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## BALDON HARDWARE TO CHANGE HANDS

### RETIREMENT EVENT SATURDAY, JUNE 28

After decades of serving the community with tools, supplies and advice, owners Tim and Karen Baldon of Baldon Hardware are entering a new chapter in life: retirement. For 44 years, the store has been a cornerstone for homeowners and professionals alike, offering not just products but also a friendly atmosphere that fostered lasting relationships.

As the community bids farewell to Tim and Karen's stewardship, the atmosphere is one of nostalgia mixed with anticipation. Long-time customers share memories of the Baldon Hardware team going above and beyond — be it offering expert guidance on a tricky repair or simply greeting every visitor with a warm smile. These stories highlight the



Tim Baldon and Todd Chapman

profound impact the store has had on the lives of those it served. While the transition undoubtedly marks the end of an era, it also opens the door

to exciting possibilities under new leadership.

**HARDWARE, CONTINUED ON BACK**

#### ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

**FRIDAY HIGH 96 | LOW 75**

Sunny, windy and humid


**SATURDAY HIGH 98 | LOW 74**

Sunny, windy and humid


**SUNDAY HIGH 98 | LOW 75**

Sunny, windy and humid


**MONDAY HIGH 92 | LOW 69**

Humid; increasingly cloudy


**TUESDAY HIGH 85 | LOW 70**

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

## THE DISHWASHER DILEMMA AND PAPER PLATES

We had a number of family members in town recently for a little get-together. One day before they arrived, our dishwasher ran its last cycle — and I don't mean for that load. No, this was the end of the road for our dishwasher, one that was less than 4 years old. Surely, it could be repaired, we thought. And, surely, the repairman told us it could — but at a cost that made more sense to buy a new one. Such is the throw-away society we now live in.

Even without a working dishwasher, we somehow survived. We simply reacquainted ourselves with the dishcloths, the hand towels and an array of scrubbers we found under the sink. Wash. Rinse. Dry. Put away. Those were the tasks my siblings and I did in front of the kitchen sink after every meal in our childhood home. Those memories reintroduced themselves this past weekend — and they brought a few more with them.

To minimize the number of dishes we would have to wash, we broke out the “paper plates.” Yes, the flimsy disposable tableware that seemed to be in every home a few decades ago but now is often

relegated to picnics and parties.

The inventor of the paper plate was a New Hampshire man named Martin Keyes. He was trying to make a pie plate out of “molded pulp” and, in 1904, acquired a patent for this paper plate-making machine. His paper plates were becoming quite popular, especially due to a new demand caused by fires and earthquakes in San Francisco. Next he produced egg cartons, bottle packs, light bulb packaging and more. Keyes' company still exists today, known for producing the Chinnet brand of disposable products.

Today, paper plates and related products come in a variety of materials — paper, paperboard, corrugated fiberboard and Styrofoam (gasp!). Some are coated — mostly with plastic — to improve the fight to withstand liquids or grease from soaking through. And, some are better at this than others.

My mom was the frugal type. Spending extra money on those fancy coated paper plates was wasteful, in her mind. So, she



bought the 500-packs of the uncoated, 9-inch plates that most everything soaked through to the point where the plates would collapse. As such, we would use several plates, often not by choice because they stuck together. Fortunately, today, my wife opts for the upgraded versions, which came in handy this past weekend with our dishwasher dilemma.

In recent years, environmental concerns made many people switch from paper products back to traditional dishes. Overall, that is probably a good thing, even though paper plates are made with molded pulp, which is created with recycled newsprint. As such, those of you who have concerns about newspapers forcing their opinions down your throat may be right. Because, if you are using paper plates, they still kind of are.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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# ADEL FARMERS MARKET

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. ■

## 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. ■



## DALLAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS EVENTS

Dallas County Fairgrounds, 28057 Fairground Road, Adel

- **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](http://www.dallascountyfair.com). ■

## 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. ■

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## ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Friday, June 20

5 p.m. **Baseball:** JV vs. Earlham  
7 p.m. **Baseball:** Varsity vs. Earlham

### Monday, June 23

10 a.m. **Baseball:** 9th vs. Carroll  
5 p.m. **Baseball:** Varsity Double Header vs. Gilbert  
5 p.m. **Softball:** Varsity Double Header vs. Gilbert

### Tuesday, June 24

10 a.m. **Baseball:** 9th vs. Carlisle  
5 p.m. **Baseball:** JV Double Header vs. Boone  
5:30 p.m. **Softball:** JV vs. Urbandale  
7:15 p.m. **Softball:** Varsity vs. Urbandale

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## HISTORY

# THE ADEL SPEEDWAY

BY MIKE FLYNN

An estimated 3,000 people were on hand Sunday afternoon, Sept. 10, 1950, to watch the first thrilling stock car races at the newly formed Adel Speedway. The 3/8-mile track, which was on the Allen farm on the west side of town about where Adel Acres is located now, was started by John Astley and managed by Max Chapman, both of Adel.

According to reports, "Organized mayhem reigned as crashes thrilled the pleasure seekers. When the dust had blown away, most exclaimed they'd never seen anything like it."

There were thrills galore as drivers crashed, rolled and skidded on the turns and the straightaways. No one was hurt, although one or two drivers were shaken up. The program got underway at 1 p.m. with time trials for the 25 cars that were on hand for the day's racing. Each roared around the track for a qualifying time and starting positions of the various heats.

Jim Gates of Des Moines gave fans their first scare when he rolled his car over on the east turn. He was knocked out but not seriously injured. Fisher's ambulance and Doctor Alan Cochrane stood by on the infield the entire afternoon, plus Adel's old fire truck, manned by the fire department crew. Mitchell Motor Company's wrecker also stood by and was one of the busiest of all. From the first 10-lap heat race until the final 20-lap feature, it was a constant round of smash, crash, rolled daredevil tactics that sent shivers up the spines of the people in the crowd. Drivers and cars came from all over the state. Most were from Des Moines. Two Adel men, Dale Ingram and Zon Brower, drove cars sponsored by Adel Truck and Implement and Ballantine's One Stop, respectively. Don Bell, well known Des Moines radio announcer, was at the mic giving the crash-by-crash description of the day's program.

Drivers ranged in age from 21 to

30. Their old beat-up cars had motors tuned to maximum performance efficiency. Most were driven in second gear during the entire race. The rules stated that "no car can have any parts except those from commonly carried stock. They are not souped up with any extra gadgets. No windows, windshields or glass was allowed, not even a rear-view mirror." Drivers were strapped in and wore football helmets and unbreakable goggles. They were required to sign waivers of injury and death before they were allowed to race.

Races continued into November of 1950, and there were races almost every Sunday through the summer months of 1951. The last race was apparently held on June 29, 1952.

There were a few Adel men among the daredevils. Darrel Daugherty, Dean Bever, Zon Brower, Merle Merial, Dale Ingram and Ned Freestone are all listed. There were probably others. ■

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### JULY BIRD HIKE

**Saturday, July 19, 8-10:30 a.m.**

**Voas Nature Area, 19286 Lexington Road, Minburn**

NVoas Nature Area has distinct habitats including one of the few wetland complexes remaining in Dallas County. Birds will be feeding and nesting, which should give opportunities to see a wide diversity of species. Beginning birders including children are welcome and encouraged. Also, visit the Wetland Mitigation Bank, which should have many seldom-seen species. Some binoculars and books will be provided. ■

## ADEL HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPEN

The Adel Historical Museum, 1129 Main St., Adel, is open for the summer every Saturday, 1-3 p.m., and also by appointment. Up through July 4, the museum will have a scavenger hunt, and winners will receive a gift certificate. Please come and enjoy the museum and its flower gardens. ■

## HELP VETERANS AT THE DES MOINES VA HOSPITAL/DES MOINES VA CRRC

Our veterans at the Des Moines VA Hospital and Domicile and veterans served at the DM VA Community Resource & Referral Center need our help for those personal items that may not be provided with federal funds. The Adel American Legion Penoach Auxiliary Unit 464 steps forward to collect requested supplies from the community and to use donations from Poppy Days to fill in those needs. Current items needed are lightweight unisex jackets (L-XL), men's slip-on shoes (10.5-13), sweatpants and sweatshirts (L-XL), unisex slippers, duffel bags, belts, individually wrapped snacks, and regular and decaf ground coffee. Donations may be dropped off at 1305 S. 15th St. or call 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. ■

## 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. ■

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• **Pizza on the Prairie:** Every Friday until Sept. 26, 5-9 p.m., Wallace Farm. Come to the prairie at the Wallace Farm on Friday nights during the summer for brick oven pizza packed with farm-fresh veggies and local meats. This family-friendly evening is packed with good food, live music, outdoor art, and picturesque sunsets. Reservations for pizza ordering times are required at <https://wallace.org/pizza-on-the-prairie/>.

• **Historic Corn Plot Dinner:** Tuesday, July 1, 6-8:30 p.m., Wallace Farm. Each course of this special meal at the Wallace Farm includes corn previously harvested from the on-site Henry A. Wallace Historic Corn Plot as a featured ingredient. \$75/ticket available at <https://wallace.org/event/historic-corn-plot-dinner/>.

• **Farm to Table Vegan Dinner:** Tuesday, July 22, 6-8:30 p.m., Wallace House. Enjoy a vibrant three-course vegan dinner featuring produce from the Wallace Center's gardens and locally sourced seasonal ingredients. \$75/ticket available at <https://wallace.org/event/farm-to-table-vegan-dinner/>.

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DREAMZ CAR SHOW**Friday, June 27, and Saturday, June 28****Spectators Sports Bar & Grill, 3200****Adventureland Drive, Altoona**

Enjoy two days of car culture, community and unforgettable moments. Friday, 9-11 p.m., kick things off with the event's first-ever Light Show. On Saturday, gates open at 2 p.m. The main car show is from 4-8 p.m. \$20 registration fee. Free entry for Spectators Awards at 8 p.m.

## CLIVE FESTIVAL

**Friday, July 18, to Saturday, July 19**

Mark your calendars for Clive's biggest (and best) community event. Enjoy free live music, Thunder Over Clive Fireworks, the Giant Slip-N' Slide, bounce houses, activities for kids, food trucks, Kids Art Expo, the Clive Running Festival, Clive Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, Touch a Truck, Cardboard Boat Regatta at Clive Aquatic Center and more. Check the Clive Festival Facebook page for details.

BEAVERDALE  
BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL**Saturday, July 19, 2:30-10 p.m.****Tower Park, 4900 Hickman Road, Des Moines**

Dust off your lawn chairs and mark your calendars, the Beaverdale Bluegrass Festival is back and better than ever. Set against the iconic backdrop of Des Moines' Tower Park, this free, family-friendly festival has a lineup stacked with bluegrass brilliance, a harmonious mix of local favorites and acclaimed touring acts that promise to have the whole park clapping, dancing, and singing along. Headlining this year's festival are The Po' Ramblin' Boys, a hard-driving quartet from the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. Additional acts include The Baberhood Bluegrass Band (Des Moines), The Weary Ramblers (Central Iowa), Songs from the Road Band (North Carolina), The Black Dirt Ramblers (Central Iowa) and Central Iowa Music Lab's Bluegrass All Stars, youth talent, kicking things off with an energetic set at 2:30 p.m.

In addition to great music, attendees can enjoy local food trucks, cold beverages, and a relaxed neighborhood atmosphere that's pure Beaverdale charm. Admission is free, and all ages are welcome. Bring a blanket, a friend, and your best foot-stomping attitude. For more details, visit [www.beaverdalebluegrass.com/](http://www.beaverdalebluegrass.com/) or follow along on social media for updates. ■

## RECIPE

# A PERFECT LEMON AND RASPBERRY PAIRING

*(Family Features)* Enjoy the richness of summer with this Ooey Gooley Lemon Cake, which pairs a soft lemony cake with a sweet-tart raspberry drizzle that's perfect for sharing with your nearest and dearest. ■

## OOEY GOOEY LEMON CAKE

*Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"*

### Cake:

- 1 stick butter, melted
- 1 box lemon cake mix
- 2 eggs

### Topping:

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 2 eggs
- 3 1/2 cups powdered sugar

### Raspberry Drizzle:

- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 cup fresh raspberries

### Directions:

- Heat oven to 350 F.
- **To make cake:** In bowl, mix



butter, cake mix and eggs until blended well but thick. Spread into buttered 9-by-13-inch pan.

- **To make topping:** In another bowl, using mixer, mix softened cream cheese, eggs and powdered sugar until blended well. Pour over cake mixture but do not mix. Bake 30-35 minutes until edges of cake are golden brown but center is not.

Wait until completely cooled to cut, 1-2 hours.

- To make drizzle: In saucepan over medium heat, add cornstarch and sugar. Mix in water and orange juice. Stir in raspberries and bring to boil. Remove from heat when it starts to thicken.
- Drizzle raspberry drizzle over each piece.

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- **My First Storytime** – Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Storytime** – Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.
- **Dallas County Conservation Storytime** – Monday, July 7 at 9:30 a.m.

### ALL-AGES

- **Family Concert with Celia is Rock!** – Monday, July 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Stage and Pavillion
- **Crafty Mondays** – Monday, July 7, 14, 21, 28 at 1 p.m.
- **Giant Board Games** – Friday, July 11 and 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Science Center of Iowa: Boom!** – Wednesday, July 23 at 1 p.m.

### TEEN

- **Teen Advisory Board** – Thursday, July 3 at 1 p.m.
- **Teen: Bingo for Books** – Thursday, July 3 at 2 p.m.
- **Tween: Library E-Sports** – Thursday, July 10, 17, 24 from 1-3 p.m.  
Registration required at [adelpl.org](http://adelpl.org).
- **Nerf Battle: Grades 6-12** – Friday, July 18 from 2-4 p.m.
- **Dungeons & Dragons: School of Adventure** – Saturday, July 19 from 1-4 p.m. Registration required at [adelpl.org](http://adelpl.org).
- **Library D&D** – Friday, July 25 at 1 p.m. Registration required at [adelpl.org](http://adelpl.org). ■

## 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. ■

### HARDWARE, FROM FRONT

Todd Chapman and Adel Hardware, LLC, are eager to carry forward the legacy of Baldon Hardware while introducing fresh ideas to serve the community for years to come. Under the new ownership, the store promises to maintain its dedication to quality

service and hometown values, while exploring ways to expand product offerings and enhance customer experience.

Baldon Hardware's last day of operation will be Saturday, June 28. Stop in for a visit, enjoy a sweet treat, and share some memories. Adel Hardware plans to reopen the store on Tuesday, July 1, at 8 a.m. ■

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