home.
Non perishable food donated to those who are in need this holiday season.
We will be collecting in November, December and January. at our facility.
Questions/concerns Contac Joey.
319-622-3131

Feathers *from page 1*

Yes, we knew what was happening in our town thanks to this sheet of paper, the post office and the general store.

People might call it gossip, but there was a sincere caring for others.

I remember one lady who seemed to always go home and make a pot of chicken rice soup when she heard of the death in a family. When she died we all bemoaned her passing, but also remembered her kindness. To this day I can drive past her home and only recall her smile and the love she showed to others.

My mother also had to compose obituaries which were hard on her since she personally knew these people. The obituaries would not only be sent to the print shop in Middle, but to the "Pioneer Republican" in Marengo and the "Williamsburg Journal."

Someplace along the line she had been given instructions as to what and how to write these articles. She never got paid for any of this, including the times she served meals to the morticians over and over again. It was expected!

Years ago I indexed the first few decades of the "Bulletin."

One item I found amusing was written by the Homestead correspondent, Richard Seifert. He gave updates on a bull Homestead had.

I have no idea what breed it was although I am betting it was a white faced Hereford. Anyway after a period of time the bull whose name was "Bismarck," was transferred to Middle.

I guess Middle life was too strenuous on him because he died within a year and was mourned by the residents of Homestead.

This is the 90th year of the publication of the Bulletin. We, as a community, are still small and many care about one another

To me, at least, I can't think of a place I would rather live and be with such good friends.

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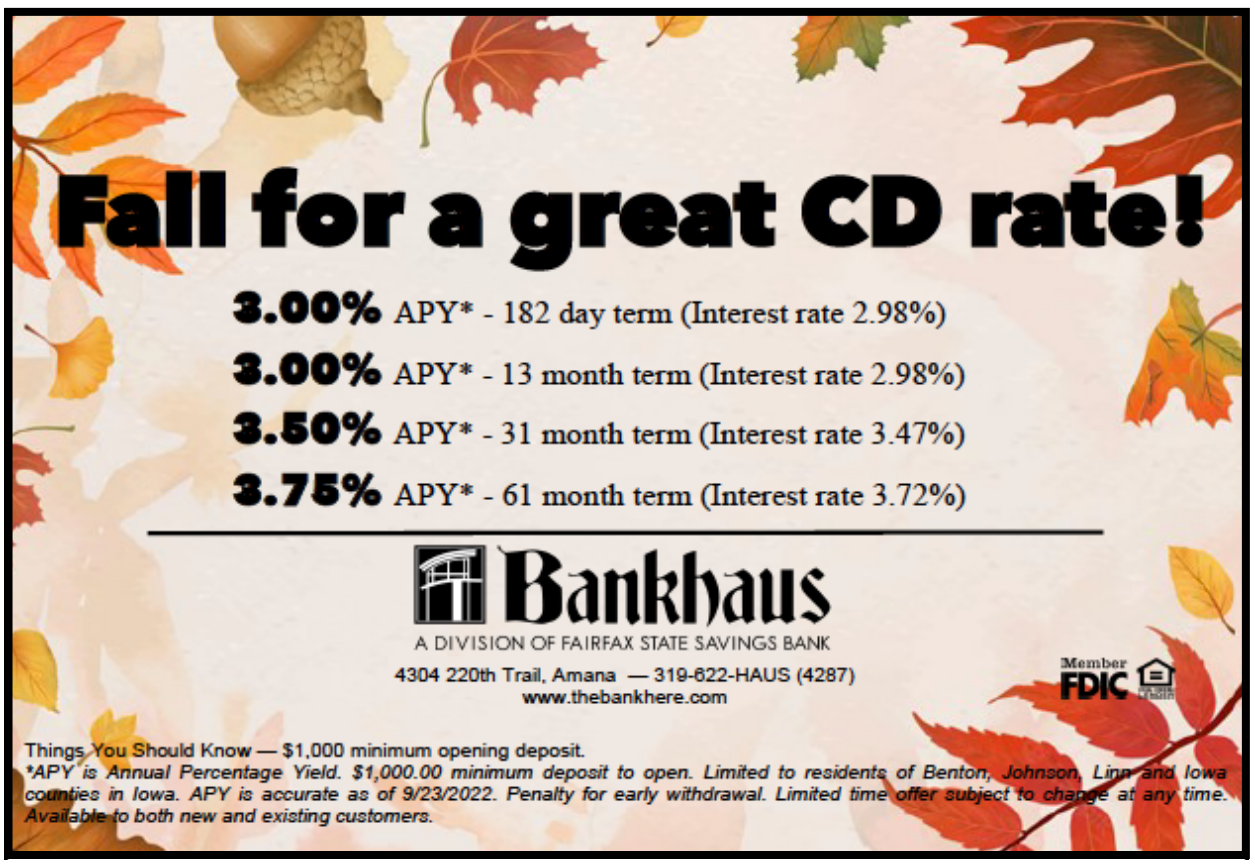
AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Notice and Tentative Agenda of the Regular Meeting November 28, 2022, 6:30 p.m. At the Amana Colonies Land Use District office-4304 220th Trail Amana And via Zoom link

I. Call Meeting to Order
II. Set Agenda
III. Review/Approve October 24th 2022 Minutes
IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda
V. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:
a. 2022-114. Susan Matrise / 759 48th Ave Amana / HP-C. This is at the Blumen Haus. Pergola constructed over the chilton stone which extends out over pond. Picket-type fencing around perimeter. Wood either brown pressure-treated or cedar. For insurance as well as safety purposes to keep children from falling into pond. Also a gathering point/ photo area for wedding parties.
b. 2022-115. Susan Matrise / 759 48th Ave Amana / HP-C / This is at the Blumen Haus Barrels and Blooms. 12' x 24' portable storage shed, painted wood sides in approved colors, with shingled roof - Hardy Lawn Furniture - Iowa City.
VI. Other Business:
a. The subject of potential short-term rentals of residential properties (using the Airbnb and VRBO type systems) was first discussed at the October HPC meeting and then the November BOT meeting. It was confirmed that the ACLUD ordinances do not currently have definitions or guidelines regarding the short-term rental of residential property. Currently available rental definitions are: Bed and Breakfast, Boarding House, Hotel/Motel and Rooming House. Galena, IL, being a similar historic locale, might provide examples in their city code that could serve as a guideline for ACLUD. The Administrator was asked to talk to HPC and see if they will take on the task of researching and developing a draft ordinance.
VII. Administrator's Report (if applicable)
VIII. Adjourn



Lakeview Village

2BR, 2 Bath, 1 stall garage unit for sale located on Amana Retirement Community Campus. Must be 55 years of age or older.

Please contact Tanya Strong at (319) 622-3551 for details.

ARTS GUILD HAUS TOUR

The 2022 Amana Arts Guild Holiday Haus Tour will be held December 3 10am-4pm, December 4 1pm-4pm

Tickets are $20 each, and will be available at each house during tour hours, or at the Gallery on Main beginning November 15. Kids 12 and under get in free. For complete details: amanaartsguild.com/haustour

This year's houses include the Ron and Vicki Conley House, the Suzanne and Jeff Conquest House, the Katie and Bryce Steckly House, and the Bill and Kristie Yoder House. Also included is the Amana Heritage Society's Ruedy House, as well as refreshments at the Gallery on Main.

"THE ACLUD CORNER"

Did You Know?....

What do you get for your money when you pay the fee for a permit application? Answer – you are directly supporting the infrastructure that helps insure the historical integrity of these Amana Colonies. If you start or even complete renovation projects on your residence or business without first getting a zoning permit, you are bypassing the step(s) that ultimately help to support your property values.

Just a reminder that included in the current Fee Schedule is the potential of an Upcharge Penalty (double fee) for projects that got either started or completed without first receiving a zoning permit. This can easily be avoided by simply contacting the ACLUD office (see below) when your project is in the planning stages.

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

HELP WANTED

Amana Society Service Company needs person to clean office and break areas once per week. Usually takes 2-3 hours. Pay per hour is negotiable. Call 319-622-3052

FOR RENT

For Rent room with shared bath and common area South Amana. No smoking, references, background check. Call Larry at 319-540-9351

FOR SALE

For Sale Amana Society Class "A" Shares Call 319-622-3800

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.

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

Amana Area Fellowship Night of Worship
Please join us for an evening of food, song and a message from the Bible.
Potluck 6:00-6:30 Music and Message 6:45
Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022
Amana Performing Arts Center
Guest Speaker Brooks Simpson
Lead Pastor, Grace Community Church
North Liberty, Iowa
visit us at www.amanaareafellowship.org

COLLECT BIG G RECEIPTS FOR EDUCATION

The Amana Elementary is excited to be participating in an incredible program that allows us to earn FREE classroom equipment and supplies!

Here's How You Can Help! Shop at Big G Foods, Marengo until March 31, 2023. 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, donated by the store! Please submit your receipts by April 5. Thank you!

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