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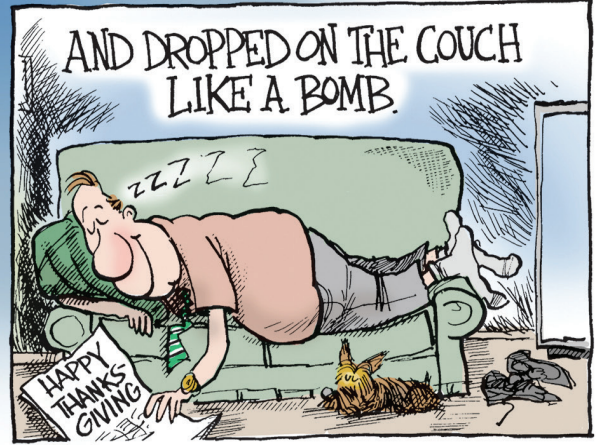
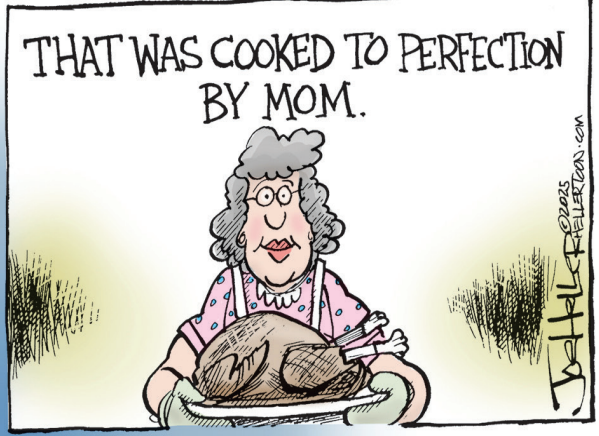
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ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 31 | LOW 26

Cloudy and cold; p.m. flurries



SATURDAY HIGH 31 | LOW 23

Cloudy with a little snow



SUNDAY HIGH 31 | LOW 23

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MONDAY HIGH 32 | LOW 21

Cloudy



TUESDAY HIGH 30 | LOW 15

Intervals of clouds and sunshine



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

STAIRS AND SQUARES

Compared to today's electronic tablets, it may seem archaic. And, it kind of is. But, in its day, this flat gray screen in a red plastic frame with two white knobs on the front was mind-blowing.

I am, of course, referring to the popular Etch A Sketch toy. And, with Christmas quickly approaching, this seems like a good time to look back at this wondrous device.

André Cassagnes of France invented the Etch A Sketch in the late 1950s and called it "L'Écran Magique," which means the magic screen. And, how magical it was. This mechanical drawing toy was later manufactured by the Ohio Art Company and is still being produced and sold today, now by Spin Master of Canada.

Turn left. Turn right. Shake to erase. I would like to claim that I mastered this and created works of art with my Etch A Sketch. I didn't. I knew the left knob would move the stylus horizontally, and the right one would move it vertically. And, I figured out that turning both knobs

simultaneously made diagonal lines. Still, all I could muster were stairs and squares. This toy was clearly created for kids with more patience than I had. For some reason, though, I really enjoyed the shaking process to erase everything, except when I did it accidentally.

Do you ever wonder how an Etch A Sketch works? Much like the answer to how many licks it takes to get to the Tootsie Roll center of a Tootsie Pop, the world may never know — unless you took one apart as a child, like my brother and I did. We found a stylus in there, along with some aluminum powder and 10 pulleys, six cables and two rails. Putting it back together didn't go as planned.

The Etch A Sketch was introduced in 1960 and sold for \$2.99. More than 600,000 units were sold that year, making it one of the best-selling toys of the era. Its accolades continued. In 1998, it was inducted



into the National Toy Hall of Fame. In 2003, the Toy Industry Association named it one of the 100 most memorable toys of the 20th century. In total, more than 100 million units have been sold worldwide, and they are still going.

If you are old enough, you may have had an Etch A Sketch with a plate glass screen, which was apparently easily broken and a danger to children and barefooted parents. By 1970, the toy was redesigned, replacing the glass plate with, you guessed it, plastic.

I am not sure how popular the Etch A Sketch would be with today's kids, but I know it kept my attention for short periods of time while I drew those stairs and squares, and it continues to make me smile today.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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LIGHT UP ADEL HOLIDAY LUMINARY

The Adel Women's Club is selling luminary kits for the second annual Light Up Adel event. Kits are \$10 and include five plastic-coated, reusable weather resistant bags, five LED candles, and five baggies for adding material of your choice for weight in the bags.

Memorials are \$5 each. Names are recorded in a permanent record and will be read aloud at the Dec. 14 Holiday Celebration and Community Display.

Starting at 4:30 p.m., The Adel Women's Club will be serving holiday refreshments at the Raccoon Valley Bank Adel Community House, 1016 Main St., Adel. They will sing carols and read the memorial luminary names at the Adel Pavilion. Luminaries will be displayed in the area. The Adel Community is asked to display their luminaries in front of their homes on Dec. 14 as well.

Luminary kits are currently available at Adel Flowers and Gifts, 801 Main St., Adel. They will also be available at Real Deals, 211 S. Seventh St., Adel, on Saturday, Nov. 29 from noon to 3 p.m., and Dec. 5 at the Adel Sip and Sample on the Courthouse Square or by emailing adelwomensclub@gmail.com. ■

ST. JOHN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 30, St. John's Catholic Church will host its annual pancake breakfast around 9:30 a.m. following mass. There will be someone dressed as St. Nicholas at the breakfast. ■

CHARLIE'S FREE MARKET

Charlie's Free Market is an opportunity for families to pick out toys for their children free of charge. Come to Adel Faith Lutheran Church, 602 S. 14th St., on Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. ■

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3:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys
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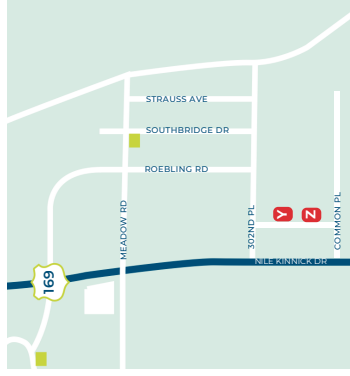
Sip & Sample

Friday, December 5
5:00-7:30PM

Stop in to local Chamber
businesses to meet their
staff, learn about their
business, and enjoy a tasty
sample along the way!



South to DeSoto



Court Street

- A** • Raccoon Valley Bank
1009 Court Street
- Luellen Chiropractic

Main Street

- B** • Azalea Lane Boutique
803 Main
- C** • Remax Precision Adel
805 Main
- D** • Spiked IV Infusions
807 Main
- Dallas County Hospital
- E** • Adel Vision Clinic
813 Main
- F** • Great White Buffalo
Public House
815 Main
- H** • Insight CPA
911 Main
- I** • Hopkins & Huebner
1009 Main
- J** • Knights of Columbus
1016 Main - Raccoon Valley
Stage & Pavilion

9th Street

- K** • Adel HealthMart
113 N 9th
- L** • American Legion
119 N 9th
- Adel Legion Post 464
- Adel Rotary
- MercyOne Family Clinic

- M** • River to River Bakery
109 N 9th

- N** • Dallas County
Administration Building
121 N 9th

- Adel Women's Club
- Noted Studios
Performances
- Letters to Santa

- O** • First Christian Church

Festival of Trees

- P** • 9th Street Bakery
318 S 9th

10th Street

- Q** • Adel Public Safety Building
102 S 10th
- Sunflower Chef Bakery
- Dallas County Habitat for
Humanity

- R** • Adel United Methodist Church
115 S 10th
- Live Nativity**

Nile Kinnick Dr

- S** • Brick Street Storage
202 Nile Kinnick Dr N
- Black Water Bakery
- Country Lane Lodge
- Edencrest at Adel
- Heartland Handcrafted
- New Hope Care
Community

- T** • Adel Dental Group
202 Nile Kinnick Dr S

- U** • Salt and Light Massage
203 Nile Kinnick Dr S

- V** • Lincoln Savings Bank
312 Nile Kinnick Dr S

Around Adel

- W** • Real Deals
211 S 7th St

- X** • Peoples Bank
804 Greenwood Hills Dr

- Y** • The Iowa Clinic
710 Common Place - Suite 700

- Z** • Valterra Boutique
710 Common Place - Suite 400

Photos with Santa

1016 Main - Raccoon Valley
Community House

PARTNERS
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Lollipop Woods

1:30-3:00PM

Adel Public Library
303 S 10th Street

- Balloon animals with Mrs. Claus
- Snack on cookies & hot cocoa
- Holiday crafts (while supplies last)

2:00-4:00PM

Adel City Hall angled parking spots
301 S 10th Street

Mingle with live reindeer from Antler Acres!

Sponsored by Edencrest at Adel & Twin Eagles East - Kading Properties

Gumdrop Pass

5:00PM

Downtown Adel Square

- Caroling with the Girl Scouts
- Lighting of the Tree

Sip & Sample | 5:00-7:30PM

See list of participating locations
Stroll through Adel businesses for family-friendly festive treats

Photos with Santa - Raccoon Valley Community House

Brought to you by Adel Kiwanis
5:00-5:30PM
sensory-friendly Santa experience

Performances by:

Let's Dance - Courthouse Lawn
Noted Studios - Dallas County Administration Building

Letters to Santa

Dallas County Administration Building

Rainbow Trail

7:45-8:00PM

Downtown Adel Square

Lighted Parade - see route

Community Christmas Caroling

Raccoon Valley Stage & Pavilion

EVENTS IN THE AREA

EMAIL YOUR EVENT INFORMATION TO
TAMMY@IOWALIVINGMAGAZINES.COM**JINGLE IN THE JUNCTION****Thursdays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, 5-8 p.m.****5th Street Main Street District, West Des Moines**

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Weekly rotating features include live reindeer and specialty performers. See the full event schedule at <https://valleyjunction.com/upcoming-events/>.

**ENTIRELY KIDS DAY: TOGETHER****Saturday, Nov. 29, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.****Des Moines Art Center****4700 Grand Ave, Des Moines**

Celebrate the joy of creating and connecting at Entirely Kids Day: Together at the Des Moines Art Center. Inspired by “Manuel Álvarez Bravo: Collaborations,” an exhibition surrounding collaborative photography, and the vibrant portraits of “Aliza Nisenbaum: Día de los Muertos,” this free, family-friendly event invites kids and their families to explore how art brings people together.

Enjoy a day of hands-on art making, playful movement, and gallery activities — including special collaborations with Pied Piper Studios and Seedlings Children’s Theater. Discover what’s possible when we create side by side in this celebration of art, connection, and community. For



information, visit <https://desmoinesartcenter.org/event/entirely-kids-day-together/>.

STORIES WITH ST. NICHOLAS**Sunday, Dec. 14, 4-8 p.m.****Water Works Park****2201 George Flagg Parkway, Des Moines**

Immerse yourself in a special presentation from St. Nicholas and his reindeer, along with the Top Hat Carolers. St Nicholas will read “Twas the Night Before Christmas” along with a reading of “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” from none other than the Grinch himself.

IOWA BIKE EXPO AND BANQUET**Saturday, Jan. 24, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.****Iowa Events Center, 730 Third St., Des Moines**

The Iowa Bike Expo and Banquet serves as the annual celebration for the Iowa Bicycle Coalition, bringing together cyclists and trail lovers, advocates, vendors, donors, supporters and partner organizations to advance the Iowa Bicycle Coalition’s mission to promote safe, accessible and enjoyable cycling for everyone in Iowa. The Iowa Bicycle Coalition is excited to announce both Ayesha McGowan and Connor Fields as the dynamic dual keynote speakers for the event. The Iowa Bike Expo is free and open to the public, featuring 120-plus vendors. For information, visit www.iowabikeexpo.com.

Individual tickets for Bike Banquet early bird rate are \$45 and tables of 10 for \$450 until Dec. 15. Tickets are available at www.eventbrite.com/e/iowa-bike-expo-and-banquet-tickets-1925662862459. ■


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THYME-ROASTED GARDEN VEGGIES

*Recipe courtesy of
"Cookin' Savvy"*
Servings: 4-6

Ingredients:

- 2 zucchinis
- 2 yellow squashes
- 2 tomatoes
- 2 carrots
- avocado oil
- 2 tablespoons thyme
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Directions:

- Heat oven or grill to 425 F.
- Cut zucchinis, squashes, tomatoes and carrots into bite-sized pieces. Place on lined baking sheet. Drizzle with avocado oil. Sprinkle with thyme and garlic then season with salt and pepper, to taste. Top with Parmesan cheese.
- Bake or grill 30 minutes until fork tender.



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JOHNNY A. JOHNSON

Johnny A. Johnson, 84, of Adel, died Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025, at Adel Acres Care Center. Johnny was born on Jan. 12, 1941, in Adel. He graduated from Adel High School in 1959, serving as class president. In 1963, he was united in marriage to Judy (Kirk) Johnson and they had two children, Johnny A. Johnson IV and Kristine K. Johnson (Canney).

He worked construction with his father in Johnson and Johnson Construction for many years. The landscape of Adel is dotted with many houses they built together. Later he worked as a rural route mail carrier before retirement. Johnny enjoyed traveling the backroads with his dog Willy, reading history, bird watching, planting enormous gardens to give away produce, and had an extensive collection of unique rocks.

He is survived by his sister, Sue Dickerson; his daughter, Kristy (Tim) Canney; granddaughters, Katie (Brian) Fyfe, Haley (Ryan) Vandall and Sydney (Josh) Cheek; and great-grandchildren, Addison, Daniel, James and Johnny Fyfe and Leeland and Ellie Vandall, and one on the way. Johnny was preceded in death by his parents and his son. No services are planned per Johnny's wishes.

A private family burial will take place in the future. Memorial donations may be directed in Johnny's honor to the Puppy Jake Foundation, 3101 104th St., Suite 2, Urbandale, IA 50322. ■

SOUP DINNER WITH FANCY DESSERTS

Adel First Christian Church invites you to a Soup Dinner with Fancy Desserts on Sunday, Dec. 14, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Adel First Christian Church, 218 N. Ninth St., Adel. Come dine in the magic of the Festival of Trees. Free will offering. ■

HOLIDAY SPIRIT CONCERT

Adel United Methodist Church will hold its Holiday Spirit Concert in the Fellowship Hall, 115 S. 10th St., on Saturday, Dec. 6, 5:30 p.m. Enjoy the sounds of the holidays. A freewill donation will be accepted for Tori's Angels. ■

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