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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, February 18, 2024 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Kommt Kinder Last uns gehen." No. 608 vs 1-2 & 18-19 Seite 604

Testimony: Ursula Meyer, March 29, 1715, Ronneburg

Scripture: Joshua 1:1- 18
Psalm 143

Closing Hymn: "Befell du deine Wege" No. 90 vs 1-4 Seite 86

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

Opening Hymn: "Come Children Let us Journey" No. 55

Closing Hymn: "The Morning Sun is Brightly Beaming" No. 274

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.

Links to services posted online may be found at:
https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/

LIBRARY NEWS

Blood Drive today!!

The Amana Library will host an ImpactLife Blood Drive on February 15 from 1:30 to 6:30. The Drive will be held in the Amana Elementary Cafeteria, 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana.

Friday Hours

Amana Library Hours on, Friday, Feb 16; 9am-6pm

New!

The Amana Library added the following to their catalog:

Barbie - DVD
Oppenheimer - DVD
The Edge by David Baldacci
The First Ladies by Marie Benedict
Before We Were Innocent by Ella Berman
How to know a person by David Brooks
Dirty Thirty by Janet Evanovich
Armor of Light by Ken Follett
The Exchange by John Grisham
Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver
Killing the Witches by Bill O'Reilly
Alex Cross Must Die by James Patterson
Cassandra in Reverse by Holly Smale
Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson
A Flicker in the Dark by Stacy Willingham
To reserve a book, please call 319-622-3192.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

A few weeks ago we were all bundled under blankets trying hard to find some warmth from the arctic chill permeating our frozen land. Some of us were even asking whether or not there really is global warming or if climate change had gotten mixed up.

More recently, the temperatures have risen a lot, and the heavy snow of just a few weeks ago has already melted.

Nice winter weather, naturally, had me thinking of where I put my latest mystery book. When I am in the mood for mysteries I pull out my recording of the theme from "The Third Man," or hunt for a film based on an Agatha Christie novel.

I love old movies with the old style of clothes and furniture that were all the rage when I was young. Remember, women receiving long stemmed roses in boxes that were made of transparent plastic, and women always wearing hats?

Whatever became of the department stores that had places set aside for hats, perfume, men's suits and etc? I feel like I am walking in a fog these days just looking for some of these items in the big box stores of today, so I resort to ordering them online.

With warm weather I am already debating what

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Update on Amana Church Restore Revive Renew Project
Seeking Contractors Now

The Amana Church's Restore Revive Renew project to repair the Amana Church and move the Amana Colonies Food Pantry to the Kinderschule in Middle Amana, has raised over 84 percent of its fund drive goal

As of December 31, $398,769 was raised or pledged to the fund drive, according to Elly Hoehnle, Amana Church Administrator. That's about 84 percent of the $472,000 goal.

Right now the church is seeking bids from contractors. Contractors may bid on all or portions of the project. Contractors with relevant experience are asked to contact Tony Berger or Elly Hoehnle at 319-622-6155, the Amana Church office.

The Amana Church has been fortunate to receive two important grants: a grant from the National Fund for Sacred Places, a program of Partners for Sacred Places in collaboration with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. This grant for $70,000 kick started the fund drive. The church also received a grant from the NE Iowa Community Foundation for the Amana Church Food Pantry, Hoehnle added.

A very generous donation from the Amana Society, Inc. greatly boosted the effort; while Whirlpool Inc., contributed generously to the food pantry fund drive, fund drive co-chairs Jon Childers and Emilie Hoppe have reported. Additionally several local businesses and many local residents have made donations.

"The support from church members and from the entire community has been overwhelming. . . . The fund drive committee and board of trustees are very grateful. We've also received kind donations from friends and relatives living all over the United States and Canada. I think that demonstrates that people feel a connection to Amana, to the church and want to support their community," said Hoppe.

The Amana Church building, a National Historic Landmark, is the largest site for Amana congregational worship and houses the Amana Sunday School. It offers space for community events and family gatherings, funeral luncheons and more. Each year everything from VBS to Maipole dance practice to Boy Scout meetings to Thanksgiving dinners and the cookie walk happen at the church which is the largest, historical meeting house in the Colonies. It is one of the largest, if not the largest meeting house built by a religious communal group in the United States, surpassing even those constructed by the Shakers.

The second part of this project - moving the Amana Colonies Food Pantry from the basement of the Middle Amana Church to the Kinderschule beside the church –addresses what the Amana community is trying to do - serve people.

Moving the Amana Colonies Food Pantry is an important step for the free food delivery program that has almost tripled in size since it opened in 2017. Working with HACAP and receiving donations from local businesses and from individuals, the Amana Colonies Food Pantry gives boxes of food away twice monthly and on an emergency basis.

"Volunteers hand out 800 to 1,200 pounds of food twice a month (that's 40 boxes at 20 to 30 pounds each) from our Middle Amana basement - a blessing for the 35 to 40 families and individuals in need who use the Amana Church Food Pantry - but that means volunteers make hundreds of trips up and down a flight of stairs carrying food. What more could we do if we had the space in our food pantry to do it?" Hoppe explained.

"The food pantry volunteers looked at the space available and asked 'why not use a build

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THANK YOU

To all my wonderful relatives and friends a HEARTFELT thank for making my 90th birthday such a memorable time for me. Thank you everyone for phone calls, flowers, gifts, cards (71) and many "Well Wishes".

I understand I am now a member in the 90s club. Wow !!

GOD Bless YOU
Marlene (Oma T)

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to do with the blankets and flannel sheets. In a weak moment, Charlemagne took me to Walmart so that I could add to my flannel wardrobe. It was January, and I was sure that the January white sales were still going on. I was wrong! The flannels were gone and spring items were on display. This is really almost as bad as when Christmas items peek out before Halloween.

My go to weather prediction has always been not to expect warm weather until after my sister's birthday (March 9). This thought did not hold true in 1973, however, when we had a bid snowfall in April and the mayor or East and I grumbled about our husbands going out in the blizzard. The woolen mill and Colony Inn were open, but people trying to get from Amana to Middle were stuck in the road. Needless to say, Charlemagne made it to the mill, did his shift at the dye house, and then walked to his mother's house to stay the night, while I remained home, grumbling. Nine months later, the big headline was about the record number of babies who were born because of that storm.

I think that I will just stay indoors until spring. Somewhere, I have got to find a good book to read to pass the time, or I will do something drastic like clean out drawers.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The current ACLUD Administrator will be returning to full retirement this fall, which leaves an exciting job opportunity for someone as the ACLUD Administrator. This is a part-time job with flexible hours. To learn more about the position, receive a copy of the Job Description, submit a resume or schedule an interview, please contact either ***aclud@southslope.net*** or **319-622-3840**. All information will then be shared with the Search Committee. Thank You.

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.

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Most Articles & ads - Tues. 5:00 P.M.
Very Small Ads/articles - **Wed. 11:30 A.M.**
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ing that is free to us, empty, has a ground level entry and is in need of a good purpose'? Plus it's in Middle Amana and next door to the church. It makes sense. The response to help the food pantry has been really gratifying – everyone wants to help and that's so neat."

Would you like to contribute? Go to the Amana Church website and click on the Restore Revive Renew tab at the top of the page. Then you can use Paypal, VENMO or donate by credit card.

To donate by check, please mail it to the Amana Church, PO Box 103, Middle Amana, IA 52307. Please note that the donation if for the RRR Project.

Amana Church Restore Revive Renew volunteers:

RRR Fund Drive Committee: Erin Shoup Wilding, Guy Wendler, Mike Shoup, Lanny Haldy, Mary Rettig, Julie Zuber, Emilie Hoppe, Jon Childers, Elly Hoehnle and Peter Hoehnle,

Planning/ Construction Committee: Elly Hoehnle, Tony Berger, Betsy Momany and Anna Schumacher.

RRR Steering Committee: Alex Momany, Anna Schumacher, Betsy Momany, Julie Zuber, Emilie Hoppe, Jon Childers, Tony Berger, Elly Hoehnle.

WANT TO BUY

-Reloading Equipment -Bullets and Brass
-Presses and Dies -Shooting Sports Items
-Large and Small Estates -Supplies and Ammo
-Muzzleloaders and Firearms: Vintage & Modern
Will also do Appraisals & Consignment Sales
Call, Text or Email JOEL VZ (319) 530-1234
jvanzante@southslope.net

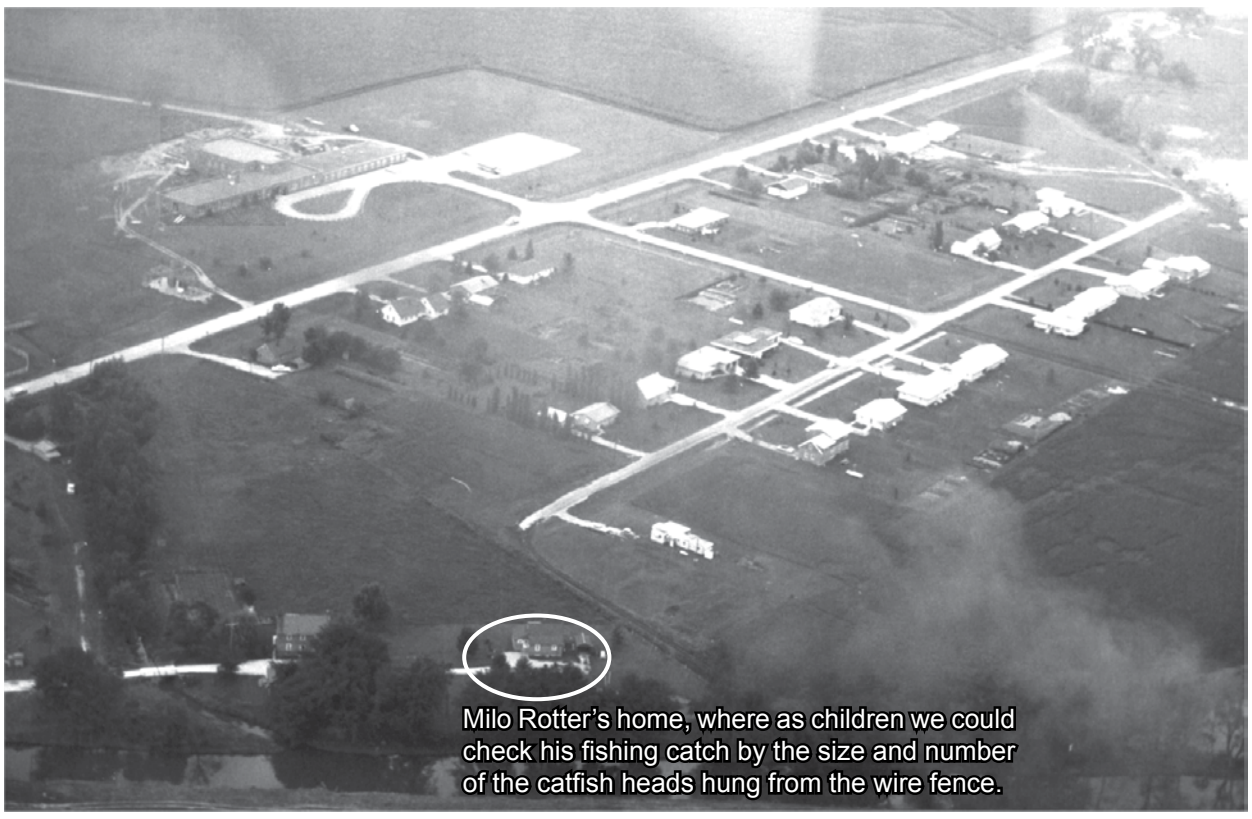
TKM SPONSORS MAGICIAN

TKM Theatrical Productions proudly sponsors Jackson Green Magician on March 15th at 7 pm. at The Amana Performing Arts Center, 39 38th Ave, Amana, IA.

Jackson Green is known for his mystifying close-up card magic and is a self-proclaimed "Sleight of hand artist". His mind-boggling illusions are so masterful, that the audience is left to wonder if what their eyes have seen is truly possible. This is a family friendly show, suitable for all ages.

Jackson has been enthusiastic about magic for his entire life and spent most of his teen years learning and practicing everything he could. While he still works during the day as a software developer, he has hopes that he can make magic a full-time career.

Sponsored by TKM Theatrical Productions tickets are $15, for group rates and information Email: deborahkennedy@live.com



Milo Rotter's home, where as children we could check his fishing catch by the size and number of the catfish heads hung from the wire fence.

Lakeside in Middle across from the elementary school and the gym.
The High school was still across Hwy 220 from the Middle post office and store.

OBITUARY

Robert "Bob" Robertson, Sr., 84, of Middle Amana, passed away on February 6, 2024 at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Visitation was Saturday, February 17, 2024 with sharing of memories beginning at 3 pm at the Cedar Memorial Park Chapel Stateroom, Cedar Rapids.

Robert was born on January 20, 1940 to Vernet and Nelle Robison Robertson in Keokuk, Iowa. He proudly served in the United States Air Force for over 25 years. Bob was united in marriage to Karlene Mercer on December 3, 1967. He loved spending time with his family; especially time spent traveling with the grandchildren and attending their various events.

Bob was a Boy Scout Leader for 38 years and coached Little League for many years. He was a friend to many and adored by even more.

He was survived by his wife Karlene Adele Mercer Robertson of Middle Amana; 3 children: his daughter, Kimberly (Shawn) Gallardo of Santa Cruz, California; Barb (Chris) Wilson of Anamosa; Rob (Kristy) Robertson of Anamosa. Also surviving are 8 grandkids, Amanda Williams, Alexis Freitas; Jared Gallardo; Jordan, Evan, and Jenna Wilson; Ruby and Simon Robertson; 4 great grandkids, Violet and Penelope Williams; Reese and Hank Freitas; siblings, Donna Dains; Tom Robertson; and Dick Robertson.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Vernet and Nelle Robertson; and his brother, Larry Robertson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to the family which will be used toward the COPD Foundation.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.cedarmemorial.com under Obituaries.

AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP
COME ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY
Sunday Church Services @ 9:00 a.m.
Next Services: February 25th & March 10th
At the Amana Performing Arts Center
(Former Old Creamery Theatre)
www.amanaareafellowship.org

RECEIPTS FOR EDUCATION AT BIG G

We are Excited to inform you that we are partnering with Big G Food Store in Marengo, in an incredible program that allows us to earn FREE classroom equipment and supplies.

Here's How You Can Help!

- Shop at the Big G Food Store from now until March 31, 2024
- Save your receipts and send them to school with your child or drop them off at the Amana Library.
- 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

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