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**SWEET CORN FESTIVAL PARADE:** The Adel American Legion Color Guard led the Adel Sweet Corn Festival Parade Aug. 10. ■

## ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

**FRIDAY HIGH 85 | LOW 61**

Mostly cloudy and less humid



**SATURDAY HIGH 85 | LOW 61**

Mostly sunny and pleasant



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

# OUR DADS AND THEIR JOKES

Dad jokes. You have heard them. You may have even told a few — probably the same ones over and over. That's what dads do. My friend Jeff, who is a father of four, has a library of dad jokes. Some are quite funny. The rest? Well, they are dad jokes.

My dad had a few of them he used repeatedly. Some were intended to be funny. Others just became catch phrases for him that left me scratching my head.

When Dad and I played board games and he moved ahead of me, he would exclaim, "I am moving faster than Tom Mix!" I had no idea who Tom Mix was, and I didn't care. I simply didn't want his Top Hat to pass my Dog on the Monopoly board. But, in recent years, I felt the need to learn who this Mix guy was. He was apparently the John Wayne or Clint Eastwood of his era, starring in 291 cowboy movies between 1909 and 1935, most of which were silent films. And he was fast, apparently.

Dad didn't care much for insects, especially flies. Growing

up near the multitudes of hog lots in northern Iowa, the flies were aplenty — and big. When I would leave the front door to the house open, Dad would jokingly tell me to shut it as I was "letting all the flies out." And when he would smash one loudly with a flyswatter, he would proudly state, "He won't do that again."

After church on Sunday mornings, I would turn on the TV and catch an episode of "The Lone Ranger." When Silver was racing along the path, Dad would ask me to turn the channel because it was "getting the living room dusty."

Dad wasn't much of a sports fan, but he would put up with me trying to watch a Minnesota Vikings football game on some Sunday afternoons. When the Vikings would score, he would proclaim, "Home run!" Then he would take a nap in his recliner for the remainder of the game.

Dad and my uncle owned a



gravel and excavation business. Sometimes, they would tear down old farm houses, burn them to the ground and bury the remains in the fields. Often, the homeowners would strip the buildings of anything of value first, leaving the houses without doors or windows. I would tag along with Dad when he would meet with the landowners at the site, and his first words were often, "I see you are having an open house."

And finally, when debating on a decision he had to make, Dad would try to make light of the situation and would often say, "Well, Columbus took a chance. Look where he is."

How about you? What dad jokes did your father rely on for a few laughs? Send me a note and let me know.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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# SEEN IN ADEL



**SWEET CORN FESTIVAL PARADE:** Shirley McAdon, Makayla Flora and Diana Flora represented the Adel American Legion Auxiliary in the Sweet Corn Festival Parade Aug. 10. ■

## ADEL COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

A community blood drive will be held Friday, Aug. 23, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Lincoln Savings Bank, 312 Nile Kinnick Drive S., Adel. Donations to LifeServe Blood Center are provided to local hospitals. Appointments are encouraged. Call 800-287-4903 or visit [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org). ■



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## PRAIRIE HIKE

**Wednesday, Aug. 21, 6 p.m.**

**Kuehn Conservation Area,  
32828 Houston Trail, Earlham**

Break up your week with a colorful morning hike. Join a DCCB naturalist for a morning prairie hike to appreciate the blooming flora in Kuehn's prairie. Registration required.

## FRIDAY FUNDAY PADDLE

**Friday, Aug. 23, 4:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Location TBD, based on river levels**

Kick your weekend off the right way, in the wilds of Dallas County with other paddlers. Find a community of people with similar interests and share time on the water while learning about the wildest places in Dallas County. Registration required.

## PRAIRIE AWAKENING/PRAIRIE AWOKE

**Saturday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Kuehn Conservation Area,  
32828 Houston Trail, Earlham**

Every fall, DCCB invites the public to gather at Kuehn Conservation Area to experience the songs, dances, games and stories of our Indigenous friends. This year, Master Hoop Dancer Dallas Chief Eagle has invited several of his daughters, who are also champion hoop dancers and storytellers. Their interactive and entertaining presentation shares teachings related to healthy life choices, mental resilience, and our connection to nature. There will be Native games and demonstrations in the morning,



Prairie Awakening/Prairie Awoke

dancing and music in the afternoon, and release of tagged monarchs and a rehabilitated raptor as part of the celebration. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket. Concessions will be available. Register to be notified of cancellation.

## ON-CALL: MONARCH TAGGING

**Sunday, Sept. 8**

**Location TBD**

Sign up to get notified. Join a DCCB naturalist to catch and tag monarch butterflies to help with an international monarch migration research project. All ages welcome. Registration required.

## FALL EQUINOX CELEBRATION

**Sunday, Sept. 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Hanging Rock Park shelter house, Redfield**

Join a DCCB naturalist at the astronomical clock to celebrate the celestial change of seasons. Fall is when nature wears her prettiest dresses. Sing the sun down and reflect on the meaning of the season. Registration required. ■

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### DICKY LEE THOMPSON

Dicky Lee Thompson, 83, died on Aug. 11, 2024. Visitation was Thursday, Aug 15 at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home and Crematory-Adel Chapel. A memorial service was Friday, Aug. 16, at the Van Meter Baptist Church at 10 a.m. Interment follows at the Booneville Cemetery in Waukee. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Van Meter Baptist Church.



Dicky Lee Thompson was born on Dec. 9, 1940. He was raised in the Linden and Redfield areas of Dallas County and graduated from Dexfield High School. Dick worked a variety of jobs, ultimately retiring from the Meredith Corporation.

He enjoyed showing horses and attending shows at the fairs. He hunted animals and mushrooms while also engaging in frogging and fishing. He enjoyed coaching girls softball and men's slowpitch. He was a fan of the Van Meter Bulldogs and the Iowa State Cyclones. He enjoyed playing cards with family and friends, as well as going to races at the Boone Speedway.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Connie, parents, five brothers, five sisters and grandson, Devon Slycord.

He is survived by his children, Carrie, Sheiry (Jason Slycord), Courtney, Amanda, Landan, (Kristen), Wendy, Robyn (Jeff Lund), and Nancy (Chuck Bucinski); 24 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; his brother, Billy; sister, Susan; and many nieces and nephews. ■

## ADM BOOSTER CLUB GALA

The second annual Adel-DeSoto-Minburn Booster Club Gala will be Saturday, Aug. 24, 5:30-11:30 p.m. at The Rewind hotel in West Des Moines, 6075 Mills Civic Parkway. The evening includes a sit-down dinner, two cash bars, games, silent auction, live auction and live music by Tony Bohnenkamp. All proceeds going back to the ADM Booster Club. A ticket link is available online at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/D5y/>. ■



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

The Adel United Methodist Church, 115 S. 10th St., is hosting a weekly Wednesday Night Meal in the fellowship hall downstairs. Serving is 5-6:30 p.m. This is a freewill donation meal. All are welcome. ■

## NEEDS LIST FOR VETERANS AT THE DES MOINES VA HOSPITAL

Since federal funds may not be used to purchase personal items for veterans at VA Hospitals, American Legion Auxiliary Units like Adel ALA Unit 464 step forward to collect clothing and other items needed by veterans in the Des Moines VA Hospital or in their domicile. Currently, the following are being requested: men's sweatpants/athletic pants (size S-XXL), men's sweatshirts (size S-XXXL), men's athletic shorts (size S-XXL), men's underwear (size S-L), shampoo, large-print books, individually wrapped snacks, and decaf ground coffee.

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Indianola Car Show

**INDIANOLA CAR SHOW,  
TRACTOR SHOW AND SWAP MEET****Aug. 24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.****Warren County Fairgrounds, Highway 92, Indianola**

The Two-Lane Cruisers of Iowa is hosting this event.

To enter or for more information, call Curtis or Cliff,  
515-577-2279 or 515-419-3824.**SUMMER SUNDAZE****Sunday evenings through Sept. 8, 6-8 p.m.****Jamie Hurd Amphitheater,****4100 Mills Civic Parkway, West Des Moines**Enjoy free live music and food trucks. Visit [wdm.iowa.gov/JHA](http://wdm.iowa.gov/JHA) for more information.**FARMERS MARKET/  
MUSIC IN THE JUNCTION****Through September, Thursdays, 4-8:30 p.m.****100-300 blocks of Fifth Street and Railroad Park**

The Valley Junction Farmers Market features more than 80 weekly vendors selling fresh produce, baked goods, plants and flowers, arts and crafts, and prepared foods. The Farmers Market is from 4-8 p.m. Music in the Junction is 5-8:30 p.m. at Railroad Park. The beverage garden opens at 5 p.m. with live music starting at 6 p.m. Concerts are:

- **Aug. 22:** Echos V
- **Aug. 29:** Recoil
- **Sept. 5:** Sons of Gladys Kravitz
- **Sept. 12:** Get Off My Lawn
- **Sept. 19:** Jana West and Retrospect
- **Sept. 26:** The Punching Pandas

**FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS****Fridays, Sept. 6 and 13, 5:30-8 p.m.****Campbell Park, 12385 Woodlands Parkway, Clive**

Live entertainment and food are presented by Clive Parks and Recreation and the Clive Chamber of Commerce. Jump on the Greenbelt Trail and make your way to Campbell Park to enjoy music, food and fun. Bring the whole family. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair. Note: Campbell Park is now a cashless facility. No cash is accepted. Payment methods are Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express, Apple Pay and Google Pay. Sept. 6 features the Dick Danger Band, and Sept. 13 features Brother Trucker.

**PAINT MADISON COUNTY,  
A PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL****Sunday, Sept. 22**

The public can watch artists at work at various sites around Madison County from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A reception and sale will be from 4-7 p.m. at Covered Bridges Winery, 2207 170th Trail, Winterset. New this year is a youth division for participants with prizes awarded. For more information, visit [www.madisoncounty.com](http://www.madisoncounty.com).

**LOG CABIN DAYS CELEBRATION****Saturday, Sept. 28****Heritage Village, 1300 W. Second Ave., Indianola**

- **10 a.m.** - Parade (line up at the Administration Building at 9 a.m. – no sign up required)
- **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** - Chicken and noodles Lunch
- **11 a.m. to 7 p.m.** - Heritage Village Experience (including pioneer wedding and funeral in the chapel, teacher in the schoolhouse, pioneer family in the log cabin and shopping in the general store), Crafts of the Past demonstrations, children's craft fair, raffle, food and vendors on the lawn.

**Sunday, Sept. 29**

- **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** - Tournament day with cribbage, chess, horseshoes and corn hole; bingo, family games, raffle, food and vendors. ■



## RECIPE

# A HEALTHY BEVERAGE FOR YOUR MORNING ROUTINE

*(Family Features)* Begin building tiny, healthier practices into routines you already have to help make it easier to establish habits you can stick to. This concept is called “habit stacking,” and it can help you improve habits from morning to night.

Consider those busy mornings when you need an on-the-go solution. Rather than opting for sugary foods and drinks, turn to Green Tea Berry Banana Smoothies that include unsweetened green tea. When incorporated as part of an overall healthy diet, unsweetened tea can support heart health.

This no-sugar-added recipe from Lipton, a proud national sponsor of the American Heart Association’s Life is Why campaign, can help you enjoy healthier mornings while checking emails or hydrating before heading to the office. ■

## GREEN TEA BERRY BANANA SMOOTHIES

*Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association*

Servings: 4 (1 1/2 cups per serving)

### Ingredients:

- 3 cups water
- 8 single-serving green tea bags
- 16 ounces frozen mixed berries (about 3 cups)
- 2 medium bananas, peeled, cut in half and frozen
- 1 cup fat-free plain Greek yogurt
- 2 teaspoons fresh-grated peeled gingerroot (*optional*)
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract (*optional*)
- 2 teaspoons chia or flax seeds (*optional*)

### Directions:

In small saucepan over high heat, bring water to boil. Remove pan from heat. Submerge tea bags. Steep 4 minutes. Discard tea bags. Let tea mixture cool 30 minutes. Pour into pitcher. Refrigerate 2 hours, or until chilled.

In food processor or blender, process tea, berries,



bananas and yogurt until smooth. Add gingerroot and vanilla, if desired, and process until smooth. Pour into four glasses. Sprinkle with chia seeds, if desired.

**Nutritional information per serving (without optional ingredients):** 136 calories; 1 g total fat (0 g saturated fat, trans fat, polyunsaturated fat and monounsaturated fat); 3 mg cholesterol; 23 mg sodium; 29 g carbohydrates; 5 g fiber; 18 g total sugars (0 g added sugars); 8 g protein.

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**SWEET CORN FESTIVAL PARADE:** Adel Boy Scouts Malachi Riedemann, Emerson Reidemann and Mason Renner led the scouts in the Sweet Corn Festival Parade. ■

## 50S PLUS SENIORS NEWS

50s Plus Seniors will meet Tuesday, Aug. 20 at the Adel Public Library from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Seniors 50 and older are invited to join for coffee, conversation and connecting with new and old friends. The program will be on cooking for one or two. Programs start at 10 a.m. ■

## TRAIL EXTENSION GRAND OPENING

A grand opening celebration will be held for the 9-mile extension of the High Trestle Trail on Saturday, Aug. 17, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bouton Trailhead, 110 E. First, Bouton. The RRVTA Ride begins at 11 a.m. at Big Bike in Perry. The ribbon cutting ceremony is at 1 p.m.. A live band, food and water will be available in Bouton. ■

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