

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, February 9, 2025 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Wir Danken Gott" vs 1-6 No. 1120 Seite 1099

Testimony: Christian Metz, at the Ronneburg, March 11, 1827

Scripture: Book of Jonah Chapters 1 & 2  
Psalm 139:1-14

Closing Hymn: "Wir Danken Gott" vs 7-12 No. 1120 Seite 1100

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

Opening Hymn: "We Praise the Lord" No. 28

Closing Hymn: "For Thy Mercy and Thy Grace" No. 66

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 online may be found at:  
<https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/>

## 2025 AMANA SOCIETY, INC. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Amana Society, Inc. Board of Directors has appointed Mike Shoup (319-551-1820, mshoup@amanas.net), Rebecca Selzer (608-772-6174, rselzer@amanas.net), Jason Fels (630-244-3349, goclones92@gmail.com), and Julie Otte (319-231-9318, julieotte77@gmail.com) to serve on the 2025 Nominating Committee.

The committee is responsible for nominating individuals to be placed on the ballot as director candidates for the 2025 Amana Society, Inc. Board of Directors general election.

Any interested Class "A" stockholder who has owned Class "A" shares for a minimum of 3 years, is at least 25 years of age, and has a business background or business experience, is encouraged to submit their name for consideration prior to Wednesday February 19th, 2025, either by contacting a committee member directly (contact information is listed above for each committee member) or by sending a summary of relevant experience to: Nominating Committee, c/o Amana Society, Inc., PO Box 189 Amana, IA 52203.

Thank you for your consideration and interest in this matter.

## AMANA SOCIETY INC. 2025 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Amana Society, Inc. Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the Amana Society will be awarding two (2) \$2000.00 scholarships to graduating high school seniors attending an accredited college, university, or trade school in 2025.

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 319-622-7526/btrumpold@amanas.net. Forms may also be downloaded at [www.amanasociety.com](http://www.amanasociety.com).

Thank you.  
Amana Society, Inc

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

A few weeks before Christmas I was channel surfing the PBS stations. As luck would have it, there was a program about a yarn shop in Urbana. Luckily for me, Charlemagne was not around because he knows how I love yarn.

Anyway, this yarn shop looked like the shop of my dreams because it did not have the standard yarns, books and such that one usually finds in such places.

I immediately made plans for a day trip to this wonderful shop. First, however, I had to figure out how to get there.

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Family Fun Night at Amana Elementary Feb. 28

Mark Friday, Feb. 28 on your calendars as the Amana Elementary School PTO hosts their annual Family Fun Night at the Amana Elementary School, Middle Amana.

5:30 p.m. the event begins. Expect kid-oriented playtime with inflatables, face painting and games. Don't miss the food, silent auction and baked goods "cake walk." All for a good cause as the Amana PTO raises funds to supplement and supply the Amana Elementary School.

### Visitor Center Mural Contest Sponsored by AAG

Design a mural for the long wall, 12 foot by 8 foot, in the Amana Colonies Visitor Center restroom building.

Designs will be judged by a panel of three and the winning artist will be announced the first week of March. Enter in February vial email [info@amanaartsguild.com](mailto:info@amanaartsguild.com) or mail Amana Arts Guild, PO Box 114, Amana, IA, 52203.

The design will be painted by volunteers during the month of March. All designs will be considered and the Amana Arts Guild Board wishes to encourage everyone to submit ideas.

### AAG Announces Spring Art Classes

Gordon Kellenberger will be leading a class for all skill levels and in multiple media. So if you're dreaming of learning a new skill or gaining experience in watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel or colored pencil join Kellenberger Thursday afternoons, from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Amana Arts Guild Center in High Amana. Class starts February 20 and will last 6 weeks. Go to the Amana Arts Guild website for class fee and registration. Or email [amanaarts@southslope.net](mailto:amanaarts@southslope.net) to sign up.

Join painter David Garringer to learn how to create captivating atmosphere in your paintings. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced painter, David Garringer, a professional artist, will share techniques to create the feeling you wish to evoke in your art. Work in pastels or acrylic paints. This is a two-day workshop: March 8 and 9. At the Amana Arts Guild Center in High Amana. Go to the Amana Arts Guild website to learn more. Check out the materials list, to see what you'll need to bring and the class fee. This is an Art Iowa Workshop is also offered for college credit you can sign up via the Grant Wood AEA website.

Learn multi-block, relief, color printing at an intensive two-day workshop that explores the rich tradition of block printing. Hands-on work, demonstrations and printing of your own work: April 5 and 6. Taught by printer Jenny Gringer emphasis will be on creative expression and experimentation. Check the Amana Arts Guild website for the detailed materials list and class fees. Join the workshop for per

sonal enrichment or for teacher recertification credit via Grant Wood AEA.

Grant Wood AEA links to class sign up are on the Amana Arts Guild website [amanaartsguild.com](http://amanaartsguild.com)

### Oktoberfest Celebrates the Big 6-0 Adds Thursday to the Festival

Yes, they are going all out and adding a day to Amana's favorite festival, Oktoberfest. This year's Oktoberfest will begin Thursday, Oct. 2 with live music, food, dancing and entertainment at the Festhalle.

Plus the organizing committee will be adding some special touches to the annual fall festival as we celebrate its 60th anniversary. And yes, the Amana Colony Folk Singers have already signed up to perform and we are all looking forward to their show.

Please help Ellen Miller celebrate her



**80th Birthday** on  
Feb. 17th, by joining a card  
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You see, I have this little "problem" with maps and directions. There I was looking for the town of Urbana which I was certain was north of Des Moines. After Charlemagne saw me with an atlas (I had, of course, forgotten that we have a GPS system) he asked what I was doing. When I told him, he had to take a walk before replying that we used to play Urbana in basketball. I told him that I did not play basketball. He rolled his eyes and went for another walk.

When he returned, he mentioned that Urbana was near Vinton which had a store that I used to drag our sons to, not to mention that it was also the home of a college friend.

All of sudden my mind returned, and I realized that Urbana was also a short cut that we used to take when driving up to Decorah.

The next day we were off and I was dreaming of wool and knitting. Naturally, I did it again and told Charlemagne a short cut which landed us ten miles west of Urbana.

I have this feeling that if we ever go on any trips from here on out, Charlemagne might suggest that I just keep quiet.

B.S.H.

**AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP**  
**Church Services**  
 SUNDAYS  
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**AN INVITATION TO JOIN US AT PINE RIDGE!**

The Amana Church will be making a return trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota August 2-8th. The cost is \$800 per adult, and this covers your housing, meals and travel. We will be taking a total of eight persons, and this invitation is open to anyone in the church and community. Youth 13 and over, are invited to participate, and their trip will be paid for through the youth group fund.

As in years past, we will be spending some time learning history and traditions from Indian elders, experiencing a Lakota pow wow, building or installing outhouses, bunk beds, handicapped ramps and volunteering to care for the community gardens. Throughout all these activities you will be working alongside people from all over the United States and getting to know the Lakota people, their stories and their appreciation for the work ReMember has done.

If you are interested in joining us on our mission trip to Pine Ridge, please contact Kristie Yoder at [kristieyoder3495@gmail.com](mailto:kristieyoder3495@gmail.com), or Penni Berger at [ptberger@southslope.net](mailto:ptberger@southslope.net).

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**OBITUARY**

Janet Diane Zuber of Cedar Rapids, passed away on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, in St. Luke's Hospice after battling multiple health issues. A funeral was held Saturday, February 1, 2025, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids, followed by burial at Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery.

Janet was born on December 28, 1945, to Robert and JoAnn Weitzel in Cleveland, Ohio. She graduated from Avon Lake High School in 1963, and the next day moved with her family to Cedar Rapids.

In 1966 Janet married Tom Zuber, from South Amana, in Resurrection Church, Marion. They had three daughters and were married for 58 years.

Janet attended the St. Luke's School of Practical Nursing, where she graduated in 1965 as an LPN. She worked for St. Luke's Hospital for 43 years on the medical floor, the Birth Care Center (post-partum). At age 43, she went to Kirkwood Community College to obtain her RN degree. She was then able to work in labor and delivery, where she helped deliver more than 3,000 babies.

Janet enjoyed giving back to the community. She was Lovey Bear and taught Mommy and Me classes at St. Luke's, volunteered at the Humane Society, served as a room parent, and was a Girl Scout leader. She was a Sunday School teacher for many years at Our Savior's Lutheran. She started the tradition of children's sermons, which she gave for more than 20 years. She also formed the Celebration Singers Quartet which performed at church services and was very active in the Fellowship Committee. After retirement, Janet went back to St. Luke's as a volunteer and was active in the auxiliary.

Janet's loved listening to Neil Diamond, The Beach Boys, and Barry Manilow while dancing in the living room, making flower arrangements, tent camping in the Tetons and Black Hills, going on cruises with Tom, baking with and reading to her grandchildren. She was also an avid gardener.

Janet is preceded in death by her parents and is survived by husband Thomas Zuber of Cedar Rapids, IA; sister Barbara (Gene) Lent of Columbus, OH; brother Robert (Peggy) Weitzel of Columbus, OH; daughters Rebecca Zuber of West New York, NJ, Heather (Dale) Harshman of Sherwood, OR, and Holly (Matt) Schwarz of Cedar Rapids, IA; and grandchildren Christian and Isabella Harshman, and Noah and Megan Schwarz.

Janet's eyes were donated to the Iowa Eye Bank for glaucoma research.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Luke's Birth Care Center, the Cedar Rapids Humane Society or Our Savior's Lutheran Church, or in Janet's name.

**FOR RENT**

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

**FOR SALE**

Shares of Amana Society Inc. New Class A Common Stock for sale. If interested, email [cr1900@yahoo.com](mailto:cr1900@yahoo.com).

**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD) Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and Tentative Agenda February 10th, 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 January 13, 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. 2025-002 Michael and Kayleigh Myers / 23 220th Trail Upper south / HP-C / Rezone property from HP-C to HP-R as this is a residence now.
- VI. Other Business.
  - a. Discussion/Action: Chris Skelley timeline on Design Guidelines
  - b. Discussion/Action: Spring Camp
  - c. Discussion/Action: Art's Guild Mural Contest
- VII. Review/Approve December Disbursements Report.
- VIII. Review/Approve the December Treasurer's Report.
- IX. President's Report (if applicable).
- X. Administrator's Report.
- XI. Adjourn.

**Note: Last week's photo was not entirely correct (Number in the wrong place etc.) We print the needed correction/adjustments when they become available.**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET**  
 Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026  
 District Name: AMANA SANITARY SEWER

The Board of Trustees of the above-named District will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year Meeting Date: 2/19/2025 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Amana Sanitary District Lift Station  
 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: Jeremy Clayton Contact Telephone Number: (319) 430-2843

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	159,517	150,697	304,550	39,555	327,631	16,474
2. Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. TOTAL	159,517	150,697	304,550	39,555	327,631	16,474

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET**  
 Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026  
 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: 2/17/2025 Meeting Time: 07:00 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, Jr. Contact Telephone Number: (319) 440-7905

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	59,827	48,273	68,868	35,419	99,853	4,434
2. Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. TOTAL	59,827	48,273	68,868	35,419	99,853	4,434

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