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BOY SCOUTS EXPERIENCE CAMPING: Adel Boy Scout Troop 152 camped at the Raccoon Valley Sportsman's Club from March 24-26.

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 80 | LOW 49

Warm with a t-storm



SATURDAY HIGH 51 | LOW 34

T-storms; becoming windier



SUNDAY HIGH 59 | LOW 38

Windy with clouds and sun



MONDAY HIGH 64 | LOW 37

Sunny and breezy



TUESDAY HIGH 66 | LOW 46

Mostly cloudy and breezy



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

BUILT TO LAST

The three words above aren't used as often in today's throw-away society. We buy cheap things. We use them until they break. We throw them away. Repeat. Sound familiar?

Some things do last a lifetime or more, though. Items like cast iron skillets and cooking pots seem indestructible. I remember my mom cooking in a skillet that looked like it was more than 100 years old — and it may have been.

Garden tools can last for decades, too, including shovels, rakes and hoes. My garage is full of the proof.

I have written in the past about my dad's old Thermos vacuum bottle that he took to work every day full of hot coffee. It had more dents than a college car, but I bet it's still being used by someone, somewhere today.

Why don't many of today's products last? Some say it is because of the use of plastic. Others claim it is due to flaws in mass production. And then there are those who state it is from the manufacturers' "planned

obsolescence," a policy of designing products with purposely limited lives or frail designs. I think they are all right.

A coffee maker should last a lifetime, but it doesn't. Try to find a working coffee maker from the 1980s. Plastic. Mass produced. And if it really did last forever, you wouldn't need to buy another one. I don't drink a lot of coffee, but I do appreciate the single-serve pod coffee makers. Unfortunately, I have purchased three replacements in five years. And, again, I don't drink much coffee.

I am often annoyed by the extended warranty plans that are pitched to me with seemingly everything I buy now. How about making the product so exceptionally well that I don't need to worry about any type of warranty?

The lack of repairmen (or repairwomen) is maybe the greatest sign of our throw-away society. The



logic is, why pay to get something fixed when you can buy a new one for about the same price? I get it, and I fall prey to it as well.

Nowadays, that new mobile phone or computer or tablet you bought gets outdated quickly. Whenever I get the message that software can no longer be updated on my model, I get the not-so-subtle hint to upgrade. Of course, you can't just buy the new phone or computer or tablet, though; you also need to buy the assortment of new chargers and accessories.

So, "built to last" may not describe many products today, but, fortunately, some things still stand the test of time. If you need to borrow my cast iron skillet, just let me know.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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SEEN IN ADEL



Adel Boy Scout Troop 152 camped at the Raccoon Valley Sportsman's Club from March 24-26. The Boy Scouts learned about hiking, fire building, cooking and water purification at Scout camp.



LTC Jeremy Smith taught basic wilderness survival skills to the Scouts.

ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, April 14

- 1 p.m. **Golf:** Boys Varsity Invitational vs. Pella @ Bos Laden Golf Course
- 4:15 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys Freshman vs. Dallas Center-Grimes
- 5:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys JV vs. Dallas Center-Grimes
- 7 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys Varsity vs. Dallas Center-Grimes

Saturday, April 15

- 8:30 a.m. **Golf:** Boys Varsity Invitational vs. Pella @ Bos Laden Golf Course
- 8:30 a.m. **Track:** Girls Varsity vs. TBA @ Drake Stadium
- 8:30 a.m. **Track:** Boys Varsity Invitational vs. TBA @ Drake Stadium
- 9 a.m. **Soccer:** Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools

Monday, April 17

- 4 p.m. **Golf:** Boys Varsity vs. Gilbert @ River Valley Golf Course
- 4:30 p.m. **Track:** Girls Varsity Coed Invitational vs. Multiple Schools @ Greene County Middle School
- 4:30 p.m. **Track:** Boys Varsity Coed Invitational vs. Multiple Schools @ Greene County Middle School

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OVERCOMING the FEAR

Readers shared how they faced fears and doubts to reach their goals.

Miller meets the challenge of a new business.

Severy English muffins recipe.

Peer Study Readers encourage fellow students.

EDUCATION

ADM DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS 'PUFFS'

The ADM High School Drama Department presents “Puffs” or “Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic” by Max Cox. The performances will be held at the ADM High School Auditorium, 801 Nile Kinnick Drive S., on Friday, April 14 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 15 at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, April 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at admhs.booktix.com.

“The audience may be familiar with a certain boy wizard and the wizard school he attended,” said Director Molly Longman. “But this is not his story. This is the story of the Puffs, who happen to attend that same wizard school. There will be wizards, spells, flirtations, sports, contests and magic battles that will have you cheering, laughing and rooting for these unlikely heroes.”

This production is rated PG. Parents should be aware of a few moments of innuendo and references to alcohol use when choosing to bring young children. Run time will be approximately two hours, which includes a 15-minute intermission.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and ADM staff members. ADM Drama Department is doing online ticket sales and reserved seating for this production. It is highly recommended that people buy ahead of time at admhs.booktix.com. Reserve your seats, print your tickets, and bring them to the theatre. Your ticket will be scanned at the door. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Door sales will be cash or check only.

Follow the production with ADM Drama Department on Facebook or @ADMTheater on Twitter. ■

GRAND OPENING OF NEW IOWA SPRING MANUFACTURING PLANT

The public is invited for the grand opening for the new facilities for Iowa Spring Manufacturing on Thursday, April 20, 4-6 p.m. The new facility is at 301 Visions Parkway, Adel. Tours will be provided. Enjoy refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. ■

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DALLAS COUNTY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

IOWA AUTHORS

April 16, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Forest Park Museum, 14581 K Ave., Perry

Iowa has a huge number of prominent writers, so let's look at some of them, including the ones in the museum collection. Register to be notified of weather cancellation at DccbIowaAuthors.eventbrite.com.



The April Bird (and Awe) Hike will be held April 22 at 8:30 a.m. at Voas Nature Area, Minburn.

APRIL BIRD (AND AWE) HIKE

April 22, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Voas Nature Area, 19286 Lexington Road, Minburn

DCCB is offering seasonal bird hikes as part of the Beginner to Birder (B2B) Project, meant to nurture new birders or those who want to ramp up their skills. The diversity will increase each month as new birds arrive.

Binoculars and books will be provided. Registration required at DCCBAprilBirdHike.eventbrite.com.

VOAS VOLUNTEER DAY: GARLIC MUSTARD REMOVAL

April 29, 9-11:30 a.m.

Voas Nature Area, 19286 Lexington Road, Minburn

With the successful removal of the shrubby understory, a disturbance that is ideal for the growth of invasive garlic mustard has occurred. The good news is that we have been able to control it wherever we pull it. If you have considered other volunteer days but thought the work might be too difficult, garlic mustard is an easy pull. Children welcome and encouraged. Register to be notified of weather cancellation at DccbVoasVolunteerDay.eventbrite.com.

WILD FLOWER WALK

April 29, 10-11 a.m.

Kuehn Conservation Area, 32849 Houston Trail, Earlham

Spring time means spring flowers! Join Naturalist Erica for a walk in the woods searching for hidden wild flowers. Register to be notified of weather cancellation

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RETHA LEILA (HUNT) MASENGILL

Retha Leila (Hunt) Masengill, 95, of Dallas Center died April 3, 2023, at Adel Acres in Adel. Retha was born in Perry Dec. 18, 1927, to Forrest and Clara Hunt. She married Edgar "Bud" Masengill on March 30, 1947, in Adel. She worked at Woodward State Hospital for many years. Retha was Elvis Presley's No. 1 fan. She loved working crossword puzzles and writing poetry. She was well known for her cooking and baking, which she generously shared with others. Her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren.



Retha is survived by her children, Terry (Kathy) Masengill of Dallas Center and Sherie Russell of Huxley; grandchildren, Tammy (Tom) Yokley, Shelly Hadley and Andrew (Amanda) Willis; great grandchildren, Tommy (Megan) Yokley, Trevor (Chandler) Yokley and Shelleah Hadley; great-great-granddaughters Millie and Lennon Yokley; and sisters, Sondra Paul and Sherrill (Rodney) Henry. She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; brothers, Lynn, Kreigh and Burdette; sisters, Karean Selicon, Arlis Dollarhide, Arleta Grove, Afton Cabelka and Donna Correy; and great-grandson Joshua Webster.

A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, at Legion Memorial Hall in Dallas Center. Memorial contributions are suggested to Legion Auxiliary Post 49 Dallas Center or Suncrest Hospice. ■

MINI SUMMER CAMP SESSIONS

Raccoon River Preschool is offering summer fun and learning at mini summer camp sessions. Sessions are: June 13-15, Wilderness World; June 27-29, All About Nature; July 18-20, Water Wonder; and Aug. 8-10, Building with Nature. A morning session, 9:30-11 a.m. is for 3-year-old participants, and an afternoon session, noon to 2 p.m. is for ages 4-5. Cost is \$75 per week. Register at www.raccoonriverpreschool.com. ■

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RESIDENTS' CHOICE FAVORITES: Pastor Matt Krause, Faith Lutheran Church, and Kylee Henderson, Faith's Flock Preschool, receive Residents' Choice certificates.

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BINGO

Enjoy Bingo on Monday, April 17, 6-8 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 411 S. 12th St., Adel. Seventeen games (\$0.25/card) plus an 18th Progressive Blackout (\$1/card) will be held. Packaged snacks and non-alcoholic drinks will be available. Social distancing and masks are recommended. Bring a dauber if you have one. They will also be for sale. ■

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KIWANIS OFFICIAL VISIT: Janet Hromatko, who is a member of the Polk City Kiwanis Club and Lieutenant Governor of Kiwanis Division 13, visited the Adel Kiwanis Club on Feb. 28.



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JOKE OF THE WEEK



*What's the difference
 between a hippo and a
 zippo?
 One's pretty heavy and the
 other's a little lighter!*

ADEL LIBRARY NEWS

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GARAGE SALE

It is time for the annual Friends of the Adel Public Library Garage Sale. A large portion of the library's programming depends on fundraising events like this one. The event is April 13-19 during library hours.

EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Early education programs are three mornings a week. Join in for stories, movement and fun.

- **Move & Groove Storytime** – every Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- **Read & Play** – every Wednesday at 10 a.m.
- **Preschool Storytime** – every Thursday at 10 a.m.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- **Comics & Cookies** – April 25 at 4 p.m.
- **Poetry Open Mic (Ages 12 and older)** – April 27 at 4 p.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

- **Yoga at the Library** – Every Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.
- **Exercise Group** – Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m.
- **50's+ Senior Gathering** – first and fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.
- **Cook Book Club** – April 19 at 11 a.m.
- **Evening Book Club** – April 27 at 6 p.m. ■

FILM REVIEWS

By Michael C. Woody

'OPERATION FORTUNE'

Guy Ritchie writes/directs a little seen film about a group of soldiers on an undercover mission. I had no idea going in what this was, and I walked out completely amused by what I just saw. Jason Statham does his usual good work as one of these operatives, but the movie really comes alive with the introduction of a character played by Hugh Grant. If you are an action fan, this is a must-see. **Grade: B+**



"OPERATION FORTUNE"

'CHAMPIONS'

Woody Harrelson is perfectly cast as an NBA minor league coach who is demoted to coach a team of special education kids in Des Moines, Iowa! Of course, nothing was shot in Des Moines, nor will you see anything more than a glance of a skyline in the film. That being said, the movie is absolutely hilarious and charming at the same time. Harrelson is perfectly cast, and these kids are really special and super funny. This movie didn't get its chance to grab the large audience that it was due. **Grade: B+**



"CHAMPIONS"

'65'

Adam Driver and a team of explorers are brought down by an asteroid storm. Everyone but Driver and a young woman have died. Without giving anything away, they are on Earth 65 million years ago, and let me tell you, it is a nasty place to be. This is truly great sci-fi and a really good action/adventure film written and directed by two guys from Des Moines. **Grade: A- ■**



"65"

Michael C. Woody has been reviewing movies on radio and television since 1986 and can be heard talking movies every Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. on KXn0 106.3 with Keith Murphy and Andy Fales. You can also follow him on Twitter at MrMovieDSM.



EVENTS IN THE AREA

EMAIL YOUR EVENT INFORMATION TO
TAMMY@IOWALIVINGMAGAZINES.COM**JAZZ CONCERT****Sunday, April 16, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.****Turner Jazz Center,****2505 Carpenter Ave., Des Moines**

Celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month with the Community Jazz Center of Greater Des Moines (CJC). They'll host six hours of local jazz, featuring everyone from up-and-coming students to seasoned pros. The lineup includes Drake Jazz II, Nola Jazz Combo, CJC Big Band, Nate Sparks & Anthony Orji Duo and Nick Leo Trio. The Turner Jazz Center is located on the north end of the Harmon Fine Arts Center. A donation of \$10 is suggested for this event. For more information and a detailed schedule, visit www.cjc-dsm.org.

RAISE YOUR PAW AUCTION**Saturday, April 22 at 5 p.m.****The Meadows Event Center,****1 Prairie Meadows Drive, Altoona**

The Animal Rescue League's largest annual event supports hundreds of pets. The 31st annual fundraiser will feature live music, appetizers, Kitten Cuddle Lounge, the chance to win more than 250 silent and live auction items, and more. Find more information and purchase tickets/tables at arl-iowa.org/events.

BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S**Sunday, April 23, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.****Willow on Grand,****6011 Grand Ave., Des Moines**

Oakridge Neighborhood's annual fundraiser, featuring a new "Central Park on the Lawn" setting, will include Brunch and Bubbles, Bethesda Champagne Fountain, Strawberry Fields Dessert Station, Tavern on The Green Coffee Cart and Street Market featuring Janes Family Shop, Aimée and more. All proceeds benefit Oakridge Neighborhood's Oak Academy Early Learning and Preschool Program. Tickets may be purchased at <https://one.bidpal.net/BaT2023>.



Drake Relays

DRAKE RELAYS**April 26-29****Drake Stadium, 2719 Forest Ave., Des Moines**

Athletes from high school, collegiate and elite backgrounds — along with thousands of spectators — will gather in Des Moines for the 113th edition of the Drake Relays. Additional information may be found at DrakeTix.com.

& MORE

- **April 14-16:** Middle of the Map Tattoo Convention at Hy-Vee Hall; middleofthemapattoo.com
- **April 15-16:** Monster Jam at Wells Fargo Arena; monsterjam.com
- **April 18-23:** "The Second City Swipes Right" at Temple Theater; dmpa.org
- **April 21-22:** Comedy XPeriment improv at the Stoner Theater; dmpa.org
- **April 22:** Raise Your Paw Auction, the Animal Rescue League's largest annual event. 5 p.m. at Prairie Meadows; arl-iowa.org/events
- **April 28:** Rob Schneider in the "I Have Issues" comedy tour, 7:30 p.m. at Hoyt Sherman Place; hoytsherman.org
- **April 29:** Air Play, a theatrical adventure utilizing comedy, circus and sculpture at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Des Moines Civic Center; dmpa.org
- **April 30:** Invisible Wonders with Nat Geo photographer Anand Varma at 6:30 p.m. at Des Moines Civic Center; dmpa.org ■

RECIPE

FINISH BRUNCH WITH A LIGHT, LAYERED TREAT

After enjoying eggs, bacon, French toast and pancakes or any other brunch combination you crave, it's tough to top a fresh, fruity treat to round out the meal. Dish out a delicious dessert to cap off the morning and send guests out on a sweet note that's perfectly light and airy.

The zesty zip of lemon curd in this Lemon Blueberry Trifle brings out the sweetness of whipped cream made with Domino Golden Sugar, fresh blueberries and cubed pound cake for a vibrant, layered bite. Plus, it's a bright, beautiful centerpiece you can feel proud of as soon as guests try their first bite. ■

LEMON BLUEBERRY TRIFLE

Prep time: 45 minutes

Servings: 8-10

Lemon Curd:

- 1 cup Domino Golden Sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 6 tablespoons water
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 6 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature, cut into 1/2-inch cubes

Whipped Cream:

- 2 cups heavy whipping cream, cold
- 2 tablespoons Domino Golden Sugar
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

Trifle:

- 1 cup blueberry jam
- 12 ounces fresh blueberries, plus additional for garnish, divided
- 1 pound cake, cubed
- lemon slices, for garnish
- mint, for garnish

Directions:

To make lemon curd: In medium saucepan, stir sugar and cornstarch. Stir in lemon juice, lemon zest, water and



salt. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Remove from heat and gradually stir in three egg yolks; mix well until combined. Stir in remaining egg yolks. Return to heat and cook 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.

Stir in butter; mix until incorporated. Cover with plastic wrap, touching surface of lemon curd to prevent curd forming skin. Refrigerate until completely cool.

To make whipped cream: In large bowl, beat cream, sugar and vanilla until soft peaks form. Do not overbeat.

To make trifle: Mix blueberry jam with 12 ounces fresh blueberries. Place one layer cubed pound cake in bottom of trifle dish. Top with layer of blueberries. Add dollops of lemon curd and whipped cream. Repeat layering ending with whipped cream.

Decorate trifle with lemon slices, fresh blueberries and mint.

PROGRAMS, FROM INSIDE

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DALLAS COUNTY CLUBS

May 7, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Forest Park Museum, 14581 K Ave., Perry

The number of clubs and civic organizations in Dallas County is mind-boggling. This program will look at some of their legacies and artifacts. Register to be notified of weather cancelation at DccbDallasCountyClubs.eventbrite.com.

MOTHER'S DAY HIKE

May 13, 10-11 a.m.

Kuehn Conservation Area, 32849 Houston Trail, Earlam

Celebrate the moms of nature. Join Naturalist Erica for a hike and show some love for Mother Nature herself. Register to be notified of weather cancelation at DccbMothersDayHike.eventbrite.com. ■



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GARAGE SALE: Friday & Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. 26152 Burr Oak Lane, Golf Course Area, Adel. 100's of 1970's and 1980's VINYL LPs: Pop, Rock and R&B. 45rpm, cassettes and CDs. Perennials, aquarium, vintage toys, rocking chairs and a variety of household misc.

FOR SALE: Softball/Baseball Pitching/Hitting net. \$25. Call/Text 515-238-3198.

TOPS MEETINGS: Are you feeling you want to lose a few pounds? You can find support at TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) on Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. at Adel Public Library, 303 S. 10th St. There is no obligation for the first meeting. You can come, check it out and decide after your visit if TOPS is right for you. For more information, visit www.tops.org.

50S-PLUS SENIOR GROUP MEETS: The 50s-plus senior group meets at the Adel Public Library Community Room on the first and third Tuesday each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a place to come and have coffee, conversation, programs and, in the future, day trips to places of interest in Iowa. Join when you can.

CAMPING: The Island Campground opening April 15th Rates \$23.00 land sites \$25.00 river except campsite #9 isn't included its full price. 2400 Nantucket Rd Adel, Iowa 50003 call Patti at (515) 360-7481. Happy Camping!

NANNY WANTED: I'm looking for a nanny for my 6 year old daughter. Mostly Mon through Fri and occasional Saturdays. Most days I work from 8-5:30. Preferably someone with a reliable vehicle. Pool pass would be provided. Text or call 515-205-4321.

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