

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, March 01, 2026 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Andrea Haldy presiding.

Opening Hymn: "O heil'ger Geist, kehr' bei uns ein." No. 794 vs 1-4 Seite 783

Testimony: Ursula Meyer, Ronneburg, July 11, 1715

Scripture: Philippians 2: 1-11
Psalm 133

Closing Hymn: "O heil'ger Geist, kehr' bei uns ein." No. 794 vs 5-7 Seite 784

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

Opening Hymn: "O Holy Spirit, Enter In." No. 79 vs 1-4

Closing Hymn: "O Holy Spirit, Enter In." No. 79 vs 5-7

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, March 04, 2026 in the Amana lift station.

AMANA SOCIETY PRAIRIE RESTORATION & MANAGEMENT EVENT

Please join the Amana Society Conservation Committee for an event discussing current prairie restoration efforts and the benefits of managing prairie grass areas. Speakers will include Amana Society Forestry staff, staff from The Nature Conservancy, and the Iowa County Naturalist.

All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Date: Thursday, March 12

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Amana Performing Arts Center, 39 38th Avenue, Amana IA

THIS IS MY STORY: GENEALOGY WEEK Amana Heritage Society

Join us in the Amana Heritage Museum Auditorium for a variety of talks and discussions about heritage in the Amana Colonies on March 9-13th beginning daily from 9am to 11am. Get a close look at specific people and families who lived during the Communal Era and after! These events are FREE and open to the public. We are finalizing the number of days we'll offer the program. Please stay tuned on Facebook and here for those details! Or send us an email at amanaheritage@southslope.net or call 319.622.3567.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Amana Community Library added the following to their collection. Stop by to check them out!

Nash Falls by David Baldacci

Correspondent by Virginia Evans

Circle of Days by Ken Follett

Stolen Life of Colette Marceau by Kristin Harmel

Storm by Rachel Hawkins

It Happened on the Lake by Lisa Jackson

Sandwich by Catherine Newman

She Didn't See It Coming by Shari Lapena

Theo of Golden by Allen Levi

To the Moon and Back by Eliana Ramage

Page Turner by Viola Shipman

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Whirlpool Announces Layoffs at Amana Plant

Tuesday, February 17, Whirlpool corporation announced a layoff of nearly 400 workers at the Amana plant. The workers will lose their jobs March 9, according to a press release from Whirlpool.

Since the announcement Amana workers and labor union members have rallied at the Statehouse in Des Moines and have met with legislators to protest the layoffs which they say hurt Iowa County and all of Iowa.

Whirlpool Amana is Iowa County's largest employer with 1,500 workers currently making refrigerators under the Whirlpool, Kitchen Aid, Maytag and Amana brands.

An entry in the state's Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification site listed the number of workers slated for layoff as 341. April 2025 the corporation announced a layoff of 651 employees at Amana but that number was reduced to 251 staff members in July.

The company reports via a press release that they anticipate "some additional job reductions in the second quarter as we assess operational needs."

Whirlpool's Feb. 17 press release also stated: "Today's announcement is part of a multi-year modernization plan that will transform the plant into a dynamic operation that will continue to produce best-in-class refrigerators, while also incorporating warehousing, parts production and sub-assembly work. . . This transformation is necessary to position the Amana plant for continued stability and success. We are committed to supporting affected employees through this transition."

Wednesday, February 18 the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers issued this statement – here quoted: "The IAM Union (International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers) issued a statement condemning Whirlpool Corporation's layoff announcement at its Amana, Iowa, manufacturing facility, affecting nearly 400 IAM Union Local 1526 (District 6) members, effective March 9, 2026:

"Our hearts go out to every member and family impacted by Whirlpool's decision to cut nearly 400 more jobs at its Amana facility. This is not an isolated incident. It is a pattern of corporate abandonment. Each round of layoffs delivers another devastating blow to a community that has depended on good, union jobs to sustain thousands of Iowa families for generations."

"Whirlpool has already proven it will not stand by its American workforce. Less than a year ago, the company issued pink slips to approximately 250 IAM members at this same facility. Now management is back with more layoffs and a warning that more cuts may be coming."

"At the same time, Whirlpool has been aggressively expanding its manufacturing footprint in Mexico, recently completing a major refrigerator plant expansion in Ramos Arizpe, Coahuila, in 2024, investing \$65 million into its Celaya, Guanajuato facility, and designating Mexico as the sole producer of its French Door refrigerator line, a product exported almost entirely back to American and Canadian consumers."

"Iowa County's largest employer is destroying the very community it claims to support while continuing to build up its operations south of the border.

"The math is not complicated. When Whirlpool cuts jobs in Amana and expands refrigerator production in Mexico for export back to the United States, working families in Iowa pay the price for decisions made in corporate boardrooms.



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HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM

The Historic Preservation Grant Program will be opening the first cycle of applications for 2026. The intent of the program is to encourage and assist in funding the appropriate restoration of historic properties within the Land Use District. The best place to understand the parameters of the program is to visit the ACLUD website www.aclud.org. Click on the link "Historic Preservation Grant Program". Then click on the "Grant Program Details". You will see that the program is split into two "cycles" per year. The deadline to turn in your grant application and corresponding permit application for the upcoming review cycle is **March 1, 2026**. For further information regarding your local government, visit our website or email Kayleigh at aclud@southslope.net

AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP
Church Services
SUNDAYS 9:00 AM
All Are Welcome
Amana Performing Arts Center
www.amanaareafellowship.org

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.

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SAVE YOUR PULL TABS AND BRING TO THE AMANA COMMUNITY LIBRARY!

Collecting pull tabs from cans such as soup and pop is an easy and fun way to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois. It's a small thing that can make a huge difference.

The pull tabs may be dropped off at the Amana Community Library, anytime during regular hours.

The Amana Print Shop
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This is precisely the kind of offshoring that hollows out American manufacturing communities and leaves workers who have given years and decades of their lives to this company. Whirlpool cannot claim to be committed to the United States while it trades American jobs for cheaper labor across the border.

"We are calling on every local elected official and every member of the Iowa Congressional Delegation to stand up for the working families of Amana and push back against this latest round of layoffs. Our members sent their representatives to fight for them, and this is that moment. Silence in the face of this corporate betrayal is not an option."

Amana workers rallied with signs at the Iowa Capitol on Monday, Feb. 24 holding a press conference with legislators and members of the media.

Best Night Out for a Good Cause

Have you got your tickets yet to what promises to be the best party in town? The Amana Heritage Society's annual fundraiser, usually an autumn event, is now a spring event and indeed, it's happening Friday, March 13.

This year at the Ox Yoke Inn, you can expect delicious food, excellent beverages and a very good time. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be at 7 p.m.

There will be a silent auction and a huge raffle. Your ticket for two includes entry into this one of a kind raffle. Entry is \$125 which includes 2 tickets to the 5:30 social hour, supper for two and entry into the raffle drawing.

Proceeds benefit the Amana Heritage Society's ongoing projects to preserve and share Amana's community culture. This year, as their release notes they are working on enhancing collections, technology and maintenance at the museum sites.

To purchase tickets call 319-622-3567 or email amanaheritage@southslope.net

SERVICES

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

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FOR RENT

For Rent: large, one bedroom/one bath apartment in condo next to Amana Golf Course. Deck overlooking course. \$925/mo. Call 319-338-0025 for more information.

FOUND PET

Found in East Amana. Long hair cat black & white male neutered. Call 319-622-3240

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Clover Ridge United Methodist Church in Walford is making breakfast for you on March 7th from 7:00-11:-- A.M.

We are serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages and fruit. Free will donation.

So rise and shine and join us for food and fellowship!

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OBITUARY

Charlie Hoehnle passed away at his home in Homestead after a brief illness on February 19, 2026 at the age of 87. His Funeral Service was held on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at the Middle Amana Church, with Elder Kristie Yoder officiating. Burial was in the Homestead Cemetery.

Charles Lloyd Hoehnle was born on September 29, 1938 at his grandparents house in Middle Amana, the son of Jacob and Helene (Hergert) Hoehnle. He was raised in Amana, attending the local schools and graduating from Amana High School in 1957.

Charles served in the Army Reserves from 1961-1967. He began working at the Amana Woolen Mill in 1957, working in weaving and eventually becoming the dye house supervisor. Later he worked at the Amana and the Homestead Meat Markets. In retirement, he was a meat cutter for the Ox Yoke Inn, until retiring, again, at the age of 82.

Charlie was united in marriage to Barbara Selzer on November 17, 1972 in Homestead. They had two sons, Peter and Sam. Charles had a huge number of hobbies: he was a beekeeper for over sixty years, maintained a large garden and orchard, hunted, trapped, and fished. He enjoyed reading and was an avid sports fan, rooting for the Chicago Cubs. For many years he was active in the Seed Savers Exchange and loved meeting people when he sold his vegetables and fruit at area farmers' markets.

He is survived by his sons Peter (Elly) Hoehnle and Sam (Justin Deal) Hoehnle; a granddaughter Rose Hoehnle; two step grandchildren; four step great grandchildren and his brother, Jack Hoehnle.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his wife of 52 years, Barbara.

A memorial fund has been established for the Amana Church. Powell Funeral Home in Marengo is caring for Charles and his family. Messages may be left at www.powellfuneralhomes.com

ESSEN WAGEN - HOME DELIVERED MEALS

The Amana Church, in conjunction with Colonial Manor, sponsors the Amana Essen Wagen, which provides a hot noon meal to homebound, adults or their adult child, delivered to your home (even to your chair!) each weekday, except holidays. Enjoy not cooking and enjoy visiting with one of our volunteer drivers.

Please contact Colonial Manor at 319-622-3131 to sign up for this service. You can register for a short time while recuperating at home, or on a permanent basis. The suggested donation per meal is \$4.00.

Amana Kolonieweg



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.
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- When stopping on the trail, step aside so others can pass you safely.
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