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ADEL LIONS GIFT FLAG TO ADM SCHOOLS: The Adel Lions Club presented the ADM School District with a new 18-foot retractable flag for its gymnasium. The club raises funds through its Holiday Flag program and shares some of those funds with the ADM School District. The presentation was made prior to the ADM girls basketball game Dec. 17. ■

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 46 | LOW 37
Rain and drizzle in the afternoon

SATURDAY HIGH 50 | LOW 33
Mild and becoming sunny

SUNDAY HIGH 50 | LOW 31
Partly sunny and mild

MONDAY HIGH 43 | LOW 23
Passing showers in the afternoon

TUESDAY HIGH 36 | LOW 23
Intervals of clouds and sunshine

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

IT'S A GOLDILOCKS AND THE 3 BEARS THING

I have a foot fetish. But wait. Before you think I am more weird than I am, read on. It's not so much a foot fetish that I have as a sock fetish — and not those trendy socks some guys wear with repetitive decorations on them. I have a thing for socks that keep my feet warm. That's it.

Well, maybe it's not that simple. I do have some requirements. I don't like socks that droop like the skin on the neck of a French bulldog. I have enough things drooping at my age. And I don't like the ones that are so tight they leave indentations on my legs and cut off the blood supply. I prefer to have feeling in my toes. Socks have to fit just right. It's a Goldilocks and the three bears kind of thing.

I recall my dad's socks, especially when he wore them with his green shorts and

sandals on Sunday summers. The silky black dress socks contrasted nicely with his milky white legs. It wasn't cool, but Dad didn't care.

When I was a kid, I had a different take on socks than my father. Mine had to be angelic white and pulled up to my knees with a few horizontal stripes at the top. Those looked especially good with those tennis shoe/roller skates that I always wanted but never had.

Years later, socks went the other direction and were not to be over the ankle. This was fine for the summer months but allowed a bit of a draft to happen in Iowa's winters. Some of these socks were white. Some were black. Many were other colors, too, but none even approached the calf.



When our children were teenagers, I would struggle to find my black dress socks. Our oldest daughter, Sara, seemed to like them and “borrowed” mine quite often. I am still trying to figure that trend out.

Today, I stock my sock drawer with supplies from hardware stores and farm stores. Those places seem to understand what middle-aged men want. Solid colors. Perfect tension. Up to the calf. And, most importantly, extra warm.

And they are not just for men. If Goldilocks wore socks, she would certainly approve, too.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■



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SEEN IN ADEL



GROUNDBREAKING FOR DENTAL OFFICE: Megan Metzger, Stephanie Haas, Rachel Matta, Hanna Mankin and Kelcey Srp at the Matta Family Dental groundbreaking east of Adel at the Eagle Vista development on Nov. 8. ■

ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE



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MOBILE FOOD BANK

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WANT TO HELP A VETERAN?

Federal funds may not be used to purchase personal items for veterans at VA hospitals. Individuals and groups, like the Adel American Legion Auxiliary Unit 464, step forward to collect clothing and other items needed by veterans in the Des Moines VA Hospital or in the domicile. The following items are most requested now: individually wrapped snacks; decaf coffee; men's sweatpants/athletic pants (M-XL); men's sweatshirts (XL); men's athletic shorts (M-XL); small, simple sports bras; backpacks; men's jackets (L-XL); men's slippers (11-12, 13-14); and large print books.

Donations may be dropped off at 1305 S. 15th St., Adel, or contact Shirley McAdon at 515-993-4862 for pick up. ■

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DALLAS LEE BOWMAN

Dallas Lee Bowman, 86, of Adel, died Dec. 17, 2024. Dallas was born on July 25, 1938, in Audubon County. He graduated from Bagley High School in 1956 and soon after married Belva Renner in Jefferson on June 16, 1957. To this union, two daughters were born, Cindy and Teresa. Dallas was a lifelong farmer, always innovating new techniques and methods.



Dallas was a master pork producer, active in his community in the Jaycees, as Dallas County Soil Conservation District chairman, and as the school board president. He enjoyed participating in contour plow competitions and won many events at the local, state and national levels. He won the 1963 National Contour Plowing Championship, which allowed him to represent the USA in the 1964 World Plowing Competition in Austria. Dallas continued to be active with the Contour Plowing Association, organizing matches and serving as a judge at future matches. This included judging a world competition near the Amana Colonies in Iowa.

Dallas is survived by his wife, Belva; daughters, Cindy (Dean) Laughlin and Teresa (David) Groves; granddaughter, Olivia (Colin) Guthrie; and one great-grandchild on the way. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Elaine Betts and Lois Skinner.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Adel United Methodist Church. Burial followed in the Oakdale Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.caldwellparrish.com. ■

THIRD MONDAY BINGO JAN. 20

Enjoy bingo on Monday, Jan. 20, 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. ■



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MONICA LOU (FRANKLIN) PATIENCE

Monica Lou (Franklin) Patience died Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024. Visitation was Dec. 26 at the Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home, Adel Chapel. Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 27, with visitation resuming at 10 a.m. at the Earlham Church of Christ in Earlham. Burial will follow in the Earlham Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the family. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.caldwellparrish.com.

She was born to Richard Dwain and Mildred Maxine (Keller) Franklin on Feb. 8, 1956, in Creston. Beginning at age 3, Monica lived in many places around the world with her parents, her sister, Lori, and her brother, Mike, as they traveled for Richard's duties with the U.S. Navy. She graduated from Joseph P. Knapp High School in Currituck County, North Carolina, in 1974. She attended The Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she, in 1977, earned her diploma as a registered nurse. It was during her time in nursing school that she received Jesus Christ as her personal Savior.

Monica took her first nursing job at Madison County Memorial Hospital in Winterset, working as an OB nurse. She married Gary Patience on Sept. 9, 1978. They had two daughters, Denise and Holly, and two sons, Ryan and Stephen, while farming with Gary's father, Herb, near Earlham. Monica chose to set aside her nursing career to homeschool her children. She became one of the early pioneers of the homeschooling movement in Iowa. She worked with Iowa lawmakers on legislation granting freedom to parents who desired to homeschool their children.

Monica resumed her nursing career in 2002 working as a nurse for Mercy Hospital in Des Moines for 20 years. Retiring in 2022, she devoted her time to traveling and gardening with Gary and spending time with children and grandchildren. For many years, she was actively involved with the Earlham Church of Christ where she taught and directed Vacation Bible School and J.A.M. (Jesus And Me). Later, with the Valley Evangelical Free Church in West Des Moines, she was actively involved with her life group and women's Bible study groups.

Monica was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Gary; children, Denise (Wallace) Greenlees, Holly Patience, Ryan (Brianan) Patience and Stephen (Flor) Patience; grandchildren, Jonathan, Violet, Autumn, Garrett, Rose, Angus, William, Summer, Elizabeth, Victoria, Julia and Cyrus Greenlees; Hunter, Wesson, Barrett, Kimber, Remi and Cali Patience; Lili Zuazua and Emma Patience; sister, Lori (Mitica) Crucecu; brother, Michael (Bernie) Franklin; son-in-law, Steve Nancarrow; plus many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. ■



FAITH'S FLOCK PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Registration for Faith's Flock Preschool, 602 S. 14th St., 2025-2026 year opens Jan. 15 online at adelpreschool.com. Prior to that, an open house will be held Jan. 12 from 3-4:30 p.m. Faith's Flock is a Christ-centered LCMS preschool for 2 1/2 to 5 year olds owned by Faith Lutheran Church in operation since 1982. Email preschool@faithadel.com with any questions. ■

ADEL PUBLIC LIBRARY STORYTIMES

The library will be closed Dec. 31 - Jan. 1 for the holidays.

JANUARY STORYTIMES:

- **Move and Groove Storytime** – Every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.
- **My First Storytime** – Every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Storytime** – Every Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

JANUARY SPECIAL STORYTIMES:

- **Dallas County Conservation Storytime** – Monday, Jan. 13 at 10 a.m.
- **Warm & Cozy Pajama Storytime** – Monday, Jan. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Dino Storytime** – Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 4 p.m. Registration required at adelpl.org. ■

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**INDOOR GARAGE SALE
EXTRAVAGANZA****Jan. 11****Iowa Events Center, 730 Third St., Des Moines**www.iowaeventscenter.com

Need a mid-winter fix for your garage sale habit? This is the place to be.

CITYVIEW'S FIRE AND ICE**Saturday, Jan. 18, 1-4 p.m.****Historic Valley Junction Foundation,
137 Fifth St., West Des Moines**

Join CITYVIEW's Fire and Ice, an interactive winter pub crawl in Historic Valley Junction. Fire and Ice is a hockey-themed liquor sampling event that will be sure to warm up your winter blues. With your event ticket, you will receive 10 individual drink tickets to sample some of the

best winter cocktails from establishments in the Valley Junction area. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door. For tickets, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-cityview-fire-ice-a-winter-pub-crawl-tickets-1079964535999.

SQUARE DANCE LESSONS**Sunday nights starting Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m.****Douglas Avenue Presbyterian Church,
4601 Douglas Ave., Des Moines**

Ankeny Square Dance Club is sponsoring Square Dance Lessons. Cost is \$20 per person for the entire session accepted at the third lesson. Attend with or without a dance partner. You'll learn the calls, one at a time, taught by a caller (instructor) and volunteers. For more information call Sandy Townsend, 515-294-2624, or visit www.ankenysquares.com.

**POLK COUNTY HERITAGE
GALLERY EXHIBIT****Until Jan. 24****Polk County Administration Building,
111 Court Ave., Des Moines**polkcountyheritagegallery.org

DSM Exhibited 2024 - Annual Juried Show is on display.

LIVE MUSIC AT WOOLY'S**504 E. Locust St., Des Moines**firstfleetconcerts.com/first-fleet-venues/woolys

- **Jan. 17:** Tyler Richton & The High Bank Boys at 7 p.m.
- **Jan. 18:** The Prince Experience at 8:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 24:** Smells Like Nirvana: A Tribute to Nirvana at 8 p.m.
- **Jan. 26:** Beach Bunny at 8 p.m.
- **Jan. 30:** Aaron Watson at 8 p.m. ■

RECIPE

SINGLE-SERVE SEASONAL SWEETS

(*Culinary.net*) Instead of assigning cake cutting duty at your holiday party, let dessert serve itself with these Mini Pecan Cheesecakes from “Cookin’ Savvy.” Individually wrapped for ease and convenience — or for giving as parting gifts — they’re a rich and delicious holiday treat. ■

MINI PECAN CHEESECAKES

Recipe courtesy of “Cookin’ Savvy”
Yield: 20 mini cheesecakes

Ingredients:

- 1 package plain round shortbread cookies
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 3/4 cup crushed pecans

Directions:

Heat oven to 325 degrees.

In muffin pan, fill each hole with paper cupcake liners. Place one cookie in bottom of each cup.

Whisk flour and sugar. Mix in



cream cheese. Using hand mixer, blend in eggs one at a time then add vanilla and sour cream. Mix until smooth then spoon on top of cookies.

Mix butter, brown sugar and crushed pecans. Spoon on top of cheesecake mixture.

Bake 25 minutes. Let cool before serving.

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Voas Nature Area

Date and time TBD

Dallas County Conservation has cross-country skis and boots available. When there is 4 inches or more of snow cover at Voas, weather conditions are safe, and a staff member is available, DCCB opens the building as a ski chalet, allowing participants to gear up inside and literally ski out the door. Poles, boots and skis for ages 10 and older are available to rent for \$3 per person. A limited number of sets are available for younger skiers. Register to be notified when ski rental is available.

HARD WATER HIKE "POP-UP" PROGRAM

Snyder Tract (North Raccoon River Wildlife area)

Date and time TBD

Take a hike on the "hard water" of the frozen North Raccoon River and the ponds at Snyder Tract and enjoy these natural areas from a new perspective. When weather and ice conditions are favorable, registered people will be notified when the program is scheduled.

WILDERNESS TRAIL TAILS

Waukee Public Library

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Registration required. Calling all grown-up adventurers. For the past 30 years, DCCB has led a service-oriented backpacking trek to the 4-million acre Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness complex in Idaho. Every fourth year, adults, rather than high school students, are invited to participate. 2025 will be one of those years. Hear stories and view photos of prior trips to learn the details of the upcoming trek.

To register for events, visit www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation, click on "Public Programs" and scroll down to see program descriptions and to register. If you don't have computer access or need assistance, call the DCCB office at 515-465-3577. ■

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