

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Confessional Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, October 12, 2025 starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Peter Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Ach, Gott und Herr, wie gross und schwer" No. 7 Seite

Testimony: Christian Metz, Armenburg, November 4, 1832

Scripture: 1 John 1: 5-10

Psalm 32

Closing Hymn: "Herr, ich habe missgehandelt" No. Seite

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

Opening Hymn: "Alas, My God, My Sins Are Great" No. 16

Closing Hymn: "Lord, To Thee I Make Confession" No. 51

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 FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly public meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

The Big 6-0 Was One for the Books

"I know what you're going to call it in your ASI Bulletin story 'One for the books!'" said Gaycia Neubauer, Amana who lives on the corner near the Festhalle grounds and has a front run seat to Amana's biggest party. "It had to be one of the biggest ever!"

We haven't heard any numbers, but most would have to agree this was one grand fest. And it certainly was one of the hottest. Though two years ago we did top 92 degrees on Saturday, this year it was hot all four days of the festival run. On Friday at 3 p.m. it was 92 on Amana's Main Street with temps hovering in the high, 80s Saturday and Sunday during the day.

"But I'll take heat over rain any day," said Angela Bendorf Jamison, who drove 1,000 miles with her husband to be here with her family at Oktoberfest. Her Dad, Hank Bendorf was the first ever Oktoberfest chairperson. He brough the idea to the Amana Jaycee's (Junior Chamber) after he, his wife, Amber, his sister in law, Amber's sister and her husband visited, by sheer chance, the LaCrosse, WI festival.

A few highlights:

Kids and families certainly enjoyed the new Amana Colonies Playground in the village of Amana next to the Amana Woolen Mill complex. The playground has been in the works for a while, but with the help of volunteers and the Amana Society Forestry Department team, it was ready for kids to enjoy at Oktoberfest. It proved a popular spot for children all weekend long. Next to be added: seating and a sign.

Have we ever had this long a parade? Have we ever hosted this many area fire departments? We don't think so. We lost count at 12 big fire trucks and several smaller emergency vehicles here for the our 60th anniversary fest.

The parade winners: Best Use of Theme – the Amana Arts Guild; Most Humorous – Ackerman Winery, "Diamonds are Forever," float; and the Judge's Choice – the Clear Creek Amana High School Marching Band.

Well, Thursday night in the Festhalle proved pretty darn fun with lots of locals gathering, plus visitors from the Amana Colonies RV Park and overnight lodgers. "This is perfect as we check out Friday and head back to Chicago after supper Friday!" said one young couple who had only day to enjoy the festival. When they heard there would be entertainment on Thursday evening, they made sure to arrive by 6

AMANA BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES

The Amana Boy Scouts, Troop 223, will again be offering Christmas wreaths and outdoor balsam roping for sale to all residents and businesses. Door to door sales is scheduled for Sat. Nov. 22nd.

The wreaths are 24" with a red bow and 2-3 pinecones. These are \$18.00 each.

Roping is available in two lengths – 25 foot for \$27.00 and 50 foot for \$53.00. **The roping needs to be pre-ordered by October 23. It will NOT be available to order after that date.**

To pre-order your wreaths and roping call Gary or Charlotte Heishman, 319-622-3039. We will put you on our order list. I will personally contact those that are on our 2024 pre-order list within the next few weeks. Thank you for supporting our Boy Scout Troop

BLOOD DRIVE

The Amana Library will host an ImpactLife Blood Drive on Thursday, October 23 from 1:30 to 6:30. The Drive will be held in the Amana Elementary School Cafeteria, 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana. 20 donations are needed to qualify for a special grant. Please help us to achieve this goal.

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.

p.m., check into their hotel and then go out to enjoy themselves Thursday evening.

The new Festhalle Ratzkeller (or whatever we are going to call it) was a hit. If you didn't see it, make a point to see it soon. This space is truly cool and with the shady, north side, apron of green grass and plenty of picnic tables, it's a lovely spot to enjoy the music which can be heard clearly from the Festhalle above. Remember this space with its functional bar is available to rent for graduation parties, family reunions and all sorts of events.

All the new entertainment was outstanding. We had the Polka Police, the Jolly Germans, the Ben Schmidt Band, the Happy Players and Alpine Thunder here at the festival and truly, it was four days of almost nonstop tunes and excellent music. Hats off to our Die Tiefen Keller Kinder who were honored for having members who have performed at all of our Oktoberfests and the Amana Colony Folk Singers and their Dancing Troupe. Their shows were exceptional this year.

Next week we'll write about all the festival honorees but we want to say now, that adding a moment to highlight and honor those who have contributed to our community has become an important Oktoberfest tradition.

Heard on the street: "I want to hear Greenspace!" said one young man to his gal. She turned to him and said, "Where are they playing?" His reply, "I think at the Hotel." Nope, no band by that name. That's the green stretch of lawn on which the tent is pitched at Hotel Millwright.

You are Invited to TKM's "Bachelorette Party"

A lightning quick farce about an electrically charged weekend gone haywire for one nervous bride and her friends, is set for November 7 – 9 at the Amana Performing Arts Center with TKM Theatrical Productions.

Join Dot, Meg, Carol and Ellie at Dot's Northwoods cabin for Meg's bachelorette party. But Meg and her love, Sheriff Tom Lane have other ideas—a secret plan to elope while everyone else is still out for the party. Carol and Ellie also make secret plans to rendezvous with their men, Rick and Bubba, but who knows what will happen next. Throw in Dot's stash of "special" cookies, a few bottles of wine, an ex-lover and more intrigue of a romantic nature and this bash gets out of hand. A laugh out loud comedy farce for grownups by Karen Schaeffer.

Jonesy McElroy directs and his cast is beyond talented: Marcia Hughes, Deb Kennedy Lisa Margolin, Ryan Gaffney, Brie Bevans, Andrew Cartier, Adam

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4 Family - Garage Sale

3010 - 220th Trail, Middle Amana

(Across from school / Rain or Shine)

THURSDAY, OCT. 9th : 9a.m. - 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 10th: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 11th: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Burnham, Scot Hughes, Dana Jensen and Ken Van Egdon. We can't wait to see them all in action.
Contact deborahkennedy@live.com for tickets. Sponsored by the Ox Yoke Inn and Tidbits. Shows Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25.



The Amana Furniture Shop is seeking a Full or Part time Retail Associate!

This person will assist customers, maintain product displays, and promote Amana-made craftsmanship and quality. The ability to work weekends and operate a point-of-sale system is a must. For more information, check out the ad on Indeed or contact Laura Sue at 319-622-3953 or lswoods@amanas.net.

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AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD) Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting & Tentative Agenda October 13, 2025 – 7 p.m.
ACLUD office 4304 220th Trail Amana
And via ZOOM link

I. Call Meeting to Order
II. Set Agenda
III. Review/Approve September 8th, 2025 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. 2025-058 Amana Millwright LLC /800 48th Ave./ HP-C/ Remove existing 4" 1/2-round gutters & 3" downspouts. Replace with 6" 1/2-round seamless gutters and 4" downspouts.
b. 2025-060 Amana Society Inc. /920 48th Ave (former Amana Builders Building)/HP-I/ Replace front garage door with new white garage door with 2 windows. Replace the sliding back door with an overhead garage door, no windows.
c. 2025-048 Amana Society Inc. /824 48th Ave. (Furniture shop)/ HP-C/ Remove non historic chimney on West side to complete new rubber roofing.
d. 2025-061 Scott Geiger /711 47th Ave./ HP-C/ New Build of garage and woodshed.
e. 2025-064 Linda Gipple /27 220th trail South Amana/HP-R/ Demo permit for the garage "un-attached" next to the home. Permit fee waived due to fire/total loss.
f. 2025-065 Nathan Kleinmeyer /741 47th Ave. /HP-C/ Build a 112' X 30' cedar toned pergola in the back (south) yard space of the Millstream Brau Haus. Solar panels would be placed on top of the pergola for the Brau Haus.
g. 2025STR-062 Hannah & Jason Brown /113 220th Trail South Amana/ HP-R/ Short term rental renewal (Nadine's South Amana).
h. 2025STR-066 LeAnna Kruckeberg /617 45th Ave./ HP-R/ Short term rental renewal (The Lodge at Amana).
i. 2025-067 Russ & Lori Eimers /1521 F St. High Amana/ R-1/ Install solar panels on pole building in backyard.
VI. Other Business.
a. Discussion/Action: Review and vote on fee schedule update
b. Discussion/Action: Scheduled ordinance review
c. Discussion/Action: Review and vote on lighting ordinance regarding business hours
d. Discussion/Action: Review and vote on design guideline changes
e. Discussion/Action: Appoint new HPC member
f. Discussion/Action: Appoint new BOT chair
g. Discussion/Action: Special event temp signage
VII. Review/Approve October Disbursements Report.
VIII. Review/Approve the October Treasurer's Report.
IX. President's Report (if applicable).
X. Administrator's Report.
XI. Adjourn.

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SERVICES

Fall garden plowing, leaf collection, lawn aeration, and stump grinding. Call Rob Jeck at 319-622-3308

FOR SALE

177 shares of Amana Society New Class A stock. Please e-mail jill.gringer.deyoung@gmail.com or phone 319-621-5124

100 shares of Amana Society Inc. New Class A Common Stock for sale. Phone 319-560-3996.

HOME FOR SALE

4307 220th trail, Formally known as Abbi's cottage. Could continue as an overnight or long-term rental with the potential of 3 rentals. Could convert large suite back in the garage. 3 to 4 bedrooms, depending on use. Finished basement, two laundry rooms, new furnace and AC, new hot water heater. This is a well maintained home. Contact Janice at 319-654-4297

HELP WANTED

Ronneburg Restaurant seeks full or part time line cook. Stop in at 4408 220th Trail, Amana for an application or give us a call 319-622-3641.

Millstream Brau Haus, Help Wanted: **Bartender**, full or part time and Part Time **Host**. Stop by and pick up an application.

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OBITUARY

Jim Honn died on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids, at the age of 84 years. Jim will be dearly missed as a devoted husband, dad, grandpa and great-grandpa Funeral Mass will be held 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Marengo. Fr. Scott Lemaster will be officiating. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery in Marengo with military rites. Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 p.m. Monday, October 13, 2025 at Powell Funeral Home in Marengo with a Rosary Service at 3:30 p.m. A memorial fund has been established for Marengo Senior Dining. Powell Funeral Home in Marengo is caring for Jim and his family.

James "Jim" Thomas Honn was born February 15, 1941, Iowa City, Iowa, the son of James G. (Tommy) and Verna (Brown) Honn. He grew up in Marengo and graduated from Iowa Valley High School in 1959. While still in school, he worked at the Me Too grocery store. After high school, he attended the University of Iowa. He enlisted in the Army and served in Thailand from 1962-1964.

Jim was united in marriage to the love of his life, Mary "Frankie" Specht on November 14, 1964 in Oxford, Iowa. Jim and Frankie enjoyed dancing in the 1950s and early 1960s and throughout their marriage. They also enjoyed traveling the world together in their retirement. Jim's career was with Amana Refrigeration as Iowa dealer sales manager, retiring in 1995.

Jim was a devoted member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Marengo where he served on the board, as a lector, and sang in the choir.

He was a man who lived out his faith in service to others, helping friends and neighbors, and was always willing to lend a hand. He volunteered at Marengo Senior Dining, as well as Meals on Wheels. Jim also volunteered as a poll worker for County elections.

Jim loved music, being a big supporter of his family's music events. A talented Iowa All-State singer, Jim was a longtime member of The Believers singing group.

Jim was a big University of Iowa Hawkeye Men's and Women's Basketball and Football fan, and watched games at home surrounded by his children and grandchildren. Jim enjoyed playing bridge, and was a member of bridge clubs for many years.

A proud Veteran, Jim was a member of the American Legion. Most of all, golf was a lifetime passion Jim enjoyed with his son, Tim and a boundless number of friends. He passed his love of the sport on to his grandchildren.

Jim is survived by three children: Jennifer (Shawn) Sandersfeld of Middle Amana, Amy (Izzy) Kalinchuk of Denver, Colorado and Tim (Jess) Honn of Oxford; ten grandchildren: Erich (Kari) Sandersfeld, Hannah (Kaleb) Gehman, Gunther Sandersfeld, Berend Sandersfeld, Jürgen Sandersfeld, Anton Sandersfeld, Reiner Sandersfeld, Otto Sandersfeld, Kira Kalinchuk, and Griffin James Honn; two great grandchildren, Dax Sandersfeld and Rory Sandersfeld; and sister, Nancy Phares of Denver, Colorado. He was preceded in death by his sister Judy Rawson, his parents, and his wife Frankie.

Messages may be left at www.powellfuneralhomes.com