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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, February 2, 2025 starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Mike Shoup presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Sanftmuth, die edle Gottesgabe" No. 890 Seite 876

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock, K June 15, 1741

Scripture: 2 Peter 1: 1 - 11
Psalm 139:1-14

Closing Hymn: "Jesus, Jesus, nichts als Jesus" No. 547 Seite 542

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

Opening Hymn: Humility, The Noblest Virtue" No. 140

Closing Hymn: "Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus" No. 69

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 online may be found at:
https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/

2025 AMANA SOCIETY, INC. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Amana Society, Inc. Board of Directors has appointed Mike Shoup (319-551-1820, mshoup@amanas.net), Rebecca Selzer (608-772-6174, rselzer@amanas.net), Jason Fels (630-244-3349, goclones92@gmail.com), and Julie Otte (319-231-9318, julieotte77@gmail.com) to serve on the 2025 Nominating Committee.

The committee is responsible for nominating individuals to be placed on the ballot as director candidates for the 2025 Amana Society, Inc. Board of Directors general election.

Any interested Class "A" stockholder who has owned Class "A" shares for a minimum of 3 years, is at least 25 years of age, and has a business background or business experience, is encouraged to submit their name for consideration prior to Wednesday February 19th, 2025, either by contacting a committee member directly (contact information is listed above for each committee member) or by sending a summary of relevant experience to: Nominating Committee, c/o Amana Society, Inc., PO Box 189 Amana, IA 52203.

Thank you for your consideration and interest in this matter.

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 05, 2025 in the Amana lift station.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Let me begin this column by stating that our forefathers did a brilliant thing by moving to Iowa instead of remaining near Buffalo, New York. You might ask why, so I will tell you. Have you ever noticed the weather conditions as you travel northward? It always seems that, because of the "lake effect," Buffalo is always being buried under many feet of snow. This past week the weather even turned bad in the south. All one has to do is turn on the weather report to hear of the artic chill, and even snowfall, in Texas and Florida.

Pity the poor woman, we saw on the news, who was in a pile of cars with three small children in the back for over ten hours! I would like to send her on a nice weekend vacation after that ordeal.

It seems that some of the northern states sent snow removal trucks down to Texas to help out, because that state, understandably, was not prepared for the snowfall.

Then there are the fires in California – what a catastrophe that is! I cannot image what I would take out of my home if I was told to leave immediately. Even trying to find a place to stay afterwards is difficult for the people effected.

So, I am saying that even though it is terribly cold here in Iowa, at least God is watching over us and taking care.

B.S.H.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

170 and 250: Two Big Numbers

With a pair of anniversaries coming up, Amana nonprofit groups and community volunteers are putting on their thinking caps.

Jon Childers, Amana Heritage Society Executive Director, has contacted community groups and asked their staffs and volunteers board to consider:

2025 is the 170th anniversary of Amana's founding: 1855 - 2025

2026 will be America's 250th birthday:1776 – 2026

Of course,mmany people across America will be planning America's 250th but Childers and the Amana Heritage Society Board would like us create programs/ events or to add to existing events as we celebrate.

So if you would like to help or if you have an idea for an event, a theme or an addition or emphasis for an existing event - bring it up. Contact Jon Childers, or the Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Amana Arts Guild, the Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau, Amana Colonies Historic Sites, Amana Colonies Land Use District or any of our local groups. Your input is needed.

100 Families Received Holiday Assistance at CCA

This past holiday the Christmas spirit was alive and well at the Creek Amana School District where students are helping students.

"Sponsor a Family" at holiday time is an annual event led by the CCA High School student council. Via a confidential, easy to access portal help is requested through the school office. This past holiday 100 families requested assistance.

The CCA High School Student Council raises money by selling homecoming dance tickets, t-shirts, seeking donations from students, the community and merchants. Over $14,500 was raised to meet the needs of these families, a short news article from the CCA website "CCA News" link reports.

High school student volunteers met one Saturday before Christmas at Target in Coralville for a mass shopping trip. Food and gifts were purchased. The students then headed back to the high school to wrap the gifts. Breakfast was provided to all the student volunteers.

Sixty-five families were supported by the efforts of the CCA High School and 35 families were supported by the efforts of the CCA Elementary Schools.

Amana Family Tree "This is My Story" Project

Do you have a story to tell? Or would you like to hear others share their family experiences. Join in the Amana Heritage Society's family genealogy week program, March 3 – 7, at the Amana Heritage Museum in Amana.

Each morning all week, talks and discussions about life in Amana, then and now, will be offered. Join in. Take part or just listen. The museum hopes to have two sessions per day. Light refreshments will be provided with time for all to just sit, relax and chat.

Would you like to share your story? It need not be a formal presentation. Indeed, informal is great. It can include photos or not. Contact the Amana Heritage Society today at 319-622-3567.

Iowa County, Iowa by the Numbers

Digging through the US Census Bureau numbers for 2023 and their findings for 2024 here's Iowa County, Iowa by the numbers.

Population of Iowa County as of July 1, 2024: 16,381. That's a decrease of 1.7 percent compared to 2020 when the population of Iowa County was 16,662.

Population by age: 20.7 percent of the county's population is 65 or over. 23 percent is under 18 years of age; 5 percent is under 5 years of age.

There are 990 veterans living in Iowa County.

Less than 1 percent of the population of this county was born in another country.

The median value of a home in Iowa County is $189,800.

There are 7,300 housing units in Iowa County.

76 percent of Iowa County residents live in houses they own or are paying a lender to own. Gross rent is $722 per month in Iowa County.

Iowa County residents have a per capita income on average is $39,363. Median household income is $72,185. That compares to the Iowa state numbers" median household income in Iowa is $73,147 and the per capita income is $39,728.

Over 7 percent of Iowa County residents are living in poverty. 11 percent of Iowans, statewide live in poverty.

In 2022 there were 481 establishments in Iowa County that provided employment. The total employment – total number of jobs provided in 2022 was 7,513.

Iowa County, as defined by population per square mile is rural with a population per square mile of 28 persons. The entire State of Iowa has a population density of 57 persons per square mile.

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FEATHERS IN THE WIND

A few years ago I was supposed to give a eulogy for a good friend but, at the last minute, I chickened out. It is nothing I am proud of because the man was a good man, and ALWAYS stepped up to help me out.

I handed his wife the written eulogy that I had planned on giving, and now I want to repeat the first part to you, dear reader.

I am here to pay tribute to a man who was truly a "gentle man." We often use that phrase to describe a person who is well mannered or unassuming but, in his case, I truly mean GENTLE MAN. I never heard him raise his voice in anger or to put someone down, even though there were times that people would put him down. He would, instead, not say anything, or would walk away, allowing the other person to bluster on.

Right or wrong, I you needed help he was there for you, not only to lend a hand, but to add beauty to a bad situation.

The laugh he brought with him was gentle and kind. You knew he cared and that is all that really mattered.

He never was raised to great heights, but, in the eyes of those who cared, we all knew that we could count on him, no matter the time or situation.

Now, he is gone from this earth, but he leaves behind many fond and loving thoughts. The heavens shine brighter because his star now glows with all the other stars and we know that all we need to do is to look up and smile. B.S.H.

Amana Community Chest

The Amana Community Chest is requesting financial donations to support our community! We have provided funding for the Amana Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, Amana Colonies Trails, Amana Community Fireworks, CCA Schools, Amana Pool, Amana School/Community Library, Amana Heritage Society, Amana Arts Guild, Safe Haven and many other worthy service groups. The Community Chest has also been able to help support local families and individuals in times of hardship such as fires and family emergencies. If you would like to contribute support, please send donations to:

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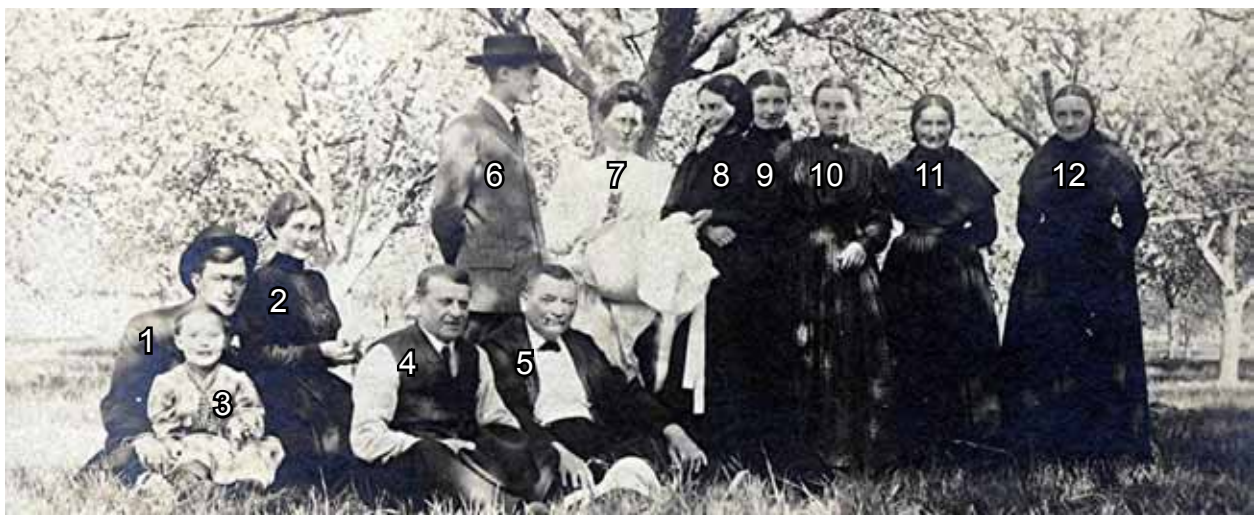
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING --- PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 AMANA BENEFITED FIRE DISTRICT

The Board of Trustees of AMANA BENEFITED FIRE DISTRICT will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 2/19/2025 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM Meeting Location: Middle Amana Fire Station, 2725 K Street, Middle Amana
District Clerk/Secretary Name: Steven Rose Clerk/Secretary Telephone Number: (319) 560-6727
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Clerk.

FUND	FYE June 30, 2024 Actual Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2025 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2026 Proposed Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2026	Estimated July 1, 2025 Beg. Balance & All Other Receipts	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation
General	253,470	199,642	207,737	77,210	204,922	80,025

Proposed taxation rate per $1,000 valuation: $ 0.60750



The photo is from the 10 July 1919 wedding of Dr Herman to Marie Hueble. 1. F.D. Miller, 2 Helene Miler, 3 Louisa, 4&5 unknown, 6 Dr Herman, 7 Mrs Carl Miller, 8 Marie Hueble, Johanne Jeck, 9 unknown, 10 Louise Jeck Herman, 11 Marie Herman Koch, 12 Marie Hoppe. Thank You RC

OBITUARY

Duane Allen Priebe, 90, of Dubuque, IA, passed away on January 22, 2025 in the company of family and friends.

Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2025 at Wartburg Seminary, 333 Wartburg Pl, Dubuque, IA 52003.

An additional visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday February 1, 2025 at St. John's Lutheran Church in St. Donatus with a Funeral Service following at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Will Layton officiating. The Funeral Service will be livestreamed via the church's FaceBook page. Leonard Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Duane was born on June 29th, 1934, in Rhinelander, WI, to Christlieb and Lila Priebe, Duane grew up in Rhinelander and St. Paul before his family finally settled in Seattle, WA. He attended the University of Washington where his passion for aviation motivated him to become a private pilot. His deep curiosity about the workings of the universe led him to earn his BS in physics and sparked a love for the natural world, hiking in the mountains of the Pacific Northwest and working as a fire lookout for the forest service.

After a year working as an Aero Research Engineer for NASA, he felt called to serve in the church earning his B.D. in 1961 from Luther Seminary and his Doctor of Theology in 1965 from the School of Theology at Claremont.

After a brief stint as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Garrison, North Dakota, and Director of the Great Plains Institute of Theology, Western North Dakota District, American Lutheran Church, he began what would become a 47-year term of service to Wartburg Seminary, and the global Christian community.

Duane Traveled to Germany where he studied under Wolfhart Pannenberg (later translating Pannenberg's Jesus: God and Man). He ventured to Namibia, Asia, South America and his favorite, Papua New Guinea exploring the value of Christian theology in different cultural contexts. He developed a reputation among his colleagues as a Christ-centered mystic who taught by surgically querying his students. The light and love of God always shown through him, bringing grace to everyone he knew.

On August 07,1960, Duane married his true love, Kathleen McKillop, who shared his adventures (sometimes more willingly than others) for 57 years. He was a caring father to Christopher and David, as well as their respective wives, Jerri and Amy. He was a loving grandfather to Andrew, Christopher (Meghan), Kytana (Katie), and Alyssa (Craig). He even met his great-grandchildren, Sophie and Avery.

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