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# AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Amana Church Service will be live streamed from the church in Amana on Facebook or via Radio broadcast, October 25, 2020 starting at 10:00 a.m. with Elder Alan Trumpold presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Upon the Cross Extended," No. 91 vs 1-4

Testimony: Christian Metz, Marienborn, April 13, 1827

Scripture: Phillipians 3: 7-21

Psalm 51: 1-12

Closing Hymn: "Upon the Cross Extended," No. 91 vs 9-12

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.

### **ARTS GUILD NEWS**

An original framed pastel by Gordon Kellenberger is being raffled and is on display at the Amana Heritage Museum. Tickets may be purchased at the Museum or the Arts Guild Shop & Gallery (Sat 10-4, Sun 11-3) for \$1/ticket or \$5/six. Drawing Nov.7th.

# Drive thru communal meal Saturday Oct 24

Please pick up from 5-6pm at the Bill & Kristie Yoder Haus, 2610 J Street, Middle Amana.

### **Girls Getaway Weekend**

The Arts Guild Shop and Gallery, in High Amana will be open on Saturday November 7th from 9:30-4:30. The END OF SEASON sale will be on with everything 20% off. Think Christmas!

#### CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES

The Amana Boy Scout, Troop 223, will be offering Christmas wreaths and outdoor balsam roping for sale to all community residents and businesses.

The wreaths are 24" and have a red bow and 2 pinecones as decoration. These are \$16.00 each.

Roping is available in 25', 50' and 100' lengths and costs \$ .95 a foot. The roping needs to be preordered by *October 23rd*.

### FEATHERS IN THE WIND

In my old age I have seriously thought of becoming a KILLER! No kidding, my family is tearing me off the walls because I am quite literally having one temper tantrum after another.

Dealing with the after effects of chemo was bad enough, but having to learn not only to walk, tolerate certain foods, not be dizzy, but now deal with straight, baby fine hair.

Then came the campaign ads and all the calls and mail. We sent out our ballot in early and are screening calls.

Then came the wind storm. Okay we (in Amana) did not suffer like the people North of us, but we did loose trees, some of which were special.

Now come the debates. Yuk! Ugh! I would like to say a few words, but I think I would be censored. I will just mumble in German.

The final straw came last Thursday when we had the marathon debates. I had promised I would not watch because I had been watching PBS and the



Amana, Iowa, Thursday, October 22, 2020

### Colonial Manor Sees COVID Recoveries and New Patients

As of Tuesday, Oct. 20, the number of COVID-19 positive tests among residents of Colonial Manor had risen to 36. However, 19 of those residents have recovered, reported Tanya Powell, Administrator, Colonial Manor.

Twenty-five Colonial Manor staff members have tested positive for COVID-19 while 17 of those staff members have recovered, Powell stated by email Tuesday.

Lakeview Village does not have any positive tests among its residents or its staff members, reported Powell.

As Powell pointed out, the State of Iowa's COVID website combines resident test numbers with staff test numbers and today's Colonial Manor report perhaps won't match those number released today by the Iowa website as there appears to be a lag between reporting and posting of numbers. Eventually the state's website will also show the number of staff and residents who have recovered from COVID-19 as per the CDC guidelines.

The COVID-19 lowa website reports (as of October 20) that there are 69 current outbreaks in long term care facilities in the State of lowa with 1,695 individuals (staff and residents) testing positive. 778 total deaths due to COVID-19 in longterm care facilities have been reported. The total number of COVID-19 cases resulting in death in lowa is 1,555. Of those 50 percent were 80 ore more years of age, 40% were over 61 years of age and 9 percent were between 41 and 60 years of age.

For more detailed Iowa COVID-19 data go to the coronavirus.Iowa.gov webpage.

### Pumpkin Mini-fest and a Halloweekend Back to Back

Monday it snowed 4.5 inches in the Amana Colonies which frankly was scary enough, but nope, we won't let that dim or deter our autumn festivities.

This weekend is the first colony Pumpkinfest. Pick up the brochure for details but here are some highlights for the weekend:

• Jack' O Lantern Carving & Decorating contest. On Saturday, Oct. 24 before 2:45 p.m. enter your own pumpkin masterpiece to win prizes. Bring your finished pumpkin to the ACCVB Visitor Center in Amana before the pumpkins turn at 2:45. Saturday. Judging takes place at 3 p.m. sharp. Categories: Spookiest pumpkin, Funniest pumpkin and the Judge's favorite. Each winner will receive a \$25 Amana Colonies merchant gift certificate.

• Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt. Search 10 businesses in the Amana Colonies and find their hidden pumpkin. Turn in the completed form for a chance to win. Pick up the brochure in a participating ACCVB business or at the Amana Visitor Center.

• Pumpkins for sale at Margie Jane's on Amana's main street.

• Other fun stuff this weekend: Pumpkin Toss at Ackerman Winery, Amana 3 p.m. Saturday. Kids' prizes

stop in the Indigo Room or the Electric Thread whiskey pub where they will be offering pumpkin-themed desserts and drinks as well as their regular menu. Check out the new hotel and yes, the hotel's bar and restaurant are open to the public.

### And Then on Halloween There's More

Details have been "fleshed out" for the Colony Halloween festivities. Visitors to the Amana Colonies are being encouraged to dress up in costume (with facemasks of course) and join the fun by walking in the costume parade at 4 p.m. on Oct 31st followed by a costume contest with prizes, and finally a "Creepy Tour of Amana" just as the sun is setting.

At 5 p.m. Saturday Oct. 31 gather at the Amana Heritage Museum for a bonfire, then depart with your tour guide, Heritage Society Executive director, Jon Childers, who will be telling some unusually odd bits of true, or possibly true, stories from the deep, dark collective memory bank of local lore. There will be stops along the way to sample beer and wine and then the tour will end up at the Hotel Millwright. The tour will last about 1 hour and 30 minutes or so. Cost is \$10.

On Saturday Oct. 31 there will be a Scary Sampling Stroll, special foods, and shopping specials at many of the shops. The Hallowed Eve Costumed Vintner Dinner on Saturday Oct. 31 will feature a 5-course meal paired with wines from White Cross Cellars. To reserve your seats at the Vintner Dinner contact the Ox Yoke Inn or White Cross Cellars today. Yes, come in costume or not, either way you'll have a good time.

Social distancing is being practiced so please wear a mask when shopping/dining and hanging out in the Colonies. Some events will have limited capacity so check the website or contact the business for details.

Contact the Amana Colonies Visitors Center, 319-622-7622 or visit the website at www.amanacolonies. com for information as its posted.

Tannenbaum Forest to Open Thanksgiving Weekend, Joy to the World

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The Amana Meat Shop & Smokehouse is seeking to fill two (2) part-time/temporary Production Associate positions. This role has flexible scheduling averaging 20-24 hrs./week and a pleasant working environment. Job duties include labeling bags & packaging product.

hearing for the Supreme Court justice. By that time my teeth had been ground down so much that I was that I was even grinding them in my sleep causing my gums to bleed.

I decided the only solution was to read yet another book. I have taken to reading John Irving books which are at least 500 pages so they should have kept my busy. Wrong!

I picked up a book and before I read three pages I wanted a lethal weapon.

A fly started to torment me.

First I tried my hand, then rolled up paper, then the book. I even stopped everything and found a flyswatter.

I called in the "troops," but they weren't any help either.

That fly would not die. It wouldn't even leave the room I was in. If I moved from one room to another it followed.

Three days we stalked the beast until Charlemagne finally "got it."

Guess what! In less then an hour a second fly showed up. I am declaring WAR!

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and prizes for adults too.

• Special pumpkin disk craft kit available for sale for \$5 at the Amana Heritage Museum bookstore.

• Pumpkin-themed contests, sales and drawings at the Amana Woolen Mill salesroom, Amazing Grace and Renate's Antique Gallery, The Chocolate Haus just to name a few of the shops with featured activities this weekend.

• The Ox Yoke Inn's Pumpkin Praline Pie is back plus they've added some delicious treats and surprises to their dessert tray and their list of specialty cocktails.

• The Ronneburg Restaurant has added a deliciously tempting soup and you bet it'll be yummy.

• Tour Hotel Millwright and see their pumpkin gallery: jack o lanterns carved by their staff and friends. Plus Requirements include:

• Must be 18 years of age

Must be able to work during the week (M-F)

- Lift up to 40 lbs. regularly; 70 lbs. occasionally
- Standing/walking for up to 8 hrs. daily
- Customer service skills are required

Candidates may complete an online application via our website @ www.amanasociety.com. Applicants may also send their resume to:

Amana Meat Shop & Smokehouse c/o Tim Blattner, PO Box 158, Amana, IA. 52203



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We would appreciate your vote, absentee or in person on November 3rd. Thank you

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# OBITUARY

Wilma Augustine Mittelbach Neumann of West Amana passed away Sunday October 18, 2020 at the age of 100, at Colonial Manor Nursing Home. Private family services will be held at the West Amana Cemetery, per the families request there will be no visitation. Memorials may be directed to St. John's Lutheran Church, Marengo, Colonial Manor of Amana, or Essence of Life Hospice. The family requests all in attendance to wear masks and practice social distancing. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo is assisting the family with arrangements.

Wilma was born October 18, 1920 at West Amana, she was the daughter of Henry and Lina Albert Mittelbach. She married Paul Neumann on September 25, 1937. To this union seven children were born, Violet, Betty, Connie, Robert, Richard, Evelyn and Glenn. Wilma is survived by all her children, a son-in-law Oris Martens, daughters-in-law, Virginia Neumann, Sue Neumann and Mona Neumann. Also surviving her are 26 grandchildren, 52 great-grand children, and nine great-great grandchildren. Wilma worked her lifetime as a cook at the Ox Yoke, Ronneburg and Zuber's Restaurant's and also volunteered at Clear Creek Amana High School.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Paul, a grandson, Kevin Wille, a great grandson, Hunter Wardenburg, her siblings, Elsie Ehrman and Harold Mittelbach, three sons-in-law, Dale Singleton, Verlyn Wardenburg and Dick Wiebold.

Online Condolences: www.klosterfuneralhome.com

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Amana's holiday happening, Tannenbaum Forest will open Friday, November 27 at 11 a.m.

Yes, the magic of Christmas, volunteer support and good planning will create this timeless fantasy forest for eastern Iowa. This year, once again, donations from the Tannenbaum Forest will benefit the Stead Family University of Iowa Childrens' Hospital. A free will offering, plus donations raised will be given to the hospital for use to resupply their craft and toy closets, buy new childrens' books and dvds, and to supply children with comforting plush toys, warm slippers and socks, robes and those basics they may not be able to bring with them as they seek treatment at the hospital.

This year there will be no food or beverage served in the forest. Facemasks and or face shields will be required and social distancing will be the rule. Facemasks will be available for those who don't bring one to wear. There won't be choirs singing live, but there will be festive touches in the spirit of the season.

### How can you help?

• Decorate a tree. Contact the Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau at 319-622-7010 now. The tree set-up schedule: Monday, Nov. 23, noon until 8 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 24, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. The deadline to sign up for a tree is Monday, Oct. 26 so do call 622-7010 as soon as possible. Families, clubs, churches, businesses and individuals are all welcome to decorate a tree. The cost is \$35 to families/ nonprofit groups, \$35 for Main Street event member merchants and \$50 for non member merchants. This pays for the tree with the remainder as a donation to the cause.

• Volunteer to help decorate the village. There will be a team of volunteers hanging roping and lights in the village of Amana on Monday, Nov. 23 at 9 a.m.

• Volunteer as a "greeter." Greeters are needed to welcome visitors at the door and collect donations. Two volunteers are needed per 2 to 3 hour shift. Yes, volunteers must wear a mask at all times. To volunteer contact Emilie Hoppe at zhoppe@southslope. net or call 319-622-3639. Please leave a message with your full name and telephone number should you phone.

## OBITUARY

Scott "Scotty" A. Oehl, 63, of Amana, IA passed away Sunday, October 18, 2020 at the Hospice House of Mercy, Hiawatha, IA.

A Graveside service was held Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at St John's Cemetery, Homestead. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the family. Online condolences can be sent to the family at www.neuhausfuneralservice.com.

Scott "Scotty" Allen Oehl was born July 11,1957 to Carl and Fern (Wichmann) Oehl of Amana. He graduated from Amana High School in the Class of 1976. Scotty spent most of his young adult years working in the family restaurant. He then moved on to drive truck for companies including Kloubek Fish Farms, Wendler Construction and LL Pelling.

Scotty had a passion for hunting, fishing and dog training. He enjoyed a hunting trip to Africa and many fishing trips with his father and friends.

He was a lifelong resident of Amana and could be found most of his life in the timber. He made many friends throughout his life and, in the end he wanted his friends to know that he cherished the time they spent together.

He was proceeded in death by his parents Carl and Fern Oehl. Survived by his sister, Carla Oehl-Sheely, his nephew Travis (Laura Kay) Sheely and great nephew Dylan Sheely.

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### FOR RENT

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West Amana 2 BR Upper Apt. No Pets, Background Check, Lease. 319-227-7465 or 319-573-5265

### FOR SALE

New class "A" Amana Society shares for sale. Email offers to ehrmann1@sbcglobal.net

#### Iowa County Community Development (ICCD) seeks Executive Director

ICCD provides economic development services to Iowa County, its communities and businesses. Members of ICCD include the cities, businesses and organizations of Iowa County.

The Executive Director will plan, organize and implement strategies to promote Iowa County as an ideal business and industry location and ideal place to live and visit. This individual will also promote employment opportunities, leisure activities and tourist attractions. They will facilitate a county wide economic development approach while supporting the goals of each community. Duties include collaboration with community groups, researching and writing grants, and executing a marketing plan including social media. A bachelor's degree in Business, Public Relations, Finance and/or 3 years' experience in economic administration or similar field preferred; a willingness to travel and work a flexible schedule is required. Please see full job description on iowacedc.com Resumes may be sent to: iowacountydevelopment@gmail.com

## OBITUARY

Reynold C. Moessner, age 90, of Middle Amana, passed from this life peacefully October 16, 2020 at Colonial Manor Nursing Home. A man of true strength, wisdom, and devotion to his family, friends, and community. Reynold touched the lives of everyone who knew him. He will be deeply missed. Graveside services were, Monday, October 19, 2020 at Middle Amana Cemetery, Middle Amana, Iowa with Elder Betsy Momany officiating. A memorial fund has been established. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo is assisting the family with arrangements.

Reynold was born February 21, 1930 in Middle Amana, Iowa, the son of William and Minnie (Rothenbuecher) Moessner, and a 1948 graduate of Amana High School. He married his wife of 55 years, Vivian (Cerveny) Moessner on October 8, 1953 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids.

After attending the University of Iowa, Reynold worked as an electrical engineer at Amana Refrigeration and later became the manager of the Amana Phillips 66 station. He went on to work for Amana Society, Inc. and served as Chairman and President of the Amana Society Board of Directors for more than a decade. Reynold brought strong leadership, integrity and sound judgement to the Amana Society and led its growth through many challenging years. Reynold was instrumental in the development of the Amana Colonies Golf Course, the Amana Visitors Center and RV Park, the Amana Barn Restaurant, and several new building and housing developments. He served as president of the Colonial Manor Nursing Home Board of Directors, where he was instrumental in developing the Nursing Home and Lakeview Village Retirement Community. He served on the Amana Community School Board of Directors from 1974-1986 and in 2016 was inducted into the Clear Creek Amana Foundation Hall of Fame in appreciation of his outstanding contributions. A lifelong member of the Amana Church, Reynold volunteered as a worship leader and served on many leadership positions. He also served on the Iowa County Board of Supervisors and the Amana Colonies Land Use District.

Always generous with his time and talents, Reynold loved the Amana Colonies and volunteered whenever he saw an opportunity: as a baseball umpire for little league through town teams, a referee for Amana High School basketball games, a member of the Middle-High-West Fire Department, caretaker of the Middle Amana Park, and setting up and running sound for local events. Reynold chaired the Amana Oktoberfest Committee and managed the festival for 14 years when it was held at the Middle Amana Park.

Reynold will also be remembered for his beautiful Christmas light display each holiday season. Always planned and decorated to perfection, the Moessner home was a destination drive-by for local residents for decades. He enjoyed traveling and particularly cherished the vacations he took with his family and friends to Florida and Aruba during the winter months. Reynold loved music and loved to dance and he and Vivian were members of the Merimyx Dance Club for several years. An expert builder, mechanic, and constant tinkerer, Reynold loved collecting antique cars and enjoyed going to car shows and meeting fellow car enthusiasts. He won several trophies for his cars including many for his all-original 1911 Model T Ford, the prize of his collection.

Reynold is survived by his daughter and son-inlaw, Judith and Roger Lambert of Sarasota, Florida; his grandson Matthew Moessner and great-granddaughter Liliana Moessner of Iowa City; and many friends, all of whom will miss him dearly. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Vivian; a son, Allen; and a brother, Ralph.

# FOR SALE BY OWNER

Two adjoined 2-story historic homes in South Amana (To be sold as a single unit) Each home approx. 4000 sq. feet Sale Includes: 1-story double garage & 1 1/2-story double-wide garage, 20' x 8' portable storage building, 4 kitchens with appliances,

7 bathrooms. Perfect for two-generation families. Commercial Opportunities.

Price: \$330,000 (Reduction for "sweat equity" possible) Interested Buyers Contact: Tom Johnson For a tour of property Phone: 319-551-6691 Email: tomp@southslope.net



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