Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, July 27, 2025 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Dass Ich Tausend Zungen hätte" No. 758 vs. 1-5 Seite 748

Testimony: JF Rock, Ronneburg, Feb. 27, 1718

Scripture: Matthew 28: 5 – 10 &16 – 20
Psalm 1

Closing Hymn: "Dass Ich Tausend Zungen hätte" No. 758 vs. 6-10 Seite 749

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

Opening Hymn: "With Jesus I'll Begin" No. 135

Closing Hymn: "Oh, That I had a Thousand Voice" No. 1

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.

The live link for the 10:00 A.M. service is --- https://www.facebook.com/theamanachurch

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

Taking donations for Pine Ridge Reservation

The Amana Church is supporting a group of adults & youth volunteering to help improve the quality of life at Pine Ridge Reservation. Volunteers will help construct outhouses, skirt trailers, and other tasks. If you would like to contribute to a fund to purchase a Lowe's gift card to use for this work, please send your contribution to: Amana Church Society, PO Box 103, Middle, IA 52307 with a memo indicating 'Pine Ridge' funds only go to the Lowe's card.

AMANA FIRE DISTRICT FUNDRAISING

The fund raising for the Middle Fire Station addition got a boost this past week with the Amana Community Chest donation of $5,000 and the Amana Sportman's Club pledged $10,000.

We deposited other donations totaling $2,628.41. Please help us reach our goal of $800,000 and send a check to the Amana Benefited Fire District, PO Box 342, Amana, IA 52203

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome Sushi

The Amana Community Library could not be more excited to welcome Sushi the Skunk for a special visit to the library on Friday, July 25 at 10am. You won't want to miss this! All are welcome for this free family friendly event.

Meet Tauren

Come and meet Tauren, the new certified, professional therapy dog at the Amana Elementary School. Join us at the Amana Community Library on Wednesday, July 30 at 10am for a tale-wagging story time with her owner, Ms. Boston-Kemple and Mrs. Schwan as they introduce you to Tauren! Enjoy a story, learn how therapy dogs help people and how to interact with them! This free, fun and educational program is pup-worthy for all ages. Everyone is welcome!

Let's play PICKLEBALL!

Did you know there are 3 Pickleball Courts at the Amana Elementary School that are available to the community to use? The courts at 3023 220th Trail in Amana were renovated in 2022 and now feature three pickleball courts and one tennis court. They are open daily from dawn to dusk. No reservations are required to use.

Pickleball Basics 101. Never played and want to give it a try? Now is your chance. Aug 4; 6pm-7pm Aug 11; 6pm-7pm. In case of weather…it will be cancelled. Follow us on Facebook for updates!

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AMANA News and notes

About Dumplings, Daisies and a West Amana Open House

The Amana Heritage Society's deliciously nostalgic communal suppers at the Amana are happening. The next one is Friday, July 25 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Communal Kitchen in Middle Amana. Future dinners will be held August 15 and 29.

Using recipes once popular in the communal kitchens and served in the dining room of the Ruedy Kitchen House in Middle, these are evenings to cherish. Call the Amana Heritage Museum to buy your tickets by calling 319-622-3567. Each dinner features a different meal, but all meals are multi-course with dessert.

Just in time for the weekend cool – down we hope to see, the Amana Colonies "Gardens in Bloom" garden walk is Saturday July 26 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There are multiple private gardens open to the public (watch for the signs). Garden walk brochures are available at the Amana Heritage Museum, the High Amana Store and the Amana Visitor Center.

From butterfly gardens to lookout towers and mini-ziplines, Amana gardeners are very imaginative. Check out these gardens on the tour: Teresa and Tom Albert, Homestead; Mike and Susan Shoup, Upper South Amana; Ursula Williams, Middle Amana; the Homestead community vegetable garden, Homestead Church and Die Heimat, Homestead; and Lyn Tackett, Amana; the grounds of the Amana Heritage Museum and yes, stop to see their latest exhibits while you are there.

Now here's something to do next week: The Michele Maring Miller Gallery is celebrating 25 years in West Amana with an open house on Tuesday, July 30 from 4 to 7 p.m. Stop in, say hello, chat with your neighbors and see Michele's latest work.

170 Years and Counting
Party Happening and You are Invited!

There's a party being thrown to celebrate Amana's 170th birthday and everyone is invited. It will be Wednesday, Sept. 3 at the Festhalle in Amana.

With support from local businesses, the party is being hosted by the Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Amana Arts Guild, the Amana Heritage Society and the Amana Society. Here's what's happening:

- Grammy nominated, polka accordion sensation Alex Meixner and his band will be here to perform for us! He blends European and German contemporary festival music with the very traditional accordion in an exciting way. He's famed for his audience rousing performances and for getting everyone out on the dance floor. He's collaborated with Jack Black of "The Polka King" and renowned composer Guy Klucevsek. Check out "Polka FreakOut" on your favorite music streaming service.
- He and his band perform from 6 – 9 p.m.
- Come for supper too. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food served by County Line BBQ.
- Soft drinks, beer and wine available at a cash bar.
- Bring the kids. There will be kids' activities from 5 – 7 p.m. Hands on art and craft
- Tickets are on sale now. Go to amanaheritageorg. Or call 319-622-3567. Dinner and the show: $40 per person; $20 for ages 14 and under. Reserved seating for ticket holders. Band Performance only ticket is $15 per adult. Under 14 free

Jon Childers, Amana Heritage Society, told us, "Celebrate: 170 Years of the Amana Colonies would not be possible without crucial sponsorship from Brown Rock Sales, Amana Family Practice,

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FREE PLANTS

I am giving away all my plants after the Garden Walk this Saturday. July 26. Come around 4:00 and see what you'd like. Ursula Williams 319-53-7264

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the Amana Community Chest, Whirlpool, the Amana Colonies Historical Sites Foundation, and the Amana Society, Inc. We want to thank them for helping make this great event a reality."

"So far, we have folks coming from Omaha, NE, New Ulm, MN, and Pella to help celebrate. The Alex Meixner Band is a grammy-nominated band that travels the country sharing Alex's unique arrangements and high energy performances. He can be seen at ALL the large Oktoberfests and other German festivals throughout the year. We are so pleased to have the opportunity to book him for this special celebration."

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

Library News *from page 1*

Adults and youth (accompanied by an adult) are welcome to attend this free family friendly event. Please register on our Facebook page Amana Community Library to ensure enough paddles. Limited to 24 picklers. Come to one day or both!!

Paddles and balls will be provided. If you have paddles, please bring yours. If you would like to help with this event or have questions, call 319-622-3192.

The Amana Library has 3 sets of paddles and balls that are available for 1 day checkout or for the weekend for you to enjoy on your own time. See you on the court!

NEW PLAYGROUND ON THE WAY!

The Amana playground committee is celebrating an exciting milestone — the long-anticipated playground project is officially moving forward! The majority of funding has been secured, and the playground equipment has been ordered. The project received a major boost from Whirlpool, whose donation helped move the project across the finish line much sooner than expected.

The new playground will be located on the green space just north of the Amana Woolen Mill — a convenient and visible spot that will serve as a vibrant hub for both locals and tourists. Installation is expected to take place this fall.

There will be ongoing maintenance and upkeep expenses. Donations are welcome and can be given to the Amana Colonies Festivals, Inc.

Concierge Cruises –and Let's Go Bruce

FREE Travel Presentation to the "Jewels of the Rhine" River Cruise, featuring 2 nights in Lucerne, Switzerland!

August 12, 2025 At 5:30 PM
Amana Theater For Performing Arts
Please RSVP By August 07, 2025
Bruce at 319-560-0133
okletsgobruce@gmail.com

We will be joined by Bruce of Concierge Cruises Travel Agency and Kent From Mayflower Cruises & Tours to discuss this amazing opportunity departing September 19, 2026 and answer all your questions.
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HELP WANTED

Ronneburg Restaurant seeks full or part time line cook. Stop in at 4408 220th Trail, Amana for an application or give us a call 319-622-3641.

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

Help wanted Margie Jane's in Amana Part-time sales associatePlease call 319-721-8748

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Middle Sanitary Sewer District Purpose of Hearing: Amendment of ordinances – Rate increase

The Middle Amana Sanitary Sewer District in Iowa County, Iowa will meet at the lift station at 3002 K Street in Middle Amana at 6:00PM on July 29, 2025. The purpose of the public hearing will be to amend the ordinances of the Middle Sanitary Sewer District to set the rates and fees.

The regular July meeting of the Sanitation Board will take place immediately following the public hearing.

OBITUARY

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Marvin E. Ceynar at the Beehive Care home in Maple Grove, MN. A memorial service will be held August 18, 2025 with visitation at 10:30 and service at 11:00 A.M. at Brunswick United Methodist Church, 6122 North 42nd Ave., Crystal, MN. A light luncheon to follow.

Marvin E. Ceynar was born September 30, 1934 to Emil and Mary Ceynar on a farm near Swisher, IA. He attended Amana schools graduating in 1952. He obtained an MA degree in religion at the U. of Iowa in 19554. In 1957 he entered Garret Seminary in Evanston, IL, where he obtained a Master of Divinity degree, while serving as pastor of a mission Methodist church in Chicago.

Marvin returned to Iowa in 1962 and served as pastor of 3 churches while attending the U. of Iowa. His thesis was a study of Martin Luther King Jr. the first professional writing on King in the U.S. After graduating with an MA in Speech communication he moved to Sycamore, IL to serve as pastor of a United Church of Christ congregation and teach Speech at Northern IL. University. He had a program on NPR on Lincoln.

Back in Iowa he served at 6 more Methodist churches, wrote many magazine articles and 2 books. He was listed twice in Who's who in America. In retirement he received a humanitarian award.

Marvin is survived by his wife Barbara, daughter Sue (Ismail), son John (Alicia), sister Dolores Meyer, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be gifted to the Alzheimer's Association.

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AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD) Tentative Agenda of the Meeting Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Monday, June 28th, 2025 6:30 p.m.at ACLUD office 4304 220th Trail Amana And via Zoom

I. Call HPC Meeting to Order
II. Set Agenda
III. Review/Approve the June 23rd regular meeting minutes:
IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda:
V. Discussion/Action on permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:
a. 2025-040 Ryan & Lyndsey McCarty /2605 J St. & 2601 J St. Middle Amana/ HP-R/ Install 5" galvanized half-round gutters on all garages and house. Replace the siding on the house and garage with cedar siding.
b. 2025-041 John Brian Hollrah /2616 220th Trail Middle Amana/ HP-R/ Replace 11 exterior windows to fit existing openings.
c. 2025-042 Jacob & Jodie Hargrafen /618 45th Ave Amana/ HP-R/ Install new siding on garage in blue to match the house and repaint windows white. Replace house basement windows with new vinyl. Replace the garage door with white/no windows.
VI. Other Business - Paul Bruhn Grant update
VII. Administrator's Report (if applicable)
VIII. Adjourn

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Large/Medium Sized Items Tues. 4:30 PM
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