Onam in Kerala

A Hindu festival celebrated by the people of Kerala, India

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Tyler and Melanie Baker

Originally, Melanie is from Cedar Falls, Iowa. Tyler claims Colorado as his home state, but finds home in Iowa now with Melanie. In June 2011 they were wed with their adventures beginning in Hawkeye Court. They have lived in Hawkeye Apartments all of their married life.

They have some fond memories of the apartments, including meals shared with neighbors from all over the world! They also shared some memories of the wildlife getting a little too friendly. When asked of one thing they would change about the apartments they both agreed that carpet would be a nice addition to stay warm during the Iowa winters and add a cozier feel.

Melanie is working as a counselor now and though it has its challenges she enjoys her job. Tyler will graduate in May with a degree in Communications and a minor in History. They are excited to see where life takes them but have enjoyed their stay and the memories had in University Apartments.

CA – Alison
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## Events This Month

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<td>May 3</td>
<td>Year end campfire, 5:30-7:00 PM, 400-600 Hawkeye Drive playground</td>
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<td>Early Move-out of Hawkeye Drive Apartments</td>
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<td>May 23-25</td>
<td>Iowa Renaissance Festival, 11:00 AM-6:00 PM, Amana Colonies, 801 27th Ave., Middle Amana Community Park, Amana, IA 52203</td>
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<td>May 29-30</td>
<td>Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale, all day, Johnson County Fairgrounds, 4261 Oak Crest Hill Road SE, Iowa City; attractions include food and craft booths, plant sale, children’s activities and special auction for children, and four large auctions.</td>
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<td>May 31</td>
<td>Penn Landing Farmers’ Market, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM, Hwy 965 &amp; Penn St., North Liberty</td>
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Free classes in English as a Second Language will be offered to spouses and other adult family members of University of Iowa students. Classes will concentrate on speaking and listening activities, and help with other aspects of English will also be available. The classes are approximately one hour long. Speakers of all ability levels are welcome. Please note that no daycare will be provided.

**When:** 8:30—12:30
Monday—Friday
June 24—July 17

**Where:** Basement of Hawkeye Drive 450

Classes are taught by University of Iowa students who have completed their specialized training in ESL. Come to the basement of 450 Hawkeye Drive on Friday, June 19, between noon and 3:00 P.M. for a mandatory ten minute interview. For more information, contact ESL Programs at 319-335-5630.
Prior to leaving, you must schedule a check-out inspection about a week in advance by calling the office at 319-335-9199.

Read the check-out information provided by the University Apartments Office. If you need a copy of this information, please come to the office to pick up the instructions.

Follow the University Apartments check-out information and cleaning instructions as best you can.

When cleaning your apartment, place trash inside the dumpster nearest your apartment.

Remove small stickers from windows or doors. You are subject to charges for any damage these or other items have caused.

If you have unwanted items that will not fit inside the dumpster, please take them to the large dumpsters located in the 300 Hawkeye Drive parking lot.

When you leave, turn the refrigerator and freezer dial to the number 4 on the control knob and leave the doors closed. (Leave the refrigerator plugged in.)

Close all windows, turn off all lights and lock your apartment.

Make sure you change your address with the post office right away so your mail will be forwarded to you.

Do you have all of your keys? If not, locate them before you complete the check-out process. Personally return all keys and parking decal(s) to the University Apartments Office. A scraping tool is available to remove your parking decal during your check-out inspection from the person conducting your check-out or one is available at the University Apartments Office.

Please do not drive or park on the lawn during move-out or at any time.

Mark your check-out date on the calendar so you don’t forget to turn your keys in. If your keys are not turned in, you will get charged for additional rent until the keys have been turned in and your check-out is complete. You also could be charged for lock changes.

Check out Reminders
An Introduction to India

- India, officially the Republic of India (aka Bharat), is a country in South Asia.
- India has 29 states and 7 union territories.
- It is the seventh-largest country by area and the second-most populous country.
- Population: 1.15 billion, 1.7% growth rate.
- 10th largest economy in nominal dollars.
- India has a lower unemployment rate compared to the United States.
- India gained freedom from the British in 1947 and adopted their first constitution on January 26, 1950 making India a republic.
- The US is one of India’s largest trading partners. In 2011, the US exported over $21 billion worth of goods to India, and imported $36.15 billion worth of Indian goods.
- Major items imported from India include information technology services, textiles, machinery, gems and diamonds, chemicals, iron and steel products, coffee, tea, and other edible food products.
- Major American items imported by India include aircraft, fertilizers, computer hardware, scrap metal, and medical equipment.
- India is one of the most religiously diverse nations in the world and is the birthplace of Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism, collectively known as Indian religions.
- Family plays a significant role in the Indian culture. For generations, India has had a prevailing tradition of the joint family system. It is a system under which extended members of a family – parents, children, the children’s spouses and their offspring, etc. – live together.
- Official language of the federal government is English along with Hindi.
- Popular styles of dress include draped garments such as Sari for women and Dhoti for men; in addition, stitched clothes such as Salwar Kameez for women and Kurta-Pyjama and western style trousers and shirts, are also popular.
Congratulations Graduates!

We would like to congratulate and wish all the spring 2015 graduates best of luck in your future endeavors. We enjoyed having you as a part of the University Apartments community and hope your time living here was both educational and enjoyable.

—University Apartments Staff