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ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 81 | LOW 55

Partly sunny and pleasant



SATURDAY HIGH 84 | LOW 55

Partly sunny and breezy



SUNDAY HIGH 81 | LOW 57

Warm with plenty of sunshine



MONDAY HIGH 79 | LOW 46

Pleasant with plenty of sunshine



TUESDAY HIGH 67 | LOW 42

Mostly sunny and not as warm



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?

“Listen.” It’s a simple word. Six letters. Two syllables. So simple, yet so complicated. As the saying goes, “If it was easy, everyone would be doing it.” Clearly, we are not.

My dad was a handy guy. He could fix or build most anything. He learned how to do these things by listening. One day, he decided to install a shower in our home. He had to slither into a tight crawl space in the basement to run the water lines. Once he made his way in, I handed him the copper lines, the fittings, the solder, a torch and a hacksaw. The remaining job of this 10-year-old kid was to hold the flashlight so he could see. Dad turned the water off on one of the existing lines from a nearby valve. He then began cutting that line, using quick and steady strokes with the hacksaw. What he didn’t realize was that the back stroke of the hacksaw was cutting the water line below the one he was

working on, which was not shut off.

I noticed this and said, “Dad, you are...”

He interrupted me, saying, “Give me a minute, Shaner, I almost got this.”

I said, “But, Dad, you are cutting the...”

He exclaimed, “I said give me a minute!”

So I gave him about 15 seconds of silence, and he cut right into that pipe. It started spraying him in the face in those tight quarters, and he used a few choice words as he worked his way out and sprinted — dripping wet — to the upstairs shut-off valve.

“Why didn’t you tell me I was cutting that pipe?” he asked, while toweling off.

“I tried,” I replied. “Twice — and then you told me to be quiet.” That was the end of the discussion.

On that day, Dad wasn’t



listening. His mistake. I also messed up by not being more vocal to him. My mistake. We both learned.

I think of that story often when I catch myself in similar situations as a result of not fully listening. I rationalize my actions by stating I have to make hundreds of decisions every day, and if I debated each one, I would not get much done. That’s true, but some situations arise when I don’t listen, and I cut the proverbial water line, too.

An old proverb says we have two ears and one mouth so that we may listen twice as much as we speak. So, I keep trying to improve by focusing on this one simple task — listen.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■



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SEEN IN ADEL



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Grace Lutheran Church celebrated its 25th anniversary of signing its congregational charter on Sunday, Sept. 15. Members of the 25th anniversary planning committee are Brandi Jensen, Trent Holmburt, Anika Hilmer, Carole Erickson-Schepers (chair), Pastor Tania Schramm, Craig Poldberg, Sandra Christensen and Kim Nordquist (chair). Not pictured: Breanna Duff.



Blake and Kerri Hardy with Pastor Bill Bernau



Charter members Wendy and Craig Poldberg



Lori Tabbert and Curt Rasmussen



Thora, Lila and Suzanne Hegarty ■

ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 27

7 p.m. **Football:** Varsity vs. Boone

Monday, Sept. 30

5 p.m. **Football:** Freshman @ Boone

6:30 p.m. **Football:** JV @ Boone

Tuesday, Oct. 1

4:30 p.m. **Cross Country:** Girls @ Williamsburg

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5:15 p.m. **Volleyball:** Freshman @ Gilbert

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7:15 p.m. **Volleyball:** Varsity @ Gilbert



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MARY ALICE LANDHUIS

Mary Alice Landhuis died Sept. 15, 2024. She was born in November of 1935 in Ogden, the daughter of Harry and Clara Smith. Mary graduated from Grand Junction High School in 1953. She graduated from McPherson College in Kansas in 1957 with a dual bachelor's degree in education and history. She was named to the Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society.

She married Dr. Leo Landhuis in June of 1957, a marriage that lasted 24 years. She taught P.E. and English at Wellman secondary school before the birth of her first child.

She continued her education at Stephens College, Missouri, graduating with bachelor's degrees in computer science and biology in 1984. Her excellence in her studies earned her a spot in the Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society. Mary was a member of the Trinity Presbytery Church of Columbia, Missouri, for more than 50 years and served on many church committees.

She enjoyed quilting, reading, attending her children's school and sports activities and attending Stephens College music and drama programs.

In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her brothers, Delbert and Harold. She is survived by her sister, Etha; children, Louis, Mark, Laura (Ron) and Mary Jane (Brad); four grandchildren, James (Chase), Jessica, William and Addison; and one great-grandchild, Bennett.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 28, at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home, Adel Chapel with family greeting friends one hour prior beginning at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in the Panther Creek Church of the Brethren Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be donated to the American Diabetes Association. ■



SHIRLEY MARIE SCHICK BERNS

Shirley Marie Schick Berns, 90, died on Sept. 19, 2024, on her 70th wedding anniversary. Shirley was born on the Schick family farm southwest of Bayard on May 2, 1934, to Henry W. Schick and Iva M. Honold Schick. She was baptized June 3, 1934, and confirmed on March 21, 1948. She graduated from Bayard High School in 1952. She received a secretarial associate degree from AIB in Des Moines.

Shirley and Marvin Berns were married on Sept. 19, 1954, at Trinity Lutheran Church in rural Coon Rapids. He preceded her in death in 2022. They lived on a farm southwest of Lohrville for 54 years and, upon retirement in 2009, moved to Urbandale to be closer to family.

She was active in her church and enjoyed cooking for her family and friends, tending to her flower and vegetable gardens, and doing outdoor work.

She is survived by her children, Donald (Pam) Berns, Renae (Brett) Johnson and Jana (Charles) Robertson; grandchildren, Chelsea (Steven) Binz, Kyle (Kari) Johnson, Courtney (Justin) Malicoat, Jack Robertson and Christina Robertson; great-grandson, Oliver Binz; sister, Elaine Schick Anderson; brothers, Marvin (Carolyn) Schick and Loren (Jane) Schick; sister-in-law, Carolyn Schick; brother-in-law, Raymond Diekman; and many other relatives and friends.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by brother, Donald Schick; brothers-in-law, Jerry Anderson and Dale (Bonnie) Berns; sister-in-law, Dorothy Diekman; nephews, Brian Schick, Tommy Berns, Brian Berns and Bruce Diekman; and parents-in-law, Harold and Lillian Berns.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 2, at Faith Lutheran Church in Adel with family greeting friends one hour prior. Burial will take place in the Merle Hay Cemetery in Glidden at 2 p.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to Faith Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.caldwellparrish.com. ■



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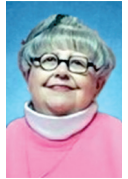
GLORIA DUFFEY

Gloria Duffey, 72, of Adel, died Aug. 19, 2024, at the Adel Acres Nursing Home. Gloria was born on Oct. 17, 1951, in Kirksville, Missouri, to Mack and Maurita Duffey. She attended school in Adel and graduated in 1970. Gloria worked as a hairstylist after high school and enjoyed a long career spanning more than 40 years.

She liked to travel, visiting friends in California. Their children referred to her as their fairy godmother. Even though she always wished she had a bigger family, she considered all of her friends family. Gloria also loved her many fur babies and made sure to have a pet at all times.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, Sept. 27 from 4-6 p.m. at the Raccoon Valley Community Building in Adel. Burial of the urn will take place at 3 p.m. in the Oakdale Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be left at www.caldwellparrish.com. ■



WILLA JEANNE MCCAULEY

Willa Jeanne McCauley, 85, known to everyone as Jeanne, died Sept. 10, 2024. She was born on Aug. 16, 1939, to Colan and Arwillda Green in the rural area of Confidence. She graduated from Corydon High School in 1957. In 1958, Jeanne married Bud McCauley. Together they built a life in Adel with their two children, Dennis and Mindy.

She enjoyed spending time at their house at the Lake of the Ozarks and snow skiing with family and friends. Jeanne and Bud even took a trip to Austria and skied in the Alps. Jeanne enjoyed singing in the church choir and participating in community musicals. She volunteered at church activities, the local food bank and as a poll worker. She enjoyed her card club and the Iowa State Fair.

In addition to her parents, Jeanne was preceded in death by her brothers, Bernard and Victor Green. Jeanne is survived by her husband, Bud McCauley, and their son, Dennis, and his family, Nate McCauley, Callie and her husband, Jared Garoutte, and their daughter, Keagan; daughter, Mindy, and her husband, Jerry Kennedy, and their daughters, Jessica and Abigail Kennedy; her sisters, Joyce McKimbell and Mary Barton; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation services will be held on Friday, Sept. 27 at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home in Adel from 5-7 p.m. Memorial services will be on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 10 a.m. at the First Christian Church in Adel. A light luncheon will be held following services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the ADM Fine Arts Department. ■



KATHLEEN ANNE MARSHALL

Kathleen Anne Marshall, 74, of Adel, died Monday, Sept. 23, 2024, at Adel Acres in Adel. A visitation will be from 12:30-1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 2, at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home in Adel. A graveside service will follow at 2 p.m. at Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Adel. Further arrangements are pending. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.caldwellparrish.com. ■

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SEASONAL FUN

- **Oktoberfest**, Sept. 27-28. To no one's surprise, there will be a lot of beer. However, there's plenty of fun to go around the entire weekend with food, music and competitions. Lauridsen Amphitheater, Des Moines Water Works Park, 2251 George Flagg Parkway. www.oktoberfestdsm.com
- **Apple and Pumpkin Festival**, Oct. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, Wills Family Orchard, 33130 Panther Creek Road, Adel. Wagon rides, corn maze, corn pool and, of course, apple and pumpkin picking. From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays. www.willsfamilyorchard.com/apple-pumpkin-fest.
- **Middlebrook Fall Festival**, Oct. 5, Middlebrook Farm, 4300 Cumming Ave., Cumming. Food trucks, free face painting, farmers market and adult beverages.
- **Wauktoberfest**, Oct. 5, Downtown Waukee Triangle, Ashworth Drive and Sixth Street. Put on by the Waukee Area Historical Society, this is a day full of fun with live music, German food, beer and an exciting stein-holding contest. Don't forget to wear traditional attire if you can.
- **Phantom Fall Festival**, weekends through Oct. 27, Adventureland, 3200 Adventureland Drive, Altoona. Adventureland hosts its fall festival with several haunted houses, ghosts, ghouls, goblins and more.
- **Family Halloween**, Oct. 18-20, 25-27, various start times, Living History Farms, 11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale. Enjoy a Halloween event designed for families amid the historical Living History Farms. For more information, visit lhf.org/event/halloween.

MORE EVENTS

- **Third Annual "Ron Don" Cigar, Bourbon and Brew Bash**, Sept. 26-27. The fun is in the name: cigars, bourbon and brews, with a pheasant hunt on day one. Country Lane Lodge, 29300 Prospect Circle, Adel. www.rmhdesmoines.org
- **Des Moines Area Quilt Guild Quilt Show**, Sept. 26-28. You'll be hard pressed to find something more comfortable to keep you warm than a homemade quilt. Luckily, this show has you covered. Iowa State Fairgrounds, 3000 E. Grand Ave. www.woodsidesquilting.com/dmaaq-quilt-show.htm
- **Flannel Fest**, Oct. 5. Local vendors inside the Dogpatch Urban Gardens will be stocked with all things autumn. Dogpatch Urban Gardens, 4600 N.W. 51st St., Des Moines; www.dogpatchurbangardens.com
- **Worldwide Food Truck Tour**, Oct. 5. This food-filled tour stops in Des Moines with a wide range of food trucks and entertainment for the whole family. Cowles Commons, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines; worldwidefoodtrucktours.com
- **Zoo Brew**, Oct. 7, 14. Have a brew at the zoo. Blank Park Zoo, 7401 S.W. Ninth St., Des Moines; www.blankparkzoo.com
- **Preseason NBA game**, Oct. 11. Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Philadelphia 76ers. Wells Fargo Arena, 730 Third St., Des Moines; www.iowa.gleague.nba.com/preseason24
- **Capital City Gaming Con**, Oct. 11-13. Back with a new name is Des Moines' very own board game convention. Buy, play, test and enjoy board games of all types. Hilton Garden Inn, 205 S. 64 St., West Des Moines; www.cardboardcaucus.com ■

RECIPE

CELEBRATE COZY SEASON WITH A CREAMY, COMFORTING MEAL

(Family Features) A comfy sweater, a crackling fire and a meal that warms you from the inside out are perfect ways to spend a cool autumn evening with the people you love.

Gather around the table for a hearty meal featuring some of the most comforting flavors of fall — pumpkin, apple and cinnamon — plus a special ingredient: pierogies. Found in the frozen food aisle, Mrs. T's Pierogies are stuffed with creamy mashed potatoes, cheesy goodness and other big, bold flavors — a comforting addition to this creamy pumpkin soup with mini pierogies.

Available in 13 flavors, including 4 Cheese Medley, Loaded Baked Potato, Broccoli & Cheddar and other varieties in both full and mini sizes, they can be boiled, baked, sauteed, air fried and even grilled, making them a versatile addition to seasonal dishes of all kinds. ■

CREAMY PUMPKIN SOUP WITH MINI PIEROGIES

Prep time: 5 minutes

Total time: 40 minutes

Servings: 4

Ingredients:

- 1 large shallot
- 1 large Honeycrisp apple (or 1 1/2 cups)
- 5 garlic cloves
- olive oil
- 2 cups low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth, divided
- 2 cups canned pumpkin puree
- 2 teaspoons maple syrup
- pepper, to taste
- salt, to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon

- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- fresh thyme, to taste
- 1 box Mini 4 Cheese Medley Mrs. T's Pierogies

Directions:

Slice shallot, peel and cube apple and crush garlic.

In pot over medium-low heat, add drizzle of olive oil and saute shallots, garlic and apple 20 minutes, covered.

Let mixture slightly cool then add to blender with 1/2 cup broth and blend until fully combined.

In pot, add pumpkin puree; blended shallot mixture; maple syrup; salt, to taste; pepper, to taste; nutmeg; cinnamon;



remaining broth; heavy cream; and thyme, to taste. Bring to low boil then add frozen pierogies. Boil 3 minutes.

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ADEL MASONIC BREAKFAST

The next Adel Masonic Breakfast will be Sunday, Oct. 13, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Masonic Lodge, 411 S. 12th St. The Adel Masons will be serving a breakfast of biscuits and gravy, pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, milk, orange juice and coffee for \$9 per plate. ■

NEW DAY FOR MOBILE FOOD BANK

Adel Mobile Food Bank is now the fourth Wednesday of the month at New Hope Church in Adel from 5-6:30 p.m. or until the food is gone. This is a drive-thru pickup for free groceries. ■

KIWANIS CLUB SPONSORS KEY CLUB

The Adel Kiwanis Club is sponsoring an ADM High School Kiwanis Key Club. The Key Club is a community service program typically for students who are 14 to 18 years old in secondary or high school equivalent. It is a student-led organization that provides its members with opportunities to perform service, build character and develop leadership. For more information, contact President Scott Hall at shall182@gmail.com or Secretary Jodi Kuhse at kuhsecj@yahoo.com. ■

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HELP WANTED: Parish Administrator AT Grace Lutheran Church, Adel. Part-time. 16 hours/week with flexibility during church office hours (M-F, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.). \$16-\$18/hour. To apply, submit a resume to Pastor Tania Schramm, pastortania515@gmail.com.

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