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BOUTIQUE OPENS: Attendees of the Adel Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting for Valtera Boutique, 710 Common Place, Suite 400, mingle and peruse merchandise on June 5. ■

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 88 | LOW 68

Cloudy with a thunderstorm



SATURDAY HIGH 92 | LOW 70

Partly sunny, warm and humid



SUNDAY HIGH 91 | LOW 67

Partly sunny, warm and humid



MONDAY HIGH 82 | LOW 64

Morning t-storm; sunny later



TUESDAY HIGH 83 | LOW 63

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

PRACITAL REPURPOSING

Repurposing is one of those trendy words used today to describe something that has been going on since the beginning of time. Basically, we find stuff we once used and then re-use it for a purpose that it was not originally intended for. Simple enough.

Sometimes, this repurposed stuff comes from items we find or that were handed down to us. Other times, they are things we saved years ago and suddenly found again. But, more often than not, repurposing is a result of a spur-of-the-moment decision to use stuff simply because it was available. Sound familiar?

Of course, some folks create works of art out of old stuff. Those people are truly impressive. My repurposing is clearly more practical than artistic.

I built a work bench out of an old deck I tore off our house.

It seemed like a good use of the lumber, and, so far, the bench is still standing.

I took the top off an old desk and now use it as a writing platform that I placed on top of a bumper pool table to give me a place to proof the printed pages of our publications in my home office.

My daughter Abby gathered my high school and college wrestling T-shirts and made them into my favorite quilt.

I recently found an old piece of heavy conduit in my garage that I used as a pole to string lights around on my deck. Looks like it was made for it.

I found a few old kitchen cupboards and installed them in my garage, along with some unwanted office file cabinets. They



work great for tool storage.

On a much simpler scale, I saved several heavy, porcelain knobs off an old dresser and use them as weighted handles on my shop light strings.

Today, I am working on an old pole my neighbor gave me and trying to piece together pulleys and string to make this thing into a working flag pole. And, as my wife would attest, I have a few other items waiting to be repurposed, too. I just haven't figured out exactly what to do with them yet.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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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.

ADULTS ONLY EVENING HIKE

Thursday, July 10, 7 p.m.

North Raccoon River Wildlife Area, Snyder Tract

21468 Minburn Road, Minburn

Ever been curious about the North Raccoon River Wildlife Area Snyder Tract trails? Come explore the paths that weave past the ponds and down to the river. Dress for going off trail to be protected from certain plants, and how wet your feet get is up to you.

BIG OWLS, LITTLE OWLS TOOT

Monday, Aug. 4, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Forest Park Museum, 14581 K. Ave., Perry

As part of International Owl Awareness Day, DCCB is presenting Big Owls Hoot, Little Owls Toot with its live Barred Owl.

WHAT'S ALL THE BUZZ ABOUT?

Friday, Aug. 8, 10 a.m.

Voas Nature Area, 19286 Lexington Road, Minburn

Bumble bees are highly fascinating and misunderstood insects of our ecosystem. In this program, learn what makes them so special and important, then go out to catch and ID some local species. Dress to be in the tall grass prairie. Naturalist will provide bee-catching materials. ■

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ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 28

9:30 a.m. **Baseball:** Varsity Double
Header vs. Gilbert

Monday, June 30

12 p.m. **Softball:** Varsity vs.
Carlisle

5 p.m. **Softball:** Freshman vs.
Boone

6:30 p.m. **Softball:** JV vs. Boone

Tuesday, July 1

3:30 p.m. **Softball:** Freshman vs.
Atlantic

5 p.m. **Baseball:** JV @ Ogden

5:30 p.m. **Softball:** JV @ Atlantic

7 p.m. **Baseball:** Varsity @
Ogden

7:30 p.m. **Softball:** Varsity @
Atlantic



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HISTORY

ADEL'S FIRST SWIMMING POOL

BY MIKE FLYNN

On Friday, Aug. 17, 2012, Adel's first municipal swimming pool closed its doors for the last time, replaced by an impressive new aquatic center. Its concrete walls and brick filter and bathhouse, a longtime fixture in Riverside Park, would soon be demolished. The historic old pool had its beginning during the Great Depression and had served the community for 75 years.

During that period of hard times, the citizens of Adel had a dream. They visualized a Utopian city with a vibrant commercial district, band concerts, a beautiful park and, of course, a swimming pool. The city fathers took that vision and went to work. They developed a plan whereby the city would sell bonds in the amount of \$9,000 to be repaid with an annual payment of \$675, including interest. The Works Progress Administration (WPA), a depression-era government program, would contribute approximately \$15,000 and most of the workers. The pool would be 65 feet wide and 130 feet long with facilities

for dressing rooms, showers and a complete sanitary filtration system. It would accommodate 300 people.

A special election was held on Aug. 25, 1936, for the citizens to approve or reject the plan. The proposal passed with a vote of 534 in favor and 109 opposed.

Work began on Nov. 4 and continued through the winter. Jake Wolfe was named foreman of the project, and Lafe Higgins was the engineer. Wolfe vowed to work every day they could to complete the project. Heated sand and gravel were used during freezing temperatures to prevent flaws in the concrete. In January, it was reported that the foundations for the pool and filter house were in, lines were run to the city sewer, water mains were laid and much other work completed.

In early May of 1937, Mayor W. D. Valentine announced that the much-anticipated opening date would be sometime in July. It was also announced that Carrol Nuzum, athletic director of the Adel High School, would be the first pool

manager.

Sunday July 19, 1937, was opening day. "The fences may not be up, the kiddies wading pool not completed and the benches and terraces yet to be put in place, but there will be water in the pool," Engineer Dale Swisher announced. "The pool will be turned over to the city at 9:30 that morning at which time a short talk will be given by E.C. Boudinot, Supt. of Operations for the W.P.A." Acceptance was made by Mayor Valentine.

Prices were set for the season as follows:

Rental of suits...Children 10 cents, Adults 15 cents

Single admission...Children 10 cents, Adults 25 cents

Season Tickets... Ages 5-12, \$1; 13-17, \$2; Adults 17-plus, \$3.50

Anyone over the age of 20 probably still has fond memories of the old pool. For many teens, their first real job was as a lifeguard or teaching swimming lessons. It was a place to hang out and cool off after baling hay or walking beans during a hot and humid Iowa summer. ■

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VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT TO DISTRIBUTE KID SUMMER FOOD PACKS

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. 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. ■



GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD PANTRY ADDS HOURS

The Good Samaritan Food Pantry at 215 N. 11th St., Adel (northeast corner of the ADM District Administration Center) has expanded its hours to include the third Saturday of the month, noon to 2 p.m. The pantry is also open Monday and Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. and the fourth Monday of the month from 5-6 p.m. ■

HELP VETERANS AT THE VA

Veterans at the Des Moines VA Hospital & Domicile and veterans served at the Des Moines 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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OF JULY CELEBRATION****July 2-4****Lions Park, 72nd Street and
N.W. Aurora Avenue, Urbandale**

Enjoy one of the area's largest Fourth of July parades, a carnival, and much more at Urbandale's Fourth of July Celebration. The parade is July 4 at 10 a.m. The carnival is each day of the celebration. Enjoy live music and a beverage garden, as well as many games for adults and children. For a complete schedule of events, visit <https://urbandale4thofjuly.org/>.

**WAUKEE INDEPENDENCE
DAY CELEBRATION****Thursday, July 3, and Friday, July 4****Centennial Park Open Air Shelter
1255 Warrior Lane, Waukee**

Visit Centennial Park on July 3 and 4 for inflatables, live music, tournaments, fireworks and more. Festivities kick off Thursday evening at 4:30 p.m. with yard games and food vendors. There will be a pie-eating contest, bubble gum blowing contest, bingo, an adult coed sand volleyball tournament and Movie in the Park, "Captain America: Brave New World" at dusk.

Saturday features events all day starting with the Waukee Freedom 5K, the Rotary Pancake Breakfast at the basketball court, followed by the parade at 10:30 a.m. starting at the intersection of S.E. Westown Parkway and S.E. LA Grant Parkway near South Middle School and heading north to Waukee Stadium.

Centennial Park will be a hub of activity for the afternoon and evening with food and beverage vendors; inflatables, Wipeout Game and Climbing Wall from 1-8 p.m. (wristband purchase required); adult bags tournament; live music from Cory Waller and The Wicket Things and Tyler Richton and The High Bank Boys from 4-9:30 a.m.; the Des Moines Skydivers at 8 p.m.; and a 9:30 p.m. fireworks show.

For more celebration details and schedule, visit www.waukee.org/777/Independence-Day-Celebration.

WAUKEE ARTS FESTIVAL**July 18-19****Centennial Park, 1255 Warrior Lane, Waukee**

Visit 140 vendor booths at the largest Waukee Arts Festival to date. Food and beverage trucks, the Waukee Fine Arts Footrace and numerous live bands are planned. For a full schedule of events, list of artists and festival updates, visit www.waukeeartsfestival.org.

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.

**DMPA FREE OUTDOOR
FAMILY EVENTS****Various dates and parks**

Des Moines Performing Arts announced the engagements headed to Des Moines as part of its 2025 Free Outdoor Family Events series. These free presentations are designed to engage new audiences and performing arts enthusiasts alike, while also removing the barrier of cost.

- **July 21-22:** Dupont Brass, parks across the metro
- **July 9, Aug. 13:** Storytime Under the Green Umbrella, Cowles Commons
- **July 12, Aug. 23:** Dancing on Cowles Commons

For more information including times and park locations, visit www.desmoinesperformingarts.org/whats-on/series/free-outdoor-family-events. ■

RECIPE

SIMPLIFY SUMMER WITH LIGHT LUNCHES

(Family Features) Summer days can get busy with trips to the pool, walks around the neighborhood and gatherings with friends and loved ones. Take the hassle out of lunch with these cucumber sandwiches that can be made in advance for afternoon pick-me-ups and visit Culinary.net to find more light, easy meals. ■

CUCUMBER SANDWICHES

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Yield: 4 sandwiches

Ingredients:

- Garlic toast
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup mayo
- 2 teaspoons dried dill
- 2 teaspoons thyme
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 2 cucumbers
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste

Directions:

- Cut crust off bread and set aside.
- In bowl, mix softened cream cheese, mayo, dill, thyme, onion powder and garlic powder.



Peel cucumbers then coarsely chop and add to cream cheese mixture. Add salt and pepper, to taste.

- Spread mixture over bread and cut into triangles.
- Tip: Recipe can be doubled, if needed.

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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. ■

HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPEN

The Adel Historical Museum, 1129 Main St., Adel, is open every Saturday, 1-3 p.m. and by appointment, for the summer. The Museum's Scavenger Hunt ends July 4. Winners will receive a gift certificate. The public is encouraged to enjoy the museum and its flower gardens. ■

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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.
- 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.
- My Silly Monster Creative Fun Time, for elementary ages, Wednesday, July 2, at 1 p.m.
- Tail Wagging Readers, for elementary ages, Thursday, July 3, at 4:30 p.m.
- Pokémon Academy, for elementary ages, Tuesday, July 8, from 2-3:30 p.m. Registration required at adelpl.org.
- Reading Dragon Party, for elementary ages, Wednesday, July 9, from 1-3 p.m.
- Teen Advisory Board, Thursday, July 3, at 1 p.m.
- Teen: Bingo for Books, Thursday, July 3, at 2 p.m.
- Adults: Yoga, every Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. Registration required at adelpl.org.
- Adult Bingo for Books, Tuesday, July 1, at 10 a.m. ■

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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