Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Combined Sunday Service and Sunday School Christmas program will be in the Amana Church Sunday, December 17, 2023 starting 10:00 A.M. with Br. Mike Shoup presiding.

Opening Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock, Himbach, December 25, 1735

Scripture: Matthew 18: 1- 4
Psalm 8

Sunday School Christmas Pageant

After Pageant: "Away in a Manger"

Closing Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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

The Wednesday Evening Prayer Service (Nachtgebet) begins at 7:00 P.M. in Middle.

SERVICE COMPANY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Amana Society service company will be closed on December 25th, 26th and January 1st for the holidays.

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!!

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REMINDER WHEN USING THE AMANA COLONIES TRAIL:

The gates on the trail along the Millrace are closed with this wet weather and will likely remained closed with temperatures above freezing. Your help in keeping bikes off that section of the trail when the gates are closed would be greatly appreciated.

We would also like to remind everyone that no motorized vehicles should be accessing the trail. Vehicles can cause damage to the bridge planks and the trails surface. Please be respectful and keep all motorized vehicles off all sections of the trail in all weather.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Amana Library will host an ImpactLife Blood Drive on December 19 & 21 from 1:30 to 6:00 at the Donor Bus, in the Amana Library/Elementary Parking Lot, 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana.

To sign up, and schedule, please call the Amana Library 319-622-3192 or email amanalibrary@ccaschools.org. As a THANK YOU, donors will receive a gift card or a donation to area food banks!

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

When I was five, our teacher insisted that we learn to line up by height and march. I had no idea what marching meant since it was not something that my friend, Donna, and I did for recreation after a day of yelling and causing mayhem between our two houses.

Upon being shown what we had to do, all I could figure out was that marching was walking around and stomping one's feet loudly. If one had metal taps on their shoes, all the better, I reasoned. Naturally, my parents were real spoil sports and always had me wearing "sensible shoes" which usually meant rubber soles (I did not have beautiful patent leather Mary Jane shoes with the one strap across the arch until I was over twenty years old and bought a pair for myself. At that age, I was too old, but I coveted that style so much that it did not matter.)

Now, back to the marching. Some of us had fathers who had been in the armed forces, so we fig

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Ox Yoke Inn's New Cookbook Sharing Recipes and Stories

Since 1940, the Ox Yoke Inn in Amana has been serving food family style.

"Now after 84 years we want to tell our story the best way we know how – through our food. We've collected 67 of our recipes, from our rhubarb meringue pie to our pickled ham, in this first ever Ox Yoke Inn cookbook, Our Recipes Our Story," said Bill Leichsenring, owner of the Ox Yoke Inn.

Filled with recipes from the restaurant and the Leichsenring family, the text was written by Emilie Hoppe. Designed by Deanna Roberts, To the Letter Type and Design, it is illustrated with photos from the Ox Yoke Inn, Ed Kempf, Impact Photo/ Joe Photo along with historical photos and illustrations from the Amana Heritage Museum, the Milwaukee Public Library and from the Leichsenring family.

The book shares stories about William and Lina Leichsenring, good memories of friends, family and co-workers, stories of Amana and its past and the growth and changes Amana has experienced.

"Decades ago, I was able to interview William and Lina several times for Willkommen." said Hoppe. "So when Bill asked me to help with this project, I got out those tapes and notes. I talked to friends and family. Bill shared his stories and he is the best story-teller. He told me so many stories … about the day the place almost burnt down, about how he took on the job, Bill was barely 20-years-old when he became the restaurant's full-time manager, the day the wall fell down, the wonderful people who've work at the restaurant. . . so many memories."

"Here were William and Lina who grew up in communal Amana. William and his cousin, Henry, leave Amana to play baseball and see the world. They go to Milwaukee and get jobs. William worked days at the Phoenix Hosiery Company and nights at the Wisconsin Roof Garden, a huge dance hall downtown. They miss Amana kitchen house cooking so they gravitate to the German restaurants in Milwaukee where William became friends with the restaurant owners, the Maders and Karl Ratzsch. William dreams of owning his own restaurant. He returns to Amana, marries Lina in 1932 and they made their dream happen."

"They worked really hard. They made their future possible and isn't that our Amana story post-Great Change? Our grandparents had to make their way in the world, dream big, take risks. The Amana we know today exists as a historical site, a visitor attraction and a place to be proud of, because the generation post Great Change, post World War II, did not give up. They saw something here worth preserving and building upon."

The Ox Yoke Inn Our Recipes Our Story is available now for sale at the Ox Yoke Inn.

Last Weekend for Tannenbaum Forest Music is Highlighted

The past three weekends have been very busy ones at the Tannenbaum Forest in the Festhalle. This weekend is the last weekend the forest is open, so don't miss this chance to see it.

The Forest is open Friday 11 – 5 p.m.; 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Saturday; and Sunday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. No, Santa is not scheduled to be at the forest this weekend.

However, the band, Highway 151, will be performing at the Tannenbaum Forest from 1 – 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16.

This weekend you may make the cocoa and hot beverage crawl Saturday 10 – 5 p.m. starting at the Amana Colonies Visitor Center. For $10 you receive a mug and a passport to sample drinks up and down the streets of the village. Then enter to win an Amana Colonies gift certificate.

Also this weekend Jake Schrodt performs at Fireside Winery near Conroy on Sunday, 1 – 4 p.m. while on Friday night Nick Stika will be playing at the Brau Haus, Amana, from 6 – 9 p.m.

Sunday School Christmas Program Sunday Morning

All are welcome to the annual Amana Church Sunday School Christmas service at the Amana Church in Amana at 10 a.m. Sunday, December 17. The service will include some of your favorite

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ured that we had to make them proud by marching correctly. My father had been a sailor, so I had my doubts about how much he marched. I was, however, making plans to wear the coat that Granny Evans made for me from his blue navy jacket, along with the buttons that had the anchors on them and the navy insignia on the sleeve. My mother was going to have to get it out of storage along with the hat so I could really show off (this never came to be).

Mrs. Hall's next devious plan was to have us line up by height. No problem there because we had to do that for school pictures already and had experience. Pamela Geiger, Pat Zuber, and maybe Gayle Baumgartel and I were the tallest. Oh, sure, there was Jimmy Furman, and maybe Russell Ehrman who were taller, but they were boys, and who counted boys?

Well, we marched and marched and marched. It got boring fast, so Mrs. Hall had us divide up and march in different lines. This was getting tricky. She had us marching all over the room, and we were getting upset, so we started pushing and giving each other orders. Naturally, no one listened. She finally had us go back to our seats and resume our studies. The next day was a repeat. It just went on and on until our parents came to see us perform. Well, the parents were impressed and even clapped. We figured then that our marching was now over, and life could return to normal. Fat chance because, in second grade, not only did we have to sing "America" every single day, but President Eisenhower declared a change in the Pledge of Allegiance so now we had to insert the words "under God." Then, in fourth grade, we had a MAN for a teacher, and he had the nerve to teach us Roman numerals and fractions. School was getting harder. Who knew what would come next! B.S.H.

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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.

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! This 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

"THE ACLUD CORNER"

Did You Know?....

It is OK to use pressure-treated lumber for typical Amana-style post and board fencing. However, use brown pressure-treated lumber (Cedar Tone), not the green pressure-treated lumber. Over time, the color in the brown lumber will wash out/bleach out and it will get that grayish tinge just like cedar wood. But the green lumber will never achieve that same look.

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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Christmas hymns and carols with refreshments following the program.

Take note that the annual Christmas Eve candlelight service will be at the Middle Amana Church on December 24 at 8 p.m. This is an informal, come as you are, service focusing upon the Christmas gospel message with favorite hymns and carols. On Christmas Day, Dec. 24, the service will be at the Middle Amana Church at 10 a.m. and will highlight the "Joy of the Christmas." The Amana Church Choir is set to perform at both the Christmas Eve and the Christmas Day services and is currently practicing several contemporary Christmas hymns plus the traditional, "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming." The choir is led by Elder Kristie Yoder. Everyone is welcome to all services.

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The Amana Library Foundationconsiders the future needs of the library. You may also choose this option for your donation. Please consider donating to Terry's memorial or to the Amana Library Foundation. Both donations are tax deductible under 501 (c)(3). Fill out the bottom portion and use the addressed envelope to return. You may also use this link or scan the QR Code to donate online. https://ia-clearcreek amana-lite.intouchreceipting.com/

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