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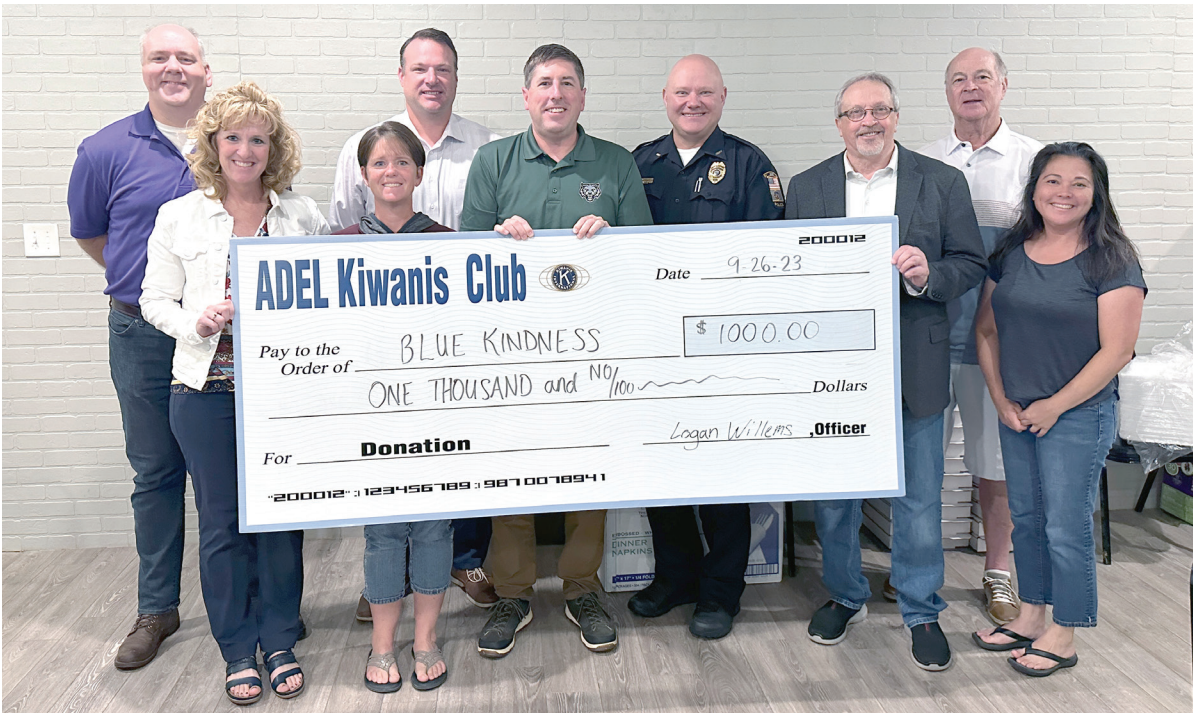
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KIWANIS DONATES TO BLUE KINDNESS: The Adel Kiwanis Club donated \$1,000 to the Adel non-profit group Blue Kindness at the club meeting on Sept. 26 at Patrick's Restaurant. ■

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 60 | LOW 37
Rather cloudy



SATURDAY HIGH 59 | LOW 39
Mostly cloudy



SUNDAY HIGH 64 | LOW 48
Times of clouds and sun



MONDAY HIGH 52 | LOW 34
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FROM THE PUBLISHER

IS SELF-CHECKOUT A FAILED EXPERIMENT?

What do you think of self-checkout kiosks at retail stores? More than likely, you either love them or hate them. Few are in between.

The Atlantic published an article recently called “Self-Checkout Is a Failed Experiment” and detailed the problems with this technology and why some retailers are ready to scrap it.

The self-checkout concept made great sense to me at first, as I am one who becomes annoyed while waiting in lines. If I can scan my own items, pay for them and get out the door a few minutes faster, then I am all for it. But, as most of us know, that’s not how these scenarios typically play out. More often than not, a store employee comes over to the self-checkout kiosk to address something that went wrong. The kiosks seem to malfunction more than the ice cream machines at McDonald’s, which makes me wonder, how is this helping anyone? Well, there are a few ways, apparently.

According to one survey, 66% of consumers say they prefer self-service over interacting with a store employee.

Why? Because, like me, they think it is faster. Of course, if 66% of customers like self-checkout, that means 34% do not. That’s one-third of customers who are clearly annoyed by the technology.

Retailers apparently like these self-service options because of space and personnel reasons. Some claim as many as six self-checkout kiosks can fit in the space that is needed for one traditional cashier system. Retailers also thought they could operate with fewer employees, as one employee can oversee several self-checkout kiosks.

Meanwhile, the up-front costs to install self-service systems are significantly higher than standard cashier lanes. That may work for the mega-retailers that can justify



the investment, but it can be cost prohibitive for smaller stores.

The elephant in the room, though, is theft. A recent study examined 12 million shopping trips over two years. Of them, 1 million trips were audited, accounting for 6 million items, according to The New York Times. The study found that 850,000 of those items were never scanned, and this accounted for 4% of the total merchandise value. For stores that operate on low single-digit profit margins, that’s concerning. And if you can’t turn a profit, you won’t be in business for long — with or without self-checkout kiosks.

How about you? What do you think about self-checkouts? Send me a note and let me know.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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SEEN IN ADEL

KIWANIS RECOGNIZES SENIORS OF THE MONTH



Adel Kiwanis Club President Scott Hall presents a certificate to Makayla Crannell, ADM Kiwanis Student of the Month, at the club meeting on Oct. 10 at Patrick's Restaurant. ■



Adel Kiwanis Club member Jodi Kuhse presents a certificate to Paige Mattes, ADM Kiwanis Student of the Month, at the club meeting on Oct. 17 at Patrick's Restaurant. ■

ADM PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN

Online registration to attend 4-year-old preschool during the 2024-25 school year is now open and will close on Dec. 1. Children must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 15, 2024, in order to register. Families who would like to send a student to 4-year-old preschool at ADM next school year must complete the online registration process by Dec. 1 to be considered as part of the initial selection process. Late registrations will be placed on a waiting list. Completing registration does not guarantee a spot.

For more information and registration, visit <https://www.admschools.org/schools/adel-elementary/preschool-2/>. If you have questions, contact Rikki Kuhns at rikki.kuhns@admschools.org or 515-993-4283 ext. 1041. ■

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SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The Peace Lutheran Church Spaghetti Supper will be held Nov. 11, 4-6 p.m., at the church, located north of KOA campground, two miles north of I-80 at exit 106. A freewill donation will be accepted. Carry out will be available. ■

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. ■

FUNERAL NOTICES

Funeral notices can be emailed to tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com

SUSAN KAY CHEW

Susan Kay Chew, born on Aug. 19, 1953, in Minnesota to Wally and Ruby (Dewald) Faller, died on Oct. 22, 2023, at her home in Dallas Center, surrounded by loved ones. On April 21, 1973, Susan married the love of her life, Michael David Chew, in Perry. Together, they shared 44 wonderful years of marriage, raising their son, Kevin, and building a life filled with love, laughter and cherished memories. Susan was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, and her family was the center of her world.



She is survived by her son, Kevin (Melissa) Chew; grandchildren, Kaylee and Konner Chew; sister, Deborah (Greg) Young; her brother, Bruce (Julie) Faller; and sister-in-law, Sheila (Alan) Eyerly.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael David Chew, and her parents, Wally and Ruby (Albaugh) Faller. ■

JAMES MICHAEL ROTH

James Michael Roth, 69, died on Monday, Oct. 30, 2023, at Taylor House Hospice surrounded by his family. A visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 3, at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home, Adel Chapel. A mass of Christian burial will take place at 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 4, at St. John's Catholic Church in Adel. A burial will follow mass at the Oakdale Cemetery in Adel. Memorial contributions can be made to UnityPoint - Taylor House Hospice, <https://www.unitypoint.org/giving>, in honor of James. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.caldwellparrish.com. A full obituary was not available at press time. ■



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RANDY ALLEN CLEMENTS

Randy Allen Clements, 57, of Adel, died Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, at Taylor House Hospice after a long battle with cancer. Randy was born in Lakeland, Florida, on Jan. 24, 1966. Randy met his wife, Tammy, at Haines City Junior High in 1980. Randy attended the University of Florida, where he earned his PhD in food science and engineering while he and Tammy were raising their sons. He spent a majority of his life in Florida until he and his family relocated to Iowa in 2008. Randy worked as a senior business analyst with Nationwide Agribusiness.

Randy was a problem solver; he enjoyed taking on challenges and was incredibly strong-willed and passionate about the things he cared about. He had a unique ability to make connections with those around him, whether it was playing "Call of Duty" with groups of friends or going to the grocery store. Randy always knew how to talk to people and never met a stranger. Randy loved thought-provoking discussions and believed strongly in the importance of dialogue with others. He loved teaching himself — and others — anything he found interesting. He also loved cooking, grilling and cheering on the Florida Gators. However, Randy's biggest passion in life was undoubtedly his family. He was an extremely proud father and supportive husband, and cherished any time he got to spend with them.

He is survived by his parents; his wife, Tammy (Moody) Clements; his two sons, Kyle (Morgan Ogg) and Austin Clements; his brother, Bill (Nash Martinez) Clements; his sister, Patty Hovis; and many other loving relatives.

A memorial service for Randy was held Saturday, Oct. 28, at The Adel United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions may be directed to AHeinz57 Pet Rescue and Transport, <https://aheinz57.networkforgood.com/>, or UnityPoint Hospice - Taylor House, <https://www.unitypoint.org/giving>, in honor of Randy. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.caldwellparrish.com. ■



HARVEST DINNER

The annual Harvest Dinner at Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool, 602 S. 14th St., Adel, will be held on Nov. 3, 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 adults and \$5 for kids (ages 3-10). All proceeds are split between the Hollie and Deavon Richards family and the Dallas County Sheriff's office's Backpack Program for the local food pantry. ■

MEMORIAL WALL TO BE DEDICATED

On Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11, at 10:30 a.m., at the Freedom Park in Minburn, a public dedication of the Dallas County Veterans Memorial Wall will be held. The DC Veterans Memorial Wall was organized by a small committee of Minburn citizens and will be completed this fall. The wall was built by family and friends dedicating a brick to a veteran they know, concluding in 325 bricks total. The Memorial Wall is placed near the Dallas County Freedom Rock, completing the Freedom Park. ■



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NOV. 4: Nurse Blake is back on the road for his stand-up comedy tour. From 8-10:30 p.m. at Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines; hoytsherman.org.

NOV. 4-5: Pumpkin Destruction. Normally pumpkins are put on a pedestal during the fall months, but not at Center Grove Orchard. From 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 32835 610th Ave., Cambridge; centergroveorchard.com.

NOV. 11: Living History Farms race. Run for 5 miles and see 300 years of history. Beginning at 9 a.m. at 11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale; lhf.org.

NOV. 12: Jazz at Caspe Terrace by Sparks. From 2-4:30 p.m. at 33158 Ute Ave., Waukee; jewishdesmoines.org/our-community/caspe-terrace.



Living History Farms race

NOV. 15: Roomful of Teeth. The Grammy-winning octet performs 7:30- 9:30 p.m. at the Sheslow Auditorium, 2507 University Ave., Des Moines; calendar.drake.edu/sheslow_auditorium.

NOV. 18: Fall into Wine and Art. Fall-themed arts and crafts show. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Summerset Winery, 15101 Fairfax St., Indianola; summersetwine.com.

NOV. 19: Fall Makers Market. Local vendors, crafters, artisans and more will be available for your shopping needs right before the holidays, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jester Park Nature Center, 12130 N.W. 128th St., Granger; www.jesterparknaturecenter.com/calendar-events/fall-makers-market.

NOV. 22: A Night Under the Lights. Waukee's second annual light parade, with activities, local food vendors and entertainment. From 6-9 p.m. at Centennial Park, Waukee; <https://fb.me/e/3nnUYFKhy>.

NOV. 23: Des Moines Turkey Trot. Voted "Top Trot" in Iowa five years in a row by Runner's World Magazine, the 5K and 5-mile race takes over Des Moines on Thanksgiving. Starting at 9 a.m. on Court Ave.; desmoinesrusturkeytrot.com. ■

RECIPE

WARM, COLD-WEATHER MEALS

(Culinary.net) When the winds howl and the chill of changing seasons brings a crispness to the air, one way to warm up from the inside out is with favorite foods. Filling up on comforting recipes like hearty soups and stews can be the solution you need to fight off cold temperatures.

Consider quick and easy ingredients that add a little warmth to your plate as the cravings for comfort kick in.

A family favorite in recipes year-round, ooey-goey cheese is a hallmark of cool-weather recipes. Consider creamy mac and cheese mixed with your preferred protein, homemade Mexican cuisine topped with melted chile con queso or an appetizer plate with options like brie, Manchego, aged cheddar, Parmesan and more.

Available in many varieties, curry paste is a common ingredient in South Asian dishes. It typically consists of ingredients like garlic, chiles or peppers, ginger and lemongrass. When you'd like to add some spice to your menu without bothering with takeout, this Thai Chicken and Rice Soup calls for green curry paste, which is generally spicier than red or yellow versions, but any can be substituted based on your heat tolerance. You can take the dish up a level with lightly seasoned Minute Cilantro & Lime Jasmine Rice for zesty flavor in a BPA-free, microwaveable cup for a simple solution when life gets hectic and preparing a time-consuming meal becomes challenging. ■

THAI CHICKEN AND RICE SOUP

Prep time: 2 minutes

Cook time: 5 minutes

Servings: 1

- 1 Minute Ready to Serve Cilantro & Lime Jasmine Rice Cup
- 1/2 cup (3 ounces) cooked rotisserie chicken, chopped
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup coconut milk
- 1 tablespoon Thai green curry paste
- 3 small shiitake mushrooms, thinly sliced
- 1 green onion, thinly sliced

Directions:

Heat rice according to package directions.

In medium, microwave-safe bowl, combine chicken, broth, coconut milk, curry paste and mushrooms.

Microwave on high 3 minutes. Stir in rice and garnish with green onion.



'GUYS AND DOLLS'

The ADM Fall Musical Production will be the Broadway classic, "Guys and Dolls." The cast and crew of more than 60 student performers, musicians, artists, designers and techies will take the audience back to the 1950s for the story of Nathan Detroit's never-ending quest for a safe place to host the "Oldest Established Permanent Floating Crap Game in New York," and to see what happens when a "gambler" of a guy falls for a "mission doll."

Tickets for the Nov. 2, 4 and 5 performances of "Guys and Dolls" are available now on the online ticket platform, <https://admhs.booktix.com>. Student admission is \$6; adult admission is \$10. Run time will be approximately 2.5 hours, which includes a 15-minute intermission. ■

SALAD LUNCHEON

Adel Women's Club salad luncheon will be held on Monday, Nov. 6, at the First Christian Church, 218 N. Ninth St., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost of \$10 provides a huge selection of salads, sandwiches and desserts with coffee, tea, water and lemonade as beverages. Come and support this civic organization that funds and supports many projects and activities in Adel. ■

THIRD MONDAY BINGO

Enjoy Bingo on Monday, Nov. 20, 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. Bring a dauber if you have one. They will also be for sale. ■

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