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## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

### ADEL HOMETOWN HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

The public is invited to the Sip & Sample event, as well as other activities, for the Adel Hometown Holiday Celebration, Friday, Dec. 1, and Saturday, Dec. 2.

**Friday, Dec. 1:** From 1-3 p.m., visit Mrs. Claus at the library where she will be twisting balloon creations. Fun crafts and activities will be offered for children and families, and cookies and cocoa will be served. At 4:45 p.m., enjoy Christmas carols by the Scouts on the northeast corner of the square. The lighting of the tree and wreaths will follow at 5:10 p.m. there. Santa will be at Harvey's Greenhouse, courtesy of the Kiwanis, from 5-7:30 p.m. Sip & Sample around Adel from 5:30-7 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 2:** Enjoy breakfast with Santa from 7-10 a.m. at the Adel Fire Station. The Adel



Holiday Home Tour is 1-3 p.m. While out and about, enjoy Adel's charming shops and restaurants.

### FESTIVAL OF TREES

On your tour around town for Sip & Sample, held from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, don't miss the magical Festival of Trees at Adel First Christian Church at the corner of Highway 169 and Rapids Street. You may enter at 218 N. Ninth St. and walk through the beautiful sanctuary or come in on the east

side of the church where an elevator or stairs will take you downstairs to a Christmas wonderland.

Festivities will continue on Sunday, Dec. 3, at the church. Enjoy hearty soup from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and a fancy dessert from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. amid the twinkling lights and sparkling decorations of the Festival of Trees.

The Adel Historical Museum will be open for guided tours from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday as well.

### ADEL HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

Visit four unique homes Saturday, Dec. 2 from 1-3 p.m. and enjoy the unique story and decorations of each to ignite your holiday spirit. Tickets are available online and at Adel HealthMart, Azalea Lane and Harvey's Greenhouse. For more information and a map, visit [www.adelpartners.org](http://www.adelpartners.org). ■

### ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

**FRIDAY HIGH 33 | LOW 21**

Mostly cloudy and colder



**SATURDAY HIGH 35 | LOW 22**

Mostly cloudy



**SUNDAY HIGH 41 | LOW 19**

Partly sunny and windy



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

# WHAT DEFINES CLASSIC ROCK?

I asked my Amazon Alexa device to play music of the classic rock genre for me, and her first three songs were from The Rolling Stones, Blue Oyster Cult and David Bowie. The next three were from Creedence Clearwater Revival, Looking Glass and Aerosmith. I knew every song by title and artist. Many of you likely would, too.

But what really defines classic rock? The Guardian published a great article on the subject in 2020, asking if it is “a sound, an era, or just any old track with guitars on it,” noting how the genre continues to be “a slippery one to define.”

The article asked, is classic rock is linked to popularity or a certain era? Is it a genre in itself, or, as time plods on, has classic rock merely come to be defined as any old track with guitars on it? They added qualifications like being “guitar-led,” being “intrinsically linked with the adolescence of boomers,” “an

amalgamation of the anthems of one’s adolescence,” and even “marketing as a means of repackaging music that is no longer deemed to be directly relevant by those of a younger generation.” Ouch.

For a more local angle, I asked a friend who knows the subject better than anyone I know: the man who introduced me to classic rock in the early 1990s as co-host of the KGGO morning show “Lou & Larry,” Lou Sipolt.

Lou told me, “Classic rock is the good stuff from the mid-1960s, 1970s and 1980s, in my mind. Artists who established themselves during that time period are also grandfathered in to having newer material considered from a classic rocker as well. Once the artists earn the title, they should always be able to wear that badge proudly.”



Fair enough.

Best-selling writer Charles Cross told American Songwriter that nostalgia born from one’s youth also plays a major force in classic rock’s popularity, and I agree.

“If we looked at the charts [today], there isn’t a rock act in the top 50,” Cross said. “So, rock is not the dominant genre in music and has not been for some time... Rock itself indeed is dead as a commercial genre, in terms of recorded record sales. But in terms of radio, rock radio is still a very successful format.”

And thank goodness for that. And Alexa. And Lou. Rock on.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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# SEEN IN ADEL



The Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for the Southbridge Superwash on Oct. 5. ■

## 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. ■

### ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, Nov. 25

5:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys Varsity Scrimmage @ Aplington Parkersburg

#### Tuesday, Nov. 28

4:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls JV @ Dallas Center-Grimes

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5:45 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys Freshman @ Dallas Center-Grimes

6 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls Varsity @ Dallas Center-Grimes

7:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys Varsity @ Dallas Center-Grimes


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## HISTORY

# ADEL'S EARLY ORDINANCES

By MIKE FLINN

Adel had some interesting ordinances on its books in the early days. A peace and quiet ordinance prohibited disturbing the quiet of any neighborhood, private family or person within the town by giving false alarms of fire; by loud or unusual noise; by ringing bells, blowing horns, or other instruments; by indecent, obscene or profane language, conversation or conduct; or by threatening, quarreling, assaulting, fighting or by any other device or means whatever. Such persons shall be subject to a fine and imprisonment.

A curfew ordinance, Ordinance No. 67, prohibited anyone younger than the age of 17 from being abroad upon the streets, alleys or public grounds between the hours of 9 p.m. and 4 a.m., but there were a few exceptions.

Ordinance No. 22 directed that all able-bodied male residents shall annually perform two days labor of eight hours each upon the streets, alleys, highways or public grounds. If you were too busy or felt that

such labor was beneath your dignity, you could pay \$1.50 per day for an exemption.

Gaming instruments were not in favor in early Adel. Any official of the town could seize any instrument, device or thing used for the purpose of gaming or by, on or with which money or other articles of value may be lost or won. This was according to Ordinance No. 17.

Sunday sales were prohibited by Ordinance No. 19. However, it shall be lawful for druggists to sell medicines at all times and dealers in milk, ice and meat could sell these articles before 10 o'clock in the morning and after 3 o'clock in the evening.

Speeding was also prohibited. "Any person who shall ride or drive any horse or animal immediately or shall drive any horse or other animal attached to any carriage or vehicle of any description in or upon any street, alley or public ground within the town in such a careless manner or at such a rate of speed as to endanger life, limb or property shall be subject to a fine or

imprisonment."

Another ordinance prohibited kites, hoops and firecrackers. "Any person who shall fly any kites or roll any hoops on any street, alley or avenue devoted to business or cause or aid in causing firecrackers, torpedoes or other explosive things to be fired, exploded or thrown upon the public street, alley or grounds or upon any private grounds without permission of the owner, agent or occupant or shall participate in any sport or exercise likely to scare horses, injure passengers or embarrass the passage of passengers or vehicles on the streets shall be subject to a fine or imprisonment."

This last one is a bit of a head-scratcher. One can only imagine what circumstances brought it about. "Every person who shall bathe when naked or insufficiently clothed in the mill race or slough or Raccoon River in view of any house, shop, bridge or frequented street, road or railroad between sunrise and one hour after sunset shall be subject to fine or imprisonment." ■

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## JOSHUA VILLA

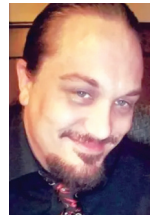
Joshua Villa, 45, of Adel, died in a motor vehicle accident on Interstate 80 in Des Moines working as a tow truck driver.

A celebration of life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, at the New Hope Church near Adel with a visitation taking place one hour prior beginning at 9:30 a.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family for a future designation. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.caldwellparrish.com](http://www.caldwellparrish.com).

Josh was born on June 10, 1978, in Santa Clara, California, to James and Laura (Cater) Villa. He attended Ponderosa High School and worked at UPS in the warehouse for many years prior to moving over to work at Rick's Towing as a tow truck driver. Even though his time as a truck driver was short, he enjoyed the work that he did.

Josh was an avid sports fan and loved his Bay Area teams. He especially enjoyed watching sports with his sons, dad, brother and his friends. He loved to spend time bonding with his kids, as his family was his life. Josh tried hard to make sure his kids were provided for and taken care of. His infectious laugh, humor and kind hearted spirit will remain and be missed by so many.

Josh is survived by his wife, Tracy Villa; parents, James (April) Villa and Laura Galvan; sons, Anthony and Matthew Villa; daughter, Bailey Villa; brothers, Nicholas Villa, Christian Villa and Jake Galvan; and sisters, Lindsey McLaughlin, Katarina Grabowski, Madison Pineda, Chandler Villa, Audrey Grabowski, Emily Karpinski, Jennifer Ormsby and Samantha Arbuckle. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Love and Grandpa Villa; and maternal grandparents, Sherman and Virginia Cater. ■



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# Sip & Sample

*Sip & Sample your way around Adel!*

Enjoy festive dishes and drinks available at many of our Adel businesses and shop locally for your holiday gifts.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023**

**1-3 PM**

Mrs. Claus will be at the Library from 1-3 p.m. twisting balloon creations. There will also be fun crafts and activities for children and families. Cookies and cocoa will be offered as treats.

**4:45 PM**

Christmas Carols provided by the Scouts NE corner of the square.

**5:10 PM**

Lighting of the tree and wreaths on the NE corner of the square.

**5-7:30 PM**

Visit Santa at Harvey's Greenhouse courtesy of the Kiwanis. (J on map).

**5-7:30 PM**

Sip & Sample around Adel.

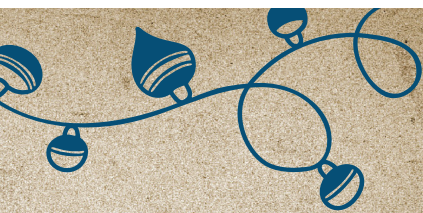
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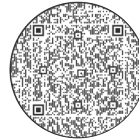
The Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for The Iowa Clinic in Adel on Sept. 27. ■

## THIRD MONDAY BINGO

Enjoy Bingo on Monday, Dec. 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. ■

## WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

The Dallas County Conservation Board invites you to join them Thursday, Dec. 21, 7-8 a.m. at Hanging Rock Conservation Area in Redfield at the astronomical clock to observe and celebrate the winter solstice sunrise. Join them to mark this date not with a wall calendar, but with a fire and a sunrise to celebrate the changes. *Scan the QR code to register.* ■



## ADM PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN

Online registration to attend 4-year-old preschool during the 2024-25 school year is now open and will close on Dec. 1. Children must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 15, 2024, in order to register. Families who would like to send a student to 4-year-old preschool at ADM next school year must complete the online registration process by Dec. 1 to be considered as part of the initial selection process. Late registrations will be placed on a waiting list. Completing registration does not guarantee a spot.

For more information and registration, visit <https://www.admschools.org/schools/adel-elementary/preschool-2/>. If you have questions, contact Rikki Kuhns at [rikki.kuhns@admschools.org](mailto:rikki.kuhns@admschools.org) or 515-993-4283 ext. 1041. ■

## ADEL PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

By OLIVIA OSBORN

Happy holidays from the Adel Public Library!

Join us for Hometown Holiday on Dec. 1, 1-3 p.m. We will have seasonal activities, games, treats and a special guest... Mrs. Claus!

There will also be a couple of special storytimes this month.

- Holiday Storytime with Miss Paula (ages 3-7 years old) – Dec. 5 at 4 p.m.

- Dallas County Conservation Storytime (ages 3-plus) – Dec. 11 at 10 a.m.

Make sure to leave space on your busy calendars for a few fun library programs.

- Tail Wagging Readers (all ages) – Dec. 7 at 4:30 p.m.

- \*Nerf Battle (grades 2-5) – Dec. 8, 2-3:30 p.m.

- Family Drop-in: Gingerbread Challenge – Dec. 11, 4-6 p.m.

- \*STEAM with ISU Extension: Marvelous Marshmallows (K-fifth grade) – Dec. 19 at 10 a.m.

- Teen Advisory Board: Holiday Party (grades 6-12) – Dec. 19 at 4 p.m.

- Family Bingo (Children 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult) – Dec. 27 at 10 a.m.

- Makerspace Pop-up: Buttons (Children 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult) – Dec. 28, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

\*Programs with an asterisk require registration. You can easily register at [adelpl.org](http://adelpl.org). ■



## CRAFTS

# HANDCRAFTED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

*(Family Features)* If spending hours scouring store shelves or browsing countless websites for the perfect gift for everyone on your list seems like a daunting task, opt for a more personalized approach: a handmade gift.

DIY mason jar gifts can be easy and affordable solutions when gift lists are running long but time is running short. Plus, crafting something for loved ones this holiday season can show them just how much you care.

From canning and crafting to storage, drinkware and even gardening, Ball Honeybee Keepsake Jars can be used in a myriad of ways, including creating simple yet endearing homemade gifts.

Find these and more DIY holiday gift ideas at [ballmasonjars.com](http://ballmasonjars.com). ■

## **HOMEMADE HOLIDAY SNOW GLOBES**

- Ball Honeybee Keepsake Jars
- Hot glue gun
- Hot glue sticks
- Foam cubes
- Plastic holiday-themed figurines
- Glycerin
- Water
- Red, green or blue glitter

### **Directions:**

Remove lids from jars. Using hot glue gun, glue foam cube to inside of lids then glue figurines to foam cubes.

Place 1 tablespoon glycerin in jars then fill with water. Sprinkle glitter in jars.

Seal jars by placing lids over mouths of jars and screwing rings onto lids. Flip jars over so figurines are right side up. Shake for snow globe effect.

## **HOLIDAY COOKIE MIX JAR**

- 1 3/4 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda



- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- crushed walnuts
- crushed pecans
- white chocolate chips
- holiday-themed bow

### **Directions:**

In jar, layer granulated sugar and brown sugar.

In bowl, mix flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; add to jar on top of brown sugar. Then layer crushed walnuts, crushed pecans and white chocolate chips.

Seal jar. Wrap top of jar, just below lid, with holiday-themed bow.

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## EVENTS IN THE AREA

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THE PEPPERMINT TRAIL

**THE PEPPERMINT TRAIL****Saturday, Dec. 9**

The Peppermint Trail will return to The Avenues of Ingersoll & Grand and The Roosevelt Cultural District. Activities will include gingerbread house decorating, Santa strolling among the shops, Bee-Merry-Line holiday trolley rides, carolers, and specials at local restaurants and retail shops. For more information, visit [theavenuesdsm.com/peppermint-trail](http://theavenuesdsm.com/peppermint-trail).

**DES MOINES COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE****831 42nd St., Des Moines**[dmplayhouse.com](http://dmplayhouse.com)**Dec. 1-17:** "All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914"**Dec. 2-17:** Kate Goldman Children's Theatre "A Charlie Brown Christmas"**IOWA STAGE THEATRE COMPANY****Stoner Theatre, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines**[iowastage.org](http://iowastage.org)**Dec. 8-17:** "A Christmas Carol"**ANKENY COMMUNITY THEATRE****1932 S.W. Third St., Ankeny**[ankenycommunitytheatre.com](http://ankenycommunitytheatre.com)**Dec. 1-10:** "A Gift for Rebecca"**DES MOINES PERFORMING ARTS**

**Des Moines Civic Center, Cowles Commons, Stoner Theatre, Temple Theatre, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines**  
[dmpa.org](http://dmpa.org)

**Nov. 28 through Dec. 3:** "Girl from the North Country"**Dec. 12-17:** "The Wiz"**Dec. 21:** "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical"**Dec. 22-23:** "Cirque Dreams Holidaze"**TALLGRASS THEATRE COMPANY****2019 Grand Ave., Suite 100, West Des Moines**[tallgrasstheatre.org](http://tallgrasstheatre.org)**Dec. 15-17:** "Home For The Holidays, A Christmas Cabaret"**HOYT SHERMAN PLACE****1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines**[hoytsherman.org](http://hoytsherman.org)**Dec. 14:** Christmas with Lorie Line at 7 p.m.**Dec. 17:** Michael W. Smith Christmas at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.**OTHERS**

**Dec. 7-10:** BDM Presents "The Nutcracker" at Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines;  
[balletdesmoines.org](http://balletdesmoines.org)

**Dec. 7-9:** "The Nutcracker" by Iowa Dance Theatre, at Des Moines Civic Center, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines;  
[dmpa.org](http://dmpa.org)

**Dec. 31:** New Year's Eve Pops: Cirque De La Symphonie at the Des Moines Civic Center, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines; [desmoinesperformingarts.org](http://desmoinesperformingarts.org) ■

## RECIPE

# RING IN THE HOLIDAYS WITH REGIONALLY INSPIRED RECIPES

*(Family Features)* When Thanksgiving hosts and their guests ponder must-have desserts, one of the most common favorites is an oh-so-delicious pie. More specifically, with nearly endless possibilities and its familiar festive flavor, pecan pie is one of America's most beloved holiday treats.

From nods to the Northeast's love of maple to celebrating sweet tastes of the West Coast with a citrus twist, the American Pecan Promotion Board is celebrating regionally inspired recipes. While the classic pecan pie is a hit at the Thanksgiving table, you can make it a perfect palette for creativity this year by enjoying local flavors that take the festivities up a notch. ■

## BOURBON BACON PECAN PIE

*Recipe courtesy of Emily Caruso of "Jelly Toast" on behalf of the American Pecan Promotion Board*

**Prep time: 20 minutes**

**Cook time: 70 minutes**

**Servings: 10**

- 1 pie dough (9 inches)
- 4 strips thick-cut bacon
- 1/2 cup dark corn syrup
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons bourbon
- 3 large eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 1/2 cups raw pecan halves

### Directions:

Place baking sheet in oven. Preheat oven to 350 F. Gently line pie pan with rolled out pie dough. Press into edges and up sides. Use fingers or fork to create decorative edge. Set aside.

In skillet, fry bacon until crisp. Remove from pan and drain on paper towels then chop into small pieces and set aside. Reserve 1/4 cup bacon grease.

In large bowl, whisk dark corn syrup, light corn syrup, brown sugar, reserved bacon grease, butter and bourbon. Add eggs and salt; whisk until



mixture is even. Fold in pecan halves and chopped bacon.

Pour mixture into pie crust and spread evenly with spatula. Gently cover edges of pie crust with aluminum foil. Place pie on preheated baking sheet and bake 60-70 minutes, or until pie is set in center.

Remove pie from oven and cool completely before serving or chilling.

**Notes:** Pie can be made 1 day ahead and refrigerated overnight. Allow pie to come to room temperature before serving.

# POINSETTIA BARGAINS



DMACC Horticulture students, from left, Donovan Martin of Waterloo, Maxwell Blend of Adel and Danielle Brady of Indianola showcase some of their favorite poinsettia plants while staffing the first day of the DMACC Horticulture Club's Annual Poinsettia Sale on Nov. 16 at the College's Ankeny Campus. All three students are members of the DMACC Horticulture Club. Proceeds will be used to support the Club's activities and projects throughout the year. Photo courtesy of Lisa Schmitz for DMACC ■

## 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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