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ADEL PARTNERS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL DINNER: The Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner was held on April 27 at Country Lane Lodge. Pictured above, Chamber Board President Jason Urban, right, awards Tim Bianco, president of Iowa Spring Manufacturing, the Business of the Year award. ■

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 86 | LOW 66

A stray afternoon t-storm



SATURDAY HIGH 88 | LOW 67

Partly sunny and humid



SUNDAY HIGH 87 | LOW 62

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MONDAY HIGH 88 | LOW 60

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

VICTIM OR VICTOR?

The two words in the above headline sound much alike, but they have drastically different meanings. And, in many cases, we can choose which one we want to be.

To be clear, there are victims in this world — those who have truly been subjected to cruel and inhumane situations beyond their control. Those folks deserve our compassion and help, as well as the legal and financial support to fight back and regain their strength. Then there are those who claim to be victims when their coffee is too hot. Big difference.

I have noticed, and maybe you have, too, that those who continually claim they are getting a raw deal at work are often the ones showing up late and leaving early. Those who complain about their grumpy neighbors don't attempt to understand that their stray pets, or loud stereotypes or unkempt yard may be part of the problem. Those with the seemingly endless negative stories

about broken relationships with family and friends can't see that maybe their attitudes had something to do with the fallouts in the first place. Victims? Hardly.

But what about the victors? Those who understand that few things of value in life are ever accomplished without putting in extra time and energy. Those who treat their neighbors, day in and day out, as they want to be treated and who choose to take care of God's green Earth and make it a better place for all. And those who may find it difficult to forget but make amazing efforts to forgive. Victors? Yes.

We all know people who choose to be victims and people who choose to be victors. You likely have visions of a few people in your mind when reading this. But we also need to look in the mirror. Looking back on my life, I know I have chosen, at various times, to be both the victim and the victor.



It is a daily — if not minute-by-minute — decision, and it's not an easy one.

I knew and admired a wonderful man whose life was not a walk in the park, but he realized that his own decisions impacted his life as much or more than anyone else's. He once told me that he had to make up his mind whether he was going to be angry and bitter the rest of his life, or if he was going to make the best of every day and truly enjoy the remaining time he had enjoying his family and friends. He chose the latter and, because of it, he was the most positive person I have ever known and a true victor.

So, we have a choice to make. Which one will you choose to be today? The victim? Or the victor?

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■



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ADM MAY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the ADM graduating seniors and to all the parents and teachers that were a part of the success in our students lives. The ADM Scholarship Foundation is proud to announce 54 graduating seniors going on to post-secondary education have received scholarships this year. The Foundation also presented special awards to three more students for excelling in sports, fine arts or contributions to the community. The Nile Kinnick Award went to Vincent Benetti for accomplishments in sports, academics and leadership. In recognition of achievements in fine arts, academics and leadership, Kyler Hegarty received the Eric Cutler Award. The Stan Norenberg Award was presented to Geneva Timmerman for her leadership and dedication to the community and others. As of this date, 907 students have received scholarships totaling \$889,000.

In addition to giving scholarships, each month, the Foundation, teachers and coaches of ADM acknowledge students who have excelled academically and/or athletically the previous month. The following are the May Students of the Month.

Student of the Month: Christian Madison — Raccoon Valley Bank

Kiwanis Humanitarian: Lucas Nepl and Bri Young

Fine Arts: Art: Kendal Book and Kylie Shafer — Lincoln Savings Bank

Girls Golf: Kendal Book — Adel Rotary Club

Boys Golf: Easton Korell — Patrick's Restaurant

Girls Soccer: Dani Person — Cullen Howe Real Estate — REMAX

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Boys Soccer: Tom Hook — Adel Lions Club

Girls Track: Lauren Hagedorn — Fareway

Boys Track: Jacob Kitzinger — Adel HealthMart

A special thank you to local businesses in the ADM School District who help recognize these students with a donation to the ADM Scholarship Foundation. The donations received by the Foundation are invested and the income is used each year to fund scholarships.

More information on this program and how you may become a part of the Foundation can be found on the website www.admscholarshipfoundation.com or you may contact a board member listed on the website. ■

ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, June 2

TBD **Soccer:** Boys Varsity State Tournament vs. TBA

10 a.m. **Baseball:** 9th vs. Van Meter

5:30 p.m. **Baseball:** JV vs. Ogden

5:30 p.m. **Softball:** JV vs. Van Meter

7 p.m. **Softball:** Varsity vs. Van Meter

7:30 p.m. **Baseball:** Varsity vs. Ogden

Saturday, June 3

TBD **Soccer:** Boys Varsity State Tournament vs. TBA

10 a.m. **Baseball:** Varsity Invitational @ DMACC-Boone Campus

12:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls Varsity State vs. TBA @ James Cownie Soccer Complex

Monday, June 5

4:30 p.m. **Softball:** Freshman @ Bondurant-Farrar

5:30 p.m. **Baseball:** JV @ Bondurant-Farrar

5:30 p.m. **Softball:** JV @ Bondurant-Farrar

7:30 p.m. **Baseball:** Varsity @ Bondurant-Farrar

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MARILYN JEAN BASS SMITH

Marilyn Jean Bass Smith was born May 6, 1930, in Red Oak. In 1943, she won the Montgomery County Spelling Bee and placed fifth in the Iowa State Championship. Following graduation, Jean was an organist in Red Oak and attended junior college for two years. She taught one year in country school and then several years at Stennett School before graduating from Drake University with a degree in music education. While at Drake, she was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, a music sorority, and Kappa Delta Pi, an education sorority. In 1956, she married Bob Smith and moved to Adel. To this union was born Robert G. Smith (Rosemarie) and Catherine J. Leafblad (Mick). She had two grandchildren, Stefanie Leafblad Becerril (Carlos) and Jonathan Leafblad (Monika), and two great-grandchildren, Conor and Veronica, who survive.

After marriage, she taught music at Van Meter until 1967 when she taught elementary music in Adel until 1990 when she retired.

In Adel, she was known for her school Christmas programs and was piano accompanist for Mike Cooper at Adel High School. Jean was a 50-year member of P.E.O. and Lady Washington Chapter of Eastern Star. She gave piano lessons and was a long-time pianist and organist at the First Christian Church in Adel. In 2003, she moved to Illinois to live with her daughter and family. In 2008, she won the Illinois Regional Spelling Bee and went to the state contest, placing seventh. She remained in Illinois until 2019 when she moved to Pennsylvania to be near her son and his wife. Jean lived in an independent living retirement community, Ivy Creek, where she was instrumental in forming a community choir, played keyboard for prayer services, and entertained on the grand piano.

A visitation will be held Monday, June 5, at the Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home in Adel from 5-7 p.m. A funeral service will be held Tuesday, June 6, at 10:30 a.m. at the Adel Christian Church in Adel. Burial will take place at the Oakdale Cemetery following the funeral service. Memorials may be directed to the Adel First Christian Church. Online condolences may be left at www.caldwellparrish.com. ■



MERIDIE BURGER

Meridie Burger, 45, died on May 28, 2023. She is survived by her children, Avelyn and Allison; her husband, Jason; her parents, Jack and Sheri Williams; her brother, Keith (Amber) Williams; her niece, Corbin; and grandmother, Jackie Williams. The family will host a private service and celebration of life. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Animal Rescue League of Iowa.

Meridie was born Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 1977, in Osage. She graduated from Waukee in 1996. She was a talented musician, playing the French horn for both the Des Moines Youth Chamber Players and the Greater Des Moines Youth Symphony. She was selected for All State in the instrument four years in a row, sitting first chair in both the band and orchestra. She was also a gifted pianist. In high school, Meridie was captain of the volleyball team, a state participant in tennis, and a member of the softball and basketball teams. Her senior year, she was the drum major of the marching band. She was a member of the Waukee National Honor Society.

During her first year in Waukee in 1993, Meridie and Jason started their 30-year-long relationship. They married July 21, 2001. Meridie attended the University of Northern Iowa, earning bachelor's degrees in French horn performance and communication - electronic media. She worked at the UNI radio station and recorded concerts for the music department. After graduation, she worked in various capacities in the insurance industry.

Arrangements were made by Iles Westover Chapel. ■



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FRANCIS WAYNE ALDRICH

Francis Wayne Aldrich, 88, of rural Adel died Friday, May 19, 2023. Wayne was born Nov. 17, 1934, on the family farm in Dallas County. He graduated in 1952 from Redfield High School. In high school, he was active in baseball, football, choir, DeMolay and FFA and even drove a school bus.

On Sept. 10, 1955, Wayne married Ruby Elaine Bacon of Panora. They had four children. In 1960, the couple moved from Des Moines to their current home in rural Adel. He worked for Delavan Manufacturing Company in West Des Moines for 25 years as a quality control inspector. He then went back to the family farm and also owned a fertilizer spreading company.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby; daughter Karen (James) Ash of Dallas Center; sons Brent Aldrich of Dallas Center and Tim (Stephanie) Aldrich of Johnston; brother Vernon (Jean) Aldrich of Dallas Center; grandchildren, Jennifer (Greg) Waldrop, Heather (Scott) Chatton, Cristy and Stacy Ash, Taylor (Peyton) Honeck, Tara Aldrich, Jayson (Cassie) Aldrich, Jessica (Zack) Woods, Stacy (Tanner) Soderstrum, Jeremy Mains, Joe Mains, Justin (Tonya) Jenkins, Kristin (Josh) Jorgensen, Josh (Sarah) Aldrich, and Amanda (Curtis) Thompson; and 30 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five siblings, his son, Steve, and daughter-in-law, Pam Aldrich.

Graveside memorial services will be June 18 at 3 p.m. at the Wiscotta Cemetery near Redfield. Memorials can be directed to the Aldrich family. ■



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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BY OLIVIA OSBORN

After months of planning, it is finally time for our summer reading program.

Summer Reading Kickoff – June 5, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join us at the Community Stage & Pavilion on the corner of 10th and Main Street for our summer reading program kick-off. We will start the day at the stage with a family-friendly comedy/magic show. The morning will also include a bounce-house, a balloon twisting artist, temporary tattoos for kids, ADM cheerleaders, and a summer reading sign-up booth.

Join us for early education programs and a few special story times this month.

- **My First Storytime** – every Tuesday beginning June 6, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- **Discovery Time** – every Wednesday beginning June 7, 9:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Storytime** – every Thursday beginning June 8, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- **Storytime at Kinnick-Feller Park** – June 12, 9:30 a.m.
- **Dallas County Conservation Storytime** – June 16, 10 a.m.
- **Storytime at Kinnick-Feller Park** – June 26, 9:30 a.m.

Be sure to leave space on your calendar for our programs this month, we have something for everyone.

- **Elementary Bricks & Beads** – June 6, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

- **Teen: New Book - Book Club** – June 8, 4 p.m.
- **Diggin Dinosaurs with Elizabeth Gilbert Bedia** – June 14, 10 a.m.
- **Story Barn Workshop with Iowa author*** – June 14, 1-2 p.m.
- **Teen Writing Workshop with Iowa author*** – June 14, 3-4:30 p.m.
- **Teen Lego-fy Yourself** – June 15, 4 p.m.
- **Explore Robotics with Aztechs FTC** – June 17, 10 a.m.
- **ISU Insect Zoo** – June 20, 1-2:30 p.m.
- **Teen's Gambit (chess program)** – June 22, 4-5:30 p.m.
- **Airbrushing with Shawn Palek** – June 26, 2 p.m.
- **Elementary Tote Bag Painting*** – June 27, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- **Teen Canvas Painting*** – June 29, 4-5:30 p.m.

**Programs with an asterisk require registration. You can easily register at adelpl.org.*

If you're an adult looking to get out of the house, we have plenty of options for you, too.

- **Library Landscaping Day** – June 3, 8-10 a.m.
- **Yoga at the Library** – Every Wednesday in June at 5:45 p.m.
- **Exercise Group** – Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.
- **50's+ Senior Gathering** – first and third Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. (June 20 will be from 9 a.m. to noon)
- **Brown Bag Book Club** – June 8 at noon
- **Cook Book Club** – June 21 at 11 a.m.
- **Evening Book Club** – June 29 at 6 p.m. ■



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THE ADEL PARTNERS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL DINNER WAS HELD ON APRIL 27 AT COUNTRY LANE LODGE.



Members of the ADM High School cheerleading team greeted attendees Eric, Levi and Anna Trout



Jason and Camille Urban



Kylee Short and Bob Grove



Renae Arnold and Julianna Cullen



Linsey and Steven Kreschollek



Tonya and Dan Davis



Julie Heathcote and Becky Weihe ■

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Des Moines Con. Photo by Nick Burch

GREEK FOOD FAIR FESTIVALGreek Orthodox Church of St. George,
1110 35th St., Des Moines**June 2-4**An inclusive weekend showcasing the culture Greece has to offer. stgeorge.ia.goarch.org**IOWA CRAFT BREW FESTIVAL**Lauridsen Amphitheater at Water Works Park,
2201 George Flagg Parkway, Des Moines**June 3**A day filled with unlimited samples of various craft beers including live music and local food vendors. iowacraftbrewfestival.com**DES MOINES CON**

Hy-Vee Hall, 730 Fourth St., Des Moines

June 3-4Celebrating comics, film, art and all things nerdy featuring guests such as voice actors Tom Kenny, Sarah Natochenny, former pro wrestlers Kevin Nash and Sean Waltman and many more. desmoinescon.com**SUMMER STIR**

Downtown Des Moines

June 9

Hosted by CITYVIEW, the traveling cocktail party returns to various establishments in downtown Des Moines. Sample 10 tasty summer cocktails for only \$25

(\$30 day of event). <https://summerstirs.dmcityview.com>**SPRING SPIRIT SEEKERS FAIR**

414 31st St., Des Moines

June 10Vendors feature healing arts, intuitive readers, activities for children and more. Step into a sample of central Iowa's spiritual community at this free event. You can also bring canned goods and nonperishables to donate to the DMARC food pantry. www.unitydesmoines.com**THE 44TH CAPITAL CITY PRIDEFEST****June 9-11**PrideFest marches into the Historic East Village with a parade alongside a celebration of pride in the Iowa capital. www.capitalcitypride.org/pride-fest**DES MOINES LATINO FILM FESTIVAL****June 13-17**The film festival returns to Valley Junction's Railroad Park for its third year to celebrate Latino culture. www.latinocenterofiowa.org**CAJUN FEST**

Cowles Commons, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines

June 17Cajun delights make their way into downtown Des Moines with a spicy food contest, mask making, costume contest, live music and all the Cajun food your heart desires. www.cajunfestiowa.com/cajun-fest-2023 ■

Cajun Fest. Photo by Anna Rohrs

RECIPE

BREAK OUT BRUNCH FAVORITES FOR SPRING CELEBRATIONS

(Family Features) Deck your kitchen, dining room or patio with bright decor and fun, festive springtime frills — brunch season is here. Whether your weekend morning meal is shared with that special someone or friends, family and neighbors, warm, sunny days can bring out the best of brunch.

Impress your loved one with these Mini Banana Rice Pancakes for two, a healthy and satisfying meal made with Minute Brown Rice & Quinoa Cups. This recipe allows for more moments together at the table because the whole-grain combination is ready in just 1 minute and prep time is minimal. ■

MINI BANANA RICE PANCAKES

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 2

- 1 cup Minute Brown Rice & Quinoa
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk
- 2 teaspoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 bananas, divided
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/4 cup pure maple syrup, divided
- 4 teaspoons butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Directions:

Heat rice and quinoa according to package directions.

In large bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

In medium bowl, whisk milk and lemon juice. Let stand 5 minutes.



Mash 1/2 banana. Transfer to milk mixture. Add egg and 1 teaspoon maple syrup; stir to combine. Stir in melted butter.

Pour milk mixture over flour mixture. Whisk just until combined; do not overmix. Fold in rice and quinoa. Let batter rest 10-15 minutes.

Preheat large nonstick skillet over medium heat; brush with 1 teaspoon oil. Once skillet is hot, reduce heat to medium-low. In batches, adding oil as necessary, scoop 1 tablespoon batter per pancake into skillet and cook 3-4 minutes, or until bubbles start to form. Flip and cook 1-2 minutes until golden on bottom.

Slice remaining half and full bananas. Serve pancakes with remaining maple syrup, banana slices and cinnamon.

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DALLAS COUNTY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

INFORMATIONAL SESSION: DALLAS COUNTY VOLUNTEER WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM

June 3, 11 a.m. to noon OR 1-2 p.m.

Forest Park Museum, Perry

DCCB needs your help to discover more about what's going on in our watersheds. This is not a training and requires no commitment, but it's a chance to ask questions and see if this new program is right for you. According to the DNR's statewide 2022 Impaired Waters Report, only 15 out of 2,617 waterbody segments (that's 0.57%) could be declared to meet all their designated uses. Only 13% were labeled as "healthy." Part of the reason why these numbers are so dismal is because data is absent or insufficient from nearly 60% of our state's identified waterbody segments. For this reason, DCCB is starting a volunteer-based water quality monitoring program to help fill gaps in data and provide information to the public. Once a month, volunteers would collect and share chemical data from their assigned stream site(s) using simple field tests. Registration required online at DccbWaterQuality.eventbrite.com. Email Zach.Moss@DallasCountyIowa.gov if you are interested in learning more but can't attend this session.

IOWA FOLKLORE

June 4, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Forest Park Museum, Perry

Join Dallas County Conservation to take a look at traditional sayings and beliefs in our state. Bring your own tales, too! Register to be notified of weather cancellation. <https://DccbIowaFolklore.eventbrite.com>

SUMMER YOUTH VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

June 8-July 13, Thursdays, 8 a.m. to noon

Voas Nature Area,

19286 Lexington Road, Minburn

Is your child interested in a meaningful summer of service in the outdoors? Dallas County Conservation Board will once again host a Summer Youth Volunteer Program for students ages 10-14. The group will

continue working on a savanna restoration project begun six years ago by other Summer Youth at Voas, as well as participate in an educational component, and have plenty of time to enjoy nature play. Contact DCCB at 515-465-3577 or e-mail mike.havlik@dallascountyiowa.gov. *Registration is required and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis, as space is limited. Only register if your child can attend the majority of dates.

ADULTS-ONLY HIKE

June 8, 7-8 p.m.

Voas Nature Area, 19286 Lexington Road, Minburn

Ever been on a hike and wanted to know more about the park you're at or something you see? Come join Naturalist Erica on an evening hike where adults get to take center stage. This guided hike is for 18 and older individuals to come explore nature and rediscover your sense of childlike wonder. *Register to be notified of weather cancellation. DccbAdultHike.eventbrite.com

SILLY SKUNKS

June 13 and June 17, 10-11 a.m.

Voas Nature Area,

19286 Lexington Road, Minburn

Most people avoid going near them at all cost and run for tomato juice at the sight of one. But come learn why it's not bad having skunks as a wild neighbor — and the recipe for actually getting the smell of skunk spray out. *Register to be notified of weather cancellation. DccbSillySkunks.eventbrite.com

JUNE BIRD (AND AWE) HIKE

June 17, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Kuehn Conservation Area,

32849 Houston Trail, Earlham

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 DccbJuneBirdHike.eventbrite.com ■

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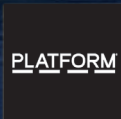
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THIRD MONDAY BINGO

Enjoy Bingo on Monday, June 19, 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. Bring a dauber if you have one. They will also be for sale. ■

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

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

DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR VETERANS

As we commemorate Memorial Day to honor our fallen service men and women, we turn to our veterans who are hospitalized or who are in need of other services. Current needs at the Des Moines VA Hospital are great-condition used books, individually wrapped snacks, men's hard-sole slippers, men's shoes (size 11 and 12), men's sweatpants/athletic pants (size M, L and XL), men's underwear (size M and L), reading glasses (+2.25, +3.00, and +3.25), duffle bags and backpacks. At the DM VA Community Resource and Referral Center, which helps veterans find housing, current needs are canned tuna, ready-to-eat meals (such as Hormel Compleats), and all-purpose spray-cleaner.

Donations are welcome at the Adel American Legion Auxiliary Unit 464 drop-off box at 1305 S. 15th St., Adel, or contact Shirley McAdon at 515-993-4862 for pick up.

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