Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Meeting House Sunday, July 27, 2025 starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Peter Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Wir danken Gott," No. 1120 vs. 1-5 Seite

Testimony: Christian Metz, Mittel Eben-Ezer, July 7, 1855

Scripture: Galatians 6:1-10
Psalm 133

Closing Hymn: "Ich glaub an Dich" No. 461 vs. 1-5 Seite

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

Opening Hymn: "We Praise the Lord" No. 28

Closing Hymn: "I Trust In Thee" No. 82

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/*

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 11, 2025 in the Amana lift station.

ACLUD NEWS

Amana Colonies Land Use District is looking to fill two vacancies for the Historic Preservation Commission. If you would like more information or are interested, please email Kayleigh at aclud@southslope.net.

The Historic Preservation Grant Program will be opening the second cycle applications for 2025. The intent of the program is to encourage and assist in funding the appropriate restoration of historic properties within the Land Use District. The best place to understand the parameters of the program is to visit the ACLUD website www.aclud.org. Click on the link "Historic Preservation Grant Program". Then click on the "Grant Program Details". You will see that the program is split into two "cycles" per year. The deadline to turn in your grant application and corresponding permit application for the upcoming review cycle is August 1st, 2025. For further information regarding your local government visit our website www.aclud.org or call the office in Amana at 319-622-3840.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Iowa County Community Foundation Awards Grant to Amana Heritage Society

Good news. The Amana Heritage Society has it received a grant for the Homestead Church interior preservation and repairs project. Safe Haven of Iowa County also received a grant to address drainage and improve the facility on Highway 6 near South Amana.

The Iowa County Community Foundation (ICCF) has announced the distribution of $144,621.25 to 17 Iowa County nonprofit organizations through its 2025 grant cycle. Grants were awarded to projects improving quality of life and creating long-term impact in Iowa County communities. Grants were presented by program area. Here is the full list of grant awards.

Program Area: Arts & Culture

- Amana Heritage Society – Homestead Church Museum Interior Preservation – $12,000.00
- English Valleys History Center – Technology Upgrade for Community and Organizations – $4,382.91
- Iowa County Historical Society – Restroom Addition with Handicap Accessibility – $5,000.00

Community Betterment

- American Legion Post 76 – Parking Lot Expansion – $4,971.00
- City of Millersburg – Concession Stand and Ball Field Updates – $11,500.00
- City of Parnell – City Hall - Acoustical Tiles – $7,089.24
- Pickleball Iowa County – Outdoor Pickleball Courts – $5,000.00

Education & Youth Development

- Parents and Leaders for Students – Playground Shade Structure – $12,620.10
- Williamsburg Community Child Care – W4C's Continual Quality Improvement – $3,213.00

Environment & Animal Welfare

- City of North English – Smoky Row Trail Updates - Phase 2 – $12,101.00
- City of Williamsburg – Williamsburg Trail Project - Phase 2 – $20,000.00
- Marengo Gateway Improvement Group – Gateway Park Dock Repair – $5,200.00
- Marengo Trails Foundation – Trail Expansion – $20,000.00
- Safe Haven of Iowa County – Iowa County Pound A/C & Drainage – $5,000.00

Health

- City of North English – First Responders - Outdoor AEDs – $6,544.00
- Iowa Dental Foundation – Iowa Mission of Mercy - Free Dental Clinic – $5,000.00

Program Area: Human Service

- Families Helping Families of Iowa – Program Support – $5,000.00

Grants were recommended by the Iowa County Community Foundation's governing committee, The 2025 governing committee: Paulette Dietrich, Erin Eichhorn, Trenton Forrest, Ellie Garringer, Justin Gingerich, Rhonda Glandorf, Natasha Hauschilt, Ann Krakow, and Bonnie Romine.

ICCF is an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, which provides administrative, investment, and technical support to enhance the local foundation's impact. The 2026 ICCF grant cycle opens March 1, 2026, with a deadline of April 15, 2026. Application guidelines and materials can be found at www.iowaccf.org. ICCF is an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, a nonprofit committed to long-term impact in 20 Iowa counties. Learn more at www.cfneia.org.

Communal Studies Association to Visit Amana Colonies.
Would You Like to Attend or Become Involved?

October 9 - 11 the Amana Colonies will host the international Communal Studies Conference. About 100 scholars, historical site directors and residents of communal groups from all over the world will be here. They'll be sharing their research and discussing topics of interest to historical and contemporary communities.

Conference attendees will be staying at Hotel Millwright, Zuber's Hotel and Die Heimat along with area bed and breakfasts. Programs will be held at the Amana Church in Amana. Historic site tours, a tour of Amana Society businesses and enterprises and walking tours of Amana will be offered.

The conference is conducted by the CSA with its hosts the Amana Church Society, Amana Society and Amana Heritage Society. Amana volunteers are assisting; Peter Hoehnle, Lanny Handly, Emilie Hoppe, Jon Childers and Greg Luerckens.

Amana volunteers are seeking a handful of hosts to offer weekend lodging to several of our CSA attendees. We expect we might need eight or so volunteers to offer guest rooms. As host you would not have to prepare or buy meals - but if would be nice to offer a ride (if not within walking distance) to the conference sites at the Amana Church, Hotel Millwright or Museum of Amana History and if you wish, breakfast. Coffee, juice and a fruit, yogurt will be on offer at the Amana Church too so breakfast is not mandatory. As a host you will be invited to attend the conference programs Friday and Saturday free of charge and the Thursday 4:30 p.m. wine and cheese party at the Amana Heritage Museum grounds. Plus you might enjoy joining in one or more of the CSA conference evening meals or luncheons (tickets must be purchased in advance.) All Amana residents are invited to attend the conference. To see the program schedule, list of papers being presented and presenters and to register to attend go to communalstudies.org

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Lillian turns 95
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News & Notes *from page 1*

Pump the Brake and Plan to See this Show the Cast is Set for Pump Boys and Dinettes

Buy your tickets right now for TKM Theatrical Production's Pump Boys and Dinettes, Frida, August 22 – Sunday, August 24 at the Amana Performing Arts Center, 39 38th Ave, Amana, IA.

A smash hit on and off-Broadway, this crowd-pleasing country-western musical features Prudie and Rhetta Cupp, from the Double Cupp Diner, singing and performing along with those talented boys from the gas station next door. The "Pump Boys" sell high octane on Highway 57 in Grand Ole Opry country and the Dinettes, Prudie and Rhetta Cupp, run the Double Cupp Diner next door. Together they fashion an evening of country western songs that received unanimous raves on and off Broadway. With heartbreak and hilarity, they perform on guitars, piano, bass and, yes, kitchen utensils.

We are especially pleased to read the cast list: Tracy Williams, Layton White, Jeff Roush, Deb Kennedy, Jeanette Welch, Tim Fees and Laurie Haag. They are sure to pump the volume and stomp on the gas in what has been one of our all-time favorite musicals.

The show is sponsored by Ox Yoke Inn with media sponsors, Tidbits

Showtimes: Friday, August 22, and Saturday, August 23, Sat at 7:30 pm, Sunday, August 24 at 3:00 pm. Tickets are $25. Groups rates are available. Call 319-899-3799 or go to the TKMTheatricalproductions.com to purchase tickets.

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SLIDE INTO FALL: AMANA'S NEW PLAYGROUND ON THE WAY!

The Amana playground committee is celebrating an exciting milestone — the long-anticipated playground project is officially moving forward! Thanks to the generosity of local residents, businesses, and a key corporate partner, the majority of funding has been secured, and the playground equipment has been ordered.

With costs steadily rising, project organizers were eager to get the order placed as soon as possible to ensure the playground could be completed within budget. The project received a major boost from Whirlpool, whose significant corporate donation accelerated fundraising efforts and 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.

This playground will be a lasting asset for the Amana Colonies — a place to gather, play, and enjoy the outdoors for years to come.

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

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IOWA 1855 AMANA FARMS CROPS · BEEF · ENERGY

Amana Farms is seeking a motivated and self-starting Heavy Equipment Operator!

This person will plan and manage projects independently as well as coordinate with other team members. Required experience includes operating excavators, backhoes, dozers, skid-steers, forklifts, dump trucks, snowplows, front-end loaders, and tiling equipment. The primary focus in this role is increasing land use efficiency, and great benefits are included. For more information, see our ad on ***Indeed*** or email Laura Sue at **lswoods@amanas.net** or 319-622-3953.

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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

OBITUARY

Colleen J. (Graesser) Langreck passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family after a long courageous battle with cancer at the age of 72 years. Funeral Services will be 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 31, 2025, at the Marengo American Legion Hall. Burial will be in the Marengo Cemetery. Powell Funeral Home in Marengo is caring for Colleen and her family.

Colleen J. Langreck was born February 4, 1953, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the daughter of Carl and Dorothy (Trumpold) Graesser. She grew up in Middle Amana and attended the Amana Schools. Colleen was united in marriage to Kenneth Langreck on September 1, 1979 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Marengo. She was employed at Amana Refrigeration for over 29 years and was a waitress at the Ronneburg Restaurant for over 20 years. She enjoyed spending time with her friends and family, especially her grandchildren; she would have done anything for her family and friends. Colleen was the kindest soul and loved meeting people that resulted in long lasting friendships. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandma, and friend. She will be deeply missed by all those that were blessed to know her.

She is survived by her husband Kenneth of Marengo; two sons, Dustin (Kathy) Langreck of Tiffin and Shannon (Aimee) Langreck of Center Point; two daughters, Brooke (Ting) Soukthavone of Fairfax and Brandi (Mat) Mumm of Washington; three grandchildren, Kolton and Kaedyn Mumm, and Wyatt Langreck; sister Nancy Graesser; and brother Joel (Hazel) Graesser.

She was preceded in death by her parents and granddaughter Kaitlyn Mumm.

A general memorial fund has been established.

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ACLUD GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

The Board of Trustees of the Amana Colonies Land Use District approved the hiring of Peter Hoehnle, Homestead, to serve as ACLUD's Paul Bruhn Program administrator.

Hoehnle will be working with ACLUD administrator, Kayleigh Myers, the ACLUD board, as well as the Amana Paul Bruhn oversight committee, to administer the grant award process, help those who apply for grants and to serve as a liaison with the National Park Service and the State Office of Historic Preservation.

The Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program is administered by the National Park Service. Named in honor of the late preservation leader from Vermont, Paul Bruhn, the program is designed to be of assistance to small, rural communities helping them to foster economic development through historic preservation. Historic preservation is a proven economic driver.

Hoehnle's position as Paul Bruhn program administrator will be part time.

The ACLUD was awarded $748,375 for a program to provide sub grants for significant, at-risk historical properties within the Amana Colonies National Historic Landmark that promise to have a impact upon the community and a sustainable future.

Saving at-risk structures and providing more options for economically viable and sustainable uses for buildings will help point the way for future rehabilitation projects, the ACLUD application noted.

The grants are supported through the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), which has provided more than $2 billion in historic preservation grants to states, tribes, local governments, and nonprofit organizations since its inception in 1977. The HPF, which uses revenue from federal offshore oil and gas leases, supports a broad range of preservation projects without spending tax dollars.

For more information about the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program, please visit https://go.nps.gov/revitalization.

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