

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, February 01, 2026 starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Jon Childers presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Herr Jesu Christ, Dich zu uns wend" No. 387 Seite 384/5

Testimony: Christian Metz, Neuwied, June 19, 1841 (Excerpts)

Scripture: Luke 17:20-21

Psalm 145:13-21

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

Note: The Early service could use extra voices to sing with us as a few regulars head for warm weather. It's the same service with more quiet time before the service and songs sung in German.

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

Opening Hymn: "Lord Jesus Christ, be present now" No. 57

Closing Hymn: "If Jesus Walks with You" No. 63

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.

## AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 04, 2026 in the Amana lift sta-

## WENDLER SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

The Glenn and Mary Wendler Scholarship is an annual award of \$1,000 to graduates of Clear Creek-Amana High School planning to attend a fully accredited nonprofit or public two or four-year college or university and pursue a career in engineering, architecture or construction. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, volunteerism, and academic achievement, in that order. Applications may be obtained from Megan Carlo (megancarlo@ccaschools.org) in the Guidance Counselors Office of Clear Creek-Amana High School. The deadline for applying for the 2026 Wendler Scholarship is **4:30 p.m. on February 12, 2026**. For further information, see [www.wendlerscholarship.com](http://www.wendlerscholarship.com).

## 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 Trumppold directly at [btrumppold@amanas.net](mailto:btrumppold@amanas.net). or 319-622-7526. Forms may also be downloaded at [www.amanasociety.com](http://www.amanasociety.com).

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

Thank you. Amana Society, Inc.

## ROBERT VAN CLEAVE SCHOLARSHIP

The Robert {COACH} Van Cleave scholarship will be awarding 1 scholarship over \$1000 to a CCA graduating senior attending an accredited college university perusing a degree in education. This scholarship was created by former students of Coach Van Cleave, with permission from his family.

Application forms are available from the councilor at the high school.

Contact Rick Hergert to donated to the fund or with any questions at: [Scout5@southslope.net](mailto:Scout5@southslope.net)

Thank you

Robert Van Cleave scholarship committee

## ACLD SEEKS BOARD MEMBERS

The Amana Colonies Land Use District is seeking community members to fill vacant seats on the Board of Adjustments. Residents with an interest in land use, planning, or historic community preservation are encouraged to apply. For more information, please contact [Kayleigh.acld@southslope.net](mailto:Kayleigh.acld@southslope.net)

## 2026 AMANA SOCIETY, INC. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Amana Society, Inc. Board of Directors has appointed Mike Schanz (319-560-0204, [mschanz@amanas.net](mailto:mschanz@amanas.net)), Rebecca Selzer (608-772-6174, [rselzer@amanas.net](mailto:rselzer@amanas.net)), Jason Fels (630-244-3349, [goclones92@gmail.com](mailto:goclones92@gmail.com)), and Tony Berger (319-361-8459, [ptberger@southslope.net](mailto:ptberger@southslope.net)) to serve on the 2026 Nominating Committee.

The committee is responsible for nominating individuals to be placed on the ballot as director candidates for the 2026 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 18th, 2026, 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 NEWS AND NOTES

### Pasta on the Prairie Made in Amana

A Marion, Iowa based pasta company was purchased in December by the Amana Society, Inc. Operations will be in Homestead at the Amana Farms Beef building located at the intersection of Highways 6 and 151.

Jeff Popenhagen, ASI chief revenue officer, announced that Pasta of the Prairie makers of hand-crafted pasta specializing in pasta-based food kits and marketed primarily at farmer's markets and online was purchased by ASI.

Founded in 2014 by Lindsey and Tyler Steinkamp in Marion, the company started as a creative outlet as they made their own delicious pasta. They make a line of 20 products including meal kits for pasta salad, white cheddar soup and pasta meals sold at farmer's markets and via their website. Their hallmark is that their meals are easy to prepare and feature their own pasta. Pasta meal kits retail for about \$10 and feed three to four people.

"Purchased in December 2025 by the Amana Society, Pasta of the Prairie continues today through Amana Farms Foods. Honoring Tyler & Lindsey's original vision, we are carrying forward the same hands-on mindset. As part of the Amana Food family, Pasta of the Prairie expands a heritage driven food tradition dating back to 1855. Adding pasta production in Homestead builds a more complete food experience, pairing thoughtfully made pasta meal kits and comfort foods with the craftsmanship that defines all Amana products," Popenhagen said.

Amana will make and sell pasta under both the Amana and the Pasta of the Prairie labels. ASI will diversify the sales approach selling in Amana retail stores, at a few select, larger farmer's markets, on the Amana Shops website and in the Amana Meat Shop and Smokehouse catalog.

Additionally, a line of private label pasta kits is being developed with Fareway to sell in Fareway stores.

Jennifer Hinrichs has been named manager of pasta production. The Steinkamps have been very helpful in getting pasta production in hand and will be on call as needed, Popenhagen added.

How did Amana learn about the opportunity? "I was contacted by a business brokering friend who knew I was looking to expand into food production within the Amana Colonies to strengthen our brand. Pasta is a delicious addition towards achieving the goal of simple, protein rich meals," Popenhagen explained.

### Winterfest Frozen in Time

While Winterfest 2026 is in the books, just for the record, the first Winterfest was held Feb. 3, 2005, reports Allyn Neubauer, Amana.

Neubauer, then marketing director of the Amana Society and deeply involved in Amana festivals, created the event along with members of the Amana Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Amana

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## FOR RENT

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Colonies Trails, Inc. board of directors.

The first Amana Freezer Run was held in 2005 and organizers used hand held stop watches to record the 50 plus runner's times.

Charlie Hoehnle, Homestead, told us that he, his brother, Jack Hoehnle and George Mittlebach, Amana, walked in the first Amana Freezer Run. Mittlebach was 83 at that time and the oldest participant. Hoehnle became hooked on the 5K experience and did another 29 races in the area, including the next 17 Amana Freezer Runs. By his recollection, at no time was the race cancelled, but one year it was postponed for one week due to ice.

During Winterfest '05 blocks of ice were sawn by hand on the Mill Race as a demonstration event and packed in sawdust at the Amana sawmill by Larry Gnewikow.

Folks were asked to guess when those blocks would melt and Linda Setzer was the winner guessing correctly that they would last until May.

This year's Winterfest was one of the coldest residents can remember. The games of chance and the Amana Fire Department chili feed were moved to the Festhalle and people came, but the crowds were thin (if thickly dressed.) Perhaps best attended was the party in the Ox Yoke Inn's Bierstube and High Amana Room Saturday evening with entertainment by Jeff Weimer and David Arnold.

**Amana Freezer Run Results**

The official race records show it was -6 degrees at race time for Winterfest's Amana Freezer Run 2026. For a full list of all race results go to [onlineraceresults.com](http://onlineraceresults.com) Amana Freezer Run 2026.

Certainly the cold gave pause because in years past over 200 runners have participated. This year a total of 96 dedicated runners/ walkers came to the Freezer Run. The race winner was Jacob Blackmon, Cedar Rapids at 16 minutes, 24 seconds. Andrew Rompost, Coralville was second with 16 minutes, 45 seconds and multiple race winner Nathan Hopp was third posting a time of 17 minutes 25 seconds.

Emily Burmeister of Marion, was the overall female winner and also the winner of the 40 and over female age group.

Winning the 14 and under, male group was Elam Tiedt, Amana, who also cracked the top 15 of the race coming in 12th overall. Elam was the only Amana racer to make it into the top 15.

Racers came from as far away as Sun Prairie Wisconsin, with a fair number from Fairfield, Des Moines and Davenport.

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**HERITAGE SOCIETY SPRING FUNDRAISER**

The Amana Heritage Society will host its annual Spring Fundraiser Dinner on Friday, March 13th, 2026 at the Ox Yoke Inn with doors opening at 5:30. This Spring Fundraiser Dinner raises much-needed funds to help support the Amana Heritage Society and its mission to share Amana's special heritage and culture.

**Spring Fundraiser Dinner & Silent Auction**

**Ox Yoke Inn in Amana**

**Doors open at 5:30pm; Dinner at 7pm**

Winners of the drawings and silent auction announced following dinner

Raffle Ticket (includes two dinners and one raffle entry) is \$125; Dinner Tickets are \$45 each

Your generosity will make Amana's heritage shine!!

This year, we will offer the opportunity for members and donors to offer support prior to the event and during the event for specific projects for which the Amana Heritage Society seeks funding. These include several projects to enhance our collections, technology, and maintenance.

Businesses and individuals are invited to donate unique items for the silent auction. Please email [amanaheritage@southslope.net](mailto:amanaheritage@southslope.net) or call 319-622-3567 to arrange for us to pick up your auction items or to purchase tickets.

Raffle tickets may also be purchased through our website at [www.amanaheritage.org](http://www.amanaheritage.org).

Our motto is simple—Preserving Our Heritage, Sharing Our Culture.

Thanks for your ongoing support! Let us know if you have any questions.

Jon M. Childers, Executive Director  
 Rebecca Dickman, Curator  
 Elise Heitmann, Program Director

**CALL FOR GARDENS:  
 BRUSHES AND BLOOMS****A public garden weekend within Plein Air**

The Amana Arts Guild is excited to present Brushes and Blooms, an arts event bringing together Fresh Paint Plein Air & Colonies in Bloom. The full plein air event runs June 25–28, with Brushes and Blooms—the garden-focused portion—taking place Saturday and Sunday, June 27–28.

We are inviting local homeowners and gardeners to open gardens to the public on both Saturday and Sunday, whether or not artists are present.

On Saturday, June 27, plein air artists will be painting throughout the Colonies and may request permission to paint in participating gardens during designated hours.

Participation is simple:

- Gardens must be open to the public on June 27 and 28;
- Artists may paint in gardens on Sat., June 27
- Garden hosts may choose whether they welcome artists or prefer public viewing only
- Artists work independently and respectfully

Participating gardens will be recognized as part of the event and included in event materials when possible.

If you are interested in having your garden included in Brushes and Blooms, please contact the Amana Arts Guild at [director@amanartsguild.org](mailto:director@amanartsguild.org)

We hope you'll consider sharing your garden and helping art bloom across the Colonies this summer.

**2026 ACCVB NONPROFIT MARKETING GRANT**

The Hotel/Motel Tax Fund has marketing money available for local nonprofit organizations. These funds are to be used for marketing purposes only and to a target market of potential visitors that will stay overnight. This would be a geographic area that is a distance of 100 miles or greater from the Amana Colonies. If your nonprofit organization would like to apply for a portion of these funds, please email Alicia Schmitt at [director@amanacolonies.com](mailto:director@amanacolonies.com), or stop by the Visitors Center to receive a copy of the guidelines and application. The **deadline** to apply for 2026 funding is Friday, **February 6th, 2026**.

**VALENTINE'S DAY COUPLES PAINT NIGHT**

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a creative night out in the Amana Colonies. Bring your spouse or partner to the Amana Arts Guild in High Amana on Saturday, February 14, from 6:30–8:00 PM for a relaxed, fun evening of painting, light snacks, and drinks.

Local artist Kristie Yoder will guide couples with simple, step-by-step instructions as you create an acrylic portrait of your favorite person. No experience needed—just come ready to have fun.

All materials, snacks, and beverages are included. \$60 per couple.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to the Amana Colonies Festivals for the generous \$200 donation to the Amana Community Library. We are truly grateful for your generous donation.

We love being part of the Tannenbaum Forest and its meaningful mission in our community. It is a joy to participate alongside such a wonderful organization.

We are honored to be part of this wonderful community and are sincerely grateful to everyone who attended the Tannenbaum Forest and helped make this event such a success.

**IOWA COUNTY CAUCUS INFORMATION**

Your local Caucus is an event where you can be directly involved in the democratic process. The Caucus gives community members an opportunity to be aware of and involved in the local party structure, platform, and upcoming events.

This year the precinct caucuses will be on Monday, February 2, starting at 7:00 p.m. (1900hrs).

All Iowa County Democratic Party precincts will meet at the Iowa Valley Junior-Senior High School 359 E Hilton St in Marengo in the lunchroom. Please use the front gym entrance or the back entrance and follow the signs.

Republican Party caucuses will be held by precincts.

- Dayton English I, Millersburg City Hall
- English II, North English City Hall
- Fillmore Green, Parnell City Hall
- Hartford I - Sumner, and Hartford II - Lincoln, Victor City Hall
- Washington Hilton, Hilton Hall in Conroy
- Honey Creek Marengo, Marengo Public Library
- Lenox-Iowa, Homestead Welfare Club
- Marengo City Iowa Valley High School
- Pilot Troy York, and Williamsburg City, Williamsburg Public Library

To attend the caucus, you must be eligible to vote and registered as a Democrat or Republican in Iowa County. You may register to vote at the Caucus. Voter registration requirements: Age 18 or over at the time of the November election, US citizen, and Iowa resident.

For more information, see <https://sos.iowa.gov/voters/voter-registration>.

**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](http://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](mailto:aclud@southslope.net)

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