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The Adel Historical Museum board and members thank the community of Adel, as well as the people who came from "far and wide" to attend the tea style show. They "sold out" of all 50 tickets and are looking forward to next year. The funds raised by the tea and style show will be used for the museum's general upkeep and some new historical additions to the Adel Historical Museum. Enjoying the event are, from left: Peg Chapman, Ann Kreager, Bonita Baughman, Adella Nelson, Linda Byers, Cheryl Semerad and Nancy Tindall. ■

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 63 | LOW 36

Partly sunny and windy

**SATURDAY HIGH 44 | LOW 22**

Cooler with periods of rain

**SUNDAY HIGH 35 | LOW 22**

Partial sunshine; windy

**MONDAY HIGH 42 | LOW 27**

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**TUESDAY HIGH 52 | LOW 37**

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

CHECK OUT OUR DIGITAL GIFT GUIDE

I fondly recall the Sears Christmas catalogs from my youth, and I was reminded of them recently when the Amazon Toy Catalog arrived in the mail. The catalog is about shopping, and it is also about using the power of print to rev up the economic engine. It worked decades ago, and it continues to work today.

Of course, consumers are making more and more purchases online each year, and that is negatively impacting our brick and mortar stores, the ones that pay the property taxes so we can enjoy many of the public amenities we have — things like police cars, fire protection, city streets and public schools. It is creating a dilemma that will undoubtedly end up with homeowners picking up the tab in the form of hefty increases in residential property taxes, but that's a column for another day.

Fortunately, the power of print and the immediacy of the internet can work together to accommodate the shopping needs of today's

consumers. This year, we launched our first Digital Gift Guide, packed with 21 pages that highlight 160 local items for sale complete with photos and descriptions. From clothing to jewelry to TVs to games, you will certainly find something for everyone on your shopping list. And, the best part is that you will be buying from local stores that give back to our communities each and every day. The guide is only available in the digital format, but we are promoting it in all of our publications and our digital offerings with links to it.

Is it the Sears catalog? Heavens no. It's not even the much-smaller Amazon Toy Catalog. But, it is our modest effort to help promote the goods and services of local



businesses and to provide some wonderful gift ideas for each of you in an easy-to-read format. We will keep working with local businesses on this project in years to come to make buying their products and services even easier, and I welcome your feedback.

As in years past, we will also publish a similar effort in our November print and digital editions of CITYVIEW magazine, which will be on racks and online Nov. 5.

Check out both of these efforts and the stores that support them and join me in making an effort to shop at area businesses this holiday season — and every day throughout the year. Happy shopping!

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■



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Abigail Long and Rhyann Miller are honored by Rotary President Rylan Vos.

ADEL ROTARY RECOGNIZES ADM HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Adel Rotary has begun a new recognition program for ADM High School seniors who exemplify the Rotary ideal of “Service Above Self.” This honor highlights a student who demonstrates consistent kindness, a helpful spirit and a commitment to making a positive difference both at school and within the greater community. Unlike traditional academic awards, this recognition is not based on GPA or class rank. Instead, it honors those who model service through their daily actions — students who step up to help classmates, support teachers, volunteer in the community, and lead by quiet example. These students embody kindness, compassion and generosity of spirit. Whether organizing service projects, mentoring peers, or lending a hand whenever it’s needed, they set a standard of integrity and selflessness that inspires others. The first two recipients are Abigail Long, Student of the Month for September, and Rhyann Miller, Student of the Month for October. ■

ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

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TAMMY HOWE

Tammy Howe was a true small-town girl through and through. Tammy spent her whole life in Adel — the place she loved most, surrounded by the people she loved most. She worked at Adel TV & Appliance since high school, alongside her dad and brother. It was her first and only job, and it fit her perfectly — she got to talk to people all day, help them out, and watch generations of families come through the door. It was actually at Adel TV & Appliance where she met Bret, the love of her life. They were together 30 years and raised three children.



Tammy loved to craft in her she-shed, surrounded by what her family lovingly called “nature crap.” Pinecones, sticks, rocks — nothing was safe if Tammy thought it might turn into a project. She loved her vegetable garden, canning the fruits of her labor, and gifting those jars to anyone who popped into the store. She loved her pool, which she shared generously with everyone.

But nothing meant more to Tammy than her grandchildren and grand nephews and nieces. They were her world. Tammy was also deeply rooted in her community — her favorite event being the annual Adel Sweet Corn Festival. She took great pride in serving corn alongside friends and family from the corn cooker her dad built — a true family legacy that connected generations.

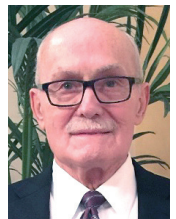
Tammy was preceded in death by her parents, Kenny Chapman and Claudia Chapman. She is survived by her husband, Bret; children, Michelle, Brandon (McKenna) and William; stepmother, Linda; siblings Terry (Teresa), Teresa, Todd (Chris) and KC (Emilee); five grandchildren, Cash, Jet, Beckett, Pearl and Callan; 10 nieces and nephews; and 13 great nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m. with a memorial service beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 7, at New Hope Church in Adel. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.caldwellparish.com. ■

ROBERT ‘BOB’ WALKER

Bob Walker, 79, died Oct. 24, 2025, at home in Adel. A funeral service will be held on Nov. 13 at Lutheran Church of Hope, 925 Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines. Visitation will be at 10 a.m. and funeral service at 11 a.m. followed by a noon luncheon.

Bob was born on Aug. 22, 1946, in Rippey. He attended Adel-Desoto High School, graduating in 1964. After attending Northwest Missouri State University, he began working for Hy-Line and then for Pioneer Hy-bred International. Bob traveled the world establishing companies for Pioneer worldwide. He loved his job and the many people he met and worked with in other parts of the world. He had great respect for other cultures and religions; those who worked alongside him knew this and many became his dear friends. Bob’s purpose in life was, “Work hard to have a positive impact on as many people as possible.”



That purpose extended into his personal life as well. Family was very important to him. He always supported his children and grandchildren in every way possible. He loved his family so very much and was totally devoted to his wife, Sue.

Bob is survived by his wife, Sue, and their children, Ryan Walker (Jenny), Angela Mincy (Stuart) and Steven Luther (Jackie); nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, William and Vivian Walker, and his brothers, James and John. He is survived by his sister, Mary Jane Alexander.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the World Food Prize or the Carter Center. ■

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LESTER HESSELTINE

Lester Hesseltine was born June 17, 1930, in Oskaloosa. He grew up in the Des Moines area and went to Johnston High School. He loved and played football.

Lester met Doris at a wrestling meet in Des Moines, and, in 1949, they eloped to Bethany, Missouri. When they got home, Doris still lived at home for a while until the secret came out. They had three kids, Jeri Marie, Dennis Ray and David Lee.

Lester worked for a time driving a truck for Bruce Motor Freight. They lived in an area close to Meredith Drive and attended Meredith Drive Reformed Church. Lester later felt a calling to be a minister. An opportunity came up to minister in West Des Moines for the newly formed Commerce Community Church.

After 10 years, he wanted to grow in his ministry, so he contacted the Methodist church, and they hired him with the understanding he would pursue additional religious training. He went to Faith Baptist College in Ankeny and did one month in Chicago.

Lester started his Methodist career in Mingo. Some of the other places he preached were Lennox, Adair, Kingsley and finally ended up in De Soto. Lester retired in Adel. Doris was a big part of his ministry and, when Lester retired, Doris really missed the people and the fellowship. The last church they attended was the Methodist Church in Adel.

Lester is survived by his three children, Jeri (Robert) Lewis, Dennis (Rita) Hesseltine and David Hesseltine; grandchildren Mark, Lisa, Adam and Rachel; eight great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris Hesseltine; parents; granddaughter, Tara Hesseltine; brothers and sisters.

A visitation will be 10-11 a.m. with a funeral service to follow, Friday, Nov. 7, at New Hope Church in Adel. The family respectfully asks for no flowers or memorial contributions, per Lester's request. Online condolences may be sent to www.caldwellparrish.com. ■



VICTOR A. POSTEL

Victor A. Postel, 73, of Berwick died Friday, Oct. 31, 2025, at MercyOne Medical Center in Des Moines.

Victor was born on April 6, 1952, in Cedar Rapids and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School there in 1970. He served his country in the U.S. Navy. On Aug. 15, 1981, Victor married Kelly Peterson in Gowrie.

He worked as a pipefitter for Firestone Tire and was a proud member of the Steel Workers Union Local 310. Victor enjoyed attending auctions, tending to his garden, and most of all, spending time with his beloved grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Kelly; his children, Dathan (Stephanie) Postel of Adel and Jenna (Chris) Youngkin of Kirkman; sisters, Carmen Ohrt, Cheryl Staton and Vera Ruchotzke; half-siblings, Greg Postel and Lisa Postel; stepmother, Donna Postel; and grandchildren, Zachary Postel, Mackenzie Postel, Chloe Postel, Jaeda Youngkin and Caila Youngkin.

Victor was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Robert "Jim" Postel; and an infant brother.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8, at the River Valley Golf Course Clubhouse, 22927 Valley View Trail, Adel.

Memorials may be directed to the Animal Rescue League of Iowa. ■



STYLE SHOW AND TEA THANK YOU



Guests at the tea party and style show included Jeanne Harbison, Jan Mallberg, Michelle Messer, Teresa Wichtendajl, Kathy Lewis and Vonz Odem.



Board members Aubrey Dunbar, pouring coffee, and Roni Dick in background.



Board members Shirley McAdon, Cindy Baldon, Connie Cooper and Aubrey Dunbar being recognized.



Peg Chapman and her sister, Nancy Tindall, who traveled to come and enjoy the tea party and style show.

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THE IOWA FILES: OVER THE HILL TO THE POOR FARM

Nov. 16

West Des Moines Public Library, 4000 Mills Civic Parkway

This joint West Des Moines Historical Society and West Des Moines Public Library program is free and open to the public, thanks to the generosity of West Des Moines Historical Society members, Bravo Greater Des Moines and the Friends Foundation of the West Des Moines Library. All programs are streamed on the WDMHS Facebook page and YouTube channel. Poor farms were residential institutions, often operated by counties, that provided basic social services and housing for the poor, disabled and elderly during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Gayla Harkin was a long time administrator of the poor farm in Boone, and will share her stories about the programs and residents.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

Friday, Nov. 21, and Saturday, Nov. 22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Union Park United Methodist Church, 2305 E. 12th St., Des Moines

Many crafters with a variety of creative items that are perfect for the holidays. Free admission. Close-up parking, lunch available to purchase.

TINSELTOWN IN THE PARK

Nov. 22 - Dec. 20

Water Works Park, 2201 George Flagg Parkway, Des Moines

Mark your calendars for Tinseltown in the Park, featuring live Christmas tree sales, biergarten specials, food trucks, entertainers, unique visits from holiday A-listers, photo opportunities, and more to celebrate the holiday season in the park.. ■

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