Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Good Friday Service will be in the Middle Church Friday, April 03, 2025 starting 7:00 P.M. with Br. Tony Berger presiding.

Opening Hymn: "O Darkest Woe" No. 105 vs 1-4,7

Testimony: Selected testimonies read during service

Scripture: John 18:28-19:42
Psalm 22

Hymn: "The Old rugged Cross," vs. 1-3

Closing Hymn: "Lord Jesus, We give thanks to thee" No. 209 vs 1-4

Song Sheets will be provided.

The Easter Sunday service will be combined in Amana April 05, 2025 starting 10:00 A.M. with Br. Peter Hoehnle presiding with a pre-service breakfast at 8:30 am and an Easter egg hunt after the service.

Opening Hymn: "Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today"

Testimony: Johann Carl Gleim, Büdingen, September 15, 1715

Scripture: John 20:11-18

Closing Hymn: "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

Song Sheets will be available.

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 08, 2026 in the Amana lift station.

AMANA SOCIETY INC. 2026 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Amana Society, (3) $2000.00 scholarships to graduating high school seniors attending an accredited college, university, or trade school in 2026.

Applicants must be employed by, a child or grandchild of, or a child or grandchild of an Amana Society employee or stockholder.

Application forms are available at the Amana Society Main Office front desk or by contacting Bruce Trumpold at btrumpold@amanas.net or 319-622-7526, or downloaded at www.amanasociety.com.

Application deadline: ***April 8th,*** 2026.

AMANA HERITAGE SOCIETY EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th at 9am at the Amana Heritage Museum, 705 44th Ave Amana, IA. Each child will receive an Easter basket filled with goodies, and the Easter Bunny will be here with us! For ages 12 and below. Please be aware that baskets contain small toys and candy and children should always be supervised. Cost is $8/child; tickets must be purchased in advance at www.amanaheritage.org.

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 September 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026. The date needs to be on the receipt to be valid.

Save your receipts and send them to school with your child.

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

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Easter Sunday at the Amana Church

Join in Easter celebration with a breakfast at Amana Church, fellowship hall, at 8:30 a.m. followed by the Easter worship service with Elder Peter Hoehnle at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

The Amana Church Choir, led by Elder Kristie Yoder, will be singing a suite a traditional Easter favorites with support from the Amana Sunday. School.

No Kings Rally Amana

About 40 to 50 people gathered at the intersection of Highways 151 and 220 in Amana on a blustery cold Saturday, March 27 from 11 a.m. until 12:30 part of the No King Day rallies.

The Amana protest was one of more than 50 in the state of Iowa Saturday, according to the Des Moines Register. Who organized the event? Grass roots volunteers spread the word via Facebook and email last week in the Amanas. Residents of the seven villages of Amana and Iowa County made up the protesters who stood on public ground near the highway. Nationwide the American Civil Liberties Union, No Kings and Indivisible began the call for protests.

People gathered to protest Trump and his administration's (alleged) handling of immigration issues, use of tactics to limit free speech and curb civil liberties, the application of tariffs, higher prices at grocery stores, cuts to social services and the war in Iran, and to draw attention to the charges of corruption, insider trading and profiteering leveled at the administration.

More than 1,000 people were at the Pappajohn Sculpture Park in Des Moines Saturday, than marched two miles to the State Capitol where another group was waiting to join them, reported The Register. KCCI TV reported protests in Ankeny, Indianola and other towns near Des Moines as ranging in size from 200 to 400 people. Photos on Facebook showed a large crowd marching through downtown Iowa City and downtown Cedar Rapids though no crowd sizes were estimated.

Iowa Drought Monitor Report

Hopeful weather watchers pray that rainfall this week will help those portions of the state suffering from drought. Iowa County certainly is in that category.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor as seen on drought.gov over 38 percent of Iowa is experiencing moderate to severe drought with about 15 percent of the state abnormally dry. Iowa County is one of those states classed as in a moderate drought.

February was the 7th driest on record (records go back 132 years) and so far, 2025 has been the 14th driest on record. Additionally March was warmer than average. Needless to say 80 degree days in March are rare as hen's teeth, but this year, we've had at least three of them.

As of 10 a.m. March 31, 2026: year to date Cedar Rapids has received 2.94 inches precipitation and Iowa City 2:91 inches according to the ISU Environmental Mesonet. Interestingly enough this is ¼ inch more than Cedar Rapids received by this time in 2025.

Iowa City, however, was better off last year with 3.69 inches of precipitation received the first three months of 2025. Hopefully by the time you read

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April 5, 2026
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Amana Preforming Arts Center
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weekly Sunday services at 9:00 am

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THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone who remembered my birthday by sending cards, photos, and letters. It was great hearing from everyone. I even received a blast from the past--a phone call from an elementary school friend. I am truly blessed.

Wilma Rettig

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this, we will have received more much needed rainfall.

A Letter from West Amana

Note from Emilie Hoppe: For the July 2005 Amana Sesquicentennial banquet this letter by me was read during the entertainment portion of the evening. It is exactly as I would have expected Gustav Miller to have written based upon the many letters of his, and the other Amana storekeepers, to various traveling salesmen who "did not know the territory," that I have seen over the years in our colony archives.

From: G. Miller
Store Manager, West Amana Store of the Amana Society
West Amana, Iowa

August 6, 1919

Dear Mr. Simmons,

Mr. F.P. Worther has corresponded to inform us that you have lately been assigned Johnson and Iowa Counties and so I write to welcome you as we have been instructed that you plan to be in the area August 12 to show us the latest improvements in the line of DeLavel Cream Separator products. As we have always been the chief suppliers of DeLavel separators to the surrounding neighborhood, I will be most happy to receive you.

As you have indicated a desire to make a call in Homestead and will be staying at the hotel, but nonetheless require and actually desire some instructions, I am sending same. Yes, the Homestead Hotel has adequate, I should write, more than adequate accommodations for you on the 12 and also the 13th. Yes, you might hire a buggy or rig in Homestead, certainly that is a practical thought if you wish to call upon clients in Oxford. Be aware that the bridge is out to Oxford but may be repaired by the time you arrive.

To get to South Amana, you must drive west on the post road from Homestead 3 and 1/2 miles. It is a very pleasant drive, though it might be best, actually, to take the train from Homestead, as that is much quicker and generally easier. Rigs may be hired in South Amana. The Upper South Amana Store is 1/2 mile south from the South Amana Store. The lower South Amana Store is 1 block south of the train depot unless you come in on the Milwaukee Rail line in which case it is down the hill about 1 mile. Mr. G. Ratzel of the South Amana Store does not require an appointment as he is always in, but should like to hear from you as to your plans nonetheless. I do not know if Mr. Geo. Ratzel of the Upper Store is available at all next week.

West Amana you shall find exactly 2 and 3/4 miles north of South Amana. I shall be in on the 12th, however, I am not in my office from 10 to 10:45 a.m. and from noon until 1:30 p.m. I also will be out of my office from 3 to 3:30 p.m. on the 12th. I generally leave for supper about 6 p.m. The 13th I will not be in as I have business to attend to in Amana.

Your superior asked about calling on Mr. W. Foerstner in High Amana. High Amana is east of West Amana 1 mile. Mr. Foerstner informs me that he would be most happy and receptive to a visit on the 12 or 13th of August however has no wish to place an order with DeLaval at this time as he is handling another line altogether. He would, however, be very happy to meet you at your convenience, though he will not be in his office the 12th at all; and perhaps only in the morning on the 13th.

There is no immediate need whatsoever for you to stop by the Middle Store, but if you wish too, it is located on the hill just as you enter the village from the west. The Main Store is east of High Amana about 3 1/2 miles and you will drive right past the Middle Store as you go. I have not heard if the managers of either will be able to see you at all during this trip.

We look forward very much to your visit Mr. Simmons and are wishing you the very best as you embark upon, what I hope, will be a long career with the DeLaval Company. Let me caution to exclaim that our joint association will be both cordial and fulfilling.

Pleased to await your arrival,

G. Miller, West Amana Store.

PS. Should you hire a buggy, in South, which I urge, ask for the pair of gray geldings as the blacks dumped a boot salesman from Peoria last month.

Amana Colonies Land Use District (ACLUD)
Notice of Public Hearing Apr. 13, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.
ACLUD 4304 220th Trail Amana

1. Call Public Hearing to Order
2. Set Agenda
3. Open Discussion Regarding Agenda Items – Purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input from the General Public regarding the following:
   A) Finalize Proposed 2026-2027 ACLUD Budget.
4. Adjourn Public Hearing

HELP WANTED

Fireside Winery is hiring for part time weekend help in our tasting rooms located in Amana and Marengo. Starting at $15/hour plus gratuity. Contact cassie@firesidewinery.com for more information.

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Community Worship & Hymn Gathering

Sunday, April 12, 2:00-3:30pm
Price Creek Event Center
4709 220th Trl, Amana IA 52203
At the upper level left ramp entry as you face the building.

- **All ages & non-percussion instruments welcome**
- **Please invite your family & friends**
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Dear Middle Amana Residents,

Water quality is an important and ongoing concern across the State of Iowa. The Middle Amana Sanitary District (MASD) is committed to supporting water quality and the efforts underway to make improvements. One of the key initiatives currently underway is the reduction of chloride in wastewater outflow from the district.

We are reaching out to you because you can make a significant difference. Residential and commercial water softener systems are meaningful contributors to chloride levels in wastewater due to the sodium chloride (salt) present in wastewater from regeneration cycles. Adjusting the regeneration settings and schedules of your system can reduce the amount of salt consumed and, as a result, decrease the chloride exiting the sanitary sewer treatment system.

MASD respectfully asks that you inspect your water softener to ensure it is operating properly and that the settings are correct. An incorrect hardness/iron setting or too frequent regeneration cycles not only degrades water quality but can also increase your costs. If you're unsure of the appropriate settings for your water softener, assistance is available by contacting Amana Society Service Co. at (319) 622-3052 or your preferred water treatment provider.

By properly setting and maintaining your water softener, you can help lower chloride levels in wastewater while also reducing your own salt usage and potentially saving money.

Sincerely,
Middle Amana Sanitary District Trustees
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