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ADEL ROTARY CLUB CONTRIBUTES TO MEADOW VIEW ELEMENTARY BOOK VENDING MACHINE



One of the Rotary Club of Adel's literacy service projects is ongoing support for the book vending machine at Meadow View Elementary School. This year, the club received a matching Rotary Foundation Community Service Grant of \$600 to add to the club's share for a total of \$1,200 to buy new books to stock the machine. Even though donations of used books are welcome, this was an opportunity to buy new books with more current titles desired by students. The Club loves that students are excited about reading and demonstrating good decision-making in the classroom and out so they can earn tokens to get that new book they've been wanting. Pictured are Rotarians Shirley McAdon and Marie Hansen with Principal Jodi Banse. ■

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 64 | LOW 42

Times of clouds and sun

**SATURDAY HIGH 65 | LOW 49**

Partly sunny

**SUNDAY HIGH 68 | LOW 61**

Some sun, then turning cloudy

**MONDAY HIGH 83 | LOW 60**

Warmer with clouds and sun

**TUESDAY HIGH 70 | LOW 46**

Clouds and breaks of sun



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

SQUEAKY FLOORS AND CHARACTER

Several years ago, I was talking with a friend who lived in a brand-new home and was expressing his annoyances with the squeaky floors. He asked me, “Why is it that squeaky floors in an old home add character but are so disturbing in a new home?”

I didn’t have an answer, but I agreed with him, and I think about his question every time I hear a floor squeak.

Clearly, there are a lot of people who like things bright and shiny and new. To some degree, we probably all do. But there is another seemingly large group of people who want that weathered look in the things they buy, and they will use a great deal of time and/or money to get it.

In recent decades, blue jeans that show wear or have holes in them became fashionable. I would have been quite hip as a young kid, as almost all my pants had the knees worn out from scooting my Hot Wheels around on the shag carpet. Mom was quite handy

with the sewing machine, though, so those holes quickly had patches sewn on them.

Years later, while in college, a friend had a pair of jeans she bought with worn threads on purpose. I told her I could take those home and have my mom patch them up. She didn’t laugh. I continue this comment today with my kids. They don’t laugh either.

Back to those floors — the ones without the shag carpet. Another popular trend today is to install wood flooring that comes with imperfections. Dings. Scratches. Miscoloring. All straight from the factory. Some people will even do the weathering process themselves to get this look. You have likely seen this with new furniture, too. Brand new stuff made to look old.

I have used somewhat-related logic in purchasing vehicles. The first dent or scratch in a new car is the one that bothers you the most.



But when you buy a used car that already has a few of them, one more isn’t as annoying. Of course, I am not going to purposely bang up my vehicle, but you get the idea.

The notable exception to these weathering techniques seems to be in our own personal appearances. Consumers go to great lengths to try to slow down the aging process and appear younger. I don’t know of any hot-selling products that people buy to make them look older, but we sure spend a lot of money to keep our bodies from wrinkling, graying, cracking, popping — and even squeaking. Then again, maybe all those things simply add character, too.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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ADM SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

A short history lesson before we announce the March-April Students of the Month. No worries - no test. Do you know how the Scholarship Foundation was started? It was 1983 and the Adel Desoto high school principal, Stan Norenberg, had a dream. "It was that a fund would be started that could give every high school graduate from Adel DeSoto school going on to post-secondary education a scholarship." (Minburn did not merge with the Adel DeSoto School District until 1993). Mr. Norenberg told this dream to a visiting dignitary from the WHO Radio Station. A few days later, this gentleman sent Mr. Norenberg a check for \$150 with a note that said, "Here is the first contribution for your Scholarship Foundation." As of the graduating class of 2024, the amount of \$947,500 in scholarships has been given to 967 students graduating from the Adel DeSoto Minburn School District.

In addition to the scholarships presented to qualifying seniors, the foundation acknowledges students of the month who are recognized by teachers and/or coaches for their accomplishments in specific categories. Local businesses contribute to the ADM Scholarship Foundation to sponsor this program.

Recognition is given to the following students for the months of March and April due to the fact that many of the activities did not begin until the end of March.

MARCH

- **Student of the Month:** Haley Perry - *Raccoon Valley Bank*
- **Fine Arts:** Speech - Riley Milburn, Isaac Hatchitt - *Lincoln Savings Bank*
- **Girls Golf:** Annelise Kreifels - *Adel Family Dentistry*
- **Boys Golf:** Carter Madison - *Adel Rotary Club*
- **Girls Soccer:** Kennedy Sorber - *Adel HealthMart*
- **Boys Soccer:** Reed Anderson - *River Valley Insurance*
- **Girls Track:** Elise Coghlan - *Adel Vision Clinic*
- **Boys Track:** Ty Landphair - *Adel TV and Appliance*

APRIL

- **Student of the Month:** Taylor Braun - *Raccoon Valley Bank*
- **Fine Arts:** Spring Play - Ella Greer (onstage), Noelle McDonald (backstage) - *Lincoln Savings Bank*
- **Girls Golf:** Kenzee Lathrop - *Azalea Lane Boutique*
- **Boys Golf:** Grant Jansen - *Cullen Howe Real Estate-RE/MAX Precision*
- **Girls Soccer:** Jada Grove - *Iowa Spring Manufacturing*
- **Boys Soccer:** Cael Orban - *Patrick's Restaurant*
- **Girls Track:** Kennedy Stanford - *Core Physical Therapy*
- **Boys Track:** Sam Keys - *River Valley Insurance*

Congratulations to the March/April Students of the Month. More information on the Scholarship Foundation program can be found at the website www.admscholarshipfoundation.com. ■

ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, April 25

- 9 a.m. **Track:** Girls JV/Varsity Drake Relays @ Drake Stadium
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- 5:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls JV vs. Carroll
- 5:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys JV @ Carroll
- 7 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls Varsity vs. Carroll
- 7:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys Varsity @ Carroll

Saturday, April 26

- 8:30 a.m. **Golf:** Boys Varsity Invitational @ Perry Golf & Country Club
- 9 a.m. **Soccer:** Boys Varsity Invitational @ Pella
- 9 a.m. **Track:** Girls JV/Varsity Drake Relays @ Drake Stadium
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Monday, April 28

- 4 p.m. **Golf:** Girls Varsity @ Carroll Country Club
- 5:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls JV vs. Des Moines Roosevelt
- 7 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls Varsity vs. Des Moines Roosevelt


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MOBILE FOOD BANK

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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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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.

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 five 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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MASTER GARDENER PLANT SALE

The Dallas County Master Gardeners Fifth Annual Plant Sale is coming up on Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dallas County Community Building, Dallas County Fairgrounds, 28057 Fairground Road, Adel. Along with unique plants and healthy vegetable starts, you will find helpful Master Gardeners on hand to answer questions and provide information for planting success. ■

GREATER DALLAS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE OFFERS SMALL BUSINESS GRANT

During an Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce luncheon, the Greater Dallas County Development Alliance announced the launch of its Small Business Grant Fund, a new initiative focused on supporting local entrepreneurship and small business to stimulate economic growth. With an annual funding pool of \$10,000, the grant aims to provide essential financial support to small businesses within the community. Deadline is Friday, May 30.

Small businesses operating in a Dallas County community are encouraged to apply. Comprehensive eligibility criteria and application instructions are available on the Alliance's website, dallascounty-ia.org. ■

RACCOON RIVER PRESCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT

Enjoy an evening out with friends at the 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. ■

CLASS OF 1965 60TH ANNUAL CLASS REUNION

The class of 1965 will meet at Dennis Leininger's tailgate party after the Adel Sweet Corn Festival Parade at the old bus depot on the corner of Greene Street and S. 11th Street on Saturday, Aug. 9 for lunch. Please bring a donation that goes to the ADM Scholarship Fund. ■

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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.

EMERALD CITY MAKE A WISH GALA

Saturday, May 17, 5:30 p.m.
Iowa Events Center, 730 Third St., Des Moines

Experience the magic of a wish. Currently more than 300 wishes are waiting to be granted — and you can help ensure these children receive their wish when they need it most. Bring hope and joy to Iowa kids waiting for their wish. Guests will enjoy dinner, live and silent auctions, after party, plus wish stories that will touch your heart and inspire you. Tickets are available at <https://wish.org/iowa/32nd-annual-des-moines-gala>.

DOWNTOWN FARMERS' MARKET OPENS

Saturday, May 3, 7 a.m. to noon
Historic Court District in Downtown Des Moines

Opening day for the 50th season of the Downtown Farmers' Market, presented by UnityPoint Health, is May 3. The Market offers a variety of attractions and activities, including shopping for fresh produce, seasonal flowers, farm fresh eggs and cheese, locally produced wine and

fresh baked goods as well as a variety of Iowa-raised meat. Patrons can also eat breakfast, enjoy the atmosphere, meet with family and friends and enjoy live entertainment. This year, The Market will feature 49 new vendors of all types and expand its footprint to 12 city blocks in the Historic Court District of Downtown DSM.

SAFE IN THE SUN 5K/10K RUN

Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m.
Ada Hayden Heritage Park
5205 Grand Ave., Ames

Come together to raise awareness and funds for melanoma research with the Safe in the Sun 5K/10K Run, hosted by the Cancer Bucket Foundation. Whether you're a runner, a walker or a supporter of the cause, the Safe in the Sun Run offers a meaningful opportunity to help in the fight against melanoma and skin cancer. To register, visit cancerbucket.org/events.

BIRD WATCHING AND BAGELS

Saturday, May 10, 8 a.m.
Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge
9981 Pacific St., Prairie City

The public is invited to a fun introduction to bird watching. May is a great time to get outside to see the spring bird migration. Take a guided walk along the Oak Savanna Trail loop. Free loaner binoculars will be available for checkout. Participants can enjoy free bagels and coffee at the visitor center after the walk. This event targets birdwatchers of all skill levels, ages 8 and older. Meet at the Oak Savanna Trailhead. The Oak Savanna Trail is a half-mile loop with a gravel surface and gradual inclines. A restroom is available at the parking lot. Wear pants and sturdy walking shoes. Bringing a refillable water bottle, and insect repellent is also advised. For more information and to register, contact nancy_corona@fws.gov or call 515-994-3400. ■





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