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DAHL AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING CO. OPENS IN DE SOTO



Dahl Air Conditioning & Heating Co., formerly located in Van Meter, has opened in its new location in De Soto. The company designs, manufactures and installs custom air duct systems for commercial buildings. Dahl employs 40 people and has been owned by Rusty Rohe since 2014. ■

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 91 | LOW 74

Humid with partial sunshine

**SATURDAY HIGH 90 | LOW 66**

Clouds and sun; p.m. t-storm

**SUNDAY HIGH 87 | LOW 65**

Mostly sunny and pleasant

**MONDAY HIGH 89 | LOW 70**

Mostly sunny

**TUESDAY HIGH 93 | LOW 68**

Partly sunny; strong p.m. t-storm



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

EVERYONE KNOWS IT'S SLINKY

It's fun for a girl and a boy. Ninety-eight coils of high-grade, blue-black Swedish steel. Yes, the Slinky. In its first 60 years, 300 million were sold. That's a lot of steel. And a lot of fun.

The Slinky was invented by naval engineer Richard James in 1943 during an experiment with tension coils. He accidentally dropped a spring on the floor and watched as it began to "walk." Richard and his wife, Betty, formed James Industries and began manufacturing Slinkys and selling them for \$1 each. The toy remained modestly priced throughout its history as Betty wanted it to be affordable for all. In fact, a version of the original can be purchased online today for as little as \$3.99.

The coiled toy was not an immediate hit, though. It wasn't until 1945 when it was introduced in Gimbels Department Store in Philadelphia during the Christmas shopping season that it took off. Richard and Betty were granted permission to set up an inclined plane in the toy section of the store to demonstrate it, and the entire inventory of 400 units sold in 90 minutes.

All this slinkiness apparently

didn't bode well for the James marriage, though. In 1960, Betty filed for divorce. Richard left the company and became an evangelical missionary. Betty died of congestive heart failure in 2008 at age 90 after serving as James Industries' president from 1960-1998. The Slinky was inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame in 2000 and named to the Toy Industry Association's Century of Toys List in 2003. After some consolidations and acquisitions, the Slinky brand was sold to Just Play in 2020, and kids continue to enjoy it today.

The Slinky can perform a number of tricks, most notably traveling down a flight of steps end-over-end while stretching and re-forming itself — or at least that is what it did in the TV commercials. I was never able to get quite the same experience. You may also remember the Slinky Dog and the Slinky Train. The dog version experienced a comeback in 1995 thanks to the "Toy Story" movies. How about the Plastic Slinky? This apparently came about as kids were



inserting the metal Slinkys into electrical sockets. I never tried that. Thankfully.

I do remember the distinct "laser gun" sound I could make with my Slinky. I also used it to try to get better reception from my transistor radio. I had to find some use for the toy after my brother and I stretched it out so much that it wouldn't compress properly again. Still have a Slinky around somewhere? Not sure what to do with it? I am told that, when mounted on a bird feeder pole, a Slinky can deter squirrels. Give that a try.

That catchy jingle for the television commercial that reminds us of the Slinky being "fun for a girl and a boy" was created in 1962 and became the longest-running jingle in advertising history. More than likely, you are singing it right now. "Everyone knows it's Slinky."

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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DESIGN CHALLENGE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Iowa Workforce Development and the Iowa Department of Education announced the winners of the Build Iowa's Future Design Challenge, an opportunity for K-12 students to create innovative projects, connect to rewarding careers and compete for up to \$1,000 awards for their schools.

First-place awards of \$1,000 each will be made to the following schools for outstanding submissions by their teams: DeSoto Intermediate in the elementary school division; ADM Middle School (Adel) in the middle school division; and Van Buren County High School (Keosauqua) in the high school division.

Elementary and middle school students participated in the Design Challenge by constructing a model home using toy plastic construction bricks, wood blocks or other materials and making the case for why it would be a great place to live. High school students designed a project that could improve their communities. About 200 students across Iowa were involved.

Local K-5 winner was, first place - "Christmas Cabin," DeSoto Intermediate, ADM Community Schools, Teacher: Ashlee Nichols

Local grades 6-8 winner was, first place - "ADM Middle School," Adel, ADM Community Schools, Teacher: Jon Markus ■

THIRD MONDAY BINGO

Enjoy Bingo on Monday, July 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. ■

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ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, June 21

5:30 p.m. **Softball:** JV vs. Knoxville

7 p.m. **Softball:** Varsity vs. Knoxville

Monday, June 24

4:30 p.m. **Softball:** Freshman @ Bondurant-Farrar

5 p.m. **Baseball:** JV @ Bondurant-Farrar

5:30 p.m. **Softball:** JV @ Bondurant-Farrar

7 p.m. **Baseball:** Varsity @ Bondurant-Farrar

7:15 p.m. **Softball:** Varsity @ Bondurant-Farrar

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RURAL & IN-TOWN - COMPETITIVE SPEEDS & PRICING

SUMMER FOOD TRUCK AND LIVE MUSIC

Country Lane Lodge, 29300 Prospect Circle, Adel, is hosting its Summer Food Truck and Live Music events Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m. Admission is free. Yard games and full bar are available. The lineup includes:

- **June 26:** General Lee's Smoke Stack and Outside Scoop with music by Josh Sinclair
- **July 3:** Harrington's Dining Car and Totally Rolled Ice Cream with music by Brian Congdon
- **July 10:** Hungry Boys Mexican and Whip Delight with music by Luke Fox
- **July 17:** Chick-Fil-A and Street Sweets with music by Brian Herrin
- **July 24:** Nina's Tacos with music by Brian Allen
- **July 31:** What the Fries and Totally Rolled Ice Cream with music by Jake Schrodt
- **Aug. 7:** Off the Griddle and Outside Scoop with music by Neva Alden
- **Aug. 14:** Brick & Ember Pizza Co. and Street Sweets with music by Lucas Beebe
- **Aug. 21:** Magoo's Pizza and Kona Ice with music by Brian Allen
- **Aug. 28:** Zipp's Pizza and Kona Ice with music by Corey Jamison ■

CRAIG MORGAN FEATURED AT DALLAS COUNTY FAIR

Craig Morgan with opening act Ashley Barron will perform at the Dallas County Fair Saturday, July 13, at the South Arena at the Dallas County Fairgrounds, Adel. Opening act starts at 7 p.m. with Morgan at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$25 until July 1 when tickets will be \$35. Tickets are available online at www.dallascountyfair.com. ■

NEEDS LIST FOR VETERANS AT THE DES MOINES VA HOSPITAL

Since federal funds may not be used to purchase personal items for veterans at VA Hospitals, American Legion Auxiliary Units like Adel ALA Unit 464 step forward to collect clothing and other items needed by veterans in the Des Moines VA Hospital or in their domicile. Currently, the following are being requested: men's sweatpants/athletic pants (size S-XXL), men's sweatshirts (size S-XXXL), men's athletic shorts (size S-XXL), men's underwear (size S-L), shampoo, large-print books, individually wrapped snacks, and decaf ground coffee.

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


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JOKE OF THE WEEK

Who is the most famous footwear philosopher?
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CELEBRATE AN 'OLD-FASHIONED' FOURTH

The Adel Historical Museum will be hosting a special open house Thursday, July 4 from 4-7 p.m., continuing through Friday, July 5 from noon to 4 p.m. and then during the regular museum hours on Saturday, July 6 from 1-3 p.m. To enhance the old-fashioned theme, the Orton Circus exhibit has been moved to the ground floor.

The Orton Circus was a family-run circus show started in 1852 by Hiram Orton. Later, his son, R.Z., founded the town of Ortonville, a few miles east of Adel where Highway 6 and R Avenue intersect. He bought 200 acres there to house the "winter quarters" for the famous traveling Orton Circus. Known as the largest wagon circus in the world, it initially traveled by horses in the 1800s and then by railroad in the early 1900s. From spring to fall, the family, all performing in the circus, provided entertainment for thousands of people living in the Dakotas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Montana and Iowa. Find out more about the exciting acts, animals and exhibits when you come to the museum over the Fourth of July and the following weekend. Some relatives from this successful, entertaining family still live in the Adel area.

The museum will be serving free root beer floats. Some quaint children's games from the past will be available with small prizes given in the spirit of the era. The museum is facing some expensive renovations to improve the structure of the building, so any donations would be appreciated. ■

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. ■

SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

A sand volleyball tournament for ages 18 and older will be held Saturday, Aug. 10, starting at 1 p.m. at Evan's Park. Cost is \$100 per team. The tournament is sponsored by the ADM Volleyball program. For information, email trevor.irwin@admschools.org. ■

SWEET CORN 5K RUN/WALK

Registration is open for the Sweet Corn 5K Run/Walk to be held Aug. 10. The race will take place along the scenic brick streets of Adel. Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/IA/Adel/AdelSweetCornFestival5K>. ■

ADEL FARMER'S MARKET

The Adel Farmer's Market is held at the Dallas County Fairgrounds on Tuesdays from 4-7 p.m. ■

ADM FREE MEALS FOR KIDS

ADM Community Schools is offering free meals to those 18 and younger now through July 26, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to noon at Adel Elementary cafeteria, 1608 Grove St. This is dine-in only. Enter through the preschool doors. A grab-and-go breakfast for the following day will be available Monday through Thursday and grab-and-go meal packs will be available on Fridays. The meal program will not be held July 4 and July 5. ■

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SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

The Iowa National Guard's Summer Concert Series has begun. Join them at Camp Dodge on June 20 and 27, from 6-9 p.m. This great event will feature free live music and food trucks. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets and beverage coolers. June 20: Standing Hampton and Classic Car Night (presented by American Legion Post 728). June 27: 34th Army Band.

**CITYVIEW'S SUMMER STIR -
DOWNTOWN DES MOINES****Friday, June 21, 5-9 p.m.****Court Avenue District, downtown Des Moines**www.summerstirs.dmcityview.com

CITYVIEW's traveling cocktail party is back in downtown Des Moines. Sample many of summer's finest drinks at some of the area's best bars and restaurants. Try 10 different drinks for only \$25 with your online order (\$30 at the door). For more information and for tickets, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cityviews-summer-stir-2024-downtown-des-moines-tickets-875340997487?aff=oddtcreator>.

**REO SPEEDWAGON
WITH NIGHT RANGER****June 21, 6:30 p.m.**

Lauridsen Amphitheater, Des Moines Water Works Park, 2251 George Flagg Parkway
dsmwaterworkspark.com

CAJUN FEST**June 22****Cowles Commons, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines**www.cajunfestiowa.com

Get ready to put some south in your mouth. The self-proclaimed Mardi Gras of the Midwest is an all-day celebration of Cajun culture, from food to music and back to food again.



Iowa Cubs photo courtesy of Iowa Cubs

IOWA CUBS HOME GAMES**Principal Park, 1 Line Drive, Des Moines**www.iowacubs.com

Cheer on the Cubs all summer through September with fireworks during Friday home games, plus the Fourth of July. Home games in June:

June 25 at 6:38 p.m. vs. St. Paul**June 26** at 12:08 p.m. vs. St. Paul**June 27** at 6:38 p.m. vs. St. Paul**June 28** at 7:08 p.m. vs. St. Paul**June 29** at 6:08 p.m. vs. St. Paul**June 30** at 1:08 p.m. vs. St. Paul**JASPER WINERY
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES****June 27****2400 George Flagg Parkway, Des Moines**www.jasperwinery.com

When the warm weather rolls in, Jasper Winery welcomes all for its Summer Concert Series, occurring Thursdays from 6-9 p.m., May through August. Bring your lawn chair, listening ears, appetites and thirst. Damon Dotson Band will be performing June 27. ■

RECIPE

ADD A PATRIOTIC 'POP' TO FOURTH OF JULY PARTIES

(Family Features) Break out the red, white and blue and (safely) set off your favorite fireworks — it's time to honor America's birthday. Along with all the booms and blasts, make sure your crowd is satisfied with one of the country's most beloved snack foods and a true firecracker in the kitchen: popcorn.

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. As a timeless treat nationwide, it's an especially perfect partner for Fourth of July get-togethers as it bursts while cooking and brings a thrill to the senses.

Add a touch of heat to this year's celebrations with Cinnamon Candy Poppers that bring a real bang to the snack table. Inspired by those classic firecrackers that a Fourth of July party can't do without, these balls of ooey-goey goodness provide a truly patriotic spark. ■

CINNAMON CANDY POPPERS

Yield: 24 balls

Ingredients:

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 3 quarts popped popcorn
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
- 3 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1/2 cup cinnamon-flavored candies
- red and blue confection stars
- red licorice string

Directions:

Spread large sheet of plastic wrap on work surface and spray with nonstick cooking spray.

Spray large mixing bowl lightly with nonstick cooking spray and place popcorn inside.

In medium saucepan over low heat, melt butter. Stir in marshmallows until melted and mixture is smooth. Pour over popcorn. Add cinnamon candies and mix



well until coated.

Spray hands with nonstick cooking spray and form mixture into 24 balls. Gently press red and blue stars onto each ball. Place piece of licorice string on top of each ball.

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GARAGE SALE

Peace Lutheran Church, 4128 L Ave., Adel, is holding a garage sale on Friday and Saturday, June 28-29, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Items for sale include furniture, snow blower, all size clothing (including XL men's, small child and maternity), small children's bicycles, coolers, lawn chairs, smoker and grills, vacuum cleaners, many tools, plant stands and garden tools, small air conditioner, small TV, antiques, kitchen/housewares, pet carriers and kennel and holiday decorations. ■

FUNERAL NOTICE

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SHIRLEY ANN BUTTON

Shirley Ann Button, 92, of Adel, died June 12, 2024, at Spurgeon Manor in Dallas Center. A funeral service was held Tuesday, June 18 at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home - Adel Chapel with burial following at Oakdale Cemetery in Adel.



Shirley was born in Des Moines to Verne and Kathleen Jenkins on Jan. 16, 1932. She grew up in Adel, graduating in 1950, and then attended Drake University. Shirley married her high school sweetheart, Harold "Bub" Button, on Aug. 19, 1951, and had three daughters and three sons.

Shirley and Bub enjoyed traveling with the children to Minnesota and Colorado. In later life, they experienced trips to Germany and Nova Scotia, and spent 24 years "snow-birding" in Destin, Florida.

Survivors are her children, Becky (Dave) Andersen, Dan (Shari), Julie (Mark) Kluber, Cindy (Randy) Stefani, David (Teri), and Rob (Erica); grandchildren, Brooke (Mikkel) Jakobsen, Alyssa Sablan, Brad (Shelley) Button, Chad Button, Jordan (Christine) Kluber, Jaelynn (John) Tomlinson, Ryan (Courtney Schultz) Stefani, Kelsey (Emily) Stefani, Brett (Megan) Stefani, Kasey (Trent) Geurts, Jake Button, Cole (Maggie) Button, Nick (Jackie) Button, Josh (Nazareth) Button, Chelsea Button, Jason Sheehy, and Brian (Sarah) Sheehy; brother-in-law, Dennis (Judy) Button; sister-in-law, Joyce Button; 31 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandson; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bub; brothers, Jim and John Jenkins; granddaughter, Katie Kluber; great-grandson, Dallas Button; and son-in-law, Harold Beaman.

Memorials may be directed to Spurgeon Manor or the Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be left at caldwellparrish.com. ■

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