AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, August 31, 2025 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Elly Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Wer Jesum bei sich hat," No. 1073 Seite 1050

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock, Battenberg, Switzerland, February 7, 1720

Scripture: John 2:1-11 Psalm 84

Closing Hymn: "Mir nach! Spricht Christus unser held," No. 708 Seite 707

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

Opening Hymn: "If Jesus Walks with You," No. 63

Closing Hymn: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name," No. 219

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 SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, 2025 in the Amana lift station.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Sunday Brunch Meet and Greet with Re-Member Directors

Amana Church volunteers have been volunteering at Pine Ridge, South Dakota with Re-Member for almost 20 years. They've forged strong bonds with the people they've met and worked with over the years. Now we're welcoming Re-Member to Amana on Sunday.

Sunday, August 31, Re-Member's Executive Director, Will Paese, and its former Executive Director, Cory True, will be visiting the Amana Colonies as they travel through lowa to a meeting in a neighboring state.

They will be welcomed at brunch at the Amana Church Sunday at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Paese and True will share what's happening at Pine Ridge now and plans for the future. A hearty brunch will be offered. No admission.

Re-Member is a nonprofit organization working to respond to needs and provide resources for members of the Oglala Lakota Nation living on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. As its vision and mission statements note, "We Re-Member the past as we build a better tomorrow.... And create meaningful opportunities to building understand for our volunteers."

The name Re-Member is taken from the ancient definition "to put back tht which is broken – to re-member." The nonprofit was formed in 1998.

Re-Member is an independent non-profit organization trying to improve the quality of life on Pine Ridge by linking volunteer efforts to community needs. They welcome volunteers from all over to live and work for a week or more on the reservation. They grow food, share it for free, help repair homes, provide basic necessities to residents and build community by offering space for residents and volunteers to share the Lakota culture and spiritual foundations.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Amana Community Library, 3023 220th Trail, Amana is having a Used Book Sale on Thursday, Sept 11; 9am-6pm, Friday, Sept 12; 9am-6pm and Saturday, Sept 13; 9am-noon. Free Will donation - cash only please. All proceeds will benefit and support the library; purchasing books, library activities, programs, and events.

There is a wide variety of kid's picture books, chapter books, cook books, adult fiction, nonfiction, DVDS, hardback, paperback, and magazines.

If you have any books you would like to donate, please bring them to the library, prior to the sale.

Come and stock up on your favorite genres and authors. We hope to see you there!

THE ODD COUPLE COMING TO THE AMANA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

TKM Theatrical Productions proudly presents The Odd Couple by Neil Simon September 26-28 at the Amana Performing Arts Center, 39 38th Ave, Amana, IA.

This classic comedy opens on a friendly card game in the untidy apartment of divorced Oscar Madison. And if the mess is any indication, it's no wonder that his wife left him. Late to arrive is Felix Ungar, who has just been separated from his wife.

Felix seems suicidal, but as the action unfolds, Oscar becomes the one with murder on his mind when the clean freak and the slob ultimately decide to room together.

Show times are Fri & Sat at 7:30 pm Sun at 3:00 pm. Presented by TKM Theatrical Productions the show is sponsored by the Amana Family Practice Clinic and Tidbits

Individual tickets are \$25, for group rates and info call 319.899.3799

170 Years - Wednesday We Are Celebrating!

A community party will be held Wednesday, Sept 5 at the Festhalle. Hosted by the Amana Heritage Society this barbecue supper and polka party will celebrate 170 years here in the Colonies. Doors open at 5 p.m. with Cedar Rapid's County Line BBQ serving dinner from 5:30 – 7 p.m. Grammy-nominated, Alex Meixner's revved up polka band performance starts at 6 p.m. Plus there will be kids activities from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. with the help of the Amana Arts Guild.

Tickets: \$15 for adults for polka performance only. Kids 14 and under free. \$40 per adult for bbq supper and the performance, this ticket includes seating closer to the stage. \$20 for this ticket package for kids under age 14.

So how did we get here?

In the fall of 1854 scouts from the Eben-Ezer community in New York crossed half a nation, traveling by wagon, barge, lake steamer, rail, horseback and on foot, arriving on the bank of the Mississippi in Iowa.

They had been to Kansas where illness, a fearsome drought and the evil of slavery stopped them in their tracks. Iowa, a free state, with well documented acres of rich soil and open prairie seemed a much more likely homeland. So they came to see.

In lowa City the land officers were crowded with hopeful settlers and speculators as land agents worked all night to record deals struck over land newly opened for purchase. There were no banks. Gold or silver was the only currency that mattered. Deals were struck in barrooms and over telegraph lines and no one was certain how much land was tillable or how it lay. No one knew what the going prices would be a month in the future.

So Amana's scouts immediately hired horses and rode west along the lowa River to look for

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Amana Farms is looking for a Feedlot Associate!

Duties include maintaining equipment, performing yard maintenance, cleaning animal housing, and operating tractors, trucks and implements to feed cattle and clean bed pens.

Contact Laura Sue at 319-622-3953 or Iswoods@amanas.net, or check out our listing on Indeed!

GARAGE SALE

2812 G STREET MIDDLE AMANA LABOR DAY WEEKEND

FRIDAY, AUG. 29: 9 am-4 pm SATURDAY, AUG. 30: 9 am 4 pm SUNDAY, AUG. 31: 11 am.-3 pm MONDAY SEPT. 1: 9 am – 3 pm

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Amana Performing Arts Center www.amanaareafellowship.org

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themselves; hoping to find tillable land, timberland, stone, clay for brick making, a stream or two that could be made to power mills. What they came looking for they almost didn't find as there was only one narrow road and the land seemed vast.

Eventually there it was – a wide green valley with forest and some open prairie meadows. Acre after acre of rich looking land. Using the same type of auger drill they had used to survey soil depths in Kansas they drilled to check the topsoil quality at multiple locations. They followed the river and noted where flooding could be expected and where small streams wound down from the hills into the river. They made a list of the varieties of trees, the oak, the locust, river willow and wild blooming plum and cherry.

Camping for a few days in the valley, they met a homesteader who was eager to make a profit on his holding and leave. He suggested there would be others wanting to sell at a profit now that Nebraska and the Dakotas were opening

They returned to Iowa City and sent a telegram east to Ebe-Ezer. They had found the right place.

In July 1855, they began to purchase land eventually making well over 100 land purchases to acquire about 26,000 acres which they financed from the sale of their land, mills and shops in New York State. In July 33 settlers arrived to start building Amana.

Metz would write a few months later, "Amana is a friendly place, a very good pasture with flowers - new varieties every week from spring until fall. Just now Ammi (his daughter) brought a potato plant with 25 nice potatoes. Today I saw and ate yellow wild plums similar to Mirabellas, only the skin was a little thicker."

From the first Metz loved Amana. Having been urged to come out to lowa by the men sent from Ebenezer, New York to start the place, Metz came as soon as able.

Metz's poem "Bleibtreu" (Remain True) about the new home in the west was sent to the Inspirationist colony on the Iowa River and the name AMANA was adopted by them in 1855 from the Song of Solomon. It means to remain faithful. So they made good start of it in Amana.

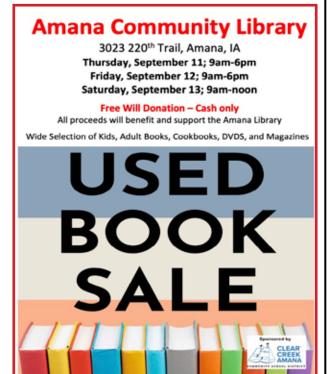
FOR RENT

Condo apartment for rent. Large, One bedroom one bath at Colony Oaks, Middle Amana. Deck overlooks 9th fairway of Amana Golf Course. 900 mo, includes w/s, HOA. Call 319-338-0025

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.



THANK YOU

We are overwhelmed and full of gratitude by the kindness and love shown at Bill's passing. We knew he was a special man, and will miss him terribly. Thank you for all the kind words, meals, hugs and wonderful memories that were shared over the last week. We feel extremely blessed to be part of a church and community that cares deeply for each other. May you all be abundantly blessed.

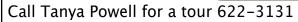
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FIRESIDE'S "BLU" WINS BEST OF SHOW & GOVERNOR'S CUP AT IOWA STATE FAIR

The Iowa Wine Growers Association is proud to announce that Fireside Winery has taken top honors at the 2025 Iowa State Fair Commercial Wine Competition. Their sweet white wine, "Blu", has earned both the Best of Show – Sweet White award and the coveted Governor's Cup, the competition's highest honor.

Crafted under Zach Bott and Assistant Mark Germany, Blu showcases the remarkable potential of lowa-grown wines. This vibrant wine opens with fragrant notes of limoncello, honeysuckle, pear, and lychee berry, followed by a smooth, crisp palate of rich pear, stone fruit, honey, and Meyer lemon.

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I will not be available Aug 30 - Sept 13. During that time my offspring will be dealing with the Bulletin only, and all communication should be done via e-mail. I will be leaving my cell phone at the shop for their use with work. Possible delays will be minor. Please be patient, they do have actual jobs and limited experience.

Dan

OBITUARY

Jerolee Stout, 82, of Homestead, formerly of New Sharon, passed away peacefully Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at Briarwood Healthcare Center in Iowa City. Funeral Service was held on Monday, August 25, 2025 at Powell Funeral Home in Marengo. There was a private family burial in Friends Cemetery in New Sharon. A memorial fund has been established for Briarwood Healthcare Center and Essence of Life Hospice. Powell Funeral Home in Marengo is caring for Jerolee and her family.

Jerolee was born November 2, 1942, the daughter of Charles "Jerry" and Marjorie (Bair) McArtor. She graduated from North Mahaska High School. Jerolee was united in marriage to Marvin LeRoy Stout on June 10, 1959 in New Sharon. A talented and dedicated professional, Jerolee worked as an engineer for Sheller Globe/Lear/UTA in Iowa City until her retirement. She was an active member of the Homestead Welfare Club, Hawk A Model A Club and the Antique Automotive Club of America, all which reflected her love for community and classic cars. She was a devoted Iowa Hawkeye fan.

One of Jerolee's greatest joys in life was being a grandmother and great-grandmother. She poured her heart into making memories with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren-whether it was spoiling them with love, attending their special events, or simply enjoying their company. Her presence lit up every room and her family will forever cherish the laughter, hugs, and love she gave so freely. Jerolee's grace, warmth, and love for life will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her two daughters, Lynn (Bryan) Galde of Marion and Kim (Tom) Ballard of Marengo; 8 grandchildren, Ashley Allen, Courtney (Kyle) Upah, Nathan (Stephanie) Ballard, Star (Tyler) Umbdenstock, Sasha, Sara and Skylar Galde, and Justin (Jess Suchan) Overturf; great grandchildren, Kiley, Kinley and Kora Allen, Maddox and Londyn Upah, Emery and Cash Ballard, Cambrie Galde, Braxton Galde, Trinity Suchan, and Jaden, Hunter and Noah Overturf; her sister Peggy (Van) Moore; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother-in-law, and niece.

Messages may be left at www.powellfuneral-homes.com

The family would like to thank Briarwood Healthcare Center and Essence of Life Hospice for the wonderful care they provided Jerolee.



