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THE MONUMENT EAST OF ADEL

BY MIKE FLINN

Have you ever driven by the monument located about 2 miles east of Adel on Highway 6 and wondered how it came about? The monument was erected to mark the location where Dallas County was established. The inscription reads "In a Schoolhouse Where This Stone Stands Dallas County Was Organized and the First County Election Was Held April 5, 1847."

The Iowa legislature approved the formation of Dallas County on Feb. 16, 1847, and appointed Eli Smithson as organizing sheriff. Smithson then held an election at the one-room schoolhouse that was then on the site for county commissioners. At this election,



W. W. Miller, Tristan Davis and Greenbury Coffin were chosen as Dallas County's first commissioners.

The following May, the board

met at the home of W. W. Miller to decide on a suitable place for the county seat. A site was chosen and surveyed, just to the west and along the Raccoon River. The commissioners then met again, approved the plot and suggested the name Penouch. However, the 160 acres of land still belonged to the government, and there was no money in the county treasury to purchase it. The problem was solved when Commissioner W. W. Miller mortgaged his homestead to secure the necessary funds.

Sixty-seven years later, in 1914, it was proposed by the Adel Commercial Club (predecessor to

MONUMENT, ON BACK

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 37 | LOW 32

Cloudy; fog in the a.m.



SATURDAY HIGH 37 | LOW 25

Low clouds and damp



SUNDAY HIGH 36 | LOW 25

Times of clouds and sun



MONDAY HIGH 38 | LOW 26

Low clouds



TUESDAY HIGH 43 | LOW 28

Partly sunny



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

MR. SNUFFLEUPAGUS, SAM THE BUTCHER AND WRONGWAY FELDMAN

The younger generation today is often criticized for spending too much time on their cell phones. Kids in my generation were criticized for spending too much time watching TV. Same problem. Different devices.

But is too much time with electronics really a problem? Or is it just a fad? Today, I watch very little television. But, as a kid, I spent many hours plopped down in my bean bag chair on the shag carpet as close as I could get to our console TV.

I believe we had an RCA television set. It was built like a tank and weighed about the same, too. It looked like it had a dark wooden cabinet, but it was probably hard plastic. Mom had it so polished with Pledge, it was difficult to tell.

In all honesty, I spent more time with that TV in my youth than I did with anything else. It introduced me to Mr. Snuffleupagus and Mr. Hooper, and I learned about interjections,

adverbs and Conjunction Junction from it.

I got to know Sam the butcher, Sgt. Schultz and Wrongway Feldman from our TV. Lenny and Squiggy connected with me through its screen and made me laugh, but I never understood why Shirley kept telling Carmine to take a cold shower. I watched Fonzie jump the shark on it — over two episodes.

I discovered the Na-No Na-No handshake and why the man put the car in the oven. I learned about the suffering of Kunta Kinte, and I watched Evel Knievel take many spills.

Our TV didn't have a remote control, but it did have a set of pliers to turn the channels when the plastic knob broke.

The TV screen was a perfect square, unlike the rectangle versions of today. When we watched the ABC Sunday Night Movie, we were often introduced



with the “formatted to fit your screen” message, which meant the edges were cut off.

Speaking of those Sunday night movies, seeing them on TV was a big deal. If you didn't catch the movies at the theater (and we rarely did), then you relied on the TV premier, which was typically a year or two later. No streaming. No DVDs. No VHS rentals. Just heavy edits and a lot of commercials.

You may say I was attached to our TV. I would guess Dad said that a time or two, much like I have said about my kids and their phones. One has to wonder, though, what memories will today's kids have of the content on their phones 50 years from now?

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■



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ADEL WOMEN'S CLUB OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Adel Women's Club is sponsoring General Federated Women's Club Iowa Scholarships that range from \$500 to \$1,000 for high school graduating seniors attending post-secondary education schools. Application packets may be obtained at the ADM High School Counseling Office and are due Feb. 1.

Vocal and instrumental camperships up to \$400 are also available to students who are entering eighth grade through 12th grade and will be attending a music camp this summer in Iowa. Application packets may be obtained from the ADM High School Counseling Office or from ADM music teachers and are also due Feb. 1.

Adel Women's Club Scholarship Chairwoman Shirley McAdon may be contacted for a letter of club sponsorship at 515-993-4862. ■

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. ■

ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Jan. 26

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

Saturday, Jan. 27

- 10 a.m. **Wrestling:** Varsity RRC Conference @ Boone

Monday, Jan. 29

- 4:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls JV @ Carroll
- 4:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys JV @ Carroll
- 5:30 p.m. **Wrestling:** JV vs. Multiple Schools
- 5:30 p.m. **Wrestling:** Varsity vs. Multiple Schools
- 5:45 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys Freshman @ Carroll
- 6 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls Varsity @ Carroll
- 7:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys Varsity @ Carroll

Tuesday, Jan. 30

- 4:15 p.m. **Wrestling:** Middle School vs. Multiple Schools



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MARTHA JOAN SOUTHARD

Martha Joan Southard, 90, died on Jan. 18, 2024, at Kavanaugh House where she had only been for a few hours. Joan was born on Oct. 10, 1933, in the home of her maternal grandparents 5 miles southeast of Adel to Ada Darlene (Brown) Wright and Gilbert Edwin Wright. It was on that farm she was raised along with her siblings, Ed Wright, Larry Wright, and twin sisters Sandra Sargent and Sharon Shufelt.

Joan graduated from Adel High School in 1950. In 1951, she married Edward Cooper. To this union, three children were born: Vickie Cooper, Stephen Cooper and Jeffrey Cooper. In 1969, Joan married Wayne Southard, who preceded her in death.

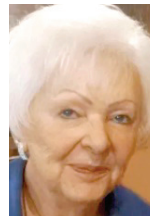
Joan was a member of the New Hope Church of Adel. She loved horses. Early in their life together, Ed and Joan rode in horse shows. One desire she had was to "ride again." Thanks to Michelle Jenkins at New Hope Church and Dean and Peggy Scott, she thoroughly enjoyed her time on a horse once more. Joan loved and supported her family. She found great joy in her children, grandchild, and great grandchildren.

Joan retired from the Brenton Bank in Adel in 2001. She and her husband, Charles Walston, enjoyed traveling to Hawaii, Alaska, Branson and many other places.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Ed Wright; a sister, Sharon Shufelt; a sister-in-law, Donna Wright; and two nephews, Scott Wright and Jason Shufelt.

Joan is survived by her children; a granddaughter, Melissa Dohlman (Matt); four great-grandchildren, Eliana Dohlman, Hayden Dohlman, Davis Dohlman and Tate Dohlman; her sister, Sandra Sargent (Roy); and a brother, Larry Wright; as well as many nieces and nephews and their children and grandchildren.

Visitation and service were Jan. 22 at the New Hope Church, Adel. Internment followed at the Otterman Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to New Hope Church, 25712 290th St., Adel, or Everystep Hospice, 3000 Easton Blvd., Des Moines. Online condolences can be expressed to the family at caldwellparrish.com. ■



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SCIENCE CENTER OF IOWA

Saturday, Jan. 27

401 W. Martin Luther King Jr Parkway, Des Moines

A world of scientific wonders and activities awaits downtown. A steady stream of programs for all ages and interactive exhibits keep children of all ages engaged and ready to learn while also being entertained. Permanent exhibits will allow kids to learn about zoology, outer space, building, designing and more. This is what's going on just one day at SCI. Visit www.sciowa.org to see the full calendar of events for each day.

- **9:30-10 a.m.:** Planetarium, Story Time Under the Stars
- **10:30-11 a.m.:** Planetarium, Solar Odyssey: Journey Through Our Cosmic Neighborhood
- **11-11:30 a.m.:** Cold Blooded Critters. Meet and get the chance to touch some of SCI's resident reptiles and amphibians.
- **noon to 12:30 p.m.:** Deep Freeze. Get chills and thrills from cryogenic demonstrations.
- **12:30-1 p.m.:** Planetarium, Global Soundscapes. Join a team of soundscape ecologists to learn how the sounds around us can tell us more than we think about the environment in this full dome interactive presentation! Program and location subject to change.
- **1:30-2 p.m.:** Planetarium, Solar Odyssey: Journey Through Our Cosmic Neighborhood.
- **2-2:15 p.m.:** Snapping Turtle Feeding. Come check

out a feeding demonstration of one of SCI's most ravenous reptiles. The snapping turtle feeding may be too intense for some visitors.

- **2:30-3 p.m.:** Planetarium, Iowa Skies Tonight
- **3-3:30 p.m.:** Fireworks. From things that glow to things that explode, this program is a real blast!
- **3:30-4 p.m.:** Planetarium, Two Small Pieces of Glass. Go on an adventure through history to learn about the creation of the telescope and the discoveries this invention has helped humanity make. Program and location subject to change.

"HAVANA HOP"

Saturday, Jan. 27, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. (sensory-friendly performance)

Temple Theatre, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines

Des Moines Performing Arts presents Havana Hop: a children's tale of culture and confidence. The audience gets to dance along in this dynamic participation play where one actress creates three generations of lively women. Journey with Yeila as she discovers the fun of her multi-cultural heritage. Show is one hour. Tickets are \$10, available at <https://desmoinesperformingarts.org/events/havana-hop/>.

WINTER JAM 2024

Feb. 2, 6 p.m.

Wells Fargo Arena, 223 Center St., Des Moines

Tickets for this event are \$15 at the door. Jam Nation Entry is at 5 p.m. with general admission and pre-show at 6 p.m. Event starts at 7 p.m. For lineup, visit <https://jamtour.com>.

DOME AFTER DARK

Fridays, 6-10 p.m. through March

Des Moines Botanical Garden, 909 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines

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RECIPE

SOLVE WINTER BLUES WITH COZY RECIPES

(Family Features) Cozying up with a bowl of warm deliciousness is a perfect way to ward off the chill of winter, and it's made even better when shared with those you love. Turning to favorite chilis and soups with comforting ingredients and smoky spices can transport your family from snow and sleet to warmth and paradise. ■

SMOKY GERMAN POTATO, SAUSAGE AND BACON CHILI

Recipe courtesy of "Dad with a Pan" on behalf of READ

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 40 minutes

Servings: 8

- 4 strips thick bacon, cut into cubes
- 1 pound smoked sausage, sliced into 1-inch segments
- 1 small onion, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 tablespoon ground coriander
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 Fresno peppers, diced
- 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, drained
- 1 can READ German Potato Salad, drained
- 1 cup beef broth
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste

Directions:

In large saucepan over medium heat, cook bacon until crispy. Remove and set aside, leaving about 2 tablespoons drippings in saucepan.

Add smoked sausage and cook until browned. Once sausage is cooked, add diced onion and



minced garlic, cooking until onion is translucent.

Drain excess fat then stir in chili powder, coriander, cumin, cayenne pepper, oregano and Fresno peppers until well mixed.

Add drained diced tomatoes, German potato salad and cooked bacon to saucepan.

Add beef broth and stir to combine. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Bring mixture to simmer and let cook about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally, until flavors are melded.

Substitution:

Jalapenos can be used for Fresno peppers.

THIRD MONDAY BINGO

Enjoy Bingo on Monday, Feb. 19, 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. ■

MONUMENT, FROM FRONT

the chamber of commerce) to mark the spot. An article in the Dallas County News explained that: "A monument of Wisconsin granite was purchased from the Perry Marble and Granite Works and, after being shipped to Adel, was erected on the parking in front of the old schoolhouse on the River to River Road about two miles east of Adel. The schoolhouse is the third that stood there. The first one was built of logs and, as near as can be ascertained, was the building at which the county was organized and the first election held."

The base of the monument was set on a concrete foundation five feet deep and about four inches larger in length and breadth than the base of the stone. In the top

of the concrete foundation, and immediately under the base of the monument, was placed a copper box containing a historical review of the events commemorated and a copy of the Dallas County News.

The monument was dedicated on May 11, 1914, at 6 p.m. There was a large turnout as, according to the Commercial Club, "The invitation is to be extended to everyone in the county to attend those exercises and assist in the dedication of the monument for the purpose of keeping alive the early historical events of the county which even now are becoming matters of tradition."

It would be interesting to see the contents of that copper box but, considering the difficulty of lifting the monument to find it, I think it would be best to leave it there. ■

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