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KIWANIS SUPPORT PARK UPDATE



The Adel Kiwanis Club donated \$7,500 to the Adel Park and Recreation Department for the purchase of new playground equipment for Kinnick Feller Park. ■

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 79 | LOW 59

Partly sunny and nice



SATURDAY HIGH 80 | LOW 61

Mostly cloudy



SUNDAY HIGH 80 | LOW 57

Mostly sunny, breezy and pleasant



MONDAY HIGH 78 | LOW 53

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TUESDAY HIGH 79 | LOW 58

Nice with plenty of sunshine



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

BEST GRADUATION GIFTS

What was the best high school graduation gift you remember receiving? You might have to think about your answer for a moment, or you can take the easy way out and say “cash.” But, for the actual gifts you received, what were the most memorable ones?

I remember one thoughtful family buying me a large duffle bag, and I used it for many years until the zipper finally broke. Regardless of what a student does after high school, a duffle bag always seems to come in handy.

I was saving my cash gifts to buy a typewriter, but then my aunt gave me her manual one. It was heavy and clunky, but it worked just fine to type my college papers — and I made a few bucks typing some for my friends, too.

One of the funniest gifts I received as a high school graduation gift was a giant

laundry bag with the following words sewed on it: “Hi, Mom, I’m home!” Mom likely didn’t find it as amusing, but I did jam that bag full of dirty laundry on my many trips back home.

Speaking of laundry, another great graduation gift was a roll of quarters, which came in handy for those coin-operated laundry machines. They may all be coinless now, but I have a feeling quarters will still come in handy.

I also received a certificate for an oil change. Living in a small town, I didn’t put many miles on my car. But, once I was off to college, I was amazed how quickly they racked up. I could have used a bunch of those.

You can’t go wrong with quick food ideas, and despite the growth



of microwave popcorn even in my day, a good, an old-fashioned popcorn popper was still a hit.

Several years ago, when we had many graduation parties to attend, my wife decided to do something different and had monogrammed bath towels made for each graduate. It seemed a bit odd to me at the time, but I have been amazed how many of those graduates told me years later that they were still using them.

How about you? What were some of the best graduation gifts you received — or gave? Send me a note and let me know.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■



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ADM SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The month of May in the school year is an exciting month. Everyone is excited to have summer coming and enjoying the thought of no schoolwork. Seniors are planning their next step in life: college, trade school, working. This May, the teachers and/or coaches have named the Students of the Month again representing their specific category. We thank them for their continued efforts throughout the year and congratulate the students who work hard to receive this recognition. We are also thankful for the local businesses that faithfully support the ADM Scholarship Foundation Student of the Month program with their contributions.

Congratulations to the following students being recognized for the month of May.

- **Student of the Month:** Mackenzie Evans — Raccoon Valley Bank
- **Fine Arts: Art:** Chloe Bond and Kayleigh Wills — Lincoln Savings Bank
- **Girls Golf:** Hattie Lande — Iowa Spring Manufacturing
- **Boys Golf:** Shadd Livingston — Adel Fareway
- **Girls Soccer:** Alayna Freeman — Cullen Howe Real Estate-RE/MAX Precision
- **Boys Soccer:** Owen Royer — Adel Lions Club
- **Girls Track:** Josi Dufoe — Adel Rotary Club
- **Boys Track:** Brayden Rynearson — Patrick's Restaurant
- **E-Sports:** Miller Banse — Adel HealthMart

The students of the Adel DeSoto Minburn Class of 2025 are now alumni. We are proud to announce that 57 of our seniors at ADM going on to post-secondary education were granted scholarships at commencement. Three seniors received additional recognition in the following categories:

- **Nile Kinnick Award:** London Warmuth — Sports, Academics and Leadership
- **Eric Cutler Award:** Riley Milburn — Fine Arts, Academics and Leadership
- **Stan Norenberg Award:** Payton Taylor — Leadership and Dedication to Community and Others

The amount of \$1,006,000 has been given in scholarships to 1,024 students since the Foundation's inception in 1985. All contributions given to the foundation are invested, and the income is used to provide the scholarships. More information regarding the scholarship and how you may become a part of the program may be found at the website www.admscholarshipfoundation.com. ■

ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, June 6

4:30 p.m. **Softball:** Freshman Game vs. Van Meter

5 p.m. **Baseball:** JV Game vs. Van Meter

5:45 p.m. **Softball:** JV Game vs. Van Meter

7 p.m. **Baseball:** Varsity Game vs. Van Meter

7:15 p.m. **Softball:** Varsity Game vs. Van Meter

Monday, June 9

5 p.m. **Baseball:** Varsity Double Header vs. Bondurant-Farrar

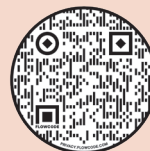
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MARY C. OCKERMAN

Mary C. Ockerman was born on Aug. 26, 1945, in Mason City and died on May 22, 2025, in Adel, following a long-fought battle with cancer. Mary was a beacon of warmth and compassion, known for her adventurous spirit and a heart that embraced all those who crossed her path.

She was a preschool teacher, hairdresser at Adel Acres, EMT/paramedic for Dallas County Ambulance, nursing assistant for Dr. Ron McHose, and a receptionist for Dr. Charles Varcoe, OD. At the age of 42, Mary embarked on her journey as a paramedic. She was particularly proud of her work training others and instilling lifesaving skills in countless individuals through CPR, EMT and First Responder classes at DMACC.

She enjoyed traveling, and, at 75, embraced skydiving. She was an active member of the Adel Women's Club, the Red Hatters Society, the Sweet Corn Committee and South Dallas Little League as a den mother.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Ockerman; her children, Jeffrey (Angie) Ockerman and daughter-in-law Shari Colthrup; grandchildren: Katie, Kyle Lee, Tessa (Jason), Scott, Stephanie (Kris), Austin, Kenzie (Casey) and David; 20 great-grandchildren; sisters Connie (Tim) Cox and Nancy Ouverson; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her son, David Michael Ockerman.

Visitation was May 29 at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home-Adel Chapel. A memorial service was at New Hope Church in Adel on May 30 with a luncheon and burial at Oakdale Cemetery following.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.caldwellparrish.com. ■



MARY PETRO

Mary Petro was born Aug. 25, 1954, and died May 28, 2025. Born in Saint Joseph, Missouri, Mary carried the spirit of her roots with her, no matter where life led her, and was known for her welcoming nature and contagious smile. Mary graduated from Winterset Community Schools in 1972. Among her many roles, she worked as a certified nursing assistant and a baker at Casey's. Mary's greatest love, however, was her family. She enjoyed baking and gifting her baked goods.

She was predeceased by her husband, Lealand Petro, in 2009; her son, Todd Petro; her brother, Matt Lee Miller; sisters, Patsy Myer and Kay Lull, as well as her aunt, Helen Stout.

She is survived by her children, Adam Petro and his wife, Diana, and Tammy Petro and her husband, Shawn Tenbrink; grandchildren, Garrett and Colt; her siblings, Fran Evans and her husband, Ed, Johnnie Lourens and her husband, Darrell, Alice Branson, and Lee Roy Miller and his wife, Marie.

Visitation was on May 31 at the Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home-Adel Chapel in Adel. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.caldwellparrish.com. Memorials are suggested to the family for designation at a later date. ■



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KAREN S. WITHEM

Karen S Withem, 76, died June 1, 2025, at MercyOne Hospital. Services will be held on Friday, June 6, at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour prior at Brandt Funeral Home in Dallas Center. A luncheon will be held after services at the American Legion Hall in Minburn. Burial will be at the Elmwood Cemetery near Minburn at a later date.

Family gatherings meant the most to her, and she was proud of her children and grandchildren. She loved her husband, Jeff, and often said he was so good to her. Karen liked to socialize with friends over margaritas or attending the Figure 8 races with her daughter. She had a strong work ethic that she passed on to her kids.

She is survived by her husband, Jeff Withem of Minburn; her son, Todd Haynes; her daughter, Nichole (Perry) Winkleblack; and three grandchildren, Natalie Haynes, Logan Haynes and Andy Winkleblack.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family or AHeinz57 Rescue in De Soto. ■



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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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. ■

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. ■

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The Levitt Amp Earlham Music Series starts 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. The concerts are free.

- **June 8:** Gallivant, Kerry Koberg
- **June 15:** Denita, Ultra Violet Fever
- **June 22:** Hector Anchondo, Weary Ramblers

IOWA CRAFT BREW FESTIVAL**Saturday, June 7, 1-4 p.m.****Water Works Park, 2201 George Flag Parkway, Des Moines**

Celebrating its 15th anniversary, the Iowa Brewers Guild announces the return of the annual Iowa Craft Brew Festival. Each festival ticket includes unlimited samples, a commemorative tasting glass and access to the spacious festival grounds with shade tents, vendors, yard games and a variety of Iowa-based food trucks. The Iowa Craft Brew Festival features the best in Iowa beer but will also highlight craft cideries and a growing offering of Iowa-produced non-alcoholic beverages. One hundred percent of the festival's revenue goes to help support Iowa's craft beer industry and IBG's Brewed in Iowa campaign that helps raise awareness about the local impact of breweries in Iowa communities. Information and links to purchase tickets are available at www.iowacraftbrewfestival.com

VENDOR MARKET**Saturdays, June 7 and 21, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.****Outlets of Des Moines, 801 Bass Pro Drive, Suite 315, Altoona**

Each show has a variety of vendors from Avon,

essential oils, Tupperware, Freeze Dried Candies, honey, 3D, Tastefully Simple, Gems & Crystals, Scentsy plus others. Come check out the vendors and buy local. If interested in being a vendor, email k2marketplacemagic@gmail.com.

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS**Every Sunday from June 8 to July 6.**

Music Under the Stars is thrilled to unveil its 2025 Summer concert series, featuring the return of Music Director and Conductor Vince Kenney and a lineup of talented guest soloists and vocalists. Concerts are free to the public, inviting music lovers of all ages to gather and enjoy live concert and jazz band performances under the stars.

- **June 8:** Pirate Songs and Love Songs. Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave, Des Moines. Set sail on an enchanting musical voyage with guest soloist Will Baker, bass trombonist with the Chicago Lyric Opera, and jazz vocalist Marisa Cravero.
- **June 15:** Once Upon a Father's Day: Music for Dads and Their Princesses. Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave, Des Moines. Celebrate fatherhood and fairy tales with the soaring soprano of Abby Kate Boeschen and the beloved vocals of Gina Gedler.
- **June 22:** Historic Hoyt Sherman Place. Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave, Des Moines. A night of classics and nostalgia featuring trumpet virtuoso Andy Classen and powerhouse vocalist Tina Haase-Findlay.
- **June 29:** Let Freedom Ring. Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave, Des Moines. Kick off Independence Day festivities with stirring patriotic music. Enjoy featured oboe soloist Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg and rising star Napoleon Douglas. ■

RECIPE

UPGRADE SUMMER LUNCHES WITH NUTRITIOUS TWISTS ON GRILLED CHEESE

(Family Features) When the kids are home for summer break, meal-prep becomes a must for busy families to ensure nutritious foods are on the menu. This summer, give your kiddos the fuel they need for all their warm-weather activities and adventures with a healthy twist on a childhood classic.

One bite into a grilled cheese sandwich and you're back in your childhood kitchen, bringing all the nostalgic vibes you can pass down to your little ones. Plus, with nearly endless combinations, there's a solution for everyone from classics to creative versions. ■

BLACKBERRY GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICHES

*Recipe courtesy of
Healthy Family Project*

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon stone-ground mustard
- 4 slices whole-grain bread
- 2 slices provolone cheese
- 10-12 blackberries, cut in half

Directions:

- Heat medium skillet over low heat.
- In small bowl, mix mayonnaise and mustard; spread on one side of each slice of bread.
- Place bread mayo-side-down in skillet. Top with cheese and blackberries. Add second slice of bread mayo-side-up.
- Cook 3-4 minutes per side, or until bread is toasted and cheese is melted. Repeat with remaining ingredients.



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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>. ■

CLASSIFIED ADS

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, June 7th, 8:00 am - 2 pm. Men's clothing, Raleigh bike training kit, books, artwork, African style art, puzzles, much miscellaneous. Located at 960 S 16th Street, Adel.

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