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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. ■

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 40 | LOW 28

Partly sunny



SATURDAY HIGH 39 | LOW 27

Cloudy with light flurries



SUNDAY HIGH 43 | LOW 25

Cloudy



MONDAY HIGH 44 | LOW 31

Mostly sunny; breezy



TUESDAY HIGH 48 | LOW 29

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

A PHONE WITHOUT A CHARGER?

I bought a new smart phone this week. As you know, they are not cheap. What you may not know is that they no longer come with a charging device. The cord, yes. The brick that plugs into the wall, no. That is another \$20. I haven't purchased a new phone in almost five years, so I am told this is commonplace now. That doesn't make it right.

I learned about this problem when I asked my salesperson at the store if everything was in the box needed to charge the phone. He answered every other feasible question in his reply but avoided that one. So I asked again, adding that this was a yes/no question. I did not want to get home and find out I needed to buy something else to charge my phone. He eventually answered and told me I needed to purchase a \$20 brick, noting that the manufacturer was not including them as they were trying to avoid waste since many people already have the brick. Sure.

When I looked this up on the world wide web, that excuse was

perpetuated with a statement that the omission of the charging brick was "to reduce the environmental impact." Uh huh.

This scenario reminded me of the time I bought a clothes dryer in our first home, only to learn later than it didn't come with a power cord. I was baffled that any appliance could be purchased without the necessary cord to operate it. Imaging buying a toaster without a cord. Or a vacuum cleaner. Or a TV set. How about a refrigerator? Or a lamp? Or a hair dryer?

To be fair, some electric ranges, dishwashers and microwaves don't come with power cords. The reasons, according to the manufacturers, are that electrical codes and regulations vary across regions and that some of these appliances should be hardwired to the home circuit.

Those excuses may be justifiable for some large appliances, but smart phones? The



last I looked, I didn't need to hard wire my phone. And when I buy a product in America, I expect that it will have the appropriate charging plugs for those of us who wave the red, white and blue.

Of course, my old chargers won't work for the new phone. So I threw them in the box of other cords and chargers and wires that I will seemingly never use. Even with appliances, we are told to not use the old, unsafe cords and to buy new ones. Yep.

So, we buy charging bricks for smart phones separately, and we hopefully realize this before we have the units at home so we don't have to make separate trips to the store. But if you do have to make another trip, at least you can do a load of laundry while you are gone. Maybe.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■



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SEEN IN ADEL



THE BEAT GOES ON: Adel Kiwanis members Jodi Kuhse and Dan Juffer present a check for \$1,255.97 to the ADM Marching Band for the purchase of new percussion equipment at the Oct. 20 football game in Adel. ■

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

Friday, Dec. 1

- 4:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls JV vs. Ballard
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- 5:45 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys Freshman vs. Ballard
- 6 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls Varsity vs. Ballard
- 7:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys Varsity vs. Ballard

Saturday, Dec. 2

- 9 a.m. **Wrestling:** JV Invitational @ Des Moines North
- 10 a.m. **Wrestling:** Varsity Invitational @ DCG


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HISTORY

THE COUNTY SEAT CONTROVERSY

By MIKE FLINN

For many years after the county was established, the question of the county seat being at any place other than Adel was not raised. Adel was where the county started and, situated in almost the center of the county, was accessible to all parts.

With the advent of the railroads, however, the question soon came up of the proper location for the county capital. Rock Island Railroad had built its line in 1868 in the southernmost part of the county. The Fort Dodge line, in 1869-70, passed through the county from the southeast to the northern boundary, passing through Dallas Center. Soon, Dallas Center and other towns aspired for the county seat honors. But the contests regarding the location really began when the Milwaukee Road established its shops at Perry, and that town began to assume the proportions of a city. Perry soon became possessed with the ambition to become the county seat. Still later, even Waukee entered the arena.

Adel was handicapped in not having a railroad. So imperative was the need felt that an association was formed in 1878 among the businessmen of Adel with the object in view of building a railroad from Waukee west through Adel. The group was headed by Dr. Timothy Caldwell. A narrow-gauge railroad was built which extended later to Panora.

Another problem was the fact that Adel did not have a first-class hotel. Once again, Dr. Caldwell and other businessmen formed a group, The Adel Improvement Company. Subscribed stock and donations soon amounted to \$10,500, and a lot was selected. The Arlington Hotel was established in 1888 on the northeast corner of the square.

Another issue, by the late 1800s, was the courthouse. The log courthouse had served its day, and the second one, a frame building, had gone down in ashes. The third one, called the old brick courthouse, had been getting along in years by this time and no longer met the demands

of the county's business. So, in 1898, the question of voting a tax of \$65,000 for a new courthouse was submitted. This was defeated with 1,605 votes for and 2,281 against. Within two years, however, public sentiment seemed to change, and it was again brought to a vote. This time, the amount was fixed at \$85,000. The need for a new courthouse had overcome the county seat controversy, and it carried, 3,338 votes for and 2,049 against. The contract was let to James Rawsen and Sons of Iowa City for \$74,300 for the completion of the building. This did not include plumbing, heating and furnishings. It was to be completed by April 1, 1902. The finished cost was \$109,243, and it was dedicated in September 1902. The honorable Joseph A Dyer of Des Moines delivered the dedicatory address to the more than 2,000 people who attended.

The clock, costing \$1,000 was purchased by Adel citizens and donated to the county.

The question of the county seat has not been an issue since. ■

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STORYTIMES

- **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.

OTHER 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.

ADULT PROGRAMS

- ***Yoga at the Library** – Every Wednesday in December at 5:45 p.m.
- **Exercise Group** – Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.
- **50s + Senior Gathering** – Dec. 5 and Dec. 19, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Iowa History: Hollywood & Iowa - "It's a Wonderful Life"** – Dec. 14 at noon.
- **Brown Bag Book Club** – Dec. 14 at noon.
- **Cook Book Club** – Dec. 20 at 11 a.m.
- **Evening Book Club** – Dec. 28 at 6 p.m.

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

Please note that the library will be closed Dec. 25 and 26 for Christmas. ■

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Through DEC. 31: Santa's Rock N Lights. Holiday-themed light show occurring daily from 5-9 p.m. at Living History Farms, 11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale; lhf.org/event/santas-rock-n-lights.

Through DEC. 31: Holiday Hullabaloo. Now in its second year, experience a family-friendly holiday event with festivities and entertainment every weekend through the dates posted. Horizon Events Center, 10320 Hickman Road, Clive; horizoneventscenter.com.

DEC. 1-17: "All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914." Des Moines Community Playhouse, 831 42nd St., Des Moines. dmplayhouse.com.

DEC. 2-17: "A Charlie Brown Christmas." Des Moines Community Playhouse's Kate Goldman Children's Theatre. dmplayhouse.com.

DEC. 7-10: BDM Presents "The Nutcracker." Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines; balletdesmoines.org

DEC. 7-9: "The Nutcracker." Iowa Dance Theatre presents at Des Moines Civic Center, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines; dmpa.org

DEC. 8-9: Winter Solstice Market. 6-9 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. 116 S. First Ave., Winterset Courthouse Square; madisoncounty.com/special-events.

DEC. 8-17: "A Christmas Carol." Stoner Theatre, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines. iowastage.org.

DEC. 9: Santa 5K run. 521 E. Locust St., Des Moines; fleetfeet.com/s/desmoines.

DEC. 14: Christmas with Lorie Line. 7 p.m. at Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines. hoytsherman.org.

DEC. 15-17: "Home For The Holidays, A Christmas Cabaret." Tallgrass Theatre Company, 2019 Grand Ave., Suite 100, West Des Moines. tallgrasstheatre.org.

DEC. 17: Michael W. Smith Christmas at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines. hoytsherman.org.

DEC. 21: "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical." 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Des Moines Civic Center, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines. dmpa.org.

DEC. 22-23: "Cirque Dreams Holidayze." Des Moines Civic Center, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines. dmpa.org.

DEC. 31: New Year's Eve Pops: Cirque De La Symphonie. Des Moines Civic Center, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines; desmoinesperformingarts.org ■

RECIPE

A REGIONALLY INSPIRED SNACK

(Family Features) If you're in need of a quick snack everyone can share while mingling, opt for this Chocolate Cherry Pecan Snack Mix that takes just 20 minutes to prepare. It includes chocolate-glazed pecans tossed with yogurt-covered raisins, pretzels and dried tart cherries — a staple of the North.

When it comes to pecans, great taste is just the beginning. They're the ultimate superfood due to their flavor, versatility and nutritional benefits. Next time you're shopping for holiday ingredients, remember you can pick up a bag to add to favorite appetizers, snacks, meals, desserts and more all holiday season long. ■

CHOCOLATE CHERRY PECAN SNACK MIX

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

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 20

- 1 large egg white
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 1/2 cups pecan halves
- 1 cup dried tart cherries
- 1 cup small pretzels
- 3/4 cup yogurt-covered raisins

Directions:

Heat oven to 325 F.

In bowl, whisk egg white, brown sugar, cocoa powder, vanilla extract and salt until well blended. Add water to thin mixture slightly. Fold in pecan halves until well coated. Spread mixture onto parchment-lined baking



sheet.

Bake 15-20 minutes, or until mixture is well set. Stir mixture several times during baking. Allow pecans to cool completely and transfer to bowl. Mix in dried cherries, pretzels and raisins.

SEEN IN ADEL



50S PLUS SENIORS MEET: 50's Plus Seniors will meet Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the Adel Public Library from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Others are invited to join them for coffee, conversation and connecting with new and old friends. They will have a program on Straight Engineering Company in Adel for more than 100 years. Pictured is the Nov. 14 meeting, which featured music and a sing-along provided by Megan Barrett, co-owner of Madison County Music. ■

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. ■

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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