

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, February 08, 2026 starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Tony Berger presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Setze dich, mein Geist ein wenig" vs 1-3 No. 911 Seite 898

Testimony: Br. JF Rock, February 7, 1720

Scripture: John 2:1-11, Mark 4:35-41,

Mark 3:1-6

Psalm 148

Closing Hymn: "Setze dich, mein Geist ein wenig" vs 11-13 No. 911 Seite 899

The Late Service will start at 10:00 A.M. with the following hymns: "Sit and pause, a while, my spirit" No. 89, "My hope is built on nothing else" No. 286

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/>

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Effective February 1, Skogman Insurance, the Skogman Building, 417 First Ave. SE Cedar Rapids, purchased Amana Insurance.

Amana Insurance has been part of the Amana Society since 1936 though a subsidiary business that was not managed by the Main Office. By 1944 Walter Wendler was the salesman selling life insurance and property insurance. One primary goal was to provide insurance coverage for the society's properties. The business grew and continued to grow particularly in auto and property insurance sales as ASI brought it fully under the umbrella of the ASI corporation and dedicated independent salesmen built strong customer ties throughout eastern Iowa.

Significant challenges within the insurance industry, particularly in property insurance and the rising cost of premiums, led Amana Society management and board members to look at long range solutions for its Amana Insurance customers. Skogman Insurance and the Amana Society began negotiations directed by ASI management last summer with attention paid to the use of the Amana name, the location of the office and the future of the Amana Insurance team, until an agreement to purchase was struck.

Skogman Insurance, locally owned, has been in the insurance business in eastern Iowa since 1965 selling to families, businesses and nonprofits offering property, auto, liability and life insurance. Skogman works directly with more than twenty insurance carriers including industry leaders: Nationwide Allied, Westbend, Western National, Berkshire Hathaway, Markel, State Auto and Progressive as well as carriers that serve specialized needs. They offer a wide range of products and services in home and family property, auto, renters insurance, commercial property insurance, commercial liability and business insurance.

Billy Martin, Amana Agency Manager, told us, "By joining Skogman insurance, Amana Insurance now has access to expanded resources and a broader network of insurance carriers allowing us to continue ensuring you have the best coverage options available now and in the future. Both Amana and Skogman Insurance have strong ties to the communities we serve and a commitment to relationship-driven customer service. . . this partnership is a natural fit. . . this is truly a good thing for our agency and our clients to be able to serve them to the level we want to be able to."

Martin added that there will be no change to the name, the staff or the office location as a letter sent to all customers stated. He said that a staff member will be added to the Amana Insurance team.

Amana Elementary Welcomes Students Open Enrollment Starts Now 2026-27

Families who reside outside of the Clear Creek Amana School District may send their elementary age children to the Amana Elementary in Middle Amana. The application process is open now and

WENDLER SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

The Glenn and Mary Wendler Scholarship is an annual award of \$1,000 to graduates of Clear Creek-Amana High School planning to attend a fully accredited nonprofit or public two or four-year college or university and pursue a career in engineering, architecture or construction. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, volunteerism, and academic achievement, in that order. Applications may be obtained from Megan Carlo (megancarlo@ccaschools.org) in the Guidance Counselors Office of Clear Creek-Amana High School. The deadline for applying for the 2026 Wendler Scholarship is **4:30 p.m. on February 12, 2026.** For further information, see www.wendlerscholarship.com.

VALENTINE'S DAY COUPLES PAINT NIGHT

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a creative night out in the Amana Colonies. Bring your spouse or partner to the Amana Arts Guild in High Amana on Saturday, February 14, from 6:30-8:00 PM for a relaxed, fun evening of painting, light snacks, and drinks. All materials, snacks, and beverages are included. \$60 per couple. Kristie Yoder will guide couples with simple, step-by-step instructions ed. \$60 per couple.

an application is available on line on the CCA website under the Amana Elementary tab or under the Enroll tab at the top of the homepage.

Or simply contact Brad Fox directly at bradfox@ccaschools.org for an application and information about the school.

With about 126 students in kindergarten through fourth grade Amana offers a STREAM- focused experience. STREAM means there is an emphasis on science, technology, reading, engineering, arts and math, through hands-on, project based learning that fosters critical thinking and creativity.

Families who reside outside Clear Creek Amana School district boundaries will need to fill out the Magnet School Application due February 27, and follow Iowa's open enrollment process, with open enrollment due by March 1.

Stuff To Do On a Winter Day

We all know how boring winter can be but there are some very cool local options for things to do. Here are some suggestions based upon things that have crossed my desk this week.

- Crokinole Day. Every Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. you can learn to play. Crokinole, I'm told by a sincere fan, is "disk flicking" board game that resembles tiddlywinks or tabletop shuffleboard. Players take turns "shooting" discs across the circular playing surface trying to land their discs on specific areas of the board to earn points. There is strategy and gamesmanship involved. Every Saturday at the Ronneburg they set up the boards and invite people to play. Don't know how to play? Don't worry as someone will teach you.

- Fireside Winery offers an entertaining line-up of mini workshops at the Winery near Conroy. Yes, Ackerman Winery in Amana does as well so check out their Facebook pages or websites for their schedule of classes. Saturday, Feb. 7 they will be teaching how to decorate sugar cookies like a pro and creating some fun little gnomes for Valentine's Day. 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Sign up please. Fee includes all your supplies.

- At Fireside Winery. On Sunday, Feb. 8 it will be a "SIP and Paint" day starting at 11 a.m. with Barb Thompson teaching beginning level watercolor. Supplies are included with class fee. Ages 8 and up are welcome.

- Got a group to get together? Feb. 6 and 7 at the Ox Yoke Inn offers "Murder Case Files" free, interactive murder mystery experiential games. Solve the clues, uncover the truth, catch the killer. Book ahead and enjoy a free appetizer of your choice while you play. Friday 5 - 8 p.m. upstairs in the Ox Yoke and Saturday 11 till 8 p.m. in the Bierstube.

- Ice skating. Check the ice out of course, but we are told the ice is pretty good on shallow ponds and marshy pools, but be careful on the river or any deep water as there are open portions even now. Head to Coralridge Mall to skate indoors. They have open public skating every day and even offer learn to skate sessions. Check their website at Bodyarmoricerink.com



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BLOCKBUSTER USED DVD SALE

Feb 12 - 9am-6pm

Feb 13 - 9am-6pm

Feb 14 - 9am-Noon




Amana Community Library

3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana, IA

**Free Will Donation – Cash only **

Wide variety of New and Used DVDs. There will also be Adult Books, Cookbooks and Kid's books available.

All proceeds support purchasing books, library activities, programs, and events at the Amana Community Library.



Community Hymn Sing

Sunday, February 8, 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 and non-percussion instruments are welcome

• Please invite your family & friends

• Food available to purchase & eat inside lower main entrance before &/or after the hymn sing, from 11:00am to 5:00pm.

Join Us in Song & Praise

FOR SALE

192 shares of new Amana Society Inc. Class A stock. Best offer over \$65/share for entire lot. Phone 608-574-5066.

FOR RENT

For Rent: large, one bedroom/one bath apartment in condo next to Amana Golf Course. Deck overlooking course. \$925/mo. Call 319-338-0025 for more information.

For Rent in Amana Large 2 bedroom, laundry (W&D) No Pets on 220 Trail across from Museum Call 319-331-9173

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- I'm told there is a Facebook challenge called, "Can you cook Amana?" Prepare any recipe from the Amana Cookbook (Black and White Homestead Welfare Club publication), Seasons of Plenty or The Amana Preservation Foundation Cookbook, take photos, post on to your Facebook or Instagram with your comments, tips or general notes.

Note of Correction

My whole life I thought that Watts Pond, an oxbow located beside the Iowa River to the south and west of West Amana was Watts Pond when in fact it was "Vogt's Pond." I had heard, never read, the name, spoken by my Opa and my Dad who pronounced it with a strong German - Schwabian flavor turning the V into a W. Thanks to Lynn Trumpold who pointed this out to my Mother. Thus we shall correct my essay of late January on ice cutting in communal Amana and hopefully keep future Amana residents from making this mistake.

Thank you Vogt family for settling and keeping your neck of the Iowa River valley and providing West Amana with a handy oxbow from which to cut ice.

I will add that 8 months before my wedding while walking behind my Dad and future husband into Vogts Pond where we were building some sort of duck blind they stopped and I kept walking and I walked right into the end of a 2 by 4 being carried over Bob's shoulder. It bled quite a bit so they hauled me down to Dr. Carroway's who determined that it would scar less if he closed it with butterfly sutures, which he did. It looked fine on my wedding day. Now I know where this event truly took place.

AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP Church Services

SUNDAYS 9:00 AM All Are Welcome

Amana Performing Arts Center

www.amanaareafellowship.org

BLOOD DRIVE

The Amana Community Library will host an ImpactLife Blood Drive on Thursday, February 26 from 1:30 to 6:00. The Drive will be held in the Amana Elementary Cafeteria, 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana. Please help us qualify for a special grant with 20 successful donations.

Can't make it to our drive on the 26th? No worries! You can still support us by donating at any ImpactLife donor center and requesting that your donation be credited to the Amana Community Drive.

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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET

Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

District Name: WEST HIGH SANITARY SEWER

The Board of Trustees of the above-named District will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year

Meeting Date: 2/16/2026 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Middle Amana Fire Station 2725 K Street Middle Amana, Iowa 52203

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: Robert F Brost Contact Telephone Number: (319) 440-7905

FUND	FYE 6-30-2025 Actual Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2026 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2027 Proposed Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2027	Estimated July 1, 2026 Beg. Balance and All Other Receipts	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation
1. General	28,154	53,464	57,640	88,698	141,674	4,664
2. Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. TOTAL	28,154	53,464	57,640	88,698	141,674	4,664

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING --- PROPOSED BUDGET

Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 AMANA BENEFITED FIRE DISTRICT

The Board of Trustees of AMANA BENEFITED FIRE DISTRICT will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:

Meeting Date: 2/18/2026 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM Meeting Location: Middle Amana Fire Station, 2725 K Street, Amana, IA 52203

District Clerk/Secretary Name: Steven Rose Clerk/Secretary Telephone Number: (319) 560-6727

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.

FUND	FYE June 30, 2025 Actual Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2026 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2027 Proposed Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2027	Estimated July 1, 2026 Beg. Balance & All Other Receipts	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation
General	197,848	207,737	410,000	120,437	437,706	92,731

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.60750

HERITAGE SOCIETY SPRING FUNDRAISER
The Amana Heritage Society will host its annual Spring Fundraiser Dinner on Friday, March 13th, 2026 at the Ox Yoke Inn with doors opening at 5:30. This Spring Fundraiser Dinner raises much-needed funds to help support the Amana Heritage Society and its mission to share Amana’s special heritage and culture.

Spring Fundraiser Dinner & Silent Auction
Ox Yoke Inn in Amana
Doors open at 5:30pm; Dinner at 7pm
Winners of the drawings and silent auction announced following dinner
Raffle Ticket (includes two dinners and one raffle entry) is \$125; Dinner Tickets are \$45 each

Your generosity will make Amana’s heritage shine!!
This year, we will offer the opportunity for members and donors to offer support prior to the event and during the event for specific projects for which the Amana Heritage Society seeks funding. These include several projects to enhance our collections, technology, and maintenance.
Businesses and individuals are invited to donate unique items for the silent auction. Please email amanaheritage@southslope.net or call 319-622-3567 to arrange for us to pick up your auction items or to purchase tickets.
Raffle tickets may also be purchased through our website at www.amanaheritage.org.

Our motto is simple—Preserving Our Heritage, Sharing Our Culture.
Thanks for your ongoing support! Let us know if you have any questions.
Jon M. Childers, Executive Director
Rebecca Dickman, Curator
Elise Heitmann, Program Director

ACLUD SEEKS BOARD MEMBERS
The Amana Colonies Land Use District is seeking community members to fill vacant seats on the Board of Adjustments. Residents with an interest in land use, planning, or historic community preservation are encouraged to apply. For more information, please contact Kayleigh.aclud@southslope.net

NOTICE OF HEARING AND LETTING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATED COSTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN AND FOR THE HOMESTEAD SANITARY DISTRICT, HOMESTEAD, IOWA, AND THE TAKING OF BIDS FOR SUCH CONSTRUCTION.
Notice is hereby given that there are on file with the Board of Trustees of the Homestead Sanitary District, Homestead, Iowa, proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the construction of the Wastewater Treatment Improvements Project, hereinafter described.
A hearing will be conducted thereon at a meeting of the Board of Trustees, Homestead Sanitary District, Homestead, Iowa, at 6:00 P.M., March 11, 2026 at which time and place any person may appear and file objections to the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated costs for said public improvements.
Sealed proposals for the construction of said improvements will be received by the Board of Trustees at the offices of Hart-Frederick Consultants, 510 State Street, PO Box 560, Tiffin, IA 52340, until 4:00 PM March 3, 2026. Proposals will be opened and publicly read by the Project Engineer immediately after such time. Sealed proposals received may be considered by the Board of Trustees at the 6:00 PM, March 11, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting after the Public Hearing and will be acted upon at such time and place or at such later time and place as may then be set.
The project shall consist of providing all materials, equipment and labor necessary to install the work as defined as follows:
Base Bid: Construction of 9’x7’x13’ vault chamber with electrical, process piping, and HVAC systems. Provide and install UV Disinfection system as specified. Work includes all necessary grading, erosion control, mobilization and other associated appurtenances and miscellaneous work items.
All Work and equipment is to be in accordance with the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents on file with the Homestead Sanitary District Board of Trustees, Homestead Iowa, which are by this reference made a part of this Notice as though fully set out and incorporated herein.
A Pre-Bid Meeting/Inspection will not be required. Bidders may schedule an Independent Inspection of the WWTP site.
The BIDDER agrees to perform all of the Work described in the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS for the following Unit Prices or Lump Sum. BIDS shall include all applicable taxes and fees except for Sales Tax. BIDS SHALL INCLUDE SALES TAX.
All work and equipment is to be in accordance with the plans, specifications and contract documents on file with the Board of Trustees of the Homestead Sanitary District, Homestead, Iowa, which are by this reference made a part of this notice as though fully set out and incorporated herein.
Work shall commence within ten (10) days of Contractor receiving Notice to Proceed. All work shall be completed by September 1, 2026 subject to any time extension which may be granted by the Board of Trustees.
Payment for the Project will be made from such funds as are legally available for such purpose, including but not limited to, the proceeds of the sale of General Obligation Bonds and/or Revenue Bonds and/or the future net Revenues of the Homestead Sanitary District, and/or proceeds from the sale of warrants, as authorized by Section 384.57 of the Code of Iowa, payable from any of the aforementioned sources and bearing interest at such a rate or rates as determined by the Board of Trustees at the time of their issuance.
Monthly estimates will be paid to the Contractor as the work progresses in amounts equal to ninety-five percent (95%) of the contract value of the work completed during the preceding calendar month, including the actual cost (exclusive of overhead or profit to the Contractor) of materials and equipment of a permanent nature to be incorporated in the work and delivered to and stored at the job site. Such monthly payments shall in no way be construed as an act of acceptance for any part of the work, partially or totally completed. Final payment of the remaining amount due the Contractor will be made not later than thirty-one (31) days from the final acceptance of the work by the Board of Trustees, subject to the conditions and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 573 of the Code of Iowa.
Each proposal shall be made on the colored form of proposal prepared for this purpose and sealed in a separate envelope, which form may be obtained from the Board’s appointed Engineer, Hart- Frederick Consultants P.C. at 510 State Street, Tiffin, Iowa 52340. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond, certified check, cashier’s check or a credit union certified share draft in a separate sealed envelope in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. The certified check or cashier’s check shall be drawn on a bank in Iowa

or a bank chartered under the laws of the United States of America, the certified share draft shall be drawn on a credit union in Iowa or a credit union chartered under the laws of the United States; and such check or draft shall be made payable to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees as security that if awarded a contract, the Bidder will enter into a contract at the prices bid and furnish the required Performance and Payment Bonds and Certificates of Insurance. The certified check or cashier’s check or certified share draft may be cashed, or the Bid Bond forfeited, and the proceeds retained as liquidated damages if the Bidder fails to execute a contract or file acceptable Performance and Payment Bonds or provide acceptable Certificate of Insurance within ten (10) days after the acceptance of his proposal by resolution of the Board of Trustees. No bidder may withdraw a proposal within ninety (90) days after the date set for opening bids.
The successful bidder will be required to furnish a corporate surety bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price. Said bond shall be issued by a responsible surety approved by the Board of Trustees and shall guarantee the faithful performance of the Contract and the terms and conditions therein contained and the maintenance of said improvements
<?>in good repair for not less than three (3) years from the time of acceptance of said improvements by the Board of Trustees.
The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, informalities and irregularities. A single contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for completion of the project.
By virtue of statutory authority, preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa to the extent lawfully required under Iowa statutes, providing that the award of the contract will be made to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder submitting the lowest acceptable bid, which shall be without regard to state or local law whereby preference is given on factors other than the amount of the bid.
Plans and specifications governing the construction of the proposed improvements have been prepared by Hart-Frederick Consultants P.C., which plans and specifications and the proceedings of the Board of Trustees referring to and defining said proposed improvements are hereby made a part of this notice, and the proposed contract by this reference, and the proposed contract shall be executed in compliance therewith.
Said plans, specifications and proposed contract documents are now on file with the Board of Trustees of the Homestead Sanitary District, Homestead, Iowa, and at the Engineer’s office in Tiffin, Iowa, for examination by bidders.
A refundable fee of \$50.00 will be required for each set of plans and specifications. Electronic documents will be provided free of charge.
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Homestead Sanitary District Board of Trustees, Homestead, Iowa

NOTICE TO BIDDERS	
PROJECT:	Wastewater Treatment Improvements Project, Homestead Sanitary District, Homestead, IA
Pre-Bid Meeting/Inspection	A Pre-bid meeting is not required. Contractor may perform their own site inspection prior to bid.
BID DATE:	Sealed bids are due at 4:00PM, March 3, 2026, at the Hart-Frederick Consultants Bids will be opened at 4:00PM, March 3, 2026, at the Hart-Frederick Consultants Hearing will be held at 6:00PM, March 11 2026, at the Board of Trustees Meeting Bids will be considered at 6:00PM, March 11, 2026, at the Board of Trustees Meeting
	Bids should be filed at: Attn: Benjamin A. Carhoff, P.E. Hart Frederick Consultants, 510 State Street, PO Box 560, Tiffin, IA 52340 Attn: Wastewater Treatment Improvements Project Phone # 319-545-7215
DESCRIPTION OF WORK:	The project shall consist of providing all materials, equipment and labor necessary to install the work as defined as follows: Base Bid: Construction of 9’x7’x13’ vault chamber with electrical, process piping, and HVAC systems. Provide and install UV Disinfection system as specified. Work includes all necessary grading, erosion control, mobilization and other associated appurtenances and miscellaneous work items. All Work and equipment are to be in accordance with the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents on file with the Homestead Sanitary District, Homestead, Iowa, which are by this reference made a part of this Notice as though fully set out and incorporated herein.
SALES TAX EXEMPTION	The Bidder is NOT eligible to receive an exemption from the State of Iowa Sales Tax. State of Iowa Sales Tax shall be included in the bid.
PREFERENCE	By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the state of Iowa.
BID GUARANTY:	Bid security in the form of a cashier’s check or certified check drawn on a state-chartered or federally chartered bank, or a certified share draft drawn on a state-chartered or federally chartered credit union, or a bidder’s bond with corporate surety satisfactory to the Board of Trustees, in the amount of 10% of the bid.
COMPLETION DATE:	Work shall commence within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of the written "Notice to Proceed". All work shall be completed by September 1, 2026 subject to any time extension that may be granted by the Board of Trustees.
PERFORMANCE/ PAYMENT MAINTENANCE BOND:	One hundred percent (100%) of the bid, with a maintenance period of three (3) years from the time of final project acceptance by the Owner.
PAYMENTS:	Monthly estimates equivalent to ninety-five percent (95%) of the Contract value of the work completed during the preceding calendar month with 5% retainage. Remaining retainage, if any, will be paid within 30 days after final acceptance by the Board of Trustees.
BIDDING DOCUMENTS:	Bidding Documents can be purchased from: Hart-Frederick Consultants P.C.
BIDDING DOCUMENTS COST:	\$50.00 per set, refundable, if returned within 14 days after the award of the contract and in a re-useable condition. Electronic documents will be provided free of charge. Make checks payable to "Hart-Frederick Consultants, P.C." Mail checks to the mailing address. Mailing Address: Hart-Frederick Consultants P.C., P.O. Box 560, Tiffin, IA 52340-0560 Physical Location: 510 State St.; Tiffin, IA 52340; Phone #: (319) 545-7215; Fax #: (319) 545-7220 For Current Project information and status, please visit: www.hart-frederick.com ; Click on "Projects," and then click on "Current Projects."
PROJECT ENGINEER:	Benjamin A Carhoff, P.E.; Hart-Frederick Consultants P.C. Contact information: Phone # (319) 545-7215, Fax # (319) 545-7220
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