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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, December 03, 2023 starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Mike Shoup presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Jesus, Jesus, nichts als Jesus" No. 547 Seite 547

Testimony: Ursula Mayer, Ronneburg, March 23, 1715

Scripture: John 14: 1-21
Psalm 63

Closing Hymn: "In der stillen Einsamkeit" No. 577 Seite 572

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

Opening Hymn: "Jesus, Jesus, only Jesus" No. 69

Closing Hymn: "In the quiet solitude" No. 127

The Wednesday Evening Prayer Service (Nachtgebet) begins 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.

ASI 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 (Dec 2-6 & Dec 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 & checked. 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.

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

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023 in the Amana lift station.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Have you ever wondered about a product that seemed to disappear without you ever realizing that it had gone away?

While taking a shower the other day, I reached for the soap. It was this sickly green color that reminded me of the "Palmolive" soap that seemed to haunt so many bathrooms in the 1950s and then all but disappeared.

Whatever became of "Breck" shampoo, whose ads were always featured on the back of magazines with a picture of a woman (usually blonde) with long, flowing hair? She was beautiful, and you just knew that, if you used that shampoo, you, too, would not only have beautiful hair but be gorgeous also. I think that is why the shampoo went out of business. It did not work – there were too many of us with brown, auburn, black curly hair that just did not fit the mold. We bought "Halo" shampoo, another brand that seems to have disappeared, and go on with our lives being less than perfect.

Then there were the medicines. Years ago, we heard about the "snake oil" salesman who sold all sorts of medicine from town to town, mostly consisting of alcohol. Sure, it would "cure" almost anything because you were probably tipsy from drinking the stuff.

In the 1950s we had such items as "Anacin" aspirin and "Geritol." I suppose that aspirin is still being sold, but whatever became of "Geritol"? Supposedly, it contained vitamins and would keep you "fit." The bottle contained a syrup that was dark and ugly. Maybe this medicine killed itself?

Finally, I want to address my all-time favorite – chocolates. Life seemed better when "Marshall Field's" was open in downtown Chicago. The displays, especially at Easter, were beautiful but - best of all - were the

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

AAG Haus Walk This Weekend

With four private residences, the West Amana Blacksmith Shop and a communal kitchen on the Amana Arts Guild's Holiday Haus Walk this Saturday and Sunday, we will be able to see and experience a true Amana Colony Christmas.

The AAG Haus walk is $15. Tickets may be purchased at any one of the homes and at the Amana Arts Guild Gallery on Main in Amana. The walk is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m.

The AAG Christmas Haus Walk features:

Aaron and Shana Schaefer home, East Amana. Built in 1882 this former communal kitchen has been fully renovated and restored as a single family home with the specific intention to reincorporate features from the original layout. The kitchen and dining space was returned to the original location and the original staircase reemerged after 70 years of hiding in a cupboard. The main hallways in the original communal home will once again be used as intended but so many updates and finishing touches have been added to make this a comfortable, contemporary dwelling. Members of the Schaefer family have lived here since 1911, including Kenny and Isabella, Aaron's grandparents.

Saturday visit the Tyler Stockman and Allison Momany home in Middle Amana. Known as the "Trumpold House" in Middle Amana, Marlene Trumpold is a resident in this historic home along with her grand-daughter, Allison, husband Tyler and their sons, Marlene's great grandsons. Remodeling the home in 2020-21, the family has made it truly their own with beautiful finishing touches perfect for their active lives. Christmas decorations include a Weihnachtspyramid made of 12 different woods by Dr. Tim Momany, Allison's father. The house is open Saturday only.

The West Amana home of Dr. David Fox at 615 D Street was constructed in 1862. Located on West's quiet back street, Gus Neumann lived there for many years, but in the late 1990s it became a rental home. Dr. Fox who recently moved to West Amana has made it his very own creating a space that reflects his family history and love for antiques. He made many changes to the frame house, but Dr. Fox has incorporated his own unique style with antiques from his Pennsylvania Dutch heritage.

The High Amana home of Gordon Kellenberger created and decorated by Gordon and his late wife, Deanna, is a loving tribute to their art and craft with so many pieces from their collection of hand made folk art and Amana colony antiques. Featured in the Sunday Cedar Rapids Gazette last week, the Kellenberger home is a one-of-akind family residence that celebrates Amana Colony art.

The West Amana blacksmith shop will be open for tours with the metal working tools and artifacts donated by the family of the late Bill Metz, Middle Amana tinsmith, on display there. This functional blacksmith shop is a must see on your tour and will be the site for blacksmithing classes.

Also this year come tour the Communal Kitchen in Middle Amana featuring the Ruedy family home done up just as it was during Amana communal era (1855 to 1932). This multigenerational home was a working communal kitchen and seeing it gives us a true perspective on life in old Amana.

A Story from the Forest

While turning off the lights following the Advent service in the Tannenbaum Forest, Sunday night one Christmas light shone brightly while all the others on each and every tree were off. It was a large white star upon a tree near the entry to the forest.

Tannenbaum volunteer Marie Hoppe, Amana, told us that this star had been on since before Thanksgiving and apparently whatever is done to turn it off does not work. Is it a broken switch or a battery that keeps working despite the cold and long hours? Or is an earth-bound Christmas star to remind us of the Christmas message of joy?

Prelude is Here – Celebrate the Season

Last weekend's snowfall has lent a shimmer to the streets of Amana. This weekend is our annual Prelude to Christmas celebration. Here are some highlights.

Caroling starts at the Amana Heritage Museum. Join friends at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1 for caroling in Amana as you sing your way to the Tannenbaum Forest.

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AMANA RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

COLONIAL MANOR OF AMANA IS HIRING!

Part time Housekeeper 5:30 am - 2:00 pm

Part time Dietary Aide 5:30 am - 1:30 pm
or 5:30 am -10:00 am

Call Tanya at 319-622-3131

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 Contact Joey.
319-622-3131

THANK YOU

Your birthday cards gave me such joy! I saved them all and opened them on my birthday. I have one word of advice - turning 90 is not for SISSIES. We wish you all a blessed holiday season.

Harriet Graesser

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nate the chocolates. The public was not happy and mounted a protest campaign. This year, I returned to my computer to look for those chocolates. Yes, there they were -- and on sale! I was thrilled and ready to put in an order until I read that one had to pick them up at the store. Wow, tell me where I can find a "Macy's" in Iowa?

Pardon me while I cry for "Joy" dishwashing soap, transistor radios and even manual typewriters – all, now, things of the past. I still want to go into "Armstrong's" and see the perfume display or "Craemers" and feel the bolts of material. By now "Killian's" would put up their toy display and "Sanford's" would have little office displays. B.S.H.

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"It's a Wonderful Life: Radio Play" by TKM Production is Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Amana Performing Arts Center. Friday and Saturday the show is at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday it's at 3 p.m. Tickets are $25. Go to the TKM Theatrical Facebook page to purchase or email Deb Kennedy at deborahkennedy@live.com. Set in the 1940s a radio theatre performs the holiday classic in this celebration of Christmas. For all ages. (Also runs Dec. 8 – 10).

Tannenbaum Forest is open at the Festhalle of course. Friday from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Saturday 10 – 8 p.m. and Sunday 11 – 5 p.m. You can write a letter to Santa, mail it in the forest and kids can create an ornament for the Iowa Childrens' Hospital Tree. Check out the more than 80 trees. So many beautiful and inventive trees this year be sure to tour the forest. Don't miss seeing the "book tree" by the Amana Library staff, Fireside's huge Christmas gnome, the tribute to Christmas carols and the "Under the Sea" tree just to name a few of the many trees that knocked our socks off this year.

Santa will be in the Tannenbaum Forest to greet kids on Friday 10 – 3:30 p.m.; Saturday 10 – 3:30 p.m. and Sunday from 11 – 3 p.m. Yes, you can take photos.

Fireside Winery in the Village of Amana, enjoy wine and cheese pairing flights, Christmas sangria and a neat soda pop flight for the kids. All weekend.

BumbleBooks opens at Blumen Haus – Just down the cellar steps at the old Schnitzelbank shop, see Amana's new book store. A grand opening! Free gift wrapping too.

Communal Kitchen Christmas Dinner on Sat. Dec. 2, from 5 – 8 p.m. Sit down to an authentic Amana communal meal at the Ruedy Kitchen House with traditional foods served. Learn about Amana's holiday traditions. Reservations are required as seating is limited. Call 319-622-3567 now.

Amana Arts Guild Gallery on Main, Christmas Markt, unique holiday treasures by our local artists and craftspeople. Shop open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Also Friday evening 5 -8 p.m.

AAG Christmas Haus Tour – See story above (page 1) for details. Saturday and Sunday.

Amana Church Christmas Bazaar – in the Amana Church. Noon to 6 p.m on Friday and 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. on Saturday. Homemade yeast breads, rolls, pretzels, jams, jellies, salsas. Unique Christmas items and folk crafts. Proceeds benefit the church youth ministry.

Amana Church Cookie Walk – in the Amana Church. 10 a.m. Saturday. Cookie Walk reservation tickets available starting at 9 a.m. at the Church Bazaar. Thousands of cookies and candies to choose from. $30 buys you a large box full of delicious cookies and candies. Yes, we've had lots of cookies the last few years so don't hesitate to buy your box full.

AAG Blacksmithing Class – Dec. 2 and Dec. 3 from 8 a.m. – 5 p-.m. Learn blacksmithing at the West Amana blacksmith shop. A beginner's class with Corey Nevitt. Registration required. Go to amanaartsguild.com for details.

Schanz "Forest of Christmas Trees" – at the Schanz Furniture Shop, South Amana. Register to win a Schanz crafted wooden Christmas tree.

Ackerman Winery Christmas fun – Screening a Christmas classic you can sit a bit, rest and enjoy the show as you sip and sample their cookies and wine pairing flights & more. Nutcracker Scavenger Hunt too. Find 18 of the 36 hidden nutcrackers in the store to enter a weekly drawing to win prizes. Great for kids!

The Noble Stone – Mine for "treasure" in the outdoor pebble pit (weather permitting) or try your hand at the indoor water sluice. All good fun for kids. Limited supply of the big sluice bags each containing some special finds in addition to the regular good stuff in each bag.

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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.
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At the Amana Performing Arts Center
(Former Old Creamery Theatre)
www.amanaareafellowship.org

Sandersfeld Family Music Ministry
Christmas Concert; Thursday, December 21, 2023. 6:30 pm Amana Performing Arts Center. Freewill donation

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 in the 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

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.

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FOR RENT/ LEASE

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

AMANA HERITAGE SOCIETY CALLS ALL HARDY VOLUNTEERS!!

We hope to assemble a crew of Amana Heritage Family & Friends to help with an important project. A number trees need to be cut down at the Amana Heritage Museum and the Homestead Village Church. Much of the wood will make good firewood. Some friends have already offered to provide some pieces of larger equipment. We still need a number of helpers to cut, load wood, and remove it from our property. We are looking at doing this work over a few weekends in January. If you would like to help, please either call the museum at 319.622.3567 or email at amanaheritage@southslope.net and we'll add you to the contact list for more information. Lunch will be provided!!

Thanks!!
Amana Heritage Society

"THE ACLUD CORNER"

Did You Know?....

Do you own a historic Amana home and just can seem to find the right replacement doorknob, wooden window, wooden door or other accessory item to keep the property historic? There is a resource available you may not be aware of. As historic homes and businesses have been remodeled over the years, original Amana components such as these have been saved and placed in storage in a building in East Amana. They are available to any resident of the Amana Colonies who has a need for them. Access to this facility is coordinated by the Amana Heritage Society. Please contact amanaheritage@southslope.net for more information.

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

SANDERSFELD FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Shawn Sandersfeld family invites you to join them in celebrating Christ at the Sandersfeld Family Music Ministry Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 21, 2023. 6:30 pm at the Amana Performing Arts Center (Old Creamery Theatre building). Inclement weather date will be Friday, December 22

Enjoy unique arrangements of contemporary and traditional Christmas carols performed by the family on piano, guitar, bells, marimba and more. The concert is free, with a free will offering available.

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- Your receipts will earn us points for free classroom equipment and supplies, donated by the store.
- Please submit your receipts (the date needs to be on the receipt for it to be valid) to to our school by April 4, 2024

Thank you
Amana Elementary
Staff & Students