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## SAVORING THE SWEET CORN FESTIVAL 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.

Pre-festival activities kicked 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. 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.

Event planners anticipate nearly seven tons of corn will be eaten Saturday 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.

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, travel from 11th Street to 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

*See the full story and official Sweet Corn Festival Guide in the Adel Living magazine, delivered to homes Aug. 7.*



**FESTIVAL, CONTINUED ON BACK**

### ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

**FRIDAY HIGH 96 | LOW 71**

Sunny, humid and breezy



**SATURDAY HIGH 88 | LOW 71**

Partly cloudy and humid



**SUNDAY HIGH 84 | LOW 67**

Cloudy and uncomfortably humid



**MONDAY HIGH 83 | LOW 66**

Partly cloudy and humid



**TUESDAY HIGH 83 | LOW 64**

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

# 'I SEE NOTHING!'

I spent way too much time on the living room floor in front of our Magnavox console TV set when I was a child, much like how kids today spend too much time on their phones. For me, it was an after-school ritual where I connected with "The Floppy Show," "Speed Racer" and "The Electric Company." Sometimes, my older brother would join. Other times, I would watch with friends. But, typically, I simply viewed the shows by myself for a couple of hours in peace and quiet before supper was served. This didn't happen every day, mind you. I did have lawns to mow, football games to play and homework to do, but I was clearly fascinated with TV.

During that time, I was also introduced to a number of TV shows that were no longer airing in prime time but could be seen in syndication on weekday afternoons. I learned from Bobby what happens when you put too much soap in the washing machine on "The Brady Bunch." I discovered how dangerous quicksand could be on "Gilligan's Island." And I came to know what a "cement pond" and the "fancy eating table" were from "The

Beverly Hillbillies."

But the one show I truly looked forward to was "Hogan's Heroes." Yes, this sitcom that was set in a prisoner-of-war (POW) camp in Nazi Germany during World War II doesn't hardly seem like something that would catch the attention of a kid in the 1970s, but it sure did.

The show, which originally ran for six seasons, was about a group of Allied prisoners who use the POW camp as an operations base for sabotage and espionage activities directed against Nazi Germany. But, it was more than that. Somehow, the show's creators took one of the world's most serious of subjects and made it funny. The cast of heroes showed a dedication to their cause while we laughed at the incompetence of the German leaders. Hogan. LeBeau. Newkirk. Kinch. Carter. The show was clearly never made to entertain kids, but it did, at least this one.

One by one, the actors who portrayed the stars of the show met their own demise, including the



aforementioned as well as the ones who played Klink, Schultz, Burkhalter and Hochstetter. (An interesting side note — these four actors who portrayed the German officers were all Jewish.)

The only remaining cast member who was still alive passed away recently. His name was Kenneth Washington, and he played U.S. Sergeant Richard Baker in season six, assuming the duties of Sergeant Kinchloe (Kinch) after Ivan Dixon left the series. Washington was 89.

I can't help but wonder if any TV shows in the recent era would have the same impact on kids today as "Hogan's Heroes" did on me and, likely, many of you. I can't name one, certainly not from broadcast TV. How about you? Have a TV show that continues to connect with you, from past or present? Send me a note and let me know.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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# ADM ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

The 2025 ADM Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held Saturday, Aug. 9 at 2 p.m. at the ADM High School Auditorium. This event 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.

The inductees will be honored at the Sweet Corn Festival on Saturday, Aug. 9. Displays will be set up in the high school commons. ■

# VINTAGE & MADE FAIR

Vintage & Made Fair is inspired by indie craft and all things vintage. At this indoor/outdoor market, you will find vintage home décor, jewelry, handcrafted goods and everything you need to create a vintage and handmade lifestyle. The fair is a one-day event on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. where shoppers and more than 150 vendors from all over the Midwest can share a love for vintage and indie craft at the Dallas County Fairgrounds, 28057 Fairgrounds Road, Adel. Admission is \$10 per person. Those 12 and younger are free. ■

# SWEET CORN FESTIVAL AT ADEL UMC

The Adel United Methodist Church, 115 S. 10th St., invites the public to stop by during the annual Sweet Corn Festival Saturday. There will be shade and seating, temporary tattoos, root beer making, the parade at 9:30 a.m. and Praise Band performance at 11 a.m. For more information, call 515-993-3791 or email umcadel@msn.com. ■

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**SAVORING THE SWEET CORN FESTIVAL**

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

Meet Megan Rowe, EDUCATION

Mom's chicken salad RECIPE

Sweet Corn Festival's Kernel Kid is Sage Young, CHAIRMAN





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### ELLA MAY WALSTON YOUNG

Ella May Walston Young, 96, died Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at Spurgeon Senior Community in Dallas Center. A celebration of life was held on Aug. 6 at New Hope Church in Adel.

Ella May was born on Dec. 7, 1928, near Adel. She graduated from Adel High School in 1946 and earned a teaching certificate from Simpson College and taught at Galva, De Soto, Exira and Minburn, as well as working at Northwestern Bell Telephone. She was a member of Adel Women's Club, Friends of the Library, and enjoyed attending New Hope Church. Her marriage to James Leon Young on March 24, 1951, in Perry, during an ice storm, lasted 69 years.

She had a soft spot in her heart for all animals, especially cats. Feeding the birds and squirrels was a favorite hobby, as well as reading, gardening, ceramics and cooking, always ready to welcome family for Sunday dinner. Some of the best times included a cup of coffee with friends playing cards, board games and reminiscing about the good old days. She always enjoyed a good laugh and was known for her sweet smile.

Ella May is survived by her children, Dan (Carolyn) Young, Donna Stark and Dave (Kathy) Young; grandchildren Keely (Kallen) Moore, Sage (Rebecca) Stevens, Sarah Cantrell (Jim Harris), Levi (Amber) Stevens and Chris (Stacy) Cantrell; and great-grandchildren Lynlee, Quincy, Bridger, Sam, Emma, Anna, Emma, Maggie, Owen, Evy, Ally and Theo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Leon Young; siblings Dorris Mefford and Charles "Chuck" Walston; and son-in-law Walter W. Stark Jr. Ella May will be laid to rest with a private burial at Greenwood Cemetery in Minburn. ■



### ARETTA MAE FOLLOWWILL GRAEVE

Aretta Mae Followwill Graeve died Tuesday, July 29, 2025. A Funeral Mass was held Aug. 2 at St. John's Catholic Church in Adel. Interment followed at Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Dallas Center. Memorial contributions may be made to the Adel Public Library.

Mae was born on June 17, 1940, in rural Warren County. She was the "leader of the pack" of her siblings: Oda LaVonne, Norma Charlene, Glenda Rose, Charles David, Mary Belle and Carl Joseph. She watched over them by helping to carry in firewood, milking the cow, dancing and singing with her sisters before the school bus came. She went to East High School in Des Moines her junior year. She graduated from St. Charles High School in 1959 as valedictorian.

Mae met Don Graeve working at Bishop's Cafeteria in Des Moines. Their marriage in August 1960 at St. Peter Catholic Church in Des Moines lasted 65 years. Their love was shown daily to their three children.

Mae worked for many years at Bell Telephone company as a telephone operator and advanced to the architecture drawing department for line repairmen. She was on a softball team, and she and Don were on a bowling team. They were also members of the Iowa Polka Club with Mae serving as president. Often, the club danced at the Iowa State Fair. She was also a member of the Adel Women's Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Carl Joseph Followwill; nephew, Alan Lance Followwill; and niece, Charlotte Irene Crawford.

She is survived by her husband, Don Graeve; children: Cynthia Dingman, Deanna Lynn and Craig Graeve; brother and sisters: Oda LaVonne, Norma Adams, Rose Crawford, David Followwill and Mary Belle Hill; her uncle, Charles Harper; and many in-laws, cousins, nephews, nieces and friends. ■





## EVENTS IN THE AREA

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## IOWA STATE FAIR GRANDSTAND ACTS

**PARKER MCCOLLUM****Friday, Aug. 8 at 8 p.m.****Opener: Josh Abbott Band**

Parker McCollum is a country music singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. He was recently nominated for the 2024 CMA Song of the Year for his platinum song, "Burn It Down."

**MEGAN MORONEY****Saturday, Aug. 9 at 8 p.m.****Opener: Kameron Marlowe**

Another country music star takes the stage during the first weekend of grandstand performances. Megan Moroney has more than 1.5 billion streams to date.

**PITBULL****Sunday, Aug. 10 at 8 p.m.****Opener: Neon Union**

Rap megastar Pitbull's list of accolades includes multiple Billboard Music Awards, a Grammy for Best Latin Rock, Urban or Alternative Album for his 2016 album, "Dale," and many more.

**LYNYRD SKYNYRD****Monday, Aug. 11 at 8 p.m.****Opener: The Outlaws**

It's been more than 50 years since the iconic rock band released its debut album, and the group is still rocking.

**RASCAL FLATTS****Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 8 p.m.****Opener: Neal McCoy**

Rascal Flatts has won more than 40 honors from the ACA, ACM, People's Choice and more.

**HAIRBALL'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY TOUR****Wednesday, Aug. 13 at 8 p.m.**

Hairball's two-hour-long performance sees the group pay homage to rock and roll icons such as Van Halen, KISS, Motley Crue, Queen, Journey and Aerosmith, to name a few.

**DEF LEPPARD****Thursday, Aug. 14 at 8 p.m.****Opener: Phil X & The Drills**

Generations of rock fans have listened to and appreciated the talents of Def Leppard. The group has two albums among the best-selling records of all time: "Pyromania" and "Hysteria."

**HANK WILLIAMS JR.****Friday, Aug. 15 at 8 p.m.****Opener: Old Crow Medicine Show**

Hank Williams Jr. won his first Country Music Entertainer of the Year award in 1987. "Hank Live" and "Born to Boogie" became platinum hits, and Hank Jr. would win CMA's album of the year in 1988.

**T-PAIN****Saturday, Aug. 16 at 8 p.m.****Opener: charlionnafriday**

T-Pain is one of the most influential and popular hip-hop/rap stars around. The artist has sold more than 50 million singles and produced 10 No. 1 songs on Billboard's Hot 100, including "Buy U a Drank," "Bartender," "I'm Sprung" and more.

**KIDZ BOP LIVE****Sunday, Aug. 17 at 6 p.m.**

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## LEMON CHICKEN SPAGHETTI

*Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"*

*Servings: 4-6*

### Ingredients:

- 1 pound spaghetti noodles
- 2 chicken breasts
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 tablespoons lemon pepper
- 1/2 cup avocado oil
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1 teaspoon lemon pepper (optional)

### Directions:

- Cook noodles according to package instructions. Cut chicken into bite-sized pieces.



- In bowl, mix flour and lemon pepper. Mix chicken in flour until evenly coated.
- In skillet over medium heat, add oil and butter. Add chicken and fry until golden brown. Remove from skillet and set aside.
- Empty skillet but don't wipe clean. Add chicken broth and,

- using spoon, stir bits from chicken over medium heat. Add heavy cream, Parmesan cheese and onion powder. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Add lemon powder, if desired. Stir until well combined then add chicken.
- Serve over cooked noodles or mix noodles into skillet.

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submitted by 8:45 a.m. Those interested can come that morning as no registration or entry form is required.

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 from 4-5:30 p.m. JJ & The Boys will round out the music for the night at the Raccoon Valley Bank Stage from 7:30-11:30 p.m. In addition, Raccoon Valley Radio, KKRF 107.9, will be broadcasting live from the festival. Families and individuals can join in the fun and display their skills in a bags tournament, hosted by St.

John's Catholic Church, from 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 presents 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. 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. The chamber is also asking visitors to cast their kernel on some future ideas that are in the works for the community events. ■

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