

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, May 04, 2025 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Elly Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Es ist das Heil uns kommen her," No. 265 vs 1-4 Seite 258

Testimony: Barbara Landmann, Middle Ebenezer, November 20, 1856

Scripture: Job 42:1-10

Psalms 69:13-18

Closing Hymn: "Es ist das Heil uns kommen her," No. 265 vs 11-14 Seite 259

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

Opening Hymn: "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" No. 22 vs 1-5

Closing Hymn: "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" No. 22 vs 6-10

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.

Links to services posted 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, May 07, 2025 in the Amana lift station.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Maifest, Your Fest, Our Fest
Perfect Weather Predicted

It's going to be a perfect weekend to celebrate in the Colonies, so call your friends and head to Amana for all the festivities.

Here are some highlights: The Amana Maipole dancers will be performing traditional German spring dances and songs 7 p.m. Friday at Millstream Brewing. Co and Saturday and Sunday. Friday we should note the brewery is hosting a community party to kick off the even with Rock108 as they introduce their Maifest Maibock. Pilsner glasses celebrating this event will be available. Auntie Anne's pretzel truck will be there.

Saturday the Maipole dancers perform: 11a.m. after the parade outside the Festhalle; 11:45 at the Amana Heritage Museum; 12:15 in front of the Amana General Store; 2 p.m. outside the Festhalle; 2:30 in front of the Amana Meat Shop and Smokehouse; 3:15 final performance outside the Brau Haus.

Sunday they dance at 11 a.m. in front of the Amana Meat Shop and Smokehouse; 12:30 in front of the Amana General Store; 1:15 p.m. in front of the Festhalle; 2 p.m. by the Blumen Haus – Brau Haus. Should it rain all dances are in the Festhalle.

Once again this year volunteers for the Amana Heritage Society will be serving up hot, fresh potato pancakes (with a side of apple sauce) and traditional Obstkuchen at the Festhalle after the parade and Saturday till 4 p.m. All four of the Amana Heritage sites will be open on Saturday – including the new Homestead Folk Art site, so take your friends to see our sites.

Stop by the Ox Yoke Inn's front lawn for an eye-opening or virgin bloody mary or mimosa as you watch the parade. Starting at 11 a.m. Saturday they'll be offering Kinder gift bags at the table to the kids dining with you at the Ox Yoke Inn. Then at 5 p.m. Jeff Weimer and Jessica Mar will help you wind down in the Bierstube cellar at the Ox Yoke.

Don't forget the entertainment in the Festhalle on Saturday: Blame not the Bard that rollicking, rowdy Celtic combo, performs 11:30 – 1:30 with the RTD Irish Step Dancers at 2:30 p.m. and then Blame Not the Bard returns at 3:30. Yes, you can buy food and drink at the Festhalle with soft drinks and beer served by the RV Park inside the Festhalle. Check out the pop-up food trucks outside the Festhalle too.

The 10 a.m. Amana parade theme is "Spring into Action" honoring our fire and emergency volunteers. Leading the parade will be our parade grand marshalls, the Amana Fire Department members! Come cheer them on and thank them for their ongoing service. Parade happens rain or shine.

It's a pop up festival with entertainment on the front

AMANA LIBRARY BLOOD DRIVE

The Amana Community Library will host an ImpactLife Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 13 from 1:30 to 6:30. The Drive will be held in the ImpactLife Donor Bus at the Amana Elementary Parking Lot, 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana.

As a special THANK YOU, all donors will receive a gift card! Potential donors must be at least 17, weigh more than 110 pounds, and possess a photo ID to donate. Please eat and hydrate before donating. 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.

LIFEGUARDING CLASS

The pool in Amana and most pools need certified lifeguards. We will be hosting a lifeguarding class on May 17 and 18. These will be long days and full attendance is mandatory. Students must be 15 by May 18 and be able to swim 300 yards.

For more information and for registration text or call TJ Croco at 319-430-9181.

LAST WEEK'S PHOTO

Pictured was Edward Franklin Mertens 1877-1948, a day laborer, buried High Amana.

He was incorrectly identified on the back of the photo as "Zither Frank" a well known Hobo.

lawn of the Ronneburg as per tradition. Music starts after the parade with Becky and her Ivanhoe Dutchmen! Plus grilled sandwiches and cold beverages. Help the gang at the Ronneburg celebrate their anniversary!

Kids and grownups make your own Maipole at Four Winds Apothecary while supplies last. From hemp stalks, dried flowers and ribbon. 11 – 3 p.m.

Fireside Winery in the Villager will open its very festive, outdoor Weingarten and will be serving chilled wine-a-rita cocktails paired with cheese, and chips and salsa too!

Ackerman Winery next door will be offering their world-famous iced wine slushies and dandelion lavender martinis! Wowza. Plus French pastries and macarons! So celebrate south of the border at Fireside and continently at Ackerman!

There are some great shopping opportunities during Maifest including Smokehouse Squares Antique. 10 percent off single items priced \$21 more when paying with cash or a check. May 2-4. Now is the hour to see what's popped up in all our colony antique shops. Did you know that the Amana Colonies were the Midwest's #1 antique shop haven according to Midwestern Country Living?

Hey, there's a quilt sale at Heritage Designs in Amana Saturday from 9 – 5 p.m. with 10 percent off all finished quilts and wall hangings. Plus check out their new spring fabrics.

Receive a FREE pair of earrings with your purchase of \$100 or more the Clothes Encounter! The new spring and summer sportswear separates are in!

Bring your kids and take advantage of these kids activities:

Geode Cracking on the lawn at the Ox Yoke Inn 11 a.m. – 3p.m. Saturday. The Noble Stone will be running their mining sluice and outdoor pebble pit for busy hands. Their will be kinder face painting at the Visitor Center lawn and you can make a kinder caterpillar at the Ackerman Winery. And of course, kids will enjoy making their own Maipoles of ribbon and flowers at Four Winds Apothecary 11 – 3 p.m. in Amana.

For all the highlights go to amanacolonies.com and look for Maifest or pick up a brochure at the Amana Visitor Center or local shop.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET						
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026						
District Name: HOMESTEAD SANITARY SEWER						
The Board of Trustees of the above-named District will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year						
Meeting Date: 5/15/2025 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Homestead Welfare Club 215 V Street Homestead, IA						
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Clerk						
Contact Name: Thomas Oehler Contact Telephone Number: (952) 220-1687						
FUND	FYE 6-30-2024 Actual Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2025 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2026 Proposed Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2026	Estimated July 1, 2025 Beg. Balance and All Other Receipts	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation
1. General	17,689	20,329	31,929	47,476	75,426	3,979
2. Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. TOTAL	17,689	20,329	31,929	47,476	75,426	3,979

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.54000



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Can you Obst the Kuchen?

Obstkuchen is an old communal Amana kitchen house treat as it was an easy pie to whip up for 40 people with canned fruits from the cellar. Usually each person received one-half a pie so yes, for a kitchen serving 40 diners they made 20 pies.

There are a number of recipes in the community that folks favor, but here is the one that I have used from Wilma Rettig.

Mürbeteig (Tender crust fruit pie)
2 cups flour
1 envelope yeast (rapid rise is best. This would be 2 and ¼ teaspoons)
½ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ cup granulated sugar
¼ cup vegetable shortening (Crisco - do not use oil)
¾ cup milk, warmed

Combine flour, yeast, salt, baking powder and sugar. Cut in the shortening till pea-sized or so. Stir is warm (not hot) milk. Knead a bit with your hands. Divide dough into 2 equal parts. Grease bottom and sides of two pie pans. Using well-floured hands press dough into bottom and up sides of pie pan. Cover well and place overnight in refrigerator.

For filling:
3 cups fresh, frozen or canned fruit. If using frozen, allow to defrost and pat fruit till mostly dry. If using canned, drain well and pat fruit mostly dry.

1 cup granulated sugar (unless using canned fruit – that is usually sweet enough)
1 cup whole milk
2 tablespoons flour
2 medium to large-sized eggs, beaten

Remove crusts from refrigerator and allow to come to room temperature. Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Beat together all ingredients - except fruit. Arrange fruit in pie crusts. Pour custard over top. Do not overfill.

Bake pies for 10 minutes. Turn down the heat to 350 and bake 35 – 40 more minutes. Some fruits – like plums – seem to take a little longer, I've noticed. Custard should be firmly set and crust should be golden brown or slightly browned.

Cool before sprinkling top with powdered sugar.

Recipe from Wilma Rettig and her Mom.



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GARAGE SALE

Garage Sale this Friday & Sunday (May 2 & 4) 703 31st Avenue, Middle Amana (Lakeside). 703 31st Avenue, Middle Amana (Lakeside). Yamaha digital piano John Deere E120 Troy-Bilt Storm 24 snow blower, barely used, \$450. Generac 3300 Generator in box, \$395. Newer Skil 3386 Band saw, \$95. Other newer equipment, tools, supplies. Newer Craftsman metal workbenches, cabinet. White Amana fridge, good condition. Newer Kitchen-Aid mixer, other kitchen and household, electronics, appliance, furniture, home and garden, books, toys/kids, clothes. Some stuff for free or donation! Call 319-804-5490 for info.

FOR SALE

Amana 10 cu/ft chest freezer \$30. 84" sofa \$50. very good condition. Old twin metal bed frame \$20. Lengthend to fit standard mattress 319-721-0587

John Deere E120, 42 in. mowing deck, just 48 running hours. Purchased new locally at City Tractor in 2019, well maintained and running great. Extra blades included! New ones run over \$2,000. This one priced to sell at \$975. Call 319-804-5490 for info.

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HELP WANTED

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FOR RENT

West Amana. 1 Bedroom apartment, Stove/Refridge furnished. References, lease required. 319-573-5265

OBITUARY

Joanne Arlene Baumgartner, 79, of Hills, formerly of Iowa City, passed away peacefully Monday, April 14, 2025, at Atrium Village. A visitation will be held from 5-7 PM, Monday, April 21, 2025, at Lensing's Oak Hill, 210 Holiday Road, Coralville, IA, 52241. A Funeral Service will be held at 10 AM, Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at the funeral home. Burial will follow at South Amana Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Global United Methodist Church, Tiffin, IA.

Joanne was born on August 10, 1945, in Monticello, IA, the daughter of John and Bernice (Burrichter) Stiffler. She graduated class of 1963 from Monticello High School. Joanne remained lifelong friends with several classmates. After high school a friend and her moved to Portland, Oregon for a year. She later graduated from AIC Business College in Davenport. Joanne was a waitress at the Colony Haus and also at the Gazette in advertising. She was united in marriage to Arnold Baumgartner on June 28, 1969; he preceded her in death in 2006. Joanne was a member of First Global United Methodist Church in Tiffin, IA. Joanne loved spending time traveling with her family and attending ball games of her boys. She especially loved her family and being an Oma.

Joanne is survived by her two sons, Eric (Stephanie) Baumgartner of Williamsburg & Kevin (Heather Welle) Baumgartner of Iowa City; one sister, Marilyn (Bill) Faust of Sun City, AZ; and two grandchildren, Samantha & Ethan Baumgartner of Williamsburg.

Joanne was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Arnold; and brother, Larry Stiffler.

OBITUARY

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Mary Joanne Ochs (Don), age 64, who departed life on April 24, 2025. Family, friends, and all who knew and loved her are welcome to attend Mary's Celebration of Life. Visitation- May 1st at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home, 8201 Hickman Rd, Urbandale) from 5-7 PM. Mass will be held on May 2nd at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church (510 E 1 st St, Ankeny) at 10:30 AM with a luncheon to follow. Burial will be at East Amana Cemetery beginning at 4PM for those who would like to join.

Mary was born May 23, 1960, to Nicholas and Mary Zumsande, and grew up in Norway, IA, where she was the oldest of four children. She graduated from Norway High School in 1978. She attended Mount Mercy College and graduated in 1983.

Mary was united in marriage to Don Ochs on September 17, 1983. They made their first home in East Amana where they welcomed two sons, Matthew and Stephen. In 1988, they moved to Ankeny where Mary did childcare before starting a career with Ankeny Community Schools in the special needs program. Mary was a deeply compassionate, and generous soul who dedicated her life to helping others, especially children with special needs.

Mary and Don are members of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church where she served as a Religious Education teacher and Eucharistic Minister.

Mary and Don were truly appreciative of all the support from family, friends, and their faith family.

Mary is survived by her loving family, husband Don; sons Matthew and Stephen (Kelly); mother Mary Zumsande; brothers Nick and Tom (Pam); and sister Carol (Steve); and her beloved grandchildren Kieran, Emery, Carter, and Hudson; along with many special nieces, nephews, in-laws, and a community who will miss her dearly.

Mary is preceded in death by her father, Nicholas Zumsande.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her honor to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church (Ankeny), Alzheimer's Association, New Horizons (Ankeny), or Hospice of the Midwest.

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