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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, January 18, 2026 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Wohlauf, zum rechten Weinstock her!" No. 1126 vs 1, 2, 4,15 Seite 1106

Testimony: Christian Metz, Armenburg, March 17, 1839

Scripture: John 6:25-51
Psalm 28:6-9

Closing Hymn: "Jesus ein Schaf und Schäfer ist" No. 545 vs 1-6, Seite 541 Art 96.1

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

Opening Hymn: "Oh, Come ye to the righteous vine" No. 161

Closing Hymn: "Jesus both sheep and shepherd is" No. 15

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 FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly public meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

AMANA SOCIETY INC. 2026 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Amana Society, Inc. Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the Amana Society will be awarding three (3) $2000.00 scholarships to graduating high school seniors attending an accredited college, university, or trade school in 2026.

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 8th, 2026.

Thank you.
Amana Society, Inc.

AMANA CENTERARION

Henrietta (Moershel) Hale
December 31,1925

Henrietta Moershel Hale celebrated her 100th birthday in Nevada, Iowa on New Years Eve. Henerietta is the daughter of Dr. Henry G and Henrietta Moershel. Niece, Connie (Zuber) Baugh and Nephew Dennis Zuber attended the celebration.

Cards may be sent to Henrietta Hale, 710 South 19th St. #321, Nevada, IA 50201

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Tannenbaum Forest Donates to a Childrens Hospital and Five Charities

Amana Colonies Festivals is pleased to report that a donation of $5,000 has been given to the University of Iowa Stead Family Childrens Hospital as a result of the 2025 Tannenbaum Forest.

In addition to the donation to the U of Iowa Stead Family Childrens Hospital, donations of $200 were made to KCRG Coats for Kids; The Clear Creek Amana School Foundation; Iowa County Compass "Hope for All" cancer support foundation; Iowa County Safe Haven; and the Amana Community Public Library.

About 12,000 visitors came through the forest in 2025, reported Chelsea Blake, the new Amana Colonies Festivals director. Blake coordinated the Tannenbaum Forest and is at work right now on 2026 events in the Colonies.

Despite a blizzard Thanksgiving Saturday which closed the forest all day about 1,000 people visited the forest the first weekend it was open. The second weekend, Dec. 5 – 7, some 3,000 people visited the forest. A deep freeze on Saturday Dec. 12 – 13, the third weekend, kept numbers down, but still about 2,000 came through the doors.

The final weekend when warmer weather and a rush to see the forest before closing brought 6,000 visitors to the forest.

Overall attendance was down compared to previous years. In 2023, exactly 18,528 people visited the forest while in 2023 there were 16,247 people through the forest.

Amana Colony volunteers, when asked, wondered if perhaps having the forest open Wednesday afternoon and Thursday afternoon might allow more people to come see the forest and potentially offsetting a snowy weekend. Certainly having the forest open additional evening hours this year was a good thing.

All agree that signing up volunteers to work the forest is key and this past year there were times when that was difficult. So make a note to sign up to support the Tannenbaum 2026 if you wish to help this effort.

Apply for College Scholarships

The Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa (CFNEIA) announced the opening of its 2026 scholarship application process, offering students the opportunity to receive a share of over $700,000 in scholarships. The deadline to apply is 8 p.m. on March 11.

The CFNEIA scholarship program supports high school, college, and adult students in pursuing higher education. In 2025, CFNEIA awarded 243 scholarships, averaging over $3,000 per recipient. Scholarship notifications for 2025 will be sent in June, with selections finalized in May.

Students interested in applying should visit www.cfneia.org/scholarships to view the eligibility checklist and access the application. The common application requires, your name, address and basic information, academic record or transcript, summary of activities, an essay and letter of recommendation. Some scholarships may require additional materials, which will be outlined in the application. All required materials must be submitted through CFNEIA's online system by the March 11 deadline. CFNEIA scholarships are based on factors such as financial need, academic performance, field of study, and community involvement.

For more information about scholarship opportunities, contact Staci Mueller, Director of Scholarship Impact, at 319-243-1359 or smueller@cfneia.org. Visitwww.cfneia.org/scholarships to apply.

Run it, Walk it, the Amana Freezer 5k is Worth Your Long Johns

How many times has Amana Colonies Trails, Inc. held the Amana Freezer 5k? I honestly do not know, but I recently used a cut-up portion of a 2008 Freezer Run t-shirt as a dust cloth, so at least 18 years?

Perhaps we should ask Nathan Hopp who has won this 5k run more than any person alive. Or perhaps Charlie Hoehnle knows as he was the oldest or second oldest person to compete in it for several years; including the year he walked the entire loop of the seven villages (on his birthday in warmer weather). One year in the dimly lit past Rick Hergert and I were pretty sure a race observer had died in their car (yes, it was that cold) but thankfully we were mistaken and the elderly person was just fine though chilled and

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Yes, it's January, but we're thinking Spring! We are looking for another customer who will be willing to pay for fresh produce from our gardens, mid April - October, weekly or fortnightly. South Amana area.

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observer had died in their car (yes, it was that cold) but thankfully we were mistaken and the elderly person was just fine though chilled and sleeping very deeply apparently. (No method we used had roused her but she came too when her companion returned and unlocked her car door.) She was seen happily chowing down chili an hour later. Nuff said about that I suppose.

Yes, it's time to celebrate this most revered race. Let's hope the weather holds. Every effort is made to hold the race and it has gone on despite cold temps. However, ice would be cause for cancelation. I can't recall a year the event was called off due to weather so let's hope the luck holds. If the event is cancelled there are no refunds. Remember this is a fundraiser for the ongoing maintenance of our Amana Kolonieweg Recreational Trail.

Yes you can walk it. So come one, come all.

To sign up go the Amana Colonies Festivals web page and look for Winterfest. Then click on the button that takes you to the registration page.

The race is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. Advance registration is $30 and includes a super cute, purple t-shirt or a pack of Amana Meat Shop beef sticks or other treat as long as supplies last. You can register the same day but they may be out of t-shirts or meat packs and the wait is a bit longer.

Come to the Carding Studio at Hotel Millwright January 24 from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. to pick up your timing device, number, race packet and sign in.

Awards are given to the overall female and male champions and first, second and third place in each age division. Awards are presented at 11 a.m. The race starts on the street in front of the Village Winery/ Carding Studio in Amana. The course takes you to East Amana, through the village and back to Amana.

FOR RENT

For Rent: large, one bedroom/one bath apartment in condo next to Amana Golf Course. Deck overlooking course. $925/mo. Call 319-338-0025 for more information.

For Rent in Amana Large 2 bedroom, laundry (W&D included) No Pets. On 220 Trail across from Museum. Call 319-331-9173

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.

Call 319-622-3620 for details & scheduling

AMANA HERITAGE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY

The Amana Heritage Society collects, preserves, and interprets the 300 years of cultural heritage of the Amana Colonies. We strive to be the historian of our community, growing our collections and ideas, and making them available to our community and visitors. In order to carry out this important mission, we seek the support of our membership and try to make it grow. Your annual membership is vital to our current and future success. Please consider supporting Amana's heritage by becoming, or remaining, a member today. Visit us at https://amanaheritage.org/ to purchase an online membership or give us a call at 319.622.3567 for more information. Help us to keep Preserving Our Heritage and Sharing Our Culture.

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LIBRARY NEWS

The Amana Community Library added the following to their collection. Please stop by to check them out!

Twice by Mitch Albom
Book Club for Troublesome Women by Marie Bostwick
Secret of Secrets by Dan Brown
Nightshade and ***Proving Ground*** by Michael Connelly
Sharp Force by Patricia Cornwell
Spectacular Things by Beck Dorey-Stein
Marriage by Committee by RC Eichacker
Poppy fields by Nikki Erlick
All the Way to the River by Elizabeth Gilbert
The Academy by Elin Hilderbrand
Atmosphere by Taylor Jenkins Reid
Christmas Ring by Karen Kingsbury
Once Upon a Time in Dollywood by Ashley Jordan
6:40 to Montreal by Eva Jurczyk
Phoenix Pencil by Allison King
The River We Remember by William Kent Krueger
River is Waiting by Wally Lamb
Pony Confidential by Christina Lynch
You Belong Here by Megan Miranda
Billion Dollar Ransom and ***First Gentleman*** by James Patterson

Dear Families and Friends,

The Amana Elementary School is excited to inform you that we are participating in an incredible program that allows us to earn FREE classroom equipment and supplies!

Here's how you can Help!

Shop at Big G Food Store in Marengo from now - March 31, 2026

Save your receipts (the date must be on the receipt to be valid) and send them to school with your child

Your receipts will earn us points for free classroom equipment, donated by the store!

Please submit your receipts to our school by April 4, 2026. Receipts can also be dropped off at the Amana Community Library.

Thank You! Amana Elementary School

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Large/Medium Sized Items Tues. 4:30 PM
Small Items **Wed. 11:00 AM**

FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION AT COLONIAL MANOR

Colonial Manor Nursing Home is collecting Non perishable food donated to those who are in need this holiday season. We will be collecting throughout January at our facility. Questions/concerns? Contact Joey. at 319-622-3131.

AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD) Tentative Agenda of the regular Meeting Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Monday, January 19, 2026 6:30 p.m. at Amana Colonies Land Use District office 4304 220th Trail Amana And via Zoom

I. Call HPC Meeting to Order
II. Set Agenda
III. Review/Approve December 22nd, 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. 2026-002 Hotel Millwright /800 48th Ave./ HP-I/ Replace (2) 48 3/8" X 73 1/2" wooden windows with vinyl replacements in room 141. Replace (3) 41 1/2" X 74 1/2" wooden windows with vinyl replacements in room 127 & 129.

b. 2025-074 Amana Society Inc. (Homestead cattle barn) /parcel 080303041/ HP-A/ Switch from approved corrugated galvanized steel to Pro rib for the entire roof.

c. 2025-004 Amana Society Inc. /Parcel 1536-0303-3 (South Amana)/ HP-C/ Replace 2 28x45 wooden 6/6 windows with 28x45 vinyl. Install 4 new 28x45 6/6 vinyl windows. Install 10x8 steel, white, no windows, overhead garage door on S side. Close off existing service door on S side and install new steel, white 36X80 walk in door on S side next to the overhead door. Remove/frame in all sliding doors on S side. Install ½ round seamless galvanized gutters and galvanized downspouts on S & N side. Install white smart side facia and sofit on N & S side. Install white vertical board and batten siding on entire structure. Replace current steel roof with new pro rib steel roofing. Install 5 galvanized gooseneck lights on S side. Rebuild lean-to on N side, size will not change and will match the rest of the building.

d. 2026-005 Amana Heritage Society (Cooper shop) /2511 J St. Middle Amana/HP-C/ Tear off existing siding and trellis, replace with cedar siding & trellis. Install 3 board fence with cedar toned post and cedar boards east/west perpendicular to the street. Reglaze and repair salvageable wooden windows. Unsalvageable windows will be replaced with matching windows from the east attic barn. Remove and replace the existing east-facing foundation pier.

VI. Other Business
- Visitor Center playground donation benches
- Paul Bruhn Update
- CLG Report
- Spring grant deadline

VII. Administrator's Report (if applicable)
VIII. Adjourn

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ESSEN WAGEN - HOME DELIVERED MEALS

The Amana Church, in conjunction with Colonial Manor, sponsors the Amana Essen Wagen, which provides a hot noon meal to homebound, adults or their adult child, delivered to your home (even to your chair!) each weekday, except holidays. Enjoy not cooking and enjoy visiting with one of our volunteer drivers.

Please contact Colonial Manor at 319-622-3131 to sign up for this service. You can register for a short time while recuperating at home, or on a permanent basis. The suggested donation per meal is $4.00.