

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Repentance Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, October 19, 2025 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Elly Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Sieh! Hier bin ich" No. 922 Seite 911-12

Testimony: Christian Metz, Herrn Haag, May 4, 1834

Scripture: Psalm 51
Psalm 39

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

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

Opening Hymn: "Here Behold Me" No. 59

Closing Hymn: "Who Puts His Trust In God Most Just" No. 144

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/>

CUB SCOUTS PACK 223 SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Our local cub scouts will be out in full force this weekend hanging door tags for their annual Scouting for Food campaign. Please consider giving canned/boxed items (non-perishables) to this worthy cause. All donations will go to the food pantry at the Middle Amana church. For those interested in giving, donations can be placed outside your door for pickup 10/25, when scouts will return to collect donations!

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

60th Anniversary Oktoberfest Honors Dedication and Hard Work

Last year the organizers of the Amana Colonies Oktoberfest and our Burgermeister decided to honor members of our community who have gone above and beyond to support Amana community life, festivals and colony tourism.

This year during our 60th Anniversary Oktoberfest several individuals and groups were celebrated for their contributions.

Bill Leichsenring, has been a part of Oktoberfest from day one and has helped to promote and market Amana's big fall fest. Elected multiple times to the Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau, Bill has served as its president for several terms helping to transition the ACCVB and Oktoberfest through the difficult 80s - 90s. In addition, Bill has served as president of the Iowa Hospitality Association and for nine years was on the Board of Directors of the National Restaurant Association, serving one term as its National President. Bill has worked diligently to preserve and promote Amana community life as a volunteer and through his work at the Ox Yoke Inn.

David Rettig, has worn multiple tri-cornered hats in the Colonies and it was through his efforts, along with several others, that the Market barn and the Festhalle became useful as special event venues and as our Oktoberfest home. David was the long-time Executive Director of the Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau and led the charge to make Oktoberfest the biggest, most revered festival in the state of Iowa. Through his winery, White Cross Cellars, he is reclaiming Amana's heritage in delicious wines.

Dennis Hahn, manager of the Festhalle and the Amana Society, Inc. manager of ground services and maintenance, is essential to any and all Amana Colony events, but there is none so taxing as Oktoberfest. Oktoberfest requires hundreds and hundreds of hours to set-up and tear down, all of which Dennis performs with a real willingness to serve. Additionally, Hahn has become our unofficial festival connection, helping to locate great new talent for the festival stage.

Terry Baugh became a regular Oktoberfest per

MIDDLE SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The Middle Amana Sanitary District will hold a meeting at 3002 K Street, Middle Amana (Adjacent to Whirlpool Entrance) on Thursday, October 16th, 2025 starting 6:00 p.m.

On the Agenda: Review White Oak Hills Backup Generator Project Bids

NOTICE

CRANDIC Railroad is planning to close the East Amana crossing November 3rd - 6th 2025 for repairs. Please plan an alternative route during this closure.

LIBRARY NEWS

It's Scholastic Book Fair Time! The Amana Community Library is hosting the fair - Monday, October 20 9am-3pm, Tuesday, October 21 9am-8pm, Wednesday, October 22 9am-6pm, and Thursday, October 23 from 8am-6pm. All sales benefit the Amana Elementary School. Thank you for supporting our readers, the library, and the fair!

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.

former as the stage show grew in popularity through the early 1970s. He came to love the German festival music and helped bring the highly entertaining "Schuhplattler" dances to their performances. Then in 1986 he and several friends created the Amana Colony Folk Singers, bringing a shorter, vocal performance-oriented, show to the newly reborn Amana Colony Oktoberfest. After that group retired and stopped performing, he and his daughters helped rebuild and rebrand the new, new Amana Colony Folks Singers. With the first "pop up" performances to their first stage performance in the Festhalle, Baugh was a big part of the rebuild, teaching the young people the songs and the dances. So not once, but twice, Baugh has helped save German festival folk singing in the Colonies.

The Amana Fire Department has been in every single parade since the Oktoberfest first began with volunteers from the Amana FD participating in multiple ways, both in the food and beverage tent and as first responders when the need arose. The Amana Fire Department has been a consistent, dedicated partner in all Amana Colony special event and festivals providing support when needed as well as our life-line in times of trouble.

The Amana Meat Shop learned to make a seven-inch long bratwurst for Amana's second Oktoberfest and has never stopped making them. Indeed Amana Bratwurst are now one of the most popular items they produce. The Amana Meat Shop staff is key to the provision and preparation of food at the Oktoberfest, ordering food, organizing, helping to set up and staff the food tent and ensuring that all goes smoothly as the crowds chow down on festival fare. Additionally, the AMS has never failed to produce an entertaining parade float and to participate in each and every Amana Colony festival.

The Amana Colonies RV Park and Event Center staff is honored for their dedication to festival events in the Colonies. Few know it, but it's the ACRV staff that provide the licensing and wherewithal to have beer at Oktoberfest and Maifest. They also provide much of the equipment, seating, tables, etc. that is required. RV Park staff work hard many hours to set up and tear down Oktoberfest, as well as Maifest and other Amana events.

Barefoot Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchmen. This Linn County based band has opened Oktoberfest

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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

100 Years Loved & Blessed

Please join us in celebrating our families' centenarian,

Mildred Setzer



May your 100th Birthday bring you more than all the joy, wisdom, hope and love you've always given so freely!

Mildred's Birthday is October 18th

Cards may be sent to 607 44th Avenue, Amana, Iowa 52203

Local Legends SPECIAL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

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Open House

Sunday, October 19

1:00 - 2:30 pm

3174 121ST ST, AMANA, IA 52203

Stuart Geiger | (319) 540-6391 |

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-Hebrews 6:7

RENATE CARLSON
MEMORIAL SERVICE FRIDAY

A memorial service and inurnment will be held at the Middle Amana Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 17 for Renate Konitzer Carlson. All are welcome.

Renate died February 24, 2025 in St. Paul MN, Our Lady of Peace Hospice.

Renate grew up in Middle Amana and was a graduate of the Amana High School Class of 1973. She is survived by her son Tony Carlson (Sarah Cathey) and grandchild, Naomi Carlson, of Winthrop, WA, and Andrea Stinley (Matthew) and grandchildren Theodore John and Linnea Lorraine, of Minneapolis, MN. Also surviving are brother Dieter Konitzer Jr. of Walcott, IA, sister Rosemarie Carroll of Middle Amana, IA, niece Attalissa (Matthew) Ignoffo and family of South Elgin, IL and nephew Joshua Carroll MD of San Francisco, CA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dieter & Frieda Konitzer, husband John M. Carlson, and son Michael John Carlson.

Memorials in honor of Renate may be given to Safe Haven of Iowa County, Iowa or Our Lady of Peace Hospice, St. Paul, MN.

FOR SALE

Up to 500 shares of Amana New Class A stock. Please contact Jeff Disterhoft at (319) 930-5987 or JeffDisterhoft@gmail.com.

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

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.

SERVICES

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

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REMINDER CONCERNING SOUTH DUMP
Iowa County Landfill accepts yard waste

What is commonly referred to as the South Dump, is **Private Property** and only for the use of **Amana Society Stock Holders** living within the Amana Colonies, and may be under 24 hour photo surveillance.

Only organic compostable yard refuse is allowed, and users **will** empty & remove plastic bags or other containers used to transfer yard waste. Lumber, and other building material, & trash dumping is absolutely **NOT** permitted.

Important

Users will only drop off organic compostable yard refuse **after backing up as far as possible** to allow others to use the area without heavy equipment having to push the yard refuse, a waste of valuable Amana Society resources.

Burning is **absolutely not** permitted. Burning is dangerous and not compliant with DNR Regulations.

Using this area to disposed of organic yard refuse is a **privilege**, not a right, and privileges will be revoked if Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) and Amana Society rules on what may be disposed of or if the burning ban are violated.

If you witness violations of these rules, **please** report, to A.S.I. Conservation at 319-560-2459.

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since 1988. Becky Livermore's band become a mainstay entertainer both on the stage and on the street with their regular post at the Ronneburg, front lawn during both Oktoberfest and Maifest, a fan favorite. Can we imagine our festials without the Dutchmen and Barefoot Becky? No we cannot!

Die Tiefen Keller Kinder (DTKK) grew up as a stage band for Amana's Oktoberfest. Its first members were in the very first "big" stagershow at the Amana Elementary School in Lakeside in the late 60s. Then it became an act all on its own - and it has been a festival main stay since 1975. Bob Zuber, Pat Kellenberger, Guy Wendler, Allan Trumpold, Dennis Kraus, Carol Schuerer, Susy Wendler, Ray Krauss, Kevin Witte, Randy Reihmann, Larry Bobe, Paul Stamen, Jeff Ehrmann... the list of DTKK members and former members is a long one. But the spirit of the group, regardless of the membership, was and is the true spirit of Oktoberfest - good music, good fellowship and good fun.

Halloween Party with
Winifred and the Undeads

Winifred and the Undeads (Fork in the Road for Halloween) will be cutting it up at the Amana Performing Arts Center on Friday, Oct. 31 from 6 till 9 p.m.

It'll be an evening of classic rock and blues plus all your Halloween pop favorites wrapped up in a Halloween bash to remember. Born to Fry food truck will be there serving up the good food starting at 6 p.m. Regan's Face Painting will add to the fun and there will be a Halloween Costume Contest with prizes. Music begins at 7 p.m. This is a FREE event! Don't miss it. Let them "Put a Spell on You" as you do the "Monster Mash!"

CSA THANKS AMANA COLONIES

This past weekend the Communal Studies Association held their annual conference in the Amana Colonies. The CSA is an international organization for scholars, historic communal site administrators and members of communal groups.

Local coordinators of the CSA conference wish to thank the entire Amana community for their hospitality and support. Special thanks to the staffs of Hotel Millwright, Die Heimat, the Ox Yoke Inn, the Brau Haus, the Amana Meat Shop, Amana Colonies Golf Club, Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Amana Visitors Center all of whom helped to make this conference a great success. We would like to recognize and thank the Amana Church Society and the Amana Society, the ASI business managers and Greg Luerckens for outstanding support and assistance.

Additional thanks to volunteers: Joanna and Norman Schanz, Elise Heitman, Wayne Palof, Susan and Mike Shoup, Teresa and Kirby Schaefer, Cherie Rieskamp, Monique McDonald, Charlotte Heishman, Betsy Momany, Shana Schaefer, Andrea Haldy, Marie Synofzick Hoppe, Peg Roemig, Carmen Grimm, Kristie Yoder, Marlene Trumpold, Mary Burgher, John Zuber, Patti and Tony Cahill.

When the CSA members held their closing dinner Saturday evening at the Amana Colonies Golf Club, Kathy Fernandez, CSA executive director, said to the group that the Amana Colonies had "gone above and beyond" to share their community with outstanding food, lodging and service. She was effusive in her praise of their weekend here - that was only possible because of your care and hard work. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Peter Hoehnle, Jon Childers,
Lanny Haldy and Emilie Hoppe

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