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## SHADD LIVINGSTON HONORED BY ADEL ROTARY CLUB

Shadd Livingston was named the ADM Scholarship Foundation Student of the Month for March for Boys Golf, sponsored by the Adel Rotary Club. It wasn't easy catching up with this busy ADM junior student, but the club wanted to recognize Shadd before the school year ended. The boys golf team just missed a trip to State this year by one stroke, but the team is looking forward to an increased chance to advance next year with talented younger classmen who will be moving onto the varsity squad. Rotarian Shirley McAdon is pictured presenting Shadd with a certificate of accomplishment. ■

### ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

**SUNDAY HIGH 83 | LOW 63**   
Periods of clouds and sunshine

**FRIDAY HIGH 78 | LOW 63**   
Mostly cloudy; chance for t-storm

**MONDAY HIGH 84 | LOW 61**   
Morning t-storms then mostly sunny

**SATURDAY HIGH 76 | LOW 59**   
Mostly cloudy with a t-storm

**TUESDAY HIGH 84 | LOW 61**   
Sun and some clouds

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

**THE GYM DIVIDER, THE JOCK STRAP AND MRS. CLAUDE**

I received a letter a few months ago from Mrs. Karilyn Claude, who was a middle school physical education teacher in my hometown of Algona. She wondered if I remembered her. Of course, I do.

Back in the early 1980s, gym class was divided. Boys on one side. Girls on the other. Between us draped a giant red chain-operated divider that looked capable of containing a prison riot — or at least a herd of unruly sixth graders.

The boys were under the command of Mr. Keith Christie, a stern man armed with a whistle, a clipboard and the warmth of an overdue tax notice. The girls had Mrs. Claude, who was upbeat, smiling and somehow able to convince middle schoolers that exercise could actually be fun. To say they were different is like saying Iowa winters are a little chilly. This wasn't Coke vs. Pepsi. This was black coffee vs. strawberry lemonade. Somehow, though, it worked, at least from the perspective of a scrawny 12-year-old whose primary goal was avoiding a dodgeball to the face.

For reasons I still don't understand, the girls had to wear gym uniforms. The boys didn't. Instead, we were

introduced to a horrifying piece of athletic equipment known as the jock strap. Nothing humbled a sixth-grade boy faster than standing in a sporting goods store with his mother while shopping for an "athletic supporter." My friends and I all shuffled into Hutzell's Sporting Goods and bought the smallest sizes available, which still fit like circus tents. Apparently, manufacturers in 1980 had not anticipated this need for 80-pound boys. It didn't matter. Rules were rules. And nobody wanted to ask Mr. Christie any follow-up questions.

Occasionally, the boys and girls combined classes for activities like ping pong. That big divider rolled open, tables appeared, and O.B. Laing Middle School suddenly sounded like a casino operated by squirrels on espresso shots. Ping pong balls flew everywhere — off walls, paddles and unsuspecting students. It probably drove Mr. Christie to the brink of retirement. Mrs. Claude loved every second of it. She handed out certificates to the winners, and my buddy Ian and I won the doubles



championship. The awards were printed on blue paper from the school mimeograph machine. Believe it or not, Mrs. Claude, I still have that certificate stuffed in a drawer somewhere.

When not in gym class, I often wore bib overalls. I have no explanation for this because I was not a farm kid. I just liked overalls. If they were good enough for Grandpa, they were good enough for me. Mrs. Claude once told me they were cute, which guaranteed I wore them even more. In sixth grade, "cute" was a compliment. By seventh grade, it was social quicksand.

Mrs. Claude's comments and kindness made a lot of us smile back then. Her letter made me smile again today. Thank you, Mrs. Claude — for the note, the memories and for making gym class even more enjoyable.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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## FREE A1C SCREENINGS

Hy-Vee and Adel Lions Club are bringing the Hy-Vee Healthy You Trailer to Adel to offer free A1c screenings on Saturday, June 6, 8:30-11:30 a.m. at 801 Court St., Adel, across from the courthouse on the east side of the square. Hemoglobin A1c is a blood test that helps provide information about an individual's average levels of blood glucose over a two- to three-month period. This screening is not a diagnosis. Scan the QR code to sign up for a time slot. Walk-ins will be taken but may have to wait for availability. Must be 18 years or older. No fasting required, and results will be provided immediately. ■



## LIVE AT THE PAVILION

Join the Adel Chamber on June 5 at 5 p.m. for Live at the Pavilion with music by Luke Fox. Bring your friends, your lawn chairs, and get ready for some good music and a great time. ■

## IOWA FARM AND FOOD CONFERENCE

Iowa State Extension presents the Iowa Farm and Food Conference June 11-12 at the Waterloo Center for the Arts, 225 Commercial St., Waterloo. This biennial event — previously known as the Community Food Systems + Farm to School and Early Care Conference — engages, supports and inspires professionals across all sectors of the food system. The conference theme, “Futuring Our Food System,” is about imagining bold, transformative possibilities for the future and the systematic, creative and connective measures that get us there. For more information and to register, visit [www.extension.iastate.edu/ffed/cfs-annual-event](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/ffed/cfs-annual-event). ■



## ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Friday, May 29

- 5 p.m. **Baseball:** Varsity Double Header @ Creston
- 5 p.m. **Softball:** JV Game @ Johnston
- 6 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys Varsity Substate vs. TBA
- 7 p.m. **Softball:** Varsity Game @ Johnston

### Saturday, May 30

- 8 a.m. **Softball:** Varsity Tournament @ Winterset

### Monday, June 1

- 5 p.m. **Baseball:** Varsity Double Header vs. Boone
- 5 p.m. **Softball:** Varsity Double Header vs. Boone

### Tuesday, June 2

- 4:30 p.m. **Softball:** Freshman Game vs. Norwalk
- 5:15 p.m. **Baseball:** JV Game vs. Perry
- 5:45 p.m. **Softball:** JV Game vs. Norwalk
- 7 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls Varsity Regional Final vs. TBA



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## DALCO CUP

Mark your calendars for the fifth annual DalCo Cup on June 18, 8 a.m. at River Valley Golf Course, 22927 Valley View Trail, Adel. Register at <https://events.humanitix.com/dalco-cup-26>. ■



## HITTIN' THE BRICKS

Join Adel's summer walking group, Hittin' the Bricks. The group will meet and end at Adel City Hall, 301 S. 10th St., Adel, every Thursday morning from June 4 to Aug. 28, 7:30-8:15 a.m. All fitness levels and ages welcome. Participants will be entered into an end-of-summer raffle for prizes including a \$100 Visa gift card, vouchers to local businesses and more. Each session attended provides one free raffle entry. ■

## OFFLINE COCKTAILS GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

The Adel Chamber invites the public to a groundbreaking ceremony celebrating the future home of Offline Cocktails, owned by Matt and Jodi Schwieger, on Friday, May 29, noon to 1 p.m., at 306 Visions Parkway, Adel. This exciting milestone represents continued investment, growth and opportunity within the community, and chamber officials say they are honored to celebrate alongside community members, business leaders, partners and supporters.

The program will include welcoming remarks, the ceremonial groundbreaking photo opportunity, and time to connect and celebrate together following the ceremony. ■

## ALZHEIMER'S EDUCATION SERIES

Edencrest at Adel announces its 2026 Alzheimer's Education Series of informative conversations intended to help members of the greater-Adel community understand and recognize the signs of Alzheimer's and how to best care for loved ones living with it. Each presentation in the series takes place at 621 302nd Place, Adel, on the last Tuesday of each month from 6-7 p.m. between February and September. This series is free and open to the public. The series lineup includes:

- **June 30:** Building Foundations of Caregiving
- **July 28:** Supporting Independence
- **Aug. 25:** Managing Money
- **Sept. 29:** Exploring Care and Support Services ■

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## HISTORY

# PARK VIEW DRIVE-IN

BY MIKE FLINN

The small restaurant and drive-in had its beginning in May 1953 when Junior and Larry Pearson first opened for business. Located on Highway 169 at the north edge of Adel, they offered inside service as well as outside “carhops.” Sitting just south of Adel’s Riverside Park, it was naturally named Park View Drive In.

The Park View became a popular place for the younger crowd, especially after Friday night’s hometown football games. Many young ladies had their first real job as carhops there, serving the biggest tenderloins in town, french fries and chocolate and root beer shakes. And many young men went there, not to fill their stomachs but to try to make a date with one of the carhops.

The Park View was typical of 1950s and 1960s youth culture as exemplified in the movie “American Graffiti.” I can almost picture Suzanne Somers, in that white T-bird convertible, pulling into the Park View lot and garnering admiring gazes from all the teenage boys hanging out there.

After almost two decades, the Pearson brothers decided to expand. In 1971, they added a lounge onto their little restaurant. With the attractive addition, Park View was no longer a suitable name for such an enterprise. It needed something more glamorous, so it became the La Parque Vista Lounge. The Dallas County News called the lounge “a real treat...it’s real up town and a fine addition to Adel.”

By 1978, the Pearson brothers, after 25 years, were ready to move on. They sold or leased the operation (it was so short-lived I couldn’t find much information), and, for a short time, it was known as Eve’s Supper Club.

By the end of 1979, another name appears for this business, The Chaparral Supper Club. And there were also new owners, Bud and Verna Whisner of Perry. Under the Whisner’s management, the Chaparral became a popular country and western bar and dance hall featuring such local talent as Chet and the Roadrunners, Country Jubilee and The Mountaineers.

After only two years, the Whisners decided, in September 1981, to lease the Chaparral to Lloyd Hostelka. With around 30 years of experience in the bar and restaurant industry, including 18 years managing Babe’s Restaurant in Des Moines, Hostelka was well-prepared for the role. He only lasted one year, however. In the November 1982 Dallas County News, an ad appeared touting new management again for the Chaparral. It listed Chef Bill Neuroth, Hostess Phyllis Neuroth and Lounge Manager Sandy Carper. The three operated under the business name Three Good Friends, Inc. But, by the summer of 1983, there were no more ads for the Chaparral.

After all that, the once booming establishment seemed to just fade away. The real estate was later purchased by Paul Cunningham and

Sons, who operated the Chevrolet and Oldsmobile dealership across the street. The building was demolished and the lot was sold in the early 2000s. It is now the home of Alley Auto. ■

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## CITYVIEW MIDDAY MIXER

Saturday, May 30, 1-4 p.m.

The District at Prairie Trail

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Enjoy summer cocktails to kick off the season. Check in is at El Presidenté, 1465 S.W. Park Square Drive, Suite 102, Ankeny. Cost is \$25 for advance tickets, \$35 at the door. For tickets, scan the QR code.



## ARTS FOR ALL

Des Moines Performing Arts is thrilled to bring free, world-class performances to parks and neighborhoods across the metro, meeting people where they are with joyful experiences that inspire and unite. DMPA's partnership with Hy-Vee is what transforms a vision for accessible arts into something the entire community gets to share.

- **FLIP Fabrique: Summer Break.** Do you remember your summer camp, the bus ride away from your parents, the smell of campfires, the coldness of the lake in the morning? FLIP Fabrique does, and they built a circus experience for audiences to jump into nostalgia. Bring your popcorn and marshmallows and hop on the Vacation Bus.
  - **Saturday, June 13,** 10 and 11:30 a.m., Cowles Commons, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines.
  - **Sunday, June 14,** 5:30 p.m., Ankeny Bandshell, 410 W. First St., Ankeny.
  - **Monday, June 15,** 6 p.m., Water Works Park, 2201 George Flagg Parkway, Des Moines.

- **Domino Effect by Ingrid Ingrid.** You know that deeply satisfying feeling of setting off a chain reaction? This is that, but bigger. Domino Effect fills Cowles Commons with oversized luminous dominoes, each one humming with its own musical atmosphere. You push them over. It's playful, it's communal and it's oddly irresistible for every age. Aug. 29 to Sept. 30.
- **Storytime Under the Green Umbrella.** Des Moines Performing Arts education partners will lead a playful sharing of songs and stories for toddlers, preschoolers and early elementary-aged youth accompanied by their fun-loving grown-ups. Wednesdays: June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22, Aug 5 and 19, 10:30 a.m., Cowles Commons, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines.
- **Dance Fitness with Tony Zika.** Des Moines Performing Arts invites you to join our annual outdoor dance parties with Tony Zika! MixedFit is a people-inspired fitness program that combines explosive dance moves with body weight toning, while focusing on positivity, self-love and community. Bring some water and some friends and prepare to sweat, laugh and spread some joy. Sundays: June 28, July 26 and Aug. 23, 9 a.m., Cowles Commons, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines.

A season overview, including show descriptions and assets for each engagement, is available online at <https://dmpa.app.box.com/s14v8qwpq32wy1dc4h2u5yjjbwuqe25r>. ■



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Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 4

**Ingredients**

- 1 bag Success Pearl Couscous
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 2 celery stalks, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 3 cups cooked, shredded chicken
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon parsley, chopped
- 1 tablespoon heavy cream (optional)

**Directions:**

- Prepare pearl couscous according to package directions.
- In large pot, heat butter over medium heat. Add



- onion, carrots and celery. Cook 5 minutes until softened. Stir in garlic and cook 1 minute.
- Slowly stir in chicken broth then add Italian seasoning, salt and pepper. Bring to boil then reduce heat to simmer 10 minutes.
- Stir in chicken, milk and pearl couscous. Simmer 5 minutes until hot. Garnish with parsley.
- For creamier soup, stir in heavy cream just before serving.



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# JOB FAIR EVENT JUNE 4

A job fair is being held to find people interested in working with people with disabilities. The event is Thursday, June 4, 5-6:30 p.m., at the Adel Public Library Community Room, 303 S. 10th St. High school and college students, retirees, and those looking to change careers are encouraged to attend.

There is a significant shortage of workers to support the needs of persons with disabilities. Hear a short presentation by several local agencies and then visit at their tables as they share information about their services for persons with disability (respite, personal care, transportation) as well as employment and volunteer opportunities currently open.

If you are looking for a part-time or full-time job and hoping to make a difference in someone's life, or if you are trying to navigate local care and transportation services for someone you know with a disability, you are invited to check these agencies out. Take the opportunity to make a difference in someone's life. The event is sponsored by the Parish Advocates for Persons with Disability Committee, St. John's Catholic Church. For more information, contact Gloria Frolek Clark at [gfrolekclark@gmail.com](mailto:gfrolekclark@gmail.com). ■

# 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. This is a freewill donation meal. All are welcome. ■

# PERSONAL ITEMS NEEDED BY VETERANS AT THE VA HOSPITAL AND VA CRRC

The needs list includes military ball caps (new), slip-on tennis shoes (men's sizes 9.5-13), boxer shorts (L, XL, XXL), duffel bags, backpacks, sweatpants (M-3XL), sweatshirts (M-SXL), personal care items, individually-wrapped snacks and coffee. See the Adel American Legion Facebook page for the detailed list. Contributions may be dropped off at 1305 S. 15th St., Adel, or call Shirley McAdon at 515-993-4862 for pick up. ■

# CAELEN PETERSON MEMORIAL POKER RUN

Join the Adel Kiwanis Sunday, May 31, 1-4 p.m., for an afternoon of celebration and memories to honor the club's 50 years of community service. The event is being held at the Adel Public Library. ■

# ADEL KIWANIS CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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