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TREE LIGHTING



Holiday festivities were held over the weekend in Adel, including the tree-lighting ceremony on the courthouse lawn. The event was organized by the Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce. ■

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 32 | LOW 29

Snow, sleet, and freezing rain



SATURDAY HIGH 40 | LOW 28

A bit of snow, sleet and rain



SUNDAY HIGH 41 | LOW 35

Low clouds



MONDAY HIGH 43 | LOW 24

Breezy with periods of rain



TUESDAY HIGH 33 | LOW 21

Morning flurries; windy and cold



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

WHAT HAPPENED TO HATS?

Hats off. This is where we are at as a society, especially for men. Sure, hats should still be removed when indoors or when our national anthem plays, but men today are clearly wearing hats less than those from past generations. Look at most any group photo or film of gatherings of men from years past, and you will see a bunch of hats. Today? Not so much. In fact, other than trucker caps or MAGA hats, barely any. The question is, why?

There is no shortage of opinion on the subject from a variety of sources, and they most all seem to have the same reasoning. Many say the changes started with President John F. Kennedy at his inauguration, when he chose not to wear the traditional top hat during the ceremony. With hair like his, could you blame him?

Others say the change came from the anti-establishment movement in film and music from non-hat-wearers like the Beatles, Elvis Presley, James Dean and Steve McQueen. Once again, a bunch of guys with great hair.

Except Ringo, of course.

The growth in automobile ownership is also said to have had an impact on men choosing not to wear hats. In the 1920s, less than 1% of the population owned a car. This number increased to 25% in 1940 and to 55% in 1970. When men were walking outside or using public transport, hats made sense to stave off the elements and to stay warm. When cars became more common as a means of transportation, the narrow head-to-roof distance made wearing hats a challenge.

The return of soldiers from wars is also a factor, as many military men swore off hats with the rest of the uniform they were required to wear. Wearing hats even caused PTSD for some.

Maybe the greatest contributor to the decline in men wearing hats is due to something we most all can appreciate — heat. Those



who work outside still value the warming effects of hats, but with more people working indoors, the need has seemed to dissipate. Heat is now better dispersed in buildings, and layered clothing has helped keep our bodies warmer, too.

Meanwhile, a few reminders of the hat-wearing generation remain. Some old church pews still have the clips that secured hats. Coat racks still have the top hooks to hang them. And my dad's felt hat and furry Russian-type hat are still collecting dust somewhere.

How about you? Do you, or does a man you know, wear dress hats? Or do you still have a few in your closet from your father or grandfather? Send me a note and let me know.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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LIGHT UP ADEL

The Adel Women's Club is selling 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. Luminaries will be sold Dec. 13 and 14, Fareway, noon to 3 p.m. ■

THIRD MONDAY BINGO

Enjoy bingo on Monday, Dec. 16, 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 MUSEUM DECORATED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Adel Historical Museum will be open to the public, decorated for the holidays on Saturday, Dec, 14, and Sunday, Dec. 15. Admission is free. ■

HOLIDAY SOUP AND DESSERT LUNCHEON

Adel First Christian Church will be hosting its annual Holiday Soup and Dessert Luncheon on Sunday, Dec. 15. A variety of soups will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and special desserts will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Soup and dessert are \$5 each. Coffee, tea and punch are included in the price. The beautiful Festival of Trees and Nativity displays will surround you and put you in the holiday spirit during your dining experience. ■

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ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec. 13

- 4:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls JV @ Winterset
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- 5:45 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys Freshman @ Winterset
- 6 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls Varsity @ Winterset
- 7 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls JV2 @ Winterset
- 7:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys Varsity @ Winterset

Saturday, Dec. 14

- 9 a.m. **Wrestling:** Varsity Invitational @ Ankeny Centennial
- 11 a.m. **Bowling:** JV/Varsity vs. Pella

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MOBILE FOOD BANK

Adel Mobile Food Bank is the fourth Wednesday of the month at New Hope Church, 25712 Highway 6, Adel, from 5-6:30 p.m. or until the food is gone. This is a drive-thru pickup for free groceries. ■

WANT TO HELP A VETERAN?

Federal funds may not be used to purchase personal items for veterans at VA hospitals. Individuals and groups, like the Adel American Legion Auxiliary Unit 464, step forward to collect clothing and other items needed by veterans in the Des Moines VA Hospital or in the domicile. The following items are most requested now: individually wrapped snacks; decaf coffee; men's sweatpants/athletic pants (M-XL); men's sweatshirts (XL); men's athletic shorts (M-XL); small, simple sports bras; backpacks; men's jackets (L-XL); men's slippers (11-12, 13-14); and large print books.

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

SIP AND SAMPLE

BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN ADEL PARTICIPATED IN THE SIP AND SAMPLE HOLIDAY EVENT THIS WEEKEND.



Tania Harre, Karen Daniel and Marsha Fisher of the Adel Women's Club



Shirley McAdon of Adel Rotary Club



Kathryn Crabbs and Tom Harmsen at Spiked Infusions



Jodi Kuhse of Luellen Chiropractic

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. ■



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FUNERAL NOTICES

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LINDSAY ANN TAYLOR

Lindsay Ann Taylor, 45, of Adel died Dec. 6, 2024, at Taylor Hospice House in Des Moines. She courageously battled a progressive neurological disorder for more than a decade.

Lindsay was born on March 18, 1979, in Creston, where she graduated as valedictorian and the most outstanding female athlete for the class of 1997. She still holds school records in track and basketball.

Lindsay received a doctorate of pharmacy degree from Drake University in May 2003, and, on May 31, married Mike Taylor in Creston. She bought her first pharmacy in August of that year.

Lindsay was honored as the “Rocky Finnie Entrepreneur of the Year” by Medicap Pharmacies, Inc., making her the youngest recipient in the award’s history. Although Lindsay was proud of her many achievements in life, nothing brought her more happiness than watching her three children grow up. She considered this her life’s greatest accomplishment.

Lindsay is survived by her husband of 21 years, Mike Taylor, and their three children, Payton, Sawyer and Maddie; her parents, Ray and Bev Courtney of Adel; her maternal grandmother, Arlene Warner; her brother, Tyler Courtney (Carrie); brothers-in law Vince Taylor (Cindy) and Russ Taylor (Tracy); her sister-in-law, Barb Phillips (Todd); nieces; nephews; many cousins; aunts and uncles; and the loyal family labrador, Remi.

She was preceded in death by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Terry and Sherry Taylor; paternal grandparents, Swede and Esther Courtney; maternal grandfather, Darwin Warner; aunt, Denise Wellensiek; and her beloved family labrador and “first child,” Lucky.

Funeral services are Friday, Dec. 13, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., at New Hope Church, 25712 Highway 6, Adel. Pastor Gabe Parker, who both taught and coached Lindsay’s children at ADM Schools, will be the funeral service officiant. Donations in Lindsay’s honor may be directed to the ADM FFA Chapter, Adel Public Library, New Hope Church, or the UnityPoint Taylor Hospice House. ■



DORIS ‘BONNIE’ LAVONNE HANSEN

Doris “Bonnie” LaVonne Hansen, 91, of Waukee, died Nov. 29, 2024. Born on Sept. 28, 1933, in Audubon, she was the youngest child of Wilson S. and Archena “Ena” Shaw Davis. She graduated valedictorian of Gray High School in 1951 and as a First Team All-County player on her 6-on-6 basketball team. Bonnie earned her teaching certificate from the University of Northern Iowa and furthered her studies at Drake University. She taught in the Altoona and Saydel school districts. On Valentine’s Day in 1955, Bonnie married Palmer Hansen at the Little Brown Church in Nashua.

They lived for more than 50 years at Saylorville before relocating to Waukee. They shared a passion for travel, visiting all 50 states and countless National Parks, and enjoyed spending time at their Las Vegas vacation home.

Bonnie enjoyed playing cards and Wii bowling. She and her sister, Mary, enjoyed going to the movies together. Bonnie will be remembered for her warm spirit, her unwavering devotion to education, and the boundless love.

She is survived by her children, Sandra Laust, Ted (Marie) Hansen and Amy (Robert) Taylor; her grandchildren, Amanda (Robert) Anderson, Erica Turner (Michael Wahlert), Hope Taylor, Olivia Taylor, Rachel Taylor, Nick (Keyli) Keifer, Valerie (Mike) Sutton and Austin (Michaela) Wolfe; and her great-grandchildren, State and Collins Turner, Paisley, Hoyt, Krue and Brek Sutton, Emerson Wolfe and Makena Keifer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Palmer; her parents; son-in-law, Jeffery Laust; grandson, Ben Taylor; and her siblings, John, Pearl, Rose, Erma, Elaine and Mary Ellen. ■



EVENTS IN THE AREAEMAIL YOUR EVENT INFORMATION TO
TAMMY@IOWALIVINGMAGAZINES.COM**POP N' JOLLY: A HOLIDAY SHOW FOR ALL GENERATIONS****Monday, Dec. 23, 6:30 p.m.****Temple Theater, 1011 Locust St., Des Moines**

Join Wagner Summer Theater for its first annual holiday family-friendly event, Pop n' Jolly. Come enjoy fun and laughs with some of the area's top musicians. Grab the crew and take fun photos with Santa and partake in a holiday singalong. The evening will include holiday classics by Dave Wagner and his special guests including two-time Cloris Award winner Julie Larson and national opera vocalist Craig Irvin. Also featured will be a selection of everyone's favorite holiday songs performed by the Wagner Summer Theater Youth Vocal Group. Signature cocktails, mocktails and hot cocoa will be available for purchase. Tickets are available through Des Moines Performing Arts, www.desmoinesperformingarts.org. For more information, visit www.wagnersummertheater.com.

CENTRAL IOWA WIND ENSEMBLE**Dec. 15, 3 p.m.****Staplin Performing Arts Center at Valley High School, 3650 Woodland Ave., West Des Moines**

The Central Iowa Wind Ensemble (CIWE) welcomes audiences to its new performance home for a heartwarming holiday concert. In addition to celebrating the season through music, CIWE is honored to partner with the Boys and Girls Club of Central Iowa to bring the joy of music to youth across the community. For tickets, visit www.ciwe.org/deck-the-halls-dsm.

JINGLE IN THE JUNCTION**Dec. 19, 5-8 p.m.****Valley Junction**

The holiday is in Valley Junction as many businesses extend their hours on Thursday nights to give you more time to find the perfect holiday gift, enjoy dinner, and enjoy three blocks of free entertainment on Fifth Street under the glow of more than 100,000 holiday lights. Enjoy free horse-drawn trolley rides, ice carvings, photo op, a Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m. in front of the West Des Moines Fire Administration Headquarters at 318 Fifth St, rotating entertainers, live reindeer, carolers, and Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Historic Valley Junction Foundation office from 6-8 p.m.

HOLIDAY PROMENADE**Through Dec. 20****Historic East Village**

The Greater Des Moines Partnership and the Historic East Village Neighborhood Association will spread holiday cheer during the Holiday Promenade, an exciting, free celebration full of holiday-themed activities, entertainment, shopping and family-friendly fun. A number of activities will be scheduled throughout the five Fridays including tree lighting, a scavenger hunt, ice skating and more. During the Holiday Promenade dates, Historic East Village retailers are encouraged to remain open until 8 p.m. while restaurants and attractions are open later.

HOLIDAY HULLABALOO**Through Dec. 29****Horizon Events Center, 10320 Hickman Road, Clive**

The 2024 Holiday Hullabaloo is an immersive, family-friendly holiday experience that will surprise and delight guests this holiday season. Enjoy a variety of activities, entertainment and festivities that will allow you to create some fun holiday hullabaloo and memories. www.holidayhullabaloo.com ■

RECIPE

PUNCH UP YOUR HOLIDAY BEVERAGE MENU

(*Culinary.net*) This time of year is all about food and sweet desserts, but don't forget to quench guests' thirst with a seasonal sip. This Christmas Cranberry Punch offers a slightly less sweet take on traditional punch so you can add a touch of tart to the beverage cart. Visit *Culinary.net* to find more delicious holiday recipe ideas. ■

CHRISTMAS CRANBERRY PUNCH

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Ingredients:

- 1 package fresh cranberries
- 1 can pineapple chunks
- 3-4 rosemary twigs
- 6 cans lemon-lime soda, divided
- 64 ounces cranberry juice
- 20 ounces orange pineapple juice
- 1 orange

Directions:

The night before, place four cranberries, two pineapple chunks and a few rosemary sprigs in each hole of silicone muffin pan or ice tray. Cover with 1 can lemon-lime soda and freeze.

Chill remaining soda, cranberry juice and orange pineapple juice overnight.

In punch bowl, mix remaining soda, cranberry juice and orange pineapple juice. Slice orange into 5-6 slices. Add lemon-lime soda ice cubes, handful of cranberries and orange slices. Serve.



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MUSEUM TO DEDICATE NEW FRONT DOOR

The new front door for the Adel Historical Museum will be dedicated on Saturday, Dec. 14, at noon. This ceremony will kick off the museum’s “A Holiday Event.” The public is invited to tour the museum, which has been decorated for Christmas. Nadine Law and Aubrey Dunbar have worked their magic and transformed the museum into a beautiful wonderland.

Come see the Front Door Replacement Project that addressed the deterioration of the door and frame that had been rotting away from the brick building opening. Placement of a metal beam in the brickwork stabilized the frame, and a new door was installed. It will weather better and be a more historically appropriate door and transom that enhances the front entrance to the museum. This project was made possible by a grant from the Dallas County Foundation and funds from the city of Adel.

A new Adel Historical Museum Advisory Board has been working to make the museum better known in Adel and Dallas County. This special event is one of many being held to open this gem to the community. Visitors will be able to see the decorations and enjoy the history found in the museum as they tour the many rooms decorated for the Christmas season after the Front Door Dedication Ceremony. ■

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