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LIGHT UP ADEL

LUMINARY DISPLAY SET FOR DEC. 15, KITS TO BE SOLD PRIOR.

BY MARSHA FISHER

Picture the darkness of a December evening being brightened with luminaries in the windows, on sidewalks and along driveways of our beautiful community. The Adel Women's Club has had that vision and hopes to make it an annual fundraiser for this long-standing civic organization in Adel. The group will be selling the luminary kits at a variety of times and places throughout the community during the months of November and December in preparation of a grand display of them on Sunday, Dec. 15 at dusk.

The kits consist of a



white stencil-cut-out bag, an LED tea light and a bag of sand to anchor the luminary. These kits may be purchased individually for \$2 and in sets of five for \$10. They may be used in family gatherings to celebrate the many festivals of light during December, as a craft

activity for children or used as a memorial for a loved one during the holiday season.

The money raised will be distributed throughout the community. The Adel Women's Club has been a part of the landscape of Adel for more than 100 years, being organized

in 1901. As a part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), the theme of "living the volunteer spirit" shines through in the local club. Members of the club volunteered almost 900 hours in 2023, donating a

LIGHTS, ON BACK

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 59 | LOW 43

Times of sun and clouds



SATURDAY HIGH 51 | LOW 44

Occasional rain and drizzle



SUNDAY HIGH 56 | LOW 42

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MONDAY HIGH 64 | LOW 41

Intervals of clouds and sunshine



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

LOOKING BACK AT THE DES MOINES TRIBUNE

I recently saw an online ad for what was posted as “the last copy of the Des Moines Tribune” for \$3, so I bought it. I spent the rest of the evening scouring every line in every story on every page. I was mesmerized.

The date on the publication was Sept. 25, 1982. A banner across the top said, “So long! It’s been good to know you.”

This last edition of the Des Moines Tribune was the only Tribune I have ever seen. I started working at The Des Moines Register in 1990 — less than eight years after the afternoon paper ceased — but the Tribune was hardly mentioned and never seen. Some copies may have been stowed away in the Register’s library archives, but I never saw them.

What I did see when reading the last issue of the Tribune a few days ago was a really good afternoon newspaper, something I would guess was sorely missed by those who relied on it each day. It was “scrappy” and “lively” and “sassy.” Those are words not used to describe many newspapers today. It was also “struggling,” which, unfortunately, IS a descriptor for many of today’s remaining daily newspapers.

Frank Miller’s front-page editorial cartoon was simply a feather quill with “The Tribune” on it, showing one final drip of ink.

Beanie Zwart. Walt Shotwell. Mark Hansen. Bill Bryson. Herb Owens. Gordon Gammack. Lil McLaughlin. These and others left their mark on the pages of the Des Moines Tribune. And so did more than 185 full-time employees in news, promotion, circulation and production operations at the Register and Tribune who were let go when the paper folded, or “merged” with The Des Moines Register.

That final edition of the Tribune was printed in two sections with a total of 36 pages. I counted more than 115 local display ads and six pages of tight classifieds in type so small I could not read it. In comparison, I counted 15 ads in Friday’s Des Moines Register of 28 pages, and very few of those ads were local.

Then-publisher Gary Gerlach, who had the difficult job of closing the 75-year-old newspaper, wrote of “some terrible truths” about the demise of the Des Moines Tribune.



Other sources reported the afternoon newspaper lost \$618,000 in its final three months. Several stories in the paper boasted of the Tribune’s peak circulation of 147,000. None mentioned the circulation at its close.

But, even in its final issue, the paper had a full page of church news, incredible high school sports coverage, useful TV listings and more than two dozen ads for movies. Its pages measured 14 inches by 23.75 inches and had only “spot” color on a handful of pages. Annual subscriptions were \$1 per week, and the single copy price was 25 cents.

An old saying says, “What goes around comes around,” and I learned a great deal by reading that last issue of the Tribune. Despite its financial woes, those involved with the paper did a lot of things right, and — 42 years later — their efforts are still sparking some ideas for this scrappy and sassy publisher.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■



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CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW

The ADM Fine Arts Boosters will hold a craft and vendor show on Nov. 9, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Meadow View Elementary, 1300 S. 15th St., Adel. General admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, and free for children younger than 5 and parent/student volunteers. ■

FUNERAL NOTICE

Funeral notices can be emailed to tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com

ROBERT BUSHNELL

Robert Bushnell, 96, died at Adel Acres Oct. 23. He was born in Des Moines in 1928, attended North High School, and graduated from Messiah Academy in Grantham, Pennsylvania. He married Mary Lou Sheridan, and, soon after, moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he spent 14 years nurturing his family. He followed the call of God into the ministry and spent the rest of his working years as a lay minister for the Brethren in Christ Church.



They retired to Wichita, Kansas. Robert was energized by the call of God on his life and was devoted to his loving family and friends. He was always ready to lend a helping hand, whether on mission trips to Latvia and Mexico or in homes that might need his carpentry skills. He was known for his strong baritone voice which he used mostly to praise his Savior, and for his quick wit which brought levity to almost every conversation.

He is survived by his children, Kathleen (Ken) Hykes of Adel; Mary Ellen Robey and David (Sonya) Bushnell; 10 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife and two infant children.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ridgepoint Church, 8000 W. 21st St. N., Wichita, Kansas, of any charity of your choice. ■

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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. ■

TURKEY BINGO

Enjoy Turkey Bingo on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 603 S. 14th St., Adel. This is a family-friendly event. Cost is \$25 for three cards, \$20 for two and \$10 for one. (No changes for missed games or late purchases.) Prizes will be awarded to each winner. The last game is backout with the grand prize being supplies for a turkey dinner. ■

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

Saturday, Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dallas Center

The Dallas Center chapter of Beta Sigma Phi is hosting its annual Holiday Home Tour. Four homes will be featured in this year's tour. Tickets are \$15 each (\$5 for children) and will be available from any Beta Sigma Phi member and at the Roy R. Estle Memorial library in Dallas Center. Tickets will also be available on the day of the tour at the Suites on Walnut. Tickets may also be purchased on Venmo – BSPHI-EX5259. Leave your name in the description and how many tickets you want. Tickets purchased by Venmo can be picked up on the day of the tour at the Suites on Walnut. Check out the Facebook page Dallas Center Community Beta Sigma Phi for more information and pictures of this year's homes. ■

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. ■



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HISTORY

CAFES DURING THE DEPRESSION, 1934 TO 1937

BY MIKE FLINN

With the end of prohibition, beer gardens and dance floors became popular. City Club Café announced its new garden in back of the café would seat 30 people. Mack's enlarged its dance floor and renamed the place "The Silver Moon," featuring weekly dances and live music.

The Junction Café, in Dr. Scott's building, was now under new management.

Another new enterprise was the Adel Community Playhouse next door to the Scott building. It advertised roller skating, bowling and dances with live music and a first-class restaurant.

In April of 1935, the Leo Belgarde family of Linden moved to Adel and began operating a café just east of Dick and Mack's. It would be known as the Just Right Café.

The city council decided to limit the number of beer licenses to just four, as recommended by the state (one for every 500 citizens). After an exciting and contentious council meeting, this idea was dropped, and six applications were initially approved.

Dox Junction Café advertised Hamms and Budweiser beer on tap, big chicken dinners and "our café basement is the coolest place in town."

As harvest time approached, Mack's Cafe and Dick and Mack's competed for the threshing crew business. Mack's had an advantage — air conditioning.

S.C. Clancy purchased the former McGinnis restaurant and service station and turned it into one of the finest cabin resorts between Des Moines and Omaha. With six modern cabins, an up-to-date DX service station and a splendid

café, it was a popular place for tourists.

Don Devore, owner of Don's Sandwich Shop on Highway 6, opened his ice cream bungalow with 24-hour service.

In August of 1935, the Adel Community Playhouse offered its first athletic show of the season featuring wrestling and boxing. By May of 1936, Dr. Scott took over the Community Playhouse and announced he would "run it in conjunction with his Dox Junction Café." Dances were to be held every Saturday night.

A September 1936 article announced that Mr. Buckner of Buckner Hardware would have a new eating house behind his store. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Parrish would manage the place, and it would be called "Wimpy's." By December, however, Wimpy's was bought by Ray Emerson of De Soto, who promised to continue it under the same name.

March 24, 1937, "the east side of the square is booming with Dick and Mack's building a new café, Leo Belgarde improving his Just Right Café, a new Diamond X gas station and R. L. Conard's new garage."

F.L. Jones was awarded a \$5 prize on June 16, 1937, for naming the new café in the Whitcomb building the Kozy Corner.

More changes were in store for the Scott building. The basement annex to Dox Junction Café was named the "Dancellar" and was "fitted up for dancing as well as for serving parties and larger crowds." Polly and Erv's, another sandwich shop, also opened in the Scott building.

And the Great Depression continued. ■



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www.edencrestliving.com**Nov. 8**

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VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Prairie Meadows Casino & Racetrack, 1 Prairie Meadows Drive, Altoona

www.prairiemeadows.com**Nov. 11**

Join Prairie Meadows to honor those who have served with its annual Veterans Day celebration. Enjoy hearing distinguished speakers, free lunch, live music, military displays and more.

25TH VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

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WINDSOR HEIGHTS VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON

6900 School St., Windsor Heights

www.windsorheights.org**Nov. 11**

Join the city of Windsor Heights to celebrate the brave men and women who have defended our country.

VETERANS DAY SCREENING OF 'HEROES AROUND THE CORNER'

Des Moines Public Library, 5000 Franklin Ave., Des Moines

www.dmpl.org**Nov. 11**

The Des Moines Latino Film Festival salutes Mexican-American veterans from the Des Moines metro with a screening of the documentary short "Heroes Around the Corner."

STAR SPANGLED SALUTE TO VETERANS

Des Moines Civic Center, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines

www.iowamilitaryveteransband.com/home**Nov. 11**

The Iowa Military Veterans Band is composed of more than 80 military veterans from WWII up to the present day. They will be performing their annual concert in support of Iowa military veterans, their organizations, the state of Iowa and to honor the national holiday. ■

RECIPE

A COMFORT FOOD FAVORITE FOR FOOTBALL NIGHTS

(Family Features) With football season in full swing, it's time to break out game day favorites that get the crowd on their feet. This Bison Barbecue Meatloaf may not be a traditional tailgate item, but it's a perfect way to bring the family together for weeknight games. ■

BISON BARBECUE MEATLOAF

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4-6

Meatloaf:

- 1 pound ground bison
- 1/3 pound hamburger (optional)
- 2 tablespoons mesquite seasoning or barbecue seasoning
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup barbecue sauce

Glaze:

- 1 cup barbecue sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar

Directions:

Heat oven to 350 F.
In bowl, mix bison; hamburger, if using; seasoning; egg; and barbecue sauce. Place in loaf pan.



To make glaze, mix barbecue sauce and brown sugar. Spread

over meatloaf. Bake 45 minutes.

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Donations may be dropped off at 1305 S. 15th St., Adel, or contact Shirley McAdon at (515) 993-4862 for pickup. ■

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. ■

LIGHTS, FROM FRONT

total of \$2,272 to local organizations such as the Adel Public Library, Adel Historical Museum, Adel Partners Mural, the ADM Scholarship Fund and Fine Arts, The Good Samaritan Food Pantry, the Dallas County Coat Closet and Dallas County Extension. Over the last year, in-kind donations of \$1,650 by the Women's Club made the total of club donations for 2023 to be \$3,922.

Luminaries will be sold:

- **Nov. 9:** Fine Arts Boosters Craft Fair, Meadowview Elementary, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

- **Nov. 28:** Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Meadowview Elementary, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Dec. 6:** Adel Tree Lighting/Sip and Sample event, north side of the courthouse, 4:30-6 p.m.
- **Dec. 7:** Adel Historical Museum, 1-3 p.m.
- **Dec. 13 and 14:** Fareway, noon to 3 p.m.

The club would like to increase its financial impact on the community, as well as create a new tradition of lighting up the night during December in Adel. For more information, contact adelwomensclub@gmail.com. ■

CLASSIFIED ADS

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