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"A Festivus for the rest of us." If you watched the popular TV show "Seinfeld" in the late 1990s, you are smiling right now. If you didn't watch the show, well, read on, as you can still smile.

Festivus was depicted on "Seinfeld" as a Dec. 23 holiday that includes a Festivus dinner, an aluminum Festivus pole, practices such as the "airing of grievances" and "feats of strength," and the labeling of explainable events as "Festivus miracles." It's a Costanza tradition.

Every time I hear the word "festival," I think of "Festivus." And, this time of year in Iowa, festivals are aplenty. For several decades now, Jolene and I have been traveling to various communities in our great state to partake in their wonderful community festivals, including the one we write about in this month's cover story.

Do these others sound familiar to you? Tulip Time in Pella. Mac and Cheese Festival in Dubuque. John Wayne Birthday Celebration in Winterset. Scandinavian Days in Story City. Bell Tower Festival in Jefferson. Good Egg Days in Stuart. Ice Cream Days in Le Mars. RibFest in Sioux City. Four Seasons Festival in Polk City. Truckers Jamboree in Walcott. Beef Days in Solon. National Balloon Classic in Indianola. Watermelon Days in Newell. Hobo Days in Britt. Pufferbilly Days in Boone. And, not to be left out, the Testicle Festival at Appleberry Orchard in Donnellson.

The list goes on. And on. If there is one thing we Iowans know how to do, it is how to throw a community festival.

Many of the festivals have similarities. Some focus on food. Others on drink. Many include music. But they all have at least one unique selling point that makes them truly stand out.

My dad would take me to festivals around our hometown when I was a kid, whether I wanted to go or not. He enjoyed connecting with people and reminiscing about days gone by — the same things I do today.

When it comes down to it, though, all of our community festivals are about wholesome fun — with or without the Festivus pole.

Have a great month, and thanks for reading. ■

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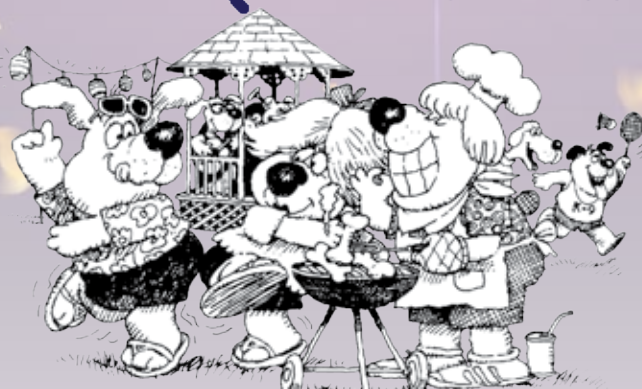
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Many volunteers show up to cook and serve corn at the Sweet Corn Festival.

SAVORING THE SWEET CORN FESTIVAL

Adel's signature event features family fun and tons of corn Aug. 8-9.

By Rachel Harrington

Another trip around the sun has brought the community back to the Sweet Corn Festival, a favorite time of year for Dallas County residents. The 46th annual Sweet Corn Festival will take place Aug. 8-9.

"I grew up in the Adel area, and I've been to the Sweet Corn Festival for many years, but this will be my first time attending as a chamber staff member," Casey Wheeler, communications and member engagement coordinator at the Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce, shares. "It will be fun to see all our planning and coordinating come to life."



Tons of fresh sweet corn, shucked the evening prior, are served up at the Sweet Corn Festival.

Pre-festival activities kick off on Thursday, Aug. 7, with the ADM Alumni Golf Tournament, a two-day event to be held at River Valley Golf Course. Proceeds help support the ADM Alumni Association. It is the largest fundraiser of the year for the association and often fills up quickly, so hopeful registrants should gather teams of four and register through the ADM Alumni Association website, www.admalumni.com/events/golftournament, as soon as possible.

On Friday, Aug. 8, the Sweet Corn Festival kicks off with shucking of the corn at 4:30 p.m. in the parking lot at 10th and Prairie.

“We’ve heard several people describe the festival as a ‘choose your own adventure,’ where families can pick and choose which events they’d like to participate in,” Erin Milroy, Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce president, shares. “This will be my first year helping facilitate the festival, alongside our wonderful committee chairs, volunteers and supporters. I especially want to thank my colleague, Casey Wheeler, who was so instrumental to all the hands that helped to pull this event together.”

Event planners anticipate nearly seven tons of corn will be eaten the following day by festival attendees, and everyone is invited to join in the fun. A new addition to the festival this year is Kernel Kid, an honor bestowed on a local child who has made a positive impact on the community. The recipient of the Kernel Kid award will be introduced around 4:30 p.m. Friday. Yard games will be available for the enjoyment of all festival visitors at the Raccoon Valley Bank Stage and Pavilion. Round off Friday evening with the corn dive at Adel Family Aquatic Center at 6 p.m.



A group effort is required to shuck all the corn.

Early risers can join in the Sweet Corn 5K Run/Walk at 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Beat the heat and join the excitement of the parade at 9:30 a.m. The parade route will run from 18th Street and Main Street to 11th Street, onto Prairie Street, then on to finish at 14th Street. Parade line-up will begin at 8:30 a.m. along Brickyard Road, and all entries must be submitted by 8:45 a.m. Those interested can come that morning as no registration or entry form is required.

This year, Josh Shull, the 2024 Citizen of the Year, is the Grand

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The Sweet Corn Festival parade is lead by the color guard.



After the sweet corn is shucked, it is stored overnight in a refrigerated truck so it is as fresh as can be when served.

Marshal of the parade, along with Uptown Vintage Market, the 2024 Business of the Year. After the parade, festivalgoers are invited to grab some of Adel's famous Deardorff sweet corn. The nearly 15,000 ears of corn is a gift free of charge from the Adel Partners Chamber, and it is said to run out quickly, so those interested are encouraged to show up early for the golden goodness.

Enjoy local talents of all kinds throughout

the day on Saturday. The Southern Comfort Band will perform from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Raccoon Valley Bank Stage and Pavilion, and Let's Dance, Adel Tumbling & Dance and Noted Studios will perform at noon, 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Dallas County Courthouse lawn. Looza Palooza, a local student band, will share its musical talents at the Raccoon Valley Bank Stage and Pavilion from 4-5:30 p.m. JJ &

The Boys will round out the music for the night at the Raccoon Valley Bank Stage and Pavilion from 7:30-11:30 p.m. In addition, Raccoon Valley Radio, KKRF 107.9, will be broadcasting live from the festival. They invite everyone to stop by to say hello at the intersection of Ninth and Main streets.

Families and individuals can join in the fun and display their skills in a bags tournament, hosted by St. John's Catholic Church, from

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11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the ADM District Administration Center. Tournament entry is \$30 per team, and registration begins at 10:30 a.m. Proceeds from the tournament support the St. John's Youth Organization. A Kids' Zone, sponsored by The Garlick Team, will welcome kids to jump, tumble and play on a variety of inflatables between noon and 4 p.m. in the parking lot of Raccoon Valley Bank. Round out the night by joining the street party on the corner of 10th Street between Court Street and Main Street on Saturday from 6:30 p.m. to midnight.

Redline Warriors is happy to present the Sweet Corn Car Show Saturday morning. Cruise-in time is from 10 a.m. to noon with showtime between noon and 4 p.m. Cars will be lined up along Court Street, and all makes and models are invited to come show off. Attendance is free. Those who enjoy and appreciate big rigs may consider attending the Sweet Corn Classic at the Dallas County Fairgrounds north parking lot on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. All truck classes are welcome.

The Adel Public Library will host a book

sale in conjunction with the Sweet Corn Festival. Early bird pricing begins Wednesday, Aug. 6 from 5-8 p.m. with a \$5 admission fee. The sale will continue Thursday through Saturday with free admission and a variety of books for all ages. Books can be purchased for a freewill donation, and all proceeds support library programs and services.

Craft and merchandise vendors will line the streets along Ninth and Main streets offering their best and creative wares for purchase. From savory corn dishes to sweet treats, ethnic cuisine to fruity teas and beverages, a variety of food vendors can be found along both sides of Main Street between Ninth and 11th streets, and informational vendors will be located along the west side of Ninth Street.

Festival attendees who want a lasting way to remember their time at the Sweet Corn Festival will be able to stop in at the Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce booth and purchase a T-shirt for \$20. The chamber is also launching "Bridge us Back" — a campaign to raise funds needed to restore access to the lighted bridge. A portion of the proceeds from the Sweet Corn Festival will go to the Lighted Bridge fund. The

community is invited to bring a "Shuck Yeah" attitude and generous spirit.

"This year, we are planning to unveil a commemorative plaque for Kenny Chapman — a lifelong icon and pillar of the Adel community," Milroy says. "We are so appreciative of his contributions to personally engineer the corn cooker and helping to establish the Adel Sweet Corn Festival as a cherished and highly attended tradition and festival. We're in the final design phase for this and will be excited to share more during the festival."

"We have many of the familiar events still happening throughout the festival," Milroy shares. "We encourage visitors to stop in to support Adel and our community's ability to deliver this festival free of charge. Finally, we'll be asking visitors to cast their kernel on some future ideas that are in the works for the community events."

"What I'm most looking forward to is seeing the joy in our participants — and witnessing the community spirit alive in every smile as we come together to celebrate our 46th annual Sweet Corn Festival." ■

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ROCK the Block revitalizes homes

Habitat for Humanity provides repairs.

Adel homeowners in the Kinnick-Feller Riverside Park area interested in having home repairs done for free can apply to the Dallas County Habitat for Humanity's Rock the Block program, a three-day, volunteer-led home preservation event set for Aug. 27–29.

The event partners with homeowners to complete critical home repairs, accessibility modifications and aging-in-place updates. It is an opportunity to revitalize both homes and neighborhoods while helping residents maintain their properties.

Through Rock the Block, volunteers will work on exterior-focused projects — such as constructing or replacing ramps, painting, repairing gutters, and cleaning up yards — at no cost to the homeowner. Participants may also qualify for additional assistance with interior repairs to be completed after the event.

“Here at Dallas County Habitat for Humanity, we understand the hard work that goes into homeownership and into maintaining a home,” Lindsey Rawson Van Wyk, community partnership coordinator for the Dallas County Habitat for Humanity, says. “We know the stability and benefits of homeownership, and we are committed to offering the Adel community a hand-up, not a hand-out, to support homeownership.”

Rock the Block is currently accepting and reviewing applications from Adel homeowners. Interested residents can contact Rawson Van Wyk at lrawsonvanwyk@gdmhabitat.org.

In addition to the home preservation work, Rock the Block is partnering with the city of Adel Parks and Recreation to complete a community space project, replacing the underpinning and mulch in Evans Park and installing a new play structure.

Various levels of sponsorship are available for Rock the Block. Interested businesses can reach out to Rawson Van Wyk for more information.

“This is an event for Adel, by Adel, and we would like to feature as many Adel businesses and partners as possible,” she says.

Volunteer opportunities are also available.

“Volunteering with Rock the Block is a great way to make a visible impact directly



The Dallas County Habitat for Humanity's Rock the Block program brings together sponsors and volunteers to provide essential home repairs in a targeted area.



on a homeowner and in your community,” Rawson Van Wyk says. “There is nothing like the feeling of accomplishment from swinging a hammer or sloshing a paint brush around and, at the end of the day, being able to see your

hard work.

“For the weeks and months to come, as you drive by the neighborhood, you will be able to see the benefit of your labor in action,” she adds. ■

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MEET Megan Rowe

A lifelong ADM Tiger

Megan Rowe has been a part of the ADM community her entire life. In fact, the majority of her extended family members are ADM alumni, too, with Rowe herself graduating in 2003.

She is also a longtime member of the teaching community. Rowe has been a teacher for 18 years — all of them spent in the ADM school district. She even student taught in the district while pursuing her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Northwest Missouri State University.

Initially, Rowe worked at DeSoto Intermediate, and, when Meadow View Elementary opened, she transferred there. In 2016, she was ready for a change and a challenge, so she made the switch to special education, earning her master's degree in teaching with a special education endorsement from Morningside College.

"The Meadow View Elementary Special Education team is the most knowledgeable and supportive team anyone could be lucky enough to work alongside," Rowe says. "We all have our own strengths that we bring to the team, and we are all willing to listen to, and learn from, one another. The kids are pretty great, too."

Rowe enjoys greeting all students in the hallways each morning and then "making her rounds."

"This is when I go personally check in with each one of my students in their general education classrooms," she explains.

Rowe knew she wanted to be a teacher from an early age since she enjoys being around children. As a teenager, she babysat and helped with the younger classes at the dance studio she attended.

"Honestly though, when it was time to choose a college major in high school, I likely thought elementary education sounded pretty good since teachers 'get summers off,' " she jokes. "I really enjoy my summers."

That's when Rowe has more quality time with her two young boys, filling their days with pool trips, library programs, zoo outings, movie nights and more.

Rowe's oldest son attends the same school where she teaches, which she has enjoyed.

"I've been able to peek in on him, get to know his friends, and embarrass him in the hallways," she shares. "Soon, my youngest will be at Meadow View."

And, with that, Rowe's family tradition in ADM continues. ■



Megan Rowe has taught in the ADM district for 18 years and is now a special education teacher at Meadow View.



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Adel Public Library

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Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday - Saturday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday: closed

BOOK SALE HOURS

- Wednesday, Aug. 6 from 6-8 p.m. early bird sale - \$5 entry
- Thursday, Aug. 7 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 9 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 11 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Please note that, although the library will be closed on Aug. 9 for the Sweet Corn Festival, the book sale will still be open.

ACTIVITIES

We're taking a short break from programming this month, but we still have some great stuff planned for August.

STORYTIMES

- Dallas County Conservation Storytime, Monday, Aug. 4 at 9:30 a.m.

ELEMENTARY

- All About Honey Bees, Monday, Aug. 11 at 2 p.m.
- Tail Wagging Readers, Thursday, Aug. 7 at 4:30 p.m.

FAMILY MOVIES

- Friday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m., "Sonic the Hedgehog 3"
- Friday, Aug. 22, 10 a.m., "Super Mario Bros."

TEEN

- Teen Advisory Board, Thursday, Aug. 7 at 1 p.m.

ADULTS

- Yoga, every Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. Register at adelpl.org.
- 50s Plus Senior Group, Tuesday, Aug. 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Healthy Habits with ISU Extension, Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 10 a.m.
- Evening Book Club, Thursday, Aug. 28 at 5:30 p.m. ■

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Costume Creations: Halloween fun is quickly approaching! If you forgo the off-the-rack costumes for something more creative, we want to hear from you. Tell us about your costume creations and the fun you had making them. Email tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com with your stories.

Wednesday Night Meal

Wednesdays, 5-6:30 p.m.
Adel United Methodist Church, 115 S. 10th St.

The Adel United Methodist Church is hosting a weekly meal in the fellowship hall downstairs. Serving is 5-6:30 p.m. This is a freewill donation meal. All are welcome.

Adel Aquatic Center Sweet Corn Dive

Friday, Aug. 8, 6 p.m.
Adel Aquatic Center,
1800 S. 15th St., Adel

This event offers a fun twist on diving for treasure, as kids scramble to collect corn cobs scattered across the pool floor. Participants compete to earn a free season pass or free swim lessons for the 2026 season.

Good Samaritan Food Pantry hours

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The Good Samaritan Food Pantry has added hours on the third Saturday of the month from noon to 2 p.m. Other hours are Monday and Tuesday, noon to 2 p.m., and the fourth Monday of the month, 5-6 p.m. For more information, call 515-478-3760.

Summer Series

Various dates
Country Lane Lodge,
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Enjoy live music, yard games, food trucks and full bar. Admission is free. Entertainment and food trucks for the various dates are:

- Aug. 13: JeNNi & NoNo, Chick-fil-A, Totally Rolled Ice Cream
- Aug. 20: Brian Allen, Zipp's Pizzeria, Totally Rolled Ice Cream
- Aug. 27: Jake Schrodtt, Pho Wheels & Sushi, Totally Rolled Ice

50s Plus meetings and events

First and third Tuesdays of the month,
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Adel Public Library, 303 S. 10th St.

Enjoy board games, conversation, coffee and food at the 50s Plus gatherings. They invite anyone in Adel and the surrounding area to join. 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.

Mobile Food Bank

Fourth Wednesdays of the month
New Hope Church,
25712 Highway 6, Adel

Adel Mobile Food Bank is the fourth Wednesday of the month at New Hope Church in Adel from 5-6:30 p.m. or until the food is gone. This is a drive-thru pickup for free groceries.

Class of 1965 60th Annual Class Reunion

Saturday, Aug. 9
Old bus depot on the corner of Greene Street and South 11th Street, Adel

The class of 1965 will meet at Dennis Leininger's tailgate party after the Adel Sweet Corn Festival Parade for lunch. Bring a donation to the ADM Scholarship Fund.

Adel Aquatic Center Doggy Dip

Sunday, Aug. 10, 6 p.m.
Adel Aquatic Center,
1800 S. 15th St., Adel

The Doggy Dip returns on the final day the pool is open. Furry friends of all shapes and sizes are invited to take a swim as we say goodbye to the summer. This event costs \$6 per dog.

ADM Athletic Hall of Fame Induction

Saturday, Aug. 9, 2 p.m.
ADM High School Auditorium

The 2025 ADM Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony is open to the public and free to attend. Athletes being inducted into the Class of 2025 ADM Athletic Hall of Fame are: Gavin Glenn — Class of 2012, Zach Johnston — Class of 2016, Mike Whisner — Coach 1982-2018 and Randy York — Class of 1971. Displays will be set up in the high school commons.

Adel Farmers Market

Tuesdays through September, 4-7 p.m.
Dallas County Fairgrounds, 28057 Fairground Road, Adel

Enjoy this open air market featuring more than 40 vendors with a range of homegrown and homemade products from local farmers, bakers and artisans. This is a family event with food trucks and music. ■

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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 — Racoon 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. ■

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“No days off.”

Have you ever heard this phrase? Generally, “no days off” is meant to inspire or encourage someone to keep working hard and to stay committed to a particular goal, oftentimes a physical or athletic accomplishment. To commit to something every day of your life is truly an investment and speaks volumes about one’s priorities. In 2021, Barna research group reported that only 16% of American adults read the Bible most days of the week. It follows that the percentage who read it every day is less. It should be noted that not all Americans are Christians, thus I would hope the percentage of American Christians who read the Bible most days of the week would be higher.



I find myself wondering why Christians don’t take a “no days off” mentality to spending time in God’s word. I think it’s indicative of one’s life priorities. We will naturally commit the most time and effort to those things which we believe will bring the most reward. If Christians aren’t reading their Bible, it’s either because they don’t understand or fully believe in the power of God’s word or it’s because their relationship with God isn’t high enough on the priority list.

Like many things in life, reading the Bible comes naturally and easily sometimes, and, at other times, it’s harder. For this reason, we call scripture reading a spiritual discipline, and, not unlike weightlifting or running or practicing an instrument, it can be hard sometimes. Taking “no days off” requires discipline and resolve, and it’s so worth it. Commitment to reading God’s word will grow our faith and will encourage us in our walk with Jesus. As we

keep our eyes on the Lord and trust him to be faithful, he will not disappoint us.

This is something we’ll be talking about at high school and middle school youth group this year — the power of God’s word. We will be challenging students to spend time every day in the Bible and to pray for God to minister to them and to teach them. I’m excited to hear the stories of God’s faithfulness in their lives. Hebrews 4:12 reminds us that God’s word is living and active. This truth serves as a promise that, as we commit to the study of God’s word, it will change us, and it will give us life. What a tremendous promise. Will you join our youth this fall and take “no days off” from studying God’s word? ■

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Schedule of Events

Friday, August 8

4:30pm Shucking of the Corn Parking lot at 10th & Prairie
Introduce the **KERNEL KID**

Family-Friendly Yard Games Raccoon Valley Bank Stage & Pavilion

6:00pm Corn Dive Adel Aquatic Center - 1800 S 15th

Saturday, August 9

7:30am Sweet Corn 5K Run/Walk ADM DAC - 215 N 11th

9:30am Parade 18th & Main - 11th, Prairie to 14th

11:00am **FREE SWEET CORN** while it lasts 10th between Main & Prairie

11:30 – 3:00pm The Southern Comfort Band Raccoon Valley Bank Stage & Pavilion

11:30 – 4:00pm Bags Tournament ADM DAC - 215 N 11th *HOSTED BY ST. JOHN'S*

12:00 – 4:00pm Car Show 9th & Court *HOSTED BY REDLINE WARRIORS*

12:00 – 4:00pm Kids Zone 10th & Court *SPONSORED BY THE GARLICK TEAM*

12:00pm Let's Dance Dallas County Courthouse

1:00pm Adel Tumbling & Dance Dallas County Courthouse

2:30pm Noted Studios Dallas County Courthouse

4:00 – 5:30pm Looza Palooza Raccoon Valley Bank Stage & Pavilion

6:30pm – midnight **Street Party** 10th & Main

7:30 – 11:30pm JJ & The Boys Raccoon Valley Bank Stage & Pavilion



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Thursday, August 7

ADM ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

The ADM Alumni Golf Tournament is a two-day fun-filled golf outing. Gather your team and head out to River Valley Golf Course to reconnect, enjoy a great day on the course, and support the ADM Alumni Association!

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Friday, August 8

SHUCKING OF THE CORN

The night before the big Festival, join residents as we shuck nearly 7 tons of sweet corn to be eaten the next day by the Festival-goers. Bring your families to the Adel Public Safety Building parking lot from 4:30-7:30! Come when you can, leave when you have to. Beverages are provided!

CORN DIVE

6:00pm at Adel Aquatic Center

Join Adel Parks & Rec at the Aquatic Center for the 3rd annual Corn Dive! Bring your kids out to dive for an ear of corn. They will have the chance to win a free season pass or free swim lessons for 2026!

Saturday, August 9

SWEET CORN FESTIVAL 5K

7:30am Start Time

Kick off your Sweet Corn Festival day with the Sweet Corn Festival 5K. This is a fun, family-friendly run through Adel that's perfect for all paces! Lace up and join us Saturday morning before the festivities begin!

Packet Pickup: ADM DAC - 215 N 11TH

August 8 - 4:00-6:30pm

August 9 - 6:00-7:00am

Dallas County Landfill is closed on Saturday, August 9

KERNEL KID

We're excited to introduce a special new tradition at the Sweet Corn Festival — the **Kernel Kid**! Each year, the Adel Chamber will honor one extraordinary local child who has made a positive impact on our community. The Kernel Kid will have the honor of shucking the first ear of corn to kick off Friday night! This year's inaugural Kernel Kid is **Sage Young**, a brave and inspiring young Adel resident who has just completed his journey of beating cancer. Read all about him in our Feature Story!



FAMILY FRIENDLY GAMES

Head down to the Raccoon Valley Bank Stage & Pavilion for family-friendly games during the Corn Shucking! Brought to you by Faith Lutheran Church, this event is the perfect way to kick off Sweet Corn Festival weekend. Bring the whole crew and enjoy games and fun times!



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SWEET CORN PARADE

LINEUP: 8:30AM

PARADE START: 9:30 AM

LINE-UP DETAILS

- Staging begins at 8:30 AM
- All entries must be in place by 8:45 AM
- No registration or entry form required
- Each entry is limited to one vehicle
- Maintain 20 feet between entries
- Vehicles should not stop on the route

ARRIVAL & PARKING

- Parking at the starting point is extremely limited
- Please arrive with your parade unit already assembled
- Do not drive west on Main or Prairie to line up

STAGING LOCATIONS

- Floats: Enter via Greene, turn north on Visions Parkway, and line up along Brickyard Road
- Walking groups: Gather at S 18th and Brickyard Road
- Emergency vehicles: Enter via Rapids and line up at N 19th and Main beside the Brickyard parking lot

PARADE ROUTE

The parade will begin at S 18th Street, travel east on Main Street through downtown Adel, turn left on S 11th Street, then right on Prairie Street, continue to S 14th Street, turn left, and exit at Greene Street (Hwy 6)

SAFETY REMINDERS

- Be cautious when throwing candy
- Do not throw small, hard rubber balls or similar small toys
- Entries may return to the starting point via S 14th and Greene (Hwy 6). Do not return via Prairie

Questions:

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PARADE GRAND MARSHALS

JOSH SHULL

2024 Citizen of the Year

Josh Shull has been named Adel's 2024 Citizen of the Year for his outstanding leadership, dedication, and community spirit. As the driving force behind the Adel Lions Club Flag Program, Josh has helped grow the initiative into a beloved tradition—organizing 80-100 volunteers to place over 2,800 flags across 28 routes, five times each year. Josh's commitment to this patriotic display and his support of other community groups through the program has created a lasting impact and made him a truly deserving honoree.



UPTOWN VINTAGE MARKET

2024 Business of the Year

Congratulations to Uptown Vintage Market, named the 2024 Adel Business of the Year, and to owner Matt Roundcount. Matt has brought a fresh business model to Adel with a shop full of unique art and vintage treasures while also revitalizing a key corner property in town. He's supported community projects like the Adel Partners and Trails Committee sidewalk mural. His creativity and commitment to community improvement make him a standout leader in Adel.



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After the parade, make sure to get in line for Adel's famous Deardorff sweet corn! Each year, the Adel Partners Chamber purchases approximately 15,000 ears of this delicious corn to be shucked, cooked, and given away for **FREE** at the Festival! The cooking process for the corn is an amazing thing to see, be sure to check it out. We know you will enjoy eating a few ears of corn as you explore the Festival. The corn typically runs out by mid-afternoon, so plan to come early!



KIDS ZONE presented by The Garlick Team

The Kids Zone at the Sweet Corn Festival offers free fun for little ones from 12:00–4:00 PM in the Raccoon Valley Bank parking lot on the east side of 10th Street. Kids can bounce, play, and burn off some energy in the inflatable attractions—perfect for an afternoon of festival fun. It's a must-stop for families enjoying the day!



BAGS TOURNAMENT Hosted by St. John's Catholic Church

Get ready to toss for a cause at the Sweet Corn Festival Bags Tournament! The tournament kicks off at 11:30 AM on Saturday, August 9 at the ADM DAC (215 N 11th St), with registration starting at 10:30 AM. Entry is \$30 per team, and all proceeds support activities for the St. John's Youth Organization. Gather your team and join the fun while giving back to a great local cause!



SWEET CORN CAR SHOW presented by Redline Warriors

Rev up your engines for the Sweet Corn Festival Car Show! The Cruise-In runs from 10:00am to 12:00pm, with Showtime from 12:00 to 4:00 PM on Court Street, just north of the square. All makes and models are welcome - no entry fee required. Whether you're a classic car enthusiast or just love a good shine, this show is a must-see!

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RACCOON VALLEY RADIO Broadcasting Live

KKRF 107.9 Radio will be broadcasting live from the Sweet Corn Festival. You can find them at the intersection of 9th & Main. Stop by and they might even interview you!



SWEET CORN CLASSIC Dallas County Fairgrounds

Don't miss the 14th Annual Sweet Corn Classic Truck Show on August 9, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Dallas County Fairgrounds north parking lot in Adel, Iowa. Hosted by the American Truck Historical Society, this free event welcomes all truck classes -



bobtail, show, combination, working, and antique. Come check out an incredible lineup of trucks and connect with fellow enthusiasts!

BOOK SALE

Adel Public Library

Don't miss the Adel Public Library Book Sale, with all proceeds supporting library programs and services. The sale kicks off with an Early Bird Sale on Wednesday, August 6 from 5-8 PM—admission is just \$5 for this exclusive first access. The sale continues with free admission Thursday through Saturday and again on Monday, August 11, during regular sale hours. Browse books for all ages and pay what you can—it's a free will donation event!

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- 9th Street Smash & Tap 11:00am-9:00pm
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- Adel Family Fun Center 11:00am-7:00pm
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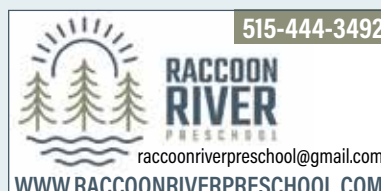
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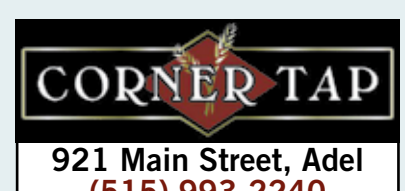
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Festival's early years

Darold Snow, president of the Adel Chamber of Commerce, proposed that Adel establish an annual event comparable in prominence to Winterset's Covered Bridge Festival and Pella's Tulip Festival. Inspired by this vision, the inaugural Sweet Corn Festival was scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 9, 1980, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., to be held on the courthouse square. Snow announced that home-grown sweet corn would be boiled and sold for 5 cents per ear at the festival, featuring music from the Wild Bunch, a tug of war, various games, art and craft displays, and booths by local businesses. Ten acres of corn, grown on land provided by Bob Fuller and tended by Ted Van Fossen and Jay Dwight Brown, were harvested for the event. Snow explained the goal was to thank locals with an affordable day of fun. About 2,000 people attended the first festival. The sweet corn was given out for free.

The following year, 1981, the second festival was held. There was an appearance by the Life Flight helicopter, and "Maximillian's Journeys," a film journey up the Mississippi River, was shown. Kenny Chapman easily won the cow chip toss.

1982 saw the addition of water fights. A group of farmers defeated both the Lions and Rotary clubs to take the local honors. Teams from as far away as Mt. Ayr and Council Bluffs competed in the fire department competition.

The fourth annual festival entertained the largest crowd ever. One-and-a-half tons of corn were served.

For 1984, the Scottish Heritage Bagpipe Band entertained another record crowd. Linda Chapman, chair of the event, announced that the number of booths had doubled from the previous year.

The 1985 event featured the first Sweet Corn Festival parade, with more than 85 entrants. A crowd of more than 2,000 consumed 2.5 tons of sweet corn that year. Also new was a nighttime fireworks display.

New for 1986 was mud volleyball. Three tons of free buttery sweet corn were consumed at that year's event. The parade lined up at the elementary school and travelled down Main Street.

In 1987, the festival continued to expand, featuring more art and craft booths, activities, an antique car display, and a tug-of-war contest. Notably, a beer garden and street dance were introduced after regular events (to preserve the family-friendly atmosphere). A new corn cooker was built by Ken Chapman and used stainless steel components. Attendance was expected to reach 8,000, with 3.75 tons of corn served.

The ninth annual festival (1988) added a pie baking competition and auction as well as a cook-off contest. The state was suffering from drought, but the four tons of corn for this year's event arrived from northern Iowa without an issue.

This popular event continues to grow and has become one of the premier festivals in Iowa. The 46th Sweet Corn Festival will be held Saturday, Aug. 9. Seven tons of sweet corn (now supplied locally by Deardorff Farms) is expected to be served. ■

HOW TO plan a multi-room renovation

While tackling one home improvement project at a time has its benefits, it may be more cost and time effective to take on a multi-room or whole-home renovation. Get started with these steps:

1. Define your goals. Start by listing your biggest "pain points." Is the kitchen outdated? Do you need another bedroom for a growing family? Next, list "nice to haves," like built-in shelving or real hardwood floors. Knowing your priorities will help guide decisions and budget.

2. Financial considerations. Once objectives are clear, consider the financial investment needed for your project to come to life. Will you use savings, a home equity loan, or line of credit? Check with your bank for financing options. Consider how long you plan to stay in your home and the potential return on investment.

3. Find your contractor match. Look for contractors with experience in similar projects and strong communication. A reliable contractor will help you strategize, stay on budget and avoid surprises. They should also offer clear processes, transparent pricing and a realistic timeline.

4. Plan for daily life during construction. Decide if you can live in your home during the renovation. If so, plan where you will cook and sleep. Be prepared for a little inconvenience. With a good plan and contractor, it will be worth it. ■



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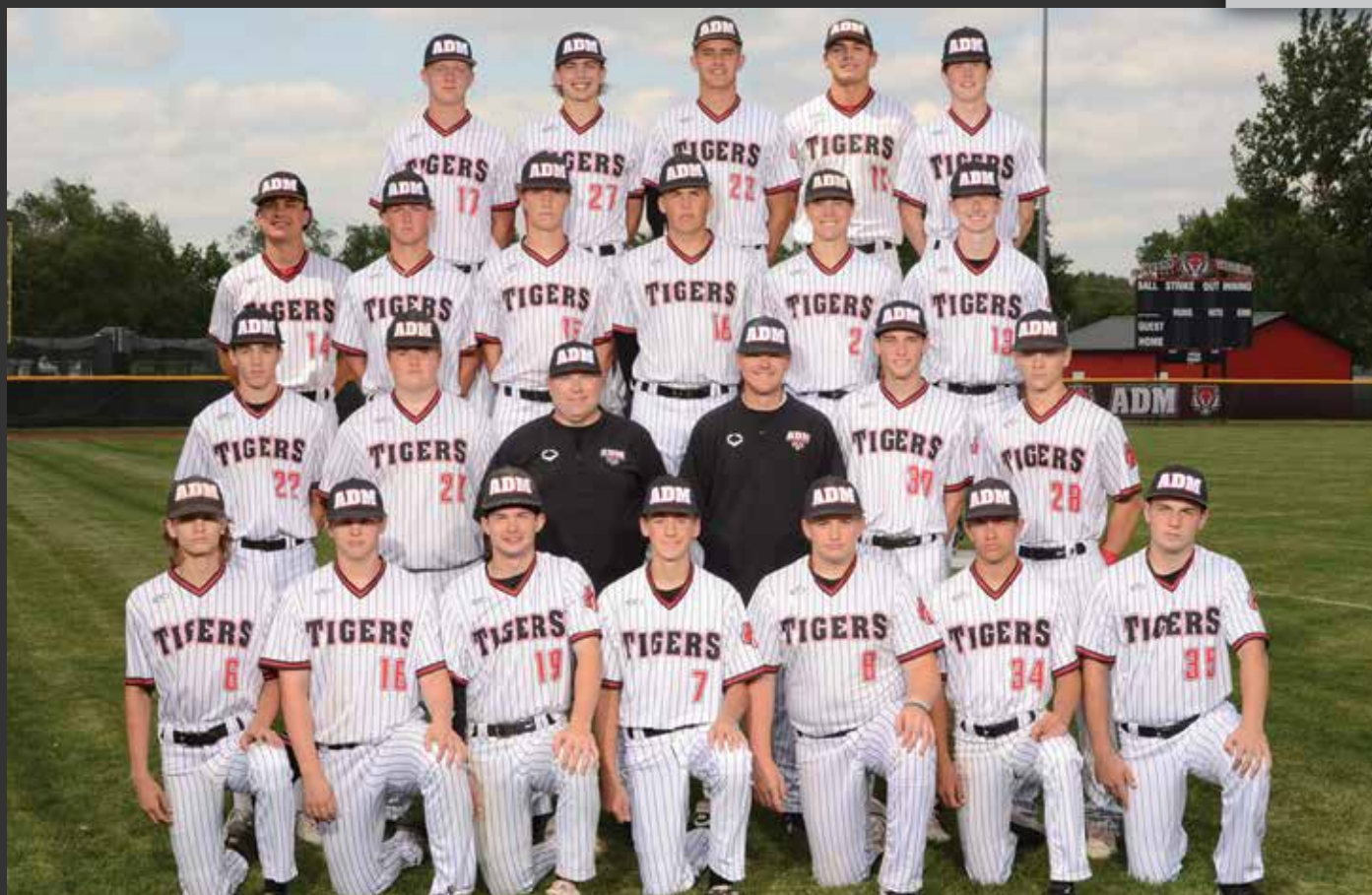
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HEALTH

By Leslie Herron

PHARMACY — new and improved

An updated Iowa Pharmacy Practice Act, passed by the legislature in 2024, is now in effect. It greatly modernizes the regulation of pharmacy in the state. Instead of rigid rules that list exactly what pharmacists can and can't do, it now uses a “standard of care” model, meaning pharmacists are trusted to use their professional judgment, just like doctors and nurses.



Here's what that means in everyday terms:

Pharmacists are now officially considered practitioners, which allows them to prescribe medications and make therapeutic substitutions (like switching to a similar drug that's more affordable or covered by insurance).

They no longer need special permission for every new service or technology, as long as it's safe and within their training.

Tele-pharmacy rules were relaxed, making it easier for rural areas to access pharmacy services.

The law removes outdated “bright line” rules that were overly specific and restrictive, giving pharmacists more flexibility to provide direct care to their patients.

The goal is to make pharmacy care more responsive, efficient and patient-centered — without compromising safety. Pharmacists are developing new clinical services they can now perform right in your pharmacy. It's a big win for patient access to care, especially in underserved communities. ■

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HEALTH

By Alicia Fisher, PT, DPT

Q: What is benign paroxysmal positional vertigo?

A: BPPV is a problem in the inner ear that gives the sensation of the room spinning when a person changes their head or body position. Often, BPPV is accompanied by nausea and/or vomiting. One of the most common complaints is dizziness with rolling over, sitting up, bending forward or looking up. However, BPPV symptoms can occur with any motion of the head or a change in body position.



The dizziness “spells” usually last for a minute or less, but they can also be persistent. BPPV stems from a problem of floating “debris” in one or more of the three canals in the inner ear. A physical therapist is able to diagnose which canal is problematic and then treat the dizziness with a series of repositioning movements to rid the inner ear of the floating debris. If repositioning is successful, dizziness can be fully resolved. The longer the vertigo is present without treatment, the more treatments may be needed to improve the symptoms, and, once a person has had one episode of BPPV, they are 30% more likely to have a recurrence. ■

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• **Use the same pharmacy for every prescription.** This is especially important if you have multiple doctors to help ensure your prescriptions will not interact. Consistency is important for good health.

• **Update your information.** Have you been diagnosed with a new condition or have had unwanted side effects? Keeping your information updated can help your pharmacist spot red flags. Has your address or phone number changed? Let them know so they can contact you if needed.

• **Ask questions about over-the-counter medications.** OTC medications do not require a prescription, but they can interact with

other medications, lessen their effects, or adversely impact a chronic condition.

• **Ask for help.** Do you frequently run out or need to make multiple trips to the pharmacy? Ask if the pharmacy offers any programs such as delivery, medicine synchronization, or compliance packaging to help keep you on track.

• **Annual medication review.** Ask your pharmacist to review your prescriptions. They can work with your physician(s) to keep your medicine regime up to date and most cost effective under your current health plan.

• **Immunizations.** Ask your pharmacist if you are due for any immunizations. From COVID-19 vaccines to influenza, shingles and tetanus, they can provide them all and can easily check your eligibility.

Building a strong healthcare team is the first step to bettering your outcome. It's your health. If you are unsure of a diagnosis or treatment, don't be afraid to ask questions. If you don't understand the answer, ask for clarification until you understand. Your team is here to work for you. ■

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NAME, Image and Likeness: The House Settlement

The NCAA and the Power 5 conferences agreed to a settlement that was finalized in June. The House Settlement provides universities to a) provide monetary payments to current Division I athletes; b) participate in revenue sharing; and c) adhere to mandatory roster limits.

Schools are now allowed to pay student athletes for being a student-athlete. Schools can pay up to 22% of the average annual revenue of all participating institutions, which is estimated at \$20.5 million for 2025 (which will increase in successive years). Each school has discretion on which athletes to pay and how much those athletes will receive.

The House Settlement mandates certain roster limits for each sport but provides that schools no longer have scholarship limits moving forward. For example, Iowa Hawkeye football had a roster of about 130 players last year but could only give 85 scholarships. For the 2026-27 school year, football teams are limited to having



a roster of 105 players. However, schools may now provide, but are not mandated to provide, every student-athlete on the football team with a scholarship.

The House Settlement also requires the establishment of the College Sports Commission (CSC), which will be responsible for enforcing revenue sharing and third-party NIL deals. The CSC will manage NIL Go, which will be responsible for evaluating third-party NIL deals. NIL Go will evaluate NIL agreements over \$600 to ensure the deals are based on fair market value (FMV) standard. This is meant to curtail a collective from paying a student-athlete compensation that is clearly above fair market value consideration. An example of such a third-party deal might be a car dealership paying a student-athlete \$25,000 to show up and sign autographs for two hours. An exception to that example might be if that student-athlete was the next Caitlin Clark. In that case, \$25,000 in compensation could be deemed a FMV for such an appearance.

The House Settlement has been seen as a net positive for student-athletes as it opens the door for more compensation. However, the mandated

roster limits have already forced teams like Iowa Hawkeye football to cut approximately 30 players from its roster. Many commentators wished that the roster limits at a minimum would have been phased in over time to allow walk-on athletes to remain on the team throughout their collegiate career. This settlement also puts more financial pressure on the schools themselves as most schools are planning to pay out the maximum revenue sharing of \$20.5 million. If schools decide not to max out the revenue sharing to student-athletes, those schools will be operating at a competitive disadvantage.

There have already been lawsuits filed in response to these new rules stemming from the House Settlement, and more legal actions should be expected. Lawsuits will raise questions such as limiting student-athletes' compensation, adverse effects from athletes being cut due to roster limits, and Title IX gender issues. President Trump has also reportedly considered issuing an Executive Order which would limit payments to athletes. In short, this ain't over yet... stay tuned. ■

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MOM'S Chicken Salad

Lately, I've been hooked on chicken salad — making a fresh batch every week for quick, satisfying lunches and the occasional no-fuss dinner. It is incredibly convenient to have a flavorful, ready-to-eat meal waiting in the fridge. I love its versatility, too, as it is perfect to pile on toast, toss over greens, or simply enjoy by the spoonful.



This version (I can't really call it a recipe) is more of a method passed down from my mother. She never measured anything, but just added a bit of this and a scoop of that, adjusting as she tasted. I have kept that spirit but added a few of my own touches along the way. I sometimes swap out the mayo for Greek yogurt, skip the onions (some family members are not fans), and change up the nuts depending on what I have on hand. I also ditched the sugar in favor of honey or a splash of lemon juice for brightness. Personally, I leave out mustard — but if you love that tangy kick, try stirring in a tablespoon of Dijon for a bold, earthy note.

It's a flexible formula that can be adjusted to your tastes — and your family's. Enjoy! ■

Information provided by Jolene Goodman, vice president of Big Green Umbrella Media.

Lois' Chicken Salad

Ingredients:

- 3 cups chicken, diced
- ½-1 cup celery, diced
- ¼-½ cup onion, minced (optional)
- ½-1 cup of red grapes, cut in half (or use mandarin oranges)
- ¼-¾ cup pecans, chopped (or use walnuts or almonds)
- 2 tablespoons honey (or a splash of lemon juice)
- 1-¼ cup mayonnaise (or low-fat Greek yogurt), add more if needed
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon salt

Directions

- Add first five ingredients to a medium-sized bowl. In a smaller bowl, combine the last 5 ingredients and add to the first bowl. Mix. Chill for one to two hours so flavors blend. Enjoy on bread, toast, bed of greens or on its own. Makes six to eight servings.



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Common scams happening right now:

- Phishing emails and texts: Scammers send messages that appear to be from your bank, utility provider or a delivery service. These often include urgent messages with links designed to steal login credentials.
- Fake phone calls ("spoofing"): Scammers use caller ID spoofing to make it look like a call is coming from a trusted number. They may pose

as bank representatives or government officials demanding immediate payment.

- Romance and friendship scams: Fraudsters build online relationships over time then ask for money for "emergencies" or fake investment opportunities.
- Check and deposit fraud: Victims receive a fake check and are asked to deposit it and send part of the funds back. The check later bounces, and the victim is left owing the bank.
- Tech support scams: Pop-ups or calls warn of a "virus" on your device and request remote access or payment for fake services.
- Social media marketplace fraud: Fake buyers or sellers ask for deposits, send fraudulent payment confirmations or steal personal information.

How to protect yourself:

- Never share personal information via email or text: Banks and legitimate companies will never ask for account details, passwords or PINs through email or text.
- Verify the source: Always double-check

phone numbers and email addresses. If unsure, call the company directly using a verified number — not the one in the message.

- Enable two-factor authentication: Add an extra layer of protection to your banking, email and social media accounts.
 - Monitor your accounts regularly: Check transactions frequently using your bank's mobile app or online banking to spot suspicious activity early.
 - Use strong, unique passwords: Avoid reusing passwords across sites and consider using a password manager.
 - Report suspicious activity immediately: If you suspect fraud, contact your bank and report it to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).
- Staying vigilant and banking with a local, trusted institution gives you the tools and support to recognize scams early and keep your finances safe. ■

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SWEET CORN Festival

Kernel Kid – Sage Young

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The Adel Sweet Corn Festival boasts a long-standing tradition of offering free sweet corn during its annual festival.

This year, the Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce added a new feature: the Kernel Kid. The Kernel Kid is an honorary title given to an ADM student who has made a positive impact in the Adel community.

This year's Kernel Kid is 7-year-old Sage Young of Adel. Sage is currently one of five brand ambassadors for St. Baldrick's Foundation. St. Baldrick's Foundation is the largest charity funder of childhood cancer research grants.

Sage, along with his parents, Betsey and Forrest Young, explain how they became involved. Sage was diagnosed at age 4 with acute lymphoblastic leukemia B cell cancer. He began cancer treatments shortly after he was diagnosed, which continued for three and a half years.

During that time, clinical trials helped to produce new drugs and treatments and were available to other children with the same cancers, cutting a year off of the children's cancer treatment.

Betsey says, "The clinical trials were staggering. It's pretty cool to see what cancer research can do and why it's so important."

Sage "rang the bell" on May 7, 2025, signifying his cancer treatment was complete. Throughout his cancer journey, the Youngs also established a non-profit, Building Brave Teams. It supports local kids in their cancer journey by providing care packages and support for both parents and their child. Betsey includes two of the children's books she wrote about families facing a cancer diagnosis.

The Youngs have been fundraising and attending head-shaving events, where attendees pledge to give money to St. Baldrick's.

They've also traveled to Washington D.C. twice to meet with lawmakers to ensure that funding for pediatric research continues and doctors remain in rural areas.

Betsey says she wants to give back and help other families who may be suffering due to their child's cancer diagnosis.

"I want to advocate and make sure research is available for the next kid," she reflects. "I knew there was a bigger meaning to Sage's diagnosis. We want to spread awareness."

During the Sweet Corn Festival shucking on Friday evening, Sage will be on hand to shuck the first ear of corn. Then, he will ride in the parade route right behind the mayor, signifying he's the Kernel Kid.

"It's super exciting for Sage to have this honor, and it motivates kids to get that recognition," she says.

For more information, visit www.buildingbraveteams.com or www.stbaldricks.org. ■

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Sage Young and his family celebrate the "ring the bell" ceremony at the end of Sage's cancer treatments.

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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.



A ribbon cutting was held for Edencrest at Adel on June 26.



Suzy Chapman and Gretchan Chapman at the ribbon cutting for Edencrest at Adel on June 26.



Adel Mayor Jim Peters at the ribbon cutting for Edencrest at Adel on June 26.



Angie Mague and Mo Manning at the ribbon cutting for Edencrest at Adel on June 26.



Roxanne Pals and Kristi Fuller at the ribbon cutting for Edencrest at Adel on June 26.



Erin Milroy and Brittany Sandquist at the ribbon cutting for Edencrest at Adel on June 26.



Marion Conover and Bob Ockerman at the ribbon cutting for Edencrest at Adel on June 26.



Dave Latz, Melody Marshall, Clark Marshall and Mary Jane Cook at the ribbon cutting for Edencrest at Adel on June 26.

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- **Location:** Kinnick-Feller Park
- **When:** Thursdays Evenings, August 14 – September 25 + tournament
- **Deadline:** August 1

Iowa Park & Rec Day @ the Iowa State Fair – Thursday, August 14, find us at the fair for some friendly competitions including bubble gum blowing, big wheel races, scavenger hunt, and more!



ADEL FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

Season passes, swim lessons, birthday parties, and private rentals can be purchased online at adel.activityreg.com

Corn Dive – Friday, August 8 at 6 pm. Dive for your chance to win season passes, swim lessons, and concession vouchers for the 2026 season.

Doggy Dip – August 10

Small dogs - under 35 lbs. 6:30 – 7 pm

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\$6 per dog humans free (no human swimmers)



ADEL FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER HOURS:

- 6:30–8am Lap Swim M – F
- 12:30–5pm Open Swim M – F
- 6–8pm Open Swim M – TH
- Noon–1 pm Family swim Sat – Sun
- 1–6pm Open Swim Sat– Sun

Final Day of the Swim Season is August 10th

JOB OPENINGS WITH CITY OF ADEL:

Visit <http://www.adeliowa.gov/government/forms/employment.php> for all our current job openings with the City of Adel.

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