Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

Amana Church services are live streamed on FM 93.5 & Facebook. Limited in church attendance is offered, face masks are strongly encouraged for unvaccinated members. Social distancing is encouraged in the Saal.

The Early (German) Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, August 08, 2021, starting at 8:30 AM with Elder Peter Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Christe, mein Leben, mein Hoffen" vs No. 106 Seite 149

Testimony: Ursula Meyer, Ronneburg, March 17, 1715

Scripture: Mark 9:13-31
Psalm 62

Closing Hymn: "Ich sage gut' Nacht" No. 480 Seite 475

The Late (English) Service will start at 10:00 AM with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "Christ, Thou My Life and Hope" No. 20

Closing Hymn: "I Say My Good Night" No. 50

Saturday Fellowship, meets 5:30 PM in Middle

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

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

The Amana Arts Guild will sponsor its Festival of the Arts this Saturday August 7, 2021 from 10 AM – 5 PM at the Market Barn area in Amana. This special event will feature sales of fine arts, crafts and traditional Colony folk arts by local and guest artists. A unique part of the festival will be demonstrations as visitors will enjoy observing such as quilting, tinsmithing, and painting.

Guests will also enjoy local foods such as Amana bratwurst, sauerkraut, homemade apple fritters and baked goods. There will be entertainment throughout the day.

Friend of the Arts Award presentation at 2:00pm.

A $250 shopping spree at the new Gallery on Main will be raffled off. The drawing is at 4:00 at the Festival. Need not be present to win.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Amana Library is having an ongoing Used Book Sale located in the periodical room during our hours: Monday noon-6; Tuesday 9-3; Wednesday 9-noon; Thursday 9-3; Friday 9-noon. Free will donation. The library is also accepting used books and DVDs for the sale. They can be dropped off anytime during our hours. Thank you for your continued support! The library will be CLOSED August 6, 13 & 20. Sorry for any inconvenience.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

How is Summer Going?
A Look at the Drought, Visitors and Covid

How is summer going? The answer is, "Fast." But other measures, like rainfall, visitor counts and Covid risk are mixed. Doing a little digging here is where we are at as far as can be figured using the data available as of August 2, 2021.

Rainfall. Yes, this is a drought. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Drought Mitigation and Monitoring Center at drought.gov, 71 percent of Iowa is abnormally dry. Of that, 30 percent is experiencing a severe drought. For the most part, counties to the north and west of us are in worse shape. Iowa County, according to their maps, is mixed. While the Amana Colonies are abnormally dry the southern part of the county is better off..

According to their statistics it could be and has been worse here in Iowa County. This June was the 33rd driest June in the past 127 years. So far, 2021 has been the 18th driest year in 127 years and we are behind 4.28 in precipitation. In other words we require at least 4.28 inches of rain now, plus our normal July rainfall total to catch up with an average year's rainfall. To break it down further, the Amana Colonies are located in the driest area of Iowa County. Iowa County is right on the edge of the drought band. They have gotten more rainfall to the south of us in Williamsburg, Parnell and North English areas. Those precious tenths have added up this spring and summer to mean that some areas of Iowa County have had a nearly slightly drier but nearly normal year.

Tourism in the Amana Colonies. There is no truly scientific way to measure tourism unless we were to compile a sales volume comparative study in the Amana Colonies to see how sales are tracking in our tourist driven businesses. In the absence of that, we must rely on merchant perception. Here is what we are hearing – basically, the number of tourists in the Amana Colonies has been strong and merchants feel good about the numbers of people visiting the Colonies this summer. Weekends have been steady, however, the very hot weather did reduce the number of people "on the street," in the middle of July.

Remarks:

The new Hotel Millwright has helped boost the numbers. As one antique dealer told us, "Oh yes I saw it almost right away in the number of people in town. Especially first thing in the morning and later in the day. I am definitely seeing more people just walking around Amana later in the day and in the evening. I have stayed open later some days as a result."

Another shop owner said, "Definitely! It's been a help and really, they are bringing in more people, who stay longer and that's good for us."

Occupancy in motels surrounding the Amanas has increased. "Last year being the worst year ever, this year has been a better than average year and some days have been really, really good," said one motel owner with a property on Interstate 80 at the outlet mall exit. "I80 traffic has been off the charts as far as I can tell," he added.

On the flip side, the inability to find employees to work part time or full time has impacted local merchants and fears about Covid-19 have made things stressful. "Last year we weren't open. This year unless I work, there are days I can't be open because I don't have the help. Finding help is a real issue this year," one main street merchant reported.

Another said, "It's been really crazy. I hear so many of my customers worry about Covid. They are so happy to be out but now they wonder and sometimes ask me, 'Should I wear a mask in here?' People look around and look at how many people are in the store and I can tell they are wondering, about who has been vaccinated or not."

On that note, what are the Covid numbers in Iowa? Right now all people ages 12 and over are eligible for vaccination. Almost 47 percent of all Iowa residents are fully vaccinated according to the Iowa coronavirus.gov website on August 2, 2021. In Iowa County 50.7 percent of county residents are vaccinated. In Johnson County that number is 58.6 percent and in Linn it is 53 percent while in Benton is it 46 percent.

Iowans over the age of 65 are about 81 percent vaccinated. The percentage vaccinated goes down as the age decreases. In other words – the younger the person the less likely that they are vaccinated. Iowans age 62-64 are 72 percent vaccinated; 50 – 59 years are 60 percent vaccinated. While only 24 percent of Iowans ages 12 to 15 are vaccinated; 33 percent of Iowans aged 16 – 17 and only 39 percent of Iowans 20 – 29 are vaccinated.

On August 2 there were 158 people hospitalized in the state of Iowa with Covid-19. Of these 50 were in an ICU. Thirty new patients were admitted to Iowa hospitals for treatment of Covid-19 on August 1.

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Hotel Millwright
IN AMANA

Hotel Millwright is now Hiring!

Room Attendants
Banquet Servers
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Bartenders

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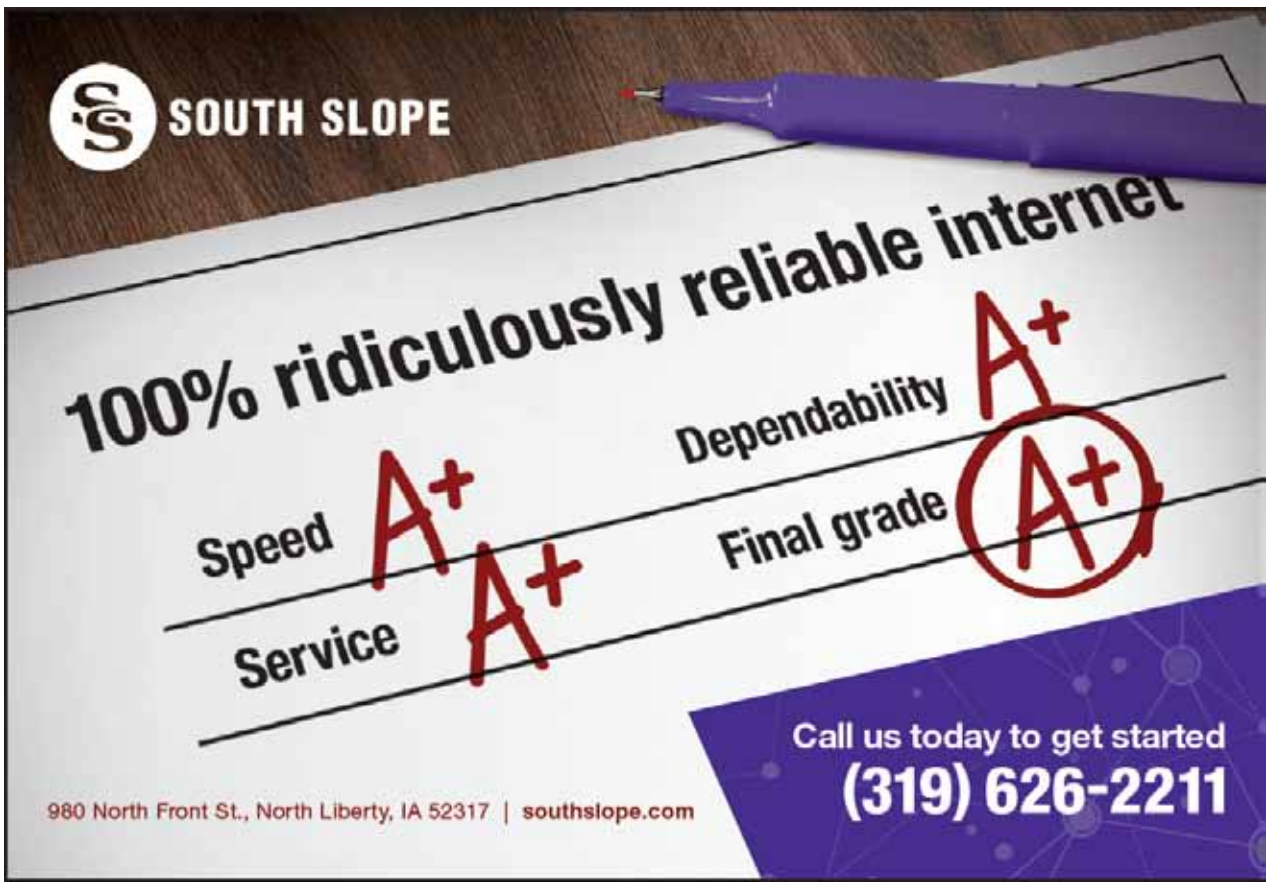

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News & Notes *from page 1*

According to the "New York Times" Iowa tracking map which uses data from the Iowa.gov website and the CDC, as of August 1 the 7-day average for new cases in Iowa was 357. That number has increased since mid-July indicating that the number of new cases in Iowa has been trending up. That is roughly the same seven day average that Iowa experienced in June of 2020. At its peak in November of 2020 the seven day average was 4,703. At the very beginning, in mid-March of 2020 the seven day average in Iowa was less than 20.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Unfortunately my sister got me started reading books about WWII. You can find a few in the Amana Library such as the "Rose Code" and the "Navy Network" which are about the British and French intelligence operations.

After reading the books I started doing research, especially after finding out that Harold Wendler (formerly of South Amana) had actually been at the Nurenberg Trials.

I began reading up on the trials only to realize how naive I have been.

Years ago, during my college oral examination, one of the professors asked me what we had learned from the trials. I had just come back from Germany and knew next to nothing about the trials. I didn't even realize there was more then one trial.

Please, for your own good, look up information about the trials and start taking notes so you will learn and be better informed then I was.

They (note the plural form) were not just one trial of a few German leaders, but numerous trials that would go on and on finishing with Eichmann in the 1960's. (That is the World War II trials.)

Not everyone was executed, as I had thought, but most importantly these top leaders were held accountable for their deeds against humanity.

Yes, Germany suffered greatly and many people escaped to places like Argentina, Chili and even lived in Germany right under the nose of the Allies, but trials were held unlike WWI when Kaiser Wilhelm II fled to Holland and lived there until his death in June of 1941.

The Allies actually gave a list of people (less then a dozen) that should be tried, but nothing was done after WWI. The Weimar Republic began and soon the Germans were angry and wanted revenge for what they felt was an injustice done to them in the Treaty of Versailles. Hitler and the "Brown Shirts" came into power and held rallies even though it was illegal. In 1938 came "Kristelnacht" and from there the world seemed to implode.

No one seemed to take into account that the economy had become so bad not only in Germany, but world wide.

People wanted to blame someone or something - anything but themselves. We all seem to do that.

When you think about it during the 30's and 40's what easily could have happened had Mussolini, Hitler, Tojo, or even Stalin ultimately succeeded in their objectives it is amazing that the world survived.

Now we have the world court and international laws that can punish dictators by having them stand trial.

No longer is a monarch supreme over all people but must justify his/her actions to his enemies and people (or Shari'a law).

One thinks of the proclamation over the United Stated National Archives that reminds people that history repeats itself thus we should learn from our mistakes and remember.

We are mortals, unfortunately, and keep repeating our mistakes over and over again.

B.S.H.

BIKE RIDE OF IOWA COUNTY (BRIC)

Join us this Saturday, for the sixth annual Bike Ride of Iowa County (BRIC). Registration will open on Saturday, August 7th at 10am at Millstream Brewing Company.

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Tues., August 10	11:30 – 2:30 PM
Tues., August 17	11: 30 – 2:30 PM
Wed., August 18	11:30 – 2:30 PM
Mon., August 23	4:00 – 6:00 PM
Tues., August 24	11:30 – 2:30 PM
Tues., August 31	11:30 – 2:30 PM

We encourage our residents to conduct their business with the Land Use District by mail or electronically when possible. We encourage you to use the mail slot in the door for items you do not wish to mail. Please call 319-622-3840 with any questions or to set-up a meeting.

Announcements regarding meetings will be made in advance of scheduled meetings on our website (www.aclud.org) and on our Facebook page.

Charlie's Market
Saturdays 10 till 12
COOKIES, PRODUCE, PLANTS, FLOWERS
West End of Homestead near the Old Fire House

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HELP WANTED

Fireside Winery in the Village (main Amana) is hiring for a FT tasting room staff member (Fri-Wed) and PT help (Tues/Wed/Sat/Sun). Please email cassie@firesidewinery.com for an application.

FOR RENT

Nice 1 bedroom apartment in South Amana with washer and dryer. Free WiFi. No Smoking No Pets. Background check. Call Larry, 319-540-9351

Short & Long term rental available at Abbi's Cottage Call Betty Peterson at 319-432-8103

OBITUARY

Scott Charles Hagen of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, passed away Saturday, July 24, 2021, at the age of 60.

Scott was born on May 7, 1961, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Richard and Lillian (Roemig) Hagen. He grew up on the family farm outside of Homestead, Iowa. As a child, he attended St. John's Lutheran church in rural Homestead.

He graduated from Williamsburg High School, before farming in Iowa county. He earned a BSE degree in Civil Engineering with Honors at the University of Iowa and a PhD in Civil Engineering at the University of Notre Dame. He earned numerous honors of distinction including Diplomate of Coastal Engineering (D.CE), Diplomate of Water Resources Engineering (D.WRE), Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers (F.ASCE), and Member of Tau Beta Pi. Scott was inducted into the University of Iowa College of Engineering Distinguished Engineering Alumni Academy in 2016 and delivered the "Charge to the Graduates" at Commencement.

Scott and Denise Elizabeth DeLorme were united in marriage on December 18, 1999 in Athens, Georgia.

He focused his personal and professional life on the betterment of relationships, a life well-lived, research and the environment.

Scott achieved tenure at the University of Central Florida and was later awarded an Endowed Chair at Louisiana State University. He had a legacy of encouraging academic success among his numerous students including PhD candidates. As a PhD, PE, F.ASCE and Louisiana Sea Grant Laborde Chair, he traveled the world to attend conferences, conduct lectures and enjoy the sites. Scott was an avid supporter of the IIHR, Hancher, and the University of Iowa in general.

Scott was preceded in death by his father Richard, his brother Richard Jr., sister-in-law Joyce and brother-in-law, Robin. He is survived by his wife Denise, his mother Lillian, his sisters Patricia (Gary) Coleman and Shelly Blaylock, his brother Blake Hagen, and nieces, nephews and grandnieces and nephews.

A Memorial Tribute will be arranged at a future date. Scott has been buried at the Ramsey Creek Preserve in South Carolina.

The family requests that donations be made to www.upstateforever.org or an environmental group of your choosing.

THANK YOU

We would like to send a huge Thank You out to all of the amazing people who donated money, offered housing, clothes, food and prayers for us after the devastating fire that took our home. Thank you to the Amana Fire Department as well as the surrounding departments that came to their aide, the Amana Church and Amana Community Chest. Thank You to our neighbors who came out with supplies and overwhelming support during the fire. We are beyond grateful to all of you for your thoughts and kindness. They will be rebuilding our 4 unit complex soon (we hope) and we will return! Thank You from the bottom of our hearts!

Jacki and Gary Klaas

FOR SALE

For Sale: Unwashed Mohair 319 361-0425

2020 Echo CS-590 Timberwolf Gas Chain Saw, 59.8 cc's, 20" length, used less than 5 hrs. Incl. case & extra chain. 5 yr. warranty transferable. $375.00 OBO. 2020 Echo CS-370 Gas Chain Saw, 36.3 cc's, 16" length, used less than 5 hrs. Incl. case. 5-yr. warranty transferable. $275.00 OBO. Bill 319-622-3442.

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