

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

Amana Church services are live streamed from the church on FM 93.5 and Facebook. Limited in church attendance offered, facemasks and social distancing will be practiced.

The English Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, April 25, 2021, starting at 10:00 AM with Elder Kristie Yoder presiding.

Opening Hymn: "God who Madest Earth and Heaven" No. 32

Testimony: Metz, Benfeld Germany, 5 May, 1840
Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-12

Closing Hymn: "The Lord My God be Praised" No. 262

The Wednesday Evening Prayer (Nachtgebet) meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in Middle.

Saturday Evening Fellowship, will meet in Amana at 5:30 PM

ATTENTION ATV/UTV USERS

The Amana Society would like to remind ATV/UTV users that use on Amana Society lands requires an Amana Society General User Permit and an ATV/UTV Operator Permit. Please visit www.amana-society.com for more information and to purchase permits.

Thank you.
Amana Society, Inc.

HEY GOOD LOOKIN,' THE MUSEUM STILL NEEDS KUCHEN

Attention all Obstkuchen bakers. The Amana Heritage Society will be a vendor at Maifest again this year. If you are willing to bake Kuchen again, we can accept at the Festhalle grounds beginning at 9am on Saturday, May 1st. Thanks

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

It was 1959 and everyone was excited about royalty coming to the Amanas in the form of Otto Frederik Fürst, 7th Prince of Ysenburg-Büdingen in Wächtersbach, whose ancestors owned some of the estates which "our people" rented when we lived in Europe.

Having been brought up on Grimm's fairy tales my idea of a real prince was colored of a man riding out to our school on a beautiful white steed and being presented to the local "royalty" (me) who would be dressed in a lovely flowing purple gown accented with ermine and pearls. I planned on foregoing the crown this time figuring the prince would present me with a tiara instead. FAT CHANCE!

As it turned out the Prince and his wife were "old" (at least over 40) and they had that gall to wear regular clothes like everyone else. The princess even carried a purse!

I was disillusioned to put it mildly until I finally understood the reason for their trip. We students had to sit on the bleachers on the north side of the gym while the adults got chairs and even church benches in the middle.

At one time I believe we sang "Faith of Our Fathers" which we had rehearsed over and over again after saying the "Pledge of Allegiance" in school.

Personally I was grateful to be singing that song because it has become a dirge to me and I had developed a strong dislike to it. I know that after this ceremony we would dispense with it. Ironically I have developed a real love for it now that I am older.

Luckily, for all of us, George Foerstner had a crew of people put up a cooling system in the gymnasium so no one fainted or got sick.

The consulate from Chicago came out and the Prince presented medals to George Foerstner of Amana Refrigeration and Dr. Henry Moershel, president of the Amana Church Society for promoting better relations between the United States and Germany.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Amana's Maipole Dancers Don Masks and Dance

April 28 join Amana's Maipole Dancers for a 6:30 p.m. dress rehearsal at Millstream Brewing Co. as the group prepares for Maifest 2021.

This year, the group is asking all former Maipole dancers to join in the fun and stand alongside, spaced socially distant, in costume, and sing at this year's Maifest, May 1 and May 2.

The group could use the support as last year Amana Maipole dancers did not practice nor perform as Maifest was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This winter with uncertainty about COVID-19 infection rates, the availability of vaccines and if Maifest was going to happen at all, the group was not able to start practicing as soon as they would normally do, especially after a two-year hiatus, explained organizers Heidi Sandersfeld and Tricia Ward.

"With the uncertainty of COVID, we were unsure how to plan for this year's festival. There were lots of things to consider... How do we practice safely and still be able to perform? Will everyone be 'comfortable' by the time Maifest arrives? Will the vaccine be available? Etc." they said in a joint statement from the group.

The committee decided to start practicing in as safe a way possible, masking up, using recorded music and minimizing the number of practices. The group also practiced outside, meeting when they could on the east side of the Amana Meat Shop. The members practiced their songs at home, on their own. Because they were not able to practice the singing as a group, they are asking for singing support from their sisters in dirndls.

"We have a bit of a 'barebones crew' and therefore would like to invite any previous performers to join us and help sing, as we did a few years ago for the Maipole dancers reunion."

Maipole dancing has been a spring tradition in the Amana Colonies for 35 years. The first dancing troupe rehearsed in 1986 for performance at the 1987 Maifest.

Quoting from an Amana Society Bulletin article of that era with a description by Amana maipole dance troupe founder, Carol Schuerer Zuber, "The dancers translated and adapted from a book of German folk songs. Working with the original Oktoberfest singers, they were able to find music that had the right cadence, appropriate words, and a pleasing melody. The Maipole is actually a pine tree from which the limbs are stripped. The very tip of the tree is left intact while the wreath with very long ribbons attached to these top boughs. In times of yore, candies and small gifts were tied to the wreath. As the young women performed the ribbon dances, their swains tried to climb the maipole and snatch the gifts. The maipole symbolizes new life and is associated with spring." Many European countries do a form of Maipole dancing, but ours is drawn from the dances of the Bavarian region of Germany.

At Maifest Saturday, May 1 the dancers will perform: after the parade, 10:45 at the Amana Woolen Mill; 11:30 a.m. at the Festhalle, 12:15 at the Amana General Store; 2 p.m. at the Amana General Store, 2:45 at the Festhalle and 5:30 at the Hotel Millwright.

On Sunday, May 2 the dancers will perform at 12:30 at the Amana Meat Shop, 1:15 at the Amana General Store and 2 p.m. at Millstream Brau Haus.

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It's Official: Iowa's Winter 2020-21 Was Severe

As if we needed official notification, but yes, the Midwestern Regional Climate Center has determined that we had a "severe winter" in Iowa using their Accumulated Winter Season Severity Index.

This index combines data measuring the persistence of cold weather, the amount of snow that fell and the persistence of snow on the ground as compared to previous years as determined by the National Weather Service. Using all of those measures, much of Iowa experienced a severe winter. That is, it was persistently above average in terms of cold, snowfall, lack of snow thaw, blizzard conditions and wind. Minnesota on the other hand had a "moderate" or "average" winter. Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska also had extreme or severe winters compared to their average years.

Officially Iowa had 143 days of "winter" with low temps from October 25 through March 17. "Winter" is declared when any of the following happen – the first measurable snowfall, the maximum temperature reached is at or below 32 degrees or on December 1. The first measurable snowfall fell in this area was on October 25th making it officially the first day of winter in eastern Iowa. The last day eastern Iowa had at least 1 inch of snow on the ground in most places was March 17.

Across Iowa the state wide total snowfall was 50.7 inches. That's 16 inches above the average.

The maximum snow depth was 16 inches measured on February 13, 14 and 22. By contrast last year the maximum snow depth was 9 inches. February was above average for cold, ice, wind and snowfall. As this is being recorded for the ASI Bulletin on April 19, it is sleeting in West Amana.

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OBITUARY

Gage A. Tuttle-Kruse, age 29, of Victor passed away unexpectedly Monday, April 19, 2021. Visitation: 4-8 p.m., Thursday, April 22, 2021 at Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo. A private family service will be held with Elder Jon Childers officiating. A memorial fund has been established. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo is assisting the family with arrangements. Masks and social distancing will be required at all services.

Gage is survived by his parents, Denise "DeeDee" Bonwell-Tuttle, Robert (Tracey) Kruse, and Michael (Leanne) Tuttle; grandparents, Lynda Weldon (Gary Anciaux), Robert E. Kruse, and Deb Cobb (Donnie); a brother Logan Tuttle; sisters, Kayla (Austin) Chekal and Chloe Kruse; step-brothers and step-sisters, Kenya (Pat) O'Brien, Ashlea Matthes, Shane Matthes, Kurtice Matthes, Keanna Fry; a nephew, Jayden; many aunts, uncles, and cousins; and a very close friend and father figure, Greg Horras. His girlfriend Stacy Hadsell and her children Ayden and Aurora also survive him.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Richard and Helen Tuttle and Ron Bonwell.

Gage Allen Tuttle was born April 20, 1991 in Iowa City. He graduated from HLV High School with the class of 2010. Gage was employed at the Amana Farms, Amana. He enjoyed video gaming on his Playstation, riding motorcycles, and going and watching dirt track racing. He loved his 2018 Ford Mustang. If anyone ever needed anything, Gage would be the one to help them out. He was always willing to lend a hand. Gage will be greatly missed by many.

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Later on members of the community would receive triangular ashtrays with the castle, Ronneburg imprinted on it. Some people got a white mug with a blue coat of arms also imprinted on it.

The church elders each received a six piece place setting of dishes in blue or rose.

It seems the prince had a pottery/china manufacturing facility from which these items came.

He would return years later, but not to the fanfare he first got.

One wonders if people remembers when royalty came to the Amanas?

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Note: Otto Frederik Fürst passed away in 1989, his son sold the pottery/china facility which went bankrupt shortly thereafter.

OUR CONDOLENCES

The Amana Society Inc. would like to express our deepest condolences to the family of Gage Tuttle-Kruse, an Amana Society, Inc. employee that was tragically killed in an motor vehicle accident. Gage was a valued member of the Amana Farms organization and the community. He will be truly missed.

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AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Notice and Tentative Agenda for the Regular Meeting April 26, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom An in-person meeting is not possible due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

- I. Call Meeting to Order.
- II. Set Agenda.
- III. Review/approve the March meeting minutes.
- IV. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:
 - a. 2021-022. Jessica & Erik Emerson, 613 46th Ave. Add deck to rear of house.
 - b. 2021-024. Amana Church Society, 622 45th Ave. Gutters, fascia, soffit. Repaint west end of building.
 - c. 2021-025. Peter & Eleanor Hoehnle, 4118 V St. Replace window with door, add unenclosed porch.
 - d. 2021-026. Compass Memorial Healthcare, 728 48th Ave. Doors, steps, deck, remove windows, replace window with door, remove patio, replace ramp.
- V. Other Business.
 - a. Discussion: 2516 220th Trail. Discussion with property owner.
 - b. Discussion/Action: possible dates for annual joint BOT/HPC meeting.
 - c. Discussion/Action: barns/outbuildings Inventory.
 - d. Discussion/Action: CRANDIC Section 106 notice.
- VI. Work session.
- VII. Adjourn.

MAIFEST

Maifest, the traditional German celebration of spring is back after the 2020 event was canceled due to COVID19. The 2021 Maifest has a unique experience waiting for all ages May 1st & 2nd.

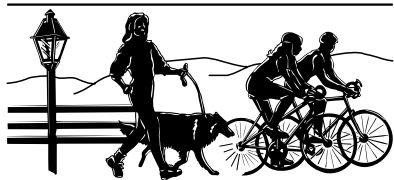
The festivities will kick off on Saturday at 10:00AM, with a parade through the village of Amana. The World on Wheels Food Truck Fare which features local food vendors takes place after the parade from 11AM-3PM. These vendors will serve Caribbean food, Pizza, German potato pancakes, ice cream, beer, and more.

Of course, what would Maifest be without our famous Maipole Dancers? Stick around all weekend and see them perform at various locations. Irish Dancers from the Robert Thomas Dancer will be performing live at the Festhalle along with the Amana Colonies' Die Tieffen Keller Kinder on Saturday during the Food Truck Fare.

Sunday brings more fun as the Wine Beer, & Chocolate Walk is back! Stroll through the beautiful village of Amana and try our famous wines, beer, and chocolate specialty treats, 11AM-4PM. To participate, purchase your passport at the Amana Colonies Visitors Center.

For a complete list of events happening at Maifest in the Amana Colonies visit www.amacolonies.com, or call 319-622-7622.

Amana Kolonieweg



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.
 - Signal turns and stops, and announce yourself when passing someone on the trail.
 - When stopping on the trail, step aside so others can pass you safely.
 - Please clean up after pets if necessary and please keep pets on leashes.
- PLEASE RESPECT PROPERTY OWNERS' LAND - DO NOT LITTER OR DISTURB LIVESTOCK OR WILDLIFE.**

Below- First "covid" practice of Maipole dancers outside of the meat market



Dance Schedule

Saturday May 1 After Parade: 10:45 Woolen Mill: 11:30 a.m. Festhalle, 12:15 General Store; 2 p.m. General Store; 2:45 Festhalle and 5:30 Hotel Millwright.
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