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**THE ADM HOMECOMING PEP RALLY WAS HELD ON OCT. 3:** ADM Homecoming Queen Soila Winter with Co-Kings Isaac Hatchitt and Owen Evans. There was a tie vote for the King position. ■

### ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

**FRIDAY HIGH 58 | LOW 37** Pleasant and mild; plenty of sun

**SATURDAY HIGH 62 | LOW 50** Cloudy with a couple of showers

**SUNDAY HIGH 66 | LOW 59** Cloudy with a couple of showers

**MONDAY HIGH 68 | LOW 45** Cloudy with a strong t-storm

**TUESDAY HIGH 57 | LOW 39** Cloudy with a couple of showers

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

# THE FLASHING BLUE LIGHT

Attention, Kmart shoppers... Hello? Hello? Is anyone there? The answer is no. There are no Kmart shoppers, and there are no Kmarts. At least no full-sized stores, as the last one, which was located in Bridgehampton, New York (population 1,416), recently closed. Yes, the flashing blue light has seemingly burned out.

Kmart was once the world's second largest retail chain with more than 2,500 stores across the country. The retail giant opened its first store in 1962 in Garden City, Michigan. Today, all that remains is a small-store concept in Miami and a few locations in Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands. At its peak, 95% of Americans lived within a short drive of a Kmart. What changed?

We had a Big Red K in my hometown of Algona. It was a big deal when it opened in 1978, and it was a bigger deal when it closed in 2020. Most anyone who shopped at Kmart for those 42 years did not expect great quality, but they accepted that in return for cheap prices. Ultimately, that lack of quality may have been the nail in Kmart's

coffin.

The 1988 movie "Rain Man," starring Dustin Hoffman and Tom Cruise, may not have started Kmart's demise, but it certainly didn't help. Movie-watchers were quoting "Kmart sucks" every chance they had. That's not the slogan any store would seek, but it was accurate in the minds of many. In fact, my friends and I pronounced Kmart as "came-apart." It seemed fitting.

Despite its problems, Kmart still had shoppers flocking to its stores for decades, seeking those flashing blue light specials. Unfortunately, Kmart struggled to find a way to effectively compete with Target, Walmart and others. The acquisition of Sears in 2004 only seemed to hinder it more.

Unfortunately, Kmart is not alone, as we read about retail store closings every day. Bed Bath & Beyond. Walgreens. Big Lots. Family Dollar. CVS. Foot Locker. The list goes on. Walmart is even closing seven stores. Coresight Research reported that, in 2024, for the first time since



the pandemic, store closures are outpacing new openings. I find that alarming, and you should, too.

Just a few decades ago, one could not have imagined ordering stuff on a computer or a phone and having it shipped to your home. Delivery took six to eight weeks, and the shipping and handling charges often cost as much as the product itself. Amazon figured this out and continues to use technology to better serve its customers — except in replacing property tax revenues that those brick and mortar retail stores paid to help fund our schools, roads, police forces and fire departments. If you think your residential property taxes are high now, just wait. The flashing blue light may be gone, but we should be seeing a flashing red light to warn us of what is ahead.

Rest in peace, Kmart.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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**THE ADM HOMECOMING PEP RALLY WAS HELD ON OCT. 3:** The ADM Cheerleaders participated in the pep rally. ■

## ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Friday, Nov. 1

10:30 a.m. **Cross Country:** Girls State  
Meet @ Lakeside Municipal Golf Course

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### Monday, Nov. 4

TBD **Volleyball:** Varsity State Tournament

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## ADEL COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

A blood drive will be held Tuesday, Nov. 5, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Lincoln Savings Bank, 312 Nile Kinnick Drive S., Adel. Appointments are encouraged by calling 800-287-4903 or visiting [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org). Blood collected from LifeServe is provided to local hospitals. ■

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## HARVEST FEST FALL DINNER

St. John's Catholic Church in Adel is having a Harvest Fest Fall Dinner on Nov. 9. The menu includes smoked pork chops and various sides and desserts from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for kids 3-10. There will also be a silent auction and kids activities. Join this evening of faith, fellowship and fall's bounty. St. John's Catholic Church is located at 24043 302nd Place, just off Highway 169 South. ■

## THIRD MONDAY BINGO NOV. 18

Enjoy bingo on Monday, Nov. 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. ■

## ADEL MASONIC BREAKFAST

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 on Sunday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Masonic Lodge, 411 S. 12th St. ■

## HARVEST DINNER IS NOV. 1

Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool, 602 S. 14th St., Adel, is holding its annual Harvest Dinner Nov. 1, 5-7 p.m. Proceeds will be split between Blue Kindness and Faith Lutheran Youth for a trip to New Orleans in 2025. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children ages 3-10. ■

## CRAFT, LUNCH AND BAKE SALE

The Panther Creek Church of the Brethren, 24529 J Ave., Adel, will be holding a craft, lunch and bake sale Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 2-3. The church is located a half mile south of Highway 44 at P58. Hours Saturday are 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and features crafts, fall and Christmas items. The \$5 lunch includes pulled pork sandwich, chips, relish, beverage and dessert. Worldly Goods (a nonprofit) will offer specialty candles, jewelry and other items from other countries. Sunday is the church's annual soup lunch for a freewill offering, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cheesy potato soup, chili, beverage and dessert will be served. Bazaar items and baked good will also be on sale. Take out will be available both days as long as supplies last. ■

## SIP & SAMPLE: ADEL HOMETOWN HOLIDAY CELEBRATION DEC. 6

The Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce presents its Sip & Sample: Adel Hometown Holiday Celebration on Friday, Dec. 6. From 1-3 p.m., Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the library twisting balloon creations. Enjoy fun crafts and activities. Cookies and cocoa will be available. At 4:45 p.m., stroll over to the northeast corner of the square to enjoy Christmas Carols by the Scouts before the 5 p.m. lighting of the Christmas tree and wreaths. Then stroll to the shops participating in the Sip and Sample while enjoying Music by Gottazig on the square and visiting Santa at the Raccoon Valley Bank courtesy of the Kiwanis. Events wrap up at 7:30 p.m. ■

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL OCT. 30

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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## About David Young

David is a seventh-generation Iowan born and raised in Van Meter where he resides today.

He is a graduate of Drake University where he currently teaches.

David previously served as U.S. Congressman for Iowa's 3rd Congressional District and sponsored legislation passed into law to help our veterans, farmers, small business owners, teachers, seniors, and Iowa workers and families.

Now, in the Iowa House, David is continuing his work to make our community a better place to live. As an Assistant Majority Leader, David is working to keep our streets safe, strengthen local schools, and lower taxes on hardworking Iowans.

- ✓ **Safer Communities**  
David is a proven supporter of law enforcement and always backs the blue. He helped pass legislation to fight human and drug trafficking.
- ✓ **Stronger Schools**  
David is a strong advocate for our local schools and parents. He voted to increase teacher pay, refocus K through 12 curriculums on the basics, and expand access to childcare.
- ✓ **Lower Taxes**  
David will continue to vote for lower taxes and fight to eliminate wasteful government spending to lower inflation and the cost of essentials – from groceries to gas.



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## EVENTS IN THE AREA

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TAMMY@IOWALIVINGMAGAZINES.COM**SANTA'S NORTH POLE  
VILLAGE CRAFT SALE****Saturday, Nov. 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.****Parkview, Prairie Ridge and Southview****Middle Schools, Ankeny**

The Santa's North Pole Village Craft Sale annual fundraiser for the Ankeny Art Center has been an Ankeny tradition for 43 years. Featuring handcrafted items from artists and crafters all over the Midwest, this one-day shopping event provides a fun day for more than 3,500 eager shoppers.

**EDGEWATER HOLIDAY MART****Saturday, Nov. 2****9225 Cascade Ave., West Des Moines**

Thirty-five local artists and vendors offering their personal creations — carved Santas, wine bottle stoppers, wooden pens, kaleidoscopes, wooden boxes, paintings, fused and stained glass, photographs, cards, fiber arts, pottery, ceramics, clocks, jewelry, decorated felt bags, scarves, cutting boards, woven baskets, embroidered dish towels, knitted socks, crocheted animals, painted rocks, Petosky stones, goat soaps and lotions, candy wreaths, Iowa gouda cheese, fudge and peanut brittle, gourmet popcorn and nuts, jams and jellies, and baked goods.

**FALL CRAFT SHOW****Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.****ZaGaZig Shrine Temple,****1100 Shriners Parkway, Altoona**

The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a ZaGaZig Shrine Ladies Auxiliary Fall Craft Show with more than 45 crafters and vendors. A bake sale will also be held and lunch will be served. For more information, visit the group's Facebook event page.

**NORTH POLE CRAFT  
AND VENDOR SHOW****Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.****Adventureland Inn,****3200 Adventureland Drive, Altoona**

Enjoy a variety of vendors. Admission is \$1 or one non-perishable food item to be donated to St. Vincent De Paul Society of Des Moines.

**DES MOINES HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE****Friday - Sunday, Nov. 15-17****Iowa Events Center, 730 Third St., Des Moines**

More than 200 vendors come together to create a fun, unique environment with the chance to purchase jewelry, gifts, food and more. [www.desmoinesholidayboutique.com](http://www.desmoinesholidayboutique.com)

**FALL MAKERS MARKET****Sunday, Nov. 24, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.****Jester Park Nature Center,****12130 N.W. 128th St., Granger**

Shop for gifts or goods just in time for the holiday season. This year's event has expanded from the Jester Park Nature Center and Outdoor Recreation buildings to include the Jester Park Lodge. With more than 60 local makers, artisans, and handcrafters, you are bound to find something for everyone on your list. Admission is free. Pho Wheels, Miss Casey's Donut Delights, and Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck will be onsite. [www.jesterparknaturecenter.com/calendar-events/fall-makers-market](http://www.jesterparknaturecenter.com/calendar-events/fall-makers-market)

**MORE EVENTS**

- **Nov. 3: Pumpkin Destruction.** Smash 'em, toss 'em, break 'em and bust 'em. Center Grove Orchard, 32835 610th Ave., Cambridge; [www.centergroveorchard.com](http://www.centergroveorchard.com)
- **Nov. 11: Living History Farms race.** Run for 5 miles and see 300 years of history. Living History Farms, 11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale; [www.lhf.org](http://www.lhf.org)
- **Nov. 28: Des Moines Turkey Trot.** This 5K and 5-mile race takes over Des Moines on Thanksgiving and is regarded as one of the top trots in the country. Starting at 9 a.m. on Court Ave.; [www.desmoines turkeytrot.com](http://www.desmoines turkeytrot.com) ■

## RECIPE

# SIMPLE, FLAVORFUL FALL DESSERT

*(Family Features)* If your family's taste buds have grown tired of apple-inspired fall desserts, simply look toward another quintessential autumn flavor: pumpkin. Quick and easy to prepare using a spice cake mix that provides all the flavor without the stress, this cake can be dressed to impress at a fall gathering or served after weeknight dinner. ■

## PUMPKIN SPICE BUNDT CAKE

*Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"*

**Servings: 8-12**

### Bundt Cake:

- 1 box spice cake mix
- 1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin
- 1 stick butter, softened
- 2 eggs

### Topping:

- 3 tablespoons caramel sauce
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts of choice

### Directions:

Heat oven to 350 F. Grease Bundt pan.

In mixing bowl, mix cake mix, pumpkin, butter and eggs well then pour into Bundt pan.



Bake 45-50 minutes until toothpick inserted in middle comes out cleanly. Let cool in pan 5 minutes then remove from pan and let cool

completely on rack.

Once cooled, mix caramel sauce and powdered sugar; drizzle over Bundt cake. Sprinkle with chopped nuts.

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**ADEL ROTARY GIVES AWAY COATS:** The Adel Rotary Club provided 96 coats to partner with the Adel First Christian Church, Knights of Columbus and Adel Women's Club to give away new winter coats and other winter wear on Oct. 12 to families in need. Rotarians pictured at the event are Shirley McAdon, Bob Grove, Steve Conard, Paul Zietlow, Amanda Schwantes, Kevin Howe and Rylan Vos. ■

## ADM HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS DISNEY'S "NEWSIES"

Nov. 8 and 9 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 10 at 2 p.m.

ADM High School Auditorium

Disney's "Newsies" tale, based on a true story about the 1899 Newsboys strike in New York City, will take center stage at ADM, kicking off the 2024-2025 theater season. Tickets are being sold at <https://admhs.booktix.com>.

These performances are the result of hard work and dedication that started with the casting process last May. With cast, crew, student orchestra and a featured dance ensemble, there are more than 75 students helping "make headlines" with this show. "Newsies" tells the underdog story of Jack and his Newsies who deliver the news on the streets of New York City for pennies a day, striving to make a life for themselves. Under Jack's leadership, they stage a strike, stop the presses, and stand up to the publishing titans who are making money off of the Newsies' hard work. Director is Molly Longman. Music director is Daniel Novotney. ■

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