

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

To best care for each other, masks shall be worn in all church buildings at all times. Masks are available at the church for those who forget to bring theirs.

The Early (German) Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, December 12, 2021, starting 8:30 AM with Br. Peter Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Wie schoen leuchtet der Morgenstern" No. 1104 Seite 1080

Testimony: Ursula Mayer, Ronneburg, July 26, 1715; Ursula Mayer, Ronneburg, February 10, 1717

Scripture: John 3: 12 – 21
Psalm 27

Closing Hymn: "O ewighelles Licht!" No. 769 Seite 759

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

Opening Hymn: "How Lovely Now the Morning Star" No. 149

Closing Hymn: "O Light That's Ever Bright" No. 147

Saturday Evening Fellowship, will meet in Amana at 5:30 PM.

The Wednesday Evening Prayer (Nachtgebet) meeting 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 10:00 AM Service.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Amana Library will host an ImpactLife Blood Drive on Tuesday, December 14 & Thursday, December 16 from 2:00 to 6:00. The drive will be held in the mobile bus at Amana Library Parking Lot, 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana.

All donors will earn a long sleeve t-shirt or a gift card, as a special THANK YOU! Potential donors must be at least 17, weigh more than 110 pounds, and possess a photo ID to donate. APPOINTMENTS AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED. Walk-ins will not be accepted to allow for proper distancing. Whole Blood and Double Red Cell will be available to donate. To sign up, please call the Amana Library 319-622-3192 to schedule a time.

SISTER CITIES—AMANA AND RONNEBURG ART EXHIBIT

In an effort to remain connected throughout the pandemic, Ronneburg historian and zur Krone Restaurant Chef, Reiner Erdt, took to pen and watercolor to create nearly forty pieces of original art depicting scenes of the Amanas and Ronneburg, Germany. His artwork will be displayed at the Hotel Millwright from December 18th through the end of January.

The public is invited to enjoy this art exhibit and prints of his work may be purchased. Watch for more information here and on social media. We hope to offer an open house with the artist and friends from Ronneburg attending virtually.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Rural East Amana Property Fire

Amana volunteer firefighters were called to the property of Chris Dunn, rural East Amana, Saturday, Dec. 4, about 8:30 p.m.

Neighbors spotted the fire and reported it. The fire involved an outbuilding on the property, a recreational vehicle parked beside it and an old tow truck. No injuries were reported. The Norway and Fairfax Fire Departments assisted the Amana volunteers in fighting the blaze which was contained.

Burglary Attempt Tuesday in Girls Town

A home in the southwestern portion of the village of Amana known as "Girlstown" saw an attempted burglary Tuesday morning.

Iowa County Sheriff Rob Rotter reported to the ASI Bulletin Tuesday, Dec. 7, that someone removed a couple of basement screens from a home in Girlstown, Amana in an unsuccessful attempt to gain entry to the home.

"This type of burglary attempt is very concerning because the homeowner was likely present when the attempt was made," Sheriff Rotter stated. "This is the time of year that residential burglaries really take off on us. Burglars are hoping Christmas presents are purchased and laying in a nice easy pile to load up."

"Please remind folks now more than ever, to keep the doors locked, the outdoor lights on, or at least on a timer or motion activated, and report any suspicious activity in your neighborhood, immediately," he concluded.

Also remember to keep garage and shed doors locked, as well as all parked cars.

CCA High School Students Post Strong Achievement Scores

As per legislation, starting in 2019 the State of Iowa began a "Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP)" test administered to all Iowa high school students. The assessments are aligned with the Iowa Core standards.

The ISASP was not administered statewide in 2020 due to COVID but was most recently taken in spring of 2021.

At Clear Creek Amana, the high school students scored in the 80th percentile for all three grade levels. Overall, CCAHS scored an average of 8.6% to 12.3% higher than the state average proficiency for English/Language Arts, Math and Science. Not one grade level fell below state proficiency. The 9th graders tested 14% higher in English/Language Arts and 11% higher in Math. By category for the high school, English/Language Arts was 12.3% higher than the state average proficiency, Math was 8.6% higher and Science was 10% higher. Only 10th grade students take the science assessment.

"The spring ISASP results at the high school

were nothing short of amazing. The entire student body and staff should be very proud. This is a testament that despite the daily challenges of last year, the entire staff set the tone that we can overcome those challenges we were facing and keep the focus on learning. Given the results, the students stepped up and responded accordingly. While I know our staff and students will continue to work for improvement, these results are something to truly celebrate." Mark Moody, CCAHS Principal.

"Our school district community has so much to be proud of when reviewing the academic achievement of our high school students during these unprecedented times," said Interim super-

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A few reminders related to gun deer season: For safety purposes, all user and hunting privileges are invalid during gun deer hunting seasons except for licensed deer hunters during their particular season.

NO permits, including deer hunting, are valid on Amana Colonies Golf Club grounds.

ALL deer harvested on Amana Society, Inc. property must be reported and checked. Please contact one of the individuals (deer checkers) below immediately upon harvesting any deer. The information collected will be used to monitor the deer herd size and health. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Questions or concerns related to Amana Society land use permits & activities may be directed to Jon Degen, Amana Society Conservation Warden @ 319-560-2459.

Deer Checkers:

- Tim Krauss – 319-330-8393
- Chris Herr – 319-533-6644
- Tony Berger – 319-361-8459
- Kirby Schaefer – 319-430-6722
- Patrick Henry – 319-899-8354
- John Zuber - 319-560-0299
- Marc Phelps – 319-213-3445

Amana High School Reunion, Classes 1955, 1956, 1957



Front Row: Patty Hergert, Elsie Sayers, Delores Roemig, Joyce Fels, Carol Ann Vogt, Shirley Reihmann, Rosalie Ochs. Second Row: Hank Bendorf, Charles Hoehnle, Harvey Jeck, Levi Williams, Larry Ochs. Back Row: Richard Hergert, Loren Neubauer, George Ruedy

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SERVICE COMPANY CHRISTMAS HOURS

The Amana Society Service Company will be closed at noon December 22nd, and all day December 23rd and December 24th for the holiday. In the event of an emergency call 319-622-3053

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FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Sometimes you realize how important family or community is. Sure you get mad at the mistakes people make or how they forget important dates, but then something important happens and you realize why you care.

Our twin nephews, Ben and Joshua recently were confirmed in their church. Their Opa said that when a family laid their hands on their heads he realized how far they had come.

They were born premature at 1 lb. 4 oz. each and had to stay in the hospital for months. Their Opa would develop shingles during that time not to mention all the complications the boys went through.

Though the years there have been operations, rehabilitations, exercises, etc., but these boys/men learned that their parents and family faith meant EVERYTHING.

The other day I fell and could not get up. I didn't want to bother anyone so I lay on the floor a good six hours until Charlemagne went and got Peter.

Both men could not get me up - dead weight is heavy! So they called our Medic Alert people. Within a matter of minutes two highway patrol men had me sitting up and then walking.

The EMT team came shortly thereafter to check vitals.

Let me be the first to say, these men and women that serve as police and as EMTs are worth every penny and more of what they get paid and we should all be willing to pay more in taxes to make sure they get the pay and benefits they deserve.

These are the people who are always there even in the worse conditions. No, I have not forgotten the firefighters, and the first responders. Ours are volunteers and need donations for equipment, training and pancakes.

Lets face it we all need one another. Perhaps not everyday, but often. When we do have people around we can depend on somehow we get through these bad days and see that God does answer prayers.

B.S.H.

FOR SALE

Refurbished and framed wildlife art prints. Hahn, Redlin, CE Pearson, and many more. Very reasonable prices. Ask for Phil or leave a message, 319-828-4115 (Oxford). Stored in Amana.

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AN INVITATION

The Sandersfeld Family invites you to join them for a Christmas Concert at The Hotel Millwright Merino Loft in Amana on Wednesday, December 22, at 7:00 PM.

The evening will celebrate a family Christmas where Christ is the center through music and song performed on eight different instruments. The concert will include unique arrangements of contemporary and traditional Christmas carols performed by the family on piano, guitar, bells, marimba and more.

There is no cost but a freewill offering will be accepted. The Hotel Millwright Merino Loft is located at 800 48th Ave, Amana Ia.

Reunions, social gatherings, business meetings?

The Homestead Welfare Club offers an exceptional 1100 sq ft meeting or gathering room in our historic 1860's home. It includes a mini kitchen, tables and chairs for 80+ persons inside, and a shaded back yard for outdoor activities including picnic tables and small shelter. Rental is \$75 /day or for \$100 /day includes a full-service kitchen.

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intendent Joseph E. Brown, Sr. "I want to thank our administrative team, our teachers, our support staff, our students and our parents for keeping the focus on academic excellence. Clear Creek Amana School District is one of the higher performing school districts in our region."

Busy Prelude to Christmas

Santa Will be In the Forest this Weekend

Prelude to Christmas might have been one of the very busiest to date with warmer than average weather and lots of holiday enchantment in the air.

The Amana Church's annual Christmas Bazaar and Cookie Walk was a huge success. "I think we had more items to sell and more cookies than ever and we certainly had lots of people too," said chair Andrea Haldy, late Saturday afternoon, as volunteers were cleaning up after the event.

Cookie Walk chair Amy Jacobson agreed. "We had a beautiful selection of cookies and sold every one of them. It really went well!"

Employing social distancing (only 15 people were allowed into the bazaar and cookie walk at a one time) and requiring all people to mask up did not deter sales one bit. Also online sales and pre-orders helped boost sales, noted Haldy.

Haldy and Jacobson thanked all those who volunteered time, effort, cookies and crafts and all those who came to shop the event.

On the street the crowds took in the Forest, shopped, sampled foods at the various shops, searched for Christmas pickles at ten merchants and enjoyed Christmas carolers who gathered near the Amana Arts Guild Gallery on Main and at the Amana General Store.

"I can't recall seeing this many people here for Prelude ever," said one main street merchant. "It's been amazing!"

The Tannenbaum Forest was hugely busy all weekend.

Dana Jensen, Amana Colonies Festivals director, reports that over 6,000 people have visited the Forest since it opened; with over 2,000 visitors there on Saturday, Dec. 4 alone. "Looking back through records from the previous years, we are pretty spot-on in terms of visitors. We are a little under 2019 but that was our biggest year... Overall the Forest is going well. We've received so many compliments on all the lovely trees," adding her thanks to the many volunteers who decorated trees and those who are greeting visitors.

A Speed wrapping contest has been a sparkling hit as Tannenbaum visitors compete to wrap a package as quickly as possible. It happens each Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Forest. So far the record is 16.5 seconds to wrap a present!

Coming up: See the online events page for details but here are some new highlights.


- Santa Claus is coming to the Forest! He will be at the Forest, this weekend, Dec. 10 – 12: Friday from 11 to 4; Saturday 11 – 6 and Sunday 11 – 3.
- Safe Haven will be holding a bake sale in the Forest this weekend.
- Speed wrapping contest at 3 p.m. each Saturday.
- There will be an ugly sweater fashion show, 1 p.m. on Sat. Dec. 18 in the Forest.
- Millstream Brau Haus hosts their Ugly Sweater Christmas Party Sat. Dec. 18 from 6 – 9 p.m.

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Introducing Madelyn Kussmann, PA

Madelyn Kussmann is a Physician Assistant joining Compass Memorial Family Medicine as the provider for the Colonies Clinic. She previously worked as an Urgent Care at Genesis Health System in the Quad Cities. She is a Vinton, IA native and attended Taylor University for her undergraduate degree, followed by Butler University for her Master's in Physician Assistant studies before returning to Iowa to start her professional career. Welcome to the Compass family, Madelyn!

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SOUTH DUMP/YARD WASTE UPDATES

The A.S.I. Conservation Warden has a new number: **319-560-2459**.

The Iowa County Landfill accepts yard waste. Do not put yard waste in your normal garbage!! There is a separate area for compost, and what can be dumped is the same as the South dump. **Only** organic compostable yard refuse is allowed. Users **will** remove plastic bags or other containers used to transfer yard waste.

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