Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Christmas Eve Service of Scripture and Song will be in Middle, starting at 8:00 p.m. December 24, 2022 with Br. Peter Hoehnle presiding.

Song sheets will be provided

The Combined Christmas Service will be in Middle December 25, 2022, starting 10:00 A.M. with Sw. Kristie Yoder presiding.

Testimony: Heinemann, Dec. 25, 1822, Edenkoben

Scripture: John 1:1-14
Luke 2:1-19

Choir "Do You Hear What I Hear?"
"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

Hymn: "Joy to the World" vs 1, 4

Hymn: All Praise to Jesus Hallowed Name, #10, vs 1, 2, 4

Hymn: "The First Noel" vs 1, 2, 6

Hymn: "O Come All Ye Faithful" vs 1, 2

Hymn: "Hark the Herald angels Sing" vs 1, 2, 3

Song sheets will be provided. Please join us, all are welcome!

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.

ACLUD NOTE

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is forming a joint citizen/HPC committee for the purpose of upgrading the existing ACLUD ordinances to include the "short-term rental of residential property". They are seeking residents who are willing to meet periodically over the next several months to create a draft copy of those upgrades. The Chair of this committee will be Betsy Momany, who is a member of the HPC. She would like to establish the committee and have their first meeting by the end of January.

If you have an interest in participating, please contact the ACLUD Administrator, Richard Budde, at aclud@southslope.net.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Why is it that when Christmas time comes and I finally realize that no elves will mysteriously appear and shower gifts, that I should have bought months before, over my head? Why do I still stand like a statue in the middle of a store only to have some over worked clerk ask me if they can help me and all I want to do is scream, "Yes, HELP ME out of this mess before I explode!"

Perhaps if I locate myself behind a counter and don't move no one will notice me. What if I hang ornaments on myself and pretend to be part of a display? Probably someone will call for the people with the "white coats" and put me in the "Home for Wayward Minds" which would not be all that bad because I wouldn't have any Christmas presents.

I get anxious this time of year. Nothing looks like a good present. I keep thinking of underwear, but that is really dumb - even though people could always use more handkerchiefs, undershirts or such.

Books are good, but I end up with a book I like. Charlemagne has enough gardening, bee keeping, and trapping books to make the house list to one side. If he has read them all I would be surprised, all I know is he has taken up all his bookshelves and invaded my territory.

We have two magazine racks both full of HIS magazines and gardening catalogs not to mention newspapers. Yes, I am "abused" when it comes to space for reading material, not to mention trapping and bee supplies.

So what to get him for Christmas -how about an addition to the house so he can put more stuff in it? How does one get the money and then wrap it?

I'm back to square one - no presents. It seems I can find things for myself quite easily: nice paper, calligraphy pen, weekly get togethers with good friends, etc. No one takes the hints! (Try a letter opener!)

The good part is our granddaughter. She is a kind and loving person who you could give a bowel of oatmeal (without brown sugar) and she would thank

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Top Stories of 2022 – The Year in Review

Taking a look at the year of 2022 here are some of the most important "News and Notes" items appearing in the Amana Society Bulletin.

Marengo Explosion and Fire Repercussions Felt – Amana Fire Department members were among 200 emergency responders at a Thursday, Dec. 8 explosion and fire at the C6-Zero asphalt shingle recycling factory. Over 10 people were injured, two were critically injured. Six Amana fire fighting suits/breathing units were damaged.

Damage to Amana's Main Street – November 24 a black Chevrolet pickup driven by Zachary Poulson careened down Main Street with Benton County law enforcement in pursuit. Poulson was apprehended, on foot, in a ditch near East Amana.

Headstone Found and Returned to High Amana – A gravestone taken from the High Amana Cemetery was found near the Koszta boat ramp by a fisherman November 5. The 250-pound marble head stone (it was that of a military veteran) was removed from the cemetery sometime before October 30.

TKM Announces 2023 Stage Shows at APAC – September 29 Tom Milligan and Deb Kennedy of TKM Theatrical Productions announced that they would be producing shows at the Amana Performing Arts Center in 2023. They had just drawn the curtain on their well received comedy, "Leaving Iowa."

Neighbors Organize to Help Heart Recipient – Friends and neighbors of Dan Ray and his family set up a "Go Fund Me" page after Ray underwent a heart transplant. He returned home to Middle Amana after 101 days in the hospital September 15.

It's Been 90 Years Since Amana's Great Change – 1932 was the year that Amana's communal way of life was set aside and the Amana Society, Inc. was formed to move the community forward. 1932 ended 89 years of organized communal living.

Homestead Water Tower Repairs – September 1 it was reported that the Homestead water tower was still swathed in protective wrap as it was being repaired and upgraded. The work was to be completed September 9.

Amana is at the Iowa State Fair – August 19 it was reported that for the first time in 10 years the Amanas had a presence at the Iowa State Fair with a "Visit the Colonies" booth in the Varied Industries building. Volunteers from the community manned the booth.

Amana Jingle Cross GX Bike Race is Not Happening – July 6 the Iowa City based Jingle Cross group announced it would not be hosting an international bike race in the Amanas August. 5 – 7. The reasons were numerous but vague.

Ruedy Kitchen House Museum a Must See – Opening in May of 2022, the Ruedy family residence is now a historic site, part of the Amana Heritage Society's Communal Kitchen in Middle Amana. A grand opening was held in May.

Restore Revive Renew Amana Church Fund Drive Receives Support - The Amana Church's campaign to raise money to restore, revive and renew the Amana Church building in Amana and the Kinderschule in Middle Amana receives a $50,000 pledge from the Amana Society, Inc. and a $8,500 grant from the Community Foundation of Eastern Iowa, Iowa County. The Kinderschule will be the new home of the Amana Colonies Food Pantry. The Amana Church will receive much needed repairs and building restoration plus the installation of handicapped ramps. The Amana Church has been named a recipient of a Sacred Places project grant from the National Fund for Sacred Places, a program in collaboration with the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Chinese Delegation Visits Amana – Qin Gang, China's Ambassador to the United States, visited the Amanas for a late supper at the Ox Yoke Inn, Amana, with his delegation and Kenneth Quinn, President Emeritus of the World Food Prize. After arriving at the Eastern Iowa Airport, they came by cars to the Amanas while on their way to Des Moines. The entire group, about 25 first had supper at the Ox Yoke and then toured the Amana Heritage Museum.

Agri Tourism Site in Development – A farm-oriented play area, hay bale slide, corn maze and more has been noted in a brainstorming session to create a farm-based, family play area near the Amana Performing Arts Center and Amana RV Park, Greg Luerkens told the Cedar Rapids Gazette the week of April 18.

New Life for APAC – The first of several 2022 theater productions and events including a summer 2022 farmer's market and Friday evening bluegrass performances began with "Weekend Comedy" May 20 – 22 at the former OCTC Theatre.

CCA Hires New Superintendent – The Clear Creek Amana School District announced March 1 that Dr. Corey Seymour would be the district's new superintendent replacing Joseph Brown, Sr.

Jingle Cross International Bike Rally Coming Here – Amana Colonies was selected as the site for an international gravel road bike race, August 5 – 7, 2022, Jingle Cross Cycling, Iowa City, announced March 26. The gravel bike race is part of the first Union Cycliste International (UCI) World Series of Gravel. Over 5,000 cyclists from all over the world are expected.

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Happy Holidays and a Wonderful New Year!

Our Staff with David and Yana would like to thank our great community for your continued support

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Thank You to all the historians - Here are our findings of the 8th Grade Graduates.

The photo was taken about 1922, not 1917

Contact “RC” or Heritage Museum if you have other answers. Family Christmas gatherings are a great time to look at old photos.

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you for it.

Looking for something for her is not hard especially if t has to do with her dreaded CATS. She loves them and takes care of them. Her Oma could care less about these creatures, but tolerates them.

Then there is our “baby,” Sam who lives in Chicago. This year he will get quite the surprise because his mother finally found part of his inheritance after some monumental digging. (A long story for another time)

I think as a wise man once said upon being asked where he and his bride were registered replied, “Try the bank. our colors are gold and silver.”

B.S.H.

FOR SALE

Pure bred Brittany puppies, AKC registered parents, National Gun Dog Champion bloodlines, 4 males available, ready to go on 12/22/22. Call/text Kayla at 319-430-0020

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

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

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 ACLUD CORNER”

Did You Know?....

I wanted to make you all aware that the Board of Adjustment (BOA) is looking for two (2) new members to join their group. If you are a “meeting adverse” kind of person, then this is the group for you! That is because they don’t have monthly meetings, but only meet when they need to. So, you might ask, why do they need to meet? They are the group that reviews decisions made by the Administrator that perhaps a resident disagrees with, and also they can create variances upon review. The current Chair of this group is Stephanie Herr. If you would like to learn more or consider volunteering, please contact me at aclud@southslope.net.

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

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OCTC Board Exits Stage Left – Despite announcing last summer that they would be celebrating the Creamery’s 50th anniversary in 2022 and receiving a federal/ state Shuttered Venue Operators Grant for $437,843, the Old Creamery Theatre Co. board of directors led by Peter Teahan, announced February 4 that it was disbanding the company. The group via its attorney presented the Amana Society with the keys to the theatre building prior to the Amana Society learning from media reports that the group had announced its dissolution.

CO2 Pipeline Meeting Large and at Moments, Heated – January 3 Over 100 people attended the public meeting in Amana at the Price Creek Event Center called by Navigator C02 Ventures regarding their proposed plan to build a CO2 pipeline across Iowa. Maps and other documents have been filed with the Iowa Utilities Board. This meeting was one of over a dozen held in the State of Iowa.

Food Drive Collection at Colonial Manor.

Non perishable food donated to those who are in need this holiday season. We will be collecting in December and January at our facility.

Questions/concerns Contact Joey. 319-622-3131

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AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Notice and Tentative Agenda of the Regular Meeting Wednesday, December 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 and November 28th 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. 2022-117. Victoria Kirby - McKenzie Construction / 4516 220th Trail Amana / HP-C / Replace quantity 17 existing double hung windows with new Heartland vinyl. Quan 14 are 28” x 56” 9/6. Quan 3 are 28” x 46” 6/6.
b. 2022-118. Justin Cohanim – Millstream Brewery / 835 48th Ave Amana / HP-I / Install a 32’ - 2” tall by 10’ diameter malt storage bin sitting on a 12’ x 12’ concrete slab on the north side of the building.
VI. Other Business:
a. Review the Annual Report for the Certified Local Government (CLG) specifically the HPC goals for 2023.
b. Status of formation of a committee to develop ordinance amendments regarding short term rental of residential property.
VII. Administrator’s Report (if applicable)
VIII. Adjourn

NOTICE OF PASSING

Elsie Marie Sayers, lifetime resident of Middle passed away Thursday Dec. 22, 2022 from a sudden illness.

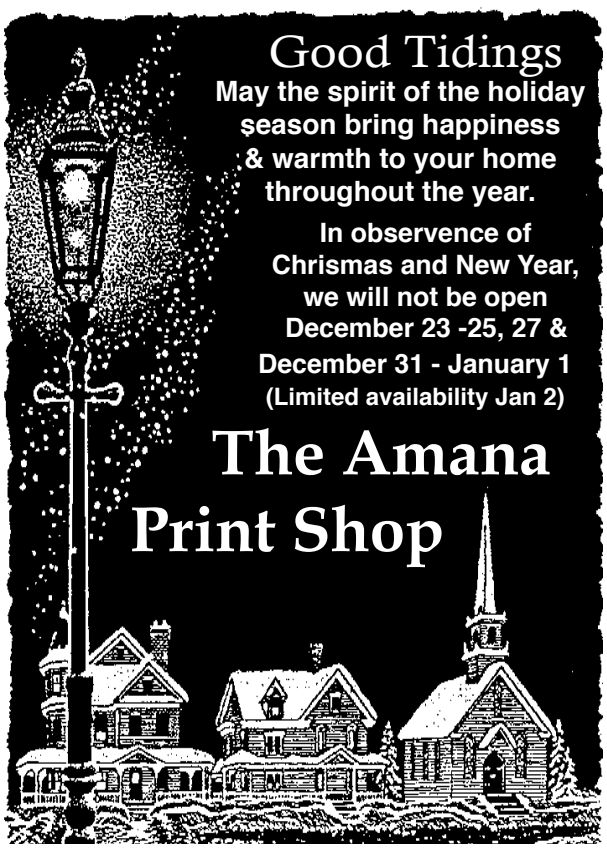
Visitation and funeral are tentatively scheduled for Monday Dec. 26 and Tuesday Dec 27 at the Middle Church. An obituary will be in next week’s Bulletin

AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT
Ordinance 2022-01
An ordinance amending the Amana Colonies Land Use District Code of Ordinances

(Reference Land Use Plan, Phase II – Division 3.0 – Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances)

Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Amana Colonies Land Use District by a vote at their December 12, 2022 Regular Meeting that effective January 1, 2023, Section 31.18.020(H) for R-1 parcels, and Section 31.36.060(B1k) for HP-R parcels be amended to include the following changes regarding having chickens, ducks and geese on these parcels. The amendment to the ordinances reads as follows:

H. Agricultural uses, including nurseries, greenhouses and truck gardens provided that no offensive odors or dust are created and provided further, that no retail sales or the raising and keeping of livestock shall be permitted on the premises.

I. Chickens, ducks and geese may be kept on the property as long as there are no more than 15. No roosters are allowed. Please reference Iowa County, Ordinance No. 18, for regulations regarding animal welfare and containment. Containment structures shall comply with the applicable district ordinances.

It was moved by Peter Hoehnle and seconded by Lynn Trumpold that the ordinance amendment be adopted. The motion passed unanimously with the following Trustees present and voting: Joe Parcell, Bruce Trumpold, Tyler Stockman, Norine Magee, Moses de los Santos, Peter Hoehnle and Lynn Trumpold.