Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, April 6, 2025 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Wer ist's der lauter Wahrheit sucht." No. 1074 vs 1-4 Seite 1050

Testimony: Metz, Bischweiler July 24, 1836

Scripture: Mark 1: 14 - 16, Matthew 11
Psalm 14

Closing Hymn: "Wer ist's der lauter Wahrheit sucht." No. 1074 vs 5-8 Seite 1051

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

Opening Hymn: "Who Seeks the Truth that Beacon Bright" No. 236

Closing Hymn: "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" No. 211

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/

NOTICE -- Yard Waste Disposal
(Iowa County Landfill accepts yard waste)

The Amana Society reminds all residents that dumping yard waste and other debris is not permitted on Amana Society, Inc. property, including in or around the Lily Lake, fence rows, or roadside ditches. Improper disposal of waste on Amana Society, Inc. property will lead to further enforcement action.

Amana Society, Inc. shareholders are permitted to dump yard waste, unbagged and not containing garbage or other contaminants, at the South Amana Yard Waste location.

Yard waste dumping is also not allowed on Amana Church property, including the area in Middle between the cemetery and 25th Ave.

AMANA SOCIETY INC. 2025 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Amana Society, Inc. Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the Amana Society will be awarding two (2) $2000.00 scholarships to graduating high school seniors attending an accredited college, university, or trade school in 2025.

Applicants must be either currently employed by the Amana Society, a child or grandchild of a current full-time Amana Society employee, or a child or grandchild of an Amana Society stockholder.

Application forms are available at the Amana Society Main Office front desk or by contacting Bruce Trumpold directly at 319-622-7526/btrumpold@amanas.net. Forms may also be downloaded at www.amanasociety.com.

Application deadline: April 9th, 2025

Thank you.
Amana Society, Inc.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

As a child, I remember seeing in Amana homes large pictures of the "Schutz Engel" (guardian angel), usually hanging over someone's bed. These pictures typically included two children – a boy and a girl – in a dangerous spot, such as near a broken bridge or on a high cliff. Behind them was always the beautiful woman with long golden hair, a colorful pink or blue gown, and these huge angel wings, watching over them and protecting them from harm. Usually, the sky was depicted as stormy, more to add to the drama of the scene.

Our mother told us that if we believed and prayed to God, He would always have an angel watching and protecting us, just like in the pictures. No matter where we were, my sister and I would stand a little closer and say a prayer asking God to watch over us.

A few nights ago, I remembered the pictures and thought of digging our copy out of the attic and putting it up. Since my sister has now passed on, I wondered if maybe she was now in heaven watching me.

B.S.H.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

High Amana Fire

Amana volunteer firefighters responded to a call early Saturday, March 29 at 1:55 a.m. at the Cole Hill home in High Amana.

A pickup truck parked in the driveway caught flame. Firefighters were able to extinguish the blaze quickly. The truck was destroyed and a car sitting beside it was damaged. There was heat-related damage to the home but it did not catch flame.

Homestead Folk Art Museum Opening is Saturday

Amana's newest museum and historic site, the Homestead Folk Art Museum, will host a grand opening Saturday, April 5.

The open house is 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. with a reception beginning at 4 p.m. Look forward to refreshments and remarks by Jon Childers and board members.

During the day stop by to see Amana folk artists telling their story and showing the things they make. Be sure to see the open exhibition of unique Amana artifacts, some never before displayed in public. Featured is the work of Leroy Graesser, the West Amana "farm boss" who later became the manager of the entire Amana Farms operation. During retirement he built a suite of miniature - sized homes, craft shops and more to depict various real-life buildings in the Colonies. His wonderfully inventive work delights all ages.

Exhibits show Amana industrial design, the inventiveness and creativity of Amana textile design and landscapes by 20th century Amana colony painters.

Saturday Welcome to Die Heimat Meet the New Owners

Visit Die Heimat in Homestead when you go to the Amana Heritage Society's opening of the Homestead Folk Art Museum, Saturday, April 5. Meet the new owners John and Karin Fuson.

The Fusons will be serving light refreshments at Die Heimat, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Saturday, April 5 so that you can visit, see the inn and say hello before or after your visit to the new Folk Art Museum.

I sat down with Karin Fuson last week. She and her husband took over Die Heimat in March. Marc and June Herschberger have moved to Iowa City as they look forward to a new chapter in their lives traveling and spending more time with friends and family. Hopefully we will be seeing them in the Amanas often.

The Fusons hail from Colorado Springs and they have five grown-up kids. While Karin is from Arizona and John from North Carolina and Texas, they've made their home for many years in Colorado. Karin has been a neonatal intensive care nurse for decades while John is an army veteran and an IT/ telecom specialist working for Space Force.

Two years ago Karin's son attended Clark University on a baseball scholarship and Karin came to Iowa City on assignment as a traveling nurse at University of Iowa Hospitals. Karin was charmed by the friendly Iowans and the rural landscape. The couple visited Amana and enjoyed a blustery Winterfest.

"Two years ago I was standing round a bonfire in Amana (at Winterfest) and now here I am," said Karin, smiling. Hoping to downshift and get out of urban Colorado, they looked for a business opportunity here that matched their skillsets. Fulfilling Karin's dream, Die Heimat beckoned. Last summer Karin spent weeks boarding at Die Heimat while she worked at the U of Iowa NICU so she was able to learn from Marc and June first hand. She and John found the pace of life here just what they wanted.

They have plans to add value to their guest's stay. In the works: new weekend packages and their own shuttle service so that guests may book rides to and from weddings, golf, Iowa City, the Eastern Iowa airport and the theatre. They have already set up Hawkeye Football packages that include tickets to the game.

They are excited by the prospect of living in Iowa County, "We love it here – everyone is friendly, the history, the atmosphere. It's really just what we wanted."

Easter Cantata April 20 at the Amana Church

Easter Sunday, April 20, at 10 a.m at the Amana Church join in worship as the Amana Church choir performs an Easter Cantata that incorporates both favorite gospel hymns and contemporary praise music.

The choir under the direction of Elder Kristie Yoder will be performing along with members of the Amana Sunday School. Elder Betsy Momany will lead the service. Everyone is welcome.

THANK YOU

A sincere "thank you" for the birthday greetings I received on March 23. I appreciate your kindness.

God Bless,
Rosemarie Geiger

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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

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES SALE
1111 26th Avenue,
Middle Amana, Iowa
(ACROSS FROM THE MIDDLE CHURCH)
FRIDAY, APRIL 11: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 12: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Featuring:
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AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP
Church Services
SUNDAYS 9:00 AM
All Are Welcome
Amana Performing Arts Center
www.amanaareafellowship.org

LIBRARY NEWS
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.

New Books

The Amana Community Library added the following books to their collection. Call 319-622-3192 to reserve or to hold a book.

Stolen Queen by Fiona Davis
Mighty Red by Louise Erdrich
Wedding People by Alison Espach
Beautiful Ugly by Alice Feeney
Life Cycle of the Common Octopus by Emma Knight
Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon
The Teacher by Freida McFadden
We All Live Here by Jojo Moyes
Confronting the Presidents by Bill O'Reilly
We Solve Murders by Richard Osman
Paranoia by James Patterson
By Any Other Name by Jodi Picoult
Kingmaker by Sonia Purnell
Let Them Theory by Sawyer Robbins
Tell Me Everything by Elizabeth Strout

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For Rent; The Homestead Welfare Club
4215 V St Homestead offers an exceptional 1100 square foot setting in our historic 1860 home for family reunions, social gatherings, or business meetings. It includes a mini kitchen, tables and chairs for 80+ persons plus a ½ acre private, beautifully shaded back yard perfect for outdoor activities. It includes picnic tables and small shelter. The cost is $75 per day. An additional 500 square foot full-service kitchen is available for an additional $25.
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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

SPRING ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW APRIL 5TH

Make plans now to attend the Annual Spring Arts & Crafts Show on Saturday, April 5th at the Hyatt Regency Conference Center in Coralville, Iowa.

This is the area's largest show, with over 100 talented exhibitors presenting and selling the Midwest's finest handcrafts. The show is a production of Callahan Promotions, Inc. and offers patrons the opportunity to enjoy original affordable arts and crafts.

Among the various products presented at the show are paintings and prints, gourd art, bird houses, bird feeders, ceramics, jewelry, metal art sculptures, pet products, yard and garden art, etched and fused glass, quilts, photography, pottery, candles, clothing, floral wreaths, dolls & doll clothes, rugs, baskets, aprons, placemats, table runners, purses, wood and metal signs, wall hangings and many more original products.

Exhibitors will also be selling homemade salsa, wines, breads, fudge, barbeque sauce, jams, dried soup and food mixes.

The Hyatt Regency Conference Center is connected to the Hyatt Regency Hotel and is located at 300 East 9th Street in Coralville, just off of I-80 at Exit 242.

Admission to the show is $6, with anyone 10 and under free ($1 off with ad from page one). Parking is always free. Show hours are Saturday from 9 AM to 4 PM.

For additional show information and to apply for a chance to win $50 show gift certificates, please visit the facebook page of Callahan Promotions, Inc. Iowa's largest Arts & Crafts shows.

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Call or text Erin @ 319-270-0794

WILLIAMSBURG'S LIVE MUSIC

Ravenwolf Productions announces the start to their 5th season with two events on April 10th and 25th!

All events are donation based, with 100% going toward the artists. Weather dependent, events will either take place in the indoor hayloft stage (bench seating) or the outdoor stage. Guests are encouraged to bring bag chairs and their own refreshments. More information can be found at www.ravenwolf.productions

Kray Van Kirk, Thursday, April 10th, 6-8pm

A fine finger-style guitarist with a precise baritone, Kray Van Kirk has a Ph.D. from the University of Alaska, but he set science aside to write songs, tell stories and summon heroes.

Kris Angelis Friday, April 25th, 7-8:30pm

Solid songwriting. That's all. This is the most difficult of crafts and what separates the best artists from the sea of good. Kris is one of those rare talents who can transport you into the life of her song narrative. She crafts pop tracks that are poppy enough for the mainstream but creative and ambitious enough to win over more audiences.