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## EASTER EGG HUNT



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Ava, Carter, Jonny and Regan Reel enjoy the Adel Kiwanis Club Easter Egg Hunt on April 13 at Kinnick-Feller Park in Adel. ■

### ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

**FRIDAY HIGH 63 | LOW 42**

Partial sunshine with a shower



**SATURDAY HIGH 67 | LOW 39**

Sunny much of the time



**SUNDAY HIGH 72 | LOW 44**

Pleasant with plenty of sunshine



**MONDAY HIGH 73 | LOW 50**

Pleasant with plenty of sunshine



**TUESDAY HIGH 73 | LOW 51**

Plenty of sunshine



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

# WORST STATE FOR BIRD-WATCHING?

Bird-watching. Yes, bird-watching. I never thought the day would come. But, it has, and I am enjoying it.

A few years back, my wife and I would frequently go camping. We would arise in the early morning with a cup of hot coffee, sit outside quietly, and marvel at the array of birds and their activity. We cautiously told some close friends about our fascination, and they admitted they are also hooked and suggested we buy a book about Iowa birds. So, we did. We dug through boxes and found some old binoculars as well. When our adult children learned of this, they pointed out that we now are truly old. They seem to be right.

Of course, like you, I have been around birds my entire life. As a child, I would also quietly watch the birds as they flew about. Gathering nature's debris for their nests. Plucking earthworms from the wet soil. And waking me up with their playful chirping. They were nature's alarm clock.

As pleasant as those birds were, I never felt motivated to truly

"bird-watch." That was for the nerds, I rationalized. After all, I saw Jane Hathaway on "The Beverly Hillbillies," and I was not going to be searching for the yellow-bellied sapsucker.

Meanwhile, I recently started watching "The Residence" on Netflix, a wonderful whodunnit series about a murder in the White House with a detective who has a passion for bird-watching. The parallels to Cordelia Cupp's detective work are entertaining enough, but I found myself intrigued by her feathered finds.

Then, in the midst of writing this column, I received an email from one of those statistics-of-the-day groups looking for free PR stating that Iowa is the worst state for bird-watching. Well, I won't be donning a tan uniform and a brimmed hat anytime soon, but, despite our state's awful ranking, I am enjoying the sights of robins and blue jays and cardinals and finches. They represent a change of seasons, a resurgence



of life and a simple playfulness we could all use a bit more of.

As my mother got older, I would see her talking to the birds. I was tempted to tease her about it, but I could see how those birds brought her peace and happiness. She wasn't too pleased with the squirrel that continually emptied the birdfeeders, though, but she learned how to turn its attention to a feeder she made out of corn cobs that spun on a wheel. And then Mom began talking to the squirrel, too. Amazingly enough, the squirrel seemed to chirp back at her.

I am not yet talking to the birds and squirrels, but those days may be coming soon, and that's just fine by me. Until then, you may find me in the early hours with a cup of hot coffee in my hand, reading my bird book, and listening to the mourning doves.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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## ANNUAL SAFETY BIKE RODEO

The Sixth Annual Safety Bike Rodeo will be held Saturday, May 10, 9-11 a.m. at the Adel City Hall Parking Lot, 301 S. 10th St. It includes free bike and helmet inspections and a bike rodeo course for kids ages 5-12. This is a come-and-go event. Free giveaways and a drawing for bikes, helmets and other prizes will be held. Kids must register but need not be present to win.

The event is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Adel and the Adel Police Department. If the child does not have a bike helmet, a loaner helmet will be available. Adults may also bring their bikes and helmets for inspection. Children completing the safety course will receive a certificate, bike safety information, a Rotary flyer, an Icee, and DARE giveaways. Other activities at the Safety Bike Rodeo include tours of a police car and a fire engine and the opportunity to visit with an Adel police officer and Adel firefighters. In addition, the Raccoon River Valley Trail is nearby for riding or walking.

For more information, contact Shirley McAdon at 515-993-4862. ■

## MASTER GARDENER PLANT SALE

The Dallas County Master Gardeners' Fifth Annual Plant Sale is 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

### ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### Friday, May 2

5 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls Varsity vs. Des Moines Roosevelt

#### Monday, May 5

4 p.m. **Golf:** Girls Varsity @ Carroll Municipal Golf Course

4 p.m. **Golf:** Boys Varsity vs. Bondurant-Farrar @ Terrace Hills Golf Course

4:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys JV2 vs. Bondurant-Farrar

5:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys JV vs. Bondurant-Farrar

5:45 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls JV @ Bondurant-Farrar

7 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys Varsity vs. Bondurant-Farrar

7:15 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls Varsity @ Bondurant-Farrar

#### Tuesday, May 6

10 a.m. **Golf:** Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Atlantic @ Atlantic Nishna Hills Golf Course

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3:30 p.m. **Golf:** Girls Varsity vs. Multiple Schools @ Jester Park Golf Course

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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. ■

## 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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### MOTHER'S DAY HIKE

**Hanging Rock Conservation Area, Redfield**

**Saturday, May 10, 9-10 a.m.**

Come celebrate all moms with a guided walk at Hanging Rock. The group will start at the top where the shelter is then head down the path to the river. Come learn about what nature's moms are up to and see if you can find any spring colors popping.

### SUMMER KICKOFF PADDLE

**Snyder Tract - North Raccoon River Wildlife Area, 21468 Minburn Road**

**Saturday, May 31, 9-11:30 a.m.**

Registration required. Kick off your summer of outdoor activities by connecting with one of the wildest spaces in Dallas County: our rivers. Join a naturalist for a gentle paddle on the North Raccoon River from the Snyder boat ramp near Minburn to the Highway 44 boat ramp. Explore some of the natural features of the valley and the river itself. Attendees must provide their own boats, paddles and life jackets. ■

### NEEDS AT THE DES MOINES VA HOSPITAL/CRRC

Since federal funds may not be used to purchase personal items for veterans at VA hospitals and resource centers, individuals and groups, like the Adel American Legion Auxiliary Unit 464, step up to collect clothing and other items needed by veterans. The following items are being requested by the hospital now: new, light-weight unisex jackets (sizes L-XL), new men's shoes (sizes 10-13), new sweatpants (S, M, 4XL), new women's slippers (all sizes), reading glasses (all strengths), and regular and decaf coffee. Nonperishable food items requested by the VA Community Resource and Referral Center include single-serving microwavable meal cups and soups, fruit cups, and individually wrapped snack bars or chips. 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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Bodie, Mila, Lisa and Brad Stark enjoy the Adel Kiwanis Club Easter Egg Hunt.



Adel Kiwanis members Courtney Goodrich, Jackie Giles and Jodi Draisey helped.



ADM student Annika Hillmer paints faces at the Adel Kiwanis Club Easter Egg Hunt.



Sgt. Ray Dirksen, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, hands out stickers.



Graham and Kaytie Riley enjoy the Adel Kiwanis Club Easter Egg Hunt.



ADM student Brooklyn Beebe paints faces at the Adel Kiwanis Club Easter Egg Hunt. ■

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## EVENTS IN THE AREA

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TAMMY@IOWALIVINGMAGAZINES.COM**GREAT STRIDES WALK****Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.****Outlets of Des Moines****801 Bass Pro Drive N.W., Altoona**

Outlets of Des Moines will host the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Iowa Chapter's Great Strides Walk. The 2-mile walk starts at 10 a.m. with registration opening at 9 a.m. Now celebrating 70 years as an organization, all funds raised benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and its mission to cure cystic fibrosis. Sign up information and various ways to raise funds for the cause can be found on the chapter website at [FundRaiseCFF.org/DSM2025](http://FundRaiseCFF.org/DSM2025).

**CONCRETE CRUIZERS  
CHARITY CAR SHOW****Saturday, May 17****Deery Chevrolet****6000 E. University Ave., Pleasant Hill**

Registration is from 8-11 a.m. with awards starting at 3 p.m. Preregister by May 3 for \$20 to get a free T-shirt. Day of show cost is \$25 without a T-shirt. The event will include an auction, music, food and goodie bags for the first 100 registrants. For more information, call 515-299-3165 or 515-360-8257.

**GARY'S ANNUAL BRAIN  
CANCER BIKE RIDE****Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.****Start: Waukee Raccoon River Valley Trail Head,  
Hickman Road and N.W. 10th Street**

**End: Dallas Center at the HandleBar Restaurant,  
1607 Sugar Grove Ave.**

This ride is a fundraiser to increase awareness of glioblastoma and support the Richard Deming Cancer Center's terminal brain cancer patients through the Integrative Medicine program. The ride also supports Iowa Oncology Research Association

for clinical trials for terminal brain cancer patients, especially those with glioblastoma.

**RAP CAROUSEL DAY****Saturday, May 31, 4-6 p.m.****Union Park, 725 Thompson Ave., Des Moines**

This annual Real Advantage Partners event welcomes spring and brings families and neighbors together at beautiful Union Park (home of the famous Rocket Slide) in Des Moines for free rides on the historic carousel. Attendees can also enjoy games and refreshments provided by RAP team members.

**WORKSHOPS WITH MASTER  
DRUMMER BOLOKADA CONDE****Saturday, May 31, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and  
Sunday, June 1, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.****Unity Center, 414 31st St., Des Moines**

Bolokada Conde, lead soloist of Les Percussions de Guinee (Guinea's National Ballet) for more than a decade, will be conducting workshops in traditional Malinke rhythms. Cost is \$35 per session or \$120 for all four. Bolokada has taught drumming internationally for decades, including at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where he was a full-time visiting artist from 2008 to 2011. For more information, contact Linda Foster at 515-669-5820 or Bob Miller at 641-472-2479.

**EARLHAM CONCERT SERIES****Every Sunday from June 1 to Aug. 10, except  
July 6, 6 p.m.****Earlham City Park, Earlham**

Concerts start with an opening act around 6 p.m. and a headliner around 7:15 p.m. Lots of kids activities and food trucks will be offered as well. More information is available on the Facebook page for Levitt Amp Earlham Music Series. The concerts are free. ■

## 50s PLUS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Enjoy board games, conversation, coffee and good food at the 50s Plus meetings. 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. ■

## FUNERAL NOTICES

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

### WESLEY 'HOMER' E. THOMPSON

Wesley "Homer" E. Thompson, 82, died at home in Granger April 24, 2025, surrounded by his family. A retired printer, he was a pigeon racer in the DMI club.

Wesley is survived by his wife, Alice Fae; son, Kurt Thompson; daughter, Kris (Steve) Christenson; granddaughters, Bethany (Josh) Ruby and Leigha Christenson; great-grandson, Rivers Ruby; sister, Janet (Scott) Glass; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Ron "Dino" Thompson.

A celebration of life will be held 1-4 p.m., Saturday, May 10, at the Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home in Adel. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. ■



### RONALD DEAN BOYER

Ronald Dean Boyer of Adel and formerly of Grimes, died April 26, 2025. He was born May 1, 1931, in Ringgold County. Visitation will be Friday, May 9, 10-11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 410 S.E. Third St., Grimes, followed by a memorial service. Burial will follow at Sunny Hill Cemetery, Grimes. ■



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