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## GROUNDBREAKING HELD FOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The groundbreaking for the Dallas County Administration Building, 800 Court St., was held Aug. 29. Dallas County Supervisor Kim Chapman made opening and closing remarks at the ceremony. Zach Loy, vice president and general manager of Turner Construction, and Kristofer Orth, architecture principal of Farnsworth Group, also spoke.

Construction is expected to be completed in September of 2024 on the 54,000-square-foot building.

The \$25 million building will be paid for with a combination of Federal ARPA dollars and money from the County Capital Reserve Fund. The building will house offices of the assessor, board of supervisors, GIS, human resources, information technology, operations and finance, planning and development, treasurer auto and tax, recorder and veteran's affairs.

The building will also include a



Several local and county officials, as well as the general public, attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Dallas County Administration Building.

special collection area to preserve and protect the most historic and important county documents.

Additional courthouse and county parking will also be included and located just east of the square.

The County occupies six

buildings around the square, including the three county offices still located on the first floor of the courthouse. The new building's location and construction will allow

**COUNTY, CONTINUED ON BACK**

### ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

**FRIDAY HIGH 89 | LOW 62**

Partly sunny



**SATURDAY HIGH 95 | LOW 65**

Mostly sunny and hot



**SUNDAY HIGH 96 | LOW 68**

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**MONDAY HIGH 94 | LOW 71**

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**TUESDAY HIGH 97 | LOW 63**

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

# REMEMBER TV FORECASTS?

Do you remember when you relied on local TV news for weather forecasts? I do. Watching the 10 p.m. news was a ritual in the homes I grew up in and in the early years of my homes as an adult. The news was important, but the No. 1 reason we watched was for the weather reports. Mom made sure the room was quiet when the forecast was announced. The weather reporters — or forecasters or meteorologists or whatever you want to call them today — were household names and were people we felt like we knew and trusted for many years.

Today, we all have numerous sources for weather forecasts, and we can get the latest information with just a few swipes on our smart phones. And, unfortunately, many of those trusted household names on the local TV news are gone. Thank goodness for a few mainstays including Jeriann Ritter, Megan Salois, Brad Edwards, Ed Wilson and Jason Parkin. To be honest,

though, I had to check the station websites to be sure they were still there. When I do watch the local weather reports on TV, I seem to see a new face each time after yet another rookie moves on. I can't keep track of the changes, and I really don't want to. Apparently, I am not alone. So, what's changed?

In a single word, it's streaming. According to techreport.com, the growth of streaming services is causing a concerning decline in traditional TV viewership. The compound annual growth rate of the traditional TV market is predicted to be -2.11%. At the same time, the number of U.S. households with pay TV is expected to drop 50% by 2027. To be fair, a lot of people are still watching traditional TV, but it is in decline.

According to a Nielsen report from July of 2022, streaming surpassed traditional broadcast



and cable TV for the first time ever that month, with a 34.8% share of overall TV viewership. This trend hasn't changed. Nielsen data states that streaming had a 38.1% share of TV viewership for January 2023 and a 34.3% share for February.

So we are now apparently spending our time binge-viewing "Suits" on Netflix or "This Fool" on Hulu rather than watching some guy named Gabe go on about his Megadoppler.

All that is fine and dandy, but when the tornadoes roll in or the blizzards hit, we still grab our remote controls and view the local weather reports, searching for those trusted sources — assuming we have access to local channels, of course.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■



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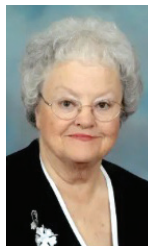
## FUNERAL NOTICES

*Funeral notices can be emailed to [tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com](mailto:tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com)*

### PATRICIA A. SPOERRY

Patricia A. Spoerry, 87, of Adel, died Aug. 25, 2023, at Adel Acres Nursing Home.

Pat was born on April 29, 1936, in Arnett, Oklahoma, to Charles and Nellie (Harmon) Bowles and moved to Adel in 1947. She was first married to Ennis Stevens and had four children: Joyce, Donna, David and Deborah. The two later divorced and Pat married Morris Spoerry and had one daughter, Naomi. Pat spent most of her working years helping people with mental illnesses.



In her free time, Pat enjoyed coloring and watching birds. She loved animals and her cats. She always had a sense of humor and knew how to play a good prank on family members. She was the matriarch of the family and whatever she said went. She never missed out on the recent gossip and loved her family visits over the years. Pat will be missed greatly by her family and friends.

Pat is survived by her children, David (Vicki) Stevens, Deborah (George) Anderson and Naomi (Dan) Ebner; sisters, Louise Mague, Fern Stucker and Rita (Jim) Windust; brother, Andy (Bonnie) Bowles; grandchildren, Daniel (Rebecca) Slater, Erica (Russell) Hall, Stephanie Slater, Jeannene (Jeremy) Marean, Rebecca (Duy) Pham, Jessica Anderson, Matthew Anderson and Jeffrey Ebner; and great grandchildren, Connor Slater, Michael Slater, Carter Slater, Halie Marean, Morgan Marean, Max Wagner, Maddy Wagner, Daphne Pham, Joseph Anderson, Tasha Anderson, Skyler Anderson, Penelope Phillips, Delaney Ebner, Kaylee Ebner, Cameron Slater, and Bailey Hall.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two children, Joyce Slater and Donna Wilson; and two siblings, Florence Stucker and Charles Bowles.

A memorial service was held Aug. 31 at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home, Adel Chapel. Burial followed in the Oakdale Cemetery in Adel. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.caldwellparrish.com](http://www.caldwellparrish.com). Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association. ■

## ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Friday, Sept. 1

4:15 p.m. **Football:** Freshman @ Winterset

7 p.m. **Football:** Varsity @ Winterset

### Saturday, Sept. 2

9 a.m. **Cross Country:** Girls @ Central College

9:40 a.m. **Cross Country:** Boys @ Central College

### Monday, Sept. 4

6 p.m. **Football:** JV vs. Winterset

### Tuesday, Sept. 5

5:15 p.m. **Volleyball:** Freshman @ Gilbert

5:15 p.m. **Volleyball:** JV @ Gilbert

7 p.m. **Volleyball:** Varsity @ Gilbert

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### BY OLIVIA OSBORN

Hello from the Adel Public Library.

After a very successful and busy summer, it's time for our fall programming to begin. We're most excited to announce an event near the end of the month: Touch-A-Truck. After many requests, we've decided to bring back this awesome event. It will be held Sept. 29, 9-11 a.m. Spend the morning touching and exploring different trucks and vehicles used by our city public works department and a garbage truck from Ankeny Sanitation. This event will be located in the parking lot north of City Hall.

Bring your little ones into the library for story times this month. We read stories, sing songs, and make crafts three mornings a week.

- **Move & Groove Storytime** – every Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- **My First Storytime** – every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Storytime** – every Thursday at 10 a.m.
- **Storytime at Evans Park** – Sept. 11 at 10 a.m.
- **Storytime at Evans Park** – Sept. 25 at 10 a.m.

### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

Are your kids bored after school? We have plenty of programs for all ages.

- **Teen Advisory Board**  
grades 6-12, Sept. 7, 4 p.m.
- **Tail Wagging Readers**  
all ages, Sept. 7, 4:30 p.m.
- **Teen Nerf Battle\***  
grades 6-12, Sept. 8, 2-4 p.m.
- **Elementary Art: Painting\***  
grades K-5, Sept. 19, 4 p.m.
- **Teen: DIY Boba\***  
grades 6-12, Sept. 21, 4 p.m.
- **Library Dungeons & Dragons\***  
grades 7-12, Sept. 22, 2-4 p.m.
- **Teen Gaming: One Night Ultimate Werewolf**  
Sept. 28, 4 p.m.

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## ADEL AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY COLLECTS FOR VA HOSPITAL

The Adel American Legion Auxiliary is collecting donations for the VA Hospital and the VA CRRC to assist veterans with needs for clothing and other items. Currently, the following are being requested: great condition large print used books, individually wrapped snacks, +2.25 reading glasses, men's deodorant, men's shampoo and conditioner (no body wash), hair brushes, men's sweatpants/athletic pants (size M, L and XL), men's athletic shorts (size L, XL, XXL), and decaf ground coffee.

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

Thank you to our community for your generosity in supporting our veterans. ■

## MUSEUM OPEN

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

## DE SOTO FUN DAYS

De Soto Fun Days, Saturday, Sept. 16, will feature free activities for kids and adults, including a parade, car show, bouncy houses, face painting, balloon artist, zoomers, Silly Sally, craft making, dunk tank, kids water fights, bingo and fireworks. Food trucks and a beer garden with a live band will also be featured. ■

## THIRD MONDAY BINGO

Enjoy Bingo on Monday, Sept. 18, 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. ■

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From the Ankeny Community Theatre's performance of "The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong." Courtesy of Ankeny Community Theatre.

**ANKENY COMMUNITY THEATRE**

1932 S.W. Third St., Ankeny

[ankenycommunitytheatre.com](http://ankenycommunitytheatre.com)

Sept. 29 through Oct. 8: "The Addams Family"

**ACTORS, INC.****AMES COMMUNITY THEATER**

120 Abraham Drive, Ames

[actorsinc.org](http://actorsinc.org)

Sept. 14-16, 22-24: "The Play That Goes Wrong"

**DES MOINES PERFORMING ARTS**

Des Moines Civic Center, Cowles Commons,  
Stoner Theater, Temple Theatre, 221 Walnut St.,  
Des Moines

[dmpa.org](http://dmpa.org)

Oct. 3-8: "Beetlejuice"

Oct. 10-11: "Bluey's Big Play"

**DES MOINES****COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE**

831 42nd St., Des Moines

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Sept. 8-24: "Once"

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Oct. 14-16, 20-23: "Eleanor and Dolly"

**IOWA STAGE THEATRE COMPANY**

Stoner Theatre, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines

[iowastage.org](http://iowastage.org)

Sept. 15-24: "Athena"

**TALLGRASS THEATRE COMPANY**

2019 Grand Ave., Suite 100, West Des Moines

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Sept. 1-17: "Temporary Insanity"

**DES MOINES SYMPHONY**

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Sept. 23-24: DM Symphony Season Debut: Discover  
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Sept. 7: Taj Mahal and Los Lobos at 7 p.m.

Sept. 9: Herbie Hancock at 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 11: Snarky Puppy at 8 p.m.

Sept. 13: The Robert Cray Band at 8 p.m.

Sept. 15: The Mavericks 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 23: We Are Messengers: Where The Joy Is Tour  
at 7 p.m.

Sept. 26: Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band at 8 p.m. ■

## RECIPE

# A FRESH-BAKED AFTER-SCHOOL SWEET

*(Family Features)* After a long day of learning or a tough homework assignment, many kids love a warm, chocolatey homemade cookie. Once your kiddos pack away the calculators and put their pencils down, serve up an ooey-goey delight as a reward for all that hard work.

These Brown Butter Chocolate Chip Cookies are ready in just 30 minutes and made with high-quality ingredients you can count on like C&H Dark Brown Sugar for that familiar homemade flavor. ■

## BROWN BUTTER CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

**Prep time: 15 minutes**

**Cook time: 15 minutes**

**Yield: 18 cookies**

- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/4 cups C&H Dark Brown Sugar
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup chopped pecans, toasted
- 1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

### Directions

In medium saucepan over medium heat, melt butter and cook until foaming and golden brown. Remove from heat and transfer to heatproof bowl. Place in refrigerator until solidified, about 45 minutes.

In medium bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside.

Once butter has solidified, remove from refrigerator. In bowl of electric stand mixer, using paddle attachment, beat butter and sugar at medium speed 2-3 minutes until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, and vanilla. Mix until combined. Scrape sides of



bowl as needed. Reduce speed, add flour mixture and beat to combine. Add pecans and chocolate chips; mix at low speed until combined. Place dough in refrigerator and rest 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350 F and line baking sheets with parchment paper.

Using 2-ounce ice cream scoop, portion out dough on prepared baking sheets, spacing about 3 inches apart. Gently flatten dough balls using palm.

Bake 13-15 minutes, or until golden brown. Allow cookies to cool on baking sheets 10 minutes then transfer to wire rack. Serve warm.



Officials break ground on the new Dallas County Administration Building.

## COUNTY, FROM FRONT

consolidating many operations.

The building will be built with bricks from the local brick manufacturer, Glen-Gery and will be a combination of colors to match the aesthetics of the Square. Utlit limestone from Kansas will be used to match the courthouse. ■



Dallas County Supervisor Kim Chapman addresses the crowd at the groundbreaking ceremony.



Artist's rendering of the new building

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