Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, March 30, 2025 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Kristie Yoder presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Ach, Gott und Herr" No. 7 vs 1-6 Seite 6

Testimony: Metz, Bischweiler July 24, 1836

Scripture: 2 Peter, 3: 1-18

Psalm 145: 1-13

Closing Hymn: "Herr, ich habe misgehandelt" No. 385 vs 1-4 Seite 382

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

Opening Hymn: "We Confess our numerous faults" No. 232

Closing Hymn: "Take My life and Let it Be" No. 267

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/

Pine Ridge Trip

The final reservation for Pine Ridge will be made on April 1st and we need to know if you want to go!!! If you would like to join us at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to volunteer with Re-Member August 2-8, 2025 we need to hear from you by April 1. The cost for adults will be $800, this includes the Re-Member fee and transportation. Please provide the Amana Church administrator with your name, email address and a check for $400 to reserve your spot. The second payment of $400 will be due on July 1, 2025.

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 02, 2025 in the Amana lift station.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Thinking back to the 1950s I remember these compacts ladies had with tiny pads inside that they would dab on their faces, depositing a tiny bit of rouge. There was this one lady, in particular, who always had red circles on her cheeks from too much rouge, probably because she kept refreshing them every few hours.

It came as shock to me to read that rouge was once considered "sinful" and marked the woman who wore it as being of less than stellar character.

I remember that whenever my mother went out for a club meeting, she put on a red jersey dress. Exactly what jersey material was we kids did not know. On certain occasions, she ever wore a rhinestone pin. My sister and I were not too pleased with this "get-up" because it meant that mother was going out. We were convinced that we would die of hunger if she left, never considering that the other adults in our house – father and grandparents – might feed us. As a result, we clung to that dress and thus learned that it stretched.

One time the ladies went to the movie, "The Moulin Rouge." Oh, how we begged to go along. After all, we had been to movies and even had behaved ourselves. But mother said that this movie was too risqué for little girls.

Now, did "risqué" mean? We had no idea and no one was prepared to explain it to us when we asked. So, with tears in our eyes, we waved goodbye, figuring that we were doomed to life with our father or grandparents, never to see our mother again because she was going to a "risqué" movie.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Former Golf Clubhouse Moving Down the Road

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Now that the new clubhouse at the Middle Amana course is open, the old building which was always meant to be temporary, will be removed. Billy Bell Housemoving, based in central Iowa, will be moving the building to Johnson County. The building was purchased by Half Moon Kennels of rural Tiffin and will used as an office and reception area.

November 6, 2015 the Amana Colonies Golf clubhouse burnt down. In the spring of 2016 Kahler Golf, LLC constructed the new temporary clubhouse facility. The Amana Colonies Golf Club opened for play in 1989 and has consistently been ranked as one of the top public courses in the Midwest and a premier course in the state of Iowa.

The new, 14,000 square foot clubhouse opened last summer. It offers banquet space, a golf shop, a sandwich shop and snack bar, indoor golf simulators, along with cart storage and a lower level restrooms.

Spring Theatre Season Opens with Laughter

If you haven't got your tickets there is still time to call as TKM Theatrical Productions opens their 2025 season with "Over the River and Through the Woods" by Joe DiPietro, this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Amana Performing Arts Center.

Call 319-899-3799 for tickets or go to the TKMtheatricalproductions.com website. See about same day tickets purchased at the door too. Tickets are $25.

We are particularly excited as this show reunites some of our favorite actors from past TKM productions while introducing new players.

This comedy earned rave reviews when it played at east coast venues, so we're more than ready to sit down to a hilarious family dinner with the Cristano and Gianelli elders who go a little bit nutzy when their beloved grandson makes a big announcement. Run down't walk to see "Over the River and Through the Woods." You deserve to laugh.

Spring in Communal Amana

Here continues our series of stories on life in communal Amana. Amana was communal from 1855 until 1932. Each spring required a shift from winter to warm weather routines.

By March 1 when the sun lingered on the horizon and the light made late afternoon chores doable, the evening bell rang later and folks were sitting down to supper at 6 p.m. but getting up about half an hour earlier each morning.

It's almost impossible for us in this day and age to imagine what needed to be done each spring, so here's bit of the routine as told to me by my grandparents, my Uncle Freddy Schinnerling and others I interviewed for Willkommen over the years.

In March the manure, now starting to thaw, was hauled from the misthoffen out to the fields. This job had been going on all winter until that day when the snow was too heavy so whatever was piled up had to go before the ground unthawed and made hauling by wagon a muddy mess.

Before the warm weather arrived the out houses were pumped. Now this job fell to a chap who actually, in later years, was paid a bit of cash to help offset the unpleasantness of the job. The "tanker" wagon was drawn by a horse and while the ground was still frozen it was pulled up behind each home's

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING — PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 AMANA LAND USE DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of AMANA LAND USE DISTRICT will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 4/14/2025 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM Meeting Location: Amana Colonies Land Use District Office 4304 220th Trail Amana, IA 52203
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.
Contact Name: Kayleigh Myers Contact Telephone Number: (319) 622-3840

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 and All Other Receipts	Estimated Amount To Be Raised by Taxation
1. General	162,914	94,790	216,581	42,437	230,228	28,790
2. Debt Service						
3. TOTAL	162,914	94,790	216,581	42,437	230,228	28,790

Proposed taxation rate per $1,000 valuation: $ 0.27000

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just for this job. Then it was hauled out to the farm fields.

There was spring calving and new baby pigs to care for – hard work in any weather. Spring lambing meant late nights and long days as the sheep flock numbered about 3,000. Foals were being born to the bred mares. For a time in Amana they ran a highly successful draft horse breeding operation and sold yearling "Irish" draft horses to farmers across eastern Iowa.

It must be said too that in March and April any corn that had not been harvested the previous fall was cut from the corn stalks by hand and brought in. This was the usual practice as it often happened that a heavy snow fell before all the corn could be harvested. Corn was used to feed livestock and was not a cash crop.

The garden boss spent her days in early spring sorting seeds and making plans for the garden planting. The rule was that early crops like potatoes and peas could go in anytime after Good Friday if the soil was warm enough. Everyone tried to plant at least one potato on Good Friday to insure a good harvest. All other planting waited till fairly safe from frost with delicate plants going in after the "Kaltekönig" ("cold kings" – potential frost days in early May). The garden bosses managed kitchen gardens that ranged in size from 1 acre to 2 acres depending upon how many people the kitchen fed. Each garden generally had a teenaged boy or a physically able, older man and three or four young women assigned to tend garden.

Garden work was, of course, seasonal so often women with multiple children drew this job as it was considered lighter duty than kitchen work. The boy worked as needed and spent the rest of his time apprenticing in a craft shop. Generally they worked all day in the spring during planting and half days or ¾ days in mid summer. Mid day was avoided due to the heat. Horse drawn cultivators created for garden work made the weeding less onerous and straw was spread to keep weeds down too. However, weeding was a big chore, let's face it.

The village farm boss was in charge of the large potato, onion and cabbage fields. Planting these was an all-village enterprise with anyone who wasn't already engaged milking cows or at work in the mills helping get the seed potatoes in the ground. Potatoes were the staple food in the Amana Colonies – more so than beef or pork. They were served one of a dozen different ways at each and every meal. According to the Amana Society secretary at the turn of the century, the average potato yield then was 31,622 bushels. A good yield was over 40,000 bushels. Anything under 20,000 was a disaster.

On potato planting days the kitchen houses prepared special desserts to help make it more fun. Often cookies were served at the mid-afternoon coffee break. The brown sugar and buttermilk "Fenceriegel" (fence latch) cookies made in Amana were a good spring planting day treat. Lina Leichsenring reported that "oatwasser" a beverage made with oats, sugar and water (like barley pop?) was served on planting days in High Amana but it was not her favorite, in any event.

Each housewife undertook to scrub her house cellar to attic. This was necessary because of the sooty woodstoves and kerosene lantern smoke that stained walls and clung to curtains during the winter. First someone would come to clean the chimney. Then every stick of furniture was hauled out to the lawn and the carpets taken up for beating. Then the windows were washed and the storm windows replaced by screens. Every other year the upstairs rooms or the downstairs rooms received a good "white wash" from the crew of painters who went from house to house in the village. The mixing of the white wash to approximate a light sky blue was the sole responsibility of the head painter in the village. Sometimes it came out a little bluer or a little grayer but so be it. You didn't complain.

One year in East Amana the bluing used in the calcium-based white wash did not arrive or perhaps was not ordered in time, so the "paint boss" decided to mix in yellow dye from the woolen mill which resulted in a light egg-yolk color being painting on half the interior rooms in East Amana. An event so lamentable to everyone's way of thinking that I was repeatedly told about it 45 years after it happened. Afterward the painting boss job in East Amana was given to more trustworthy person.

Lakeview Village

Assisted Living Apartments

- Meals Provided
- Housekeeping Services
- Wellness checks – Medication management
- Activities

Units Available

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GRAND OPENING OF THE HOMESTEAD FOLK ART MUSEUM

Join us for a day of celebration from 10am to 7pm on April 5th at 4430 V Street in Homestead. This FREE event will feature guided tours, live demonstrations by local artisans, and engaging talks about the significance of folk art in preserving our Amana's cultural heritage.

For more information visit: www.amanaheritage.org. Contact us at amanaheritag@southslope.net or 319-622-3567.

SERVICES

Mowing, Aerating, Thatching, Spring Yard Clean-up, Garden Tilling, and Stump Grinding. Call Rob Jeck at 319-521-4018

FOR RENT

West Amana. 1 Bedroom apartment, Stove/Refridge furnished. References, lease required. 319-573-5265

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BIG G RECEIPT REMINDER

Please turn in your Big G receipts dated from September 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 by April 4, 2025 to the Amana Library. The date must be on the receipt for it to be valid to qualify for an incredible program, that allows us to earn FREE classroom equipment and supplies from the Big G Food Store in Marengo. Thank you for supporting the Amana Elementary School.

THANK YOU

The family of Robert (Bob) Sandersfeld thanks everyone and Pastor Sears of St. John"s Lutheran Church, Homestead, for their heartfelt wishes, prayers and condolences at this time.

AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP
Church Services
SUNDAYS 9:00 AM
All Are Welcome
Amana Performing Arts Center
www.amanaareafellowship.org

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
Notice Date: 3/11/2025

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is proposing to approve an application for reissuance of an NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit for the discharges described below:

DISCHARGER NAME AND ADDRESS:

HOMESTEAD SANITARY DISTRICT
4318 V STREET, HOMESTEAD, IOWA 52236

LOCATION: Township: 80 **Range:** 09
Section: 3 **County**: Iowa

DESCRIPTION OF DISCHARGES

001 CONTINUOUS DISCHARGE FROM A TWO CELL WASTE STABILIZATION LAGOON.

RECEIVING STREAM: UNNAMED CREEK

Stabilized sludge is applied to local land according to state regulations.

Anyone wishing to comment on or object to the proposed issuance of this permit must do so in writing within thirty (30) days of the date shown at the top of this notice. All comments received will be considered in the final determination. If no objections are received within thirty (30) days, the Department will issue a final permit. You may request the Department hold a public hearing by submitting a request stating specific reasons why a hearing should be held. Comments, objections, and requests for hearings may be submitted to the permit writer at the email address below.

The proposed permit and other information may be viewed online using the Wastewater Permit Information Exchange (WWPIE) system at https://programs.iowadnr.gov/wwpie/. In addition, copies of this information may be requested by contacting Ryan Olive at (515) 452-6235 or e-mail at ryan.olive@dnr.iowa.gov.

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Due to the continued onslaught (24 on Monday alone) of unsolicited calls for Medicare part C and other "great offers", I am sending all non-identifiable non-319-622-xxxx calls to voice mail. If you leave a message I will return your call. All calls are forwarded to my cell. Thanks for understanding.