# THE SOUTH SLOPE CONNECTION

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## FIBER INTERNET PROPELS AMANA HOTEL

From the outside, the Amana Colonies is known as a place you go to take a step back in time. But inside one of Amana's most recent additions, Hotel Millwright, is an example of heritage and history colliding with cutting-edge fiber internet provided by South Slope.

"We knew fast and reliable internet was key to our future." said Jeff Popenhagen, chief revenue officer and director of marketing, Amana Society. "Even when guests come to get away for the weekend, they still want to be connected."

So how do you take a space that is more than 160 years old and transform it into a modern boutique hotel? That's what the Amana Society asked as they incorporated the woolen mill's history into a distinctive 21st century experience.

"We wanted to put a modern spin on our heritage for the younger demographic and attract new travelers to Amana," said Popenhagen. "The Hotel Millwright offers everything – sort of like a resort. But if you don't have technology, we've lost those would-be visitors."

2020 was a tough year to open a new hotel but it kept the Hotel Millwright team on its feet, as they quickly turned to technology to make the guest experience as contact-free as possible. This meant digital check-ins, an app for communicating with guests and pushing menu boards online. "We're forging the next generation of Amana guests," said Popenhagen. "As much as you unwind, everyone still feels comfortable knowing they're connected."

### **SOUTH SLOPE CARES**

At the core of South Slope are the communities we serve which is why we love giving back through our South Slope Cares program. Here is what we've been up to over the past few months!

A group of employees volunteered at Miracles in Motion Therapeutic Equestrian Center in Swisher, helping prepare for their Boo at the Barn fundraising event. We hosted a blood drive in partnership with ImpactLife.

Aureon and South Slope awarded matching charity grants to help fund a monument at the Coralville Veterans Memorial, a youth sports league at the City of Swisher, fresh produce for the North Liberty Community Pantry and dog kennels for Save Haven of Iowa County.

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# COOKING



# Pumpkin Pancakes : Quick and Delicious!

#### Ingredients:

- 2 cups flour
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 5 Tbsp butter
  2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

• 3 tsp baking powder

- 1 cup pure pumpkin
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1. Heat griddle over low heat. Spray with non-stick cooking spray.

2. Mix together dry ingredients. Set aside.

3. Melt butter. Then gradually stir together all wet ingredients

4. Once wet ingredients are thoroughly mixed, slowly add in dry ingredients. Make sure not to over mix.5. Pour about 1/2 cup of batter onto hot griddle for each pancake. Cook for 1-2 minutes.

6. Flip and cook for 1-2 more minutes.

Serve warm topped with butter and syrup. Enjoy!

## **RIDICULOUSLY RELIABLE INTERNET**

One thing we learned through the pandemic, derecho and our customer survey, is how RELIABILITY is the most important aspect of internet service. This is how we landed on our new tagline, Ridiculously Reliable Internet! Thanks to MindFire Communications and their creative team for developing our tagline and incredible new graphics in our building.



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