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ADEL ROTARY CLUB RECOGNIZES MCHUGH

The Rotary Club of Adel honored Darragh McHugh at its meeting on Jan. 29. Darragh was named Adel Rotary's November 2024 ADM Scholarship Foundation E-Sports Student of the Month.

Darragh is a sophomore at ADM High School, where he is an avid gamer representing ADM on the varsity team. Many students are finding a connection with school and making friends through E-sports during its three seasons. The team has had success at the state level in competition as well as providing a non-competition opportunity for gamers. ■



Darragh McHugh with Adel Rotary President Amanda Schwantes. McHugh was honored as E-Sports Student of the Month.

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 37 | LOW 26

Some sun, then turning cloudy



SATURDAY HIGH 33 | LOW 12

Freezing drizzle early; cloudy



SUNDAY HIGH 30 | LOW 20

Mostly cloudy



MONDAY HIGH 34 | LOW 10

Cloudy



TUESDAY HIGH 25 | LOW 9

Colder with snow



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM BABE

More than 30 years ago, I was having coffee with Babe Bisignano at his restaurant in downtown Des Moines. I was working for The Des Moines Register at the time, and Babe wanted to tell me what he thought about the restaurant reviews that were running in the newspaper's Datebook section (a now-defunct publication that was a competitor to CITYVIEW at the time).

Babe was an incredible man. A boxer. A wrestler. A bootlegger. A restaurateur. He was respected by many, including me. When he spoke, I listened.

"Those reviews are (expletive)," he would tell me. "They are just not fair. I can take the criticism. My business can take the criticism. But for the person who is just starting out, they are murder. You guys should be ashamed of yourselves for running them."

His words stuck with me, even three decades later.

"Kid, you don't know what that restaurant went through that night it was reviewed. Chefs get sick. Servers don't show up. Food trucks can be late."

Then he would set his coffee cup

down with one hand and point his cigar-sized finger from his other in my face with a stern message to come.

"It's not an easy business, you know that? But it sure is easy for writers to spout off their opinions when they don't know what the hell they are talking about."

The 77-year-old man would then rub his forehead while apologizing for yelling at me. I would pour him another cup of coffee, and we would scribble a pizza ad together.

I have shared this story many times with our longtime CITYVIEW food critic, Jim Duncan, who understands the challenges in running a restaurant. Jim tells me he visits a place he reviews multiple times before writing about it, and he makes efforts to point out several positives before expressing a negative of any sort. I respect Jim as well, and when he speaks, I also listen.

My views on restaurant reviews spill over to my views on restaurant inspections. Don't get me wrong.



I don't like food poisoning any more than you, but I have seen inspectors come into a crowded restaurant at noon with their white gloves and clipboards and rattle the staff. Undoubtedly, a few orders were messed up that day — and understandably so.

We used to publish the restaurant inspection findings. Some other media organizations still do. Most of the problems discovered are minor, but that's not how some readers, listeners or viewers may see it. And, in the meantime, a restaurateur's dream — and life savings — can be immediately crushed. Few other industries receive such scrutiny, and that's not fair.

So, the next time you go out to eat, I ask that you remember the many challenges of those in the restaurant industry — and the words of Babe.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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CHAMBER PRESIDENT SOUGHT

The Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce is seeking a president. The President of the chamber of commerce 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, scan this code. ■



50S PLUS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The 50s Plus Seniors group has been going for the last three years, during which 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. The group now has programs included in its activities. Programs are open to anyone, not just seniors.

Feb. 18: Program on Granny Basketball history.

Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m. (note time change): AI and The Human Future.

VALENTINE'S PJ PARTY AT BRENTON ARBORETUM

Enjoy story time, crafts and games at the Valentine's PJ Party Thursday, Feb. 13, 10-11 a.m. at The Brenton Arboretum Vista Room, 25141 260th St., Dallas Center. Local author Rachel Prohaska will read her book, "Hearts from Heaven." ■

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ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Feb. 7

- 4:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls JV vs. Gilbert
- 4:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys JV vs. Gilbert
- 6 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls Varsity vs. Gilbert
- 7:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys Varsity vs. Gilbert

Saturday, Feb. 8

- 11 a.m. **Bowling:** JV/Varsity vs. Newton @ Adel Family Fun Center
- 12 p.m. **Wrestling:** Varsity State Duals

Tuesday, Feb. 11

- 4:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls JV @ Boone
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RICHARD JOHN "DICK" AZINGER SR.

Richard John "Dick" Azinger Sr., 87, died Jan. 28, 2025. He was born on Aug. 6, 1937, in Keokuk and graduated high school in Montrose. He received multiple advance degrees from colleges and universities including St. Ambrose and the University of Iowa. He married Mary Ann Kearns on Aug. 11, 1962, in Keokuk. The couple lived in DeWitt for more than 50 years raising their five children. Dick spent his life dedicated to teaching, inspiring countless students throughout his career.



Dick's love for family, reading, scrapbooking and gardening (vegetables and flowers) was evident to all who knew him. You could always see Dick and Mary Ann at one of the numerous sporting events of their children and grandchildren. Black glass was another passion of theirs, and they grew quite a collection. Dick also presented travel logs at the local movie house. Dick also loved doing calligraphy and making cutout artwork for special events.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Lorretta; his siblings, Herman "Bud" and his wife, Pat, Tom, and William "Bill" and Donna. Dick is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, their five children, Kevin (Connie), Kirk (Lisa), Rich (Janet), Todd (Stefanie) and Jennifer (Bob); his bother, Roy (Liz); 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A visitation and memorial service will be held on Feb. 8 at St. Boniface Church in Waukee starting at 9 a.m. There will be a light luncheon following the mass. Burial will be held at a later date in Montrose. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Croix Hospice of West Des Moines. ■

JODY LYNN SCHUTTE

Jody Lynn Schutte, 57, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025. She was born Dec. 16, 1967, in Jefferson and spent her childhood on a farm outside of Redfield, where her favorite pastimes included camping with her family, vacationing with her best friend, and helping her dad on the farm.



Jody graduated from Dexfield High School in 1986 and Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in 1992. With a compassionate heart and a love for people, Jody had a natural calling toward a nursing career that spanned more than 25 years.

She married her husband, Russ, on April 5, 1996. To this marriage, they welcomed Sidney Rae and made their home in Van Meter. As a family, they would vacation often to anywhere that had a nice beach, spend a lot of time at their lake home on Sun Valley Lake, and play a lot of cribbage with friends and family.

She is survived by her daughter, Sidney (Luke) Anderson; parents, Larry and Pam Godwin; granddaughters, Hensley and Murphy Anderson; sister, Teresa (Rick) Long; brother, Nyle (Tina) Godwin; nieces Kori (Mike) Danner, Bailey (Brandon) Pruitt and Hunter Godwin. She was preceded in death by her husband, Russ, and nephew, Christopher Long.

Visitation was Monday, Feb. 3 at the Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home in Adel. A private family burial will be held at a later date at the Morrisburg Cemetery in Stuart. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family for future designation. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.caldwellparrish.com ■

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DENNIS EDWARD SUTHERLAND

Dennis Edward Sutherland, 78, of Van Meter, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2025. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 7 at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home, Adel Chapel. A funeral service will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Van Meter American Legion Hall. A private family inurnment with military honors will be held on Monday, Feb. 10 at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Adel. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the Van Meter American Legion Post No. 403. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.caldwellparrish.com.

Dennis was born on Nov. 6, 1946, in northwest Iowa. He graduated from Adel High School in 1964. Dennis took great pride in his military service, and the lessons he learned during those years remained with him for the rest of his life.

On Sept. 25, 1976, Dennis married Elaine Culbertson in Van Meter. Together, they built a beautiful life and a big, loving family.

A proud member of the Van Meter American Legion Post No. 403, Dennis dedicated much of his time to his fellow veterans. He was also a member of the Van Meter Baptist Church, where he served faithfully for many years. He worked as a machinist at John Deere for 30 years, retiring in 1995, and later spent several years working in conservation.

He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, hunting, gardening and beekeeping. Dennis was also a gifted cook and canner and took great pride in his famous brisket. He enjoyed building and repairing anything he could, from smokers to birdhouses.

His family was his greatest joy. He was a devoted husband, father and "Papa," who cherished every moment spent with his loved ones.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine Sutherland; children, Christy (Mark) Vesey, Kimberley (Marvin) Firch, Sean (Kathy) Culbertson and Scott (Cindi) Culbertson; 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; siblings, Sandy (Jim) Garoutte, Deani (Jeff) Montang, Ronnie (Kristi) Sutherland, Joani (Floyd) Groves and Carol (Bill) Barrow; along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gene and Lois Sutherland, and his brother, Roger Sutherland. ■



SOUP SUPPER

Peace Lutheran Church, 34128 L Ave., just north of KOA Campground, will hold its soup supper on Feb. 8, 4-6:30 p.m., for a freewill donation. ■

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

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. ■



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Feb. 15

Captain Roy's, 1900 Saylor Road, Des Moines

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Register for the competitions the day before. Featured are turkey bowling, tug of war, ice cooler curling, buck saw and several others. Live music with TOASTER is from 5-8 p.m. "Join your fellow village idiots for Shiver on the River, the premier event for pointless jackassery and top fuel feats of trivial competitions," per Captain Roy's. Sounds like a good time.

BATTLE OF THE BAGS

Feb. 22, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Izaak Walton League, 4343 George Flagg Parkway, Des Moines

pcaiowa.org

The Annual Battle of the Bags is back. Grab a friend and some great food and toss bags to compete for bragging rights, prizes, and, most importantly, to benefit kids in Iowa. Teams of two will battle in a bags tournament while supporting Prevent Child Abuse Iowa's mission of providing safe and happy childhoods for Iowa's kids. Must register to enter at <https://buy.stripe.com/28obJD28y3Fp51ScN3>.

RED FLANNEL RUN

Feb. 15

501 Grand Ave., Des Moines

The Red Flannel Run is the longest, consecutively produced race in the Des Moines area with 1-mile, 5K and 10K options. Wear your favorite red flannel attire and help support the YMCA's mission to strengthen the foundations of community through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. Register at runsignup.com/Race/IA/DesMoines/RedFlannelRun

VENDOR MARKETS

Feb. 15, March 15, April 19, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Outlets of Des Moines, 801 Bass Pro Drive N.W.,

Suite 315, Altoona

Each show has a variety of vendors from Avon, Living Oils, Small Town Laser, Unicorn Clouds, MJ's Hometown Honey, 3D by LouAnn, Tupperware, Tastefully Simple, Good Vibrations Gems & Crystals, plus others. Come check out the vendors and buy local. If interested in being a vendor, email k2marketplacemagic@gmail.com for information.

DMPA CONCERT SERIES

Various dates, 7 p.m.

Temple Theater, 1011 Locust St., Des Moines

Des Moines Performing Arts (DMPA) is excited to announce a new concert series. "Made in the Midwest" highlights the artistry of local musicians in the intimate Temple Theater. Celebrating the talents of independent artists from across our region, guests will enjoy a unique experience where the musicians take center stage in a venue known for its unparalleled acoustic quality.

The series will kick off with five artists just announced.

- **Feb. 14:** Brad & Kate, Pop/Folk
- **Feb. 15:** The Finesse, soul/pop
- **March 21:** Matt Woods, roots/blues
- **April 25:** Allegra Hernandez, rock
- **May 9:** Abbie Sawyer, folk/americana

The Finesse and Abbie Sawyer will be performing songs from their latest album releases, giving audiences the chance to hear their new music live for the first time. Tickets are on sale now starting at \$20/show. You can purchase tickets by visiting DMPA.org, calling 515-246-2300, or stopping by the Civic Center Ticket Office at 221 Walnut St. You can also purchase tickets night of at the Temple Theater Ticket Office, 1011 Locust St., starting two hours before a performance.

BONDU CHOWDER RIDE

Feb. 22, 10:30 a.m.

101 Main St. S.E., Bondurant

Enjoy a free, easy winter ride from Bondurant to Berwick and back on the Chichaqua Valley Trail. ■

RECIPE

A HEARTY MEAL IN MINIATURE FORM

(Family Features) Perfect for any occasion — from family dinners to football watch parties — these mini beef Wellingtons pair nicely with mashed potatoes and green beans or can be served as an easy appetizer before the big game. It's a downsized version of a hearty favorite that'll leave everyone asking for more. ■

MINI BEEF WELLINGTONS

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Mushroom Sauce:

- 1 can (14 ounces) mushrooms
- 1 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 8 ounces beef tenderloin steaks, cubed
- 1 package (17 ounces, 2 sheets) puff pastry
- water
- garlic and herb spreadable cheese
- 1 package (2 1/2 ounces) real bacon pieces
- mashed potatoes, for serving

Directions:

To make mushroom sauce: In blender, blend mushrooms and



chicken broth; set aside.

In skillet over medium heat, melt butter and mix in flour. Slowly add mushroom broth while stirring. It should start to thicken; if it doesn't, add 1 tablespoon flour and stir well.

Add garlic powder and salt and pepper, to taste. Mix in heavy cream while continuing to stir. Remove from heat and set aside.

Heat oven to 400 F.

Cube steaks and place in bowl then cover and mix well with 1 cup mushroom sauce.

Cut each puff pastry into six squares

for 12 total. Use water to moisten each corner of squares and bring them together, forming small box shape. Place 1 heaping tablespoon meat mixture into each pastry square.

Place squares on parchment paper-covered cookie sheets and bake 15 minutes.

Spoon spreadable cheese over hot squares and top with bacon pieces.

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- **Dallas County Conservation Storytime** – Monday, Feb. 10 at 10 a.m.
- **Move and Groove Storytime** – Every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.
- **My First Storytime** – Every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Storytime** – Every Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

ELEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

- **Winter Playtime** – Every Friday from 9-11 a.m.
- **Pokémon Club** – Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 4 p.m.
- **Valentine's Day Escape Room** – Feb. 14. Time slots till 3 p.m.
Registration required at adelpl.org
- **Oreo Taste Test** – Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 4 p.m. Registration required at adelpl.org
- **Building League** – Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 4 p.m.

TEEN

- **Teen: Clay Gnomes** – Thursday, Feb. 13 at 4 p.m.
- **Valentine's Day Escape Room** – Feb. 14. Time slots till 3 p.m.
Registration required at adelpl.org
- **Teen: Oreo Taste Test Challenge** – Thursday, Feb. 20 at 4 p.m.
- **Teen Hang Out** – Thursday, Feb. 27 at 4 p.m.
- **Library D&D** – Friday, Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. Registration required at adelpl.org

ADULTS

- **Yoga** – Every Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. Registration required at adelpl.org
- **50s Plus Senior Group** – Feb. 18 at 10 a.m.
- **Brown Bag Book Club** – Thursday, Feb. 13 at 12 p.m.
- **Family Puzzle Competition** – Friday, Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. Registration required at adelpl.org
- **Adult Puzzle Competition** – Friday, Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. Registration required at adelpl.org
- **AI and the Human Future** – Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m.
- **Evening Book Club** – Thursday, Feb. 27 at 5:30 p.m. ■

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