

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early (German) Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, December 03, 2017, starting at 8:30 AM. with Elder Kristie Yoder presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Mit Ernst ihr Menschenkind" No. 710 Seite 709

Testimony: JF Rock, Neuwied, April 19, 1739
Scripture: Luke 2:25-35

Closing Hymn: "Nun Kommt der Heiden Heiland" No. 741 Seite 734

The late (English) Service will start at 10:00 AM with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "Father Lead Me Day by Day" No. 257

Closing Hymn: "Look From the Sphere of Endless Days" No. 263

The informal evening Advent service, Sunday, 3 Dec., begins at 7:00 in the Fellowship hall in Amana. Come join us for an informal time of caroling, scripture and fellowship.

The Saturday worship service meets 6:00 PM in the Sunday school meeting room in Amana.

The Wednesday Evening Prayer Service will begin at 7:00 PM in Middle.

Visitors are welcome to join us in worship at all Amana Church Services. Childcare is available during Sunday's English Service.

CONGREGATE MEALS

Come join us for Congregate Meals at the Fellowship Hall in the Amana Church on Mondays.

Our menu for Menu for December 4th is:

Loose Meat Sandiwhch/bun, Potato Wedges, Peas, Carrot and Raisin Salad, Cookie

The cost is only \$5 and also includes your drink!! Open to all ages. The doors open at 11:00 and we serve at 11:30!! Please call Donna Trumpold at 622-3218 or 560-6285 by noon on Friday to make a reservation. We hope to see you!!

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 4:30 p.m. Monday, December 4, 2017 in the Amana Sanitary lift station.

CHRISTMAS HAUS TOUR 2017

December 2, from 10am-4pm

December 3, from 1pm-5pm

Amana Arts Guild will host the Christmas Haus Tour this year. It is an event filled with lovely traditions and whimsical surprises. During this festive season the Amana Arts Guild welcomes visitors to its 12th annual Christmas Tour of homes. Progress has not eradicated the town's treasured traditions and quaint customs. Amana's cedar sided, limestone and time bleached brick buildings have weathered for over 150 years. Tour private homes decorated for the holidays and take part in the ambience of Christmas in the Amana Colonies. Visit with homeowners and get to know the colonies in a whole new way while you visit homes with stories as remarkable and varied as the colonies themselves.

Tickets on sale at the Amana Colonies Visitor's Center and at the Amana Arts Guild and will also be available at each home on the days of the event. The \$10 cost is for the entire tour. Children under 12 free.

The homes on the tour this year are:

- Jim and Conni Doser Haus 4521 "F" Street Amana
- Jeff and Deb Cecak Haus 4411 "I" Street Amana
- William and Kristie Yoder Haus, 2612 J Street, Middle Amana
- Gerald and Cherie Rieskamp "Garden Cottage," 206-220th Trail, South Amana
- Mike and Susan Shoup Haus, 47-220th Trail, South Amana
- Amana Community Church Homestead 4210 "V" Street, Homestead
- Amana Arts Guild Center "Khristmasmarkt," 1210 G Street, High Amana

Also enjoy Prelude to Christmas December 1-3, the Colonies advent celebration. Shop on candlelit streets in the village of Amana and visit the Amana Church Bazaar and Cookie Walk.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Beware of Phone Scams Local Women Report Calls

In the last two weeks, two women in the Amana Colonies report that they were contacted by telephone scammers who were able to string them along causing upset and worry.

Details vary but both scams used a story about a close relative in trouble.

Iowa County Sheriff Rob Rotter reports that these scams are persistently active. "This type of activity is a constant and has been for as long as I've been an officer. The methods have changed somewhat due to the internet, but the results are the same. We are told of one or two a month. I think the actual numbers would be higher, but oftentimes victims are embarrassed and don't want to talk about it."

Using special software that masks the location of the caller so that the call cannot be traced, the victims are often randomly selected. "The two most successful scams are folks being told that they have won a lottery and that they need to pay the taxes before millions of dollars (in prize money) can be forwarded to them. The other is when a scammer poses as a family member in trouble and asked for money to be wired or sent by cash cards. The IRS scam is pretty active as well, but not all that successful."

Both of the Amana women were approached with the "family member in trouble" scam. The caller posed as a grandson or granddaughter calling to report that they had been involved in a hit and run accident; and then falsely arrested for possession of pot. They then asked for money for bail.

The phone scammers seemed to have enough information and used enough details that the stories sounded somewhat creditable. Plus they were able to scare and befuddle their victims.

The key bit of advice – Never share any credit card, debit card or agree to wire transfer or send cash cards to someone who calls you. Never respond to a telephone charity phone call.

What can we do if we are called? "Hang-up," Sheriff Rotter urges.

Adding, "The majority of these calls are generated from offshore locations even though the caller ID seems to look more local. Because the calls are made using internet protocol, the call is untraceable. . . Once cash is wired or sent by cash cards, it is gone and no one can get it back."

He added, "The most helpful thing anyone can do is have a conversation with everyone in your family, especially the elderly, about these scams. Ensure them that no one in the family would ask for money to be wired. If someone does get a call they think might be legitimate – by all means, call my office. I, or one of my deputies, will personally look into the situation and determine if it is legitimate."

These crimes can be prevented and the best way to do that is be forewarned, ask questions and communicate directly with family, Sheriff Rotter concluded.

Prelude Weekend is Here Lots of FUN to be Had

The Tannenbaum Forest's opening weekend was beyond huge with over 2,000 people through the forest in the Festhalle by 2 p.m. Saturday. The excellent weather certainly encouraged crowds and if the weather holds, this year's Prelude to Christmas will be another big success.

Remember there are evening hours during Prelude as many Amana shops stay open later and special events are ongoing. And we hear that local residents are forming a Christmas caroling troupe to add to the festivities.

Be sure to see the new holiday exhibit at the Amana Heritage Museum titled, "A Century of Dolls and Toys at Christmas Time" featuring the most popular dolls and toys through the years. Toys were contributed by over a dozen local residents. From prized doll houses and collectible designer dolls to handmade sleds and GI Joe along with a neat display of American Girl dolls, and a huge assortment of toys from the 1960's. A Star Wars themed Amana pyramid is an eye-catcher. Dolls and toys were contributed by longtime doll collector Bonnie Kinnick, along with Connie Baugh, Robert Brost, the Childers family, Rebecca Dickman, Al Dubberke, Larry and Caroline Ertz, Monys Hagen,

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SANTA'S WORKSHOP DAY, DEC. 9

Molly Kephart will help the children will create 6 different crafts, and they also enjoy a snack, juice and hot cocoa. Please call Molly at 319-350-6082 to register. Enrollment is limited. Saturday, December 9th at the Amana Arts Guild Center in High Amana, 1210 G Street, 9am - Noon \$15 per student

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FEATHERS IN THE WIND

First off, I want to thank those of you who called or emailed me to give me answers for my many questions.

The “William Tell Overture” was the theme music for “The Lone Ranger.” Now I want to know why the main character would always say, “Hi Ho!” much like the Seven Dwarfs in “Snow White?”

How is it in all the cowboy shows we used to watch the main character’s shirt was rather form fitting and always stayed neatly tucked in? This would happen even after an especially hard fist fight with the “bad guy.”

Those of us who have husband, sons, and even fathers whose shirts seems to always be slipping out from under their belt want to know the secret.

Secondly, I want to thank the lady who even admitted to being in the minstrel show. She claimed that she was in a quartet of singers, while her future husband was a backup man. She was sort of embarrassed over the whole play because currently that just would not have been done, but the play happened in early 1950’s and we had different values then...never thinking that this might have been offensive.

Finally, the search for the time capsule goes on. Lots of people remember it.The closest I got to a location was from Lynn Trumpold who thinks that it was re-located down at Lakeside, near the WWII monument. Carroll Zuber also thinks that it might be the monument, but he has not come with a metal detector to prove his point. What really warms my heart is how many people would say, “if only (fill in the blank) were still around and we could ask them.”

Gloria Alexander has been searching through old yearbooks to no avail. I think she and I would like to go to Arizona and make David Kiesling and Susan Kippenhan Sevig come back to Amana to do a search on their own. They are, after all, the ones who wanted to know in the first place. We can even provide them with shovels while we take pictures.

All of this has brought up many memories which makes me want to do some more checking around for “hidden” treasure. I would especially like to find some of the play books that Mrs. Ruff had. Knowing her, she probably had them well organized. Wouldn’t it be fun to just have a group of us get together and “run through” some of those plays?

In fourth grade, we were bused up to the old high school to see a play presented by the Class of 1957.

Bob Zuber’s sister, Carol, was in it and wore a majorette outfit (for what reason is anyone’s guess). Shirley Reihman was also in the play. There was this HANDSOME guy (even if he wore LIP STICK like everyone else in the play) whom I thought was so wonderful.

Years later I would meet him again and even marry him so you see that even at that young age I could pick a handsome man out quickly.

There was also a group of guys in the rafters trying to do daredevil tricks. I have no idea why Mrs. Ruff did not have an economy size bottle of aspirin what with our silly antics.

One often wonders how Mrs. Ruff kept her reserve during all that time because she had to also supervise us “squirrels” every month as we put together the school newspaper, “Hi-Lites.” She also would organize and put together the high school library.

I remember how she would quietly come into my Uncle Carl’s office and, with the help of Doris Rettig, retrieve yet another book that he had taken from the library only to forget to replace it.

Between Mrs. Ruff and Mrs. Rettig you just did not argue. They KNEW were all the bodies were buried and would retrieve them if need be. We might have been “squirrels,” but we knew who ruled the school.

Do you remember that little cubicle which Mrs. Rettig worked in? She seemed to always be balancing books on her lap or being surrounded with record books. I sort of wonder if she did not have aching legs by the end of the day.

Anyway, I think I will try and find someone with a metal detector or track down Pat Kellenberger to find that time capsule. I wonder if we need some sort of court order to do it?

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Deb Heitmann, Margo Jarosz, Pat Kellenberger, Barbara Noe Koch, Bill Leichsenring, Emily Oehl, Terry Roemig, Isabella Schaefer, Dennis and Elaine Zuber and John Zuber.

Bring the kids and grandkids to see this Santa toy-land on display at the museum through December 17. Don’t forget the museum in Amana is open free December 1 – 3. Friday, noon to 7 p.m. And at the High Store over Prelude to Christmas there will be talks on the toys and games of Old Amana too.

The Old Creamery Theatre’s “Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook” is Saturday Dec. 2 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Children (and grown ups too) will love this inventive production based upon the very popular “Junie B. Jones” children’s books. These youth theatre Saturday shows are specially priced for families.

Also this is the perfect weekend to see the OCTC’s holiday hit, “A Christmas Carol.” Yes, we hear there are some seats available for this weekend’s performances. Call 622-6262 for tickets today.

Friday, Dec. 1 :

Tannenbaum Forest is open 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. with Santa there 4 to 8 p.m. A special tree lighting ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. Friday.

Amana Church Christmas Bazaar is open noon to 7 p.m. at the Amana Church in Amana.

There are more sales, special and events at many merchants this weekend. Take a look at the full schedule on festivalsinamana.com

White Cross Cellars offers informal wine and cheese pairings 5 – 7 p.m.

A special talk, “Dolls and Toys in Old Amana” will be presented at the High Amana General Store at 6 p.m. Friday.

Saturday, Dec. 2

Amana Church Christmas Bazaar opens at 9 a.m. Pick up your Cookie Walk tickets beginning at 9 a.m. Cookie Walk boxes are \$25 and will hold a generous amount of homemade cookies and candies. Enter at the Amana Church in Amana, west side doors. Proceeds benefit the Amana Church’s Sunday School, youth group and summer vacation Bible camp, open to all kids.

The Tannenbaum Forest is open 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. with Santa there 2 – 8 p.m.

The Amana Arts Guild, Christmas Haus Tour is open 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$10 admission. Multiple homes and a country garden cottage are included on this year’s tour. Pick up a map /brochure at the AAG Center in High Amana or the Amana Colonies Visitor Center.

Amana Heritage Museum is open 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. with a special talk on doll collecting at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The High Amana Store is open noon to 7 p.m. with a talk on “Dolls and Toys in Old Amana” at 5 p.m. Saturday.

Millstream Brau Haus features live music with Drew Hurn, 6 – 9 p.m.

Sunday Dec. 3

Ox Yoke features Brunch with Santa, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Kids ten and under eat free with adult meal purchase. Limit 2 free kids meals per table.

AAG Christmas Haus Tour, 1 – 4 p.m. \$10 per person.

Our Tannenbaum Forest is open 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday with Santa there noon until 3 p.m.

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