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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, December 15, 2024 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Betsy Momany presiding.

Opening Hymn: “Mit Ernst, ihr Menschenkinder” No. 710 Seite 709

Testimony: Ursula Mayer, Ronneburg, November 14, 1717

Scripture: Mark 4:1-20
Isaiah 35

Closing Hymn: “Jauchzet ihr himmel” No. 442 vs. 1-4 & 8 Seite 439

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

Opening Hymn: “Savior of the nations, come” No. 97

Closing Hymn: “Rejoice, Ye Heavens” No. 38

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/

AMANA CHURCH HOLIDAY EVENTS

Sunday School Christmas Program Sunday, Dec. 22 10 a.m. at the Church in Amana All community worship service with the Sunday School children.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Tuesday, Dec. 24, 8 p.m. at the Middle Amana Church. An informal, come as you are, carol service by “candlelight.”

Christmas Morning Worship Wednesday, Dec. 25 10 a.m. at the Amana Church. Welcome Our Lord with Praises and Song

New Year’s Eve Prayer Service Tuesday, Dec. 31 6:30 p.m. at the Middle Amana Church

New Year’s Day Worship Wednesday, Jan. 1 2025 at 10 a.m. at the Middle Amana Church

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COX SANITATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Due to the Holidays Cox Sanitation will be picking up garbage in the Amanas on Thursday December 26th and Thursday January 2nd.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

When I was growing up in the 1950s there was a television program every Sunday called
“The Big Picture” which showed pictures of World War II. Children my age watched with pride because many of our fathers, uncles and etc. had fought in that war, come home, and started a life.

Then came the 1960s when the conflict in Vietnam developed and grew. We had been too young to know about Korea, but Vietnam stamped us with fear, hatred and a general lack of understanding about what it was about.

As time went on, there were protests and songs and even riots, but nothing really accomplished anything, except heartache. The news pictures of the wounded, seen on a regular basis, made everything seem worse. One just wanted it all to stop. When it did, we all looked around and wondered what had been proven?

When the 50th anniversary of US involvement in World War II came, in 1991, the Amana Heritage Society put on a program, during which several veterans spoke about their experiences.

My father, who was also a World War veteran, showed me how to tie ropes to hang flags properly because, as a sailor, he had to learn these things. I also remember the quiet way in which he instructed my sister and myself in gun safety.

Now, it is over eighty years since the start of the war, and there are very few veterans left. It was an all-encompassing war, the type that I hope we never experience again.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Sunday School Christmas Program Dec. 22

Everyone is welcome to the Amana Church Sunday School Christmas program, 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 22 at the Amana Church in Amana.

Also take note the Christmas Day Service on Wednesday. Dec. 25 at 10 a.m. at the Amana Church will feature Christmas worship music, a few songs performed by the Amana Church Choir, directed by Kristie Yoder. Everyone is always welcome to all services.

TKM Holiday Show a Big Hit
See it This Weekend While You Can

I don’t know what made me happier, the December 5th dress rehearsal for the premier of a very funny show by TKM Theatrical Productions, “A Murder for Christmas” or the fact that next year this new theatre company will be bringing even more to Amana Performing Arts Center stage.

Tom Milligan directs this new, never-before-performed on any stage, comedy by mom-son playwrights, Karen Schaeffer and Alex Schaeffer. They were in the house for the Friday, Dec. 6 opening night and audience members had the opportunity to chat with them about how they came up with the concept and created the script.

Last weekend ticket sales were strong, but you have a chance to see the show this weekend if you call right now use the on-line box office at tkmtheatricalperformances.com Go to the “More” tab at the top of their home page and look for their Events. The show concludes this weekend, Dec. 13 – 15. with 7:30 performances Friday and Saturday and a Sunday matinee. You can also call Deb Kennedy at 319-899-3799. Tickets are $25 each.

This TKM holiday gift is Dickens’ “Christmas Carol” wrapped in a murder mystery, wrapped in a small town spoof, poking fun at all community theatre’s everywhere, tied up with a big, golden bow of pure farce. We had so much fun! Directed by Tom Milligan you can see his hand for technical detail and according to his “Director Note” in the program, every cast member added his or her own touches. The result is as deliciously frothy as a Christmas eggnog.

The lovely Lisa Margolin stars as Cassidy, the hometown hero who went to LA to become a B-movie screen star but now finds herself back again, cast as Scrooge in a dubious production of a Christmas chestnut directed by an over-reaching ego, Kris (Eric Dunlap). She tries her best amidst on-stage rivalries, a secret romance, costume glitches, egos, temper tantrums, lost props and low budget everything – hey, if you’ve ever been part of a volunteer community enterprise of any type this all rings like a bell, and lends itself perfectly to a farce.

Things unravel at the very first rehearsal, but the local police detective, Mark, (played by Michael Raabe) a hunk of cynical New York City who can’t quite believe he’s in this boring burg, is handily on site playing Bob Crachit. He is not convinced that anything’s really amiss, though Cassidy and her fellow female thespians think otherwise. The interaction between the female actors on stage and off is pure, small-town camp and I’m here for it with the delightful Marcia Hughes, Brie Bevans, Dana Jensen and Jennifer Beall.

Our favorite scene is the actual opening night performance of “A Christmas Carol,” which left us speechless with delight. Raabe, Ron Gilbert and Duane Larson make the most of it all and truly had us laughing out loud.

Cast: Lisa Margolin, Eric Dunlap, Ron Gilbert, Marcia Hughes, Duane Larson, Jennifer Beall, Brie Bevans, Joey Lepire, Dana Jensen, Michael Raabe and Ken Van Egdon. Technical crew: Jonesy McElroy, Jodi Moore, Robert Brost and Deb Kennedy.
Good news for 2025, Tom Milligan and Deb Kennedy have great shows lined up for the Amana Performing Arts Center including the hit musical, “Pump Boys and Dinettes,” plus their very popular kids’ camp will be back in the summer.

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Happy Holidays
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The Clothes Encounter or Yana’s Boutique
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BLOOD DRIVE

The Amana Library will host an ImpactLife Blood Drive on Thursday, December 19 from 1:30 to 6:30. The Drive will be held in the Donor Bus, Amana Library/Elementary Parking Lot, 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana. Please start in the Library FIRST before going to the bus. Registration and questions will be done in the library. To sign up, please call the Amana Library 319-622-3192 or email amanalibrary@ccaschools.org to schedule a time.

As a THANK YOU, all donors will receive a $30 gift card! Donors must be at least 17, weigh more than 110 pounds, and possess a photo ID to donate. Please eat and hydrate before donating. Walk-ins accepted appointments preferred. Whole Blood and Double Red Cell will be available to donate. To sign up, please call the Amana Library 319-622-3192 or email amanalibrary@ccaschools.org to schedule a time.

Food Drive Collection at Colonial Manor Nursing Home.

Non perishable food donated to those who are in need this holiday season.

We continue to collect in December and January, at our facility. Questions/concerns?

Contact Joey 319-622-3131

WANT TO BUY

-Reloading Equipment -Bullets and Brass
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-Large and Small Estates -Supplies and Ammo
-Muzzleloaders and Firearms: Vintage & Modern
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Call, Text or Email JOEL VZ (319) 530-1234
jvanzante@southslope.net

Customer Support Associate

The **Amana 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, 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, Mon., Wed., & Thurs. availability preferred. For information or if interested, contact us at 319-622-7622, stop in, or email director@amanacolonies.com.

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The Weather Outside is…
More Prelude Events This Weekend

Never before in the history of Prelude to Christmas, and we've been doing Prelude to Christmas since the mid-1980s folks, have we had as good a weather as we had last weekend when the temps on Saturday and Sunday actually reached 60 degrees.

While we worry about global warming, it was nice to walk around in a sweat shirt Saturday and Sunday to enjoy all the holiday happenings. And of course, as a result, visitor counts were high for Prelude to Christmas events. The Tannenbaum Forest, the Haus Walk and the Amana Church Bazaar and Cookie Walk enjoyed truly out-sized attendance.

What' s up this weekend?

It's "Children's Weekend" with Santa in the Tannenbaum Forest: Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday 11 – 4 and Sunday noon – 3 p.m.

The Forest is open Noon – 7 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Saturday and 11 – 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Music in the Forest: On Friday Dec. 13 at noon the CR Kennedy High School Jazz Band performs. We highly recommend this group as last year's performance was stellar. Young and old will enjoy their jazzy style. On Saturday, Dec. 14 come hear Highway 151 from 2 – 4 p.m. as they'll be performing their holiday playlist.

Also on Sunday, Plume Hill horse-drawn wagon rides will be on offer noon – 3 p.m. Adults $10. Children 4 – 12 $5. Under age 3 free. In the village of Amana.

More events this weekend:

- Buddy the Elf will be at Ackerman Winery playing reindeer antler ring toss and more.
- Holiday craft at Ackerman Winery too – you can paint your own gingerbread house. $15 fee for materials includes a kids drink and a Christmas cookie. Sign up by contacting Ackerman Winery.
- There's Complimentary rootbeer for kids at Millstream Brewing Co.
- Candy Cane guessing game at Schanz Furniture in South. Winner receives a prize!
- Saturday bring the kids to Four Winds Apothecary in Amana to make a flower holiday ornament keepsake.
- Cookie decorating at the Ox Yoke Inn from 11 – 3 p.m. with a $5 donation to Safe Haven of Iowa County.
- Homestead Folk Art Museum is open for a second big Saturday. 10 – 4 p.m.
- Cole Thomas "the piano man" performs at Millstream Brewing Co. Saturday 6 – 9 p.m.
- Performances Friday, Saturday and Sunday

AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Church Services @ 9:00 a.m.

Next Services: ***December 15th***

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE DEC 22ND

at the Amana Performing Arts Center

www.amanaareafellowship.org

HELP WANTED

Ackerman Winery is seeking an enthusiastic and experienced Tasting Room Manager to oversee our tasting room operations. The ideal candidate will have a passion for hospitality and a strong background in customer service. This full-time position requires weekends. To find out more, visit Ackermanwinery.com/careers or email resume to info@ackermanwinery.com

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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

AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD)
Tentative Agenda of the Meeting
Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)
Monday, December 16th, 2024 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

I. Call HPC Meeting to Order
II. Set Agenda
III. Review/Approve the November 25th, 2024 HPC Meeting Minutes
IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda
V. Discussion/Action on permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:
a. 2024-098 Ryan and Lyndsey McCarty /2515 & 2601 J St. Middle/ HP-R /Construct a 6X1X16 Cedar wood plank 3 board Amana fence with 4x4x8 brown treated or cedar wood posts along the front of property.
b. 2024-099 Chris & Donna Dickel / 2604 K. St Middle Amana / HP-R / Replace all windows on home with Vinyl replacements like for like. Includes 2 upper 9/6 on the West side. 4 upper 2/2, 3 lower 9/6 the North side. 2 upper 9/6, 2 lower 9/6 East side. 4 upper 2/2, 5 lower 9/6 South side.
VI. Other Business
VII. Administrator's Report (if applicable)
VIII. Adjourn

ACLUD CORNER:

Amana Colonies Land Use District is looking to fill a vacant chair for the Historic Preservation Commission. If you would like more information or are interested, please email Kayleigh at aclud@southslope.net.

The Historic Preservation Grant Program will be opening the first cycle applications for 2025. The intent of the program is to encourage and assist in funding the appropriate restoration of historic properties within the Land Use District. The best place to understand the parameters of the program is to visit the ACLUD website www.aclud.org. Click on the link "Historic Preservation Grant Program". Then click on the "Grant Program Details". You will see that the program is split into two "cycles" per year. The deadline to turn in your grant application and corresponding permit application for the upcoming review cycle is March 1, 2025. For further information regarding your local government visit our website www.aclud.org or call the office in Amana at 319-622-3840.

Amana Colonies Land Use District will be forming a Design Guideline Committee come the new year. We are looking for community members who are passionate about Amana Colonies Historic Preservation to help update the current design guidelines. If you would like more information or are interested in this committee, please email Kayleigh at aclud@southslope.net.

Amana Colonies Land Use District will be updating property images for project and preservation reference throughout the 7 villages. Lothar Beyer will be assisting with the photography side of this project if you happen to see him out and about. Any questions please feel free to contact Kayleigh at aclud@southslope.net.

Amana Community Library

Stuff the Stocking Fundraiser

The library provides many services to patrons including various quality reading materials, computer and internet access, special programs, and much more. Your donations enable us to expand and maintain these services. This year we would like to use the funds to purchase metal frames for our summer StoryWalk. A StoryWalk is an outdoor activity that combines reading a children's book with physical activity that can be enjoyed by any age!

The *Amana Library Foundation* considers the future needs of the library. You may also choose this option for your donation. Please consider donating to current library needs or 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. OR scan the QR code below.

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