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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, January 19, 2025 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Andrea Haldy presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Sieh! wie lieblich und wie fein" No. 923 vs 1-4 Seite 912

Testimony: Excerpts, Christian Metz, Herrnhaag, Sept. 17, 1834

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31
Psalm 19

Closing Hymn: "Der Himmel und der Himmel Heer'" No.153 vs 1-3 Seite 143

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

Opening Hymn: "Lord Jesus Christ be Present Now" No. 57

Closing Hymn: "Jesus I will never leave" No. 78

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/

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

I am sure that you are like the rest of us and have been watching the news about the fires in California. My brain cannot seem to turn off the scenes of the devastation and explodes with memories of history lessons from the Chicago fire and the fire that happened in San Francisco following the earthquake of 1906. In those cases, people came back, rebuilt, and returned to a normal life. Right now, however, all one sees are the burned out chimneys and smoldering ruins.

I keep wondering where the nails, tools, lumber will and shingles come from when even the hardware suppliers in the area have burned down. The cost of rebuilding will be immense, and ongoing.

One of my friends said that I was frustrated because I cannot fix the situation. I think a lot of us feel that way right now, and wonder why this is taking place and affecting so many people.

Perhaps we can say that this is a reminder that nature is in charge, and that our efforts in facing its fury are often futile.

One keeps hearing about how families have survived the fires and how neighbors have helped one another. Honestly, that is what is important – knowing that there are people who help and care, even at risk to their own lives.

The winds may blow, the fires burn, and you stand there with no home, clothes or possessions, yet you know that there is someone there who cares and will help and that counts for something.

B.S.H.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

IDOT Studies Highway 151

The Iowa Department of Transportation has commissioned a study of US Highway 151 from Amana to Fairfax.

The IDOT is asking for public input. If you would like to express your views, go to pima.iowadotpi.com Or go to the Iowa Department of Transportation website or Facebook page and look for the US Highway 151 Public Input Survey.

The questions range from when and how you use the highway (for business, commuter travel, personal vehicle travel, etc.) and what time of day you typically drive on the highway.

It asks questions regarding safety and if any portions of the road feel unsafe to you and why. It asks which "safety issues or concerns do you have when using this section of US 151?" And it allows you space to write specifically what you feel about Highway151, its condition, maintenance and any problems or issues you have observed. The IDOT is seeking public input right now so don't delay to fill out the survey.

For Your 2025 Calendars

When looking down the road at 2025 here are a few of the big community events you may want to have on your calendar now.

- Winterfest – Saturday, Jan. 25
- Maifest – May 3 – 4
- Amana Colonies Wurst Festival and Wurst Brass Festival –June 13 – 14
- Oktoberfest – Oct. 3 – 5
- National Communal Studies Association Conference – Oct. 10 – 12
- Tannenbaum Forest – Nov. 28 – Dec. 21
- Prelude to Christmas – Dec. 5 - 7

Murdered by the Mob at Fireside Winery
Laugh it Up Kid

Grab your guy or your doll, gussy up and come out guns blaz'n as Fireside Winery hosts a wintertime sizzler of a comedy murder mystery with TKM's production of "Murdered by the Mob" a roaring 20s gangster caper.

It's Valentines Day weekend, February 14 – 16. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and on 1:30 p.m. on Sunday for you matinee lovers.

The Friday and Saturday shows include a 3-course meal with a speakeasy bar. Enjoy sparkling wine, salad, chicken piccata, grilled vegetable lasagna, bread basket and dessert. Wines and FireCiders will be available for purchase. Catered by Peppercorn Food Co. of Cedar Rapids.

Sunday will not be a full meal, rather there will be a dessert and coffee bar.

Go to the Fireside Winery or TKM Theatrical Productions website for tickets and full menu details. Or call 319-662-4222 for tickets.

Come dressed in your 20s era best or come as you are, either way you'll be delighted.

Winterfest Next Weekend
Thaw Out with Some Classic Good Times

Who knows what the weather will be, but we know we can have a good time in spite of the of weather at Amana's annual Winterfest, next Saturday in Amana.

Here are a few highlights from the Winterfest brochure – now available on line at amanacolonies.com under the Festivals tab. Please check the brochure as there are lots of merchant hosted events and activities to enjoy and we can't list them all here.

Friday, Jan. 24 a kick-off party Friday night at Millstream Brau Haus starts at 6 p.m. with live music.

Saturday, Jan. 25 there will be activities, games, sales and more at many local businesses all day. Here are some highlights:

The Ronneburg will be serving hot chocolate and cookies all day, there will be free hot cider and cookies at the Amana Meat Shop.

Ten percent off all finished quilts during Winterfest at Heritage Design and Needlework in Amana. They will be roasting cashews, pecans and almonds at the Amana General Store 10 – 5.

Twenty percent off on all CBG hemp products and every purchase enters you into a raffle for an exclusive prize pack at Four Winds Apothecary.

And at Haus Maus Tees there is a "mouse friends" scavenger hunt to all ages.

Ackerman Winery will host a snowflake scavenger hunt for all ages at Ackerman Winery. Find all the snowflakes hidden in the store to be entered in a drawing.

You can make your own "shrinkydinks" key chain at a craft workshop Jan. 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. Ackerman Winery. Give them a call or go their website to sign up. $15 fee for materials and instruction.

Locals should be the first in line for the Winterfest Wine and Beer Walk 10 a.m .- 4 p.m. on Saturday. For just $5 pick up a Wine and Beer Walk Passport and enjoy samples at all five spots in town. Turn in your passport at the Amana Visitor Center by 5 p.m. to receive a free Winterfest Wine glass (limited to the first 200 through the door). You'll be entered to win a $25 gift certificate. You must be 21 or over to participate.

The Amana Freezer 5K Run/ Walk is on! Sign up at the Carding Studio at Hotel Millwright Saturday from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. To pre-register and speed up on check-in go to the Festivals in Amana, Amanacolonies.com website or the Freezer Run Facebook page. Race starts at 10 a.m. when the gun sounds.

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*All Events are from 6-10 p.m. except where noted**

- Friday, Jan. 10th BINGO
- Friday, Jan. 17th Trivia
- Friday, Jan. 24th Karaoke
- Saturday, Jan. 25th Live Music 5-8 p.m. Jeff Weimer & Jessica Mar
- Friday, Jan. 31st Trivia

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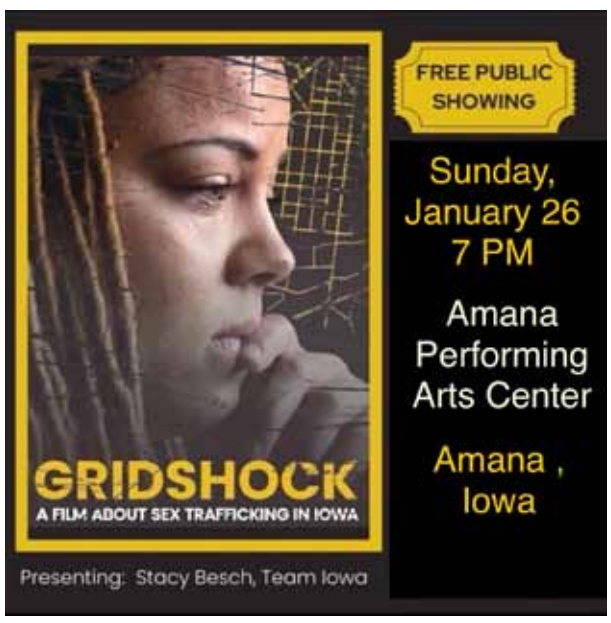

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AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP
Next Sunday Church Services:
January 19th &
January 26th
at the Amana
Performing Arts Center
www.amanaareafellowship.org

Food Drive Collection at Colonial Manor
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

News & Notes *from page 1*

The Amana Fire Department's open fire chili will be ready to serve at 11 a.m. at the Market barn. Games start at 11 a.m too.

The BEST Beard Contest is at 2 p.m. with three categories: Fullest Beard, Most Unique Beard and Best Overall Beard. Exciting prizes can be won my bearded friends.

Yes, there is live music Wiinterfest weekend and several places to cozy up with a cold one or a hot cider. Ox Yoke Inn's Bierstube will host Jeff and Jessica Weimer, 5 – 8 p.m. with hot appetizers and Happy Hour specials. On Saturday night.

Millstream Brewing Co. hosts Brittany Sword from 6 - 9 p.m. Saturday. An Oskaloosa native with a guitar style you'll love, she'll be rocking the Taproom at Millstream Brewing.

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OBITUARY

Carol Ann Vogt, age 85, of Marengo, passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, January 11, 2025, surrounded by loved ones and cherished memories. Visitation will be 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday, January 17, 2025, at Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo. Funeral Service will start at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Marengo, with Rev. Daniel Krueger officiating followed with burial in the Marengo Cemetery.

Born February 19, 1939, in Middle Amana, to William Henry and Dorothy Marie Zuber, she grew up in a tight-knit community that shaped her spirited nature. A graduate of Amana High School's class of 1957—with just 12 classmates—Carol Ann stayed connected to her roots and took pride in her Amana heritage.

On August 10, 1957, she married John Melvin Vogt at St. John's Lutheran Church in Marengo. Together they took over the family farm and built a life filled with love, laughter, and family.

Carol Ann was the heart and soul of gatherings, known for her warm laugh, lively stories, and love of people. Carol Ann enjoyed cooking hearty lunches for farmhands over the years. Her love of music was a constant thread throughout her life. She played the piano for weddings, the Colony Marketplace, and at Bill Zuber's Dugout. Most of her working years were spent at Bill Zuber's Restaurant in Homestead, where she started at age 12. She brought a vibrant personality to the environment, working alongside family and friends. The restaurant wasn't just a job for Carol Ann; it was a place where her passion for people, serving, and storytelling shone. She could spin a tale like no other, often leaving her listeners in stiches with her humor and charm. Following Zuber's, she worked for her brother at the Little Amana Winery.

Above all, Carol Ann's greatest joy was her family. She loved having family in her home, and she cherished the moments spent with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Carol Ann is survived by three children, Kevin (Marna) Vogt of Ladora, Kathy Brecht of Amana, and Connie (Matt) Gougler of Portland, Oregon; six grandchildren, Cody (Tiffany) Vogt, Hunter (Raelynn) Brecht, Kayla Vogt (Justin Lentner), Haley (Shane) Farr, Adam Vogt, and Joseph Vogt; and eight great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind her siblings, Kathy (Robert) Schwarting of Middle Amana, Robert (Mary) Zuber of Amana, and her sister-in-law, Mary D. Miller of Marengo.

She is was proceeded in death by her beloved husband, John, son Christopher, and her parents.

Carol Ann will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Online condolences: www.klosterfuneralhome.com

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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