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Nicole Hilderbrand and Jeff Whipple accept the Residents' Choice certificate for Fareway.



Kristi Fuller and Tim Canney accept the Residents' Choice certificate for Lincoln Savings Bank.



Trevor Jayne accepts the Residents' Choice certificate for Adel Public Library.



Mindy and Bryce Smith accept the Residents' Choice certificates for Adel Family Fun Center. ■

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 51 | LOW 36

Cloudy; rain in the afternoon



SATURDAY HIGH 48 | LOW 28

Cloudy and windy



SUNDAY HIGH 53 | LOW 26

Mostly sunny



MONDAY HIGH 46 | LOW 24

Partly sunny, breezy and chilly



TUESDAY HIGH 53 | LOW 33

Warmer with plenty of sunshine



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

FORGOTTEN FOODS

Every once in a while, I think about foods that were a regular on the dinner table when I was growing up but seem to have mostly disappeared since. See if any of these bring back some culinary memories for you.

Bologna sandwiches. I have not had one of these in decades, and I don't plan to either. I had enough sliced bologna as a child to last a lifetime. No offense, Oscar Mayer, but enough is enough.

Jell-O salads. I can still see those metal tins that Mom hung on the wall — right next to the giant wooden fork and spoon. I guess Jell-O salad was one way to get us kids to eat more fruit. And there was always room for Jello.

Sloppy Joes. Did you ever notice how each family had their own slightly different version of Sloppy Joes? Mom's were on the dry side, more like the Maid-Rites. Jolene likes her soupy and redder in color. I like them the way anyone cooks them for me.

Fondue. My sister had a fondue pot set that we tried a few times. In today's dipping-crazy world, these

things could certainly make a comeback — at least in our post-COVID era.

Tuna noodle casserole. I loved this stuff. Tuna AND noodles. The best of both worlds. I still make a version today with macaroni and cheese. I call it the Tuna Fish Hot Dish. Nobody seems to enjoy it like I do.

Western French dressing. We seemed to always have a bottle of Western French salad dressing on the table. I didn't like lettuce as a kid, but I did like that stuff. As I recall, the bottle packaging had a steer prominently on the front. As such, I would ask Dad to pass me "the cow," which brought a laugh from my family members.

Turkey tetrazzini. This was a staple of school hot lunch, and why not? Just the other night, we had some leftover chicken, rice and corn. I mixed it together with a little cheese and a dash of milk. I told Jolene it reminded me of turkey tetrazzini. It was a bit heavy on the corn, but it was delicious.



Goulash. Now, this was a weekly staple in my childhood home. Mom was the tomato-juice-canning queen, and much of it went into this dish. Jolene's version is less soupy and much improved. Of course, I never told Mom that.

TV dinners. The 1970s were about simplifying the family meal, as many moms started working outside of the home, and the time crunch had settled in. Along came frozen fish sticks, pot pies and TV dinners. My favorite of the latter was Salisbury steak. The potatoes and gravy were good, too. The vegetables were awful. But having a TV dinner on a TV tray in front of the TV set was a special treat, regardless.

Which forgotten foods have I missed? Send me a note and let me know.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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HISTORY

EARLY AUTOMOBILE DEALERS

One of the first automobiles in Adel was an Oldsmobile, purchased by Dr. Sloan in 1902. He did not purchase it in Adel, however. It would be a few years before there were any dealers in town to sell him his next car.

“Ford, the king of cars” was the claim in an early advertisement by the Burkett Auto Company. Dave Burkett, who also operated a Ford agency in Dallas Center, started in 1913 selling Henry Ford’s popular Model T. In 1914, they sold 42 new Fords and a few used cars. The manager was Harry Archer, and the business was located southeast of the square. In 1919, Burkett purchased the building from J.B. White and began some additions.

Adel Auto Company, located one block west of the square and owned by J.W. Batterson, began in 1912 selling Buick and Hudson automobiles. By 1920, they had added Dodge and Cadillac. That same year, it was announced they would handle a line of Stewart trucks. In December, they proclaimed that Guy Garner was operating the big Stewart truck of the Adel Auto Company between here and Des Moines. “It is a big truck, and Guy is capable of handling it.” Stewart Trucks, Cadillac, Buick and Hudson were dropped, but Batterson continued as a Dodge dealer for many years.

The Skinner Auto Company began around 1919 as agents for Maxwell cars and trucks. Mr. J.L. Skinner, owner, promised to pay attention to all details of the business and “employ only competent workmen who can tear down and rebuild in a mechanical like way.” They didn’t last long, however, as there is no further mention of them.

The Adel Motor Company began selling Page, Overland and Nash automobiles in 1920. In addition, they operated a repair garage in downtown Adel for all makes. The business, started by Charles McCleary and L.R. Barrett, became McCleary Motor Co. in 1922 when McCleary bought out his partner. The Nash and Overland brands were soon dropped in favor of the new Jewett line. The year 1924 saw the addition of the Willys Knight luxury sedan, and, in 1925, they added Buick.

Dallas County automobile buyers showed no sign they were concerned about the approaching hard times. There was a big increase in auto sales for the year 1925, and more buyers were paying cash. It is interesting to note that the low- and medium-priced machines predominated, with nearly half of the 585 cars registered being Fords. There were no Cadillacs and only three Packards sold that year. Here’s a breakdown of the brands sold and their numbers: Ford 325, Dodge 52, Chevrolet 42, Buick 38, Overland 18, Essex 17, Star 16, Chrysler 14, Maxwell 14, Hudson 8, Studebaker 7, Hupmobile 7, Jewett 7, Gray 5, Oldsmobile 3, Packard 3, Nash 2, Rickenbacker 2, Willys-Knight 2, Jordan 1, and Fageol Bus 1.

Today, new car buyers must go to Waukee or Des Moines. Adel currently does not have any dealers for new automobiles. ■

ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, April 11

4:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools

Saturday, April 12

8:30 a.m. **Track:** Girls JV/Varsity Jim Duncan Relays @ Drake Stadium

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9 a.m. **Soccer:** Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools

Monday, April 14

2 p.m. **Golf:** Girls Varsity @ Winterset Golf Course

4 p.m. **Golf:** Boys Varsity @ River Valley Golf Course

4:30 p.m. **Track:** Boys JV/Varsity Invitational @ Norwalk High School


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MOBILE FOOD BANK

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. ■

TRIVIA NIGHT

Grab your team and have a blast at Adel's Free Trivia Night on the third Monday of every month. The next event is Monday, April 21, at Adel Family Fun Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with food and drink specials. Trivia provided by Select Entertainment starts at 7 p.m. ■

THIRD MONDAY BINGO

The next Third Monday Bingo is April 21, 6-8 p.m., at the Masonic Lodge, 411 S. 12th St., Adel. Enjoy 16 games of bingo (\$5/card) plus a 17th progressive blackout (\$1/card). Packaged snacks and non-alcoholic drinks will be available. ■

CELEBRATE ADEL

Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce will host Celebrate Adel Thursday, April 24, 5-7 p.m. at Country Lane Lodge, 29300 Prospect Circle, Adel. More than 250 attendees meet to network and honor the Business and Citizen of the Year. Meet and connect with business members and experience the Taste of Adel and De Soto. Member restaurants and caterers will be sampling delicious items. This is the one event you don't want to miss. Register online at <https://business.adelpartners.org/events/details/celebrate-this-is-adel-3554?calendarMonth=2025-04-01>. ■



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KIWANIS EASTER EGG HUNT

Join the Adel Kiwanis for the group's annual Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 13, at Kinnick Feller Park. Visit with the Easter Bunny, see fire trucks and much more. The hunt will be divided into age groups: 0-3 years at 3 p.m., 4-6 years at 3:30 p.m. and 7-10 years at 4 p.m. The public is asked to bring a nonperishable food item for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry. ■

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SALAD LUNCHEON

Adel Women's Club is sponsoring a salad luncheon on Monday, April 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 218 North Ninth St. in Adel. They will be providing salads, desserts and drinks for a \$10 donation at the door. If anyone wants to purchase tickets in advance, contact Paula Joiner, 515-339-5529.

Adel Women's Club is a member of GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs), an international service organization. Members are dedicated to enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. Donations will support local organizations. For more information, email adelwomensclub@gmail.com or find the group on Facebook. ■

ADEL MASONIC BREAKFAST

The Adel Masons will be serving a breakfast of biscuits and gravy, pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, milk, orange juice and coffee for \$9 per plate on Sunday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Masonic Lodge, 411 S. 12th St. ■

SPRING CLEANUP AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DROP-OFF

Spring Cleanup is Saturday, April 12. All items must be out at the curb by 7 a.m. for pickup. Large household appliances require a \$15 sticker. TVs up to 24 inches in size require one sticker (\$15), TVs 24 inches and larger require two stickers (\$30), and consoles and projector TVs require three stickers (\$45).

The Household Hazardous Materials Drop-Off will be located in Kinnick Feller Park from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, call the South Dallas County Landfill at 515-993-3148 or visit the SDCL website, sdclandfill.com. ■

RACCOON RIVER PRESCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT

Enjoy an evening out with friends at Raccoon River Preschool Trivia Night fundraising event on April 26 at Country Lane Lodge, 29300 Prospect Circle, Adel. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is provided. A cash bar will be available and a live auction held. Registration is \$30 per person or purchase a table. Sign up online at raccoonriverpreschool.com under the fundraising tab. ■

ALL THINGS KIDS SALE APRIL 26

Declutter and make a difference. Donate gently used baby/kid items to Faith's Flock Preschool's All Things Kids Sale on Saturday, April 26, 8 a.m. to noon. All proceeds fund preschool scholarships. Donations can be dropped off April 24 and 25 from 3-6 p.m. at 602 S. 14th St. (use the fellowship/gym entrance). ■

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Celebrate Earth Day and explore the vital connections between plants, people and the natural world at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden. Participate in family-friendly activities, explore the garden, and engage with a variety of community partners that promote environmental awareness, sustainability and Earth-friendly practices, all for free. For more information, visit dmbotanicalgarden.com/event/earth-day/.

FAMILY EASTER**Saturday, April 19****Living History Farms****11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale**

Celebrate Easter with an old-fashioned flair. Ongoing egg hunts will be held for toddlers to 12-year-olds, with allergy-free options available. Attendees will also find Easter games, crafts and stories, a baby chick exhibit, demonstrations, horse-drawn wagon rides, pictures with the Easter Bunny and more. For more information, visit lhf.org/event/family-easter/.

DMPA CONCERT SERIES**Various dates, 7 p.m.****Temple Theater, 1011 Locust St., Des Moines**

Des Moines Performing Arts' concert series, "Made in the Midwest," highlights the artistry of local musicians in the intimate Temple Theater. Celebrating the talents of independent artists from across our region, guests will enjoy a unique experience where the musicians take center stage in a venue known for its unparalleled acoustic quality.

- **April 25:** Allegra Hernandez, rock.
- **May 9:** Abbie Sawyer, folk/Americana.

Tickets start at \$20/show. Purchase tickets by visiting DMPA.org, calling 515-246-2300, or stopping by the Civic Center Ticket Office at 221 Walnut St. You can

also purchase tickets night of at the Temple Theater Ticket Office starting two hours before a performance.

DES MOINES PERFORMING ARTS**Various dates****Des Moines Civic Center****Cowles Commons, Stoner Theater, Temple Theatre****221 Walnut St., Des Moines***desmoinesperformingarts.org*

- **April 23:** Neil Degrasse Tyson: "An Astrophysicist Goes To The Movies"
- **April 26:** Des Moines Symphony, "Music From Final Fantasy"
- **April 27:** 360 ALLSTARS
- **April 30:** The Rock Orchestra by Candlelight

EARTH DAY ADVENTURE**Sunday, April 27, noon to 3 p.m.****Water Works Park****2201 George Flaggy Parkway, Des Moines**

Bring the friends and family for an afternoon of sustainable activities and outdoor exploration of areas in Water Works Park that you may not even know exist. Go for a hike, bring your bike, identify wildlife, and discover The Wild.

TERRACE HILL MOTHER'S DAY TEA SET**Saturday, May 10 from 10:30 a.m. to noon****Terrace Hill, Iowa Governor's Residence and****National Historic Landmark****2300 Grand Avenue, Des Moines**

Guests will enjoy scones, tea sandwiches, sweets and Terrace Hill's special blend tea while enjoying the beauty of the 1869 residence. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Terrace Hill Partnership, the non-profit organization that supports necessary conservation and restoration projects at Terrace Hill. Reservations are \$50 per guest and must be made in advance. Purchase tickets online through Eventbrite at thmothersdaytea2025.eventbrite.com, or call the Terrace Hill office at 515-281-7205. ■

RECIPE

SERVE A WARMING, ROASTED SOUP

(Family Features) On those unpredictably chilly spring days, you may long for a warming meal. Try this Roasted Tomato Soup for an easy, savory option that pairs well with a grilled cheese sandwich then find more delicious soup recipes at Culinary.net. ■

ROASTED TOMATO SOUP

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Servings: 4-6

Ingredients:

- 3 pounds tomatoes
- 1/2 onion (optional)
- 1 garlic bulb (optional)
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon mesquite seasoning
- avocado oil
- 1 1/2 cups broth of choice
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- grilled cheese sandwiches, for serving (optional)

Directions:

- Heat oven to 375 F.
- Slice tomatoes. Slice onions and garlic, if desired. Place in baking dish.
- Sprinkle garlic powder, onion powder, sugar and mesquite



seasoning over tomatoes. Drizzle avocado oil over top and mix well.

- Bake about 1 hour. Blend until smooth.
- Pour into pot and mix in broth and whipping cream. Bring to simmer and add salt and pepper, to taste.
- Serve with grilled cheese sandwiches, if desired.

50s PLUS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The 50s Plus Seniors group has been going for the last three years, during which time the group has played board games and enjoyed lots of conversations, plenty of coffee and a lot of good food. They invite anyone in Adel and the surrounding area to join them the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Adel Public Library, 303 S. 10th St. If you have just moved to the area and would like to meet new people, this is a great way to do it. The group now has programs included in its activities. Programs are open to anyone, not just seniors. ■

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VOAS VOLUNTEER DAY: GARLIC MUSTARD REMOVAL

Voas Nature Area, 19286 Lexington Road, Minburn

Saturday, April 26, 9-11:30 a.m.

Registration required. With the successful removal of the shrubby understory, we have created a disturbance that is ideal for the growth of invasive garlic mustard. The good news is that we have been able to control it wherever we pull it. If you have considered other volunteer days but thought the work might be too difficult, garlic mustard is an easy pull. Children are welcome and encouraged.

TRACKS!

Snyder Tract - North Raccoon River Wildlife Area

21468 Minburn Road, Minburn

Saturday, April 26, 9-10 a.m.

Let’s see who’s been hanging around Snyder Tract and learn how to tell different animal tracks apart. Dirt trails and sandy river banks are great places for wild footprints.

CULTIVATING A CONSERVATIONIST

Forest Park Museum, 14581 K Ave., Perry

Saturday, April 26, 1-2 p.m.

Registration required. Are you or your child interested in the outdoors? Hear the story of 19-year-old Max Havlik on his journey from a barefoot boy running around Ledges State Park to his budding career in horticulture. He has dedicated the last 5 years to growing his knowledge of the natural world and exploring how each of us can make a positive impact.

2025 PHENOLOGY SERIES: PART 3

Kuehn Conservation Area, 32828 Houston Trail, Earlham

Sunday, April 27, 1-2 p.m.

Registration required. Phenology is the study of cycles, patterns and observations over time in the natural world. Learn some mindfulness and observation techniques, take a short walk to put them into practice, then record observations from the season in your own nature journal. Return to the same place for future programs in this series to add new entries to your journal throughout the year. ■

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