

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early (German) Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, January 14, 2018, starting at 8:30 AM with Elder Betsy Momany presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Was giebst du denn, O meine Seele" No. 1029 Seite 1009

Testimony: Ursula Mayer, Ronneburg, January 15, 1717

Scripture: Matthew 15:29-38
Psalm 136

Closing Hymn: "Liebe, die Du mich zum Bilde" No. 627 Seite 1009

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

Opening Hymn: "Soul, what return has God, thy Savior" No. 152

Closing Hymn: "Love who fashioned me the likeness" No. 41

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

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

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

CONGREGATE MEALS

Congregate Meals is closed on Jan. 15 for Martin Luther King Day

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!!

THANK YOU FROM THE AMANA FIRE DEPT.

The Amana Community Chest donated money to the Amana Fire Department and along with that donation they received a grant to purchase ten ballistic vests for their and Amana QRS use in an active shooter or dangerous situations.

Also, Wilderness Supply from Walker, Iowa, deeply discounted the costs of the vests for our volunteers.

The Fire Department would like to thank all that made this purchase possible and we continually stride to provide the best possible protection in our District

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

I think this might turn into an editorial before it is done. You can decide for yourself if I am being too dramatic or whatever, but I am going to tell you something personal so that it does not happen to you.

The other day I got a phone call from a man who said that he was an old friend that just happened to have strep throat. He said he was treating it with hot water and salt.

I, being the "mother" I told him to go and see a doctor AND, by the way who was talking on the phone.

He had me guess! (I know that you are already thinking this is a signal for a problem, but since I have a hearing problem I said someone's name...really dumb!)

Naturally he picked up on that and then told me he was in jail. Ah! Ha!

I told him that my car was not working and he would have to call someone else.

He persisted and asked if I could get the money to him the next day, then used a nickname I never heard of.

That was sort of the end of it because I knew then I was being SCAMED for money so I hung up.

Yes, I did call the sheriff whose secretary was so nice I would give her a hug or flowers. She even offered to have an officer come out because I sounded upset.

I said that there was nothing that could be done because I had not looked at the phone ID when I picked up the phone. (Yes, I went through the calls later, but THIS one did not give a listing.)

I did some deep breathing and thinking then decided that enough was enough and I was not going to be a victim, nor would any of my friends if I could help it. (Therefore, I am writing this to you.)

I made a few calls and even called some people who dealt with groups to warn them.

I have now found out that I have not been the only one who has gotten such a call. These individuals

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Picking and Grinning at Ice Jam Feb. 3

Grab your stringed instruments and join the Iowa Theatre Artists Company (ITAC) for a one-day Bluegrass acoustic camp that will include two work sessions and an old-time jam on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Die Heimat Next Door in Homestead.

Instructors will be Marc Janssen of Iowa City and Paul Roberts of Sharon Center. This one-day camp is directed toward acoustic string musicians that are in the beginning and intermediate skill levels. Cost for the camp is \$65. For more information and enrollment, please contact ITAC: (319) 622-3222 or email: itac@southslope.net. Students may also phone Meg Merckens: (319) 622-6479. Enrollment is limited.

The day begins with a check-in at 8:30 am followed by a class session from 9 am to 11:15 am. There will be a two-hour practice/lunch period with a second class offered from 1 pm – 3:15 pm. An old-time bluegrass jam for all musicians will be open to the participating students and area musicians who would like to join on from 3:30 pm until 6 pm.

The 3:30 to 6 p.m. jam is open to the public. Admission is free.

Ice Jam's instructors are returning for a third year and include Marc Janssen who performs and teaches fiddle, mandolin, guitar, and banjo. Janssen is an active member of the Iowa City music scene, performing regularly in an old-time duo with his wife as Marc & Brandi Janssen. The Janssens lead the honky-tonk country band, The Slow Draws, and the bluegrass quartet, Goin' Up Caney. When not performing or teaching, Marc operates a violin shop in his Iowa City home. You can check out Marc at theprairiefiddle.com.

Paul Roberts has been playing bluegrass music since 1978. He plays banjo, bass and guitar, and is a singer-songwriter. Performing with both ITAC and the Old Creamery Theatre, Roberts has been teaching students to play banjo, guitar, bass guitar, and the big bass fiddle for more than 12 years and teaches at the Strawberry Jam Camp. Paul plays banjo with his wife in the Great Bluegrass Heron. He also performs with the McPunk Brothers and Goin' Up Caney and plays bass in the Banjoy Band, and electric guitar in his church band Sharon Praise.

34th Annual Christmas Bird Count a Snowy Day

Cold, wind and snow, made conditions less than ideal for volunteers participating in the 34th annual Christmas Bird Count in the Amana Colonies, Thursday, December 28, nonetheless they were able to identify 47 bird species here.

Lanny Haldy, coordinator of the count reported, "It was a cold (3-7 degrees F.) and snowy (1-2 inches accumulation) day. A wind out of the southeast at 5-15 mph made it a challenge. . . Because most water was frozen we had very few waterfowl species: our loyal trumpeter swans were still here, and we saw only a few Canada geese. No ducks or other waterfowl. On the other hand, the snow and cold helped us to spot horned larks and lapland longspurs, and several sparrow species. We recorded a total of 47 species. Considering the weather, that's not bad. Our record number is 50 (recorded in 1998). Our average is 42."

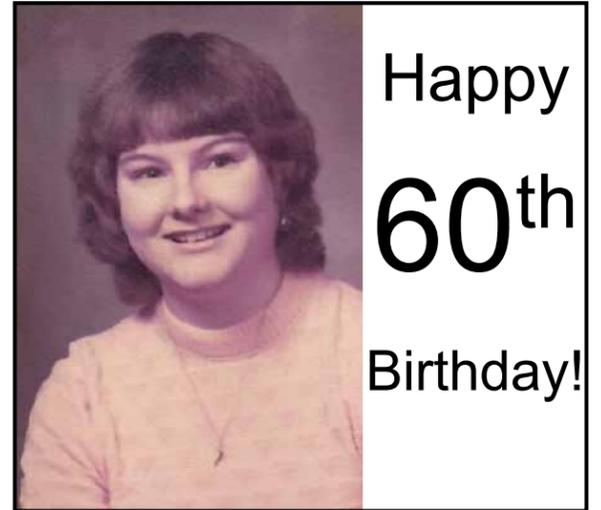
Over the course of the 34 years the Christmas count has taken place, volunteers have identified a total of 93 species in the area. As Haldy explained, some of the common species like chickadees, blue jays and nuthatches are seen every year. In all 16 species have shown up every year and "coincidentally we have seen 16 species only once."

Bird lovers will be interested to hear that this year the rarest sighting was the lapland longspurs and the bluebirds.

Twenty-three, yes 23, trumpeter swans were seen. That's remarkable considering that just 30 years ago trumpeters were rare in Iowa, hence the Amana Society and Amana Farms participated in the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' trumpeter program caring for mated pairs of nesting swans in an enclosed pond south of High Amana. Today with the sighting of 23 swans in the area, we can be proud of our community involvement in so successful a conservation and repopulation project.

Haldy added, "One noteworthy observation: 2

birds only recently introduced in the U.S. have now become staples in our count: the Eurasian collared dove, a somewhat chunkier version of the mourning dove with a black 'collar,' and the Eurasian tree sparrow. This year we saw hundreds of the Eurasian tree sparrows. The first time it was recorded on our count was 2007. And the collared dove was first recorded in 2013."



DENNIS & ELAINE ZUBER ANARCTICA PRESENTATION

People have asked us why would anyone want to go to Antarctica? It is the coldest, windiest, driest continent and only 1000 people are there year round. Why?

Many of you have expressed an interest in our trip so we created a slide show and video to share... and try to prove we really are not crazy.

We will have an 'open house' at the Amana Heritage Museum Auditorium on Friday, January 12 starting at 7:00PM. (45 minutes)

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AMANA HERITAGE SOCIETY 2018 GUIDE INFO SESSION

The Amana Heritage Society is always looking for guides to interpret Amana's one of a kind heritage at one of its three museum sites and the High Amana General Store. We are offering an information session to learn about the great opportunity to become a of the Amana Heritage team. If you'd like to sit in on the session, it will be held on Tuesday, January 16th beginning at 11am with a light lunch followed by meeting the current guides. Contact Jon Childers at the Amana Heritage Museum at 622-3567 or amanaheritage@southslope.net if you plan to attend. If you are interested but cannot attend, please let us know. We can plan another session or just visit directly. Our season beginnings in March.

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OBITUARY

William Kenneth "Ken" Meeker, 92, of Des Moines, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at Ramsey Village, in the presence of his loving family and pastor. Ken is survived by his wife Elsie; two children Don Meeker and Jeanne Meeker (Tom Nemetz); one granddaughter Keela (Brad) DeGeest; one great-grandson Tieren DeGeest; and his extended family, including Bill & Dorothy Ackermann and families.

Ken is preceded in death by his mother, father, and step-father.

Ken was born on January 18, 1925 in Columbia, Iowa, the son of Howard and Elizabeth Meeker. He attended Knoxville High School and graduated from Burlington High School in 1944 and from there went on to serve in the United States Army during WWII and was in the 71st Infantry Division in Europe.

After his return he enrolled at AIB where he met his future wife. Ken married Elsie Marie Ackermann from Amana, on June 15, 1947.

The family would like to thank all the caretakers and staff at the VA Hospital and Ramsey Village for their wonderful care of Ken. Condolences may be sent to Elsie Meeker, 3318 Aurora Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310

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call using all sorts of excuses and even know something about you. (Scary, isn't it?)

If the person will not tell you their name and asks for money you go right ahead and start asking questions that only the person he/she claims to be would be able to answer. If all else fails hang up.

DO NOT give anyone any money unless you are POSITIVE this is not some sort of SCAM.

Often, they want your credit card number, or actual cash so they cannot be tracked down.

I am not in law enforcement, but I do know of at least four people this has happened to...both men and women some of whom gave the money to the con artist.

One friend even told me about being asked to be a "friend" on Facebook by someone she did not know. It seems that person finds out all sorts of things about you and then tries to get money from you.

Friday night a girl was interviewed who had this happen to her. Her father and the police got on the case and found out that some prisoners can use phones and make this sort of their "hobby."

THAT girl had a man SCAM her from a prison in Arizona of all places. (She was from this area.) Now you have been warned. I know lots of you have heard about this happening on the news or read about it, but currently you cannot take too many chances.

Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES let anyone into your house unless you know and TRUST them.

Now you can say, "oh I know how B worries and makes a big deal out of things." Go ahead and think what you want, but I have warned you. THIS IS NOT A JOKE!

B.S.H.

AMANA ARTS GUILD CLASSES

PAINTING STUDIO: Come to the Amana Art Guild Painting Studio and enjoy the pleasure of exploring and painting your own ideas. Your instructor, Susanne Sudmeier is an artist focusing on two-dimensional media: painting, drawing, and mixed media. Susanne currently is an adjunct professor of art at Kirkwood and holds BFA and MA degrees in art from the U.N.I.

This painting class is designed for both beginning and experienced painters using any medium. Bring your oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, or colored pencils. The class will meet on Tuesday afternoons at the Amana Arts Guild Center in High Amana from 2:00-4:00 p.m. beginning on Tuesday, February 6th. Participants need to bring their own supplies. A minimum of 5 participants is needed for this class. To register, please call the Art Guild at (319) 622-3678. The cost of this class is \$55.

RUG WEAVING CLASS: Come experience the joy of weaving your very own colorful rag rug on a loom. The class includes designing and preparing materials, weaving and finishing. The rug could be useful in your home or it might make a great gift. This activity will be held in the weaving studio located at the Amana Arts Guild Center in High Amana on Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:30 beginning January 25th and continue for 5 sessions. Enrollment is limited. To register call Linda Grabau 319-530-0127. Cost \$50 per student.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 Middle Sanitary District
 Purpose of Hearing: Amendment of Ordinances
 The Middle Sanitary Sewer District in Iowa County, Iowa, will meet at the Lift Station at 3002 K Street in Middle Amana at 6:00 p.m. on January 18, 2018. The purpose of this public hearing will be to amend the ordinances of the Middle Sanitary Sewer District to set the rates and fees for the Amana Golf Course district.

Adopted/M .S.D.
 February 1, 1982
 Revised & Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 2182-B
 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE AND SERVICE OF THE SANITARY SEWER UTILITY OF THE MIDDLE SANITARY DISTRICT.
 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

SECTION 1. There shall be and there is hereby established a sewer service charge for the use of and for the service supplied by the District sanitary sewer utility as follows:

A. Residential Users. Residential customers of the facility shall be charged a standard monthly fee of \$5.00.

B. Commercial Users. Commercial users of the facility, who do not have separate agreements with the District, shall be charged a standard monthly fee of \$11.50.

C. Special districts may be assigned within the Middle Sanitary District as needed by the Trustees in a manner that distinguishes the special district's members from the remainder of the district to equitably and fairly carry their share the costs of projects affecting or benefiting only the special district. Fees shall be set for the special district by the Trustees as needed to fully cover the costs of construction, loans, and other costs directly related to the project and are in addition to the standard monthly fee. Special districts shall be listed in the ordinances along with their related fees.

Special District(s): Amana Golf Course District – Those sanitary sewer connections included in the Amana Colonies Golf Club, Condo/Resorts, White Oak Hills, and related area of the special district described as:
 East Half of the Northwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, all in Township 81 North, Range 9 West of the 5th P.M., Iowa County, Iowa.

Project: Connection to Middle Sanitary District
 Assessment: \$40.00/month Effective Date: 1-1-2018
 Duration: Up to 12 years

D. Other Users. The Trustees of the District may from time to time enter into contracts with special users of the facility who do not fall into the above categories, i.e., public schools and nursing homes and charge such fees as will be equitable and fair for their use of the system. Such contracts shall be reviewed at least once a year by the Trustees and fees shall be set in such a manner that special users carry their fair and equitable share of the costs of operating the system, including but not limited to the regular operation, maintenance, repairs, payment of indebtedness and interest, and such other expenses as shall be incurred by the District: The above rate structure includes a constant rate of \$5.00 per month for operation maintenance and replacement costs.

SECTION 2. All fees set out in Section 1 above shall be paid for 12 months of the year. The Trustees shall review all rates and charges, and all categories of users at least once each year and make such adjustments as they deem necessary, but such changes shall not result in a yearly total of income of less than is necessary to operate the facilities, pay indebtedness, including interest, and the expenses of the District. The Trustees may from time to time establish new categories and may change an establishment from one category to another if, in their opinion, such change is equitable or in the best interests of the District.

SECTION 3. It is hereby made the duty of the official representative designated by the Board to render bills for sewer service and all other charges in connection therewith and to collect all monies due there from. The District will notify each user at least annually in conjunction with a regular bill, of the rate and that portion of the user charges which are attributable to operation, maintenance, and replacement costs of the treatment works.

SECTION 4. All sewer charges levied pursuant to this ordinance shall constitute a lien upon the premises served and if not paid within sixty days after due date, the charges shall be certified to the County Auditor and shall be collectible in the same manner as taxes.

SECTION 5. All revenues and monies derived from the operation of the sewer system shall be paid to and held by the District separate and apart from all other funds of the District and all of said sums and all other funds and monies incident to the operation of said system as may be delivered to the District, shall be deposited in a separate fund designated the "Revenue Fund" and the Board shall administer said fund in every respect in the manner provided by the Code of Iowa and all other laws pertaining thereto.

SECTION 6. The District shall establish a proper system of accounts and shall keep proper records, books and accounts in which complete and correct entries shall be made of all transactions relative to the sewer system and at regular annual intervals, the Board shall cause to be made an audit by an independent auditing concern or the State of Iowa of the books to show the receipts and disbursements of the sewer system. The District shall be required annually to prepare a budget of the sanitary sewer system to show the required revenues and user charge rates will be adjusted to produce adequate income to retire the indebtedness, meet operation, maintenance and replacement needs, and required reserves.

SECTION 7. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed in so far as the conflicting portions thereof are concerned.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication, according to the law of the State of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ of _____,

 Seal (NO SEAL)
 _____ President, Bruce Trumpold
 _____ Secretary, Tony Berger