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The Adel Kiwanis Club recognized December Students of the Month, Haley Nelson and Brenna Seidl, at the Dec. 23 Club meeting at Patrick's Restaurant in Adel. ■

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 46 | LOW 21
Partly sunny and windy



SATURDAY HIGH 41 | LOW 26
Mostly sunny



SUNDAY HIGH 54 | LOW 28
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MONDAY HIGH 55 | LOW 37
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TUESDAY HIGH 51 | LOW 28
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FROM THE PUBLISHER

IT'S NOT THE COLD; IT'S THE WIND

You have heard it many times: It's not the heat; it's the humidity. For some of us living in the frozen tundra region right now, either one of those sounds quite nice — for a day or two. Then, we complain about the heat and humidity much like we complain about the cold and the wind.

I guess it is human nature to want what we don't have and then not want it when we do have it. Fortunately, for us Iowans, in terms of weather, we get it all. And, ultimately, that's the way most of us like it.

The heat and humidity discussions may hold water in Arizona, but we have winter words that define our challenges here. Those of you who had the courage to get outdoors the past few weeks will likely agree. In Iowa winters, it's not the temperature; it's the wind chill.

Yes, the wind chill, that meddling measure of how cold it feels outside when the wretched wind combines with the air temperature. The wind increases heat loss from our exposed skin,

and it makes the air feel colder than it actually is. And, unlike some of the other weather terms that create unnecessary hype, this is real.

We had an event on Saturday, Jan. 24 appropriately called Fire & Ice. It was a hockey-themed bar crawl in Valley Junction, and it was a lot of fun. Samples of winter-themed drinks were served, and participants were able to experience many of the great establishments on Fifth Street in Valley Junction. Some of our regular participants opted to sit this one out because of the single-digit temperatures. To be honest, we had concerns, too. The end result, though, was quite pleasing. The sun was out. The snow was scarce. And the wind was non-existent. I spent most of the afternoon outside welcoming people at the check-in door. Yes, I was dressed appropriately and was standing near outdoor space heaters, but I was comfortable.



Had the wind picked up, it would have been a different story.

Do you ever wonder where and why we started measuring this wind chill thing? The concept of the wind chill factor was apparently developed in the 1940s by Antarctic explorers Paul Allman Siple and Charles Passel. They created the first wind chill formulas based on their observations. The wind chill index was then made widely available by the National Weather Service in the 1970s, and a new formula was implemented in 2001.

Heat and humidity? Those are terms for the desert dwellers. In Iowa, our weather words are cold and wind. And, when we plan properly, we are just fine with that — at least for a few more weeks.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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SPEAKER AT CLUB'S MEETING



Adel Women's Club's speaker at their February meeting was Leslie Green, the community involvement manager with Hope Ministries. Since 1915, Hope Ministries has provided food, shelter, clothing and life recovery for men, women and children in need — offering rescue, recovery and restoration in Des Moines. Club members enjoyed learning about Hope Ministries' programs and how they impact lives. The club presented Green with 120 laundry kits and a \$100 donation. For more information, email Adelwomensclub@gmail.com. ■

SPREAD THE LOVE PB&J CAMPAIGN

The Dallas County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections Office is serving as a drop-off site for the Spread the Love PB&J donation drive throughout February. Residents and businesses are encouraged to donate unopened jars of peanut butter and jelly to support local food pantries and families facing food insecurity. Donations can be dropped off at the Auditor's Office at 210 N. 10th St. in Adel between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (closed Feb. 20). Every jar helps spread a little extra nourishment and kindness across our community. ■

ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Feb. 6

- 4:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls JV @ Gilbert
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- 5:45 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys Freshman @ Gilbert
- 6 p.m. **Basketball:** Girls Varsity @ Gilbert
- 7:30 p.m. **Basketball:** Boys Varsity @ Gilbert

Saturday, Feb. 7

- 12 p.m. **Wrestling:** Varsity State Duals vs. TBA @ TBA

Monday, Feb. 9

- 10 a.m. **Bowling:** JV/Varsity Tournament vs. Gilbert @ Perfect Games, Ames



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SOUP SUPPER AT PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH FEB. 7

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NEW DALLAS COUNTY REDISTRICTING MAP

Dallas County has finalized a new redistricting map ahead of the 2026 election as the Board of Supervisors expands from three to five members. The change, approved by nearly 67% of voters in November 2024 and confirmed by the Iowa Secretary of State's Office, reflects the county's rapid growth and improves local representation. Under Iowa's Plan 2 structure, candidates must live in the district they seek to represent, but all county residents vote in every race. The updated boundaries align with current population distribution and state requirements. Residents are encouraged to review the new district map on the Dallas County website, www.dallascountyiowa.gov/668/Redistricting-Information, before the November election cycle or contact the Auditor's Office for more information. ■





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RUSSELL O. BEAMAN

Russell O. Beaman, 95, of Adel, died Feb. 2, 2026, at Spurgeon Manor in Dallas Center. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 6, at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home – Adel Chapel. Burial will follow at Winterset Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be directed to Spurgeon Manor Nursing Facility, Iowa PBS Foundation, or the Adel United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.caldwellparrish.com.



Russell was born on Sept. 13, 1930, in Madison County. He graduated from De Soto High School in 1949, where he met his sweetheart and future wife, Ruth Cain. They were married for 72 years.

Russ was an automotive technician for many years at the Ford garage in Earlham. Later, he went to electronic school and received his General Radio Telephone Operator's license with Radar endorsement. In 1965, Russ began working for KDPS TV, IEBN and IPTV (now PBS) and continued for more than 27 years. He advanced to senior engineer of communication technologies/research with Iowa Public Television. He was involved with two station moves: one from Des Moines Technical School to Bell Avenue and then the final move to Johnston, where it is today. He worked with the architect, engineering and production department to oversee construction of all aspects of the move and implement daily changes as it was built. Pioneer donated the land to IPTV with certain conditions to be met and have some oversight of the building project during construction.

Russ (K0AON) and Ruth (K0ENA) were both licensed amateur radio operators and communicated with many countries around the world. They enjoyed talking to amateur radio friends and running phone patches to (MARS) military stations on holidays, etc. so servicemen could contact their families.

Russ retired on Dec. 31, 1992, to help with their business "Beaman's Fabrics" in De Soto until selling the business and building in 2001. They traveled in all 50 states, Canada, Germany, Austria and Switzerland. They also went on a three-week auto tour to several South American countries with their missionary family, Marabel Kersey and Frances and Jerry Leonard in 1985.

Russ was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Beaman; daughter, Carol Jean; son, Harold Dean; and sister, Joan Brown.

He is survived by Kathy Clubb and Christine Ioli; grandchildren, Brooke, Alyssa, Gary, Nathan and Nicole; great-grandchildren, Molly, Louise, Elliott, Tristan, Clover and Abigail; along with other relatives and friends. ■

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MICHELLE ANNE SCHNEIDER

Michelle Anne Schneider, 62, died Jan. 29, 2026, at the Kavanagh House in Des Moines. She was born on Nov. 6, 1963, in Des Moines. She lived in the Des Moines area most of her life until she moved into her dream home in Adel last year. She attended Hoover High School, graduating in 1982.

Michelle married Mark Lee Schneider on Oct. 17, 1981. She worked as an actuarial analyst at Principal Financial Group for 42 years, retiring in 2023.

Michelle's interests included camping, canning, reading, ancestry DNA, and visiting Hawaii every February. Most of all, Michelle loved spending time with her family, specifically her grandchildren. Michelle was known for being a world-class grandma, devoted family member and wonderful friend to many.

In addition to her parents, Michelle was preceded in death by her baby sister, Cynthia Marilyn Johnson.

She is survived by her husband, Mark Schneider; son, Matthew Schneider (Julia); daughter, Mollie Schneider; sister, Lisa Deal; grandsons, Austyn Farlow, Hunter Farlow and Benjamin Farlow; bonus grandsons, Ethan, Maddax and Huxley; sisters-in-law, Debbie Lewis, Vickie Schneider, Janet Weakland, Peggy Herr and Cathy Kirkpatrick, and families; and close friends, Denny and Denise Beckman.

Services were held at the Iles Jordan Creek Chapel Feb. 2 with luncheon and then interment following at Sunset Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Kavanagh House. ■



REVA JEAN OWENS

Reva Jean Owens, 79, of Adel, died Jan. 29, 2026, at Eden Acres Campus of Perry Lutheran Homes in Perry. A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 6, at the Leon Cemetery in Leon. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Crisis Intervention and Advocacy Center (911 Court St., Suite 1, Adel, IA 50003). Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.calwellparrish.com

Reva was born to Ernest Owens and Mary (Perdue) Owens in Leon. Reva attended Norwoodville schools. Reva's first job was carhop at the age of 14 at Millie's Tenderloin in Des Moines. Through the years, she enjoyed working with the public and retired from Woodward Resource Center. In retirement, Reva enjoyed time with her family, reading, working on puzzles and going "junkin for the perfect treasures." Reva was known for her kitchen always being open, just like her home and her heart.

She was preceded by son, Michael Riggen, and six siblings: Robert Sheldahl, Roberta Lee, Rose Ann Phipps, Ronnie Owens, Raymond Owens and Ricci Owens.

She is survived by her three children: Tina (Joe) Gough, Jeffrey (Lady) Riggen and Lana (Mark) Riggen; seven grandchildren: Heather (Joe) Moxley, Jeremy (Ashley) Riggen, Zachary Wessels, Cayanne (Kaleb) Keller, Joshua (Natalie) Gough, Chaz Wessels and Marina (Jeremy) Riggen; 15 great grandchildren; one great great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Reva will be remembered for her warm smile, feisty spirit and the way she made people feel welcomed and valued. ■



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THE TERRACE HILL PARTNERSHIP PRESENTS THE TEA AND TALK SERIES

Saturdays, Feb. 7, 21, 28 and March 7, 2 p.m.

Terrace Hill Drawing Room, 2300 Grand Ave., Des Moines

The Terrace Hill Partnership presents the Tea & Talk series. Guests will hear from local speakers who will cover topics centered around arts and culture, conservation and gardening, historic architecture, and book publishing and illustration. Speakers will give short presentations in Terrace Hill's Drawing Room. Tickets are \$10 per program or \$35 for a season pass. All proceeds will benefit the gardens of Terrace Hill. Tickets are available on Eventbrite at <https://ttheatalkseries2026.eventbrite.com> or by calling the Terrace Hill office at 515-281-7205. Tickets must be purchased in advance.



- **Feb. 7:** Kelly Baum, John and Mary Pappajohn Director and CEO, Des Moines Art Center, Thriving: A New Era for the Des Moines Art Center.
- **Feb. 21:** Aaron Harpold, Director of Horticulture, Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, A Stroll Through the Seasons at The Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden.
- **Feb. 28:** Scott Allen, Historic Practice Leader, OPN Architects, Terrace Hill - B.F. Allen Greenhouse Reconstruction.

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS, THE 100TH YEAR TOUR

Thursday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m.

Casey's Center, 223 Center St., Des Moines

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tickets available at www.iowaeventscenter.com/events/detail/the-harlem-globetrotters-100-year-tour.

DES MOINES HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

Thursday, Feb. 12 to Sunday, Feb. 15

Iowa Events Center, 730 Third St., Des Moines

The largest home show in Des Moines, this show features landscaping companies, remodeling contractors, interior design companies and more. Spring is in full bloom with blossoming trees and flowers at the Feature Gardens, created by top Des Moines area landscapers. Shop local at the Made in IOWA Market. All exhibitors in the Market have products made with love right here in Iowa. Don't miss the Rose Farm Inspiration Stage for show stopping presentations ranging from Sourdough Pizza Making to All Things Floral, and more. Tickets and event times: www.iowaeventscenter.com/events/detail/des-moines-home-garden-show-7.



THE IOWA FILES: A HISTORY SERIES

Various dates, 3 p.m.

Community Room of the 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.

- **Feb. 15: Ako Abdul-Samad; A Life Working for Justice.** Ako Abdul-Samad has served the community in numerous capacities as an elected official, mediator and community organizer. Ako will share his thoughts on the state of equality and the fight against systemic poverty and racial injustice and his life-long commitment to the power of dialog to make positive change. ■

RECIPE

WIN YOUR WATCH PARTY WITH A FAN FAVORITE DIP

(Family Features) From the pregame party to kickoff and the final whistle, game day hosts know savory snacks are the key to victory. Celebrate the big game this season with a simple yet tasty spin on a football staple with this 7-Layer Game Day Dip. Featuring layers of refried beans, mashed avocados and seasoned sour cream topped with cheese, tomatoes, scallions and black olives, you can tackle a winning spread in next to no time.

Visit Culinary.net to find more strategies for serving victorious game day recipes. ■

7-LAYER GAME DAY DIP

Recipe adapted from Love & Lemons

Prep time: 20 minutes

Servings: 12

Ingredients:

- 1 can (16 ounces) refried beans
- 3/4 cup salsa
- 2 avocados
- 1 green bell pepper, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 16 ounces sour cream
- 3 tablespoons taco seasoning
- 1 1/2 cups grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 tomato, diced
- 1 bunch scallions, chopped (optional)
- 1 can (2 1/4 ounces) sliced black olives, drained (optional)
- tortilla chips, for serving

Directions:

- In medium bowl, stir refried beans and 1/2 cup salsa. In separate medium bowl, mash avocados with remaining salsa. Add bell peppers and lime juice; stir to combine. In third medium bowl, stir sour cream and taco seasoning.
- To assemble, spread refried bean mixture in bottom of baking dish. Spread avocado mixture evenly on top then spread sour cream mixture. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese then top with diced tomatoes.
- Top dish with scallions and black olives, if desired. Serve with tortilla chips.



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Adel United Methodist Church, 115 S. 10th St., serves a meal Wednesdays, 5-6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall downstairs. Serving is 5-6:30 p.m. This is a freewill donation meal. All are welcome. ■

FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The ADM High School staff and coaches recognize students each month who exemplify the hard work, dedication and leadership that make them “Tigers.” The following students have been selected to receive these honors for February. Businesses and groups in the school district make donations to the ADM Scholarship Foundation in recognition of the students’ achievements.

- **Student of the Month:**
Aidan Lippincott, sponsored by Raccoon Valley Bank
 - **Fine Arts Student of the Month (Academic Decathlon):**
Justin Clymer and Kaiden Yates, sponsored by Lincoln Savings Bank
 - **Girls Bowling Student of the Month:**
Kaylee Dorwart, sponsored by Cullen Howe Real Estate-RE/MAX Precision
 - **Boys Bowling Student of the Month:**
Cole Darling, sponsored by Adel Women’s Club
 - **Wrestling Student of the Month:**
Grayson Sutter, sponsored by Adel HealthMart
 - **Boys Basketball Student of the Month:**
Eli Weibers, sponsored by Fareway Stores
 - **Girls Basketball Student of the Month:**
Lexi Maxwell, sponsored by Iowa Spring Manufacturing
 - **Dance Student of the Month:**
Brinn Kreifels, sponsored by Adel TV and Appliance
 - **eSports Player of the Winter Season:**
Josh Janousek (Rocket League), sponsored by Adel Kiwanis
 - Another award, **Student Citizen of the Month**, is presented by the Adel Police Department and Blue Kindness (not associated with the ADM Scholarship Foundation). The February Student Citizen of the Month is Grayson Sutter.
- Congratulations to all of the ADMHS Students of the Month. ■

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