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See additional photos in next week's issue.

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 62 | LOW 27

Windy; partly sunny and mild



SATURDAY HIGH 41 | LOW 20

Breezy; cooler with plenty of sun



SUNDAY HIGH 49 | LOW 33

Mostly sunny and milder



MONDAY HIGH 56 | LOW 36

Breezy; mostly sunny



TUESDAY HIGH 47 | LOW 39

Mostly cloudy with a.m. rain



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

'SURE IS WEATHER WE ARE HAVING'

The phrase in the above headline comes from my friend Ian. It is his go-to comment, regardless of the winter weather at hand. Snow. Wind. Rain. Heat. It doesn't matter. It sure is weather we are having. Yes, Ian, it sure is.

I was out of the state for a few days during the weather we were recently having here in Iowa, and I was sad I missed it. As many of you know, I love the snow. It is part of Iowa weather. The change of seasons is refreshing to me, and I wouldn't have it any other way. To be honest, I couldn't wait to get home to the cold temps and fresh snow. I put my long johns on now, and I was enjoying it. And now, of course, the snow is gone.

I realize many of you don't share my fondness for Iowa's winters. Some of you pull the blinds, lock the doors and hibernate for the season, only venturing out when you have to. You are told by the weather forecasters that it is "treacherous" out there, so you stay home. For some of you, that makes sense. If you are 83 years old and are worried about slipping on the

sidewalk and breaking a hip, by all means, stay home. But if you feel young and are healthy and can operate a snow shovel, disregard the scare tactics of the local media and get to work. Many of you have read my rants on this before, but I have a new suggestion, and it starts with an FCC fine of \$5,000 each time a weather forecaster unnecessarily uses the word "treacherous."

A few inches of snow is not treacherous. It is Iowa winter conditions, and it happens.

So, what is treacherous? Let's start with the official definitions:

1. Guilty of or characterized by betrayal of confidence or trust; perfidious.
2. Characterized by unforeseen or hidden hazards; dangerous or deceptive.
3. Like a traitor; involving treachery; violating allegiance or faith pledged; traitorous to the state or sovereign; perfidious in private life; betraying a trust; faithless.



I don't see anything in there about a few inches of snow being treacherous. A poisonous snake under your bedsheet is treacherous. An F4 tornado heading toward your home is treacherous. A faulty brake line on your car is treacherous. And, by definition, those who betray our confidence or trust are treacherous. At least in my world, weather forecasters who continually use the word treacherous seem to be treacherous.

Yes, each one of our situations is different, and we all have to use our own common sense when dealing with winter weather in Iowa. In the meantime, I encourage you to put a smile on your face and enjoy all of the elements, because it sure is weather we are having.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■



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ADEL FIREMAN'S DANCE

The Adel Fireman's Dance is April 5 at Country Lane Lodge, 29300 Prospect Circle, Adel. It will feature the music of Suede. Doors and silent auction open at 5 p.m. Dinner, catered by DM Bacon and Meat Company, will be served at 6 p.m. The band plays from 7:30-11 p.m. All proceeds go to the Adel Fire Association to help purchase needed equipment. Tickets are \$40 and available from any Adel Volunteer firefighter or message the group on Facebook, Facebook.comAFD25. ■

CHAMBER PRESIDENT SOUGHT

The Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce is seeking a president. The president serves as the chief executive officer and is responsible for the overall leadership, management and operation of the chamber. This role involves executing the vision and mission of the chamber, promoting economic growth, advocating for the business community, and enhancing the chamber's role as a key resource for local businesses. The president works closely with the board of directors, city of Adel, staff, members and community stakeholders to advance the interests of the business community and ensure the chamber's long-term success. For more information about duties, salary and application process, visit <https://business.adelpartners.org/jobs/info/executive-and-management-president-71>. ■



ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Feb. 28

Time TBD

Esports:

Varsity State @ Marshalltown
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Monday, March 3

7 p.m.

Basketball:

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The City of Adel Parks and Recreation Department is seeking qualified individuals for management of Island Park Campground. Island Park Campground is nestled among mature oak and elm trees along the Mill Slough, a branch of the North Raccoon River. It has approximately 38 camper sites and 14 tent-only sites. The campground offers many modern features and many water recreation opportunities. For more information, the Request for Proposals, Campground Lease and Grounds Map, go to: adeliowa.gov.

The City of Adel Parks and Recreation Department is also hiring for the following summer positions.

Aquatic Center Lifeguards, ages 15 and older, \$13 per hour first year.

Aquatic Center Concessions/Admission, ages 15 and older, \$11 per hour first year.

Ball Field Concessions, ages 15 and older, \$13 per hour.

Youth League Umpires, ages 15 and older, \$45-plus per game, DOE.

Grounds Maintenance Ball Field Prep / Parks Mowing Trimming, ages 16 and older, \$15 per hour. ■

50s PLUS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The 50s Plus Seniors group has been going for the last three years, during which time the group has played board games and enjoyed lots of conversations, plenty of coffee and a lot of good food. They invite anyone in Adel and the surrounding area to join them the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Adel Public Library, 303 S. 10th St. If you have just moved to the area and would like to meet new people, this is a great way to do it. The group now has programs included in its activities. Programs are open to anyone, not just seniors.

March 18, noon: Prescription and over-the-counter drugs for seniors. ■

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. ■

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, March 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Masonic Lodge, 411 S. 12th St. ■

THIRD MONDAY BINGO MARCH 17

The next Third Monday Bingo is March 17, 6-8 p.m., at the Masonic Lodge, 411 S. 12th St., Adel. Enjoy 17 games of bingo (\$0.25/card) plus an 18th progressive blackout (\$1/card). 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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EVENTS IN THE AREA

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TAMMY@IOWALIVINGMAGAZINES.COM**SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW****March 7-9****Varied Industries Building at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, 3000 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines**

More than 250 talented exhibitors from eight different states will be selling thousands of unique, handmade products. Admission is \$7 for anyone older than 10. Kids 10 and younger are free. Hours are 5-9 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, find the event Facebook page by searching "Callahan Promotions, Inc., Iowa's Largest Arts & Crafts Shows."

CAP THEATRE PRESENTS "DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR"**Through March 2****CAP Theatre, 201 First Ave. S., Altoona**

Featuring 28 youth actors on the Melissa Grooters Stage, CAP Theatre presents "Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR." Friday shows begin at 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors and \$10 for students. Class Act Productions (CAP) Theatre is a children's community theatre in Altoona that strives to give young people, regardless of experience, the opportunity to be part of and appreciate live theatre.

"MEN ON BOATS"**Through March 2****Des Moines Playhouse, 831 42nd St., Des Moines**

Tickets for "Men on Boats" may be purchased online at dmplayhouse.com, by phone at 515-277-6261, and at The Playhouse ticket office. The year: 1869. The crew: a maniacally talkative youth, an old Civil War vet who doesn't like people, an overexcited Brit, and a hunter who wears only beaver skins, to name just a few. Led by John Wesley Powell, a one-armed crazy-faced explorer with an excitable soul, this motley bunch faces treacherous Colorado River rapids and the unexplored American frontier. Governed by ambition, hunger, and

downright insanity, they must decide when to press on and when to give in to the dangers of exploration. Note: This play contains adult language. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. A pre-show talk is 30 minutes prior to curtain. Tickets start at \$29. ASL translations can be provided with advance notice. These services are free and reasonable accommodations will be made. Requests should be made through The Playhouse ticket office. Closed captioning is available using the GalaPro app.

ELKS ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION**Saturday, March 15, 5:30 p.m.****West Des Moines Elks No. 2752****2060 N.W. 94th St., Clive**

The Elks Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration will begin with the Foy School of Irish Dancers performing at 5:45 p.m. They will perform for about 20 minutes, followed by the Elks' famous St. Paddy's Day corn beef and cabbage with Irish potatoes meal for \$12 per serving.

2025 FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK PRE-PARTY AND PARADE**March 15 and March 17**

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick is back with its St. Patrick's Day celebrations. Join them on Saturday, March 15, from 2-6 p.m. at The Shop DSM, 901 Cherry St., Des Moines, for a Pre-Paddy Party, featuring live music from Black Dirt Ramblers, a food truck and cash bar for an at-will donation. The parade is on Monday, March 17, and begins at noon. Participants will proceed from E. First Street, west on Grand Avenue to Eighth Street, with the parade officially ending at Eighth and Grand Avenue. The after party will be in the Des Moines Marriott Downtown Hotel. Visit www.friendlysonsiowa.com for more information. ■

RECIPE

A LOADED CASSEROLE THAT'S QUICK AND COMFORTING

(Family Features) It's tough to beat an easy dinner that's equal parts comforting, convenient and delicious. This loaded hamburger potato casserole is no exception. Just brown ground beef then mix in a casserole dish with potatoes, bacon, cheese and more before baking for an hour. ■

LOADED HAMBURGER POTATO CASSEROLE

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4-6

Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground hamburger
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 bag (1 1/2 pounds) tri-colored baby potatoes
- 1 can (10 ounces) cream of mushroom soup
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/2 cup fried onions (optional)
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 1/2 ounces bacon pieces
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- chives or green onions, for topping

Directions:

Heat oven to 375 F.

In skillet over medium heat, brown ground beef with garlic powder; drain and set aside.

Cut potatoes into small pieces. In



casserole dish, mix beef; potatoes; soup; sour cream; milk; fried onions, if desired; cheese; and bacon pieces

Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Bake, covered, 50 minutes then uncover and bake 10 minutes. Top with chives or green onions.

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

FUNERAL NOTICE

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GREGORY SCOTT MILLER

Gregory Scott Miller, 75, of Perry, died Feb. 16, 2025, at Dallas County Memorial Hospital in Perry. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, March 8, from 2-5 p.m. at La Poste, 1219 Warford St., Perry. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.caldwellparish.com.

Born on Oct. 21, 1949, to Lee and Katherine (Foltz) Miller, Greg spent his life working various jobs including with the railroad and Lennox Industries. He had a deep passion for cars and all things racing, especially muscle cars and drag racing. In his youth, he was a golden glove boxer and a skilled pool player. He was an avid fan of wrestling and a devoted fan of Monday Night Raw. In his later years, he switched his Chicago Bears alliance to become a fan of the Kansas City Chiefs. He enjoyed many adventures up north going to the dirt track races, boating or just having conversations on Joe and Nicki's deck with family and friends.

His warm personality and infectious sense of humor made him the kind of person who could strike up a conversation with anyone. Whether sharing a joke, telling a story, or simply lending a listening ear, he had a way of making those around him feel valued and appreciated. Above all, Greg's family brought him the greatest joy. He shared a deep bond with his son, Kelle, who was also his best friend. Later in life, he restored his relationship with his daughter, Nicole, and his eldest son, Josh. He took immense pride in all his children and treasured every moment with all his grandchildren.

Greg is survived by his three children: Josh Miller of New Orleans; Nicole (Joe) Till and their children, Olivia and Joey, of Hudson, Wisconsin; and Kelle (Emily) Miller and their daughter, Frances, of Madrid; as well as other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lee and Katherine Miller; his son, Jamie Miller; and his brothers, Mike and Joe Miller. ■

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