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ADEL ROTARY HONORS CARTER MADISON

The Adel Rotary Club members welcomed Carter Madison to their meeting on April 14 to recognize his accomplishments. Carter was named the Adel Rotary Club's ADM Foundation March Student of the Month for boys golf. Carter noted that the boys golf team won the 2025 Raccoon River Conference title this year, and three ADM golfers were named All-Conference, including Carter, who was the individual RRC champion this year. Pictured, Adel Rotary President Amanda Schwantes, presents Carter Madison with a certificate of achievement. ■

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 66 | LOW 49

More clouds than sun

**SATURDAY HIGH 65 | LOW 49**

Mostly cloudy with a shower

**SUNDAY HIGH 65 | LOW 48**

Mostly cloudy; a couple t-storms

**MONDAY HIGH 67 | LOW 47**

Clouds yielding to sun

**TUESDAY HIGH 68 | LOW 48**

Sunshine and a few clouds



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

PUT YOUR HEAD DOWN AND PLOW FORWARD

Just put your head down and plow forward. That was the advice I got from my eighth-grade football coach, Keith Christie. I didn't get the opportunity to run with the football very often, and when I did, I apparently tried to get too fancy with half-hearted jukes and uninspiring spin moves that didn't result in much positive yardage. Barry Sanders, I was not.

So, Coach Christie made it simple for me. He said I needed to quit trying to sidestep the defensive players and instead just run them over. That's what my teammates Todd and Tommy did, and that's why Coach Christie opted for plays with them running the ball and me blocking for them.

Coach Christie's advice made sense on the gridiron, but it applies to a lot more than football. We too often try to avoid our challenges in life by sidestepping, spinning and juking. And then those challenges catch up to us and tackle us to the ground. We get up, shake them off

and get ready for the next play. Then we do the same things again and wonder why the same results keep happening. It's maddening.

Instead, what if we took my eighth-grade coach's advice, put our heads down and plowed forward? What if we took our challenges on with complete confidence and ran right over them? What if we realized that moving side to side or backwards to avoid those challenges doesn't get us ahead?

Of course, if we do this too often, we may end up with the proverbial brain concussion. That's why we need those around us — our teammates — to also run the ball by putting their heads down and plowing forward. Sharing the load, you might say.

I didn't take Coach Christie's advice as a teenager. I wanted the ball, but I wasn't delivering the expected results — and I was



not willing to change. Instead of staying out for football and working to improve, I ran cross country. I still had to learn to move forward, though. Juking, spinning and side-stepping made even less sense on the cross country course.

Today, though, more than four decades later, I take Coach Christie's advice to heart, and I try to lower my head and plow forward in most everything I do. It doesn't always result in touchdowns — and it creates a few headaches — but it does ensure that I am moving forward and making progress. I would guess that Coach Christie, who just passed away a few weeks ago at age 94, would have approved.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■



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DELILA KAE DEARDORFF

Delila Kae Deardorff, born on June 14, 1949, in Aberdeen, South Dakota, died on May 12, 2025. She lived a life that was a testament to faith, joy and unwavering dedication, both in her family and in her service to others.

She served in the U.S. Air Force for "20 years plus 1 day." She was one of the first women to serve as a recruiter for the Air Force. She graduated from National Louis University, McClean, Virginia, with a bachelor's degree in business management in 1989, after having completed her earlier education in Aberdeen.

She was an avid Quester and decorator for Hope Church. She was an Alpha leader and taught core classes. She was past president of the National Guard Officers' Women's Association.

She is survived by her husband, Tom Deardorff; children, Krisanne (Michael) Myers, Stayce (Juan) Cardona and Dyana Hill; grandchildren, Luke (Sarah), Brendan, Ryan, Joshua, AJ, Omar, Claire, Owen, Nyomie, Jaydan, Jazmyn and Jocelyn; brother, Ron (Azalia) Doering; numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends; and close friend, Beverly Olson.

Delila was preceded in death by her sister, DeRae Wilson; and son, Jesse Deardorff.

Burial will be at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Adel on May 23 at 11 a.m. with full military honors by the Air Force Honor Guard from Offutt Air Force Base, Bellevue, Nebraska.

Memorials are suggested to the American Parkinson's Disease Association. See the full obituary at www.caldwellparrish.com/obituaries/delila-deardorff. ■



ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, May 23, 2025

- 9 a.m. **Track:** Boys JV/Varsity Coed State Meet @ Drake Stadium
 9 a.m. **Track:** Girls JV/Varsity Coed State Meet @ Drake Stadium

Saturday, May 24, 2025

- 9 a.m. **Track:** Boys JV/Varsity Coed State Meet @ Drake Stadium
 9 a.m. **Track:** Girls JV/Varsity Coed State Meet @ Drake Stadium

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

- 4:30 p.m. **Baseball:** 9th @ Winterset
 4:30 p.m. **Softball:** Freshman vs. Ankeny
 5 p.m. **Baseball:** JV vs. Dallas Center - Grimes
 5:45 p.m. **Softball:** JV vs. Ankeny
 7 p.m. **Baseball:** Varsity vs. Dallas Center - Grimes
 7 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys Varsity Substate vs. Bondurant-Farrar
 7:30 p.m. **Softball:** Varsity vs. Ankeny

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EARL SANDE

Earl Sande was born Aug. 4, 1933, in Dakota City. He graduated from high school in Humboldt in 1951. He then attended Drake University where he studied accounting. In 1954, he married his high school sweetheart, Ruth Ellen Schultz, and they were married for 62 years until Ruth's passing in 2016. They had three children, David, Susan and Kathleen.

In 1954, he joined his father in the newly purchased Adel Lumber Co. in Adel. It later became Sande Lumber Co., Inc. and eventually S. Building Center, Inc. He remained in the retail building materials business for 47 years until its closing in 2001. He was also involved in developing residential and commercial land. He was a founding partner in San-Len-De Construction, Inc., Conmat Inc., and Crown Development Inc. where he was involved with the construction of many buildings and new homes in Adel. He also individually developed and constructed many new commercial lots and buildings.

He was a devoted and lifelong Lutheran and a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Adel. Through the years, he served on various church committees and church councils. He served as a member of Adel Planning and Zoning Board, Adel Chamber of Commerce Board, Adel Developers Board, Dallas County Developers Board, Hillcrest Country Club Board and Dallas County Draft Board. He was a long-time member of the Adel Rotary Club, having joined in February 1956. He served as a Rotarian board member, treasurer and twice as president.

His Scandinavian heritage was an important part of his life. He treasured his travels to visit relatives and friends in Norway and Denmark and continued a close relationship with them throughout his life. He was a member of Sons of Norway Lodge where he served as board member, treasurer and vice-president. He was also a member of Danish Brotherhood Lodge where he served as board member, vice-president and president.

He was happiest when he was interacting with family and friends. He maintained many childhood friendships and enjoyed attending reunions over the years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth; brother, Neal; and son-in-law, Steve Riedemann.

He is survived by his children, David (Nanci) Sande, Susan Riedemann and Kathleen (Mark) Beaman; six grandchildren, Garrett (Heather) Riedemann, Chris (Anna) Sande, Hannah (Jeffery) Byers, Erin (Aaron) Ortals, Emily (Robert) Auers and Benjamin Sande; 12 great-grandchildren, Tierney Riedemann, Emerson Riedemann, Malachi Riedemann, Jameson Ortals, Freja Sande, Michaela Byers, Ella Ortals, Jeffery III Byers, June Auers, Josie Auers, Jacob Ortals and Ford Auers; sisters-in-law, Phyllis Sande and Barbara Lansing; and former son-in-law, Paul Ford.

Visitation was May 20 at Grace Lutheran Church, Adel, and his funeral was Wednesday, May 21. Donations may be made to Grace Lutheran, Adel Rotary, UnityPoint Health or ALK Positive, Inc.

See his full obituary at www.caldwellparish.com/obituaries/earl-sande. ■



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KENNY E. CHAPMAN

Kenny Chapman, 87, of Adel, died May 17, 2025. A visitation was held on May 22 at Caldwell Parrish, Adel. The funeral service will take place on Friday, May 23, at the old Adel High School at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow immediately after at Oakdale Cemetery in Adel.

Kenny was born on April 15, 1938, in Adel. He graduated from Adel High School, where he excelled in basketball and track. He had a passion for cars and racing. He not only participated in go-kart races but also had a knack for outrunning the police, often sharing tales of his escapades with his good friend, Jack.

Before settling down, he ventured to Montana to work on an oil rig, gaining experiences that he would recount with the flair of a true storyteller. Kenny eventually returned to Adel, where he met his first wife, Claudia, and welcomed four children: Terry, Tammy, Teresa and Todd. During this time, he formed lasting friendships with characters like Merle Haselhuhn, Jim Rhoten, Loyd Grove and Jack Chapman. He founded Ken's TV and Appliance, now Adel & Winterset TV & Appliance - Heating and Cooling, which has served the community for the last 65 years.

At the age of 42, Kenny married Linda Lou Lockhart, and together they welcomed his fifth child, Kenny (KC) Chapman.

Kenny was truly a once-in-a-lifetime personality. His kindness, quick wit, ingenuity and care for others, combined with his business acumen and gentle fatherly nature, made him an icon in the community and a hero to all five of his children.

Kenny served as the grand marshal for the Sweet Corn Festival multiple times and is nearly famous for inventing the sweet corn cooker, responsible for cooking thousands — if not millions — of ears of corn over the years. He was also the vice chairman of the Quasquicentennial, a long-time member of the Lions Club, president of the Jaycees, and a long-time member of Adel's Chamber of Commerce. If that weren't enough, he served as a volunteer firefighter.

Kenny is survived by his wife of 45 years, Linda; children: Terry (Teresa), Tammy (Brett), Teresa, Todd (Chris), and KC (Emilee); 13 grandchildren, Michael, Mattie, Michelle, Brandon, William, Justin, Josh, Brittany, Kendra, Megan, Jordan, Jackson and Jayden; great-grandchildren, Lucas, Norah, Lillie, Beckett, Callan, Pearl, Cash, Jet, Liam, Landon, Brinlee, Grayson, Brecken, Greenly, Bella, Owen and Brooks.

Kenny was preceded in death by his first wife, Claudia; brothers, Wilford (Bill), Eugene, Harold, Don and Harlan Chapman; and sisters, Kathryn and Wilma.

See full obituary at www.caldwellparrish.com/obituaries/kenny-chapman. ■



THOMAS EARIXSON, JR.

Thomas Earixson, Jr. died May 17, 2025. A celebration of life will be held at Iles Grandview Park Chapel at 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 28 with a reception and time to visit following.

Thomas Franklin Earixson, Jr. was born Nov. 28, 1958, in Des Moines. He graduated from Des Moines East High School and resided in Des Moines until moving to Adel Acres. Thomas enjoyed woodworking, fishing, hunting and Harley Davidson motorcycles.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Jenifer Ferriss.

He is survived by his sisters, Sandra Earixson and Patricia Earixson; niece, Sara (Bob) Wiles; and two great nephews and one great niece.

See full obituary at www.ilesfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Thomas-Franklin-Earixson-Jr./Adel-IA/1893433. ■



EVENTS IN THE AREA

EMAIL YOUR EVENT INFORMATION TO
TAMMY@IOWALIVINGMAGAZINES.COM**RAP CAROUSEL DAY****Saturday, May 31, 4-6 p.m.****Union Park, 725 Thompson Ave., Des Moines**

This annual Real Advantage Partners event welcomes spring and brings families and neighbors together at beautiful Union Park (home of the famous Rocket Slide) in Des Moines for free rides on the historic carousel. Attendees also enjoy games and refreshments provided by RAP team members.

WORKSHOPS WITH MASTER DRUMMER BOLOKADA CONDE**Saturday, May 31, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and Sunday, June 1, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.****Unity Center, 414 31st St., Des Moines**

Bolokada Conde, lead soloist of Les Percussions de Guinée (Guinea's National Ballet) for more than a decade, will be conducting workshops in traditional Malinke rhythms. Cost is \$35 per session or \$120 for all four. Bolokada has taught drumming internationally for decades, including at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where he was a full-time visiting artist from 2008 to 2011. For more information, contact Linda Foster at 515-669-5820 or Bob Miller at 641-472-2479.

EARLHAM CONCERT SERIES**Every Sunday from June 1 to Aug. 10, except July 6, 6 p.m.****Earlham City Park, Earlham**

The Levitt Amp Earlham Music Series starts with an opening act around 6 p.m. and a headliner around 7:15 p.m. Lots of kids activities and food trucks will be offered as well. The concerts are free.

- **June 1:** The Black Moods, Lani
- **June 8:** Gallivant, Kerry Koberg
- **June 15:** Denita, Ultra Violet Fever
- **June 22:** Hector Anchondo, Weary Ramblers
- **June 29:** Olivia Fox, Iowa Military Veterans Band
- **July 13:** Summer Dean, 10 Watt Robot

- **July 20:** Mae Simpson, Yubu
- **July 27:** Blame Not the Bard, Day's Live Music
- **Aug. 3:** Larry and Joe, Sun Centauri
- **Aug. 10:** Dessa and The 29:11 South African Choir, Nella Thomas

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS**Sundays, June 8 to July 6**

Music Under the Stars unveils its 2025 summer concert series, featuring the return of Music Director and Conductor Vince Kenney and a lineup of talented guest soloists and vocalists. Concerts are free to the public, inviting music lovers of all ages to gather and enjoy live concert and jazz band performances under the stars.

- **June 8:** Pirate Songs and Love Songs. Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines. Set sail on an enchanting musical voyage with guest soloist Will Baker, bass trombonist with the Chicago Lyric Opera, and jazz vocalist Marisa Cravero.
- **June 15:** Once Upon a Father's Day: Music for Dads and Their Princesses. Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines. Celebrate fatherhood and fairy tales with the soaring soprano of Abby Kate Boesch and the beloved vocals of Gina Gedler.
- **June 22:** Historic Hoyt Sherman Place. Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines. A night of classics and nostalgia featuring trumpet virtuoso Andy Classen and powerhouse vocalist Tina Haase-Findlay.
- **June 29:** Let Freedom Ring. Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines. Kick off Independence Day festivities with stirring patriotic music. Enjoy featured oboe soloist Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg and rising star Napoleon Douglas.
- **July 6:** 78 RPM. Lauridsen Amphitheater at Water Works Park, 2201 George Flagg Parkway, Des Moines. A retro-inspired evening channeling vintage vibes with horn soloist Kristen Ronning and the classic big band stylings of vocalist Max Wellman. ■

RECIPE

A SAVVY WEEKNIGHT FAMILY MEAL

(Family Features) Because this time of year can be crazy busy, drive-thru meals can easily become the norm. While fast-food burgers may do the trick once in a while, they can get old quick if your family is eating them every other night. This quick and easy Baked Spaghetti can bring everybody back to the table and it won't break the bank either. ■

BAKED SPAGHETTI

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4-6

Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 pound spaghetti noodles
- 1 jar (16 ounces) alfredo sauce
- 1 jar (24 ounces) marinara sauce
- 2 tablespoons garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons onion powder
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 2 cups shredded cheese
- French bread or breadsticks, for serving

Directions:

- Heat oven to 350 F.
- Brown and drain ground beef. Cook noodles according to package instructions. Drain noodles; add alfredo sauce and mix well.



- Add marinara sauce, garlic powder and onion powder to ground beef. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.
- Place noodles in 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Spoon beef

mixture on top but do not mix in. Cover with shredded cheese then cover with foil and bake 30-40 minutes.

- Serve with French bread or breadsticks.

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ADEL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY MAY 26

The Adel American Legion Penoach Post 464 and Auxiliary Unit 464 extend an invitation to everyone to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony at Adel Oakdale Cemetery on Monday, May 26, starting at 9 a.m. This day is our opportunity to give thanks to the heroes who died and the loved ones left behind to make sure that their sacrifices are remembered and that their service to this nation will always be honored. Bring a lawn chair, since no seating is available. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will not be held. ■

HONEY CREEK RODEO

Come to the Honey Creek Rodeo this Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 24, and Sunday, May 25, hosted at the Dallas County Fairgrounds, 28057 Fairground Road, Adel. The schedule includes: Saturday, May 24: 10 a.m., slack, goats, roping; 1 p.m., Honey Creek Rodeo; 6 p.m., round robin team roping. Sunday, May 25: 9:30-11:30 a.m., peewee/junior bull school; 10 a.m., Honey Creek Queen contest; noon, Cowboy Church; 12:30-4:30 p.m., senior/novice bull school; 7 p.m., Honey Creek Rodeo.

Admission for Honey Creek Rodeo is \$10, ages 5 and younger free. Free admission for other events. ■

ADEL AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DISTRIBUTES POPPIES

Visit the Adel Fareway Store on Friday, May 23 and Saturday, May 24 to receive your poppy in honor of military veterans, the military and their families. Inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields" by Col. John McCrea, the custom of wearing the poppy can be traced back to World War I.

"In Flanders field the poppies blow, Between the crosses row on row, That mark our places; And in the sky the larks, Still bravely singing, fly, Scarce heard amid the guns below.

With more than 100 years of rich tradition, National Poppy Day on May 23 stands as a powerful reminder of the cost of our freedom. ■

GREENSLADE 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Longtime Adel residents Jim and Joy Greenslade are celebrating 60 years of marriage on June 19. An anniversary open house will be held on Saturday, June 7, 1-4 p.m. at the Adel Public Library Community Room, 303 S. 10th St. ■

CLASSIFIED ADS

GARAGE SALE: Friday, May 30, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, May 31, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tools, household goods, outdoor items, clothes etc. Located at 19211 270th Street (West of Adel).

FOR SALE: For Sale: Aluminum alloy 90 gallon Diesel transfer tank. \$200. Call 515-314-9803.

GARAGE SALE: Peace Lutheran Church, 34128 L. Avenue. North of KOA Campground. Friday, June 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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