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## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



The Adel Kiwanis Club recognized January Students of the Month, Carter Haaland, Robbie Hall and Haley James, at the Jan. 20 club meeting at Patrick's Restaurant in Adel. ■

### ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

**FRIDAY HIGH 58 | LOW 33**

Sunny much of the time



**SATURDAY HIGH 57 | LOW 31**

Sunshine giving way to clouds



**SUNDAY HIGH 64 | LOW 37**

Mostly sunny



**MONDAY HIGH 64 | LOW 40**

Partly sunny



**TUESDAY HIGH 65 | LOW 43**

Sun through high clouds



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

**'DON'T CARRY A COLD IN YOUR POCKET'**

The hanky. Not one-half of what Tommy James and the Shondells so famously sang about in their 1966 No. 1 hit song, but rather that piece of cloth that has been tucked away in pockets for centuries.

A fashion statement for some, a nose-wiping necessity for others, the hanky served multiple purposes. Short for handkerchief, the hanky has sustained much of our history and likely will, to some degree, for generations to come.

I have had a cold lately. Congestion. Runny nose. You know the symptoms. My olfactory has been like an open faucet, causing me to continually reach for a tissue or two — or 10. It's not pleasant.

All this tissue time got me thinking about the hanky. My dad carried one with him every day. So did my grandpa. They had their work hankies, and they had their dress hankies. My grandma and my mother washed — and

ironed — them all.

In the post-COVID world we now live in, the idea of sharing a hanky seems crazy, but that's exactly what would happen. I remember Dad wiping my nose with his hanky. We didn't carry tissues around back then, so it was either the hanky or a shirt sleeve. Then, I got my own hanky. A proud boyhood ritual.

Hankies have a much deeper history and usage. According to *The Complete Handkerchief History*, archaeological evidence in China from 1000 BC shows figurines from the Chou dynasty holding pieces of cloth. Romans waved hankies in the air at public games and used them as the "starting gun" for chariot races. Hankies were also found in Middle Eastern culture and were used to preserve the sacred, bandage wounds and hold coins.

Hankies and romance were



also linked. A knight would tie a lady's handkerchief to the back of his helmet as a token of good luck. A maiden would toss her handkerchief from a window as a declaration of love. A woman might send a homemade hankie, embroidered with patterns, to her love interest to be kept as a token.

Hankies seem to be forever tied at the hips of humans. Mass-produced cotton hankies made them seemingly everywhere in the early 20th century. Then came the global flu pandemic of 1918, and Kleenex soon coined the fearful slogan "Don't carry a cold in your pocket" to discourage hankies and promote their new disposable facial tissues. The rest, as they say, is history.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■



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# DREAMING OF ITALY?



Join the Adel Partners Chamber for a Tuscan Getaway happening in October 2026. This trip includes airfare, 10 meals, hotel accommodations, excursions and memories to last a lifetime. Early bird pricing starts at \$3,849 per person and ends on March 29. Contact Casey at [chamber@adelpartners.org](mailto:chamber@adelpartners.org) to reserve your spot. Hurry, this trip will sell out quickly. ■

## 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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## ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Friday, Feb. 13

- 4:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls JV @ Carlisle
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- 5:45 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys Freshman @ Carlisle
- 6 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls Varsity @ Carlisle
- 7:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys Varsity @ Carlisle

### Saturday, Feb. 14

- 10 a.m. **Wrestling:** Varsity Districts @ Norwalk

### Monday, Feb. 16

- 10 a.m. **Bowling:** JV/Varsity State Qualifying Meet @ Perfect Games, Ames

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## GARY'S RIDE

On Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Gary's Ride will be held, starting at the Waukee Raccoon River Valley Trailhead and ending in Dallas Center downtown Main Street. The event will be held to increase awareness of glioblastoma and support Richard Deming Cancer Center's terminal brain cancer patients through their integrative medicine program, Iowa Oncology Research Association for Glioblastoma Clinical Trials, MercyOne Des Moines Foundation for gift cards for terminal brain cancer patients and their families, and Gary's Compassion Fund for financial assistance for terminal brain cancer patients and their families. Help to "pedal" forward in reaching the funding goal and be the difference for these loved ones and their families afflicted by terminal brain cancer/glioblastoma. Registration and information are available at [garysrideiowa.org](http://garysrideiowa.org). ■

## THIRD MONDAY BINGO

Enjoy 16 games of bingo (\$5/card for the night) plus a 17th Progressive Blackout (\$1/card) on Monday, Feb. 16, 6-8 p.m. at Masonic Lodge, 411 S. 12th St., Adel. Packaged snacks and nonalcoholic drinks will be available. ■



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## DALLAS COUNTY NEW REDISTRICTING MAP

Dallas County has finalized a new redistricting map ahead of the 2026 election as the Board of Supervisors expands from three to five members. The change, approved by nearly 67% of voters in November 2024 and confirmed by the Iowa Secretary of State's Office, reflects the county's rapid growth and improves local representation. Under Iowa's Plan 2 structure, candidates must live in the district they seek to represent, but all county residents vote in every race. The updated boundaries align with current population distribution and state requirements. Residents are encouraged to review the new district map on the Dallas County website, [www.dallascountyiowa.gov/668/Redistricting-Information](http://www.dallascountyiowa.gov/668/Redistricting-Information), before the November election cycle or contact the Auditor's Office for more information. ■



## ANNUAL FIREMAN'S DANCE

Adel Volunteer Fire & Rescue will be hosting its fourth annual Fireman's Dance on Saturday, March 28, at Country Lane Lodge Event Venue, 29300 Prospect Circle, Adel. This dance will be a fundraiser to purchase needed equipment for the department. ■

## RACCOON RIVER PRESCHOOL'S TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Raccoon River Preschool is hosting its Trivia Night on Saturday, March 7, at Country Lane Lodge, 29300 Prospect Ave., Adel. The event features dinner, cash bar, game night and a live auction. Doors open at 5 p.m. and trivia, hosted by DJ Trivia, starts at 6 p.m. A live auction follows. Registration is \$30 per person or purchase a table for up to eight people. Sign up online at [reccoanriverpreschool.com](http://reccoanriverpreschool.com) under the Fundraising tab. ■

## ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY FISH FRY

St. John's, 24043 302nd Place, Adel, is hosting Fish Fries for Lent on Fridays, Feb. 20 and 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 5-7 p.m. They will be serving fried pollock, french fries or baked potato, cheese sandwich, coleslaw, and homemade tartar sauce. Assorted desserts will also be available. Feb. 20, March 6, and March 20: Children 5 and younger eat free, children 6-12 are \$7. Feb. 27, March 13 and March 27: Children younger than 12 eat free. All days: \$15 for adults, family maximum of \$50. ■

## OBITUARIES

*Funeral notices can be emailed to [tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com](mailto:tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com)*

### JOYCE MARIE CALDER

Joyce Marie Calder died Feb. 3, 2026. She was born on Aug. 24, 1939, in Greene County. In 1958, she married Jim Calder, beginning a 63-year marriage marked with love and partnership. Joyce was a devoted mother known for her nurturing spirit and quiet strength while being a stay at home mom and raising her six children. Later, Joyce spent 25 years in retail working for JCPenny and Younkers.

She was patient, wise, kindhearted and deeply understanding, earning the trust and love of all who knew her. Hosting family holidays brought Joyce her greatest joy. She was an active member of St. John's Catholic Church in Adel. She was beloved by family — a steady, loving presence whose wisdom, faith and kindness shaped generations.

Joyce is preceded in death by her husband, Jim Calder, and her son-in-law, Rick Tibbetts. She is survived by her children, Terri Drew (Trevor Roach), Bradley Calder, Lori Tibbetts, Julie Calder (Steve Wiederin), Lisa Miller and Matthew Calder; sister-in-law, Kay O'Donnell; 18 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and many extended family and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday, Feb. 10, at St. John's Catholic Church in Adel. Donations may be made in Joyce's name to St. John's Catholic Church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.caldwellparrish.com](http://www.caldwellparrish.com). ■



### SUMMER LEA MCNAIR

Summer Lea McNair, 45, of Kimberling City, Missouri, died Jan. 31, 2026, at her residence. A visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home in Adel. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, at New Hope Church in Adel. Private family interment will follow at Stump Thornton Barto Cemetery in Van Meter. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family for future designations. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.caldwellparrish.com](http://www.caldwellparrish.com)

Summer was born July 17, 1980, in Des Moines to Edward and Gina (Harvey) McNair. She graduated from Van Meter High School in 1998 and later attended Des Moines Area Community College, where she earned a degree in biotechnology. During high school, you could often find Summer on the sidelines, cheering on her school's sports teams.

Summer worked for the family business, McNair Geothermal Well Drilling, for many years as a secretary. She later worked at Kemin Industries in the quality control department.

Family meant everything to Summer. She coached girls Little League teams and never missed an opportunity to support her kids in their activities and endeavors. After her mother, Gina, passed in 2021, Summer took on the role of carrying on the tradition of cooking chicken and noodles.

She lived life actively and made friends wherever she went. After moving to Branson in August of 2025, Summer made a meaningful impact on those around her. The American Legion became one of her favorite places — you could almost always find her there playing pool, line dancing and striking up friendships wherever she went. She enjoyed playing volleyball, board and card games, reading, and singing at the top of her lungs. She also took great pride in her beloved dog, Hoss.

She is survived by her children, Kaleala (Carter) Bridges, Wade Van Genderen, Kayden Van Genderen and Noblelea Van Genderen; one granddaughter, Rowan Bridges; four siblings, Dominique McNair, Joshua McNair, Landon (Amber) Toney and Jacob McNair; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Brandon McNair. ■



## EVENTS IN THE AREA

EMAIL YOUR EVENT INFORMATION TO  
TAMMY@IOWALIVINGMAGAZINES.COM**2026 CITYVIEW CHOCOLATE  
WALK AT WEST GLEN****Friday, Feb. 27, 5-9 p.m.****The Breakfast Club, 5525 Mills Civic Parkway, Suite  
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Like chocolate? Like chocolate drinks? Then you'll love this event. CITYVIEW and West Glen Town Center again bring the Chocolate Walk to West Glen Town Center. For a ticket price of \$25 (\$35 at the door), attendees will receive 10 drink tickets that can be redeemed for sample cocktails at participating venues and will receive chocolate treat samples. Make it a date night or a night out with friends. Look for more details at [chocolatewalk.dmcityview.com](https://chocolatewalk.dmcityview.com).

**BRIGHT NIGHTS AND GREEN SIGHTS****Various dates****Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, 909 Robert  
D. Ray Drive, Des Moines**

Explore ways to "find your true nature" at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden. For tickets visit <https://dmbotanicalgarden.com>.

- **Dome After Dark:** Friday evenings through March 27, 6-10 p.m. Extra evenings Saturdays, Feb. 14 and March 14, and Tuesday through Thursday, March 17-19. Experience the Botanical Garden in a whole new light. Explore the warm tropical conservatory and renovated Gardeners Show House, illuminated for a magical after-hours escape.
- **NEW to Dome After Dark: Igloo Experience:** Cozy up with up to five guests for an enchanting igloo experience, complete with admission to the event and Flora concessions. Perfect for friends, family or date night. Visit <https://dmbotanicalgarden.com> to reserve an igloo.
- **Friday Dinner at Flora:** Fridays, 6-7:30 p.m. Reserve your spot now for a delicious three-course dinner at



Flora, including admission to Dome After Dark. Each week a new, enticing menu showcases a variety of cuisines. Reserve a table online, <https://dmbotanicalgarden.com>.

- **Learn on Saturdays:** Saturdays through Feb. 28, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., join the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden for its weekly educational lecture series presented by experts from across the state of Iowa. Purchase tickets online, <https://dmbotanicalgarden.com>.
- **Botanical Blues:** Sundays through March 29, noon to 4 p.m. Performances begin at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Your favorite Sunday Blues in Des Moines is here to keep away your winter blues every week. Each set lasts one hour, with a one-hour intermission in between. Settle in, grab a drink, and soak up the sound in Iowa's only tropical music venue. Flora serves Sunday brunch beginning at 10 a.m. — perfect before the music starts. Concerts are held live in the conservatory, and guests are welcome to wander the indoor gardens during the show. Ticket info and lineups available at <https://dmbotanicalgarden.com>.

**DINE & DANCE WITH CULTUREALL****Various dates and locations**

Come savor authentic ethnic cuisine and music presented by local talent. Join us for one, two, or ALL three unique, curated dining experiences at locally owned Des Moines area restaurants listed below.

- **Rhythm and Roots: an Afro-Caribbean Dinner.** Hosted by Chef Amara Sama: Tuesday, March 3, Palms DSM (Ingersoll), 1905 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines. Experience the harmony of African and Caribbean flavors as you sit down to dinner, then get back up again to join Afro-Caribbean dancing.

Each \$60 ticket includes dinner, music, dancing, story sharing, and discovery. Learn more about CultureALL and our community partners by visiting us at [CultureALL.org/events](https://CultureALL.org/events). We look forward to seeing you there. ■

## RECIPE

# COMPLEMENT ANY GAME DAY WITH A CRISPY SNACK

*(Family Features)* With action heating up on the hardwood, a good game day host knows you can never have too many delicious snacks on hand. Kicking off the madness can be as easy as these Crispy Potato Skins, a hearty watch party classic that keeps fans fueled and engaged with the game on the big screen. Enjoy all the alley-oop action with more recipe inspiration at [Culinary.net](http://Culinary.net). ■

## CRISPY POTATO SKINS

Recipe adapted from *Simply Recipes*

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 1 hour, 40 minutes

Servings: 6

### Ingredients:

- 6 medium russet potatoes
- extra-virgin olive oil
- 6 slices bacon
- kosher salt, to taste
- freshly ground pepper, to taste
- shredded cheddar cheese
- sour cream (optional)
- thinly sliced green onions (optional)

### Directions:

- Heat oven to 400 F. Clean potatoes then pierce with fork.
- Rub potatoes with olive oil then bake 1 hour until cooked through.
- In frying pan over medium heat, cook bacon 10-15 minutes until crisp. Drain on paper towel-lined plate then crumble.
- Cut cooked potatoes in half then scoop out insides, leaving about 1/4 inch of potato inside skins. Rub with olive oil then season with salt, to taste. Place on roasting pan and cook 10 minutes. Flip and cook 10 minutes.
- Arrange potatoes skin-sides down and season with pepper, to taste. Sprinkle with cheese and crumbled bacon then broil 2 minutes.
- Serve with sour cream and sliced green onions, if desired.



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# DEVELOPER AND INVESTOR SUMMIT HELD



Adel Partners Chamber and the city of Adel joined forces to host Adel Advantage: Developer and Investor Summit. Hosted at Great White Buffalo Public House, nearly 30 developers and investors from central Iowa gathered to hear from chamber and city officials about Adel's economic growth, infrastructure investments, annexation plans and opportunities for the future. The Adel Partners Chamber would like to thank those who attended and look forward to supporting Adel's economic development. ■

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Adel United Methodist Church, 115 S. 10th St., serves a meal Wednesdays, 5-6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall downstairs. Serving is 5-6:30 p.m. This is a freewill donation meal. All are welcome. ■

# SPREAD THE LOVE PB&J CAMPAIGN

The Dallas County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections Office is serving as a drop-off site for the Spread the Love PB&J donation drive throughout February. Residents and businesses are encouraged to donate unopened jars of peanut butter and jelly to support local food pantries and families facing food insecurity. Donations can be dropped off at the Auditor's Office at 210 N. 10th St. in Adel between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (closed Feb. 20). Every jar helps spread a little extra nourishment and kindness across our community. ■

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