

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Combined Palm Sunday Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, , 2025 starting 10:00 A.M. with Sw Betsy Momany presiding.

Choir opening: "Hosanna in the Highest"

Opening Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" No. 242

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock, Goppingen, October 16, 1716

Scripture: John 12:12-19

Psalms 16

Closing Hymn: "I Trust in Thee" No. 82

Song Sheets will be available.

The Holy Week Prayer Service will be held Monday-Thursday April 14-17 beginning at 7:00 P.M. in Middle.

The live link for the service is:

<https://www.facebook.com/theamanachurch>

Links to services posted online may be found at: <https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/>

BEING SAFE ON THE INTERNET CLASS

The Amana Community Library will be offering a "Being Safe on the Internet" class on Thursday, April 9 at 6:00 PM.

This free class will be taught by community member Brian Mooney and is a great opportunity to learn how to stay safe online.

Please bring your own device (laptop, tablet, phone, etc.) so you can follow along.

To register, call 319-622-3192 or email amanalibrary@ccaschools.org to reserve your spot.

We'd also love to hear from you—let us know what other topics you'd like us to offer in the future!

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

More Spring AAG Classes

Make your own knitted bunny rabbits at a new class offered by the Amana Arts Guild on Saturday, April 11, from 10 a.m. until noon.

Instructor Renee Driscoll will show you how to create your own knitted rabbits. This class is open to both children and adults. Cost is \$15. To register contact Driscoll at 319-520-1500. To be held at the AAG Folklife Center in High Amana, 12 10 G. Street.

Join artist Gordon Kellenberger on Wednesday, April 15 for the beginning of a five-session painting and drawing class. The class will be meet Wednesdays from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the AAG Folklife Center in High Amana. Bring your own supplies and explore drawing/ painting in a free – style, hands-on class setting with Kellenberger. Instruction fee is \$50.

For a complete list of all classes and workshops on the 2026 calendar thus far, go to the Amana Arts Guild website.

Fireside Winery Announcement Spring 2026 Open House May 1

New beginnings at Fireside Winery in the Village in 2026 as spring brings changes to Amana's main street.

This spring Fireside will merge the Ackerman Winery and Fireside brands under the Fireside label in one Amana main street location. Fireside Winery in the Village will move nextdoor into the Ackerman Winery building. There Fireside will offer both Amana Colony style fruit wines as well as Iowa grown and produced Fireside wines. Of course, production, sales and entertainment will continue at Fireside Winery's popular primary venue and winery at 1755 P Ave, rural Conroy.

To accommodate this consolidating move, many renovations have been made to the former Ackerman building; installing new flooring, as well as a kitchen with the plan being to eventually offer snacks and foods to guests.

In honor of the new beginning, the Wyant/ Bott family invites friends and neighbors, as well as visiting guests of the community, to celebrate the grand

AMANA SOCIETY, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The Amana Society is pleased to announce that Mike Shoup, Dixie Trout, Aaron Schaefer and Bruce Trumpold will be on the ballot for the 2026 Amana Society, Inc. Board of Director's election. The election will be held on Monday May 18th, 2026, and absentee ballots will be mailed to each shareholder in mid-April.

AMANA SOCIETY INC. 2026 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Amana Society, Inc. Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the Amana Society will be awarding three (3) \$2000.00 scholarships to graduating high school seniors attending an accredited college, university, or trade school in 2026.

Applicants must be either currently employed by the Amana Society, a child or grandchild of a current full-time Amana Society employee, or a child or grandchild of an Amana Society stockholder.

Application forms are available at the Amana Society Main Office front desk or by contacting Bruce Trumpold directly at btrumpold@amanas.net or 319-622-7526/Forms may also be downloaded at www.amanasociety.com.

Application deadline: **April 8th, 2026.**

Thank you.
Amana Society, Inc.

AMANA HERITAGE SOCIETY EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th at 9am at the Amana Heritage Museum, 705 44th Ave Amana, IA. Each child will receive an Easter basket filled with goodies, and the Easter Bunny will be here with us! For ages 12 and below. Please be aware that baskets contain small toys and candy and children should always be supervised. Cost is \$8/child; tickets must be purchased in advance at www.amanaheritage.org.

opening of the new Amana location for Fireside Winery on May 1, from 5 till 7 p.m. That's Maifest Friday. This event is free and open to the public. May Day basket treats will be offered, along with a sampling of wine and ciders.

In 2015, the Ackerman family sold the winery to the Wyant family, owner – operators of Fireside Winery in rural Iowa County near Conroy. The Wyants have continued and built upon the Ackerman Winery fruit wine tradition for the past decade, producing traditional fruit wines with the Ackerman Winery label. Over the years, the Wyant family business has grown. They now make and offer 70 different wines; plus their FireCider, cider brand. In addition their calendar of entertaining events continues to be a huge draw.

After extensive discussion and careful consideration on how best to sustain demand, the decision was made to unite the two wine brands under a single name: Fireside Winery, according to a press release issued by Fireside Winery this week.

Ackerman Winery was established in 1954 – 55 by Les Ackerman, Wendy Ziegler and Peg Roemig's parents, Harry and Louise Ackerman. It was a multi-generational business with Harry's Father and the Ackerman children involved in making and selling wine along with their parents. The winery was located in their South Amana home. After Les and his wife, Linda, bought the winery in 1974, they expanded. They bought and fully restored two buildings on Amana's main street for production and sales; opening Ackerman Winery with a companion shop, Heritage Wine and Cheese right next door. The Heritage Wine and Cheese Shop specialized in gourmet foods, cheeses, gift baskets and wines. Ackerman Winery became one of Amana's largest wineries. By 2014 it had earned well over 500 medals in national and international wine competitions, among them the most prestigious award for fruit wine given in the world today, the Dan Archibald Trophy for Best Fruit Wine, Indy International Wine Competition.

Smalltown Hospitality Opens Trail Inn

The Guest House Motel has been purchased by the Canadian company, Smalltown Hospitality,

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which specializes in motel lodging in yes, small towns. It's been renamed Trail Inn.

With an office in International Falls, MN they operate 18 lodging properties in Canada and the United States, including a family of hotels called Trail Inns dotting the Midwest and Canada. Trail Inns are located in Stanton, Iowa, as well as Sutton, NE, Benson, MN, International Falls, MN and Grantsburg, WI.

Melissa Durbin, manager of the Main Amana property, spoke with this reporter on Monday. "We acquired the Guest House Motel March 2." Since then they have made rapid progress revamping, cleaning and opening up the first floor for guest lodging. They've added new 50-inch tvs, upgraded highspeed wi-fi, added microwaves, Keurig coffee makers, made improvements to the halls and rooms, painted and fully redecorated, as well as made exterior fixes and spruce ups. They welcomed their first guests last week. Work will continue on the second floor of the motel and on the historic sandstone house. In the early 1980s when the Guest House Motel opened, the sandstone, two-story, communal era residence had been converted into guest lodging, but subsequent owners had made it their home. So now the sandstone historic building is being converted back to lodging.

Durbin said, "The company has several Trail Inns providing contemporary lodging, modern amenities and a contactless check-in. They are all called Trail Inns so we were excited because we are right on 220th Trail. That works really well."

The Trail Inn uses contactless check-in, a trend that's becoming the norm at many motels and air b and bs. Guests book online receiving a code to be used in the lobby upon arrival to obtain their key. Durbin and her staff will be at the property or within easy within reach 24 / 7 but the check-in is fully computer automated.

Durbin and her husband live in Cedar Rapids. She has been working with Smalltown Hospitality for a number of years helping to set up and manage properties. She and her husband have lived for many years in South Dakota but were happy to move to eastern Iowa where she is getting into the swing of things. "They are a great company to work for and I'm excited to be here. . . So far I haven't had time to get to know Amana, but I'll be getting around and better acquainted this spring."

Durbin is seeking to hire staff so stop by the Trail Inn, Amana or take a look at their website Smalltown Hospitality.com to enquire.

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Remembering His Sacrifice



AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP

Please join us for

Easter Church Service

April 5, 2026

9:00 am

Amana Performing Arts Center
39 38th Ave Amana

weekly Sunday services at 9:00 am

HELP WANTED

Fireside Winery is hiring for part time weekend help in our tasting rooms located in Amana and Marengo. Starting at \$15/hour plus gratuity. Contact cassie@firesidewinery.com for more information.

SERVICES

PIANO TUNING SERVICE: If you are in need of your piano to be restored to its correct pitch Contact Jürgen Sandersfeldtrspianotuning@gmail.com

Mowing, Aerating, Thatching, Spring Yard Clean-up, Garden Tilling, and Stump Grinding. Call Rob Jeck at 319-521-4018

FOR SALE

For sale 330 shares of new Amana Society Inc. Class A stock. Email: dunedinkat@gmail.com

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Amana Colonies Recreational Trail
Trail Etiquette

- Motorized vehicles (including snowmobiles and ATVs) are prohibited from using the trail.
- Please wear a bike helmet.
- Go with the flow! Stay to the right.
- Allow faster moving bikers & walkers to pass on your left.
- Signal turns and stops, and announce yourself when passing someone on the trail.
- When stopping on the trail, step aside so others can pass you safely.
- Please clean up after pets if necessary and please keep pets on leashes.

PLEASE RESPECT PROPERTY OWNERS' LAND - DO NOT LITTER OR DISTURB LIVESTOCK OR WILDLIFE.

Kolonieweg use is monitored by volunteers and the local law enforcement officials.

Bulletin Deadlines:

Most Articles & ads - Tues. 5:00 P.M.
Very Small Ads/articles - Wed. 10:00 A.M.
email: amanaprintshop@southslope.net

OBITUARY

Brian B. Zimpleman, 78, of Osage Beach, Missouri, passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side on Sunday, March 22, 2026. Funeral services are on Friday, March 27, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in the Middle Amana church. Visitation will be Thursday, March 26, from 4:00–7:00 p.m.

Born on November 26, 1947, in Amana, Iowa, to Jack and Edna Zimpleman, Brian grew up with the values that would define his entire life: hard work, humility, and a deep devotion to the people he loved. On March 23, 1964, fate, and a bit of teenage driving, introduced him to the love of his life, Hollace Fairbank, when he accidentally crashed into her car. They lovingly retold the story for decades, calling their beginning "love at first crunch." On June 7, 1969, they were married in the Amana Church, beginning a lifelong partnership built on faith, humor, and unwavering commitment.

Brian proudly served in the United States Marine Corps, completing three overseas tours during the Vietnam Era. His service shaped him into a man of quiet strength, resilience, and honor, qualities he carried with him throughout his life.

After returning home, Brian poured his heart into raising his two daughters, Brinadene and Zephania, who were the pride and joy of his life. He worked tirelessly to provide for his family, holding a variety of roles throughout his career. From owning and operating his own insulation company, to his years with Anheuser-Busch and Snap-On, Brian approached every job with integrity, grit, and a work ethic that inspired everyone around him. Yet his greatest professional fulfillment came later in life, when he embraced the God-given talent that had always been part of him: building. What began as a lifelong hobby and passion grew into a respected custom cabinetry business known for its craftsmanship, artistry, and honesty. His hand-built pieces, each one shaped with patience, precision, and love, stand as a lasting legacy. They are heirlooms that will be cherished for generations.

Brian is preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Edna Zimpleman, and his granddaughter, Bergen Kopske. He is survived by his loving wife, Hollace, of Osage Beach, Missouri; his daughters, Brinadene (Derek) Smith of Osage Beach, Missouri, and Zephania Zimpleman Thompson of Edmond, Oklahoma; and his grandchildren: Brady Kopske (Emerald Slaughter) of Cole Camp, Missouri, Sydney Kopske (Carson Smith) of Bolivar, Missouri, Ashton Kopske (Andrew Clavijo) of Lake Ozark, Missouri, Peyton Kopske (Camille Thompson) of Rolla, Missouri, Gavin Thompson of Edmond, Oklahoma, Zaden Thompson of Edmond, Oklahoma, Danielle Smith of Osage Beach, Missouri, Cassandra Smith of Sullivan, Missouri, Taylor Smith of Visalia, California. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren, Bentley Nolan and Paislee Nolan, both of Visalia, California.

Brian leaves behind a family who adored him, a legacy built with his own hands, and a lifetime of stories that will continue to be told with love, pride, and laughter. He will be deeply missed and forever cherished by all who knew him.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING — PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 AMANA LAND USE DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of AMANA LAND USE DISTRICT will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 4/13/2026 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM Meeting Location: Amana Colonies Land Use District Office 4304 220th Trail Amana, IA 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: Kayleigh Myers Contact Telephone Number: (319) 622-3840

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 and All Other Receipts	Estimated Amount To Be Raised by Taxation
1. General	184,166	100,326	227,087	88,760	281,674	34,173
2. Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. TOTAL	184,166	100,326	227,087	88,760	281,674	34,173

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.27000