

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Repentance Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, March 17, 2024 starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Peter Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Ach Gott und Herr, wie Groß und schwer" No. 7 Seite 6

Testimony: Johann Adam Gruber, Battenberg, Switzerland, Dec. 23, 1716 (excerpts)

Scripture: Luke 15: 1-7

Psalm 119:9-16

Closing Hymn: "Sieh! hier bin ich" No. 922 Seite 911/912

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

Opening Hymn: "Alas, My God, My Sins Are Great" No. 16

Closing Hymn: "Here Behold Me" No. 59

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/>
Save the Date!

We will be cleaning up and clearing the Amana Church cemeteries on Saturday April 13 starting at 9 am. Please consider helping to clean up the cemetery in your town. More information will be provided in the bulletin as we get closer to the date.

ACLUH HOURS ADJUSTMENT

The hours that the ACLUH office will be open on Tuesday, March 19th have changed slightly. The office will be open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., rather than the normal 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Thank you for your cooperation.

AMANA FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly public meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

THE ESSEN WAGEN SERVES HOME DELIVERED MEALS

The Amana Church, in conjunction with Colonial Manor, sponsors the Amana Essen Wagen, which provides a hot noon meal to home-bound, adults or their adult child, delivered to your home (even to your chair!) each weekday, except holidays. Enjoy not cooking and enjoy visiting with one of our volunteer drivers.

Please contact Colonial Manor at 319-622-3131 to sign up for this service. You can register for a short time while recuperating at home, or on a permanent basis. The suggested donation per meal is \$4.00.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Today, I have not only come to the end of my rope, and not only tied a knot at the end of it as Thomas Jefferson suggested, but am fashioning a figurative hang man's noose for all robo callers.

It is now past noon and, since 8 a.m., we have gotten thirteen phone solicitation calls. This is typical, and I am fed up.

We have tried being nice, then nasty, even blowing a whistle into the phone, not answering, and having the phone company monitor the calls. Nothing worked.

Okay, Charlemagne is kinder than I am and even tells them to stop and gives reasons why, all to no avail. I, on the other hand, think of ways to torture these people back, such as calling them in the middle of the night.

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AMANA SOCIETY, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The Amana Society is pleased to announce that Jon Childers, Stuart Geiger, Rebecca R. Selzer, and Guy Wendler will be on the ballot for the 2024 Amana Society, Inc. Board of Director's election. The election will be held on Monday May 20th, 2024, and absentee ballots will be mailed to each shareholder in mid-April.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Spring Break Things to Do

What's your favorite spring break activity when you can't get out of town? We asked five moms and three dads and got some great ideas:

- Hike. Picnic. Bird watching. With two public trails and the trumpeter swans and geese moving through this is a great time to bird watch, walk, ride bikes and picnic. Remember you can walk the Millrace level between South Amana and West Amana too: turn off at the Mill Race bridge on Highway 220 south of West Amana. Park there and walk west on the levee.

- Crafts. Pick up ready-to-go kids craft packets at the Amana Heritage Museum bookshop. Yes, these cost a few dollars but kits include all you need to do a craft. Saves you a trip to the store.

- Plant for the garden. Head to the garden center for a few essentials so that you can plant seeds now indoors for garden or flower bed seedlings.

- Museum tour. The High Amana Store is open daily now. The Amana Heritage Museum and the Communal Kitchen historic sites are both open with spring hours. Now is a good time to buy your annual Heritage Society membership which allows you free admission, year-long for just \$50. The membership includes discounts at the Museum book store and High Amana Store plus advance notice on upcoming museum events, like their upcoming Easter Egg Hunt!

- Take the kids to see the illusionist Jackson Green, Friday, March 15 at 7 p.m. at the Amana Performing Arts Center. \$15 tickets.

- Photo safari. With so many birds about plus deer, wild turkey, fox and more grab your kids, their cell phones and head out for a photo safari. Check out the Amana Colonies Nature Trail. Trailhead by Homestead.

- Golf. Yes, the Amana Colonies Golf Club is open right now.

Jackson Green Friday at the Amana PAC

Deb Kennedy and Tom Johnson knew when they saw Jackson Green perform that he was the real deal. Yes, the St. Ambrose University double major is an award winning actor, but boy can he do magic.

His forte is sleight of hand and if you caught him on KCRG's Everyday Iowa show you know exactly what we are talking about. It's mind boggling what he can do with a deck of cards. So catch a rising star (we know we'll be watching him on America's Got Talent or in Vegas one day.) Friday, March 15 at 7 p.m. at the Amana Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$15. Buy in advance via TKM Theatrical Performance or at the show.

April Weekend Promotes What We Do and Make

April 13 and 14 it's going to be an Arts and Antiques Weekend with the Quilt Amana 2024 show and sale featured.

What we make and what we love will be promoted all weekend in the Amana Colonies as merchants, the Amana Arts Guild and the Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Center team up to spotlight craft work, fine art, folk arts and antiques.

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Bulletin Deadlines:

Most Articles & ads - Tues. 5:00 P.M.
Very Small Ads/articles - Wed. 11:30 A.M.
email: amanaprintshop@southslope.net

SERVICES

Mowing, Aerating, Thatching, Spring Yard Clean-up, Garden Tilling, and Stump Grinding. Call Rob Jeck at 319-622-3308

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.

FOR RENT/ LEASE

Apartment for rent: Large 2 b/2b, w/d, s/w pd, deck. Colony Oaks, next to Amana Golf Course. 319-338-0025

1 BR Apt in South Amana. No smoking, background check, deposit. Call Larry at 319-540-9351

CUSTOMER SUPPORT ASSOCIATE SOUGHT

The Amana Colonies Visitor Center is seeking a Visitor Center Customer Support Associate. If you would like to help people learn about what Amana has to offer, we would love to have you at the Amana Colonies Visitors Center. This position includes retail and tour sales, assisting visitors with questions and providing them with resources. Flexible schedule is available. Stop in or contact us at director@amanacolonies.com for more information.

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On-line at: amanacoloniestoday.com

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Today, I called the telephone company and asked for an unlisted phone number, thinking that I would give this number out only to a few select people, making them pledge never to give the number to anyone else. The phone company said that I could try, but others have tried this method and failed.

They did give us a suggestion which we put into action, however. So, anyone wishing to get hold of us can write, call using our cell phone number, or come for a visit – armed with cleaning supplies.

Tomorrow, I plan on sleeping late, and not being awakened by a phone call.....we have taken care of funeral plans, updated insurance, given to different charities, and have no one in jail that needs to be bailed out that we know of.

Have a nice day.

B.S.H.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Last week my article did not go through to the print shop so this week you are getting two stories.

March 9th and 10th always held a special spot in this town beginning in 1949, Two ladies suddenly found themselves in the same hospital room awaiting the arrival of two baby girls by the names of Kathryn Louise and Tamara Lynn. Not only were these women neighbors, but the girls would grow up to become close friends (almost like sisters),

They would learn to ride their bikes together and discuss how to tell the difference between their left hand from their right. Kathryn was left-handed and Tamara had a birthmark on her right hand which she insisted had to stay until she was confident, she "mature" enough to remember which hand was which. Meanwhile Kathryn would mutter about how the scissors never worked correctly for left-handed people.

Later on, there were birthday parties and then dates which Tamra would "arrange." Naturally before the dates commenced there was the usual check that everything was in order including "falls" that they placed on top of their heads with enough bobby pins to secure a bridge.

Finally, it was time for college and a separation happened, Tamara headed to the Missouri and Kathryn went to Decorah, IA where both met their husbands. They married in about a year between one another and would eventually both have one child each. Both did celebrate 50 plus years of marriage, but things did change after marriage and the two little girls grew up.

B.S.H

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

THE WORLDLY GAME: The Story of Baseball in the Amana Colonies

Join us at the Amana Heritage Museum Auditorium on Wednesday, March 20th at 7pm for a book signing event to celebrate the release of The Worldly Game: The Story of Baseball in the Amana Colonies! Author Monys A. Hagen will be on hand to provide an overview, context, and insight to this wonderful history. Hagen is a Professor Emerita of History at the Metropolitan State University of Denver. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Throughout her career, she researched and taught women's immigration, sport, and 20th century history. She has spent over a decade collecting oral histories in the Amana Colonies. The book will be available for \$25.



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SILENT LENTEN RETREAT
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www.dieheimat.com/blog/silent-lenten-retreat
or call 319-461-6611

AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP
COME ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY
Sunday Church Services
@ 9:00 a.m.
Next Services: March 24th
& March 31st -Easter-
At the Amana Performing Arts Center
(Former Old Creamery Theatre)
www.amanaareafellowship.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
ACLUD has 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.

AMANA RETIREMENT COMMUNITY
Colonial Manor is hiring for a part time **Dietary Aide** 4pm-730pm
Flexible scheduling to work around school activities or kid activities
No experience necessary
Please call Tanya at 319-622-3131 for more information

AMANA MEAT SHOP & SMOKEHOUSE
Come join a friendly environment with fun coworkers at the Amana Meat Shop & Smokehouse!
Currently we have openings for a Weekend Retail Associate and a Full Time Production Associate.
This is a great opportunity to work right in the heart of Amana and help provide quality foods to our customers!
Stop in for more information or contact Laura Sue at 319-622-3953 or lswoods@amanas.net.

AMANA FARMS
Amana Farms is seeking a Full Time Feedlot Associate! This individual will help feed cattle, operate and maintain equipment, perform yard maintenance, clean animal housing areas and more. Experience with cattle is a must.
To apply, contact Laura Sue Woods at 319-622-3953 or lswoods@amanas.net or see our ad on Indeed.

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Here are a few of the things happening:

Quilt Amana Show and Sale – At Price Creek Event Center Heritage Design’s premier event has been attracting a huge following. You can shop for quilts, see the award-winning quilts of some of America’s top stitchers, see the “Found” exhibition, participate in workshops and attend a pre-show dinner event too on Thursday. Check with Heritage Designs today for tickets to the pre-show dinner at 319-622-3887.

Vintage Stroll – April 13 – 14 visit 6 of the 7 Amana Colony area antique shops listed and make one purchase to be entered to win a gift certificate. Drop your completed card off at the ACCVB Visitor Center to be entered.

AAG Communal Dinner – April 13 at 6 p.m. the Amana Arts Guild hosts its the annual communal dinner featuring communal era dishes served at the Amana Arts Guild Center in High Amana. A must-do event we all look forward too. This year they are having an art auction too.

Michele Maring Miller Art Gallery – Spring event – April 13 – 14. All weekend 10 percent off all her antiques, including farmhouse antiques, pottery, mid-century dishes and vintage pieces. Plus see what Michele has been creating this past winter!

225 Artisans Gallery – April 13 – 14. Renee Driscoll welcomes you to her curated gallery/ shop of locally created art and craft. Stunning finds you won’t expect. The gallery is at I-80 Exit 225. 2207 U Ave. Suite B. 10 – 5 April 12 – 14.

The Amana Print Shop 319-622-3912
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Coffee & Camaraderie

Nothing reminds me of my active duty days more than smelling a strong cup of coffee in the morning. When I worked as the Non Commissioned Officer in Charge of the Family Advocacy clinic, I was the lowest ranking member, so therefore I was in charge of making coffee for the office, and learned that sometimes people truly enjoy a cup of coffee that is willing to reach up and slap you across the face to wake you up. Before the military, I never touched the stuff. Post Military, welp..... no coffee/ no talk-y.

Drinking coffee in the military is much like “breaking bread” for the various branches. We get to know each other, talk about everything, share jokes, and develop friendships that last a lifetime. This is the reason why Iowa County has started our monthly “Coffee & Camaraderie”. Not only are veterans able to hear some of the most recent developments coming down the road from the VA, but also can questions, and form a network of other veterans right here in our communities. I consider the “Camaraderie” to be the most important aspect.

All veterans are welcome to attend. Doesn’t matter your branch of service, regardless of national guard or reserve service. If you raised your right hand and swore and oath, you’re invited. And best part, the cup of coffee is included.

The dates are as follows:

- Thursday April 11th, 2024 at Brickhouse Coffee @9:00am
- Thursday May 9th 2024 DK Eatery @ 9:00am
- Thursday June 13th, 2024 Brickhouse Coffee @9:00am
- Thursday July 11th, 2024 DK Eatery @ 9:00am
- Thursday Aug 8th, 2024 Brickhouse Coffee @9:00am
- Thursday September 12th, 2024 DK Eatery at 9:00am
- Thursday October 10th, 2024 at Brickhouse Coffee 9:00am
- Thursday November 14th, 2024 DK Eatery
- Thursday December 12th, 2024 Brickhouse Coffee

All veterans are encouraged to contact your local veterans service office. There are walk in appointments available, but due to the busy nature scheduling your appointment is highly recommended. Please call us at 319-642-3925 to schedule your appointment.

Jennifer Olson, Director

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THINK BEFORE YOU DONATE!

by David Mikkelson abridged
(via fact checking website Snopes)

Keep these facts in mind when "donating". As you open your pockets for yet another natural disaster, keep the following facts in mind; we have listed them from the highest (worse paid offender) to the lowest (least paid offender).

The **worst offender** was yet again for the 11th year in a row is, **UNICEF** - CEO, receives \$1,200,000 per year, (plus use of a Royal Royce for his exclusive use where ever he goes, and an expense account that is rumored to be well over \$150,000.) Only pennies from the actual donations goes to the UNICEF cause (less than **\$0.14** per dollar of income).

The second worst offender this year is Marsha J. Evans, President and CEO of the **American Red Cross**... for her salary for the year ending in 2009 was \$651,957 plus expenses. Enjoys 6 weeks - fully paid holidays including all related expenses during the holiday trip for her and her husband and kids. including 100% fully paid health & dental plan for her and her family, for life. This means out of every dollar they bring in, about **\$0.39** goes to related charity causes.

The third worst offender was again for the 7th time was, Brian Gallagher, President of the **United Way** receives a \$375,000 base salary (U.S. funds), plus so many numerous expense benefits it's hard to keep track as to what it is all worth, including a fully paid lifetime membership for 2 golf courses (1 in Canada, and 1 in the U.S.A.), 2 luxury vehicles, a yacht club membership, 3 major company gold credit cards for his personal expenses...and so on. This equates to about **\$0.51** per dollar of income goes to charity causes.

Fourth worst offender who was also again in the fourth spot, for every year since this information has been made available from the start 1998 is amazingly yet again, **World Vision** President (Canada) receives \$300,000 base salary, (plus supplied - a home valued in the \$700,000 - \$800,000 dollar value range, completely furnished, completely paid all housing expenses, including taxes, water/sewer, telephone/fax, HD/high speed cable, weekly maid service and pool/yard maintenance, fully paid private schooling for his children, upscale automobile and an \$55,000 personal expense account for clothing/food, with a \$125,000 business expense account). Get this, because it is a "religious based" charity, it pays, little to no taxes, can receive government assistance and does not have to declare where the money goes. Only about **\$0.52** of earned income per dollar is available for charity causes.

No further comment is necessary... "Think Twice" before you give to your charity of choice as to which one really does the best for the most - or the least for the most, for that matter. The **MARCH OF DIMES** is called the March of Dimes because only a **dime for every 1 dollar** is given to the needy.

Goodwill CEO and owner Mark Curran profits **\$2.3 million** a year. Goodwill is a very catchy name for his business. You donate to his business and then he sells the items for PROFIT. He pays nothing for his products and pays his workers minimum wage! Nice Guy. **\$0.00 goes to help anyone!** Stop giving to this man.

Instead, give it to any of the following go "GREEN" and put your money where it will do some good:

- The Salvation Army Commissioner, Todd Bassett receives a small salary of only \$13,000 per year plus housing) for managing this \$2 billion dollar organization. 96 percent of donated dollars go to the cause.
 - The American Legion National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!
 - The Veterans of Foreign Wars National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!
 - The Disabled American Veterans National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!
 - The Military Order of Purple Hearts National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!
 - The Vietnam Veterans Association National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!
 - Make a Wish: For children's last wishes. 100% goes to funding trips or special wishes for a dying child. St. Jude Research Hospital 100% goes towards funding and helping Children with Cancer who have no insurance and can not afford to pay.
 - Ronald McDonald Houses All monies go to running the houses for parents who have critical Children in the hospital. 100% goes to housing, and feeding the families.
 - Lions Club International 100% of donations go to help the blind, buy hearing aids, and support medical missions around the world.
- Please share this with everyone you can.

"THE ACLUD CORNER"

Did You Know?....

Do you own a historic Amana home and just can seem to find the right replacement doorknob, wooden window, wooden door or other accessory item to keep the property historic? There is a resource available you may not be aware of. As historic homes and businesses have been remodeled over the years, original Amana components such as these have been saved and placed in storage in a building in East Amana. They are available to any resident of the Amana Colonies who has a need for them. Access to this facility is coordinated by the Amana Heritage Society. Please contact amanaheritage@southslope.net for more information.

For further information regarding your local government visit our website www.aclud.org or call the office in Amana at 319-622-3840.