

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Amana Church Service will be live streamed from the church in Amana on Facebook, August 30, 2020 starting at 10:00 a.m. with Elder Kristie Yoder presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Oh For a Faith that will not Shrink" No. 224, vs 1,3,5,6

Testimony: C Metz, Armenburg, January 1, 1834 excerpts

Scripture: Jeremiah 29, 1, 4-14
Psalm 138

Closing Hymn: "Great God We Sing that Mighty Hand" No.198 vs 1-4

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).

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 4:45 p.m. Monday, Sept 1, 2020 in the Amana Sanitary lift station.

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MODIFIED 2020 WURST FESTIVAL

Wurst Festival will be held in Amana this Saturday, August 29, 2020.

The 2020 version of Wurst Festival will feature a onetime change that will make social distancing possible by offering the sausage in the Amana Colonies' restaurants. The restaurants will be featuring unique sausages and/or sausage sampler platters. Each restaurant will be offering something different and a menu of their selections will be posted online at www.amanacolony.com or may be picked up at the Amana Colonies Visitor Center when they become available.

Back for its fourth year is the Dachshund Derby, where your dachshund can compete to be the fastest pup in the field. We will crown the fastest Dachshund in Iowa with post time being 5pm at the traditional Market Barn area in the center of Amana. Wurst Festival has no admission charge.

That evening Millstream Brewing will host live music and sausages on the grill.

For a complete list of activities at Wurst Festival, visit amanacolony.com/things-to-do/festivals or call 319.622.7622.

AMANA HERITAGE SOCIETY FALL FUNDRAISER RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

The Amana Heritage Society will host its annual Fall Harvest Fundraiser this year—but it will be offered in a way to keep our members and friends safe until we can meet again. In order to meet our mission **Preserving our Heritage; Sharing our Culture**, we need your support.

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 amanaherite@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!!

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Sen. Joni Ernst Tours ASI Sites

Taking time during her Iowa 99 county tour, Friday, Aug. 21, Sen. Joni Ernst toured the Amana Society's energy digester and the soon to open, Hotel Millwright.

Sen. Ernst and her attending staff visited the energy digester and the Amana Farms beef cattle lot, west of West Amana. Amana Farms manager John McGrath answered questions about Amana's beef program, the design of the beef lot and how it works in conjunction with the digester. Using the 75 tons of manure produced each day by Amana's cattle plus organic waste from several industrial sites, the ASI digester produces electric power that is fed back into the power grid. Producing enough power to supply Amana's seven villages and its small businesses, the digester's composted organic waste after product is applied to the fields as fertilizer without releasing methane gas to the atmosphere. The non-methane waste produces exceptional yields, McGrath pointed out.

Sen. Ernst, and her staff who asked for the tour, were both impressed and interested, noted Greg Luerkens, Amana Society President and CEO. "This was a part of her 99 county tour. She chose to tour the digester because she wanted to understand the sustainability aspect and mentioned that the size, scope and diversity of the Amana Society, Amana Farms and Service Company organizations was of interest," he explained.

Though it was not originally part of her visit, upon hearing about the Hotel Millwright, Sen. Ernst took time to see the new hotel, receiving a tour from Jeff Popenhagen, ASI marketing and retail manager. Sen. Ernst was very favorably impressed with the hotel and the grounds where work is underway before the October grand opening date.

The entire Amana Society Board of Directors and several members of ASI's staff, joined Sen. Ernst for the tours and discussion during the tours.

Luerkens reported that in addition to seeing the sights, Ernst discussed the Amana Woolen Mill's renovation process and the importance of federal and state historical renovation tax credits to the project's success. The group also discussed the need for local meat processing and how the "big players" use size to monopolize the processing supply which hurts pricing for beef producers and consumers alike. Another topic: COVID-19 and its impact upon Iowa small businesses. Sen. Ernst was in the Amanas about two hours.

Amana Chautauqua Sunday, September 6 in Amana

Need a little pick me up? How about some toe-tapping, good music, a shot of theatrical entertainment and a thought-provoking drama?

Head to the Market barn in Amana, Sunday, September at 6 p.m. for the Amana Chautauqua, featuring a reading of the landmark one-act play, "Milliken's Bend" and two poems about the Civil War era, as well as the Iowa River Bottom Ramblers.

Come early, bring your lawn chairs, wear your mask and plan to socially distance as the sound system will broadcast speakers and music from the stage area. Ox Yoke Inn pie will be available while the Iowa River Bottom Ramblers, featuring your favorite fiddlers, will perform.

There is no admission charge to the Amana Chautauqua but good will donations will be gratefully accepted.

"Milliken's Bend" will feature Anthony Hendricks and Rob Merritt. This 40-minute dramatic reading follows events before, during and after the 1863 Civil War battle at Milliken's Bend; the first time freed slaves fought alongside white Union troops. Freed enslaved people from New Orleans, only recently trained to be soldiers, stood alongside soldiers from the 23rd Iowa Infantry in a fight for their lives. The story is told by two soldiers, one an Irish immigrant and the other formerly enslaved. The battle of Milliken's Bend was part of U.S. Grant's campaign on Vicksburg.

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Anthony Hendricks, an Illinois born stage actor and writer who has starred at City Circle and the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts, will perform with Rob Merritt, familiar to Iowa audiences as the actor, author and playwright whose work was featured at the 2019 TCR Underground Festival and on Cedar Rapids and Iowa City stages. Amana resident and founder of the Iowa Theatre Arts Co., Meg Merckens, and North Liberty's CCA fine arts booster and community volunteer, Quanda C. Hood will read the James Monroe Whitfield poem "From Year to Year the Contest Grew" and the 1894 poem "The Colored Soldiers" by Paul Laurence Dunbar.

Following the performances a "talk back" led by Hood and several CCA High School students will encourage the cast and the audience to discuss and reflect.

Show producers Tom Milligan and Deb Kennedy, residents of West Amana, are extremely excited about this project. Having helped create "Milliken's Bend" with playwrights, Cynthia Mercati and Emmy-awardwinning actor and Des Moines native, Greg Alan Williams, Tom Milligan performed the Irish soldier's part with Williams in 2002 at the Hoyt Sherman Theater.

After the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis in May and the growth of the Black Lives Matter discussion nationwide, Milligan reread the script. "I pulled it out to see if it still stood up and I found it better than before. It has turned from an interesting history piece to a comment on race relations from a different perspective," Milligan explained. "I pulled it out to see if it still stood up and I found it better than before. It has turned from an interesting history

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September 19, 2020

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During the day stop by the Visitor Center and pickup 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 from the Ox Yoke Inn and White Cross Cellars.

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

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piece to a comment on race relations from a different perspective," Milligan explained.

"That got the ball rolling," he added. Milligan teaches and he and Kennedy direct drama at Clear Creek Amana High School. Anxious to get the students of Clear Creek Amana High School involved they've asked Hood and the students to take part in facilitating the discussion part of the program.

In this time of COVID-19 the only possible way to produce this show safely was out of doors, with social distancing in place, so Milligan and Kennedy turned to one of the oldest American theatre genres for inspiration, the chautauqua. These open air shows were highly popular from about 1890-1930. Milligan and Kennedy first planned to have the show at the Middle Amana Park, but the destruction of the restrooms meant they had to move the event to the Market barn in Amana.

Milligan and Kennedy encourage everyone to please, bring lawn chairs to insure you have a seat, as there are few picnic benches at the Market barn. They will be using a professional level sound system so you can spread out to enjoy the show.

Offering a timeless, yet timely story and an opportunity for dialogue, the Amana Chautauqua might be the start of a whole new kind of theatre revival in the Amana Colonies. Certainly, it will offer an entertaining change during this long, dry summer.



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FEATHERS IN THE WIND

I have always had a theory that the first day of school signals a week of hot weather. This year I seem to be right again.

It was never sure as to when school would start so when last Saturday came around it sort of came as a surprise that Monday was the day.

Like most parents Charlemagne and I went back into time to when our children were getting ready for school. It seemed so odd that this year we were not haunting stores looking supplies such as crayons, rulers, paper, and such because of the Pandemic. Besides that I am sure that our granddaughter was well taken care of by her parents who were just being kind by letting us interfere with our well mean intentions.

It is always hard to realize that our "baby" is no longer an infant, but is growing into a young woman. There are even two young "girls" we know who are entering high school not to mention those who are going to college.

What with the Pandemic one wonders if there will be a struggle just getting back to the routine of school work and even remembering some of the things that had been learned prior to the shut down in March.

Then there are the worriers like me who hope that no one will get sick and that school will go on with healthy students AND teachers.

Let us just pray that this will soon end and we will get back to a more normal life.

B.S.H.

**Starting August 29:
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OKTOBERFEST IN THE COLONIES CELEBRATES 55TH YEAR OCTOBER 2-4

Dust off your Dirndl and Lederhosen and celebrate the 55th anniversary of Oktoberfest October 2-4, 2020 in Amana. This year's edition will be unlike any before due to COVID19 and the social distancing requirement.

Regulations will require reserved seating in the Festhalle Barn and limit the number of people in the building at any one time. To maximize the number of patrons to the entertainment, tickets will be sold for each specific band and time and they can be purchased on line prior to the event or at the gate (if still available).

Several other venues in the village of Amana are planning to have music and festivities including the new Hotel Millwright, Millstream Brewing, and the Ronneburg Restaurant. All music venues will restrict the number of patrons that will be able to attend at any one time due to social distancing requirements.

Friday's festivities will kick off with the traveling of the keg from Millstream Brewery to the Festhalle Grounds for the official keg tapping ceremony. On Saturday at 10:00 a.m. the Oktoberfest Parade begins through the historic streets of Amana. Social Distancing is encouraged for those watching the parade.

This year's social distancing and the limited capacity of the Festhalle will increase the importance of purchasing a ticket for a reserved table. There will be no standing room; you must have a ticket to enter the festhalle. Tickets will be available on September 1st at www.amanacolony.com.

For more information and full Oktoberfest schedule visit www.amanacolony.com.

OBITUARY

Cynthia A. Smith, age 52, of Walford, formerly of Watkins and Amana, passed away Friday, August 21, 2020 at Colonial Manor of Amana. Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo. A graveside service will be held at noon, Friday, August 28, 2020. Inurnment will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Watkins. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo is assisting the family with arrangements. The family requests all in attendance to practice social distancing and face masks will be required.

She is survived by her parents, Mineard and Diane Smith of Watkins; children, Nicholas Wilson of Ankeny, Kaitlynn Wilson of Marion, and Mackenzie Kasner (Tristan James) of South Amana; two grandchildren, William Kasner and Scarlett Burgess; a sister, Kimberly (Jack) Shaw of Mesa, AZ; a special uncle Henry T. Schuhmacher of Ankeny; and a close friend Jim Lockett of Walford.

Cynthia was preceded in death by her sister Mary Delhia in infancy; grandparents Henry G. and Rose (Carville) Schuhmacher and Mineard J. and Delhia (Wodstrchill) Smith.

Cynthia Ann Smith was born July 31, 1968 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the daughter of Mineard and Diane (Schuhmacher) Smith. She graduated from Norway High School and attended Mount Mercy and Kirkwood Community College. Cynthia was united in marriage to Jon Wilson on October 16, 1993, to this union three children were born. The couple later divorced. Cynthia worked for many Amana businesses. She enjoyed listening to Bon Jovi and other 80's music, sewing, crafting and trivia. Cynthia loved being a Grandma and especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. Cynthia would always say "just keep swimming".

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