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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, May 11, 2025 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Kristie Yoder presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Willst du mir mein Herz aufschliessen?" No. 1118 vs 1-5 Seite 1097

Testimony: JF Rock, Ulmeth near Zweibruken, June 28, 1721

Scripture: John 13:12-30
Psalm 30

Closing Hymn: "Ich will Dich Lieben" No. 490 vs 1-3, 8 Seite 486

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

Opening Hymn: "Wilt Thou my poor heart unburden" No. 167

Closing Hymn: "Arise my heart, turn to the Lord" No. 6

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

AMANA LIBRARY BLOOD DRIVE

The Amana Community Library will host an ImpactLife Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 13 from 1:30 to 6:30. The Drive will be held in the ImpactLife Donor Bus at the Amana Elementary Parking Lot, 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana.

As a special THANK YOU, all donors will receive a gift card! Potential donors must be at least 17, weigh more than 110 pounds, and possess a photo ID to donate. Please eat and hydrate before donating. Walk-ins are accepted. Appointments are preferred. Whole Blood and Double Red Cell will be available to donate. To sign up, please call the Amana Library 319-622-3192 or email amanalibrary@ccaschools.org to schedule a time.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Amana Community Library, thank you for your generous donation and your ongoing support over the years. Your contributions have made a meaningful difference in helping us provide quality programs, resources, and services to our patrons. We are especially grateful for your support of our summer reading programs, which are vital in keeping young readers engaged and learning throughout the summer months. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to offer exciting books, activities, and events that inspire a lifelong love of reading in children and families across our community. Your commitment to literacy and learning helps make the library a welcoming and enriching place for all. We truly appreciate your partnership and your investment in our library!

Thank you!
Heather Fox, Library Director /
AES Teacher Librarian

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

A dear friend of mine got a tattoo when she was past the age of 70! I thought that she was silly until I saw her arm. The tattoo reads "know that I am." Those of you who remember the Bible verse can fill in the rest.

I have grown used to tattoos and even like some. I guess I will remain set in my ways, although I have noticed that many old ladies are ahead of us in accepting new things.

I had two "tantes" (Tante Lina Rettig of Middle and her sister, Tante Mae Meyer) who were surrogate mothers to my mother after her own mother died when she was an infant. Both aunts were very accepting of new things. I loved them so much because they were loving to so many people. Mae called Tante Lina every morning to "check in."

Tante Mae comforted me every time that I would say that I would never find a good man for a husband. She would say, "every pot has a lid." She was right! I found a good husband. There is a picture of the two aunts together at our wedding, wiping away tears of happiness.

B.S.H.

AMANA News and notes

CCA School Makeup Days, Graduation and Other Dates for May

Due to weather cancellations during the school year, the Clear Creek Amana School District has announced that three May half days are now full days of school so that the state hours of instruction requirements can be met.

Wednesday, May 14; Wednesday, May 21; and Wednesday, May 28 will now be full days of instruction.

CCA High School Prom was Saturday, May 3, so several of our Amana Maipole dancers danced for the festival, then attended their school prom and then danced again on Sunday. Thanks to these young women for helping to sustain our community tradition at Maifest.

Here are a few important dates from the CCA school district May calendar:

- CCA High Vocal Concert. - Monday, May 12, 7 p.m. High School Auditorium, Tiffin.
- Monster Big Band - Tuesday, May 13, 6 p.m. Tiffin High School
- High School seniors last day of school – Thursday, May 22
- Folk Dancing, Amana Elementary School – Thursday, May 22. Family Folk Dancing Night, K-1, 6:30 p.m. in Amana
- CCA High Class of 2025 Graduation – Sunday, May 25 at 1 p.m. at the High School, Tiffin.
- No school – Monday, May 25. Memorial Day
- Amana Preschool Graduation – Wednesday, May 28 at 9 a.m. Amana
- Last day of school – Friday, May 30. It will be a full day of classes.

Parade Winners and Visitor Perspectives on Maifest

Deb Kennedy, volunteer parade coordinator, released the 2025 parade winners and if you were on Amana's main street you well understand how tough a job being a parade judge might be as this was a long parade with lots and lots of neat entries.

Best use of theme: Amana Meat Shop and Smokehouse. Most humorous: Ackerman Winery. Judge's choice: Millstream Brewing Co.

Talking with visitors who were watching the entertainment, dining and enjoying their day in Amana, we heard lots of positive comments and a couple of constructive criticisms to pass on.

A couple with two elementary-school age kids from Moline planned their weekend around two fests. They were attending Maifest on Saturday then heading to Pella on Sunday, the mom told us, "I'm from Cedar Rapids and have always enjoyed this festival as it's low-key and the dancers are so unique. I used to come every year with my parents and we would have a big lunch at one of the inns. . . I enjoy the fact that there are free things to do and you can just wander. . . the geo-cracking was my kids' favorite! But they also loved the wagon ride."

One 50-something couple from Benton County made their first after parade stop the Ronneburg where they had a good lunch and then headed east to Millstream Brewing Co. later in the day, "We come for the people watching and to just sit and listen to the music. We are big, big Barefoot Becky fans! And we have to have lunchg right here, that's our thing."

"I get a little freaked out at the parking, but it's to be expected, I guess," said one fest guest from Iowa City. "We are used to walking . . . I think they had more going on last year? May be I'm wrong. . . We did go to the museum this year which we haven't done in years and that was nice. It's a nice museum. I really hadn't been it since I was a kid."

"I wish there had been more outdoor seating in front of the big barn," said one women who has been to the past Maifests. She brought her neighbor with her this year. "It would have been good to sit in the sun and eat our food. It got chilly in the barn. We loved the craft area. And the brewery is always fun . . . The weather turned out to be really perfect cause some years it's hot."

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HOMESTEAD SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The Homestead Sanitary District will hold its 1st quarter and 2025 budget approval meeting Thursday, May 15 at 6:00 pm at the Homestead Welfare Club.

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LIFEGUARDING CLASS

The pool in Amana and most pools need certified lifeguards. We will be hosting a lifeguarding class on May 17 and 18. These will be long days and full attendance is mandatory. Students must be 15 by May 18 and be able to swim 300 yards.

For more information and for registration text or call TJ Croco at 319-430-9181.

News & Notes *from page 1*

Outdoor Concert, Food, Great Music
Sat, May 24 APAC

The amazing FunkDaddies, will be here on Saturday, May 24 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Amana Performing Arts Center where you can enjoy them as the sun sets on the courtyard.

This high-energy sound will be served up with stone heart pizza by Opal and Hazel and Marco's Grilled Cheese, but hey, you can dance it off with friends. This is a free will donation concert, so bring your gang and help support TKM Theatrical Productions. TKM is sponsoring this concert as a kick-off to their summer of theatre camps for kids, amazing plays and a full line-up of live, professional theatre that stretches to Christmas. Should it rain on Saturday, May 24 the show, and the party, will move indoors.

Kennedy tells us, "The midwest's hippest band, FunkDaddies, is returning to the Amana Performing Arts Center courtyard May 24th! FunkDaddies is a funk band playing horn-driven soul, R&B and dance music in an exciting, original style. FunkDaddies was formed with the purpose of bringing the best, funky dance music to the Midwest, performed by highly accomplished musicians."

They are inspired by Tower of Power, Earth, Wind & Fire, and all the great Motown artists, FunkDaddies brings its own irresistible, high-energy sound and first-class stage show to audiences everywhere. According to their website, FunkDaddies has performed for thousands at the Midwest's premiere events, including Opening Act for The Beach Boys, 38 Special and Grand Funk Railroad, Iowa City Jazz Festival, Jass Under the Stars, Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival, RAGBRAI, Coralville 4th Fest, and many outdoor events.

THE BAND:

Anthony Hendricks - Lead Vocals
John Reasoner - Guitars, Synth and Vocals
Craig Erickson - Guitars and Lead Vocals
Ken Fullard - Bass and Vocals
Ken Duncan - Drums, Percussion and Lead Vocals
Dave Shawver - Saxophones and Flute
Denny Ketelsen - Hammond B3 Organ, Keyboards and Lead Vocals
Rachel Duncan - Sound Jedi (mixing, technical and recording)

GARAGE SALE

THIS FRIDAY -***May 9th***- 703 31st Avenue, Middle Amana (Lakeside). Moving soon so come make a great deal - everything must go! Baby/kids room IKEA white color wardrobe, shelf/changing table; TV stand, two brown matching La-Z-Boy rocker/recliners, Amana fridge in great condition with bottom freezer, GE microwave, Weber charcoal grille, Stihl gas weed trimmer, small Aquarium (still in box), some traditional style lamps, solid oak dining chairs, some household/decorative and other miscellaneous. Some free/donation items. This Friday 8AM - 3PM or call 319-804-5490.

FOR SALE

2007 Chevrolet Impala LT Sedan. Red. 4 door. 211,000 miles. One owner. Nonsmoker. Good shape inside and out. 6 cylinder 3.5 liter. $3,800. Factory DVD player. Call 319-622-3639 and leave a message.

NEWER AMISH BEDROOM FURNITURE. Newer Archbold Furniture (Amish) alder wood bedroom dresser (model 6206) with 6 large drawers, matching mirror (6147) on top and two matching nightstands (6243). Purchased in 2020 from Uhlmann's in Williamsburg and in excellent condition. Color is "Coffee"/dark brown, shaker style so classic/modern feel. Inside drawers all wood and quality stain/finish. Located in Middle Amana. Orig. price:$1,797. Our sale price: $895 OBO. Call 319-804-5490 for info.

Amana 10 cu/ft chest freezer $30. 84" sofa $50. very good condition. Old twin metal bed frame $20. Lengthend to fit standard mattress 319-721-0587

HELP WANTED

Millstream Brau Haus, Help Wanted: Bussers and Dishwashers, flexible summer hours. Stop by and pick up an application.

FOR RENT

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NOTICE OF PASSING

Doris Marie Hahn, 83, of Middle Amana passed away in her home on May 6th, 2025.

A visitation will be held at Powell Funeral Home in Marengo on Thursday, May 15th from 4pm-7pm.

A private Hahn/Koch family graveside service will be held Friday, May 16th at the Middle Amana Cemetery.

Full obituary will appear in next week's Bulletin

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AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD)
Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and Tentative Agenda, May 12th, 2025 – 7 p.m., ACLUD office 4304 220th Trail Amana and via ZOOM link

I. Call Meeting to Order
II. Set Agenda
III. Review/Approve April 14, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes
IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items that are not on the agenda
V. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:

a. 2025-012 Eric Zuber /408 P St. South Amana/ HP-R/ Replace Front door along with sidelights. Current door is 36" with a centered 75" rough opening. The new door would be the exact same 36" with 75" rough opening. Replace the attic windows with vinyl. The current window is 30X36 (note: Upper part of the 9/6 is used for attic ventilation). Install white aluminum wrap on fascia board and roof overhang.

b. 2025-015 Ryan & Lyndsey McCarty /Middle Amana Granary Barn / HP-A/ Replace wooden windows with new wooden windows. Repair sandstone foundation with reclaimed sandstone. Replace wooden cupola trim with unpainted original cedar wood lap siding. Replace galvanized panels on roof where needed with new galvanized sheeting. Power wash the entire roof and apply a galvanized coat.

c. 2025-019 Jeff Davis /3146 Hwy 6 Trail Homestead/ HP-C/ Rezoning permit: Rezone property from commercial to residential contingent on sale of property. Currently zoned commercial as AJ's Copper.

d. 2025-006 Aaron & Shana Schaefer /5204 C St East Amana/ HP-R / GRANT APPLICATION: Replace existing wood lamp post with new high density polymer post on front (north) side of property. Existing lantern will be reused. Install 2 new high density polymer posts and new brass lanterns on either side of the walkway at the south entrance of the property between the house and the garage. Lamps and post ordered through Amana Service company.

e. 2025-007 Tyler Stockman & Allison Momany /HP-R/ GRANT APPLICATION: Replace gutters with 6" half-round seamless aluminum with galvanized pattern. Replace downspouts with 4" seamless aluminum with galvanized pattern.

f. 2025-008 Lisa Lammey /606 13th Ave. High Amana/ HP-R/ GRANT APPLICATION: Replace roof on house with gray asphalt shingles. Install ice/water protection on eves and valleys. Replace all flashings as needed on roof and chimney.

g. 2025-009 Glenn Goetz /5208 C St. East Amana/HP-R/ GRANT APPLICATION: Replace K style gutters and downspouts on both side of garage with galvanized steel half round gutters and round downspouts.

h. 2025-010 Alan Brower /5209 E St. Amana/ HP-R / GRANT APPLICATION: Replace 3 existing windows wood for wood.

VI. Other Business.
a. Discussion/Action: Abandoned Junk Vehicles
b. Discussion/Action: Serenity Sage Sign
c. Discussion/Action: Approve revised 2025-2026 budget
d. Discussion/Action: ACLUD Grant Rubric
e. Discussion/Action: Trailer Ordinance
VII. Review/Approve May Disbursements Report.
VIII. Review/Approve the May Treasurer's Report.
IX. President's Report (if applicable).
X. Administrator's Report.
XI. Adjourn.