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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Regular Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, August 30, 2026 starting 8:30 A.M. with Br Jon Childers presiding.

Opening Hymn: "O ewighelles Licht!" No. 769 Seite 759

Testimony: Ursula Mayer, Ronneburg, March 17, 1715

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Psalm 1

Closing Hymn: "Der am Kreuz ist meine Liebe" No. 134 Seite 127

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

Opening Hymn: "J O Light That's Ever Bright" No. 147

Closing Hymn: "Your Jesus Comes to Offer Reawak'ning" No. 120

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/*

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 02, 2026 in the Amana lift station.

ACLUD ELECTION

The annual election for the Amana Colonies Land Use District (ACLUD) trustees will be held Tuesday, October 6, 2026.

Nomination papers are available by appointment only at the ACLUD office at 4304 220th Trail, in Amana. Papers are also available at the Auditor's Office in the East Courthouse Annex at 970 Court Avenue in Marengo between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

The deadline for filing nomination papers is September 11, 2026, at 4:30 PM in the Auditor's Office.

Please note the polling hours for this election will be from 12:00 Noon until 8:00 PM at the Middle Amana Fire Station at 2725 K St Middle Amana, IA 52307.

Pre-registered voter registration deadline is Monday, September 21, 2026, for this election. Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered – such as voters registering to vote on election day – and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or prove residence if required) 1) prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents, or 2) cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the county auditor's office by Noon on Thursday October 8, 2026. Election Day Registrant attesters must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid or phone (319) 642-3923 option # 2. Voters are still encouraged to register by September 21, 2026, in the auditor's office if your residence has changed.

Anyone wishing to vote absentee before election day may do so by stopping in the Auditor's Office Monday through Friday 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM starting September 16, 2026. Voter Registration Forms and Absentee Ballot Request Forms are also available by mail or on the Iowa County website at www.iowacounty.iowa.gov.

For further information contact the ACLUD office at 319-622-3840 or the Auditor's Office at 319-642-3923 option # 2.

Sample ballots for this Special Election will be published in the Hometown Current the week of September 21, 2026.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

CCA High Ranks in Top 10 Percent

The Best High Schools in the U.S. list released by U.S. News and World Report August 19 has ranked our own Clear Creek Amana High School 32nd in the state of Iowa making it among the elite top 10 percent of high schools in the state.

There were 324 high schools in Iowa ranked by U.S. News and World Report and over 27,000 high schools in the nation.

Clear Creek Amana High School's low student to teacher ratio – just 15 to 1; its high Advanced Placement college coursework rate; and its high science/math test scores supported this ranking.

Here are some stats from the report. CCA has 800 students enrolled in 9th through 12th grade. The Advanced Placement class participation rate at CCA is 29 percent meaning that well over ¼ of seniors qualify and take AP classes in preparation for college or advancing technical training. Science and math standardized testing indicate a high level of science/math preparedness and higher than average success rates in post high school level coursework.

According to the survey, 29 percent of the student population at CCA high school is considered economically disadvantaged with 22 percent qualifying, based upon household income, to participate in the free lunch program and 7 percent in the reduced lunch price program.

CCA has a 93 percent high school graduation rate. In the state of Iowa, CCA ranked 26th in the College Readiness Index as measured by test scores and 155th in the state in its graduation rate rank.

The top ranked high schools in Iowa in order first through fifth were West High School, Iowa City; Decorah High School; Gilbert Community School; Liberty High School in North Liberty; Adel Desoto Minburn High School in Adel.

Patsy Cline was a Pure Delight

While I missed the opportunity to see one of my all-time favorite shows, "Always…. Patsy Cline" starring one of my all-time favorite actors and singers, Deb Kennedy, I have heard nothing but glowing reviews from neighbors and friends who saw one of the six performances August 14 – 23 at the Amana Performing Arts Center. I'm very sorry I missed it and I sure hope you did not.

Sponsored by Compass Memorial Healthcare, "Always…. Patsy Cline" by Ted Swindley, was directed by Tom Milligan, with musical direction by Brie Bevans and Tracy Williams. The band was led by Laurie Ferguson and costumes were by Raejean White with technical design and support from Jonesy McElroy and sound engineering by Robert Brost.

The show starred the multi-talented powerhouse Deb Kennedy as the incomparable, Patsy Cline and her do or die mega fan, Louise Segar was played by the inspiring Shelley Walljasper. Walljasper was back in Amana after performing here as Vivian in the highly popular "Church Basement Ladies."

As I was told, this duo made powerful, meaningful theatre with heart felt, rich performances that packed a punch.

The band featured Joy Ward, John O Connel, Jeanette Welch, Layton White, Pat Smith along with special guest announcer Jerry Westemeyer playing over two dozen Cline standards.

Set at the very height of Cline's career and just after her death on March 3, 1963, the show features all of Cline's greatest hits woven into the true story of a rock solid friendship expressed in the letters Cline and Segar exchanged over the years. Segar, who narrates, tells Cline's life story, how they became friends, and how Cline became the first country star to cross over to pop stardom forever changing Nashville.

"I was mesmerized by the music and by the story. . . It's really rare to enjoy a show this much and I sure did," a Marengo resident told us Monday.

"It was phenomenal. Phenomenal. Deb Kennedy was absolutely outstanding," said a Middle Amana resident who attended with friends.

Kathie Cole Smith wrote on the TKM Facebook page, "I am still speechless at how wonderful this was! I loved every minute."

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Thank You Friends,

My thanks to all who remembered me with cards, calls and visits after my hip surgery. Apparently I am a good "healer" because all is going very well.

Now, if I could only learn not to fall, I would be o.k.

I am sending you my best wishes and thanks! Your kindness, and this community we share, is very dear to me.

Janet W. Zuber

AMANA WRITER RELEASES A COZY MURDER MYSTERY DOG LOVERS WILL LOVE

Exercise Finished, the latest novel from Homestead-based author Melinda Wichmann, was released this summer and is now available at independent bookstores across Iowa. Meet Melinda and get your copy of Exercise Finished signed at Amana School Community Library at a special author event on September 17 starting at 6:00 p.m.

This cozy mystery follows the adventures of obedience trial chairman River Kincaid and her friends, all members of the Cedar Valley Dog Trainers, as they try to discover who killed a fellow club member. Kincaid must navigate the quirky sub-culture of competitive dog obedience in order to solve the murder as old grievances and unexpected secrets threaten the future of the kennel club that's like her second family.

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A couple from Cedar Rapids who came here for the show and had supper in Amana first said, "We absolutely love coming down here and having dinner, enjoying Amana food and then heading over to the theatre… and this was a WOW. Wow, what talent! I know I'm a Patsy Cline fan and I have seen this show before, but this show was truly awesome."

Don't miss the next TKM Theatrical Production when the Iowa Women's Jazz Orchestra featuring some of Iowa's best musicians will perform September 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Amana PAC. Check out the TKM Theatrical Production website or the APAC for tickets. Then get your tickets for "The Sunshine Boys" by Neil Simon Sept. 25 – 27 at the Amana Performing Arts Center.

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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.

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.

AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP
Church Services
SUNDAYS 9:00 AM
All Are Welcome
Amana Performing Arts Center
www.amanaareafellowship.org

FOR RENT

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

MOVIES IN AMANA!

The Magic Lantern is excited to expand our weekly Wednesday Movie Nights beyond the 1980's with CLASSICS from every era this September! Starting next Wednesday Sept. 2nd, you can catch a wider variety of films from every decade, right here at the Amana Performing Arts Center!

COMING UP NEXT: "We're gonna need a bigger boat!" Travel to Amity Island and be on the lookout, as a massive killer shark stalks the waters and terrorizes a small beach community in this classic 1975 thriller! (Rated PG)

Doors open at 6:30pm with Pre-Show entertainment, film at 7pm! And we'll have plenty of popcorn, candy and drinks available for purchase! See ya there, matey!

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AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD)
Tentative Agenda of the regular Meeting
Historic Preservation Commission, Monday, August 31, 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 from Marvin 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 with tuckpointing, brick replacement/repair as needed. Replace 2 windowsills (Second floor) of the home that are rotten. 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 of approximately 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 with new siding. Replace all windows with vinyl replacements. Replace front & rear door. Remove old roofing and install with new asphalt shingles. Repairs to be made to 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