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MARCHING BAND PERFORMS



The ADM Marching Band performed at the Oct. 17 football game in Adel. In the foreground is Eden Sedars. ■

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 49 | LOW 22

Mostly cloudy and cooler



SATURDAY HIGH 58 | LOW 39

Plenty of sun



SUNDAY HIGH 62 | LOW 36

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MONDAY HIGH 55 | LOW 39

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

PENALTY FOR DELAY

Lawyers have defined what penalty for delay means with a clause that establishes a financial consequence for parties that fail to meet agreed-upon contractual deadlines or milestones. Construction companies are quite familiar with this.

Typically, a penalty for delay clause specifies a fixed amount — or a percentage of the contract value — to be paid for each day or week the completion is delayed. The purposes are to reward timely performance and to penalize delays by compensating the non-breaching party for losses.

Estimating construction timelines is no easy task, as hiccups in the process certainly happen — many beyond the contractor's control. Even so, it is amazing how the work is mostly completed on time — or with very short delays — when additional financial costs hit the company.

With all the media coverage, frustrations and political theater involved in what was the longest

government shutdown in history, one has to wonder if a “penalty for delay” clause should be in order — and not one that lawmakers simply pass on to the American citizens. We need a true penalty, one that affects our elected officials personally, in their own pocketbooks.

One may argue that any financial penalty will simply be offset by payments from big donors through fundraising, and that is likely true. So, the better solution may be to also have our lawmakers be held to the same standard most of us are in our jobs: Do what you are hired to do or be replaced by someone else who will.

Of course, the devil is in the details, but most of us would pay for a special election to vote in replacements who would do the job they were elected to do without simply placing blame on the opposing side.



The reality is that this shutdown may not have directly impacted all of us, but it did affect millions of Americans, including federal workers who went without paychecks and airline passengers who had their trips delayed or canceled. More importantly, the interruption in nutrition assistance programs created long lines at food banks and added emotional stress for many as we head into the holidays.

Ultimately, our elected officials seem to work things out, much like the construction companies that eventually finish the projects. Timeliness is the problem, and it shouldn't be. A penalty for delay, in one form or another, could fix that. What's the harm?

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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MARCHING BAND PERFORMS



Austin Ireland performs with the ADM Marching Band at the Oct. 17 football game in Adel. ■

DALLAS COUNTY CONSERVATION

www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation or call the DCCB office at 515-465-3577.

All programs are free to the public and open to all ages.

- **Wilderness Trail Tales:** Thursday, Dec. 11, 5:30-7 p.m., Dallas County ISU Extension Office, 28061 Fairground Road, Adel
- **Winter Solstice:** Sunday, Dec. 21, 7-8 a.m., Hanging Rock Conservation Area, 416 Redfield St., Redfield
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ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Nov. 21

8:15 a.m. **Esports:** Varsity State vs. Marshalltown @ Marshalltown Orpheum Theatre

Monday, Nov. 24

4 p.m. **Bowling:** JV/Varsity vs. Greene County @ Adel Family Fun Center
 5:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls JV @ Norwalk
 7 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls Varsity @ Norwalk

Tuesday, Nov. 25

4:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls JV2 @ Des Moines Christian
 4:30 p.m. **Wrestling:** Boys Middle School @ Saydel
 6 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls JV @ Des Moines Christian
 7:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls Varsity @ Des Moines Christian

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HOLIDAY SPIRIT CONCERT

Adel United Methodist Church will hold its Holiday Spirit Concert in the Fellowship Hall, 115 S. 10th St., on Saturday, Dec. 6, 5:30 p.m. Enjoy the sounds of the holidays. A freewill donation will be accepted for Tori's Angels. ■

LIVE NATIVITY

Adel United Methodist Church, 115 S. 10th St., will host a Live Nativity during Adel's Sips & Samples from 5-7 p.m. on Dec. 5. Meet Reba the goat, Helen the lamb and Ozzy the cow. Live animals provided by Barnyard Buddies. ■

BRICK STREET MERRY MARKET

The public is invited to the Brick Street Merry Market on Sunday, Nov. 23, noon to 5 p.m., at the Adel Community House, 1016 Main St., Adel. Come shop local, handmade vendors. ■

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. ■

LIGHT UP ADEL HOLIDAY LUMINARY

The Adel Women's Club is 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.

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 carols 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 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. ■

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. ■

NEEDS FOR VETERANS AT THE VA

Veterans Day is a reminder that our veterans still need our help when they are hospitalized or homeless. Federal funds cannot be used at the Des Moines VA Hospital or Community Resource and Referral Center for personal items. That's when the Adel American Legion Auxiliary and other groups step up to collect contributions from the community as well as provide funds from Poppy Day donations.

Current new items needed are long sleeved shirts, XL boxers/briefs, duffle bags, sweatpants/sweatshirts (M-2XL), and pullover and zip-up sweatshirts (M-XL); personal care items; and coffee and snacks. Please refer to the Adel American Legion Facebook page for a detailed list. Of note is that Branch-of-Service clothing, blankets, hats and insulated mugs are residents' favorite items.

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

HISTORY

THANKSGIVINGS AND FOOTBALL

BY MIKE FLINN

The tradition of watching college and high school football on Thanksgiving Day was a thing pretty much ever since football existed. The oldest known game was played in 1869. It wasn't always popular, however. The practice was denounced as early as 1894 in an Adel paper, the Dallas County Democrat, when they wrote: "The tendency of late years toward making of Thanksgiving a date for sporting events has not met with the approval of church people. The football players are pointed out as the particular offenders." The article went on to observe that six players had lost their lives during the football games of last Thanksgiving Day. It did not say where these games were played.

Since there was no television or radio in those early years, the only alternative, in order to get your holiday football fix, was to attend a live game. Adel had a long-standing rivalry with Redfield, so tradition had this game as the final game of the season played on Thanksgiving Day. I'm not sure when

this began. The 1908 Thanksgiving game was played between Adel and Linden, so it was soon after that. Adel seemed to have the upper hand throughout the 1920s and into the 1930s, winning most games but by close margins.

The 1933 Thanksgiving Day game finished Adel's undefeated season with future Heisman winner Nile Kinnick leading the team. The newspaper reported: "Our team trampled over Redfield for a final victory of 19-3. Our opponents held a 3-point lead during the first half. It was with great relief that the Adel fans saw Kinnick break loose around end and race 46 yards to the one-yard line where he put the ball over on a line plunge in the next play."

The 1934 game in this Adel/Redfield rivalry did not end as favorably for Adel. Although they were the favored team, Redfield was able to upset Adel by a score of 7-6.

By the 1940s, a new tradition and rivalry had emerged. It was the annual Armistice Day game played between

Adel and Dallas Center that became the final game of the football season. Thanksgiving Day football games had ended so fans could stay home and enjoy the feast. Most homes had radios by then and, although the local games were usually not broadcast, college football games were increasingly featured. Also, most fields had electric lighting by the 1930s, and night games became the norm.

Today, it is the NFL that is watched on big screen TV sets along with the turkey and dressing. The NFL started playing Thanksgiving games in 1920. Then, in the 1930s, Lions owner George Richard had friends at NBC so cut a deal for them to nationally broadcast the Lions' Thanksgiving day game. It soon became a tradition that the Lions always play on Thanksgiving. The Cowboys joined in much later.

Staying warm while sitting around the table enjoying the feast is fine, but wouldn't you love to watch the Tigers win a game at Macy Field on a crisp Thanksgiving Day? ■

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Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will be giving out goody bags, talking with children and providing photo opportunities. The breakfast buffet includes biscuits and gravy, French toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage patties, cheesy potatoes, and, of course all-you-can-eat pancakes (including blueberry and chocolate chip pancakes), orange juice, milk and coffee. Enjoy a Bloody Mary or mimosa for \$3.50. Serving is from 8 a.m. till noon. Cost is \$11 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and younger. There will also be a Christmas bake sale. The Elks hold a breakfast the second Sunday of the month. Proceeds support the Elks' Hoop Shoot Program, other youth activities, veterans and community charities.

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. Visit www.waterworkspark.org/tinseltown-in-water-works-park/ for schedule of events.

THE CHRISTKINDLMARKET**The weekends of Dec. 4-7 and Dec. 11-14****Principal Park, 1 Line Drive, Des Moines**

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(Family Features) Before turning your attention to the comfort of filling soups and slow-cooked meals, give warmer weather one last hurrah. If you have any garden veggies leftover, this cucumber and tomato salad offers a light, tasty dish that's perfect for packing to the office. ■

CUCUMBER AND TOMATO SALAD

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4-6

Ingredients:

- 3 medium or large cucumbers
- 2-3 vine tomatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion (optional)

Dressing:

- 1/3 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon fresh minced dill
- 1 tablespoon mayo
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Directions:

- Peel and slice cucumbers. Deseed, if desired. Coarsely chop into bite-size pieces. Slice and chop tomatoes. Place



cucumbers and tomatoes in large bowl with chopped onions, if desired.

- To make dressing: In separate bowl, mix apple cider vinegar, olive oil, sugar, onion powder,

garlic powder, dill and mayo. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Pour over cucumber mixture and mix well.

- Top with shredded Parmesan cheese and serve..

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LAURA LEE KEASEY

Laura Lee Keasey, 63, died Nov. 12, 2025. A service was held at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home on Nov. 20. A dinner followed at the Dallas County Fairgrounds Community Building.

Laura's life was a testament to her resilience, grace and deep compassion for those she loved. Born in Des Moines, she grew up in Adel and graduated from Adel-De Soto-Minburn High School. During her senior year, she survived a devastating accident that left her with serious neck injuries. After months of recovery, she pushed forward and walked across the graduation stage to a standing ovation from her peers and teachers.

Not long after graduating, Laura moved to Colorado, where she welcomed her three oldest children, Joshua Berger, Ashley Clayton and Tamara Ramirez. She returned to Iowa around 1993 to be closer to her family. While working at the local grocery store, she discovered her passion for cake decorating and became a renowned decorator throughout several counties. It was during this chapter of her life that she met her husband, Randy Keasey, and together they had their youngest child, Hunter Keasey.

Laura and Randy married on Aug. 18, 1997. Theirs was a devoted, enduring love. They went on to open Keasey's Hideaway Lounge, which she proudly managed for 16 years. During that time, she formed lifelong friendships and became a trusted, comforting presence in her community.

Laura enjoyed watching the television show "Criminal Minds," tending to two large gardens, canning her own sauces and pickles, and baking her famous zucchini bread — always insisting it was "just banana bread" to trick the kids.

Laura is survived by her husband of 30 years, Randy; her four children; 12 grandchildren: Katlyn, Caleb, Johnathan Jr., Noah, Jedidiah, Evelyn, Adalyne, Christopher, Dominic, Ava, Vivianne and Jaquelin; two great-grandchildren, Memphis and Nolan; her siblings, Bruce, Linda and Brenda; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her brother, Greg; her parents, Howard and Carolyn; her niece, Melissa; and her nephew, Justin.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designations. Online condolences may be shared at www.caldwellparrish.com. ■



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22ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY

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