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## ADEL MUSEUM'S HOLIDAY TOUR OF HISTORIC HOMES

BY MARSHA FISHER

Sponsored by the Adel Historical Museum, the Holiday Tour of Historic Homes will take place on Friday evening, Dec. 13. This event is a progressive tour beginning at the home of Bob and Nadine Law, then to the beautifully decorated museum, and concluding at the actual home of Gov. George Washington Clark, hosted by Lisa Fleming and Tom Hagen. The homes on the tour are each only a few blocks from the museum. This tour is being offered by the board of the museum as a fundraiser for needed repairs, to purchase more shutters for the building, and to help improve a garden shed to share historical garden tools on site.

Only 50 tickets, at a cost of \$25 each, will be available, with two separate reservation times, 4-6 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., offered. Tickets will be on sale at the museum on



Aubrey Dunbar (pictured) collaborated with Nadine Law in the "hanging of the greens" in the Adel Historical Museum.

Dec. 7 from 1-3 p.m. and at Adel Flowers and Gifts on the Square. (Luminaries by the Adel Women's Club will also be available at the museum and Adel Flowers.)

At the Nadine and Bob Law

home, participants can enjoy appetizers and wine while they browse through the many decorated rooms. This will include seeing

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### ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

**FRIDAY HIGH 42 | LOW 28**  
Sun and some clouds 

**SATURDAY HIGH 46 | LOW 35**  
Mostly sunny 

**SUNDAY HIGH 54 | LOW 29**  
Mostly cloudy and mild; breezy 

**MONDAY HIGH 39 | LOW 24**  
Mostly cloudy and colder 

**TUESDAY HIGH 37 | LOW 24**  
Mostly cloudy with a.m. showers 

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

# IT WILL ONLY TAKE AN HOUR

About an hour. That’s how much time we are told many projects, tasks, meetings, etc. take to do. Think about it.

A church service is typically one hour. TV drama shows are one hour. School courses are an hour, including a few minutes to get to the next one-hour class. Meetings at work are often one hour. If you want a massage, it is typically one hour. Even our lunch breaks are one hour.

Years ago, when we had film processed, the bragging point for some labs was one-hour development. Eyeglass shops still tout one-hour services. Many heating and cooling businesses say they will be on site in an hour. Our entire speeding law system is based on miles per hour. And many of us are even paid by the hour.

So, what exactly is so special about one hour? Well, it apparently has more to do with 60 — the

number of minutes in one hour.

According to Live Science, the use of 60 began with the Sumerians who used base 12 (duodecimal) and base 60 (sexagesimal) as their numbering systems. Here are a few theories on why they chose these systems:

First, according to the book “The Universal History of Numbers,” many ancient cultures used the three segments of each finger to count to 12 on one hand. It is believed that 60 came from using five fingers of one hand with the 12 segments of the other. My fingers are in knots just thinking about this.

Another theory is that, when written in sexagesimal, fewer fractions have repeating decimals (example:  $1/3 = 0.333$ ). This is significant because the Sumerians



did not have a notion of repeating-digit fractions. And, for the most part, I don’t either.

If the first two didn’t make much sense to you, then this final theory might. Twelve was an important number to the Sumerians. It was the number of lunar cycles in a year and the number of constellations of the Zodiac. Day and night were each divided into 12 periods to create the 24-hour day.

So, 12 apparently relates to 60, which apparently relates to one hour. If all this is as clear as mud, take about an hour and let it soak in.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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# ADEL WOMEN'S CLUB DELIVERS DONATION

Members of the Adel Women's Club stopped by Greenfield recently to deliver a \$180 donation from the club's National Day of Service Food Drive. A donation of 216 pounds of food and \$350 was previously given to the Adel Good Samaritan Food Pantry. Club members thank everyone in the community for their support. ■

## ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Penny Freestone is hosting her annual holiday open house, 701 Cottage St., Adel, on Nov. 23, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featured are holiday crafts, ham balls, homemade chicken and noodles, pies and more. For more information, call 515-480-4580. ■

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## ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Friday, Nov. 22

- 4:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls JV2 vs. Des Moines Christian
- 5:45 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls JV vs. Des Moines Christian
- 7 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls Varsity vs. Des Moines Christian

### Saturday, Nov. 23

- 2 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys JV Scrimmage vs. PCM
- 3:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys Varsity Scrimmage vs. PCM

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## THIRD MONDAY BINGO DEC. 16

Enjoy bingo on Monday, Dec. 16, 6-8 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 411 S. 12th St., Adel. Seventeen games (\$0.25/card) plus an 18th Progressive Blackout (\$1/card) will be held. Packaged snacks and non-alcoholic drinks will be available. ■

## SIP & SAMPLE: ADEL HOMETOWN HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

The Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce presents its Sip & Sample: Adel Hometown Holiday Celebration on Friday, Dec. 6. From 1-3 p.m., Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the library twisting balloon creations. Enjoy fun crafts and activities. Cookies and cocoa will be available. At 4:45 p.m., stroll over to the northeast corner of the square to enjoy Christmas Carols by the Scouts before the 5 p.m. lighting of the Christmas tree and wreaths. Then stroll to the shops participating in the Sip and Sample while enjoying Music by Gottazig on the square and visiting Santa at the Raccoon Valley Bank courtesy of the Kiwanis. Events wrap up at 7:30 p.m. ■

## FUNERAL NOTICE

*Funeral notices can be emailed to [tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com](mailto:tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com)*

### JOHN PLYMESSER

John Plymesser, 76, of Waukee (formerly of Adel), died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024, at the VA Hospital in Des Moines. John was born on March 8, 1948, to Dale and Cora (Roberts) Plymesser in Dexter. He graduated from Adel High School with the class of 1966. He grew up a farm boy and learned the value of hard work. Following high school, John enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1968 and served during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in 1970. His courageous service was awarded with a Purple Heart.



After John's service in the Army, he married Jean Wicks on Nov. 26, 1971, at the Panther Creek Church of the Brethren. Although Jean and John never had any children, they gave a loving home to many dogs over the years, his most special being Katie, a little rat terrier. John worked doing auto body repair for quite a few years after his military service. Later in life, he worked for Dallas County Secondary Roads, eventually becoming the superintendent of the department.

John enjoyed the great outdoors. He took many hunting and fishing trips with friends. Jean and John liked to travel and took many wonderful motorcycle trips over the years.

John is survived by his wife, Jean; brother, Gale (Virginia) Plymesser; sisters, Connie Glenn, Nancy Stringer, LuAnn Plymesser, Mary Irwin and Stella Fister; along with many nieces, nephews, in-laws and extended family. John was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Cora Plymesser.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 22 at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home, Adel Chapel with family greeting friends one hour prior beginning at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in the Iowa Veterans Cemetery beginning at 12:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Quilts of Valor Winterset Chapter and/or Parkinson's research. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.caldwellparrish.com](http://www.caldwellparrish.com). ■

## MOBILE FOOD BANK AT NEW HOPE CHURCH

Adel Mobile Food Bank is the fourth Wednesday of the month at New Hope Church, 25712 Highway 6, Adel, from 5-6:30 p.m. or until the food is gone. This is a drive-thru pickup for free groceries. ■

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# FISHER WINS WRITING CONTEST

This past summer at the International Convention of GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs), Marsha Fisher was awarded first place in the Short Story Category. She also won first place in the state competition in April. Adel Women's Club presented her award to her at its November meeting. She was surprised and honored to receive the award in this international writing competition.

Marsha says the story, titled "Robert's Story: Chapter 1," "is basically the story of our third child, Robert, who was born with quadriplegic cerebral palsy. It's the story of the blessing he has become to our family and the effect it has had on all of us: myself, my husband and our other three children: his older sisters, Jane and Katie, and his younger brother, Joe. It's his journey of becoming an integral part of our family and the community he lives in. He works part-time at the local Hy-Vee, and he's an avid sports fan and an advocate for others with disabilities. This is the story of the never-ending grace of love given to our family.

"I love writing," Marsha continues. "It's like I'm speaking to a friend. It always helps me think. It's almost like journaling. It's a way of understanding life, the world and my feelings. It's also addictive. I lose myself in time and space when I'm writing, and, all of a sudden, oops! It's 4 a.m. in the



Marsha Fisher was honored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs for her short story writing.

morning."

Adel Women's Club is part of GFWC and is dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service and providing opportunities for personal growth and development. Besides writing competitions, the club also has a photography contest each year.

If you'd like to learn more about Adel Women's Club, contact [adelwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:adelwomensclub@gmail.com). The next meeting is Monday, Dec. 9 at 1 p.m. at the Adel Christian Church. Guests are always welcome. ■

# HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

The Dallas Center chapter of Beta Sigma Phi is hosting its annual Holiday Home Tour Saturday, Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Four homes will be featured in this year's tour. Tickets are \$15 each (\$5 for children) and will be available from any Beta Sigma Phi member and at the Roy R. Estle Memorial Library in Dallas Center. Tickets will also be available on the day of the tour at the Suites at 1400 Walnut. Tickets may also be purchased on Venmo – BSPH-EX5259. Leave your name in the description and how many tickets you want. Tickets purchased by Venmo can be picked up on the day of the tour at the Suites at 1400 Walnut. Check out the Facebook page Dallas Center Community Beta Sigma Phi for more information and pictures of this year's homes. ■

# HOLIDAY SOUP AND DESSERT LUNCHEON

Adel First Christian Church will be hosting its annual Holiday Soup and Dessert Luncheon on Sunday, Dec. 15. A variety of soups will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and special desserts will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Soup and dessert are \$5 each. Coffee, tea and punch are included in the price. The beautiful Festival of Trees and Nativity displays will surround you and put you in the holiday spirit during your dining experience. ■

**EVENTS IN THE AREA**EMAIL YOUR EVENT INFORMATION TO  
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**FAMILY CHRISTMAS AT LIVING HISTORY FARMS****Saturday, Dec. 7, noon to 3 p.m.****11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale**

Hear the sounds, see the sights, and smell the smells of a 19th-century Christmas.

Enjoy carolers, old fashioned demonstration, a craft, stories, and a visit with old St. Nick. Tickets are \$9 for ages 2 and up (\$8 for members). Buildings are heated. Bundle up for wagon rides. Tickets are available at <https://marketplace.lhf.org/Events.aspx>. [www.lhf.org](http://www.lhf.org)

**CENTRAL IOWA WIND ENSEMBLE****Dec. 15, 3 p.m.****Staplin Performing Arts Center at Valley High School, 3650 Woodland Ave., West Des Moines**

The Central Iowa Wind Ensemble (CIWE) welcomes audiences to its new performance home for a heartwarming holiday concert. In addition to celebrating the season through music, CIWE is honored to partner with the Boys and Girls Club of Central Iowa to bring the joy of music to youth across the community. For tickets, visit [www.ciwe.org/deck-the-halls-dsm](http://www.ciwe.org/deck-the-halls-dsm).

**HOLIDAY HO HO HOME TOUR****Dec. 7, 5:30-9:30 p.m.**

Around AnkenyTour several Ankeny homes decked out for the holidays. Each features its

own unique decorations, style and appetizers. All donations benefit the Wiedenman Family Foundation, wch was formed to undertake projects that will enhance Ankeny and the surrounding community. Tickets are \$25. For tickets, visit [www.hohohometour.org/event-details/tickets](http://www.hohohometour.org/event-details/tickets).

**DES MOINES CONCERT HANDBELLS WINTER CONCERTS****Various dates and locations**

Des Moines Concert Handbells will present three winter concerts with a variety of music. Bring your family and friends. Concerts are at Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 200 S. Howard St., Indianola, on Dec. 7 at 4 p.m.; Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 8301 Aurora Ave., Urbandale, on Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.; and at Plymouth United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines, on Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. A freewill donation will be accepted.

**FESTIVAL OF TREES AND LIGHTS****Nov. 29 - Dec. 1****Iowa Events Center, 833 Fifth Ave., Des Moines**

Expertly decorated trees, local musicians, dance groups and a visit from Santa himself, all in the name of supporting Blank Children's Hospital. Friday and Saturday hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. [www.unitypoint.org/giving/blank-childrens-hospital-foundation/ways-to-give/events/festival-of-trees-and-lights](http://www.unitypoint.org/giving/blank-childrens-hospital-foundation/ways-to-give/events/festival-of-trees-and-lights)

**HOLIDAY HULLABALOO****Nov. 29 - Dec. 29****Horizon Events Center,  
10320 Hickman Road, Clive**

The 2024 Holiday Hullabaloo is an immersive, family-friendly holiday experience that will surprise and delight guests this holiday season. Enjoy a variety of activities, entertainment and festivities that will allow you to create some fun holiday hullabaloo and memories. [www.holidayhullabaloo.com](http://www.holidayhullabaloo.com) ■

RECIPE

# MINI MORSELS FOR A KID-FRIENDLY SNACK

*(Family Features)* Rally the family together to make and eat these bite-sized versions of corn dogs for an enjoyable, kid-friendly activity and snack. Parents will enjoy them, too, because they're easy to make, easy to eat and clean up is a snap. ■

## MINI CORN DOG BITES

### Ingredients:

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 package all-beef bun-length hot dogs
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup yellow cornmeal
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 2 eggs

### Dipping Sauce:

- 2/3 cup sour cream
- 3 tablespoons Dijon Mustard
- 2 tablespoons honey

### Directions:

Heat oven 375°F.  
Prepare muffin pan with



nonstick cooking spray.

Cut each hot dog into six pieces.

In large bowl, whisk flour, cornmeal, sugar, salt and baking powder.

In medium bowl, whisk melted butter, milk, sour cream and eggs. Combine butter mixture with flour

mixture.

Fill each muffin cavity halfway with batter. Place one hot dog piece in center of each cavity.

Bake 14-16 minutes. Cool completely.

To make dipping sauce: In small bowl, stir sour cream, mustard and honey. Serve with corn dogs.

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