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VICTORY BELL RINGS



ADM Varsity football players ring the new victory bell following a home win over Lewis Central on Oct. 17. The Tigers won 31-28, improving their record to 7-1. ■

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 61 | LOW 43

Partly sunny

**SATURDAY HIGH 58 | LOW 46**

Cloudy

**SUNDAY HIGH 64 | LOW 50**

Low clouds

**MONDAY HIGH 59 | LOW 44**

Some sun, then clouds

**TUESDAY HIGH 56 | LOW 37**

Clouds and sun



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

THE GREAT PUMPKIN APPEARED

In “It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown,” the 1966 animated Halloween television special based on the comic strip “Peanuts” by Charles M. Schulz, Charlie Brown’s friend, Linus, was convinced the Great Pumpkin would show up at the pumpkin patch on Halloween. Prior to the holiday, Linus even crafted a letter to it. Of course, the Great Pumpkin never appeared.

I get it. I waited for the Great Pumpkin, too. We didn’t do much pumpkin carving when I was a kid, as there was “too much pumpkin smashing going on in the neighborhood,” or at least that’s what Mom told us.

That all changed when I married, as Jolene insisted we carve pumpkins. When our kids were born, the effort multiplied.

Carving pumpkins was messy, which I am convinced was the real reason my mother never wanted to do it. Our first efforts were messy, too. I should rephrase that: My first

efforts were messy. Jolene’s were works of art. She could freehand the designs and do wonders with a steak knife on her pumpkins. Mine looked like they came out of the blender.

But, I was determined to improve on this craft. So, each year, I studied the tricks of the trade. It all starts with the right pumpkin, I learned. The right shape. The right size. The right stage. That part was relatively easy.

Then, I learned the value of patterns. Yes, some of you pumpkin purists may call that cheating, but they served as guides for me to get the right looks. I bought some pattern packets in the check-out lane of a grocery store and then later printed them from websites.

Most importantly, I discovered that I needed the right tools for the job. I sought efficiency in the early years, and my electric



handheld jigsaw cut up my pumpkin in seconds. And, yes, it looked like I carved it in seconds. Then, I discovered those tiny, jagged knives that were made for carving pumpkins. Those changed everything, as I could now follow the patterns with exact precision.

And then, it happened — the Great Pumpkin appeared, or at least my Great Pumpkin did. Mom would have been disgusted by the mess I made, but Linus would have certainly been proud of me. Most importantly, my wife and our kids had a great time and created wonderful memories. I did, too. How about you? Do you have some great pumpkin-carving stories? Send me a note and let me know.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■



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Rotarian Paul Zietlow with the prize football last year.

ADEL ROTARY RECOGNIZES WORLD POLIO DAY

Rotary international established World Polio Day on Oct. 24 to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk, who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis. Use of the inactivated poliomyelitis vaccine and subsequent widespread use of the oral vaccine developed by Albert Sabin led to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in 1988, reducing worldwide polio by 99%.

Led by the World Health Organization, the GPEI is the largest international public health initiative in history. Its partners include RI, the CDC, UNICEF and the Gates Foundation. Rotary International is responsible for fundraising, advocacy and volunteer recruitment. The strategy for eradicating polio is to immunize every at-risk child until there is no one left for the disease to transmit to, and the disease eventually dies out.

Adel Rotary is supporting the efforts of the GPEI by creating a fun event, a Football Pool to pick the winners of 10 college football games each week of the season. Rotarians contribute to the Rotary Foundation's Polio Plus Campaign to participate in hopes of coming out on top to take possession of the traveling mini-football and proudly inscribing their name. ■

ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct. 24

4:15 p.m. **Football:** Freshman vs. Denison-Schleswig
7 p.m. **Football:** Varsity vs. Denison-Schleswig

Tuesday, Oct. 28

4 p.m. **Esports:** Varsity vs. Knoxville
7 p.m. **Volleyball:** Varsity Regional Final vs. TBA

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ADM FINE ARTS BOOSTERS CRAFT SHOW

Calling all vendors for the annual ADM Fine Arts Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 8, at Meadow View Elementary, 1300 S. 15th St., Adel. To register and for more information, visit www.admcraftshow.com. ■

TURKEY BINGO

Faith Lutheran Church, 602 S. 14th St., Adel, will hold its annual Turkey Bingo on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. Cost to play all games is three cards for \$25, two cards for \$20, or one card for \$10. (No changes for missed games or late purchases.) Prizes are given to winners. The last game is Blackout. Turkey dinner supplies will be awarded for the grand prize. ■

TRUNK OR TREAT

Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool, 602 S. 14th St., Adel, Trunk or Treat will be held Sunday, Oct. 26, from 4:30-6 p.m. Come trunk or treat in a kid-friendly daytime experience with fun games and activities. To provide a fun, Halloween non-scary trunk or donate candy contact office@faithadel.com. ■

OBITUARIES

Funeral notices can be emailed to tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com

PEARL "WIMP" EUGENE WILEY JR.

Pearl "Wimp" Eugene Wiley Jr., 91, of Adel, died Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025, at Wesley on Grand, a WesleyLife Community for Healthy Living in Des Moines. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 24, at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Waukee, 900 S. Warrior Lane, Waukee, with visitation beginning at 9 a.m. Burial will follow at Oakdale Cemetery in Adel. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Hospice of Central Iowa or Immanuel Lutheran Church of Waukee. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.caldwellparrish.com.



Wimp was born on July 23, 1934, in Decatur County and graduated from Leon High School in 1953, where he was active in FFA. On July 26, 1953, Wimp married the love of his life, JoAnn Jeffs, in Winterset, and they had three children: Debbie, Tena and Brent.

Wimp worked the land with dedication and pride. Even after retiring from full-time farming, he continued to stay busy working at Mark Seed Company in Perry and with U-Haul. He liked to fish, especially on trips to Canada, and he enjoyed traveling, managing to visit all 50 states. He was a talented handyman and woodworker, always ready to lend a hand to neighbors and friends who needed something fixed. After finishing his own fields, he was known to help others with theirs until everyone was done.

He was a longtime member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Waukee. He will be remembered as a kind, hardworking and soft-spoken man who always put others before himself. Above all, Wimp was proudest of his family, whom he loved deeply.

Wimp is survived by his wife of 72 years, JoAnn Wiley; children, Debbie (Bob) Slater, Tena (Steve) McNeal and Brent (Debbie) Wiley; grandchildren, Brandon Scheel, Justin Scheel (Daniel), Allison (Regan) Grettenberg, Cassie (Alex) Miller, Derrick (Claire) Wiley and Trevor Wiley; step-grandchildren Casey (Chelsea) Slater and Kelly Slater (Chris); eight great-grandchildren with two more on the way; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Pearl Sr. and Mary Wiley; siblings, Willa Marie Farrell, James Wiley, Peggy Sandage, Jack Wiley and Arthur Wiley; and granddaughter-in-law, Jasmyne Scheel. ■

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ADEL KIWANIS CLUB HOLIDAY GREENERY SALE

The Adel Kiwanis Club holiday greenery sale is in full swing. Live greenery wreaths, candy canes, door swags and roping are all available. Door decorations are \$25 each and roping is \$35 per 25 feet length. All funds go toward ADM scholarships. Contact your neighborhood Kiwanis member or call Jodi Kuhse at 515-250-9303. Order deadline is Oct. 29 with a delivery date before Thanksgiving. ■

ST. JOHN'S FALL DINNER

The public is invited to St. John's Catholic Church's Fall Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at St. John's Catholic Church, 24043 302nd Place, Adel. The menu includes smoked pork chops and various sides and desserts. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for kids 5-10. There will also be a silent auction and kids activities. Join this evening of community fellowship. ■

COAT GIVEAWAY THANK YOU

First of all, thank you, thank you, thank you to the Adel Rotary, St. John's Knights of Columbus, Faith Lutheran Church, Adel First Christian Church and Adel Women's Club. The Dallas County Coat Giveaway, Oct. 11, went off without a hitch. We had plenty of coats and plenty of volunteers.

In just two hours, we gave out 204 children's coats and 71 adult coats. We have many left that will be available when the Coat Closet is open the first Saturdays in November and December. Schools and families can request coats by calling Adel First Christian Church, 515-993-4514.

So again, thank you to the groups who sponsored this event and to all the community members who generously share their gently used coats and clothing all year long. We have already guaranteed at least 284 people will have a warmer winter. ■

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM

Dallas County Extension and Outreach is offering its Strengthening Families Program for parents and youth ages 10-14 on Tuesdays, Oct. 28 through Dec. 9, 5:30-8 p.m. at New Hope Church, 25712 Highway 6, Adel. Strengthening Families Program can help your family learn to manage emotions, set goals, avoid peer pressure, make better decisions and create better relationships. You will learn how to show love while setting limits, how to listen to your child and how to help family members show appreciation to each other.

Registration is required at: <https://go.iastate.edu/ETKEBA>. For more information, contact Anne Schliemann at annek@iastate.edu. ■

GRACE LUTHERAN VENDOR AND CRAFT FAIR

Crafts, gifts, bake sale and more are featured at the Vendor and Craft Fair to be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 23932 Meadow Road, Adel, on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Handmade items, home décor, candles, jewelry, gifts and more will be featured. A bake sale will benefit the Good Samaritan Food Pantry. Admission is free. Visit www.gracelutheranadel.org for more information. ■

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. ■

50s PLUS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Enjoy board games, conversation, coffee and good food at the 50s Plus meetings. 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. ■

EVENTS IN THE AREA

EMAIL YOUR EVENT INFORMATION TO
TAMMY@IOWALIVINGMAGAZINES.COM**DES MOINES JAZZ HALL OF FAME GALA****Saturday, Oct. 26****Community Jazz Center of Greater Des Moines
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Hall of Fame honors for 2025 will be awarded to trombonist/educator/arranger Paul McKee and guitarist Willie Shay, with other honors presented throughout the night.

EDGEWATER HOLIDAY MART**Nov. 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.****9225 Cascade Ave., West Des Moines**

Local artists and vendors offer their personal creations — carved Santas, wine bottle stoppers, wooden pens and toys, kaleidoscopes, goodie boxes, paintings, paper quilling, linoleum block prints, blown and fused glass, photographs, cards, fiber arts, pottery and ceramics, clocks, jewelry, decorated felt bags, quilted bags, cutting boards, woven baskets, embroidered dish towels, knitted socks, crocheted animals, painted rocks, goat soaps and lotions, breads, fudge and peanut brittle, honey, vanilla, gourmet popcorn and nuts, jams and jellies, and baked goods.

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS FESTIVITIES**Sunday, Nov. 2, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.****Des Moines Art Center****4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines**

The Art Center invites all for a free, family-friendly day with Día de los Muertos activities. Enjoy live music and dance performances, food and art vendors, hands-on activities, a Catrina costume

showcase, a short documentary film tribute, and our annual community ofrenda (on view through Nov. 16).

Free Mexican hot cocoa and pan de muerto (bread of the dead) will be available while supplies last. Visitors may take advantage of a free shuttle from Merrill Middle School, which will run continuously during the event.

SAVOR IOWA'S CULINARY HISTORY**Thursday, Nov. 13, 5 p.m.****Terrace Hill Historic Site Drawing Room****2300 Grand Ave., Des Moines**

Savor Iowa's amazing food heritage. Iowa's delectable cuisine is quintessentially Midwestern, grounded in its rich farming heritage and spiced with diverse ethnic influences. In this Ask the Expert, dig in as we serve up Iowa's tastiest traditions. From the chili and cinnamon rolls phenomenon to Maid-Rites, discover the remarkable stories behind Iowa's classics and savor a smorgasbord of other unique Iowa food traditions. Pull up a chair, gain a few cooking tips and relish what you missed in history class in this fascinating presentation by Darcy Maulsby, author, farmer, speaker and avid home cook. This program is based on Darcy's book, "A Culinary History of Iowa: Sweet Corn, Pork Tenderloins, Maid-Rites and More."

This is a free program, but advanced registration is required as space is limited. Register online at <https://thsavoriowasculinaryhistory.eventbrite.com> or contact Allison Wergeland at allison.wergeland@governor.iowa.gov or 515-281-7205. ■

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TACO CUPS

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4-6

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1-2 tablespoons taco seasoning
- 1 package (8 count) flour tortillas
- shredded cheese
- lettuce
- cilantro
- sour cream
- salsa
- guacamole (optional)
- black olives (optional)

Directions:

- Heat oven to 350 F.
- Brown ground beef with taco seasoning.
- Cut tortillas in half then in half again, making four pieces. Place two pieces in each hole of muffin tin. Place browned ground beef in each hole then top with shredded cheese. Bake 15 minutes, or



until tortillas reach desired crispiness.

- Using knife, shred lettuce and cilantro. Top each cup with

sour cream, salsa, lettuce and cilantro, as desired. Add guacamole and olives, if desired.

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HARVEST DINNER

Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool, 602 S. 14th St., Adel, is holding its Harvest Dinner on Friday, Nov. 7, 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for ages 3-10. Proceeds will be donated to Tori's Angels, a non-profit supporting Iowa children with life-threatening illnesses, including three local families currently in Adel and Earlham. Advance tickets available at the church office. Contact the office at 515-993-3848. ■

HELP VETERANS AT THE VA

Veterans at the Des Moines VA Hospital and Domicile and veterans served at the Des Moines VA Community Resource and Referral Center need our help for those personal items that may not be provided with federal funds. The Adel American Legion Penoach Auxiliary Unit 464 steps forward to collect requested supplies from the community and to use donations from Poppy Days to fill in those needs. Current items needed are lightweight unisex jackets (L-XL), men's slip-on shoes (10.5-13), sweatpants and sweatshirts (L-XL), unisex slippers, duffel bags, belts, individually wrapped snacks, and regular and decaf ground coffee. Donations may be dropped off at 1305 S. 15th St. or call Shirley McAdon at 515-993-4862 for pick up. ■

LIGHT UP ADEL HOLIDAY LUMINARY

Adel Women's Club are selling luminary kits for the second annual Light Up Adel event. Kits are \$10 and include five plastic-coated, reusable weather resistant bags, five LED candles, and five baggies for adding material of your choice for weight in the bags. Suggested weight items include dried beans, sand, pebbles, flour, sugar, water or popcorn kernels.

Memorials are \$5 each. Names are recorded in a permanent record and will be read aloud at the Dec. 14 Holiday Celebration and Community Display.

Starting at 4:30 p.m., The Adel Women's Club will be serving holiday refreshments at the Raccoon Valley Bank Adel Community House, 1016 Main St., Adel. They will sing crols and read the memorial luminary names at the Adel Pavilion. Luminaries will be displayed in the area. The Adel Community is asked to display their luminaries in front of their homes on Dec. 14 as well.

Luminary kits and memorials can be purchased Nov. 1 at the Grace Lutheran Craft Sale, 23932 Meadow Road, Adel, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Dec. 5 at the Adel Sip and Sample on the Courthouse Square; by emailing adelwomensclub@gmail.com; or at Adel Flower and Gifts, 801 Main St., Adel, beginning Dec. 1. ■

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LIQUIDATION SALE: Heefner Construction, Inc. has been in business for over 47 years in Adel and it is now time for the business to liquidate. The sale is Oct. 24 4-7 p.m. and Oct. 25 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Located at 511 N. 15th. Entrance to the sale is the bus parking lot.

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