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KEENAN'S 'GIFT' GUIDES HIS CHAINSAW

REMOVAL OF ASH TREES TURNS INTO PUBLIC ART PROJECT.

(Editor's note: The rest of this feature story can be found in the Adel Living magazine.)

BY MARSHA FISHER

Many residents of Adel have recently been touring Kinnick-Feller and Island parks to view the intricate chainsaw sculptures Gary Keenan has created from the trunks of ash trees that needed to be removed.

The first to appear was an eagle with a fish in its talons, an appropriate addition to the park near the Raccoon River, where eagles have been sighted. Then, an ADM Tiger was sculpted near the ball fields, a fox in Island Park, cardinals



Gary Keenan, sculptor, and Curtis Waddingham, parks superintendent, with one of Keenan's works.

by the entrance to Oakdale Cemetery and more.

"In all, there will be seven tree trunk sculptures completed by Gary," says Nick Schenck, director of Adel Parks and Recreation. "We talked as a staff to determine the list of

sculptures and their locations."

Curtis Waddingham, Adel parks superintendent, had the idea to contact Keenan. Since the bid for tree removal was lower than expected,

TREES, CONTINUED ON BACK

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 75 | LOW 58

Sun, then turning cloudy



SATURDAY HIGH 81 | LOW 62

Mostly cloudy



SUNDAY HIGH 82 | LOW 64

Mostly sunny and pleasant



MONDAY HIGH 87 | LOW 63

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

'WELCOME BACK'

I have written many columns over the years, but the one that garnered the most feedback was on the topic of iconic cars from TV and movies. I assumed it would be a hit, as when I broached the topic with a group of friends, the conversation went on for an hour. Let's see if this one hits home, too.

Which TV theme songs are the most memorable for you? Of course, the answers will likely be tied to the decade you grew up in — but not necessarily. Think about the TV theme songs that make you smile when you hear them. The ones that make you turn up the volume knob. The songs you know every word to. The instrumentals you hum along with. The serious ones. The silly ones. The sitcoms. The cartoons. The kid shows. Nothing is off limits. Here are a few of my favorites to get the conversation rolling.

"Welcome Back" was the theme song of the 1970s sitcom "Welcome Back, Kotter." It was written and recorded by John Sebastian, the former lead singer of Lovin' Spoonful. The song reached No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in May of 1976.

Epstein. Barbarino. Washington. Horshack. They all made me smile, and this song still does. "Yeah, we tease him a lot 'cause we got him on the spot, welcome back."

"Meet George Jetson." You know the rest. "The Jetsons" originally aired in prime time from 1962 to 1963, but most of us know the cartoon show from its reruns via syndication. His boy, Elroy. Daughter, Judy. Jane, his wife. And who could forget Astro? The theme song was composed by Hoyt Curtin, a musical director for the Hanna-Barbera animation studio from its beginnings. The song even became a pop hit in 1986. "Jane, stop this crazy thing!"

"Not getting hassled, not getting hustled." "Good Times" aired for six seasons from 1974 to 1979. The Norman Lear production was television's first African American two-parent family sitcom. It was a spin-off of "Maude," which was a spin-off of "All in the Family." The gospel-styled theme song has lyrics that might be a challenge to



understand, but I still sing along with whatever I think the words are. "Keeping your head above water, making a wave when you can."

And my last one to whet your musical appetite is the theme from "The Rockford Files." The song is as iconic as the Pontiac Firebirds James Garner drove on the show. This 1975 instrumental by Mike Post features a blues harmonica solo, dobro guitar, an electric guitar solo heard in the bridges and a Minimoog synthesizer heard in the refrains. It spent four months on the charts and became a Top 10 hit in August of 1975 and even won a 1975 Grammy Award for Best Instrumental Arrangement.

These tunes may get the ball rolling, but I clearly missed other great TV theme songs. Send me a note and let me know which ones are memorable to you.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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BLOOD DRIVE

The Adel Community Blood Drive is Tuesday, July 25 from 9 a.m. to noon at Lincoln Savings Bank. Appointments are encouraged by calling 800-287-4903. ■

MUSEUM OPEN

The Adel Historical Museum, 1129 Main St.. will be open every Saturday from 1-3 p.m. through the month of August. ■

THIRD MONDAY BINGO

Enjoy Bingo on Monday, July 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. 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. ■

ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, July 7

7 p.m. **Baseball:** Varsity
Districts vs. Winterset

Saturday, July 8

7 p.m. **Softball:** Varsity
Regional Semifinal vs.
TBA @ TBA

Monday, July 10

7 p.m. **Baseball:** Varsity
Substate vs. TBA @ TBA

Tuesday, July 11

7 p.m. **Softball:** Varsity
Regional Final vs. TBA
@ TBA


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KIDS CONCERT

**Forest Park Museum,
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July 7, 11 a.m. to noon**

Bring your children and enjoy a free summer outdoor concert of fun and educational nature songs with a sing-a-long component. Learn how "Dirt Makes Your Lunch" and "Bats Eat Bugs." Bring a sack lunch and blanket. Stick around to enjoy the park and museum for the remainder of the afternoon. A great way to wrap up the week of the Fourth. No registration required.

SNEAKY SNAKES

**Voas Nature Area,
19286 Lexington Road, Minburn
July 11 and July 15, 10-11 a.m.**

Nope Rope? Danger Noodle? Slimy? Cool? No matter what you call them, people have thoughts about snakes. Hang out with Naturalist Erica to learn a little about our legless wild neighbors and get the chance to meet one up-close at this live animal program. Registration required.

MORNING MINDFULNESS WALK

**Kuehn Conservation Area,
32828 Houston Trail, Earlham**

July 12, 8-9 a.m.

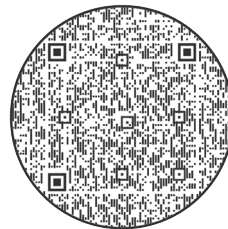
Bring your morning beverage along while we slow down and take some time to check-in with our bodies, minds, and the environment around us. Registration required.

MITAKUYE OYASIN BUILDING RELATIONS SERIES: PRAYER TIES

**Kuehn Conservation Area,
32828 Houston Trail, Earlham
July 12, 6:30-8 p.m.**

Irma Wilson White, Winnebago-Omaha Elder and longtime friend, will again share the tradition of prayer ties and provide a tutorial lesson on how to create your own. Continue the healing started in 2020 with this indigenous way of knowing. Registration required.

To register for for events, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/summer-2023-public-programs-june-september-2243469?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=esclb> ■



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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. ■

FUNERAL NOTICE

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HARLAN DELANO CHAPMAN

Harlan Delano Chapman Sr., 89, of Adel, died June 26, 2023, at the Community Living Center - Veterans Hospital Campus in Des Moines. Funeral services were Thursday, July 6, at Iles-Brandt. Burial followed at Panther Creek Cemetery west of Adel.



Born during the Great Depression on Nov. 20, 1933, to Herbert and Rosa Chapman, he grew up in a large family: two brothers, three half brothers and two half sisters. Harlan grew up helping his family on the farm and farming became his passion as well. He served his country in the 97th Signal Battalion from 1954-1956. Harlan was a farmer, a mechanic, a people person, and a lover of nature. He had the ability to make something out of nothing and the gift of storytelling. He touched many lives through his hard work on the farm and playing his harmonica at local cafes. He was an active listener and reflective dispenser of advice. His kids remember him as a strong individual. Harlan suffered many losses during his lifetime. The loss of his farm in the 1980s and the death of his first wife, his siblings and his daughter. He took these losses in stride and persevered. He treasured time spent with family, friends and his dogs.

Harlan is survived by his second wife, Annamaria; daughters, Debbie Webb (Tom), Deloris Gibbons (Ron), Donna Halbach (Todd), Dana Chapman-Barber (Tom) and Heidi Chapman-Fisher (Jim); sons, Daniel Chapman and Harlan Chapman, Jr. and their families, including 16 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; and a brother, Kenneth Chapman (Linda).

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, brothers, first wife, Marian, and daughter, Denise.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Des Moines VA Medical Center. Online condolences are welcome at www.IlesCares.com. ■

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This is a family-friendly event at Bondurant's iconic regional trailhead in the heart of the Chichaqua Valley Trail system. The evening includes two Des Moines-based blues bands, so you are invited to bring your lawn chairs, blankets, friends and family. Enjoy food trucks, bounce houses, face painting, balloon animals, and ice-cold treats.

After the opening act, the home brew competition judges reveal the home brew winners. Bondurant's local Reclaimed Rails Brewing Company collects home brew submissions from all of Central Iowa. Pre-Register and drop off home brews before Monday, July 9, to participate. Register at <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eju037if81ff8756&oseq=&c=&ch=>.

Showcased along the Chichaqua Valley Trail is art from the Sidewalk Chalk Art Competition held earlier in the day. The public is encouraged to participate in a people's choice vote on the art showcased by Bondurant natives. This year's Sidewalk Chalk Art Prizes winners will be announced at 8:45 p.m.

**SUMMER STIR****Friday, July 21, 5-9 p.m.****Historic East Village**

Join CITYVIEW's traveling cocktail party. Visit many great establishments in the early evening and sample their signature Summer Stir drinks. For only \$25 (prepaid online, visit summerstirs.dmcityview.com), participants will receive 10 tickets to use to sample drinks at any of the participating venues. Tickets may also be purchased at the event for \$30. All of the establishments will be within walking distance.

ANKENY CHAMBER SUMMERFEST**July 7-9****The District at Prairie Trail, Ankeny**

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FOUR SEASONS FESTIVAL**July 14-15****Polk City Square**

There will be plenty to do at this year's Four Seasons Festival including a fun run, live music, parade, food and drink vendors, contests and fun for all ages fourseasonsfestival.com

WAUKEE ARTS FESTIVAL**July 14-15****Centennial Park**

Enjoy one of the area's fastest-growing and most exciting summer events with more than 100 vendors and several concerts. Friday events begin at 5 p.m. with artist vendors, food trucks, beer garden and concert. The festival reopens Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., with daytime music, art vendors, food trucks, beer garden, kids activities and concert. www.waukeeartsfestival.org

CLIVE FESTIVAL**July 21-22****East side of N.W. 114th Street, Clive**

Greenbelt Landing will have fun for everyone including "Thunder Over Clive" fireworks, live music, the popular Clive Fire Department Slip-N-Slide, a running festival, food trucks and more. cityofclive.com/parkandrecreation/programs_and_events/clive_festival.php ■

RECIPE

ELEVATE SUMMER ENTERTAINING WITH AN ENJOYABLE CRUNCH

(Family Features) As families and friends gather on patios and decks to enjoy the warmth of summer and meals fresh off the grill, many are searching for that perfect ingredient that can complement salads, appetizers, main courses, desserts and more.

This year, you can turn to pecans to elevate meals and give your guests something to rave about. Known for their rich, buttery consistency and naturally sweet taste, pecans have a longstanding tradition as a nut topping. They're sprinkled atop this Spiced Pecan Grilled Peach Salad with Goat Cheese for a refreshing seasonal salad with a nutty crunch. ■

SPICED PECAN GRILLED PEACH SALAD WITH GOAT CHEESE

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 50 minutes

Servings: 4

Spiced Pecans:

- 1 large egg white
- 3 tablespoons dark brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 cups pecan halves

Salad:

- 1/4 cup, plus 2 teaspoons, extra-virgin olive oil or pecan oil, divided
- 1/4 cup white wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper, to taste
- 2 large peaches, halved and pits removed
- 6 cups mixed baby greens (such as arugula, spring mix and spinach)
- 4 ounces soft goat cheese

To make spiced pecans:

Preheat oven to 275 F. Line rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.



In medium bowl, whisk egg white, brown sugar, cinnamon, cayenne pepper and salt until well combined. Fold in pecans and mix until evenly coated in mixture. Spread in single layer on prepared baking sheet.

Bake 45-50 minutes, stirring occasionally until pecans are fragrant and golden brown. Allow to cool completely.

To make salad:

Heat grill to medium-high heat.

In small bowl, whisk 1/4 cup olive oil, white wine vinegar, Dijon mustard, garlic powder, salt and pepper, to taste. Set aside.

Brush cut sides of peach halves with remaining olive oil and grill until grill lines appear and peaches become tender, 3-5 minutes. Remove peaches and cut into slices.

Divide greens among four plates. Top with grilled peach slices and goat cheese. Divide 1 cup spiced pecans evenly among salads and reserve remaining cup for snacking. Drizzle each salad with vinaigrette..

TREES, FROM FRONT

money was available to hire Keenan for the carvings.

"I had heard about Gary and seen his work around the area and hoped we could turn the tree removal into a positive impact," says Waddingham.

They started talking in January about the possibilities as they walked around the parks and pointed out the trees to be removed. In March, the trees were removed and Keenan has been carving as his schedule permits.

"I started playing around with carving when I was a young man," says Keenan. "I was intrigued with the idea of carving something out of wood. I do seem to have a certain connection to trees."

For the last 23 years, Keenan has made tree carving his full-time



business, traveling all over the United States. He has been invited to attend numerous exclusive, juried competitions in England and Scotland. And, you might recognize him as one of the chainsaw carvers at the Iowa State Fair. ■



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