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### **SHOWCASING** Adel's charm

Not too many years ago, community festivals were few and far between. The ones that did exist were small in comparison to those today. Now, seemingly every community has a large, multi-day festival with food trucks, parade, carnival, live music and even fireworks.

I have attended every community celebration in central Iowa at one point or another, and although they are similar, each has its own unique identity, too — as it should.

You don't have to mention Adel in a conversation for long without the words "sweet corn" coming into play. That's a direct result of decades of wonderful festivals and the hard work that many have put into organizing and promoting this event. It is a wonderful reason to bring residents — both past and present — together, and it also brings a multitude of non-residents to town. As such, it is a perfect opportunity to showcase Adel as visitors certainly delve deeper into the city and experience its charm.

Adel's history is rich, and the pride is immense. That is rarely more apparent than at the Sweet Corn Festival.

If you have never attended, you are in luck. This year's event is just around the corner, and there will most certainly be a number of activities you will enjoy.

Once again, we share the details of this hometown event in the pages of this magazine. It is a wonderful part of this vibrant community and yet another reason why so many choose to call Adel home.

Thanks for reading.

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#### **By Chantel Boyd**

The sweet corn is ripe and ready to eat. What better reason can there be for celebrating? Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce invites the public to "Find your fun!" at the 44th Adel Sweet Corn Festival, presented by many area sponsors, on Saturday, Aug. 12. And don't forget all the important happenings the day before. Friday, Aug. 11, the corn — tons of it — will be shucked, and the Sweet Corn Festival Princess crowned.

Church of Hope joined the Sweet Corn Festival fun with its drawing board cut out.

The crowning of the princess will occur at 6:30 p.m. The event is open to Adel-DeSoto-Minburn girls entering second through fourth grade this fall. The princess and her court are selected by random drawing.

Saturday, Aug. 12, the Sweet Corn Festival will be in full swing when it kicks off with the 5K, with more than 400 participants expected to run or walk.

Rebecca Hillmer and Alicia Hadfield are just a couple of the many volunteers who help the Chamber carry out the Sweet Corn Festival. The two head the committee that oversees how the funds raised at the 5K help impact the trails in the community. Hadfield is the race director.

"Past Sweet Corn 5K funds have been used to improve the trail by lighting the bridge and doing the landscaping surrounding the trails," says Deb Bengtson, president of Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce.

The top three finishers in both women's and men's categories as well as the top two men and top two women in each age category will receive medals. The race is starting earlier this year with a 7:30 a.m. start and expected finish by 8:30 a.m. to allow plenty of time to head to the 9:30 a.m. parade on Main Street.

Whether you're a seasoned runner or just starting your fitness journey, the 5K event is for all levels. Lace-up your running shoes, bring your friends and family, and conquer this 5K with hundreds of other participants.

Hillmer serves as the volunteer coordinator for the 5K and is the chair of the Adel Partners Trail Committee. For the 5K, her responsibility centers around recruiting more than 60 helpers.

"The volunteers who provide traffic control at street intersections, hand out water and afterrace refreshments, and help with T-shirt and race bib pickup are necessary for a successful race," she says.

After the parade, families can check out the many activities being held throughout the day around Adel, including the vendor fair, food vendors, and free sweet corn feed that starts at 11 a.m. and lasts until the thousands of ears of corn are gone. The Semi Sweet Corn Classic Truck Show will be at the Dallas County Fairgrounds.

The 2023 theme is "Find the Fun" at the Sweet Corn Festival, and it will not be hard to do at this family event.



After the parade, enjoy free sweet corn and family activities.

#### **Raises funds**

This is not just a free, family-friendly end-ofsummer community party; the Sweet Corn Festival is also an invaluable fundraiser that allows Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce to raise money for the next annual Sweet Corn Festival and other community events throughout the year that drive traffic to Adel.

"Profits from the Sweet Corn Festival go right back into the community," says Bengtson.

Last year, the Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce invested more than \$43,000 to host the Sweet Corn Festival. The funds raised after all expenses are paid go into marketing events and members; hosting events for members to network, gain knowledge to grow and have referral sources; and hosting the Sip and Sample, Adel's Hometown Holiday Celebration, the first weekend in December.

"We use the funds to increase marketing for our Chamber members throughout the year, so we can best highlight the members and businesses in the community," says Bengtson.

The Annual Sip and Sample event during the holidays in December is one of the larger events the Chamber hosts.

"The Chamber does not ask for sponsors as the Sweet Corn Festival funds help pay for this holiday event that community and Chamber partners and members look forward to every year," says Bengtson. The Sweet Corn Festival is the only annual event the Chamber asks businesses to step up and sponsor to help defray the costs.

"This year, our Chamber members have stepped to the plate so we can have a worldclass festival," says Bengtson.

Bengston says she, the members of the Sweet Corn Festival Committee, and the volunteers wish to thank all the sponsors at every level for their generous support.

"We want to give a big shout out and thank you to our Elite level sponsor, Iowa Spring; our Street Party Sponsors, River to River Bakery and Pizza, along with Optimae Life Services; our Vendor Sponsor, A Kings Portable Restrooms; and our Princess Sponsor, Superior Exteriors. Several other sponsors help put this event on, and we appreciate every one of them," she says.

Other community groups who participate in the festival also reinvest money back in the community from Sweet Corn Festival events. The funds raised from the 5K each year have gone to the Trail Committee and have been used to purchase greenery, mulch, art, concrete and bench improvements to beautify and bolster the trails and parks.

"Those funds have also allowed us to obtain additional funding through matching grants," says Hillmer.

The bikers, walkers and runners that use

the trail have responded positively to all of the improvements.

"The 5K gives us a chance to showcase our town and generate funds for improvements," says Hillmer.

Beyond the 5K and the funds raised from that, the Rotary sells water at the festival. Shirley McAdon of the Adel Rotary shares that they again partnered with the Police Department to host the Fourth Annual Safety Bike Rodeo in May. This newer annual event was developed to promote safe bicycle-riding habits and to reduce accidents involving children. The event is free to the community and includes interactive activities for children, free giveaways and a prize drawing. While there, children's bikes and helmets are fitted and inspected, and they are given safety instructions.

There is also a bags tournament from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. hosted by St. John's Catholic Church. Pat Finnegan chairs the bags tournament for the church and shares that funds from the festival have enabled them to host their fish fry early in the year with hand-battered fish and all the fixings.



The Semi Sweet Corn Classic Truck Show will be at the Dallas County Fairgrounds.

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Additionally, the church has a Memorial Garden for community members to visit that is in remembrance of the unborn that was made possible by the funds.

Adel-DeSoto-Minburn Tigers volleyball hosts a co-ed sand volleyball tournament in Evans Park that provides funds for the ADM volleyball program. Trevor Irwin, the ADM volleyball coach, shares that the funds raised directly impact the ADM volleyball program. Participants in the tournament must be 18 and older; each team pays \$100 to play.

"The Sweet Corn Sand Volleyball Tournament is ADM Volleyball's second



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volleyball-specific fundraiser that we have," says Irwin. "It assisted us in purchasing brand new custom pole pads, custom net tape, and new volleyball jerseys for all our ADM high school volleyball teams. This fundraiser helps our program stay up to date with the most current volleyball materials, and I really enjoy putting the Sweet Corn Sand Volleyball Tournament together because it allows our coaches and players to hang out and mingle with community members."

#### More fun

Other fun activities include local artists and bands; food trucks with a variety of tasty options; arts and crafts and informative booths; games and activities for kids and adults of all ages, like face painting and spraying fire hoses; and a car show. The car show is back for 2023 with a 1980s theme. Bring your cars for the parade and stay for the afternoon show.

The festival has been going on for nearly half a century. The festival organizers asked people to share their favorite memories, and here are just a few:

"Our neighborhood floats! So fun to

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There would be no sweet corn to eat if a slew of volunteers didn't first shuck it.

decorate with chicken wire, stuffed with napkins, and spray-painted. We always tried to incorporate some sort of 'corny' theme." — Becky Button Beaman Andersen

"My best memories will always be the corn followed by pie and ice cream in the church basement!" — Keith McCracken Admission is free, so bring your friends and family for summer fun in the sun. Remember to bring a blanket or lawn chair for the Street Party from 6 p.m. to midnight, with live music performances at the Raccoon Valley Bank Stage and Pavilion. Mark your calendars and join the fun on Aug. 12.

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#### A PLACE to enjoy the seasons outdoors

Acreage checks all the boxes for the Campbells.





The front porch that runs the length of the Campbell's house is a great place to practice yoga.

outdoors, and their 17-acre property provides many opportunities. The from

After five years of dreaming and searching, Cara Campbell and her husband, Matt, were losing hope they would ever find their ideal location to live — an acreage near the west side of the metro.

"In the fall of 2021, a set of circumstances that can only be described as a 'God thing' put us in touch with Ross and Janie Harrison, who owned a home on Panther Creek Road, southwest of town," Campbell explains. "After driving around the grounds and exploring the outdoor space, we knew this was the place we were meant to call home."

Importantly, the place checked two of the three big items on the Campbell's priority list.

"We love being active outside, so a property with a great outdoor space was a must," she says. "Another priority was an outbuilding for Matt to store his work equipment and materials. We knew the third item on our list could be accomplished in the future, so it was a go."

While the home itself is functional and has plenty of space for Cara and Matt, it was the land on which it sits that sealed the deal for their purchase.

"It is 17 acres of heaven on Earth, with a little bit of everything for the nature lover in each of us," Campbell says. "There is a large forest reserve to explore, a berry field, pasture, vegetable and flower gardens, plus more birds and wildlife than you can imagine. We are bordered on the south by the Raccoon River, and Panther Creek runs through the east side of the property."

Depending on the time of year, you might find Matt and Cara snowshoeing, hiking in the woods, fishing, collecting wildflowers, playing fetch with their dog in the river or enjoying a picnic or cocktail on "Campbell Point," where the river and creek meet. "Having lived here for more than a year now, we've seen it through every season, and it's beautiful no matter the timing," Campbell says. "Every now and then Matt and I find ourselves smiling and shaking our heads at how blessed we are to call this place home."



The Campbells — and their dog — enjoy time by the river.

One of Campbell's favorite things to do is grab fresh eggs from the chicken coop each morning, which Matt, the "ultimate omelet maker," then uses to make breakfast.

"I also love our front porch," Campbell says. "It's got a peaceful feeling and a beautiful view. It spans the length of the house and is wide enough that I've even led yoga classes there during the rain."

This past June, Campbell opened SOULSHINE yoga + fitness on Court Street, further sharing her love of yoga with the community.

"We are thankful for the way Adel has embraced SOULSHINE so far and are excited to welcome more of you," Campbell says.

In general, she says Adel is the friendliest, most welcoming community she and Matt have ever lived in.

"As a new business owner in town, my heart has been lifted by the support and love received from every person I have encountered," Campbell adds. ■

#### **RETIRE** your way

In the last 20 years, I've learned that all retirement plans look different. Each family or individual we've helped has a separate retirement vision, individualized retirement savings, and a distinct set of circumstances that led to retirement — but, sometimes people want to compare themselves to others. People often ask us, "What is the average account balance?" or "How much do most people retire with?" They want to know how they stack up.



Others may think they should make their pension decision based on what a coworker did or elect Social Security based on what a friend or relative did. I understand it's normal to compare ourselves to others — but retirement is too individualized to compare yourself to others. To retire your way, you can't make decisions based on some arbitrary benchmark or what someone else did. Your neighbor or coworker has not lived the same life you have. Your friend or relative does not have the same goals you do.

You don't have to find the perfect product or reach a financial threshold to live the retirement of your dreams. I'm convinced that the only thing standing between you and that dream trip, vacation home, new hobby, or move to be near family and friends is a strategy tailored to your distinct needs and goals.

Last year, we met with a woman who was just 59 years old and wanted to retire to care for her ailing husband. She didn't think it was possible. We put together a detailed plan that showed her how and why she could do it. Though she had difficult circumstances, there was a sense of relief and joy when she found out she could confidently retire her way.

Conversely, we started working with a couple in their early 60s a few years ago. Their previous advisor had told them they could retire at the end of the year with a 99% probability of living the retirement they'd envisioned. When we performed our analysis, we found they would likely run out of money by the ages of 75 and 80. They were shocked and dismayed but glad to know this before they retired rather than five or ten years after. We then put together a written strategy that included actionable and measurable goals. As a retirement planner — and not an accumulation advisor, my primary responsibility is to be completely transparent and deliver the truth. It also means having a proven process to help you retire your way using a customized, written plan.

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#### LOOKING for some courage?

Living as a Jesus follower requires courage. This might mean going places that may not be comfortable, speaking up when others say quiet down, or staying faithful even when you are afraid. Most of us would

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like to be a more courageous person.

In the Bible, the book of Acts provides an eyewitness telling of the first church in Jerusalem and how the Lord used everyday folks willing to be courageous to make an eternal impact in the lives of thousands. As an example, in Acts 4 (vs. 1-4) two of the leaders of the church, Peter and John, were arrested for telling other people about Jesus. The religious elites were offended by the message of these apostles for the same reason some are offended by Christianity today.

The first church started at a time when a view called pluralism was embraced, which is the view all ideas and all religious views are equally valid. As a result, a person can't say there is one Truth, one true faith, or one way to God. Rejecting pluralism makes you arrogant, exclusive and intolerant. Interestingly, this is also the world we live in today and why, when you say (as Peter does in Acts 4:12), "Jesus is the only way to salvation," there is often a reaction.

Interestingly, when a pluralist tells you that all ideas are true and all religious views are equally valid, they are making an exclusive truth claim about the way things are. This also means they are telling you their view of God and reality is right and yours is wrong. In all of this, the pluralist is just as passionate to evangelize you to their viewpoint as you might be to your beliefs. It takes courage to be bold in your faith in a pluralistic world. If you are a person who keeps your faith private, nobody will complain about you. Dogs never bark at parked cars. But talk about Jesus and how He is at work in your life or strive to live out His commands found in the Bible, and you might be criticized.

Here is my encouragement to you: Following Jesus requires courage and courage comes from following Jesus. Make getting time with the Lord in the Word and prayer and do what He tells you to do. As you do this, you will be a person who has the courage to allow the Lord to use you to make an eternal impact in the life of someone else. ■

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#### By Scott Hall

# THE METHOD for selecting judges

In 1962, the Iowa Constitution was amended to change the method by which we select our judges. Prior to that, our judges were elected by popular vote. Electing judges is fraught with potential

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problems. Imagine appearing before a judge and wondering whether your opponent donated money to the judge's campaign? Would the judge be impartial in that case?

Former Congressman Neal Smith, in a speech delivered years ago, explained that one of the factors leading to our constitutional change was that Republicans in Polk County were unable to elect their preferred judges. This was problematic for them because all agency action review cases flowed through the Polk County District Court, making it a very powerful tribunal. After the 1960 general election, Republicans controlled 35 seats in the State Senate and Democrats controlled 15. The amendment passed through the legislature and was then referred to Iowans at the ballot box on June 4, 1962, passing with 57.25% of the vote.

The amendment is known as the "Missouri Plan" because it was based on the method by which Missouri has selected its judges since 1940. Here's how Iowa's district court plan works: 1) Each judicial district has a nominating commission that is comprised of five members appointed by the Governor, five members elected by and from the licensed attorneys within the district, and the senior most judge in the district; 2) When a judicial vacancy occurs, the Governor notifies the commission and the commission convenes to establish a timeline for accepting applications from candidates; 3) Qualified candidates submit written applications, writing samples, representative cases, and letters of reference to the commission, and then they are interviewed by the commission in person; 4) The commission deliberates and votes for

their preferred candidates; 5) The commission reports to the Governor the top two candidates; 6) The Governor interviews the top two candidates and then appoints one of them to serve as a District Court judge. That appointed judge serves an initial one-year term and then must stand for a general retention vote, allowing the public to weigh in on the selection. Each member of the nominating commission serves six-year staggered terms. The commission is non-partisan and gender balanced.

On Aug. 17, the District 5A Judicial Nominating Commission will interview qualified applicants for a vacancy on the bench, select two of them to send to the Governor, and one will be appointed a judge. ■

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#### EDUCATION

By T.K. West

#### **STUDENTS** create 'The Tiger News'

Fourth-grade GATE members take initiative to share school news.



Members of The Tiger News committee enjoyed creating and producing a school newspaper.

Last school year, fourth-grade Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) students at Meadow View Elementary School came up with the idea to publish a school newspaper. This passion project developed into what became "The Tiger News." The newspaper provided a fun and engaging way to share school information with students and staff. Each edition contained news, expectation reminders, fun facts, a puzzle and jokes.

"We like The Tiger News because we get to share our ideas with the entire school, and other kids can appreciate how hard we worked on the newspaper. We also get to work together as a group," say Tiger News committee members Maysen Wenndt and Lynnaea Wilkins.

Before publishing the newspaper, students took the initiative to design, draft and edit their first edition before pitching it to their teacher, Ashlee Nichols. Students who contributed to The Tiger News learned the importance of taking one small idea and seeing it through to the end. They also learned time management, work delegation, how to meet deadlines and more.

"I like having the independence of doing different sections alone but also getting to work with other people," says student Charley Steinfeldt.

In addition, projects such as The Tiger News are important for students at the elementary school level because it gives them a chance to apply the skills they have been learning to real life experiences.

"I like having freedom to choose the topics that we write about," says Alex Johnson.

"I like using my creativity in an interesting way," adds Rya Behrens.

Last year, The Tiger News committee consisted of approximately five fourth-grade students who were featured on the Adel-DeSoto-Minburn website. This school year, these students will transition to the DeSoto Intermediate School. They are currently looking forward to participating in their next passion project, Lego League.

"I enjoy seeing their curiosity and teamwork come to life. They are busy delegating tasks, jumping in to help each other, resolving conflict amongst themselves. It's a real-life experience that the students are fully invested in," Nichols says.





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#### UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

• Tuesday, August 8th, 2023 at 6:00pm

\*For additional meeting dates/times, meeting information, or to subscribe for email notifications when Agendas are posted for City Council meetings please visit www.adeliowa.org/agendas-minutes/

#### **REMINDERS & CLOSURES:**

- Friday, August 11th, 2023: City Hall will be closed to the public.
- Pursuant to Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.369 and City of Adel Code Chapter 135.03, it is unlawful to blow grass clippings onto City streets. Please be a good neighbor and take pride in keeping our City streets clean.
- Yard Waste Pickup started Tuesday, April 4th and will continue every Tuesday through mid-November. Please make sure yard waste is either in a garbage can labeled "Yard Waste" or a paper bag. Tree limbs need to be bundled and no longer that 4 ft.

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you been working for City of Adel? Since May 2023

What are you excited about for your department's future plans? Watching the City of Adel grow as a beautiful community.

What is a hobby you enjoy? I enjoy watching our girls play softball, spending time with family and friends, and cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes.

**Anything else Adel should know about you?** My Husband, Josh, and I have lived in Adel for 7 years and have 3 children, Aria (10), Audi (7), and Dax(3). Adel Parks & Recreation has various free, family friendly events throughout the summer. Learn more about them below:

• MOVIES IN THE PARK – Saturday, August 26 in Evans Park. Bring your chairs and blankets and enjoy the movie starting at sunset. Movie is Lightyear

• ADEL POWER WHEELS NATIONALS – The 2nd Annual Nationals - is rescheduled to Saturday, August 5th. This free program will be at Kinnick-Feller Park. Check in

begins at 9:30 am. Pre-registration is highly encouraged to expedite your checkin process. This is a free event for youth ages 5 to 7 years old. If you don't have your own Power Wheels vehicle – no problem we have ones that kids can use during their race. A complete set of rules, divisions, and guidelines are available at adel.activityreg.com. Several Classes are offered: Limited Pro (2 – 4-yearolds), Pro Stock (5- to 7-year-olds), Outlaw (5- to 7-year-olds), Limited Demo Derby (2 – 4-year-olds), Pro Demo Derby (5- to 7-year-olds).

• BEAN BAG LEAGUE – The classic yard game brought to the Parks and Recreation line-up. Find a partner and get in a couple practice throws. Seven weeks of league play followed by end-of-season tournament. Location: Kinnick-Feller Park When: Thursdays Evenings, August 17 – September 28 + tournament Deadline: August 4

• IOWA PARK & REC DAY @ THE IOWA STATE FAIR – Thursday, August 17, find us at the fair for some friendly competitions including bubble gum blowing, big wheel races, scavenger hunt, and more!

#### ADEL FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

Season passes, swim lessons, birthday parties, and private rentals can be purchased online at adel.activityreg.com

Doggy Dip - Last day of pool season. TBD

#### ADEL FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER HOURS:

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#### Anthony Brown, Adel City Administrator,

received his 10 years of service award at the City Council meeting on July 11th. Thank you for your service, Anthony!

**CITY EMPLOYEE CONGRATULATIONS** 

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Wade Book, Adel Police Lieutenant, received his 10 years of service award at the City Council meeting on July 11th. Thank you for your service, Wade!

#### **CITY EMPLOYEE CONGRATULATIONS**

Curtis Waddingham, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, received his 5 years of service award at the City Council meeting on July 11th. Thank you for your service, Curtis!

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#### **EVENTS IN THE AREA**

Be sure to check for cancelations

#### Adel Sweet Corn 5K run/walk

Thanks to presenting sponsor Anytime Fitness, the Adel Sweet Corn 5K run/walk is back. The event will be held on Aug. 12. Whether you're an experienced runner or just starting out, this is a great opportunity to challenge yourself and have some fun. The run will start at 7:30 a.m. The course will take you through some beautiful scenery as well as the brick streets of Adel. A water station will be provided along the way and snacks at the finish line to refuel.

Registration is now open at runsignup.com/ Race/IA/Adel/AdelSweetCornFestival5K.



#### Meet Me in Minburn Concert

Minburn will be hosting the final Meet Me in Minburn Concert on Aug. 5. Jake Kemble and Kick will be on the Big Heart Stage, 7-9 p.m. The Minburn Fire Department will be serving burgers and brats from 5-7 p.m. for a freewill donation. There will be free outdoor skating and familyfriendly fun.

#### **Museum open**

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

#### 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.



#### **Third Monday Bingo**

Enjoy Bingo on Monday, Aug. 21, 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.



To register for events, visit scan the QR code.

• Iowa Folklore, Aug. 6, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Forest Park Museum, 14581 K Ave., Perry. A look at traditional Iowa medical and weather folklore. Bring your own tales, too. Register to be notified of cancelation.



• **Creek Walk,** Aug. 9 and Aug. 16, 10-11 a.m. Kuehn Conservation Area, 32828 Houston Trail, Earlham. Want to beat the summer heat?

Tag along with Naturalist Erica on a hike down to Waterfall Creek to splash around in an enchanting part of the forest. Registration required.

#### Harmony Central Chorus of Des Moines concert

Sept. 30, 3 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Greater Des Moines, 8250 N.W. 62nd Ave., Johnston

Harmony Central Chorus of Des Moines, a four-part a Capella harmony chorus, will present a concert. Tickets are \$20 per adult and \$15 per student and may be purchased at the door.





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**EVENTS IN THE AREA** 

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#### **Free Bison Day Family Festival**

Saturday, Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge

Mark your calendars for Bison Day at Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge. This free event will be filled with fun, educational and familyfriendly activities. Bring your friends and family and join this celebration of the American bison and our tallgrass prairie





#### **Iowa State Fair**

Aug. 10-20 Iowa State Fairgrounds, 3000 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines

The Iowa State Fair hosts a variety of musical acts. From pop, country, boy bands to rock, the state fair will have any music fan's taste covered. In addition, enjoy all the activities to be had and the myriad of food offerings, including 64 new food items this year. For a full schedule, visit www. iowastatefair.org/entertainment/fair-schedule.

#### heritage. Participate in bison and tallgrass prairie-themed activities such as bison and monarch related crafts, antler ring toss game, wildlife fur and skull match, prairie wildflowers and pollinator scavenger hunt, a selfguided bison trivia game along the Overlook Trail, and receive free wildlife stickers, coloring sheets and a milkweed seed packet. Additionally, get an opportunity to view the bison (including 12 bison calves) and elk herds (three elk calves) along the five-mile Prairie Wildlife Drive. Free loaner binoculars will be available.



#### Ingersoll Live

Aug. 26, 3-10 p.m. 2800 block on Ingersoll Avenue Ingersoll Live is a family-friendly block

party with three stages of live music and entertainment plus local vendors, food trucks, art and family activities. For more information, visit www.theavenuesdsm.com.



## WEST'S auction items benefit causes

Woodworking hobby helps raise funds.

Some of the best ideas come about by accident. That's certainly true of the hand-crafted woodwork items created by James West of Adel. Some years ago, he and his wife attended



a silent auction charity event, and she put in a bid on a wooden item. When his wife didn't have the winning bid, West says he realized he could make her an item just like the one she wanted.

"Well, I'm handy enough that I can do that for you," West recalls telling her. So, he made one for her, "and then it kind of morphed into me donating a couple things to a few silent auctions, and they raised a decent amount of money. It just kind of snowballed from there."

West says he quickly realized the items he was making were popular at the charity events and that he could use his time to reap significant funds for the fundraisers he supported. Since then, West has been making various wooden crafts such as wooden flags (including some with Hawkeye or Cyclone themes), corn hole game boards and small furniture. He's also made wooden U.S. flags dedicated to various branches of the military.

"I'm not going to be the person that builds something as fast as anybody else can, but I definitely take my time and do it right. Practice makes perfect," he says.

So far, his items have raised around \$20,000. The fundraisers West supports generally fall into three categories he says he's passionate about: "law enforcement, veterans, and anything that has to do with kids."

While he donates items, West doesn't generally sell them.

"It's more of a hobby," he says.

West, who works in the insurance industry, says he finds woodworking therapeutic, since he can see immediate progress as he's



Dylan Morris, BigDeal Auto Care Adel shop manager presents the Good Neighbor certificate to James West.

working on a piece. His "day job" generally does not offer such concrete and immediately visible results.

West, who has lived in Adel for the past seven years, believes in staying active in the community. Currently he is one of a group starting a new foundation to fund local police officers' random acts of kindness.

"Police officers tend to see all the bad," he says. "And it would be nice for them, when they see the bad, to try to make a positive impact in that scenario. We've got a good group, and it's just how do we best support them and make sure they have all the tools they need to make the positive impacts they need to make."

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# How to Ease Back-to-school Anxiety

#### 1. Provide a safe space for children to share feelings.

Create regular one on one times with little distraction. Creative activities like playing and drawing in a low-key environment will encourage children to express their feelings to you.

#### 2. Listen, listen, listen.

Let your child lead conversations. Resist the urge to do all the talking. When it is your turn to talk, remain calm and speak kindly and reassuringly.

#### **3. Recognize that anxiety is normal.**

Let your child know that being anxious or nervous is something that everyone goes through from time to time. Remind children that when they have a problem you are there to help.

#### 4. Encourage kids to pace themselves.

Some teenagers particularly can become overextended. Encourage them to slow down and teach time management skills at an early age.

#### 5. Maintain a normal daily routine.

Aim for your children to wake up and go to bed at the same time each day. Stay hydrated and keep up with a healthy diet. Encourage daily physical activity outside of school.

Consult your pediatrician if your child shows any of the following behaviors:

- 1. Has a significant change in sleep or eating habits.
- 2. Has repetitive, self-destructive behaviors such as hair-pulling or skin-pinching.
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#### **Annual Shucking of the Corn!**

4:30-7:30 p.m. 10th & Prairie by the Adel Public Safety Building parking lot. Come on down for a few minutes or a couple of hours. Everyone is welcome! Beverages provided. The Big Red Radio will be providing music. Thanks to the Sportsmen's Club and the Boy Scout Troop 152 for helping out.

#### **Sweet Corn Princess Contest**

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Presented by Superior Exteriors 6:30 p.m. at the Adel Stage on the corner of Main and 10th Streets. The Sweet Corn Princess contest will showcase girls from the ADM school district. Each girl will be interviewed before the 2023! Sweet Corn Princess and three runners-up are selected by random drawing.

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#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 12**

#### **Sweet Corn Festival 5K Run** Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023, 7:30 a.m. **NEW START TIME**

The race takes place on the scenic brick streets in Adel along the parade route in front of hundreds of spectators.

Registration: To register for the Adel Sweet Corn Festival 5k Run, visit https://runsignup.com/Race/IA/ Adel/AdelSweetCornFestival5K

Awards: 1st-3rd overall in both men's and women's categories. In addition, awards for top 2 men and top 2 women runners in each of the following age groups: 14 and younger, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+.

#### Adel Sweet Corn Festival 5K Run packet pickup:

Aug. 11, 4:30–6:30 p.m. at N. 11th and Court, Adel (ADM DAC) OR Aug. 12, 6-7 a.m. at N. 11th and Court, Adel (ADM DAC).

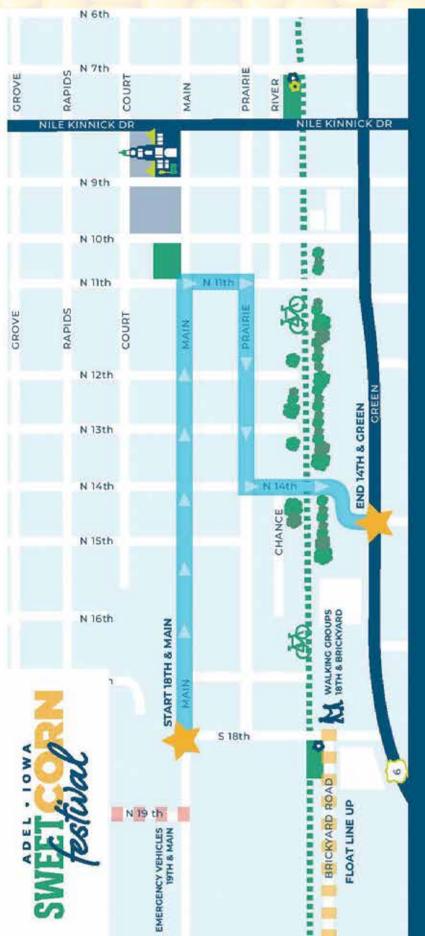
#### Remember, race starts at 7:30 a.m.





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# The theme of the parade is a FIND YOUR FUN!



# SWEET CORN PARADE LINE UP : 8:30 AM PARADE START : 9:30 AM

The parade line up starts at 8.30am and the Adel Kiwanis Club assists with the organization. Parade begins at 9.30 and will travel from 18th St towards downtown Adel on Main Street, turning left on 11th St then right turn on to Prairie St to 14th St. At 14th St turn left and exit to Greene St with stop sign st 14th and Greene to help clear traffic. No entry forms or prior notifications required. Please place your parade entry at the designated staging site no later than 8:45am

Each entry should be limited to one vehicle

Entries should remain with 20 feet of each other

Vehicles should not stop on the parade route.

Parking at the parade starting point is extremely limited. Parade participants please arrive with yeu parade entry unit if possible. Emergency vehicles proceed west on Rapids Street and line up at 19th & Main beside the brickyard parking lot.

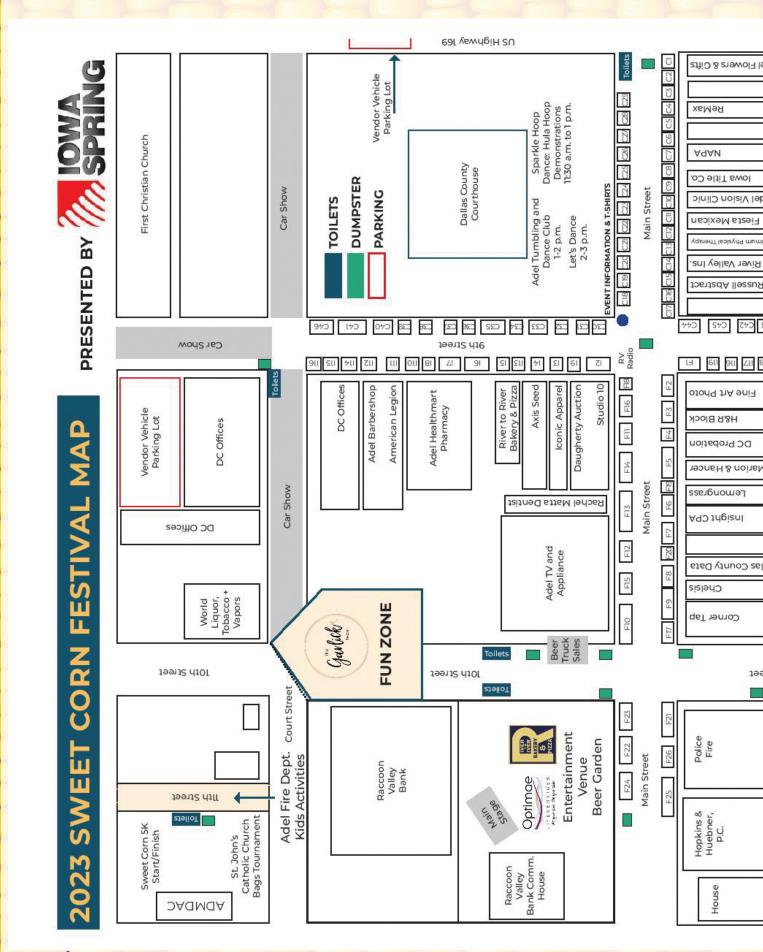
Floats proceed up Greene Street. Turn north on Visions Parkway and line up on Brickyard Road

Walking groups gather at 18th and Brickyard

Please do not drive west on Main or Prairie streets to line-up

Be cautious when throwing candy to the parade spectators and please do not throw the small, hard rubber bouncing balls or any other small toy. All entries can return to the starting point by turning left on 14th street and returning to starting point via Greene Street (Hwy 6). Do NOT try to return via Prairie Street.

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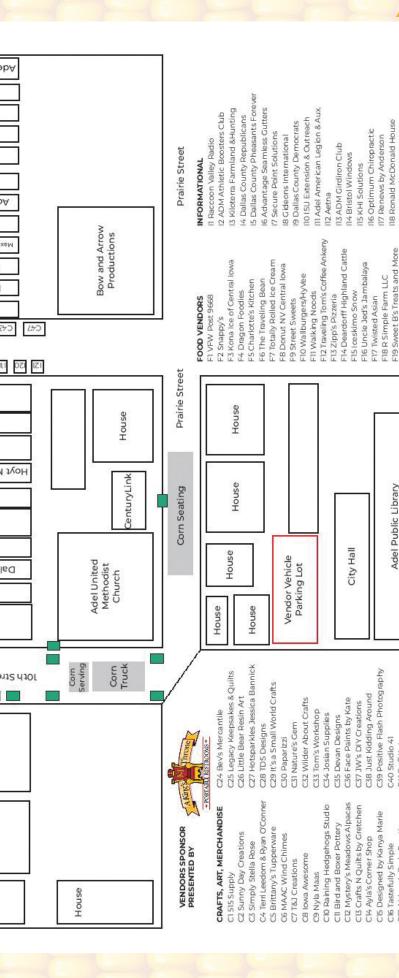
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#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 2023 PARADE MARSHALL 2022 Citizen of the Year Rich Hughes

Rich has been an active member of the Historic Preservation Commission, overseeing grant applications for historic business improvements and the placement of more than 20 historical plaques on buildings around the square. He is also involved in Lions, which means helping put out American flags five times

a year and sorting donated pop cans. In the past, Rich was a club president. He currently serves as president of his neighborhood homeowners association, is a past city council member, and, is good at helping out when anyone needs a hand.

Rich was the Sweet Corn Cooker King for many years. Rich has run the cooking of the corn for many years and then stepped back to be Mike Giles' right-hand man. He still makes sure everything is in place for the shucking and cooking of the corn. You will find him there early Saturday morning supervising the corn.

Joining Rich is year are finalist for Citizen of the Year: Jan Tetrick and Dixie Rhiner.

#### FREE SWEET CORN - WHILE IT LASTS!



After the parade, be sure to get in line for Adel's famous Deardorff sweet corn. Each year, Adel Partners purchases approximately 15,000 ears of this delicious corn and gives it away for FREE at the festival. The cooking process for the corn is something to see as well. We know you will enjoy eating a few ears of the corn as you visit the festival. Corn is generally gone by midafternoon, so plan to come early!

#### **Annual Bean Bag Tournament**



Tournament start time is after the Parade at approximately 11 a.m. at the old Middle School, and sponsored by Knights of Columbus. The entry fee is \$30 for a two-person team. This is a double elimination tournament. For more information, or to register, call 515-480-3842, or online at https:// stjohnsadel.weshareonline.org/ BagsTournamentSweetCornFestival.

#### **ADM Sand Volleyball Tournament**

The coed sand volleyball tournament is a fundraiser for the ADM Tiger's Volleyball team. You must be 18 years or older to participate. Coed teams hosted at Evans Park from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.. Entry fee is \$100/team. Sign up at https://forms.gle/gbzGdqt5CU59zTwn7.

#### **Adel Fire Department Kids Activities**

From 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Adel Fire Department will be hosting kids water fights along with a dunk tank to dunk your favorite firefighter. Located at 11th and Court. (ADM DAC)

#### Redline Warriors presents Adel Sweet Corn Car Show

80s themed Car Show. 80s cars and attire are encouraged. Rad time for all. Register your car on the north side of the square. Showtime is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All makes and models

are welcome. No entry fee. Fun time for all.

#### Annual Sweet Corn Classic at the Dallas County Fairgrounds

Bobtail, show combination, working or antique. All classes welcome. Free admission and registration. Semis start lining up at 8 a.m. Door prizes given at 3:30 p.m.



#### Friends of the Library Book Sale EXPANDED HOURS!

The Library is located at 303 S. 10th St. Visit the Adel Public Library during the Sweet Corn Festival for the annual Friends of the Library Foundation Book Sale. We have lots of wonderful books this year! The sale on is Thursday, Aug.10 and Friday, Aug. 11 during library hours. Or shop on Saturday, Aug. 12 from 9 a.m to 3 p.m.

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 12**

#### 2023 ADEL SWEET CORN FESTIVAL OFFICIAL GUIDE

#### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

#### LOCATED ON THE SOUTHSIDE OF COURTHOUSE LAWN

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 1:00-2:00 p.m. 2:00-3:00 p.m. Sparklehoop Dance Adel Tumbling and Dance Club Let's Dance

#### **AT THE STAGE AND PAVILION**

11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. to Midnight

7:30-11:30 p.m

Jessie and the Medicine Men Beer Garden. All ages welcome. Tickets for beer and other hard drinks are \$5, or 5 for \$20. Gimikk. A Des Moines band who play classic rock and cover music.



#### **City of Adel**

The annual Sweet Corn Festival would not be possible without the support of the City of Adel. From the city administrative staff, to the City Council, to the city workers, and the police, and fire departments, everyone involved with city government pitches in to help out with the festival. Adel Partners would like to acknowledge their support and ask everyone to join us in thanking them for all they do!

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#### Kid's Zone presented by Garlick Team

Located in parking lot of Raccoon Valley Bank on east side of 10th Street between Main and Court.

This year Garlick Team has provided the kids' games for free. Your kids can enjoy as many rides and experiences as they desire. Make sure to thank Garlick Team.

#### **Radio broadcast**

KDLS 105.5 Radio will be broadcasting from the Sweet Corn Festival. You can find them at the intersection of 9th and Main Street. Stop by and they might even interview you.







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#### FROM childhood ER visits to physician

Donahue's path leads to long-time Adel practice.

For the last three years, Dr. Sue Donahue, or "Dr. Sue" as many patients call her, has been voted the Residents' Choice poll favorite Dallas County doctor. She graduated from Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences in 1993. Specializing in family medicine, she has been practicing in Adel for 26 years. Now she will enter a new phase of her career as she moves her practice to The Iowa Clinic group, with a new building in Adel to better serve her "family" of patients. Her entire staff is going with her.

Donahue grew up in Marshalltown as one of three children in her family. She was an active "tomboy" who enjoyed sports, fishing and camping.

"My family would often go camping up in northeast Iowa and fish in the trout-stocked Yellow River; and I always caught the most fish," Dr. Donahue chuckles.

"I was a busy child, who was frequently in the ER getting stitches, and, over time, I became fascinated with the ER and the whole healing profession," she continues. "I remember that, by the time I was in kindergarten, I knew I wanted to be a doctor."

Experiences throughout her childhood and adolescence sharpened her focus on the type of doctor she wanted to become.

"I felt some health providers were rather cold and uncaring and made their patients feel just a part of a production line of timed appointments," Dr. Donahue explains. "I believe that the most important part of being a healthcare provider is to genuinely care about your patients. They need to trust that you will do everything you can to find the answers to their problems and provide the help they are seeking."

After graduating from Marshalltown High School, Sue continued her path to becoming a doctor by attending Iowa State University where she worked as a CNA in the ICU at Mary Greeley Medical Center during her undergraduate school. She also met her husband, Larry, in paramedic training there. Larry went on to be a Dallas County paramedic for many years and her office manager when she opened her private practice in Adel.

Their first two children, Matthew and Cassie, were born while Sue was in medical school at DMU. Matthew is now a physician and Nebraska's state epidemiologist, and Cassie just completed her physician associate (PA) degree in Minnesota. Their third child, Hailey, has her degree in biologic anthropology and is pursuing a degree in mortuary science. Their "baby," Jacob, a graduate from University of Iowa Law School, is clerking for district judges here in Dallas County.

"I knew I wanted to practice in a smaller town so I could develop more personal, long-lasting relationships," says Dr.



Dr. Sue Donahue was voted the Residents' Choice poll favorite Dallas County doctor for the last three years. Her practice will be moving into a new building and joining The lowa Clinic group.

Donahue, "and the friendships and relationships I have made in my career in this community have been just as beneficial to me as it has hopefully been for those people who have entrusted me with their care. For 'my people,' I am eternally grateful."





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#### **ADEL** Public Library news



We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone in our community who supported our summer reading program. This was one of our most successful years so far, and we couldn't have done that without our community sponsors and our patrons.

Special thanks to Adel Parks and Recreation, Adel Women's Club, Billie's Ice Cream Store, Dallas County Conservation, Fullers, Iowa Rescue League, Iowa Select Farms, ISU Extension, Kum & Go, Penoach Winery, Tipsy Tiger Moms and Warrior Lanes.

Here at the library, we use August to plan for the school year, but we still have a few programs, check them out below.

- Teen Advisory Board Aug. 3 at 4 p.m.
- Tail Wagging Readers Aug. 3 at 4 p.m.
- \*Poolside Storytime Aug. 4 at 11 a.m.
- \*Intro to Dungeons and Dragons (ages 13 and older) Aug. 4, 2-4 p.m.
  - Teen: New Book Club Aug. 10 at 4 p.m.
  - Storytime in the Park (Evans Park) Aug. 14 at 10 a.m.
  - Dallas County Conservation Storytime Aug. 18 at 10 a.m.
  - Storytime in the Park (Evans Park) Aug. 28 at 10 a.m.
  - \*Registration required event, register at adelpl.org.

If you're an adult looking to get out of the house, we have plenty of options for you, too. There's no registration for our book clubs, just pick up the current book at the front desk and join us. We also have some active programs, like the morning exercise group that exercises to easy walking videos and our yoga program on Wednesday nights for some relaxation in the middle of the work week.

- Yoga at the Library Every Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.
- Exercise Group Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m.

• 50s+ Senior Gathering – first and fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.

- Brown Bag Book Club Aug. 10 at 12 p.m.
- Cook Book Club Aug. 16 at 11 a.m.

• Plant Propagation Class with Master Gardener - Aug. 17 at 6 p.m.

• Evening Book Club – Aug. 31 at 6 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you in the library this month.

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# RACCOON VALLEY BANK provides unique community gathering place

After being closed for more than 3 years, the Raccoon Valley Bank Community House in Adel is ready to reopen to the public after a lengthy renovation.

Originally built as a church in 1862, the building was acquired by neighboring Raccoon Valley Bank in 1996. The building was extensively renovated to include a large meeting room, kitchen and bathroom addition. An extensive collection of historical Adel photos was also put on display. After the \$400,000 renovation was complete, the building was opened for use by the public. Anyone, not only customers of the bank, could reserve the building at no charge.

Fast forward 25 years, and the well-used historical building was due for an upgrade. The building was closed as plans were put in place for a complete property renovation expected to cost more than \$600,000. A new metal shingle roof was installed after old sagging rafters were replaced. The foundation was reinforced, flooring replaced, and new paint applied throughout. A new paver patio with natural rock retaining walls was installed. New landscaping and sod were planted. An artificial turf area was installed that will soon house four permanent bags tournament boards. Raccoon Valley Bank Market President Thomas Book said, "We want people to stop and enjoy the whole property, not just the inside of the building. People are welcome to play bags or sit on the shaded patio and enjoy the view of Main Street and the adjoining stage and pavilion park if the facility is not already in use." People using the inside of





#### The Raccoon Valley Bank Community House is located at 1016 Main Street in Adel.

the facility will enjoy new furnishings that include tables and chairs for groups of 60 people that can easily be stored away, as well as an expanded kitchen with new appliances.



The planners of the project wanted to respect the historical nature of the building as much as possible. The pavers used in the patio are meant to mimic the street pavers used on nearby Main Street. The shingle roof was chosen because it was designed to look like a roof from the 19th century. Even grape vines, which have existed on the East side of the building for decades, were saved. "Adel is a historic town. We wanted this project to reflect the character Adel is known for," said Book.

The Raccoon Valley Bank Community House will reopen in late August. An official open house is planned for Thursday, August 3, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. An online reservation scheduling system will be available to the public soon. As before, the facility will be free for use by the public. Not just for Raccoon Valley Bank customers

"Raccoon Valley Bank understands the importance of providing space for people to gather," said Book.

"A true community bank does things that bring the community together."

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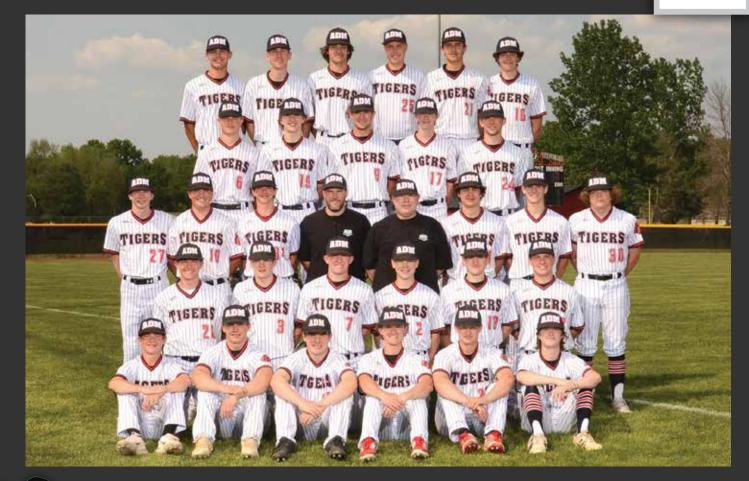
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HEALTH By Jane Clausen

#### **GETTING** the most out of your pharmacy visits

Not everyone likes to visit the pharmacy, but we really do enjoy seeing all of our customers. Maybe you aren't feeling well or are dealing with a new condition you are anxious about.

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in. So make the most of your time visiting your pharmacy with these simple tips:
• Use the same pharmacy for every prescription. This is

especially important if you have multiple doctors to help ensure your prescriptions will not interact. Consistency is important for good health.

• Update your information. Have you been diagnosed with a new condition or have had unwanted side effects? Keeping your information updated can help your pharmacist spot red flags. Has your address or phone number changed? Let them know so they can contact you if needed.

• Ask questions about over-the-counter medications. OTC medications do not require a prescription, but they can interact with

other medications, lessen their effects, or adversely impact a chronic condition.

• Ask for help. Do you frequently run out or need to make multiple trips to the pharmacy? Ask if the pharmacy offers any programs such as delivery, medicine synchronization, or compliance packaging to help keep you on track.

• Annual medication review. Ask your pharmacist to review your prescriptions. They can work with your physician(s) to keep your medicine regime up to date and most cost effective under your current health plan.

• Immunizations. Ask your pharmacist if you are due for any immunizations. From COVID-19 vaccines to influenza, shingles and tetanus, they can provide them all and can easily check your eligibility.

Building a strong healthcare team is the first step to bettering your outcome. It's your health. If you are unsure of a diagnosis or treatment, don't be afraid to ask questions. If you don't understand the answer, ask for clarification until you understand. Your team is here to work for you.

Information provided by Jane Clausen, Adel HealthMart, 113 N. Ninth St., Adel, 515-993-3644.



#### HEALTH By Leslie Herron PHARMACY trivia

Test your pharmacy knowledge with these five pharmacy trivia questions.

1. Which Avengers hero worked at a<br/>pharmacy before he became famous?a. Robert Downey Jr.b. Chris Evansc. Chris Hemsworthd. Mark Ruffalo

2. Which medication is considered No. 1 in terms of total lifetime sales?

a. Lipitor b. Synthroid c. Crestor d. Viagra

3. Which soft drink was invented by a pharmacist?

a. Coca-Cola b. Pepsi c. Dr. Pepper d. Vernors Ginger Ale e. All of the above

4. True or False: After Germany lost WWI, Bayer was forced to give up the trademarks for Aspirin and Heroin as part of the Treaty of Versailles in 1919.

5. Match the medication/class to its origin of discovery or what it is derived from.

- a. Warfarin i. Saliva of the Gila Monster
- b. Byetta (extenalide) ii. Madagascar periwinkle plant

c. Vinca Alkaloids iii. Spoiled sweet clover feed later marked as rat poison

Information provided by Leslie Herron, Sumpter Pharmacy, 628 Nile Kinnick Drive, Suite 1, Adel, 515-993-1119. Answers: 1. C. Chris Hemsworth sterilized breast pumps as part of his job after women returned them to the pharmacy. 2. A. Lipitor. Data shows Pfizer's cholesterol drug, Lipitor, remains the nation's best-selling drug over the last 25 years with U.S. sales equaling \$94.67 billion. 3. E. All of the above. 4. True 5. i.b; ii.c; iii.a

HEALTH By Alicia Fisher, PT, DPT

# **WHAT** should I do after an injury?

If you suffer an acute injury like a joint sprain or a muscle strain, pull or tear, inflammation will follow shortly after. The characteristics of inflammation are swelling, redness and tenderness to the touch. Inflammation is part of the healing process; however, if the inflammation process goes overboard, it will actually decrease the muscle or joint's ability to heal, causing pain and slowing the healing process.



To control the inflammation process, remember the acronym R.I.C.E. • **Rest** – Immediately after the injury, rest the injured area to prevent further injury.

• Ice – Put an ice pack or a bag of frozen vegetables in a towel and apply to your skin for 15-20 minutes. Ice acts as an anti-inflammatory, pain killer and muscle relaxer.

• **Compression** – This limits swelling and facilitates the healing process. If the compression wrap is too tight, or throbbing starts, remove and re-apply.

• Elevation – Put your injured area above the level of your heart to help reduce swelling.

After one to two days of R.I.C.E., many sprains or strains start to heal. However, if the pain or swelling does not decrease after 48 hours, it is appropriate to seek medical care.

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#### **HEALTH** By Delecia Crannell **FOCUS** on 'lifestyle plan,'

not 'weight loss'

As summer progresses, it seems I keep hearing the same phrase over and over. "Lose weight." People everywhere want, need, or are trying to size down and trim up. Diets, cutting calories, exercising are all the rage. Yet these interventions seem to always fizzle as we fade from summer into fall and the holiday seasons begin. If you are overweight or even just want to trim a little, make an appointment with your primary care provider or a local wellness



clinic. To be successful, you need a plan that takes your health, your diet preferences, your daily life activities, your family and your budget into consideration. These providers are trained to look at you holistically and help you to develop a long lasting "lifestyle plan" to aid in successfully reaching those weight-loss goals. Moving the focus from "weight loss" to "improved health" is a scientifically proven way to garner success. Fad, quick, drastic and temporary interventions may yield temporary results but more often than not will have you saying that same phrase again next summer. So, get healthy and remember this bit of inspiration:

"The distance between who I am, and who I want to be, is only separated by what I do." — Everyday Power ■

Information provided by Delecia Crannell, ARNP, FNP-BC, Triune Health and Wellness, 715 Cottage St., Adel, 515-478-9660.

#### HEALTH By Shelly Stewart-Sandusky ADULT children of emotionally immature parents

As adults, we can see interactions with parents in a different way than when we are children. Unfortunately, sometimes what we can see is disappointing or unhealthy. Emotionally immature parents are often unable to respect boundaries, struggle to understand emotional needs other than their own, and are generally unable to accept distance or other requests made by their adult children. In many cases, emotionally immature parents



cannot accept any responsibility or accountability for their own actions. Relationships with emotionally immature parents are often difficult to manage and bring up questions about whether the relationship can be healthy or whether cutting ties is for the best. This is never an easy decision and can result in the adult child feeling guilty and angry at having to face such a decision. It is important to remember that the choices made by the parents do not reflect on you as their child. You are allowed to create boundaries and limit interactions to help create a healthier dynamic for yourself. While emotional immaturity can be an issue for many reasons, including mental health concerns, the bottom line is, as adults you have a right to decide what you are willing to tolerate.

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# **ADEL** Rotary installs new officers



Adel Rotary passed the gavel from President Bob Grove, left, to new President Tim Ennis on Wednesday, July 5. Ennis joins new 2023-24 officers Amanda Schwantes, president-elect; Shirley McAdon, secretary; Past-President Bob Grove; and Board members Steve Conard, Matthew Karns and Paul Zietlow.

Grove will preside over the Club's work on its 100th Year Project that will see the completion of the improvements to Rotary Plaza before the Club's celebration in May, 2024. Ennis will focus on telling the story of Rotary to continue the fun and fellowship of members as they meet every Wednesday (except for the fourth Wednesday, which is meant for service projects) at the Adel Public Library and to attract new members.

Rotary International is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves. Its mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through a fellowship of business professionals and community leaders.

Adel Rotary is committed to "Service Above Self" through its many community projects and invites all to join in those efforts.



# LAWN CARE By Kevin Johnson

#### WEEDS, weeds, weeds

Unfortunately, weeds in your lawn are just like weeds in your garden or flowerbeds. They continue to germinate throughout the growing season, which can affect the looks of your lawn. Repeat applications are often necessary to keep weeds at bay throughout the year. Here are some of the usual offenders:



• **Crabgrass/Foxtail:** These annual weeds are normally controlled best by a pre-emergent application. A lawn care professional has access to

superior post-emergent products that can provide some control if it has become a problem in your lawn.

• Yellow Nutsedge: Though not a true broadleaf weed, this weed can become prevalent in your lawn if the right growing conditions exist. This plant has a slightly yellowish-green appearance in a spikelet form that usually grows faster than your grass. At the base of the plant, the stem forms a three-sided triangle that you can feel. It can be controlled with special products. Always check to see if there is an additional charge.

Oxalis, Spurge, and other broadleaf weeds, fortunately, can be controlled. Control can be slow if it is extremely hot or dry. The broadleaf weed control products used to provide control work best when the weeds are actively growing.

Consult with a lawn care professional or nursery specialist about how to eliminate these weeds from your lawn.  $\blacksquare$ 

Information provided by Kevin Johnson, All American Turf Beauty, 311 DeSoto Road, Van Meter, 515-996-2261.



#### **RECIPE STEPS** toward heart-healthy eating

(Family Features) As the leading cause of death among Americans, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heart disease often results from uncontrolled high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, and obesity. However, a heart-healthy eating plan can help lower or control these risk factors and put you and your family on a path toward better heart health. Consider these tips from The Heart Truth program of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI):

• One way to get started on a path toward heart-healthy eating is to change your way of thinking about how and what you eat. For example, use smaller plates to help limit portion sizes. Chew food slowly and consider the textures and flavors of different food as you eat.

• Put together an eating plan that offers a balance of calories and nutrients including vegetables, fruits, whole grains and low-fat or fat-free dairy. Consider make-at-home favorites like Heart-Healthy Pita Pizzas, which include grilled chicken as a betterfor-you alternative to methods such as frying.

• Swap out sugary or salty snacks and instead enjoy lower-calorie treats. Try options like a cup of seedless grapes, small banana, cup of cherry tomatoes, handful of unsalted nuts or half cup of low-fat or fatfree yogurt.

• It is possible to eat healthy foods in restaurants. To control portion sizes, try tactics like eating half your entree and taking leftovers home for another meal. Choose foods that are broiled, baked or roasted to limit calories. Ask for lowsodium menu options and request butter, gravy, sauces and salad dressings on the side or leave them off completely.

Visit hearttruth.gov to find more healthy eating inspiration and find DASH-friendly back-to-school recipes at healthyeating.nhlbi.nih.gov. ■

#### Heart-healthy pita pizzas

Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 8 minutes Servings: 4

 4 whole-wheat pitas (6 1/2 inches each)

- 1 cup chunky tomato sauce
- 1 cup grilled boneless, skinless chicken breast,

diced (about 2 small breasts)

- 1 cup broccoli, rinsed, chopped and cooked
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon fresh basil, rinsed, dried and chopped (or 1 teaspoon dried)

#### Directions

- Preheat oven or toaster oven to 450 F.
- On each pita, spread 1/4 cup tomato sauce and top with 1/4 cup chicken, 1/4 cup broccoli, 1/2 tablespoon Parmesan cheese and 1/4 tablespoon chopped basil.
- Place pitas on nonstick baking sheet and bake 5-8 minutes until pitas are golden brown and chicken is heated through.





#### CHAMBER NEWS By Jackie Wilson

#### **ADEL** Barbershop

Chamber, community support help business thrive.

For 30 years, Jennifer DeVaughn has been a barber in Des Moines and surrounding communities. Due to life changes, she was seeking a fresh start and contemplated moving out of the state with her business.

One of her long-time customers, who she hadn't seen in a while, came in for a haircut. As the two chatted about Jennifer's possible move, he suggested opening up a place in Adel, as there was a big need for a barbershop.



Jennifer DeVaughn and Leonard Warford serve clients at the Adel Barbershop.

"It was divine intervention," she recalls. "I moved and opened up a barbershop in Adel less than a month later."

Located on the square at 119 N. Ninth St., the Adel Barbershop has been open for 10 years. Her partner, Leonard Warford, cuts hair part time.

As she was new in town, DeVaughn sought advice from city leaders and the chamber, who recommended she reach out to long-time barber Leonard Warford.

"He knows everyone," she says. "He retired when I met him. He knows people who have been coming to the barbershop for years. I'm lucky for his expertise and connections in Adel."

Her first shop was in an older building. Then, the American Legion helped create a new "dream space" in their building for her barbershop. "I'm forever grateful for their assistance," she says.

She joined the Adel Chamber last year as a way to stay connected with the community and other business owners. She likes how the chamber features various businesses on their website.

"It made sense to join the chamber. Deb is very supportive in mentioning us on social media and events," she says. "This year, we're helping out with the Sweet Corn Festival's princess contest."

As the number of barbershops across Iowa has dwindled, the shop has stayed busy. Formerly operating as a walk-in barber, the business recently implemented an appointment-only system, offering less wait-time for customers.

"The townspeople have helped build my business. We figured out a new appointment system, so there was less stress, and people don't have to wait as long," DeVaughn explains.

She adds, she would like to build the business and hire additional barbers. Since the barber college in Iowa recently closed, the state implemented new laws, so DeVaughn can train barbers in her shop for an apprenticeship.

"I'd love to expand here in Adel if I could fill up chairs with barbers," she says.

She recommends small business owners join the Adel Chamber. "Deb is super easy to work with. The community and the people are wonderful here."

The growth of Adel is what keeps DeVaughn and her barbershop flourishing, she says.

"There's so many new people since I moved here. There's massive growth," she says. "A lot of amazing things have happened to me since I moved my business here."

Information provided by Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce, 301 S. 10th St., Adel, 515-993-5472.



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Diana and Aubrey Dunbar opened their yard for a garden party fundraiser for the Adel Historical Museum on July 6.



Jennifer Morecraft at the Adel Farmers Market on July 18.



Adam Hilgenberg at the Adel Farmers Market on July 18.



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