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## FAVORITES, FOOD AND FAMILY FUN

### GET READY FOR THE DALLAS COUNTY FAIR.

BY RACHEL HARRINGTON

For the past year, The Dallas County Fair Board has been preparing for the upcoming county fair July 8-12, and it is excited to share the highlights and new events that will be available for the community's enjoyment. Fair Board Secretary Sherry James shares that, this year, there will be no gate admission fee or fee for parking, and the carnival will be absolutely free as well, thanks to sponsors. Families can come and enjoy all the carnival rides without the burden of admission or ride tickets.

One of the main highlights of this year's Dallas County Fair will be the Mutton Bustin' and Rodeo in the



south arena on Thursday night. Free entertainment will abound all around the entertainment plaza in the middle of the fairgrounds. Returning crowd

favorites will include magic shows by Shaun Jay Magic, firefighter shows, the Bill Riley Talent Show Tuesday afternoon, Xtreme Strong Man, and City Council Barnyard Olympics. There will also be the 4-H/FFA BBQ on Tuesday evening at the county fair.

Livestock and pet shows will take place throughout the week, and, new this year will be some commercial vendors displaying indoors. The Fair Queen is crowned Friday at 3:30 p.m., right after the Little Miss Judging on Center Stage at 3 p.m.

There will be live music after each evening event at the south arena, except for Friday night during a concert. Grandstand entertainment will feature DJ Dallas and DJ BMoore on Thursday night from

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#### ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

##### FRIDAY HIGH 91 | LOW 72

Sunny, breezy and humid



##### SATURDAY HIGH 87 | LOW 67

Partly sunny and humid



##### SUNDAY HIGH 85 | LOW 64

After a cloudy start, sun returns



##### MONDAY HIGH 82 | LOW 66

Cloudy; t-storms late in the day



##### TUESDAY HIGH 83 | LOW 67

Partly cloudy; a couple t-storms



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

# REMEMBERING 'JAWS' AND THAT OMINOUS TWO-NOTE OSTINATO

Have you ever seen the movie, "Jaws"? If so, have you watched it again lately?

I watched it many years ago. It certainly wasn't at the theater, as I would have been 6 years old when it was released in 1975. But, somewhere along the line, I did see it. More than likely, it was a few years later in the made-for-TV version. I may have also rented a VHS tape or saw it on HBO at a friend's house. I'm not sure. Regardless, even with an ocean nowhere near by, that film caused me to cautiously enter any body of water for years to come.

If you don't know by now, "Jaws" was released 50 years ago, and some fans of the movie have been celebrating the anniversary with watch parties and nostalgic events related to the summer blockbuster film of its day. Interest in the original 1974 book by Peter Benchley has also experienced a surge. Keep in mind, "Jaws" was the highest-grossing film of all time until the release of "Star Wars" two years later.

Although I may not have seen the film at its release, I do remember the

classic movie poster with the giant shark nosing its way up in the ocean toward a naked woman swimming. Even at 6 years old, that caught my attention. I remember that poster image on T-shirts seemingly everywhere at the time, too. Roger Kastel created the iconic poster, as well as the one for "The Empire Strikes Back." Take the movie title off of the "Jaws" poster and most everyone could still name the film. Try that with any other movie poster, especially today.

Of course, the movie title was ingenious, too. What other single word could summarize the fear of sharks better and make millions of people think twice before dipping their toes in the ocean — or any water? Yes, director Steven Spielberg was, and at age 78 still is, a movie-making master.

But maybe the most identifiable aspect of the "Jaws" movie is the music score of only two notes by the illustrious John Williams. The score apparently was not well received by



Spielberg, who initially thought it was a joke. Williams then explained to him, "The sophisticated approach you would like me to take isn't the approach you took with the film I just experienced." Spielberg eventually agreed, and Williams earned an Academy Award for Best Original Score. Even for people today who never saw the movie, that ominous two-note ostinato clearly signifies approaching danger.

"Jaws" had a budget of \$9 million and box office sales alone of \$477.9 million. It was clearly a phenomenal success. Unfortunately, it had three awful sequels, including "Jaws 3-D" that I did see in a theater in 1983. I won't be seeking out that film, but I am going to catch the original again and may even read the book. And, for at least a few years, I will likely be avoiding the ocean.

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.

### FULL MOON FLOAT

**Saturday, Aug. 9, 8:30-9:30 p.m.**

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

See the ponds at the Snyder Tract in a new light, under the light of the full moon. DCCB staff will transport your canoe or kayak back to the ponds, then experience the magic of floating on still water under the stars. If nighttime fishing is your thing, bring a fishing pole to try your luck from your boat. Participants must provide canoe or kayaks, paddles and life jackets. Anglers will need a current fishing license. ■

## ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Monday, July 7

- 5 p.m. **Baseball:** JV vs. Carroll
- 5 p.m. **Softball:** JV vs. Bondurant-Farrar
- 7 p.m. **Baseball:** Varsity s. Carroll
- 7:15 p.m. **Softball:** Varsity vs. Carroll



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## HISTORY

# THE BONNET FACTORY

BY MIKE FLYNN

Did you know that Adel's city hall was once a glove and bonnet factory? The building that now houses our city government started life way back in 1907. It was built by Joe Roland and Carl Shroeder as a factory for the production of cotton flannel gloves, corn husking gloves (a glove with metal plates and hooks on the palm and palm side of the fingers used in husking corn) and sun bonnets. Their company, Adel Manufacturing Co., began by making stack covers. In 1906, they advertised they could make stack covers cheaper than could be bought anywhere else. They offered 15 sizes starting with a 10 by 18 at \$6.50 up to a 16 by 24 at \$19.50. How they got from stack covers to gloves and bonnets is anybody's guess.

In August of 1906, even before they had built their new building, it was announced that they had made a shipment of more than 400 dozen pairs of gloves and mittens to a Des Moines clothing firm.

Articles of incorporation were

filed on March 12, 1909, listing W. B. Kinnick, F. B. Kinnick, C. H. Shroeder, M. C. Shroeder and Charles Moon as members of the board of directors. The amount of capital stock was authorized at \$50,000.

An advertisement of the time stated that "At Adel Manufacturing Co., we can give good work to all who want to work at good wages. Those who have already learned how to run a power machine can earn from \$6-\$9 per week. On Sept. 15, we will have an instructor here to give lessons, the way the work can be done quickest and the best. To those learning and who expect to stay with us, we will guarantee \$3 per week."

The firm was also known as the Roland Bonnet Factory. Bonnets were an important part of a woman's wardrobe in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Bonnets protected women's complexions from sun exposure, maintained modesty, and signified social status. But, by the early 1900s, bonnets were quickly

losing favor to other forms of women's headgear.

In 1914, the building was sold, and the glove and bonnet business was relocated to Des Moines. The building was then used for storage until 1927 when C. M. Poffenberger, a retired farmer, purchased it and converted it into an apartment complex. He sold it to his son in 1936. Gordon Russel was the next owner, and it became affectionally known as "The Flats."

The building was used for apartments until 1991 when it was purchased by an ambitious entrepreneur named Kevin Rice. Rice also purchased the old railroad depot building across the tracks. He transformed the depot building into a restaurant and converted the old bonnet factory into a brewery... the Old Depot Brewing Company.

Rice was perhaps a bit too ambitious as the business failed, and he was forced to close in 1996.

The City of Adel completed the purchase of the building in 2001 and remodeled it into a fine city hall. ■

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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. ■

## 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. ■

## 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. ■



## 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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AND MARKET****Friday, July 11****Drake neighborhood****Kingman Boulevard and 28th St., Des Moines**[www.dna.wildapricot.org/Art-night](http://www.dna.wildapricot.org/Art-night)

The Drake neighborhood in Des Moines creates creatures of the night puppets to participate in the parade. The evening will also feature another Night Market with an eclectic mix of vendors, culinary delights and captivating entertainment, culminating in a mesmerizing lantern puppet parade down Kingsman Boulevard.

**DES MOINES BOTANICAL GARDEN  
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- **July 17:** Flash in a Pan
- **July 24:** The Crowfoot Rakes
- **July 31:** Mango Soul

**GOODGUYS 34TH SPEEDWAY  
MOTORS HEARTLAND NATIONALS****Friday, July 4 to Monday, July 7****Iowa State Fairgrounds****3000 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines**[www.good-guys.com](http://www.good-guys.com)

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**ANKENY SUMMERFEST****Friday, July 11 to Sunday, July 13****The District at Prairie Trail****1500 S.W. Main St., Ankeny**[www.ankenysummerfest.com](http://www.ankenysummerfest.com)

Activities at Ankeny's community celebration include carnival rides, parade, live entertainment, fireworks show and plenty more. The weekend is packed full of musical performances that the entire family can enjoy.

**NATIONAL BALLOON CLASSIC****July 25 to Aug. 2**[www.nationalballoonclassic.com](http://www.nationalballoonclassic.com)**Memorial Balloon Field****1136 150th Ave., Indianola**

Enjoy morning and evening balloon launches and the sight of colorful hot air balloons floating in the sky. Watch the competition and enjoy a variety of entertainment offered during The Classic.

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

Visit 140 vendor booths in 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](http://www.waukeeartsfestival.org).

**CLIVE FESTIVAL****Friday, July 18, to Saturday, July 19****Greenbelt near the Aquatic Center**

Mark your calendars for Clive's biggest (and best) community event. Enjoy free live music, Thunder Over Clive Fireworks, 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. ■

## RECIPE

# CHEESY, COMFORTING CHICKEN

*(Culinary.net)* A quick and easy way to get comfort food on your dinner table is this recipe for cheesy baked mushroom chicken. Add some green beans and mashed cauliflower for a well-rounded meal for your family. ■

## CHEESY BAKED MUSHROOM CHICKEN

### Ingredients:

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1/2 cup flour
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 8 ounces mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1/4 cup green onions, sliced

### Directions:

- Heat oven to 375 F. Prepare baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.
- Cut each chicken breast in half. Place flour in resealable bag.



- Place chicken in resealable bag with flour; toss to coat.
- In large skillet, melt butter. Add chicken to skillet; brown all sides. Transfer chicken from skillet to 11-by-7-inch baking dish.
- In skillet, sauté sliced mushrooms in remaining butter until softened. Add chicken broth, salt and pepper. Bring to boil, then cook 5 minutes. Spoon over chicken.
- Bake 15 minutes. Sprinkle with cheeses and green onions. Bake 5 minutes, or until cheese is melted.

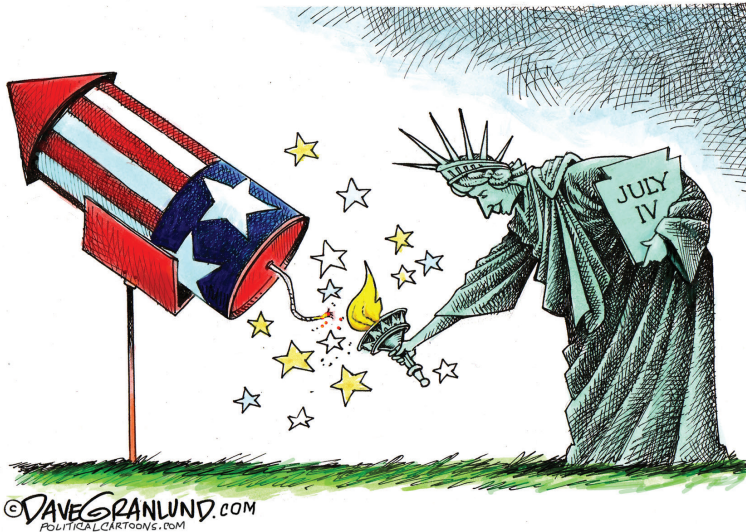
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- Family Concert with Celia is Rock! Monday, July 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Stage and Pavillion. ■

### FAIR, FROM FRONT

9 p.m. to midnight, followed by a concert by Matt Stell with special guest Jordan Beem on Friday night from 7-10 p.m. On Saturday night

from 6-10 p.m., there will be Figure 8 and Circle Track racing at the north track with live music by The Other Brothers. Fireworks will conclude the fair on Saturday night from 10-10:30 p.m. near the north track. ■

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