Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Regular Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, August 23, 2026 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Betsy Momany presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Jesus, wahres Lebensbrod" No. 542 vs. 1-3 Seite 538

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock, Büdingen, December 27, 1737

Scripture: Mark 8:1-13
1 Corinthians 12:12-31
Psalm 34:8-14

Closing Hymn: "Jesus, wahres Lebensbrod," No. 542 vs. 4-7 Seite 538

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

Opening Hymn: "Jesus, Dear True Bread of Life" No. 143

Closing Hymn: "We praise the Lord" No. 28

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 past services online may be found at: *https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/*

REMINDER CONCERNING SOUTH DUMP
Iowa County Landfill accepts yard waste

The "South Dump" is **Private Property** for the use of ***Amana Society Stock Holders*** living within the Amana Colonies,.

Users **will** remove non-compostable material including . Lumber/building material & trash.

Users will only drop off only organic compostable yard refuse ***after backing up as far as possible*** to allow others to use the area without heavy equipment having to push the yard refuse, a waste of Amana Society resources. Burning is **absolutely not** permitted. Using this area to disposed of organic yard refuse is a privilege, not a right, and privileges will be revoked if DNR and ASI rules are violated.

If you witness violations of these rules, ***please*** report, to A.S.I. Conservation at 319-560-2459.

MOVIES IN AMANA!

Join us next Wednesday August 26th to the Amana Performing Arts Center, for another classic fantasy adventure movie you won't want to miss!

Coming Up Next: A young boy, harassed by bullies, hides out in an antique book store and discovers a mystical book that transports him to a magical realm, and places him on an adventure where he must help decide the fate of all Fantasia! This tale is truly Never-Ending! Come and see it on the big screen! Doors open at 6:30, film at 7pm!

The Summer Movie Spectacular of 1980's Movies may be winding down, but The Magic Lantern will be bringing you MORE movies throughout September! Classic, defining films from all decades, best seen on the BIG SCREEN. Stay tuned for more updates here, or look for us on Facebook and Instagram. You can also email us with movie requests! (magiclantern.pictureshow@gmail.com) We'll see you at the movies!

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 home-bound, 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.

AMANA LIBRARY HOURS
Starting August 24
Monday & Saturday 9:00am-Noon
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00am-6:00pm
Wednesday CLOSED

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Supporting the Village – The HWC

Years ago Barbara Hoehnle gave me a slender blue notebook containing a pamphlet titled, "Homestead Welfare Club 1919-1979 Sixty Years of Progress," that was shared at an anniversary party held for club members on September 6, 1979.

No author is listed, but it is possible that Barbara, her son, Peter, and father, Arthur Selzer, had quite a bit to do with the writing and/ or the research of this essay issued in pamphlet form to celebrate the club's anniversary.

The 1979 officers of the Homestead Welfare Club are listed as: Walter Seifert, President; Ron Vogt, 1st Vice President; James Loyd, 2nd Vice President; Henry Seifert, Treasurer; and Arthur Selzer, Secretary.

It includes these excerpts from the first minutes: "On October 29. 1919 a committee … met for the purpose of organizing a club. This meeting was organized by Dr. Henry G. Moershel in an old community washhouse located north of the now "Amana Heim" (former Ehrle home)." The goal appears to have been to create a group to support community life, offer social, educational and cultural enrichment and entertainment.

It's important to recall that this was a full 13 years before the Great Change would forever end the communal way of life. The Welfare Club minutes note that they hoped the formation of the club would be "for the good of the village," but you have to wonder if the desire to do more, see more and to be part of what was happening in the wider world might have prompted the formation of the club.

Not many years later very similar groups would be formed in West Amana and in Amana. These social clubs would play an important role in the lives of all Amana colony residents as they offered a clubhouse gathering space and as members organized parties, movie showings, holiday events, plus Fourth of July picnics and sporting competitions. They filled a void in pre World War 2 community life and helped Amana to ease into the post war years as the community grew and changed.

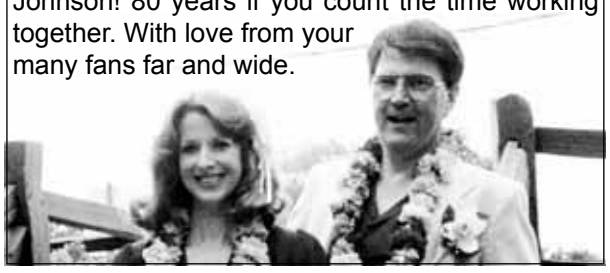
Fritz Marz Sr., Louis C. Selzer, FW Moershel, William Ehrle, Jr. and C.A. Eichacker were the first officers with Fritz Marz (the senior not the junior) its first president. The name Progressive Club was rejected in favor of the Homestead Welfare Club.

For years the club was male only. Women gained admittance on September 22, 1932 with 15 women voted in as members at that meeting though they were called the "HWC Ladies Auxillary" and elected their own officers for many years. Just when the two groups became truly one group is unclear to me, but as late as 1959 there were separate officers and separate projects undertaken by the club and the ladies auxillary.

December 8 they decided to begin meeting in the west portion of the Homestead Church cellar, an area used as the village wine cellar. That space had been recently emptied of its wine. In the winter of 1919 a ban on the production, distribution and sale of alcohol, forced all Amana Colony villagers to dump thousands of gallons of wine in order to comply with a new state law that would soon become a nationwide, federal ban (the 18th Amendment) known as Prohibition. So in the empty wine cellar they set up trestle tables, hung lanterns and held their meetings; the first one on January 5, 1920 during which the entertainment included a comic skit called "Buying Eggs" by Dr. Moerschel and Mr. Eichacker which brought the house down.

So began a tradition that continues in the village of Homestead to this day. The Homestead Welfare Club, has among other things, maintained a village clubhouse, offered that space for social events, held many social events, and the Ladies Auxillary published the highly successful and culturally important, "Amana Colony Recipes," a fund raiser so successful they were able to pave Homestead's main street and in 1959 to build a village sewer system, the first in the seven villages.

Happy 40th Anniversary, (Aug 18) Tom and Meg Johnson! 80 years if you count the time working together. With love from your many fans far and wide.



MONDAY, AUGUST 31ST
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AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD)
Tentative Agenda of the regular meeting Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Monday, August 24, 2026 6:30 p.m. at ACLUD office 4304 220th Trail Amana

I. Call HPC Meeting to Order
II. Set Agenda
III. Review/Approve July 27th, 2026 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. 2026-060 Shawn & Amy Jacobson /1308 G St. High Amana/ HP-C/ Replace the two bottom 30X55 windows on the east side of the house with white vinyl clad double hung windows.

b. 2026-065 Dennis Zuber /4468 V St. Homestead/ HP-R Phase 2 of project. Replace/restore wooden windows on Chicken house. Replace garage door with carriage style doors. Finish siding as presented on phase 1.

c. 2026-066 Shawn & Amy Jacobson /1308 G St. High Amana/ HP-C/ Demo & repair back porch. Repair/Replace wood sash windows as needed and rotten sills. Repair small wooden door at the bottom of the south entrance to the store.

d. 2026-067 Allyn Neubauer /4522 F St./ HP-R/ Repair chicken house/wash house on property. Replace 2 rotten windowsills of the home. Will be replaced with brick to match the others.

e. 2026-068 Erin Phelps /4427 V St. Homestead/ HP-C/ Replace 12 windows on pumphouse with windows from the attic barn or new wood windows.

f. 2026-069 Thomas Oehler /4306 V St. Homestead/ HP-R/ Exterior tuckpointing and replacement/repair about 150 bricks.

g. 2026-070 ACHSF / 614 46th Ave. Amana /HP-C/ Repair failing car siding on Heritage Design with new car siding and correct weather stripping.

h. 2026-071 Roy & Monica Kersten /4448 V St. Homestead / HP-C/ Remove shake siding & replace. Replace all windows with vinyl replacements. Replace front & rear door. Remove & Replace roofing with new shingles. Repair front porch.

i. 2026-072 Alan Brower /5209 E St. East Amana/ HP-R/ Replace 2 windows with new wood windows.

j. 2026-073 Fletcher Williams /2507 J St. Middle Amana/ Replacement windows on first floor on the south, east & west side. 11 Double hung & 3 awning style white vinyl frame & trim.

VI. Other Business
-Review Paint Colors
-Paul Bruhn Update
VII. Administrator's Report (if applicable)
VIII. Adjourn

ACLUD ELECTION IN OCTOBER

The ACLUD Board of Trustees will hold their yearly election October 6, 2026. If you are interested in serving on the board, please complete and submit the Affidavit of Candidacy.

You can find this form on aclud.org located at the bottom of the "Forms" tab, or email aclud@southslope.net. All affidavits need to be turned into the Iowa County Auditor office by 4:30 on September 11th, 2026.

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AMANA COLONIES' APFEL DAY RETURNS WITH APPLE-THEMED FUN

It's time to celebrate the apple! On Saturday, September 5, 2026, the Amana Colonies will be filled with the sights, smells and flavors of fall during Apfel Day (Apple Day). From crisp apples and homemade applesauce to warm apple strudel and other seasonal favorites, visitors can savor all things apfel throughout the historic villages.

Experience apple-themed foods, shopping, games, special offerings and special events happening throughout the day. Whether you have a sweet tooth, love a good fall tradition.

A highlight of the celebration is the Sampling Stroll. Pick up a brochure at the Visitors Center and make your way through participating businesses to sample a variety of delicious apple-inspired treats. Once you've completed your stroll, turn in your entry for a chance to win a Gift Certificate.

For a complete list of Apfel Day activities and participating businesses, visit the Amana Colonies Visitors Center, amanacolonies.com, email info@amanacolonies.com, or call 319-622-7622.

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FLAVORS OF FALL 4-COURSE
Meal Presented at Fireside Winery in Amana

Fireside Winery, 4406 220th Trail, Amana, presents 4-course fall inspired event, September 18th at 6-9 pm, 5:45-6:15pm check in.

Join us to celebrate the many wonderful flavors of fall. We will be offering a 4-course season inspired meal perfectly paired with our wines. Sip, savor, relax and enjoy!

Menu: Subject to change

1st COURSE Small charcuterie sampler; an assortment of fall inspired flavors of cheeses with seasonal fruit. Paired with Fizzy Firefly, our Award-Winning Sparkling Wine

2nd Course Autumn Squash Soup and Warm Bread Paired with our Brianna - Dry White Wine

3rd Course Apple Hickory Pork Sliders Paired with our Calico Red - Semi Sweet Red Wine

4th Course Sopapilla Cheesecake - A cinnamon and sugar cheesecake, wrapped in a flaky pastry. Paired with an Autumn Spritzer.

TICKETS: $39 per person available through our events pages, OR email deb@firesidewinery.com

WANTED

Looking for a Singer 500A sewing machine. Call 319-325-6477

FOR RENT

Upper 1 Bedroom Apartment in Middle. Call (602) 284-3487

GARAGE SALE

Multi Family Garage Sale, 810 32nd Ave. Middle Amana. Thurs., Aug. 20- 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday, Aug 21- 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sat., Aug. 22- 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Adult & boys clothing newborn to 2T, toys, bikes, antiques, vintage microwave, books, dog kennel, kids golf sets, sports equipment, Precious Moments, slim artificial trees, holiday decor, and much more

RAVENWOLF PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS:
The Steel City Rovers
Wednesday, August 26th, 6pm

The Steel City Rovers perform dynamic and expressive music that is a unique composite of traditional Celtic music and North American styles including bluegrass, folk and roots. Their original works touch on issues of love, loss, celebration and heritage and they also breathe life into newly-discovered instrumental melodies from as far back as centuries ago. They create, collaborate and work hard to further the love and awareness of music.

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