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HISTORY

MACY FIELD 500

Adel's Riverside Park (now Kinnick Feller Park), located just north of town, was originally used as a fairground for the agricultural interests and a parade ground for the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Civil War veterans). The ground was purchased by the city in April 1903 to be converted into a park.

The football field, at the east side of the park, still carries the name of Macy Field. At its entrance is a stately brick arch adorned with "In Memory of C.S. Macy" and "1933 Undefeated Team" on separate plaques. If you grew up in Adel, you have probably looked at that arch and wondered, "Who was C. S. Macy, the man in whose memory it was built?"

Clarence Spencer Macy was born near Adel in 1879. He married Madge Young in 1904 and became manager of the Adel Mill soon after. In addition to milling grain, he began



The Archway entrance at Macy Field

a light plant. The electric rate, due to waterpower and double purpose machinery, was much cheaper than that of most towns back then. The company expanded until the towns of Dallas Center, De Soto and Van Meter were being supplied with electricity from Adel. About 1922, Mr. Macy

sold out to the Iowa Light and Power Company of Des Moines.

By 1933, the country was in a deep depression and, for the 2,400 residents of Adel, the outlook was bleak. But there was a bright spot in

ARCH, CONTINUED ON BACK

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 54 | LOW 39

Cloudy with areas of drizzle



SATURDAY HIGH 55 | LOW 47

Cloudy and mild



SUNDAY HIGH 57 | LOW 45

Cloudy with a little rain; breezy



MONDAY HIGH 49 | LOW 32

Cloudy and mild; a little rain



TUESDAY HIGH 39 | LOW 28

Low clouds; showers later



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

IOWA'S MOST POPULAR CHRISTMAS MOVIE IS...

If you are a regular reader of this column, you know I am a fan of the Christmas season. In fact, I have some holiday music favorites playing in the background right now. But it's not just Christmas music that gets my sleigh bells a jingling. There's nothing like settling in for the night on the couch with a warm blanket and your sweetie while watching a Christmas movie. My favorites are the Bass Rankin stop motion Christmas specials I circled in the TV guide and watched so many times as a child. You may remember them. "Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer." "The Little Drummer Boy." "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." And my all-time favorite, "The Year Without a Santa Claus."

Now, they may not be official Christmas "movies," but I don't care. I know what I like. Meanwhile, I received a press release from a company called Comparitech that published a study showing the most popular Christmas movies by state. And in our great state of Iowa, they determined that "The Santa Clause" from 1994 starring Tim Allen is the most popular.

How did they arrive at this conclusion? Well, here is how they describe their methodology. "Using Google Trends to search for the term 'Christmas movie' in each state, we looked to see which movie was a rising topic in the related topics section. Rising topics are the top related search terms users looking at Christmas movies also searched for over the past year and saw the biggest influx in searches during that period."

It may not be perfect, but it is certainly one way to determine the answer, and, if nothing else, it's entertaining. Of course, you are curious how our top pick compares with our friendly neighbors.

Nebraska? The top choice is "Christmas with the Kranks," which also starred Tim Allen along with Jamie Lee Curtis in this 2004 film that I have seen. It was good, not great.

Illinois? "A Christmas Carol," the 1951 film adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic novel, is their pick. I can't argue with that.



Minnesota? "Merry Kiss Cam," whatever that is. I had to look it up. From way back in 2022, this movie was filmed entirely in Duluth, Minnesota. As you know, Minnesotans don't venture out much.

Missouri? "A Christmas Vintage." Vintage? It's from 2023. Seriously. And, you guessed it, the film was made in Missouri.

South Dakota? The selection is "Spirited." I haven't seen this movie either, but it looks like something I might like. This 2022 musical comedy is a modern retelling of "A Christmas Carol" and a satire of the adaptations since. It stars Will Ferrell, so I am willing to give it a shot.

Any of these holiday movies connect with you? Or did something else come to mind? Send me a note and let me know. And do yourself a favor and watch "The Year Without a Santa Claus."

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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VOAS OWL PROWL

The common owls of Iowa can be located at night by mimicking their calls. The uncommon owls are found during the day roosting in cedar trees. Join the group on Monday, Jan. 15 from 9-11 a.m. at the Voas Nature Area, 19286 Lexington Road in Minburn to venture off trail looking for pellets, whitewash and feathers. The hope is to experience an "eye-to-eye epiphany."

To register, visit www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation, click on "Public Programs" and scroll down to see program descriptions and to register. If you don't have computer access or need assistance, call the DCCB office at 515-465-3577. ■

HELP VETERANS AT THE DES MOINES VA HOSPITAL

Federal funds may not be used to purchase personal items for veterans at VA Hospitals. Like many other American Legion Auxiliaries, Adel ALA Unit 464 steps forward to collect clothing and other items needed by vets in the Des Moines VA Hospital or in its domicile. Currently, the following are being requested: men's sweatpants/athletic pants (size S-XXL), men's sweatshirts (size S-XXXL), men's coats (size-XXL), men's underwear (size S-L), great condition large print used books, individually wrapped snacks, and decaf ground coffee.

Donations are welcomed to be dropped off at 1305 S. 15th St., Adel, or contact Shirley McAdon at 515-993-4862 for pick up.

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By OLIVIA OSBORN,
marketing and collection management librarian

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our Giving Tree Fundraiser. All of the donations we received will help us continue to provide free programming for our community.

Storytimes are back. We are also launching a new program to get you and your little ones out of the house in the winter to play and socialize. Find more information about Winter Playtime below.

- **Winter Playtime**, ages 2-5, Jan. 5 and Jan. 19, 9-11 a.m.
 - **Dallas County Conservation Storytime**, ages 3 and older, Jan. 8, 10 a.m.
 - **Move & Groove Storytime**, ages 5 and younger, Tuesdays at 10 a.m. beginning Jan. 9
 - **My First Storytime**, ages 0-35 months, Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. beginning Jan. 10.
 - **Preschool Storytime**, ages 3-6 years, Thursdays, beginning Jan. 11 at 10 a.m.
 - **Elephant and Piggie Party**, preschool through second grade, Jan. 20 at 10 a.m.
- Bored after school? Not anymore. Check out all of the awesome programs we have coming up.
- **Homeschool Book Club**, first grade and up, Jan. 4, 10 a.m.
 - **Teen Advisory Board**, grades 6-12, Jan. 4, 4 p.m.
 - **Tail Wagging Readers**, all ages, Jan. 4 at 4:30 p.m.
 - ***Teen Nerf Battle**, grades 6-12, Jan. 5, 2-4 p.m.
 - ***Elementary Fun: Minute to Win it Games**, grades K-5, Jan. 9 at 4 p.m.
 - **Teens Create: Bullet Journal**, grades 6-12, Jan. 11, 4-5:30 p.m.

- ***STEAM with ISU Extension: Tricky Towers**, grades K-5, Jan. 16 at 10 a.m.
- **Teens Game: Chess**, grades 6-12, Jan. 18 at 4 p.m.
- ***Elementary Book to Art: Marshmallow Snowflakes**, grades K-5, Jan. 23 at 4 p.m.
- **Teen Hang-Out**, grades 6-12, Jan. 25, 4 p.m.
- ***Library D&D**, grades 7-12, Jan. 26, 2-4 p.m.

Did you know that we have programs for adults too? We have book clubs, Iowa History programs, exercise groups, and more.

- **Exercise Group**, Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m.
- **50s Plus Senior Gathering**, Jan. 2 and Jan. 16, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- ***Yoga at the Library**, every Wednesday in January at 5:45 p.m.
- **Iowa History 101: The Precinct Caucuses: Iowa's Role in Presidential Nominations**, Jan. 11 at noon.
- **Brown Bag Book Club**, Jan. 11 at noon
- **Cook Book Club**, Jan. 17 at 11 a.m.
- **Homeschool Meet-Up**, Jan. 22, 9-11 a.m.
- **Evening Book Club**, Jan. 25 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 Jan. 1 for New Year's Day and Jan. 15 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

DCCB invites you to join them at the astronomical clock at Hanging Rock 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. ■



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The Iowa Wild are the affiliate program of the Minnesota Wild. Home games through December are:

Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. vs. Manitoba (Winnipeg Jets)**Dec. 23** at 6 p.m. vs. Manitoba**Dec. 28** at 6 p.m. vs. Colorado (Colorado Avalanche)**Dec. 30** at 6 p.m. vs. Colorado**MIRACLE ON 86TH STREET****Through Jan. 8**

Charles Gabus Memorial Tree Park,
3600 86th St., Urbandale

Bundle up this winter and stroll through the Charles Gabus Memorial Tree Park. The park features a large custom-built train, larger-than-life ornamental displays, an ice-skating rink, and holiday-themed events all season long. The park is lit with more than 50,000 holiday lights.

SQUARE DANCE LESSONS**Sunday nights starting Jan. 4, 6:30 p.m.**

Douglas Avenue Presbyterian Church,
4601 Douglas Ave., Des Moines

Ankeny Square Dance Club is sponsoring Square Dance Lessons. Cost is \$20 per person for the entire session, accepted at the third lesson. Attend with or without a dance partner. You'll learn

the calls, one call at a time, taught by a caller (instructor) and volunteers. For more information, call Sandy Townsend, 515-291-2624, or visit www.ankenysquares.com.

**LIVING WELL CLASSES:
OVERCOMING ANXIETY OR
DEPRESSION****Orientation: Thursday, Jan. 18, 7 p.m.**

Ankeny First United Methodist Church Christian
Life Center,

710 N.E. 36th St., Ankeny

Two separate Living Well Classes: Overcoming Anxiety or Depression will be held for eight weeks, Thursdays, Jan. 25 through March 14 from 7-8:30 p.m. Classes are confidential and supportive. For information, call Jim White at 515-313-3701 or email jcjlwhite@live.com.

MUSEUM OPEN**Urbandale Historical Society, 4010 70th St.**

The Olmsted-Urban House will be open for viewing the first Sunday of each month 2-4 p.m. Members of the society will be there for guiding tours and showing the collection of things that might have been in Grandma's house. The Rolling Green school quilt made by the students and the painting given in memory of Pamela Powers are now at the Olmsted Urban House. These items can be viewed during the museum's monthly open house.

WAUKEE FAMILY FEST**Saturday, Jan. 20, 9 a.m. to noon****Lutheran Church of Hope - Waukee**

This free, family-friendly event will help kids burn off some cabin fever energy. Check out Waukee area businesses, enjoy games and prizes and jump on inflatables. To become a vendor, visit waukee.org/familyfest. ■

RECIPE

A POP OF PEPPERMINT

(Family Features) While there are countless ingredients that harken to the taste of holidays past, there's one sweet favorite that truly symbolizes the season: peppermint. Whether enjoyed in the familiar shape of a candy cane — the original kid-favorite — or added to recipes from beverages to desserts and everything in between, it's a delicious way to connect generations.

For example, White Chocolate Peppermint Popcorn Bark offers a tasty way for everyone to get in on the fun. The taste of peppermint and white chocolate make this a perfect holiday treat for sharing with a crowd. Plus, the easy prep means less time in the kitchen and more time savoring the classic flavors.

Better yet, it makes for a delicious gift to send off with guests as another festive celebration comes to a close. Simply package in a small, clear bag tied off with a colorful bow so loved ones can enjoy the tastes of the season in the days to follow.

These favorites are made possible by the versatility of popcorn, one of America's most beloved snack foods. Celebrated for its seed-to-snack simplicity, popcorn's smell, taste and versatility mean it can enhance any occasion as a budget-friendly solution for family gatherings. ■

WHITE CHOCOLATE PEPPERMINT POPCORN BARK

Yield: 1 pound

- 5 cups popped popcorn
- 12 ounces white chocolate baking chips, chopped white chocolate or white candy coating
- 1 cup crushed hard candy peppermints

Directions:

Cover baking pan with foil or wax paper; set aside. Place popcorn in large bowl; set aside.

In double boiler over barely simmering water, melt chocolate, stirring until smooth, or melt according to package directions. Stir in crushed peppermints.

Pour chocolate mixture over popcorn mixture and stir to coat. Spread onto prepared pan; cool completely.



When chocolate is cooled and set, break into chunks for serving.

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Enjoy Bingo on Monday, Jan. 15, 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. ■

ARCH, FROM FRONT

those tough times. 1933 will always be remembered as the year of the undefeated football season. Every Friday night, at home under the lights or at Dexter, Dallas Center, Redfield or Winterset, the Adel team, in leather helmets and black and red jerseys, helped the ever-growing crowds forget, briefly, the hard times they were experiencing.

One young man, Nile Kinnick, was largely responsible for this. Winning games, sometimes by 40 or 50 points, Kinnick threw touchdown passes, mostly to his younger brother, Ben, and, with his compact brick-like frame bursting through his line of farm boys and factory roughs, ran through all the opposing secondaries to a score of touchdowns. Kinnick completed passes for 40 and 50 yards

repeatedly and once punted the ball 60 yards.

At the end of that spectacular season, a movement was started to honor the team with a lasting memorial: a brick arch at the entrance to the field. It was originally intended to be built with donations, but money was scarce in those depression times, and the \$800 needed could not be raised. However, the Macy family generously offered to build the arch and small building adjoining it, in honor of C.S. Macy, who died in 1930.

Nile Kinnick would go on to play for the Iowa Hawkeyes. In 1939, Kinnick won Iowa's first Heisman Trophy while leading his team to a 6-1-1 record.

During World War II, Nile, a Navy pilot, crash-landed his fighter in the sea and was killed in action. ■

CLASSIFIED ADS

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