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Adel Women's Club members Shirley McAdon and Paula Joiner were proud to present Dennis Leiningner with a \$500 check for the Blue Kindness Foundation. The donation will be used to promote communication and connectivity between those in law enforcement and the citizens of the community. ■

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 79 | LOW 55

Mostly sunny and warmer

**SATURDAY HIGH 83 | LOW 59**

Mostly sunny

**SUNDAY HIGH 84 | LOW 59**

Sunny

**MONDAY HIGH 86 | LOW 66**

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**TUESDAY HIGH 83 | LOW 65**

Cloudy; p.m. thunderstorms



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

ANOTHER NICE MESS

“Well, here’s another nice mess you have gotten me into.”

That’s the phrase Oliver Hardy so famously delivered to Stan Laurel in many of the duo’s short movies during the early era of film — although many of you will swear the words are “another FINE mess.” They aren’t, although Laurel and Hardy did have a 29-minute film with that title in 1930.

Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy made more than 100 films together from 1921 to 1950, and I saw many of them on the screen of my hometown theater as a kid. The movie house owners must have purchased copies of the films, as they played them every summer on weekday afternoons. This gave us kids something to do for a low price (a free admission coupon ran in our local paper), and the theater made a few coins on concessions. Best of all, we all learned about the comic duo of Laurel and Hardy.

Some of you may recall how Stan Laurel was a slender man, and

Oliver Hardy was... not. That contrast in size was part of what made their schtick work, and they built the model for others to follow.

Abbott and Costello fit the part. So did the Skipper and Gilligan. David Spade and Chris Farley nearly mastered it. Don’t forget Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny Devito; Timon and Pumba; Jake and Elwood. Even R2-D2 and C-3PO made it work.

This big person/little person theme seemed to only be reserved for men, though. Even if you could name a few plus-sized/small-sized female comic duos, I am not pointing out that contrast here. Oliver Hardy was fine with being called husky. Rosie O’Donnell? Not so much. OK, I won’t mention another one.

I will share a few more of the contrasting male duos, though, and they don’t all include one chubby guy. Fred Flintstone and Barney



Rubble were both on the heavy side. Felix and Oscar had many unique contrasts other than weight. So did Tom and Jerry.

But, if we are being honest, few nailed it like Laurel and Hardy. And they did so in some films that were silent and all films that were black and white — without sexual innuendos, vulgar language or a staff of professional writers to develop punch lines. Their movies were certainly not from my era, but I enjoyed them all the same. I still do. Watching Laurel and Hardy movies at the theater kept my friends and me out of trouble for at least a few afternoon hours. Or, as you might say, it was another nice mess they kept us from getting into.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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SUPPORTING THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Adel Women's Club gave a \$200 donation to the Adel American Legion Auxiliary. Funds will be used to purchase personal items for veterans at VA hospitals and resource centers. Pictured is Shirley McAdon accepting the donation from Paula Joiner, Adel Women's Club president. ■

ADEL GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD PANTRY

Join the Adel Good Samaritan Food Pantry at the Adel Farmer's Market to help distribute Kid Summer Food Packs. All ages are welcome. Bring a friend; at least two per shift is recommended. Volunteers are needed every Tuesday from 4-7 p.m., June through August, at the Dallas County Fairgrounds, 28057 Fairground Road, Adel.

Once you sign up, a friendly Good Samaritan Food Pantry staff member will reach out with all the details you need for your shift. You'll be handing out Kids Grab & Go Food Packs from the Good Samaritan Food Pantry van and tent. Let's make this summer unforgettable for our kids. Scan the QR code to apply to volunteer. ■



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Friday, May 30

- 10 a.m. **Golf:** Girls Varsity State @ Pheasant Ridge Golf Course - Cedar Falls
- 3 p.m. **Softball:** Freshman @ Van Meter
- 5 p.m. **Baseball:** Varsity Double Header vs. Creston
- 5 p.m. **Softball:** JV vs. Johnston
- 6 pm **Soccer:** Girls Varsity Regional Final vs. TBA
- 7 p.m. **Softball:** Varsity vs. Johnston

Saturday, May 31

- 8 a.m. **Softball:** Varsity Tournament @ Winterset

Monday, June 2

- 5 p.m. **Baseball:** Varsity Double Header @ Boone
- 5 p.m. **Softball:** Varsity Double Header @ Boone

Tuesday, June 3

- 7 p.m. **Softball:** Varsity @ Norwalk
- 7:30 p.m. **Baseball:** Varsity @ Perry



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BOOK WALK

On Friday, June 13, from 10-11 a.m., come to Adel Elementary, 1608 Grove St., Adel, and read a new story on the book walk, play on the playground, and enjoy a Flavorice. Sponsored by the Adel Women's Club. ■

A1C SCREENINGS OFFERED JUNE 7

The Adel Lions Club is partnering with Hy-Vee to provide free A1C (a blood test used to detect diabetes) screenings to Adel residents on Saturday, June 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hy-Vee trailer which will be parked at the courthouse lot on the east side of the square. Participants do not need to fast for the screening, which takes approximately 15 minutes. Only 32 slots are available. Scan the QR code to make an appointment. Walk-ins will be accepted if slots remain. ■



ADM BOOSTER CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

ADM Booster Club will be hosting a golf tournament at the River Valley Golf Course, 22927 Valley View Trail, Adel, on Friday, June 20, starting at 8 a.m. The event is an 18-hole, 4-person scramble, 8-inch cup on every hole. Entry fee is \$400 per team (includes cart/lunch/drink ticket). Add on four mulligans per team for \$50.

Help make this event a huge success by sharing with your network. Proceeds support all student athletes at ADM Middle and High schools through the ADM Athletics Booster Club. Any questions can be directed to Gretchen Rickert at grerick722@gmail.com. Register at <http://admboosterclub.org/golf>. ■

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them He is a faithful friend we can always trust. Runs from June 9-13, 9 a.m. to noon, at 602 S. 14th St., Adel. Register at <https://vbspro.events/p/801972>. ■

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.

There will be a presentation at the June 3 gathering by Jeff Stein on "Where's Floppy?" The presentation will start at 10 a.m. ■

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

2025 PHENOLOGY SERIES: PART 4

Kuehn Conservation Area, 32828 Houston Trail, Earlham
Tuesday, June 3, 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. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-phenology-series-part-4-tickets-1295009501279?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.



BACKPACKING BASICS

Kuehn Conservation Area, 32828 Houston Trail, Earlham
Thursday, June 5, 5:30 p.m.

Do you enjoy camping and hiking, but you're looking for a way to escape the crowds and venture further into the wild? Learn more about gear you should or shouldn't pack, safety considerations, what and how to eat, and more. No experience or personal gear required, but you are welcome to bring your own gear if you would like. All ages welcome. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/backpacking-basics-tickets-1295010875389?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.



ADULTS IN NATURE, HANGING ROCK PARK

416 Redfield St., Redfield
Thursday, June 12, 7 p.m.

Join a naturalist on an evening hike at Hanging Rock to learn more about the ecological and cultural history of the park and enjoy time down by the river. You're never too old to spark some wonder and learn something new. Ages 21 and older. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adults-in-nature-tickets-1292707586189?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.



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. ■

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. ■

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TAMMY@IOWALIVINGMAGAZINES.COM**FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS****May through June, 5:30-8 p.m.****Campbell Park, 12385 Woodlands Parkway, Clive**

Satisfy your food cravings with the best of street eats and local live music — a can't-miss community event. Bring the family to Campbell Park in Clive for food, fun and free live music. Campbell Park is now a cashless facility. Payment methods for beverage purchases at Campbell Park concession stand: Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express, Apple Pay, Google Pay. Most food trucks still accept cash and cards. For details, visit www.cityofclive.com/parkandrecreation/programs_and_events/food_truck_fridays/index.php



- **Friday, May 30:** Monkey 4
- **Friday, June 6:** Dick Danger Band
- **Friday, June 13:** Gladys Lite (Sons of Gladys Kravitz Trio)
- **Friday, Sept. 5:** Brian Herrin Trio
- **Friday, Sept. 12:** The Sheet

WAUKEE PALOOZA**Saturday, June 7, 4-10 p.m.****Hy-Vee, 1005 Hickman Road, Waukee**

The Rotary Club of Waukee is hosting the 7th Annual Waukee Palooza, in partnership with Hy-Vee. An estimated 2,000 people attend this family-friendly, dog-friendly music festival each year. It is free to attend the event. The fun will begin at 4 p.m. with live music from 4:30-10 p.m. by The Relics, Cover That and The Sons of Gladys Kravits. Try your luck in the silent auction and 50/50 raffle fundraisers. There will also be a special area designated for kids (and parents) for fun family experience. Besides great music, there will be food, drinks and non-alcoholic beverages for all ages.

BONDURANT SUMMERFEST**Monday and Tuesday, June 9-10****Downtown Bondurant**

The Bondurant Men's Club's annual Bondurant Summerfest promises fun for all ages. Enjoy entertainment, a parade, carnival, games and much more. Monday features the parade at 6 p.m. from the high school to the middle school followed by activities downtown, including the carnival. An open-mic stage Tuesday is new to the event. A variety of live entertainment and demonstrations will be featured on two stages and fireworks will be held behind the middle school.

URBANDALE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**Various dates, 6:30-8 p.m.****Charles Gabus Memorial Tree Park, next to the
Urbandale Public Library**

Enjoy free, high-quality music in a family-friendly setting. Bring your lawn chair or blanket, and feel free to pack a cooler.

- **Tuesday, June 10:** Major Blues and Mugshots
- **Tuesday, June 24:** Tommy Doggett
- **Sunday, June 29:** Wind and Strings - Flute and Harp Duo
- **Thursday, July 10:** Brass Blast Brass Band
- **Tuesday, July 29:** June Bugs DSM
- **Tuesday, Aug. 26:** River City Opry

THE BACON RIDE**Saturday, June 14, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.****Waukee Raccoon River Valley Trail Head
Hickman Road and N.W. 10th St.**

This wildly popular event draws cyclists from all over the country, combining two Iowa favorites: bacon and the Raccoon River Valley Trail. Riders will stop in various towns along the route to enjoy bacon-themed food and drinks, making for a tasty and memorable experience. Plus, the ride supports local charities, blending fun with philanthropy. Sign up at www.eventbrite.com/e/bacon-ride-2025-tickets-1218016011679. ■



RECIPE

SERVE UP A ONE-POT TIME-SAVER

(Family Features) If you feel like you're constantly scrambling in the evenings to help with homework, prep dinner and get ready for the next day, turn to a warm, cozy meal that's ready in a snap. This Skillet Lasagna is a one-pot solution that makes cleanup a breeze so you can skip the craziness of home cooking. ■

SKILLET LASAGNA

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

Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 44 ounces marinara sauce
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 cup ricotta
- 1 1/2 cups frozen spinach
- 9 lasagna noodles
- 1 cup mozzarella cheese
- bread, for serving
- Parmesan cheese, for topping (optional)

Directions:

- In large skillet or Dutch oven, brown ground beef with onion powder, garlic powder and salt



and pepper, to taste. Drain excess grease. Mix in marinara sauce, heavy whipping cream, ricotta and spinach.

- Break up lasagna noodles and add to skillet. Cover and let set

over medium heat 10 minutes. Stir and top with mozzarella cheese. Cover and let set 10 minutes.

- Serve with bread and top with Parmesan cheese, if desired.

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Enjoy this open air market featuring more than 40 vendors with a range of homegrown and homemade products from local farmers, bakers and artisans, at the Dallas County Fairgrounds, 28057 Fairground Road, Adel, Tuesdays through September, 4-7 p.m. This is a family event with food trucks and music. ■

I FEEL HELPLESS: HOW TO ACCOMPANY DURING TIMES OF GRIEF

Learn what makes us uncomfortable with grief, how to manage our own feelings when approaching someone grieving, and how to effectively communicate with and care for a person who is grieving. The event will be at St. John's Catholic Church Social Hall, 24043 302nd Place, Adel, on Tuesday, June 24, at 6:15 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. For accommodation requests or questions, contact the church office at 515-993-4482. All are welcome. ■

DALLAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS EVENTS

Dallas County Fairgrounds, 28057 Fairground Road, Adel

- **June 7:** Figure 8 Races at the North Track
 - **June 14:** Wright Rodeo Company Rodeo, 7:30 p.m. with Jordan Beem performing afterward.
 - **June 21:** Figure 8 Races at the North Track
 - **June 28:** Figure 8 Races at the North Track.
 - **June 29:** Fair Set Up on the entire fairgrounds
- See event details at www.dallascountyfair.com. ■

DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S ALL-WHEEL SHOW

The 16th Annual Dallas County Sheriff's All-Wheel Show will benefit Special Olympics Iowa. Enjoy commercial vendors and free entertainment along with the show at the Downtown Square, Adel, on June 7. A variety of awards will be presented. Registration day of the show is \$25 made out to Special Olympics Iowa. For more information, call Sgt. Ray Dirksen, 515-559-7789. Registration is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with judging at 2 p.m. and awards at 2:30 p.m. ■

CLASSIFIED ADS

GARAGE SALE: Friday, May 30, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, May 31, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tools, household goods, outdoor items, clothes etc. Located at 19211 270th Street (West of Adel).

FOR SALE: For Sale: Aluminum alloy 90 gallon Diesel transfer tank. \$200. Call 515-314-9803.

GARAGE SALE: Peace Lutheran Church, 34128 L. Avenue. North of KOA Campground. Friday, June 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

HELP WANTED: Part-time church secretary. Looking for someone with a positive attitude, good computer skills, knowledge of Word and Publisher, and the ability to communicate well. Please call for more information: Adel United Methodist Church, 115 S.10th St., Adel. 515-993-3791.

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