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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, June 08, 2025 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Kristie Yoder presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend" No. 387 Seite 384

Testimony: Metz, Oct 8, 1859
Mayer, Ronneburg, April 30, 1717
Rock, Ronneburg, March 7, 1724

Scripture: Acts 2: 1-21

Closing Hymn: "Was kann ich doch fur Dank" No 1033 vs 1,3,5,8 Seite 1013

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

Opening Hymn: "Lord Jesus Christ, be present now" No. 57

Closing Hymn: "O Holy Ghost with Light Divine" No. 282

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 SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be start at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, 2025 in the Amana lift station.

4TH OF JULY IN THE PARK

We are planning a community 4th in the park again this year!

- 8:00 am -- The Famous and filling Amana Church Youth Group breakfast with free will donation going to the trip to our mission trip to Pine Ridge Reservation August 2.
- 10:00 am -- Amana Church Service – All are welcome!
- 2:00 pm -- Baseball – Come on down and check to see if the game is on!
- 4:30 pm -- Begin to gather our food for the world's most delicious potluck dinner with brats and hot dogs donated by Amana Family Practice and cooked by our local 'grill guys'.
- 5:00 pm -- Let's Eat!
- 6:00 pm -- Stick around and dance to the marvelous tunes of Dogs on Skis!
- After Dusk -- The most amazing display of fireworks

Please consider contributing to the Community Fireworks Fund for our spectacular show over the Lily Lake!

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

The Amana Society is pleased to announce that Howard Hagen, Mike Schanz, and Stuart Geiger were elected to 3-year terms in the May 19th, 2025, election. In addition, the Amana Society is pleased to announce that Kirby Schaefer has been appointed to fill an open board seat with a term through May 2026.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Show This Weekend at APAC
Rip Roaring Radio Roundup by ITAC

ITAC is Back with an original musical featuring Paul Roberts and Meg Merckens. Yes it's "Wild Rosie's Rip-Roarin Radio Round-up" at the Amana Performing Arts Centers Friday June, 6 and Saturday, June 7.

Tickets are just $15 and you can buy them at the door. Cash and checks preferred. Shows are at 7 p.m. Friday and, there are two shows at 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Only Paul rolls in to do this radio show with his friends to support him. They'll be playing our favorite tunes while sharing a life well led. Featured players include Meg Merchens as Wild Rosie, Marc Janssen and Mark Wilson with Tom Johnson directing. This is a radio show within a show at the WOWW Radio Studios. Go to iowatheatreartists.org for information.

Awards and Applause for Class of 2025

The Clear Creek Amana High School Class of 2025 graduated May 25 in Tiffin on a beautiful, sunny afternoon, but a few days before they held the ceremony they did something quite meaningful.

The graduates went back to their elementary schools, walking through all four CCA elementary schools to receive the applause of the students and teachers there. This is part of an effort to inspire students to aspire to scholarship and voluntarism in school, CCA Principal Ben Macumber told us. Also it's just a lovely way to honor the graduates. For photos go to the Clear Creek Amana High School Facebook page.

The list of awards and scholarships given to the members of CCA Class of 2025 is long. It is so long we can't print them all here, but let us acknowledge the achievements of Amana Colony class members. Congratulations to all the graduates of the Class of 2025!

Awards and scholarshops. Please note that the university and college awards are accompanied by scholarships.

CCA Academic Excellence Medal Winners: Ellery Sandersfeld and Sina Thomas

National Honor Society Gold Chord: Owen Rosenburg, Ellery Sandersfeld, Reiner Muhlenbruck, Sina Thomas, Eve Leighton-Dick, Grace DeVore, Hannah Gross, Olivia Webb.

Academic Excellence in AP Language and AP Literature: Eva Leighton-Dick

The Amana Society Scholarship: Sara Kinzenbaw

Arizona Excellence Award, University of Arizona: Eva Leighton-Dick

AYSO Alumni Scholarships, Region 1103: Ellery Sandersfeld

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Blood Center of Iowa Impact LIfe Award, Red Cord: Hannah Gross, Ellery Sandersfeld, Sina Thomas

4H Iowa County Green and White Cord: Hannah Gross and Sara Kinzenbaw

CCA Education Association Scholarships: Owen Rosenberg and Sina Thomas

CCA Athletic Booster Club: Owen Rosenberg

CCA Fine Arts Music Enhancers Scholarships (FAME): Sina Thomas

CCA Foundation Scholarships: Hannah Gross and Ellery Sandersfeld

Charles Selzer Memorial Scholarship: Ellery Sandersfeld

Daryl & Carol Neitdershisar Scholarship: Hanna Gross

Deanna Kellenberger Arts Award: Sina Thomas

Future Business Leader of America: Hannah Gross and Evea Leighton-Dick

FFA Award: Hanna Gross

Iowa State George Washington Carver Scholastic Leaderships, ISU: Grace DeVore

Iowa State Bar Association American Citizenship Award – Ellery Sandersfeld

University of Iowa – Iowa Scholars Award: Ellery Sandersfeld

Johanna Beers/ Atrusa Club of Iowa City Scholarship – Ellery Sandersfeld

Cathy & Larry Pacha Scholarship: Ellery Sandersfeld

Hills Bank & Trust Youth Salute Scholarship Award: Hanna Gross

Oxford American Legion Post Scholarship – Olivia Webb & Ellery Sandersfeld

The Marge & Paul Hartman Microbiology Scholarship – ISU: Grace DeVore

GARAGE SALES
4306 & 4311 V Street, Homestead
8:30 to 4:30 June 12,13,14.
Antiques, Primitives and Miscellaneous Including: Amana cedar chest, rugs and quilts, G. Berger rugs, dolls, metal detector, 10 CF chest freezer, puzzles, Carpenter tool box, Un-used Porter Cable Dovetail Jig, 66 series pedal tractor with trailer, electric motor, Fruit presses and crushers, cedar chest, tool stand, Old Toys, tools and Fishing, crafts and MUCH more.

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Lily Lake Clean-up
Plans are coming together for the 3nd clean-up of the Lily Lake.
The community is invited to help clear out brush and small trees along the shoreline and improve visibility of the lake.
Date: June 28th, 2025 (rain date 7/12/25)
Time: Plans and prayer 7:45 a.m.
Work 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Meeting place: Picnic table area
Supplies to bring: Gloves, weed whackers, loppers, tubs/baskets, insect repellent, etc.
This service project is organized by the Amana Area Fellowship and approved by the Amana Society, Inc.
Questions: contact Les Ackerman 319-330-8713 or email info@amanaareafellowship.org
www.amanaareafellowship.org

WURST FEST

Bring all of your friends and family to join us at the biggest sausage party in the Midwest on June 13th and 14th! We are bringing you two days of bratwurst-filled entertainment and activities!

The Amana Wurst Festival kicks off on Friday, June 13th at 5pm in the Market Barn in the center of Amana. Grab a brat and beer while listening to tunes at this free kick off party. British-style brass bands will be rotating through town as they compete, and the Market Barn is one of their stops.

Saturday, June 14th is the big shindig of Amana Colonies Wurst Festival beginning at 11am. Tickets are just $7 each, and kids 12 and under are free. Choose from a wide variety of food vendors located in the Market Barn, including Amana Meat Shop & Smokehouse, Amos Dean's, Charboom's Craft BBQ, Stoneridge Wholesale, Wild West Dogs, and more. Take a break from the sun under the shade of the beer tent and grab a drink to accompany your sausage!

During the day, cast your vote to select the People's Choice of best sausage. Make sure to stop by Colonel Mustard's booth for your mustard needs. Test your strength and join the Masskrugstemmen Competition at 1:30pm to see if you can hold a FULL beer stein for the longest amount of time. Live music from 8TRACK THERAPY from 11am-1:30pm, and All Natural from 2pm-5pm. The Iowa Brass bands will be at the Festhalle on Saturday for an additional $5 to see them perform! Price will decrease to $3 if you show proof of Amana Colonies Wurst Festival ticket.

Perhaps the most exciting event of them all is the Raising Cane's Dachshund Derby happening at 5pm outside of the Market Barn! Our favorite wiener dogs will compete in a running race with six categories for a chance to win a trophy, a Raising Cane's gift bag, and a $20 Amana Colonies Gift Certificate. Be sure not to miss the competition between all the cute pups!

Thank you to our platinum sponsor: Compass Memorial Healthcare!

For a complete list of special events taking place in the Amana Colonies for Wurst Festival, visit the Amana Colonies Visitors Center, www.amanacolonies.com, or call 319.622.7622.

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SAFE HAVEN RECEIVES GRANT

Safe Haven was chosen to receive grant funds from the Amana Community Chest for our TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) program in the amount of $1,000. We have also designated our Maifest Bake Sale fundraiser funds towards this program to help replenish our supplies. These combined fundraiser and grant funds will greatly improve & upgrade our current program supplies.

As part of Safe Haven's mission statement "... to significantly reduce the overpopulation of stray dogs and cats...low/no cost spay and neuter programs", Safe Haven assists year round with the spaying & neutering of local community cats through our TNR program. Through this program, we are very proud to report that we were able to assist a total of 25 cat spay/neuter surgeries (+ vaccinations) during the month of April! Being able to assist our community cats in such an impactful way is very fulfilling, but also quite costly. We are very grateful for these funds and the continued support we receive from our community while working towards our mission.

COLONIES IN BLOOM: GARDENS OF THE AMANAS & 'HEART BALM' ON JUNE 28TH

Enjoy Two Great Amana Heritage Events on one Day in the Amanas!

Celebrate both Iowa theatre and the gardening heritage of the Amana Colonies on Saturday, June 28th. Begin with Colonies in Bloom from 10am-3pm and take a self-guided tour of selected gardens in the seven villages. Then, enjoy a performance of "Heart Balm" by Iowa City playwright, Janet Schlapkohl, at the historic Homestead Village Church Museum at 7pm.

Colonies in Bloom is a free event that celebrates the rich gardening culture of the Amana Colonies. Gardening has always been a key part of the Amana Colonies and has flourished over time. In the communal era, production of fruits and vegetables was a community endeavor. Hobby gardens were unknown. When the communal system ended in 1932, hobby gardening became popular.

Selected residences and businesses will open gardens to visitors for Colonies in Bloom. Each garden is unique, with both traditional and modern gardens as well as both native and exotic plants. Maps for Colonies in Bloom will be available at the Amana Heritage Museum, the Amana Colonies Visitors Center, and each participating garden location as well as online as a PDF on the amanacolonies.com and amanaheritage.org websites.

"Heart Balm," a live performance by playwright Janet Schlapkohl at the historic Homestead Village Church Museum, is the story of a young German immigrant who discovers love, a new occupation, the Iowa court system, and herself. The play poses the question, "What is the price of a broken heart?" Doors open at 6:30pm and the show begins at 7:00pm. Tickets are $25 with a $5 discount for Amana Heritage Society members. Tickets are on sale soon at www.amanaheritage.org.

The Homestead Village Church Museum (4210 V Street, Homestead) will play host to this performance to raise awareness about its exciting future. We are planning a major historic preservation project to restore this amazing structure to its former humble glory. It was built in 1865 and served as a worship space until the 1990s when it became a museum site for visitors to learn about the religious heritage of the Amana Colonies. Revitalization efforts to this wonderful church building will allow it to become a venue for educational and entertaining musical and theatrical performances, focusing on the history and heritage of the state of Iowa as a whole.

More information about the Amana Heritage Society and these two great events can be found online at www.amanaheritage.org. Contact us at 319-622-3567 or amanaheritage@southslope.net.

AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD) Notice of Board of Trustees (BOT) Meeting and Tentative Agenda June 9th, 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 May 12, 2025 Regular meeting and June 2nd special hearing 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. 2025-022 Daniel Goldberry /1125 26th Ave. Middle Amana/ HP-C/ Replace 14 9ft 105" X 42" windows with new composite windows. Replace 2 55" X 42" windows on the north side with new composite windows. Replace a double set of doors 84 X 30 on the South side with new wood doors. Replace the metal door 84 X 32 on the NE & NW side with a white wooden door. Touchup trim, fascia etc. with white paint. Install new outside light and electrical box to bring to code. Repair cement step on SE of building.

b. 2025-027 Karle Snyder /4702 220th Trail Amana/ 104006090/HP-C/ Cap & restore chimney to original condition. Remove plywood porch skirting and install Cedar 1X6 & 1X2 in a pattern. Replace the cedar siding with cedar siding as needed.

c. 2025-028 Amana Colonies Visitors Bureau /800 448th Ave. Amana/ HP-C/ Install 50x50 playground in green space north of the Woolen Mill parking lot (parcel 104007013).

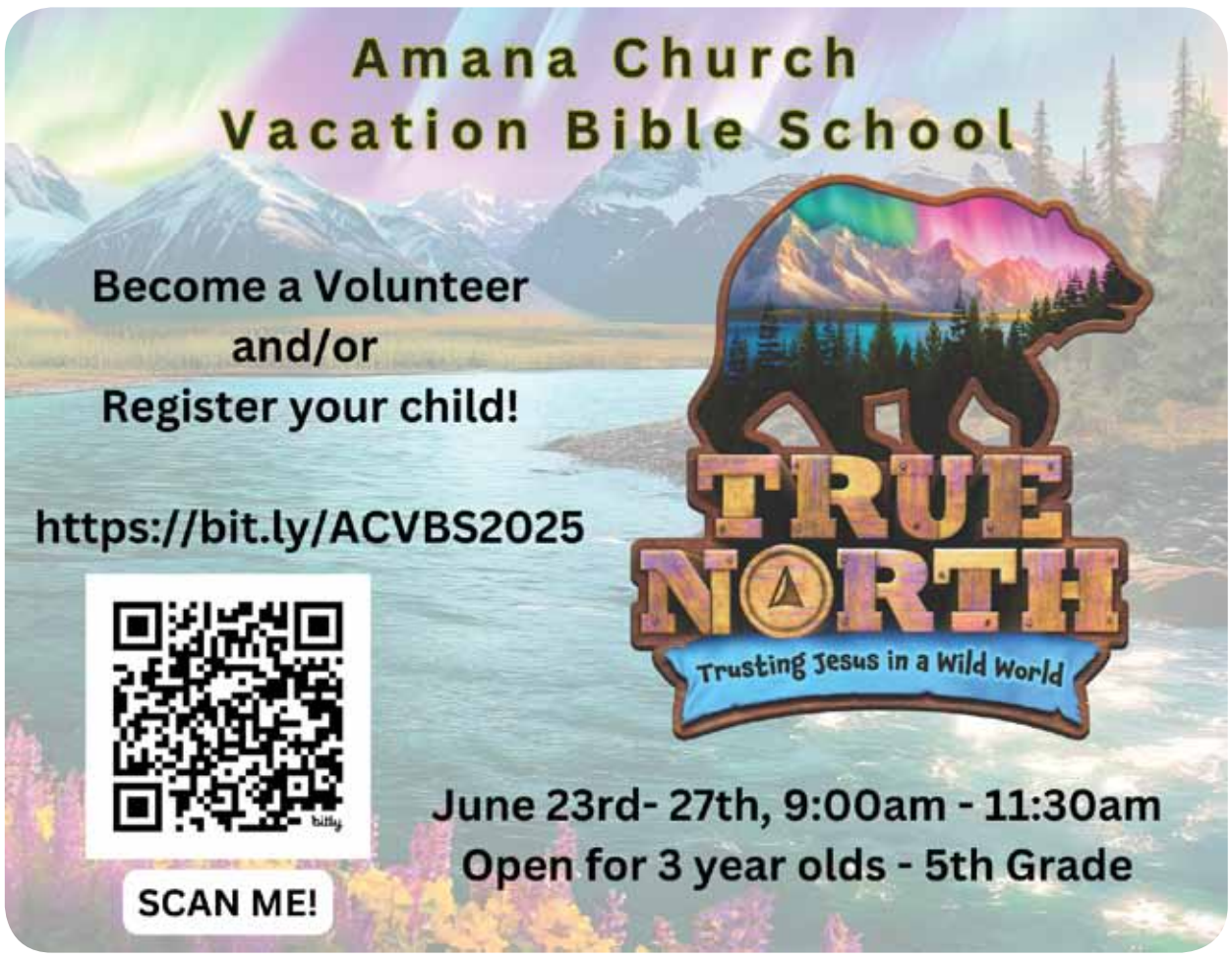
d. 2025-029 John Simpkins /1603 4th Ave. South Amana/ HP-R/ Repair damaged brick arch on front entry way. Replace the front door 36 x 79 and wood enclosure of front entrance as it was before the accident. Delivery truck drove through front entrance of home May 1st.

e. 2025-030 Michael & Kayleigh Myers /23 220th Trail South Amana/ HP-R/ Install white LP Smart Side on front far south side of home. Move door and new steps to N side of dock door and replace current door with 52 ½ X 34" vinyl window. Steps will be treated lumber with a 4X4 landing facing north.

VI. Other Business.

a. Discussion/Action: Abandoned Junk Vehicles

b. Discussion/Action: Review current Cease and desist letter

c. Discussion/Action: Portable Utility Sheds

VII. Review/Approve June Disbursements Report.
VIII. Review/Approve the June Treasurer's Report.
IX. President's Report (if applicable).
X. Administrator's Report.
XI. Adjourn.