Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Combined Covenant Service will be in the Middle Church, Thursday November 23, 2023 starting at 10:00 with Sw. Kristie Yoder presiding

Opening Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" No 89

Testimony: C Metz, Armenburg, May 23, 1834

Scripture: John 17: 1-5, 20-26
2 Corinthians 3: 12-18

Hymn: "I Am Thy God" No 6

Closing Hymn: "God the Father, Son and Spirit" No 210 vs 1,3,4

Song Sheets will be provided.

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, November 26, starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Betsy Momany presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Sei Gott getreu, halt seinen Bund" No. 914 vs 1-4, 7 Seite 901

Testimony: Johann Carl Gleim, Ronneburg, May 18, 1715

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19; 1 Chronicles 16:8-36

Closing Hymn: "Jesu, meines Lebens Leben" No. 538 vs 1,4,5,7,8 Seite 535

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

Opening Hymn: "Lord, to sing thy praises" No. 26

Closing Hymn: "Christ the life of all the living" No. 48

Advent Service Sunday Nov. 26 in the Festhalle barn, starting 7:00 p.m. with Sw. Emilie Hoppe presiding. Song Sheets will be provided

The Wednesday Evening Prayer (Nachtgebet) resumes after Thanksgiving and 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 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 (December 2-6 & December 9-17) 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

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Public broadcasting has been airing programs about Native Americans during the month of November.

One program that was of particular interest to me was about how the government attempted to irradicate native culture by sending them to boarding schools all over the United States, often forcibly. The children's hair was cut into a standard "white" style, they were dressed in uniforms and required to abandon their native language in favor of English, or face punishment. They ate in communal dining halls, were taught rudimentary skills, and rarely were allowed to go home to visit family.

There used to be at least 400 plus native languages and now there are fewer than 200 that are still spoken. What would have happened if, during World War Two, we had not had the Navajo code talkers, who used their native language to send messages in an unbreakable code to aid the war effort?

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Tannenbaum Forest Opens Friday Visits from Santa and More

Amana doesn't do "black Friday" we do "Tannenbaum Friday" as the 35-year tradition continues with the opening of the Tannenbaum Forest at 11 a.m. on Friday. The Forest, helmed by volunteers, with over 80 trees this year, will be open Friday – Sunday each weekend through Dec. 17.

Kayleigh Myers and Alicia Schmidt, volunteers, have been working very hard to make the Forest an enchanted reality. Here's what they have planned.

Thanksgiving weekend hours: 11 – 7 p.m. Friday; On Saturday the forest opens at 10 a.m. and will be open till 7 p.m. Sunday it's 11 – 4 p.m.

Santa will be at the Tannenbaum Forest during Amana's Prelude to Christmas and Sat. December 9. Here's Santa's schedule in the Forest:

10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 & Sat., Dec. 2
11 – 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3

On Thursday Dec. 7 the locals are invited to a special event – Santa will arrive at the Forest leaving the Compass Family Medical Clinic in Amana at 5:30 p.m. Bring your cameras!

Santa will be in the Forest from 10 – 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 too.

Santa will be sending his reindeer on Sunday Dec. 11 from 1 to 4 p.m.

St. Nick's Café will be open in the Forest with hosts from Edelweiss Coffee and Tea and Colony Cottage offering hot coffee beverages, spiced chai, apple cider, Tannebaum punch, cocoa and Cottage baked treats.

Musical groups will be performing this year. The Kennedy High School Jazz Band, a wonderful high school ensemble, performs Dec. 1 at 11 a.m. Don't miss them. The Iowa Brass Quintet will play Dec. 1 from 5 – 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. – they bring so much holiday good cheer to the forest.

On December 9 look forward to hearing Ryne Doughty from 11:30 till 1 p.m. He'll present a tribute to the season.

Advent in the Forest

Again this year the Amana Church will host a special Advent Worship service in the Tannenbaum Forest on Sunday, Nov. 26 (this Sunday) at 7 p.m. The service by holiday light will include carols and readings as we welcome the coming of Christ with joy. Bring the kids.

Spread the Love – LOVE Network Reaches So Many Can You Help?

The LOVE Network Tree is already up this year in the Amana Family Practice Clinic as so many families in the county need a helping hand.

Last year over 70 families in the Clear Creek Amana and Williamsburg School Districts were assisted with warm clothing, food and gifts to help make the season better.

Stop by the tree at the Amana Family Practice Clinic now and pick up a gift tag. Fulfill the request on the tag and wrap the gift and return it to the tree (instructions are on the tag) by December 7. This year the deadline has moved up a few days so as to help distribute the packages in time for Christmas. Questions? Please contact LOVE volunteer Carmen Grimm at 319-389-3694.

Also if you don't like to shop but love to help, please consider making a donation to the LOVE Network. Checks to the LOVE Network may be sent to Treasurer Claudia Kleinmeyer at 158 Circle Drive, Williamsburg, IA, 52361. The LOVE Network is a charity – 501.c3 and your donation is tax deductible. Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a request for receipt if you would like a receipt for your records.

LOVE Network co-chairs - Heather Subbert and Sandy Lynch. The secretary is Rhonda Glandorf. Donations are used to purchase coats, boots, groceries and other items not purchased via the card tags. Trees are located at the Amana Family Practice Clinic, Farmers Trust and Savings Bank, Mercy Family Medical Clinic, the Mary Welsh Elementary School in Williamsburg and various churches in the community.

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THANK YOU

To my family, friends, the best neighbors, the doctors, nurses and staff at Mercy Hospital, home health care, Cedar Rapids First Responders, and the local fire department. A big THANK YOU for all the cards, visits, food, good deeds, care, donations and prayers during my amazing, beautiful, talented wife, Anne's recent illness and death. Everything is deeply appreciated and will not be forgotten.

Vernon "Curly" Klimes

AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP
COME ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY
Sunday Church Services @ 9:00 a.m.
Starting January 14th & 28th
At the Amana Performing Arts Center
(Former Old Creamery Theatre)
www.amanaareafellowship.org

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Call, Text or Email JOEL VZ (319) 530-1234
jvanzante@southslope.net

Amana Area Fellowship
Family Christmas Dinner

Please join us for a Christmas Celebration: Christmas meal, Christmas carols, and a short devotional.
All to celebrate the birth of Christ!
Thursday, December 14, 2023
Amana Performing Arts Center 6:00 P.M.
Main dish will be provided. See sign-up details for sides and desserts at www.amanaareafellowship.org and on Facebook

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Feathers *from page 1*

Why does one group always feel themselves superior to another, and, often, attempt to eliminate it?

For many years, a group from the Amana Church has gone to do work with the Re-Member organization on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. It took me years to realize that this particular group of Native Americans were involved in the massacre at Wounded Knee in 1890, when the army slaughtered innocent women and children.

Today, Iowa has only one resident Native American tribe, the Meskwaki, who have their settlement near Tama. The Meskwaki used to come to the Amanas and harvest tubers from the lotus plants in the lily lake. They also bought blankets and meat and made friends with members of the community. It is an example of a – mostly – positive interaction between the two groups that stands in contrast to much of the checkered history of Native and European relationships.

B.S.H.

HELP WANTED

Sales Associate Needed for Fireside Winery in the Village - Main Amana. Wednesday and Thursdays and occasional weekends. $15/hour plus tips. Contact cassie@firesidewinery.com for more information.

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/ LEASE

2 BR Apt in South Amana. No smoking, background check, deposit. Call Larry at 319-540-9351

AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD)
Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Meeting
Notice & Tentative Agenda of the Regular Meeting.
Wed., Nov. 29, 2023, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom link only

I. Call Meeting to Order
II. Set Agenda
III. Review/Approve September 25, 2023 Minutes (no HPC meeting in October)
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.2023-127 Amana Colonies Historical Sites Foundation / 609 7th Ave West Amana / HP-A / Rezoning request. Change Opah's Tractor Barn Museum parcel from HP-A to HP-R so that the historic barn has potential of being converted into residential property.
VI. Other Business
a. None at this time.
VII. Administrator's Report (if applicable)
VIII. Adjourn

The Amana Print Shop
319-622-3912
e-mail: amanaprintshop@southslope.net
The print shop will be mostly closed Thursdays and Fridays until further notice
Bulletin is on-line at amanacoloniestoday.com

News & Notes *from page 1*

Theatre Magic in Amana the Next Few Weeks

If you missed the autumn offerings of TKM Theatrical Productions do not miss what's on schedule now as the holiday season is celebration time at the Amana Performing Arts Center, (next to the RV Park).

The national touring company production of "Away in the Basement – A Church Basement Ladies Christmas"by Troupe America will be at the Amana Performing Arts Center one day only – Friday Nov. 24 at 2 and 7 p.m.

Call right now for your tickets (yes, there may be seats available). This is the touring company that created the CBL "A Second Helping" national tour and hokey hotdish are they fun to see! Tickets are $34. Contact Deb Kennedy at 319-899-3799. Or go to the TKM Theatrical Facebook link, scroll down for the "Away in the Basement" post to see the link to the online box office. Or email deborahkennedy@live.com

Taking us back to 1959, the day of the Sunday School Christmas program, the ladies gear up for what they assume will be a typical Christmas program, but are confronted by personal and community challenges as change is "in the air" in the church basement – or is that the tuna melt hotdish? The ladies go into high gear to get the job done as these sweet, comic and oh so refreshingly funny, ladies never disappoint.

TKM proudly presents "It's a Wonderful Live: A Live Radio Play" by Joe Landry at the Amana Performing Arts Center two weekends: December 1 – 3 and December 8 – 10.

The American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast with an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers his life one fateful Christmas Eve. Through love and enlightenment, he discovers it's a wonderful life after all. The show will star Justin Roberts of KCRG- TV and

Reviewers have loved this clever adaption; "One of the best holiday shows around. This is a fresh and inventive way of reconnecting with a classic story of love and redemption."Mary Houlihan, Chicago Sun-Times

"A well-loved tale told with style, charm and a heart so big it could burst the ribcage of the harshest Grinch." Kerry Reid, The Chicago Tribune

"A fresh theatrical context that creates just the right kind of retro warmth. If you cry every time you see the movie, you'll be blubbering away right on cue... Guaranteed."Chris Jones, The Chicago Tribune

Presented by TKM Theatrical Productions and Sponsored by the Amana Family Practice Clinic. December 1-3 and 8-10 Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. ; and on Sundays at 3 p.m. TICKETS - $25 Email deborahkennedy@live.com for tickets. Or call 319-899-3799.

Happy 80th Birthday
Larry Brown.
Please join us at an open house on Friday, Dec. 8th from 4 till 7pm at the Brau House in Amana.
No gifts please.