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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Covenant Preparation 24 Rules Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, November 17, starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Andrea Haldy presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Wer ist's der lautre Wahrheit sucht?" No. 1074 vs. 1, 2, 4, 8 Seite 1050

Testimony: Johann Adam Gruber, Budingen, July 4, 1716 (Rules 9-16)

Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16
Psalm 119: 105-109

Closing Hymn: "O ewighelles Licht!" No. 769 vs 1, 3, 6, 7 Seite 759

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

Opening Hymn: "Who Seeks The Truth, That Beacon Bright" No. 36

Closing Hymn: "O Light That's Ever Bright" No. 147

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.

Links to services posted online may be found starting with the gateway page:

https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/

ART EXHIBIT: COLORFUL SURROUNDING

Amana Artist Gordon Kellenberger will have an open house on November 15 at the Gilded Pear Gallery in Cedar Rapids. The all new artwork is the result of his efforts over the last three months working with new compositions and colors. All works are done in pastels. The opening hours are 5 PM – 7 PM The Gilded Pear Gallery is located at 808 Third Avenue. The exhibit will continue until February 8 2025

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES

The Amana Boy Scouts, Troop 223, will be selling Christmas Wreaths on Saturday November 23rd starting at approximately 9:30 am. The wreaths are 24" and have 2 pine cones and a red ribbon. The cost is $18.00 each.

For your convenience the wreaths will be available immediately for you to purchase as Scouts go from house to house.

If you have pre-ordered a wreath or wreath(s) already you do not need to follow up.

If you are unable to be home on the 23rd and wish to purchase a wreath or were missed please call Gary Heishman 319-622-3039. Wreaths will be available until inventory is depleted.

Thank you for supporting the Amana Boy Scouts.

LOVE NETWORK

It is time again to help folks in Iowa County have a happier Christmas. The LOVE gift card tree is up at the Amana Family Practice and Amana Pharmacy. The steps for picking a card and returning the gifts are the same as in years past. Please note though that the date to return the wrapped gifts is a bit earlier this year. If you have any questions please contact me. Carmen Grimm 319-389-3694 or email carmen.grimm@gmail.com.

Thank you! Have a great holiday season.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Do you remember when, one awesome day, Younkers department store announced – after Thanksgiving – that their store in Lindale Mall would be open on Sunday?

Up until that time only a few stores, such as drug stores, were open on Sunday, and my sister and I, instead of shopping, were forced to go with our parents and Grandpa to visit their friends. It was always the same boring afternoon. Our parents' friends were nice enough, but their children were grown and the toys were gone so, we children were relegated to the dreaded Amana couch which had upholstery made of prickly fabric and springs that had sprung long ago. We had to sit there and be quiet and act like "little ladies" - which was boring.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Lily Lake Levels Rising
Here's Who to Thank

Rain delayed the installation of new inlet tubes and gates connecting the Lily Lake with the Mill Race last week, but work began last week and should be concluded by the time you read this article and yes, the Lily Lake's water level is rising.

The Amana Colonies Historical Sites Foundation which manages and maintains the Mill Race canal levees and control structures replaced the inlet tube connecting the Mill Race to the Lily Lake with 2 new tubes/ control gates and a third "overflow" tube/ control gate.

Lily Lake is fed by two water sources: the canal and drainage from fields to its north. Most of the water in the lake comes from the Mill Race. Field drainage is not enough to keep the lake full even during the wettest years. The Mill Race's foliage is what keeps our lake full of water.

However, the intake tube which feeds the lake became silted over time. Then when the bottom of the metal tube rusted through the control gate was stuck and water no longer reached the lake. This became painfully clear this summer as the drought worsened. Even with midsummer rain the lake did not reach its fill.

Kayleigh Myers, executive director of the Amana Colonies Historical Sites Foundation, told us that the foundation board worked to come up with a good solution. Dredging the lake it is not an option as that is much too expensive.However, creating two inlet tubes each with plastic pipe and new gates, grading and placing these so that water can flow from the canal into the lake was a practical solution.

The board worked with Superior Grading and Land Management of Oxford Iowa to complete the project. The project includes the installation of two, plastic inlet tubes with water control gates. They also installed an "overflow" with a gate at a higher point, so that if lake levels become too high, water can be released from the lake into the canal.

About ten years ago, the Mill Race received a new control structure at its source on the Iowa River below West Amana. That structure has been working well. Myers told us, "We feel confident that with the control structure at the Iowa River, the repairs to the canal which allow us to keep water in the canal, and the new inlet tubes at the lake, now placed at a proper level, we can keep water in the lake."

The project was paid for by money donated by R.C. Eichacker of Amana. Several years ago, Eichacker made a $100,000 donation to the Amana Colonies Historical Sites Foundation for the purpose of repairing/ refurbishing the hydro electric plant in Amana and maintaining the Mill Race canal. When contacted to ask if $15,000 of his donation could be used for this Lily Lake project, Eichacker was very happy to agree.

Now waterfowl, trumpeter swans and eagles are back on the lake and we think we'll see lilies on the lake next summer. When you see RC Eichacker please thank him for his help in maintaining this important natural habitat.

Capture the Spirit of the Season
Pitch In, Help Out and Smile

Nothing puts us in the holiday spirit like helping. So here are a few ways to help out this November-December.

- The LOVE Network will be putting up a tree in the Amana Family Practice Clinic soon. Or if you would like, please make a donation now to help provide gifts of new clothes, boots, etc to families in need in Iowa County. Last year over 70 families in Iowa County received much needed items. To do make your donation now send checks payable to LOVE Network, Claudia Kleinmeyer, 158 Circle Drive, Williamsburg IA, 52361.
- Donate holiday craft items, baked goods and gently used, but still beautiful Christmas ornaments and holiday decor to the Amana Church Christmas Bazaar. The Bazaar is December 6 and 7 at the Amana Church. Wood crafts, needlework, handmade items, artwork, textiles, jewelry or yeast breads, jams, jellies, salsas, fudge and candies are welcome to be sold. The proceeds from the

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This position involves assisting customers, operating a point-of-sale system, restocking merchandise and handling phone orders. If interested, stop by Warped & Woven Mill Mercantile or call Laura Sue at 319-622-3953!

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Anyway, Younker's clarion call rang out like a God send, and my aunt, mother, and I took off for Cedar Rapids right after Sunday dinner was done. We honestly had nothing that we needed except ESCAPE! We were convinced that people would be waiting in line for the doors to open that afternoon, followed by a mad stampede to get into the store. Oddly enough, there were not that many people and, if there were any bargains, I did not find them.

My aunt, on the other hand, was totally mesmerized and wandered off, finding wonderful bargains that she would not by until my uncle was along with her.

My mother and I cruised the aisles within an hour, and decided that, if Younkers was open, maybe some other stores were as well. So we went from one end of Lindale Mall to the other not finding much of anything, while my aunt blissfully remained at Younkers.

This Sunday shopping soon became a fad that lasted as more and more stores followed suit. Now we take Sunday shopping for granted and at least two generations have never experienced having to sit quietly on a couch visiting relatives.

B.S.H.

AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP
Sunday Church Services
@ 9:00 a.m.
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PRICE CREEK THANKSGIVING DINNER

Seating Tables from 11am-2pm. $35.00/ person (Children 12 under $17.50, 2 and under Free) Reservation Deposit of $10 required (non-refundable). Call for reservations and payment (319) 622-5254 or register Online at: https://forms.gle/PLkarY4jceUeK3St7

Menu ~ Roast Turkey, Glazed Ham, Stuffing, Price Creek Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Candied Yams, Cottage Cheese, Coleslaw, Rolls & Butter, Assorted Desserts, Water, Lemonade, Iced Tea, Coffee

~ Bar open for purchased drinks.

Open to the public Monday-Friday from 3pm-7pm (or until guests leave) over the winter months!

Kitchen open from 5pm-7pm

Customer Support Associate

The **Amana Colonies Visitors Center** is seeking a reliable part-time Customer Support Associate with interpersonal skills. This position includes assisting visitors with questions and providing them with resources in person and via phone, helping visitors learn about what the Amana Colonies have to offer, tour and retail sales, and some cleaning. Must be able to count money, learn to use Square POS Register, and do some light lifting. Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday availability preferred. For more information or if interested, please contact us at 319-622-7622, stop in, or email director@amanacolonies.com.

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sale support the Amana Church Summer Vacation Bible School and the Amana Church Sunday School/ Youth Groups. To donate bring your items to the Amana Church Thursday, Dec. 5 or contact Carmen Grimm, Jane Krauss or the Amana Church office for pick up of items.

• Bake cookies for the Amana Church Cookie Walk. Calling all bakers. Cookies are needed! Dozens, no make that thousands of cookies and candies are needed for the Amana Church's annual Cookie Walk on Saturday Dec. 7 10 a.m. at the Amana Church in Amana. Can you donate a few dozen cookies, bars, candies or fudge? Bring your donation to the Amana Church Saturday Dec. 7 before 9:30 a.m. or contact Allison Momany, Emilie Hoppe or the Amana Church office about having your donation picked up.

• Greet visitors at the Amana Tannenbaum Forest. Yes you can welcome folks to the Tannenbaum Forest. Volunteers are needed many days during the month. Call the ACCVB Office at the Amana Visitor Center or go to the Sign-up Genius website to sign up online at https://tinyurl.com/tannenbaum2024

• Put up a tree in the Forest. Putting up a tree is a lot of fun and your tree donation of $50-$60 will be added to proceeds donated to the University of Iowa Stead Family Childrens Hospital and other local charities supported by the event. Pick up a sign-up form at the Amana Visitor Center. Tree set up is Monday starting at noon and all day Tuesday, Tuesday evening before Thanksgiving

Haus Maus Tees is seeking a **Full Time Sales Associate!** Associate must be able to operate a point-of-sales system and work independently in an upbeat environment.

The **Amana General Store** is seeking a **Part Time Sales Associate!** Associates at the Amana General Store assist customers, use a point-of-sale system, unpack shipments and handle phone orders.

For more information, stop by the General Store and ask for Lyndsey, or contact Laura Sue at 319-622-3953 or lswoods@amanas.net.

FOR SALE

Amana Society Inc. New Class A Common Stock for sale. If interested, email cr1900@yahoo.com.

FOR RENT

1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment for rent in Middle Amana. Located on 1st floor. $650 (includes utilities). Minimum 1 year lease. Available around December 1st 2024. Background check required. $40 app fee per applicant. Proof of income required. Credit check required. No pets. No Smoking. Please contact Gunther Sandersfeld at 319-826-4122 or Gunther@Skogman.com

QUOTES

"To predict the behavior of ordinary people in advance, you only have to assume that they will always try to escape a disagreeable situation with the smallest possible expenditure of intelligence."
~ Friedrich Nietzsche

"Under no pretext should arms and ammunition be surrendered; any attempt to disarm the workers must be frustrated, by force if necessary.
~ Karl Marx

"I have learned to seek my happiness by limiting my desires, rather than in attempting to satisfy them."
~John Stuart Mill

"The comfort of the rich depends upon an abundant supply of the poor."
~ Voltaire

"All things are subject to interpretation whichever interpretation prevails at a given time is a function of power and not truth."
~ Friedrich Nietzsche

Note: Wm Jasper is currently at Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids. If you would like to visit please check at the information desk for room location. Best time to visit? Try 6:30-7:30

OBITUARIES

Bob and Betty Roemig of Homestead, passed away this year, just a few months apart.

Robert Charles Roemig was born May 3, 1934 in Homestead, Iowa, the son of Carl and Helen Schadlich Roemig. He received his education in the Amana schools, graduating from Amana High School in 1953. He and Betty Wolter were married April 7, 1956 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Homestead. Bob ran all the General Stores in Amana, the Homestead House, and the Colony Country Store. Bob spent his free time gardening, playing golf, and fishing. Bob and Betty loved to travel, and they took a vacation almost every year with their children. They had season tickets to Iowa football games, and cherished time spent with their family and many friends. They were well known in the Amana community. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Homestead and the Homestead Welfare Club. Bob died June 27, 2024 at Windmill Manor in Coralville.

Betty Jane Wolter was born June 15, 1936 in rural Homestead, Iowa, the daughter of William and Rose Wichman Wolter. She received her education at St. John's Parochial School, Homestead, and graduated from Marengo High School in 1954. Betty and Robert settled in Homestead, following their marriage. Betty was a general manager of the Little Amana General Store, and a waitress and hostess at Zuber's Restaurant. She enjoyed playing Bridge, Solitaire, and Sudoko. Betty loved to cook, and entertaining her family and friends was a favorite pastime. She also was an avid CUBS fan. The obstacles Betty encountered in her lifetime, molded a very strong, tenacious person. She took great pride in her appearance and was a warm and gracious being. She also was a member of St. John's Lutheran in Homestead and the Homestead Welfare Club. Betty died November 5, 2024 at Colonial Manor of Amana.

The couple are survived by a daughter Vicky Roemig Hogan (Rob Warkoczewski) of Milwaukee, WI, and a son John Roemig of Amana; beloved granddaughters, Allison (Brock) Renbarger of Bellevue, and Victoria (Pat) Watts of Des Moines; and beloved great grandchildren, Crawford and Calloway Renbarger. They are also survived by many nieces and nephews, and many friends, including close family friends, Doug Hogan and Sara Roemig, and a special friend Vivian Hergert.

Betty is survived by a sister-in-law Mary Lou Wolter of Homestead. She was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers, Jerry Wolter and Glenn Wolter and his wife June.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, and three sisters and their spouses, Marie Hagen and Oren, Viola Schmidt and Merlin, and Lillian Hagen and Richard.

A Celebration of Life service will be held in the Spring of 2025. Memorials and cards may be sent to the Roemig family in care of Kloster Funeral Home, 298 West Washington St, Marengo, Iowa 52301. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo is assisting the family with arrangements.

The Roemig family would like to thank the staff at Lakeview Village, and Colonial Manor of Amana, Windmill Manor of Coralville, and the hospice teams that so compassionately cared for our parents during their last days. You are so appreciated. Online condolences: www.klosterfuneralhome.com.

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