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GOOD FOOD FOR BODY AND SOUL

There is a story in Amana of a young man who left the communal Colonies to try his luck in the 'outside world.' The young man stayed away for nearly a year. Then one day in early spring he returned. When asked why he had come back to Amana, the prodigal said, 'Because there is nothing fit to eat in the world.'

Emilie Hoppe, "Seasons of Plenty: Amana Communal Cooking"

Hickory-smoked sausage, Westphalia ham, savory dumpling soup, tender pickled beets and sour pickled ham, hot horseradish sauce and fried potatoes, cabbage slaw and lettuce with sour cream dressing, oven-fresh bread and brown sugar Streusel, tart rhubarb pie and irresistible cream puffs ... They ate well in the communal days, a tradition that continues in the Amana Colonies to this very day.

From 1855 until 1932 there were over 50 communal kitchens in the seven villages serving breakfast, dinner and supper daily, plus a mid-morning and a mid-afternoon "lunch," that truly deserved its name consisting of coffee, hot tea or wine and thick slices of fresh bread topped with molasses or cheese. Breakfast was taken seriously with hot, fried potatoes, fried eggs, oatmeal or farina. Noon dinner was just as fortifying consisting of soup, vegetables, potatoes, a meat dish and often, though not always, dessert. Supper was a somewhat lighter meal, but egg dishes, cheese, vegetables, potatoes and a meat course were the norm.

In the communal Amana Colonies good food in satisfying quantity, well prepared and cheerfully served in the kitchen houses, was a comfort and a blessing to be shared and enjoyed.

By the turn of the century the Colonies' reputation for serving excellent food was secure with visitors arriving by buggy and train, and later by automobile, to dine in the kitchen houses. And few visitors left the Colonies without first buying Amana ham, bacon and sausage for their families, just as they do today.

The end of the communal era and the closing of the kitchens required that all homes be equipped with a kitchen, a first in the villages. Women who had

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cooked for 40 had to learn how to prepare meals for four. Recipes meant to serve a small army had to be reformulated, a job accomplished over time with cooks enthusiastically sharing their tried and true recipes for favorite dishes. Today many Amana cooks still prepare the good food of the Amana Colonies' kitchen houses.

Building upon a reputation for hearty meals and friendly hospitality, several Amana Colonies families opened restaurants at the close of the communal era. Jacob Roemig opened the Colony Inn in the former Amana Hotel in 1935. The Ox Yoke Inn was established in a restored kitchen house by Bill and Lina Leichsenring in 1940. In Homestead former New York Yankee pitcher Bill Zuber and his wife, Connie, opened Zuber's Restaurant in 1948. While in 1950 Helen Zimmerman Graichen, a former

communal cook, and her family opened the Ronneburg Restaurant in the village of Amana. In South Amana the village smokehouse was restored and reopened as a restaurant in 1968 by Carl and Fern Oehl. All employed former communal cooks who prepared the foods they loved best while they incorporated American favorites into their menus.

Today the variety of dining options in the Amana Colonies restaurants includes gourmet and local fare, seafood, light luncheon and dinner choices, deli sandwiches, malt shop burgers and more. But the original family style dining made famous by communal kitchens continues to be a popular choice just as it has for six generations.

Should our communal era prodigal return today, he would feel right at home finding his favorite dishes and a few new delights to savor.

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SPECIALTY FOODS IN THE AMANA COLONIES

*"You need a good, slow smoky fire. . .
Hickory wood is best."*

Carl Schuerer, "Seasons of Plenty:
Amana Communal Cooking"

On those mornings in the village of Amana when the delicious scent of hickory smoke from the Amana Meat Shop and Smokehouse recalls the past, it's easy to imagine the communal era when each of the Amana villages had its own smokehouse.

Using recipes that had been passed down to them by their fathers and grandfathers, the village butcher made sausage and salt-cured hams and bacon. They hung the cured meats in the smokehouse and kept a close watch on the wood fire, curing and

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Today you can shop for Amana Meats online, via the Amana Meat Shop website at www.amanameatshop.com or visit the Amana Meat Shop and Smokehouse in the village of Amana.

In operation since 1866, the Hahn Bakery in Middle Amana is the Colonies' only original hearth oven bakery to still use traditional baking methods. Carl Hahn was one of the last communal bakers in the Colonies; his family continues the tradition of providing the village with fresh baked breads, cinnamon rolls and streusels. Open early, a fresh baked, warm coffee cake is the perfect start for your tour of the Amana Colonies.

The Amana Society Bakery was established at the close of the communal era when sev-

eral of the village bakeries were consolidated and moved to upper South Amana. The Amana Society Bakery produces a variety of breads for local and regional markets and operates the Stone Hearth Bakery in the village of Amana. At Stone Hearth Bakery they make their own fresh preserves and corn jelly as well as noodles, pastries, cookies and cakes.

But don't stop there, for Amana Colonies' shops offer dozens of treats to satisfy your sweet tooth including hand-dipped chocolates, fudge, caramels, caramel-coated apples and old-fashioned hard candy. Using century-old fudge and candy recipes, The Chocolate Haus in Amana is a sensory delight. Watch caramel apples being dipped, sample their made-from-scratch fudge and smell the decadent aroma of chocolate. Slow churned in a copper kettle, the chocolate is always flowing at the Chocolate Haus!

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RESTAURANTS

Colony Inn Restaurant, Amana
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Nordy's Subs and Salads, Amana
319-622-3028
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Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner family-style. Child's menu, sandwiches, house baked desserts. Local, American and imported wines, beers and cocktails. Gifts. Banquet and meeting facilities. Serving daily all day.


The Ronneburg Restaurant, Amana 
319-622-3641 or 888-348-4686
ronneburg@southslope.net
www.theronneburg.com

A great neighborhood restaurant with two charming shops located in an original communal kitchen. Serving German and American entrées for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Great family atmosphere. Groups are welcomed.

Zuber's Restaurant and Dugout Lounge, Homestead 
319-622-3911 or 800-522-8883
zubers@avalon.net

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
Schatzi's Ice Cream & Sandwich Shop, Amana 
319-622-3183

The Smokehaus Restaurant, South Amana 
319-622-3750

SPECIALTY FOODS

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Hahn's Hearth Oven Bakery, Middle Amana
319-622-3439

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can be enjoyed
throughout
the Colonies.



RESTAURANTS

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Sunday Brunch	Children's Menu	Carry-Out	Catering	Groups	Lounge	Beer/Wine	Handicapped Accessible	Non-Smoking Available	Step-on Guide Service	Credit Cards Accepted
Colony Inn Restaurant	●	●	●		●	●		●		●	●	●		M, V, A, D
Nordy's Subs & Salads	●	●	●		●	●					●	●		M, V, A, D
Ox Yoke Inn		●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	M, V, A, D, Di
Ox Yoke Interstate	●	●	●		●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	M, V, A, D, Di
The Ronneburg Restaurant	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	M, V, A, D
Schatzi's Ice Cream & Sandwich Shop		●	●		●	●		●			●	●		M, V, D
The Smokehaus Restaurant		●	●		●	●		●	●	●	●	●		M, V, A, D
Zuber's Restaurant & Dugout Lounge		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		M, V, A, D, Di

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