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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, January 8, 2023, starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Ermuntert euch, ihr Frommen" No. 1069 v 1-5 Seite 1047

Testimony: Ursula Meyer, July 18, 1715

Scripture: Psalm 18: 1 – 19
Isaiah 9: 1 – 7
John 12: 42-46

Closing Hymn: "Wer etwas wagt auf seinen Gott" No. 316 Seite 310

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

Opening Hymn: "Who Ventures All to Go with God" No. 169

Closing Hymn: "All Praise to Jesus" No. 10

English songs from Sunday School hymnal. Song sheets will be provided

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 HERITAGE MUSEUM KAFFEESTUNDE BEGINS JANUARY 8TH

Join us at the Amana Heritage Museum's auditorium each Sunday afternoon at 3pm this winter beginning January 8th for fun German conversation and perhaps some short educational videos. We hope to enjoy a weekly dessert and coffee and practice our German. Please contact the museum at 622-3567 or heritageprograms@southslope.net for any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Here it is almost the second of January and I am just pain upset. My stomach bothers me, but I'm also hungry so when I try to eat something it only come back to haunt me.

Then I get angry because this year there was no New Year's Pretzel which is almost sacrilegious at our house especially because there also was no fruitcake and/or Stollen.

I'm not talking full blame for it, a certain "person" and his elf, saw fit to eat my stash of cookies AND my chocolate-orange candy which I had stored special for the occasion. He actually ate THREE of the oranges. Did he gain weight? Of course not.

When I asked for a slice from one of the oranges he had the nerve to say, "oh, did you mean to save them for yourself?" The silence was deafening.

The man said we didn't have to hurry and clean up! Wrong!

Naturally company came. There was the Christmas ornaments all over, carpets to be cleaned and even though the laundry had been done more accumulated within a day. I won't even mention the dirty dishes. (Why can't people put dishes in the dishwasher, but leave them wherever they finished eating - even beside the chair, on the floor, in the living room.

I am not amused! My request for Christmas, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, birthday - whatever, is a room all my own that I can hide in and no one else is allowed to enter.

Why should men have "Man Caves" when we women really deserve a room all our own?

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Main Office Water Break

Friday, December 23, a broken connection between the main water line and the water line at the Main Office in Amana, home to the Amana Society offices and US Bank, spilled thousands of gallons of water into the basement of the building.

The temperature on Friday, December 23 was a bone-chilling, - 10 F with winds gusting to 30 – 40 mph. Between Thursday, December 22 and Friday, the temperature dropped more than 30 degrees as the blizzard swept into Iowa from the west.

When employees arrived early Friday there was about four inches of water in the entire basement of the Main Office. The Amana Society Service Co. quickly shut off the water line and made repairs – meaning they had to dig up a section of the sidewalk and parking area to get at and fix the break.

Carpeting and the lower sections of dry wall and wainscotting were sodden and damaged. Records stored in the basement storage areas were on shelves and were not damaged.

Greg Luerkens, Amana Society President and CEO, shared this from this week's Amana Society employee newsletter, "As many of you may be aware, a water connection underneath the Main Office failed last Friday, December 23rd. A great deal of water surged into the basement of the Main Office, causing significant damage. The Service Company crew, led by William Wolter, rushed to locate the issue and shut the water off. We were very fortunate staff was in the office that morning and Amana Service Company employees were able to get to it right away. William Wolter, Gary Wolter, Mark Struzynski, and Joe Herrmann worked over the weekend in freezing temperatures, then returned on Tuesday to run a temporary water line and make repairs. A permanent fix is scheduled for next week. In the meantime, Dennis Hahn, AJ Benesh and Adam Krotz have been working hard to tear out shag carpets, drywall, and 1970's era wooden paneling damaged by the water. A big thanks to all the employees who helped – and continue to help – with the clean-up and repairs!"

Fun Stuff to do in January

Winterfest is January 21

Millstream Brewing Co. has live music, Saturday January 7 and January 14, plus bingo on Thursday, January 19.

This Saturday acoustic guitarist and singer Shelia Stevens will perform live at Millstream 6 – 9 p.m. in the taproom. Then on Saturday, January 14 hear one of our local favorites Bryce Janey in the taproom. Classic rock and blues are his forte. Stop by on Thursday, Jan. 19 for free bingo with prizes from 6 – 8 p.m. at Millstream.

Sundays at Fireside Winery, rural Conroy, they'll be showing movies starting at 1 p.m. Sunday January 9 see an "80's Cult Classic" movie and play a little movie trivia as you sample their appetizer menu and enjoy Fireside wines 1 – 4 p.m. Relax, unwind and enjoy

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS from Harold Pitz to all my beloved Amana friends and relatives.

As we enter the New Year 2023, make no mistake, I have not forgotten the good old days! So as not to forget, I have assembled a photo display from 1940 through 1955. When you have time, I invite you to come and visit me to share the memories. I love Amana and am looking forward to moving into Colonial Manor when a room becomes available. Meanwhile, best wishes for a Happy New Year!

Phone - 319-398-6270
Mercy Hallmar Nursing Home
701 10th St. SE, Room 24-23
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

George Berger is turning 90!

Please join us at an **OPEN HOUSE** for **George** on **Saturday, January 14,** 2023 from **1 to 4 pm** at the **Amana Elementary School cafeteria**.

Enter through the Library doors. No gifts please, but cards are just fine.

Refreshments will be served. Stories will be told and he is looking forward to seeing you!

If you can't make the reception, you can send him a note or card at George Berger, 508 Q St, Box 165, South Amana, IA 52334 or call him at 319-622-3174.

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the show! You don't have to pre-register – just come on over.

Sunday, January 15 they are screening a delicious period drama, and yes, romance is in the air. At intermission they'll be playing movie trivia so you can score some points and perhaps win a bottle of wine. 1 – 4 p.m. at Fireside Winery. Sunday afternoon movies are going to be featured through January and February at Fireside Winery.

Saturday, January 21 Amana celebrates Iowa winter with Winterfest 2023.

The Winterfest games of skill will begin at 11 a.m. at the Market Barn in Amana with the Amana Fire Department volunteers serving hot chili and other warming treats. Look forward to the Best Beard contest at 2 p.m. at the Market Barn. Yes, if you sport a beard or moustache you can enter to win prizes.

Hotel Millwright will be hosting "Pot Pie and Prost!" Winterfest Saturday from 11 – 1 p.m. at the Electric Thread. They will be serving deliciously savory, rustic pot pies and Millstream beers and rootbeer. This is a new event at Winterfest.

On Sunday, January 22 at Ackerman Winery learn how to paint your Winterfest wine glass. This wintery wine glass workshop is 2 – 4 p.m. at Ackerman in Amana. Supplies are just $15 and you may enjoy sip wine while you paint. Call Ackerman at 319- 622-3379 or go to their website to register for the class.

Amana FREEZER RUN is Back!

A Winterfest tradition continues with the Amana Freezer Run 5K on Saturday Jan. 21. Registration begins at 8:30am at the Carding Studio (part of the Hotel Millwright complex) and the race begins at 10am. Proceeds benefit the Amana Kolonieweg Recreational Trail. More information can be found at www.facebook.com/FreezerRun.

Amana Area Fellowship Night of Worship

Please join us for an evening of food, fellowship, song and a message from the Bible.

Thursday, January 12, 2023
Potluck 6:00-6:30
Music and Message 6:45

New series: The Road to the Cross
January 12th – The Rescue Mission
February 9th – You Are God's Passion
March 9th – It Is Finished
April 13th – Easter Message
visit us at: www.amanaareafellowship.org

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Lakeview Village

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AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT
Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and Tentative Agenda, January 9, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.
At the Amana Colonies Land Use District office-4304 220th Trail Amana & via Zoom link

I. Call Meeting to Order
II. Set Agenda
III. Review/Approve Meeting Minutes for both the December 12, 2022 Public Hearing and the December 12, 2022 BOT meeting.
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 – Popcorn Shop / 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.

c. 2022-119. Rosemarie Geiger (PoA Stuart Geiger), Harold Pitz (PoA Lauren Pitz-Fortune), Lauren Pitz-Fortune / 715 13th Ave High Amana / HP-R. Owners issued a Change of Use application. The individual that would like to purchase the property (who was present at the meeting) wants it to be rental property that the owner would not live in. They felt that a "rooming house" was the closest match from the ACLUD ordinances to the intended usage. This house is already laid out as and has been used for years as a duplex, with dual kitchens and bathrooms.

VI. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications which are not in a Historic District:

a. 2023-001. Wayne Gregg / 710 38th Ave Amana / R-1 / Modify south end of existing house/garage to attach a 40' wide x 60' long shop.

b. 2023-002. Jason Miller / lot at northeast corner of the intersection of 44th Ave and V St in Homestead / C-1 / Build a 48' wide x 72" long x 20' tall metal building used to house construction equipment for the Courts Fore Sports business. 3/12 pitch. Four windows 9/6. Grey building / black roof / black doors and windows / black wainscoting all around building. Six overhead doors.

VII. Other Business.

a. Discussion/Action: Review of the FY2023-2024 ACLUD Budget. This year I would like to have the Proposed Budget and Notice of Public Hearing to the Print Shop by January 31st . Dan will then post it February 2nd. The date of the Public Hearing for the ACLUD budget will then be February 13, same evening as the BOT meeting. This will meet the minimum 10 day/ maximum 20-day notice window required for a budget public hearing. Finalized budget will then get delivered to Marengo before March 15th.

VIII. Review/Approve January Disbursements Report.
IX. Review/Approve December Treasurer's Report.
X. President's Report.
XI. Administrator's Report.
XII. Adjourn.

OBITUARY

Gerda Graesser, 93, of Amana, Iowa, passed away Friday, December 30, 2022, at Colonial Manor in Amana. Funeral Service was Monday, January 2, 2023, with Burial to be held at a later date at Linwood Cemetery, Cedar Rapids.

Gerda was born January 12, 1929, in Fichthorst, Germany, the daughter of Emil and Margrit (Thiel) Moeller. She worked at Amana Refrigeration and Schanz Furniture. Gerda was a member of First Lutheran Church. She loved to spend time with family and friends, travel, knit, cane chairs and play cards. She helped cane the largest rocking chair in the world which is in Amana, Iowa.

Survivors include her daughter, Helga (Kurt) Etscheidt of Cotopaxi, Colorado; granddaughters, Monique (Joe) Clifford of East Lansing, Michigan, Renell Strait of Cedar Rapids, great-grandsons, Conor (Cara) Clifford, of Madison, Wisconsin, Brady Clifford of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Liam Clifford of East Lansing, and Hunter Strait of Kirksville, Missouri; son-in-law, Jerry Strait of Cedar Rapids; niece, Angelika (Doug) Bryson of Amana, Iowa; and great-niece and nephew, Gina Bryson-Glandorf of Amana, and Levi (Jessica) Bryson of Amana.

Gerda was preceded in death by her parents, Emil and Margrit Moeller; daughter, Inga Strait; siblings, Hinze (Hilda) Moeller, Bruno Moeller, Gerhart (Gerda) Moeller, and Helmut (Irmtraud) Moeller.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Amana Retirement community for the wonderful care given to "Oma," and thank you to Hospice as well.

With Love,
the Gerda Graesser family

Food Drive Collection at Colonial Manor.
Non perishable food donated to those who are in need this holiday season. We are still be collecting in January at our facility. Questions/concerns Contact Joey at 319-622-3131

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Call 319-622-3620 for details & scheduling

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