

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Amana Church Service will be live streamed from the church in Amana on Facebook or via Radio broadcast, September 06, 2020 starting at 10:00 a.m. with Elder Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Theme: Looking for God.

Testimony: Christian Metz, Upper Ebenezer Feb. 17, 1847

Scripture: Deuteronomy 10: 14 - 22 and 11: 1
Psalm 139

Closing Hymn: "Of God's Great Love I Sing Today" No. 56

Wednesday Nachtgebet live stream on Facebook at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Fellowship live stream on Facebook at 5:30 p.m.

Services also available later on YouTube ("The Amana Church" is our channel).

Did you know that you could park your vehicle in the Amana Church lot (east side facing the church) and tune in to FM 93.5 to hear the service? The radio signal is not strong so park close by the church for best reception.

ACLUD SPECIAL ELECTION

The special election for Trustees of the Amana Colonies Land Use District will be held on October 6, 2020. The deadline to file nomination papers with the Iowa County Auditor's office is September 11, 2020.

Forms are available at the Iowa County Auditor's office, at www.aclud.org and at the Land Use District office at 4304 220th Trail on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

AMANA HERITAGE SOCIETY FALL FUNDRAISER RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

The Amana Heritage Society will host its annual Fall Harvest Fundraiser in order to meet our mission **Preserving our Heritage; Sharing our Culture.**

You can support our important mission by purchasing a \$100 raffle ticket as usual. The raffle ticket will enter you into the raffle for Amana Society, Inc. gift cards drawn during a Facebook Live event scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7th, 2020. A tiered amount of gift cards will be offered contingent on the number of raffle tickets we sell (do not need to watch to win). The maximum will be a chance to win one of eight gift cards totaling \$1,500. Additionally, your raffle ticket purchase will be good for two admissions to our spring social event (we hope April) that will include gemütliches Beisammensein with drinks, appetizers and the popular silent auction. We thank all of our community ahead of time for its continued support of the Amana Heritage Society.

To purchase a raffle ticket, visit us at <https://amanaheritage.org/store/>. You can also contact the office at 319.622.3567 or amanaheritae@southslope.net. We will be glad to answer any questions. Board members will be making phone calls to sell tickets as well. Stay safe and thanks for your support!!

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

It is the first day of September which means that we have dealt with COVID for over six months. The day before yesterday I heard that Ames and then Iowa City were the two cities rate highest per capita in the USA for new cases. Not only that, but the United States had the worst case of COVID in the world even when we combined all the other countries.

Needless to say I cannot wait until some kind of vaccine is developed. I am beyond scarred and just want all of this to go away like I am sure the rest of you do too.

I so want to go places without having to wearing a mask or even having to think if that place I am going is a safe place.

I also am so tired of eating the same food every week. Frankly the menu in our house is getting boring and keeps boarding on sandwiches. I am tired of sandwiches!

A very good friend once said that I was a "picky" eater which is correct, but I also have an excuse. I seem to be allergic to lots of things that I truly like to eat such as strawberries and milk products.

You have no idea how I crave a chocolate shake

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Sunday is the Amana Chautauqua Show

Bring your lawn chairs and wear your masks, it's the first ever Amana Chautauqua Sunday, September 6 at the Market barn in the village of Amana. The entertainment starts at 6 p.m. with the Iowa River-bottom Ramblers playing bluegrass music.

Then get set to see "Miliken's Bend" a 40 minute dramatic reading of a play about a Civil War battle. Two soldiers share their memories of the battle telling their story from their own perspective. Starring Rob Merritt and Anthony Hendricks, this a reading of a script created by Cynthia Mercati and the Emmy Award winning Des Moines native, Greg Alan Williams, about a singular battle during the Vicksburg campaign. Also look forward to dramatic readings by Meg Merckens and Quanda C. Hood.

To top it all off there will be slices of Ox Yoke Inn pie for sale starting at 6 p.m.

There is no admission fee – but goodwill donations will be accepted by the producers Tom Milligan and Deb Kennedy on behalf of the actors and stage crew. Yes, the show will feature a professional sound system so you should be able to hear it from your socially distanced lawn chair.

Oktoberfest 2020 is Cancelled

Yes, it's true. A press release issued August 31 by the Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau states that the popular Oct. 2 – 4 event has been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns and the pandemic response in Iowa.

With the number of new cases in Iowa as reported by the state's COVID-19 response team coupled with Governor Kim Reynolds' August 27 proclamation closing bars, pubs, breweries and wineries in 6 counties, those who organize Oktoberfest met to discuss its future last week. The decision was reached to cancel Oktoberfest 2020. Oktoberfest is Amana's largest visitor event drawings more than 15,000 in good weather.

The ACCVB and the Main Street Merchants plan to replace the fall festival with a series of themed weekend promotions. The themed promotions called "Autumn in the Amanas" are to begin in mid-September and continue through the first week of November. These promotions will focus on creative ideas for Amana fun, retail shopping or dining opportunities, activities that can be done out of doors at multiple venues or indoors in very small groups or/and reservation-only events, in other words, activities that don't draw a large crowd to gather in one place. The ACCVB is currently asking its members to think of safe activities to help make these weekend promotions worthwhile for visitors.

Rumors about the fate of Oktoberfest have been swirling for weeks as residents and merchants wondered. The cancellation of the Iowa State Fair and the Big 10 Football season, sparked further talk here. Ongoing discussions as the pandemic unfurled this summer led the board of the Amana Main Street festivals committee, which hosts and organizes Maifest, Oktoberfest, Prelude to Christmas, Winterfest and Wurst Festival Amana, to meet last week and make the call.

Their discussion, Main street festivals coordinator Elise Heitman said, led to this decision. She noted that while they felt they had a good plan for making the event in the Festhalle safer, it would be difficult if not impossible, to control crowd size, social distancing and mask wearing on Amana's streets. Keeping everyone safe is the number one priority, therefore the group cancelled Oktoberfest. Heitman said that this week she would begin contacting food vendors, bands and others who provide goods and services under contract to Oktoberfest.

Scam Alerts for These Times

"Three guys in a pickup truck stopped in my yard and said they were 'volunteers.' They sawed down and loaded up a fallen apple tree by my porch. Then they demanded \$500 to haul it away! I said, 'Oh no! I don't have \$500 to spare them.' So there was some yelling back and forth and finally they dumped it right in my front lawn." That's one story coming out of rural Linn County these days following the storm of Au-

gust 10.

"I had heavy tree damage in my yard . . . this one company, they said they were from Benton County, but it turns out it was an outfit out of Missouri, they pulled in and offered to clean it up for \$8,000. I wrote them a check for half and paid the other half in cash. Then half way through they said it would cost another \$10,000. Now what?" said one homeowner from Cedar Rapids.

Tom Miller, Iowa Attorney General, issued a "price gouging and storm aftermath scam" alert this week following the August 10 storm that swept through central Iowa leaving a huge amount of damage in its wake.

This disaster has triggered Iowa's "price gouging rule," which forbids excessive prices for goods or services "needed by victims of disaster." That includes but is not limited to water, food, medicines, sanitation supplies, utilities and building materials. This also applies to services for tree removal, general clean up and repairs. It even includes goods and services purchased via Craigslist, Facebook and other online marketplaces. Punishment can result in restitution and fines.

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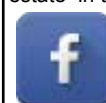
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Amana Arts Guild OPEN IN September
Saturday 10-4 Sunday 10-3

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The Iowa Attorney General's office publishes a newsletter which you can subscribe too by going to the Iowa Attorney General's website and look for the title on the right hand side of the home page to sign up for "Consumer Focus Monthly Newsletter." In a recent issue the office advised:

- Formal complaints are up 28 percent this year for home improvement problems.
- If a home-improvement contractor, roofer or tree service company stops by and says, "I was just in your neighborhood and saw you need work done. Be wary. Legitimate contractors have enough work to do. They don't just drive up looking for work.
- If they say things like, "Hey my guys need one more job to help them make their pay day quota," or "I have leftover materials I gotta use." Don't believe them. They are trying to win you over.
- If they say, "I can give you a discount but you need to sign this today." If they pressure you to make a decision today. Be very wary. Legitimate contractors should understand that you need to follow up by checking their references. Plus they know you have to work with your insurance company.
- Never sign an "agreement" or contract on impulse. Always ask for and check references.
- Only agree to use a worker or contract you know, or you can easily check. Make some phone calls and check them out with neighbors, friends, family. See if they advertise locally. Call your insurance agent to see if they know the company or owner.
- Go online and google their name. See what comes up.
- Always get two or three bids for any work. Make sure the contractor takes the time to look at your job and see everything that needs to be done. Make sure you agree to a plan for "unforeseen" issues. As in, they don't do any additional work until you see and approve.
- Get all bids, guarantees and promises in writing. Agree in advance to start and completion dates.
- Asking for payment upfront is a red flag. Legitimate contractors have lines of credit with local suppliers. Asking you to pay upfront is not a good sign. Do NOT pay a large upfront payment. Before agreeing to the work always talk about payment with the contractor and agree in advance, in writing to how much will be paid and when. Be wary of anyone who wants a large amount before job start.
- If someone makes you feel fearful or threatened, ask them to leave. If they don't call 911. Do not hesitate to call for help if anyone makes you feel threatened.

When are volunteers not volunteers? When they demand payment. If someone says they are a volunteer there to "help you with your trees" or whatever, feel free to ask them if they expect payment. Then ask them for their identification and to identify the church, charity or group they are affiliated with. If they get angry or are uncomfortable with your questions, ask them to leave. If they say they are "on their own" and not associated with a church or charity, ask them to provide the names of others in the area they have helped. Take photos of them, their vehicles and license plates. If they are uncomfortable with that, ask them to leave. Call 911 if anyone makes you feel fearful or threatened.

Report any suspected scams or suspicious situations to your local law enforcement and to the Attorney General's office. Call the Iowa Attorney General's consumer protection division at 515-281-5926 or email go to iowaattorneygeneral.gov for more information.

I will not be available Tuesday Morning Sept. 8

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which would be good except now I even have problems digesting much sweet items and especially CHOCOLATE!

I feel having a problem eating chocolate is inhuman and should have some kind of cure. Charlemagne, meanwhile finds it quite amusing knowing full well how I have always loved all things with chocolate in it.

I guess (okay I know) I should go through my recipe books and look for some new recipes until this epidemic is over with. Wish me luck!

B.S.H.

CHARLIE'S HOMESTEAD MARKET

Fresh Produce & Ginger Molasses Cookies
 Saturday 10:00 - Noon (or until sold out)

NOTICE

Would the person that removed the garden disc from the Amana Cemetery please contact Steven Baumgartel at 319-310-1905. In the event that the person who removed it doesn't read the Bulletin, if anyone saw the disc being removed, please help to reunite Steven with his property. Thank you.

Larry Hertel's

Full Garage Sale

1806 4th Ave, South Amana

Friday & Saturday,

Sept 4 & 5

10 AM - 4 PM

Lots of Household Items

APFELFEST

September 19, 2020

You'll find everything from apple sauce to apple strudel for Apfelfest (Apple Fest) on September 19, 2020. The villages will be featuring all things apple on this special day with a Sampling Stroll, live music, a 4-course Vintner's Dinner, special foods in our restaurants, and of course, fresh apples.

During the day stop by the Visitor Center and pick-up a brochure. Plan to take the Sampling Stroll and after sampling tasty apple treats at the various businesses you can enter to win a \$100 Amana Colonies Gift Certificate.

That evening you can indulge in the Amana Meat Shop's Apple-Gouda Brats with live Blue Grass music by the River Bottom Ramblers at Iowa's oldest micro brewery, Millstream Brewery, or enjoy a 4-course themed Vintners Dinner complete with wine pairing.

Volksmarch Sunday, September 20th

A Fall Volksmarch on our beautiful Nature Trail just north of Homestead, 10 AM - 3 PM

(in case of rain, the Volksmarch will take place on our paved recreational trail)

For a complete list of special events during Apfelfest visit the Amana Colonies Visitors Center, call 319.622.7622 or visit www.amanacolony.com

THANK YOU

A special thank you to the person(s) who delivered fresh vegetables to our front door sometime during the week of August 24.

What a kind gesture and delightful surprise. We thank you very much for your generosity and hope you see this message.

Larry and Norine Magee

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AMANA/GERMANY CULINARY EXCHANGE

The Hessen Krone from Ronneburg, Germany and the Amana Colonies are pleased to announce the first ever Amana/Germany Culinary Exchange set for each September weekend this autumn.

The concept is the brainchild of German Chef Reiner Erdt of the 3 star Hessen Krone Hotel located in Ronneburg, Germany. Chef Erdt, working with the Amana Heritage Society, the Ox Yoke Inn, and the Ronneburg Restaurant has developed a culinary exchange for the month of September. This unique concept has Chef Erdt exchanging recipes and menus with the three Amana entities. His restaurant in Germany will be featuring Amana Cuisine and favorites from the Ox Yoke Inn and Ronneburg Restaurant while the Ox Yoke Inn, Ronneburg Restaurant, and the Amana Heritage Society will feature items selected from Chef Erdt's kitchen.

One of these special dinners has already been announced as part of Apfelfest (Apple Fest) in the Amana Colonies on Sept 19th. It will be a special Vintner's Dinner where both Chef Reiner and Chef Cynthia Romstadt of the Ox Yoke will prepare the same 4 course meal with wine pairing on the same day (Chef Reiner in Germany and Chef Cynthia in Amana). The menu and ticket information for the Amana version of this meal are available at www.oxoyokeinn.com.

The remaining dates, menus, and entrees will be announced as they become available at www.amanacolony.com.

For more information about this unique Cultural Exchange please contact David Rettig, Executive Director at 319-622-7624 or director@amanacolony.com.