Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, May 03, 2026 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Himmel, Erde, Luft und Mere" No. 426 vs 1-6 Seite 424

Testimony: Johann F. Rock, Fürth, Jan. 2, 1724

Scripture: Matthew Chapter 13:24- 46
Revelations Chapter 21:1- 4

Closing Hymn: "Weil Selbst der Herr" No. 1049 vs 1-4 Seite 1046/7

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

Opening Hymn: "Heaven, Earth, Sea and Air" No. 116

Closing Hymn: "J Oh God Creator of the Heavens" No. 122

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/*

LIBRARY NEWS

Blood Drive

The Amana Community Library will host an ImpactLife Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 12 from 1:30 to 6:30. The Drive will be held in the Amana Elementary Parking Lot, 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana in the Donor Bus. Please help us qualify for a special grant with 20 successful donations.

Walk-ins are accepted. Appointments are preferred. Whole Blood and Double Red Cell will be available to donate. To sign up, please call the Amana Library 319-622-3192 or email amanalibrary@ccaschools.org to schedule a time.

Save your Pull Tabs and Bring to the Amana Community Library!

Collecting pull tabs from cans such as soup and pop is an easy and fun way to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois. It's a small thing that can make a huge difference.

The pull tabs may be dropped off at the Amana Community Library, anytime during regular hours.

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday, May 04, 2026 in the Amana lift station.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Maifest Dancing Begins Friday Evening Maipole Performance Schedule for the Weekend

A community dress rehearsal for the Amana Maipole Dancers will be held Friday, May 1 at 6:15 p.m. at the Colonial Manor Care Facility. This Friday evening performance for the residents of the facility and for Lakeview Village has become a Maipole Dancers tradition.

At 7 p.m. on Friday the Maipole Dancers will be at Millstream Brewing Co. for the Maibock release party. The event starts at 5 p.m. and will feature the dancers at 7 p.m. Look forward to seeing Die Tiefen Keller Kinder kick off the Amana festival season Friday!

Saturday the Amana Maipole folk dancers will perform at 11 a.m. at the Festhalle; 11:45 at the Amana Heritage Museum; 12:15 at the Amana General Store; 1:30 p.m. at the Festhalle barn; 2 p.m. at the Amana Meat Shop; 2:30 at Millstream Brau Haus.

On Sunday the dancers will perform at 11 a.m. at the Amana Meat Shop and Smokehouse; 12:15 at the Amana General Store and 1 p.m. at the Blümen Haus. Should it be raining Maipole performances are held inside the Festhalle.

Maifest, Yourfest, Ourfest is Here

In 1992 RC Eichacker decided we ought to have a Maifest celebration and then made it happen by organizing the first ten or so Maifests. His dream was a spring celebration of Amana folk art, dance and music.

This year Eichacker will be our Maifest Parade Grand Marshall.

The parade theme is America 250 honoring our American veterans. Eichacker, who is a veteran of the Navy, served on the Battleship Iowa. The parade takes place Saturday at 10 a.m. on Amana's main street and back street.

There will be kids stuff on the Party patio of the Festhalle (north end of the barn) Saturday after the parade till 5. Face painting (concludes at 4) and POParrizi Design Balloon display and photo booth. (11 – 5)

This year one of our very favorite bands, Alpensterne, is here for Maifest! Normally an Oktoberfest mainstay, this delightful German festival band will be performing in the Festhalle from 11:45 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. on Saturday only.

At 1:30 p.m. on Saturday the Maipole dance troupe performs followed by the RTD Irish Step Dancers at 2:15 p.m. At 3:30 the band BNTB will perform.

Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. several pop-up food trucks are expected at the Amana Festhalle along with the Amana Heritage Society's annual celebration of Amana Colony food with their yummy homemade, potato pancakes and apple sauce and slices of fruit custard kuchen. To embrace the festival, you must go and enjoy these foods with the Amana Heritage Society. Volunteers will be hard at work and your support raises funds for the Amana Heritage Society's ongoing effort to preserve and share our Amana story.

Sunday from 10 – 4 p.m. adults may take part in the Amana wine and beer walk. $5 supports the event and allows you samples from thefive wineries and breweries on the walk. The first 275 people to complete the walk return their "stamped passports" to the Amana Visitor Center to a festival logo wine glass and to be entered to win an Amana gift certificate.

More Maifest highlights:

Popup art / craft fair at the Peace Garden at the Amana Visitor Center. The Arts Guild hosts this mini craft show in the midst of our spring fest. 9 – 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Spring cleaning sale at the Amana Furniture Shop. Saturday 10 – 5 p.m. Lots of great deals and finds.

Fireside Winery Winegarten is open all day with wine slushies, wine cocktails and fun lawn games. Check out their remodeling too.

Crafting at Four Winds Apothecary, 11 – 3 p.m., make your own Maipole with hemp stalks, dried flowers and ribbon. While supplies last.

Millstream Brewing Co. Maifest Party is 9 a.m. – 10 pm. Live music including Barry Boyce Polka Band, Josh Sinclair pop up bbq with County Line and food from our own Brau Haus!

Ox Yoke Inn lawn party starts at 9 a.m. with parade refreshments on the fron t lawn of the Ox Yoke Inn.

Ox Yoke Inn Saturday evening entertainment from 5 – 8 p.. catch the father -daughter duo that has gotten rave reviews at the Ox Yoke Inn this winter. It's Jeff Weimer and Jessica Mar in the High Amana room alongside the Bierstube.

Ronneburg Maifest Annual Streetside party starts at 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. with Barefoot Becky and her Ivanhoe Dutchman leading the way! Grilled sandwiches, cold brews and beverages.

Plenty of our Amana merchants are offering sales and special entertainment during the weekend. Check out Clothes Encounter, the Noble Stone, Colony Carvers, Warped and Woven featuring it's new Iowa Park blanket series.

Plus toy demos at Little Red Wagon and geode cracking and kids rock stuff at the Noble Stone. Bring your geodes from home to get them opened up by someone who knows just how to do it.

Sunday from noon – 4 at the Amana General Store meet Iowa County author Melinda Wichmann whose new book, "How to Live with a Ghost" has been earning terrific reviews on Amazon books. She'll be there to sign your book and chat.

Sunday afternoon at Millstream Brewing Co. David Zolo performs noon – 4 with Keeping up with the Jones's Food Truck on site.

Lakeview Village

Assisted Living Apartments

- Meals Provided
- Housekeeping Services
- Wellness checks – Medication management
- Activities

Units Available

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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

National Day of Prayer
"Tell of His Glory Among the Nations"

Thursday, **May 7**, 7:30am-9:00pm
(Come & go as you are able)
Amana Performing Arts Center
39 38th Ave, Amana

Opening Ceremony - 7:35am
Breakfast 8:15am RSVPs preferred for breakfast but not necessary to:
571-225-7554 or 812-340-4157.
Please join us in praying for our:
Military (7:45am), Country (8:45am, David Pautsch), Government, Healing (10:00am), National Broadcast (11:15am), Education (12:30am), Family, Arts/Media/Entertainment, Business, Church, National Day of Prayer Broadcast 7:00pm;.

Assisted by American Legion Post 76, Morgan Walker, Rev. Kevin Fiedler, Moms in Prayer, Rev. Don Williams and others.
Submitted by Alan Trumpold

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Water Babies Swim Classes
May 4 - 8, 2026
Amana Pool, Middle Amana
Classes will be held
Monday thru Friday
The cost is $40
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
6 mo. - 18 mo.
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
19 mo. - 2 yrs

Contact Margaret Trumpold
Cell 319-400-0062/Home 319-622-3299

GARAGE/YARD SALE

LARGE Garage Sale April 30, May 1 & 2, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. each day. Quilting Fabric; Women's 2X & Men's clothing; Amana Blankets; Men's & Women's bikes; Sand Blaster; Hand Tools; Air Tools; LOTS of goodies!! 807 32nd Ave Middle Amana (Lakeside)

YARD SALE, 1007 26th Avenue, Middle Amana. Thursday, May 7: 12 - 4 pm, Friday, May 8: 9 am - 5 pm, Saturday, May 9: 9 am - 4 pm. Lots of Fun Stuff!

WANT TO BUY
-Reloading Equipment
-Presses and Dies
-Large and Small Estates
-Bullets and Brass
-Shooting Sports Items
-Supplies and Ammo
-Muzzleloaders and Firearms: Vintage & Modern
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OBITUARY

Eugene "Gene" Lee Marz, 70, of Kearney, Ne. passed away on April 23, 2026. Born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on August 13, 1955, to Fritz and Ellen May (Leichsenring) Marz.

Gene spent most of his life in eastern Iowa. He was raised in Homestead, Iowa, and attended school in Amana. He then attended Southeast Community College in Nebraska and graduated with a degree in design drafting. His first job was with FMC Link-Belt in Cedar Rapids. In 1984, he began working for Design Engineers and was an employee for over 40 years until his retirement.

Gene loved spending time with his family. Going on family trips or just "hanging out" playing cards and watching his favorite teams, the Iowa Hawkeyes and Chicago Cubs. He was an avid bicycler and woodworker.

Gene is preceded in death by his parents and granddaughter, Alexis Rae Urbanek.

Gene is survived by his wife, Debra (Friesen); son, Jacob (Jen Cresswell); daughter, Corey (Bryce) Urbanek; grandchildren, Collin and Cassandra; sister, Geri Marz; sister-in-law, Lu Zoller; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorials may be given to the family for future designation. Condolences are available online at roperandsons.com

Worship / Hymn Sing

Saturday, **May 2**, after parade (11:30am or so)
Outside at Price Creek Event Center
4709 220th Trail, Amana
Look and listen for us.
All ages & non-percussion instruments are welcome. Please spread the news.

AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD) Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and Tentative Agenda May 4, 2026- 7 p.m. Amana Colonies Land Use District office 4304 220th Trail Amana

I. Call Meeting to Order
II. Set Agenda
III. Review/Approve April 13, 2026 Regular meeting 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. 2026-010 Grant Dennis Zuber /4468 V St. Homestead/HP-R/ Remove slate siding & install LP smart side. Tear off and repair roof & install new shingles. Repair stairs & landing. Repair current wood windows as needed. New paint to entire building.

b. 2026-011 Grant Allyn Neubauer /4522 F St./HP-R/ Repair structural features on dormers. Secure & replace any damaged siding on dormers. Scrap, prime and paint dormers & facia board. Replace damaged windowsills as needed.

c. 2026-017 Grant David Rettig /2607 220th Trail /HP-R/ Reside south & east side of garage with clear cedar.

d. 2026-018 Grant Lisa Lammey /606 13th Ave. High Amana/ HP-R/ Replace entire roof on garage.

e. 2026-019 Grant Peter Hoehnle /4118 V St. Homestead /HP-R/ Restoration of 6ft foundation section on the southeast corner .

f. 2026-020 Grant Alan Brower /5209 E. St. East Amana/HP-R/ Replace existing wood windows with new wood windows.

g. 2026-022 Ronald & Linda Dearborn /5203 C St. East Amana/ R-1/ Build 12 X 36 garage with 7/12 pitch. Wood siding, paint brown [Roller Coaster WMTo21] to match house. Garage door white (no windows) facing west. Install 2 windows on north side of garage. 15' from existing shed, 20' from chicken house, 80' from rear lot line, 52' from west lot line.

h. 2026-027 Rona & William Wyant /4406 220th Trail/ HP-C/ Install new 1/2 round seamless aluminum gutters.

i. 2026-029 Brad Zuber /5203 D St. East Amana/ HP-R/ Add 7'X12' lean-to onto existing one.

j. 2026-030 Amana Society Inc. /920 48th Ave./ HP-I/ Paint exterior of the "red shed" building back to its original color of red.

k. 2026-033 Brad & Shirley Daggy /1111 26th Ave. Middle/ HP-R/ Install LP smart side lap siding (4.5" reveal) on the wood framed portion of house & garage in color Wicker Rocker. Replace 10 windows with vinyl double hung in white. 9/6 (4) 29 1/"2 X 58" 1/2. 6/6 (6) 29 1/2" X 48". Paint exterior trim color green sprout. Remove Cupola on garage. Tuckpoint damaged mortar.

l. 2026-034 Brad & Shirley Daggy /609 7th Ave. West Amana/ HP-C/ Replace damaged or missing board & batten siding. Enclose the lower stable section on the south side. Paint the exterior light gray. Install 6" 1/2 round gutters on the north side of barn.

m. 2026-035 The Egg Basket, LLC /4515 F St. Amana/ HP-C/ Remove flat roof rubber membrane (5 sections) and replace with rolled roofing shingles material. Remove wood deck and replace with treated wood decking (2X4) with cedar railing. Remove vertical cedar siding and replace with new vertical cedar siding. Replace 54" X 60" window with 9/6 vinyl replacement. Replace K style gutters & down spouts with 1/2 round galvanized gutters & down spouts.

n. 2025-044 Shawn & Amy Jacobson /1308 G St. High Amana/ HP-C/ Rebuild/replace exterior wooden doors on the High Amana General Store. GRANT CHECK APPROVAL NEEDED.

VI. Other Business.
a. Discussion/Action: Scheduled ordinance review
b. Discussion/Action: Review updated design guideline document
c. Discussion/Action: Paul Bruhn update
d. Discussion/Action: Ordinance Lodging Definitions
e. Discussion/Action: ACLUD Payroll
f. Discussion/Action: Farm office shed
g. Discussion/Action: Alternative Material
VII. Review/Approve May Disbursements Report.
VIII. Review/Approve the May Treasurer's Report.
IX. President's Report (if applicable).
X. Administrator's Report.
XI. Adjourn.