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ADEL KIWANIS EASTER EGG HUNT



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The Adel Kiwanis Club held its Easter Egg Hunt, complete with an appearance by the Easter Bunny, at Kinnick Feller Park on March 29. ■

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 59 | LOW 42
Intervals of clouds and sun



SATURDAY HIGH 67 | LOW 61
Cloudy with a thunderstorm



SUNDAY HIGH 79 | LOW 61
Showers and thunderstorms



MONDAY HIGH 52 | LOW 26
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TUESDAY HIGH 47 | LOW 40
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FROM THE PUBLISHER

WHO ARE THESE CROSSWORD PEOPLE?

There are two types of people in this world: those who do crossword puzzles and those who don't. I have been both, which means I can't make up my mind — and I have a healthy number of unfinished grids.

Back when I subscribed to the print edition of The Des Moines Register, I attacked the crossword every morning with confidence, a pen and absolutely no realistic plan for finishing it. I rarely completed one. Not because I didn't try, but because the puzzle and I had different expectations of my intelligence.

Still, I showed up daily. That has to count for something. Persistence? Delusion? Difficult to say.

A decade ago, I decided to share this character-building experience with our readers by adding crossword puzzles to CITYVIEW magazine. The response was positive — until it wasn't.

One time, we printed the wrong answers. Being scolded by crossword enthusiasts isn't fun. They responded swiftly, passionately and with a level of detail that suggested they do, in

fact, finish their puzzles. Unlike me.

Then there was the time we switched puzzle providers and made the crosswords too easy. I thought this would be a win. Who doesn't like feeling smart? Crossword people, apparently. They did not want easy. They wanted struggle. They wanted adversity. They wanted to question their life choices over a five-letter word for "obscure bird." So, naturally, we switched back to the more challenging puzzles to preserve public peace.

All this raises one question: Who are these crossword people?

According to Global English Editing, crossword fans share traits like curiosity, resilience and a love of language. All true. I would add one more: They have time. Lots of it. Enough to both solve the puzzle and write a strongly worded response if 17-Across is slightly off.

These days, I still dabble. At the recommendation of our food writer, Jim Duncan, I subscribed



to Smithsonian magazine, which features excellent crosswords tied to its articles. They are smart, engaging and, in my case, still mostly unfinished. Tradition matters.

And now, in what may or may not be a bold editorial decision, we are bringing crossword puzzles to our 14 Iowa Living magazines. After a lengthy search, we found ones we think readers will enjoy — challenging enough to avoid outrage, but hopefully not so difficult that I receive emails written entirely in capital letters.

So, whether you are a die-hard solver or someone who confidently fills in three answers and calls it a day, there will be something for you. As for me, I will be there with each issue, pen in hand, ready to not quite finish what I started.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

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

ALL THINGS KIDS RUMMAGE SALE

It's the perfect time for spring cleaning. As you sort through your kids' clothes, toys, books and gear, consider donating them to help make our All Things Kids Rummage Sale a success.

Donation drop-off is Thursday, April 9 and Friday, April 10, 3-6 p.m. at 602 S. 14th St., Adel. Then come back to shop on Saturday, April 11, 8 a.m. to noon.

You'll find great deals on kids clothing, toys and books, baby gear, games, puzzles and more. Clean out those closets, bless another family and support Faith's Flock Preschool at the same time. We appreciate our amazing community. ■

ALZHEIMER'S EDUCATION SERIES

Edencrest at Adel announces its 2026 Alzheimer's Education Series of informative conversations intended to help members of the greater-Adel community understand and recognize the signs of Alzheimer's and how to best care for loved ones living with it. Each presentation in the series takes place at 621 302nd Place, Adel, on the last Tuesday of each month from 6-7 p.m. between February and September. This series is free and open to the public. The series lineup includes:

- **April 28:** Healthy Living for your Brain and Body
- **May 26:** 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's
- **June 30:** Building Foundations of Caregiving
- **July 28:** Supporting Independence
- **Aug. 25:** Managing Money ■

ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, April 10

- 4:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls Varsity Triangular @ Des Moines Christian School
- 4:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools

Saturday, April 11

- 8:30 a.m. **Track:** Girls JV/Varsity Jim Duncan Relays @ Drake Stadium
- 8:30 a.m. **Track:** Boys JV/Varsity Jim Duncan Relays @ Drake Stadium
- 9 a.m. **Soccer:** Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools.

Monday, April 13

- 4 p.m. **Golf:** Girls Varsity Meet @ River Valley Golf Course
- 4 p.m. **Golf:** Boys Varsity Meet @ Pleasantville Golf & Country



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TEA-OFF FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH

Join the Dallas County Hospital Foundation at a Tea-Off for Women's Health on Friday, May 8, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Dallas County Hospital Wellness Center, 610 10th St., Perry. This fundraiser supports women's health at Dallas County Hospital. Proceeds will benefit the Dexa Scanner, which can assist with osteoporosis management during menopause and a cancer diagnosis. More information available at www.facebook.com/events/804300729381280. ■



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. ■

GARY'S RIDE

On Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Gary's Ride will be held, starting at the Waukee Raccoon River Valley Trailhead and ending in Dallas Center downtown Main Street. The event will be held to increase awareness of glioblastoma and support Richard Deming Cancer Center's terminal brain cancer patients through their integrative medicine program, Iowa Oncology Research Association for Glioblastoma Clinical Trials, MercyOne Des Moines Foundation for gift cards for terminal brain cancer patients and their families, and Gary's Compassion Fund for financial assistance for terminal brain cancer patients and their families. Help to "pedal" forward in reaching the funding goal and be the difference for these loved ones and their families afflicted by terminal brain cancer/glioblastoma. Registration and information are available at garysrideiowa.org. ■

IOWA FARM AND FOOD CONFERENCE

Iowa State Extension presents the Iowa Farm and Food Conference June 11-12 at the Waterloo Center for the Arts, 225 Commercial St., Waterloo. This biennial event — previously known as the Community Food Systems + Farm to School and Early Care Conference — engages, supports and inspires professionals across all sectors of the food system. The conference theme, "Futuring Our Food System," is about imagining bold, transformative possibilities for the future and the systematic, creative and connective measures that get us there. For more information and to register, visit www.extension.iastate.edu/ffed/cfs-annual-event. ■

PERSONAL ITEMS NEEDED BY VETERANS AT THE VA HOSPITAL AND VA CRRC

The needs list includes military ball caps (new), slip-on tennis shoes (men's sizes 9.5-13), boxer shorts (L, XL, XXL), duffel bags, backpacks, sweatpants (M-3XL), sweatshirts (M-SXL), personal care items, individually-wrapped snacks and coffee. See the Adel American Legion Facebook page for the detailed list. Contributions may be dropped off at 1305 S. 15th St., Adel, or call Shirley McAdon at 515-993-4862 for pick up. ■



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EASTER EGG HUNT



The Adel Kiwanis Club received 400 pounds of donated food for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry from Easter Egg Hunt attendees.



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EVENTS IN THE AREAEMAIL YOUR EVENT INFORMATION TO
TAMMY@IOWALIVINGMAGAZINES.COM**WDM ELKS SPRING STYLE SHOW
FUNDRAISER****Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.****West Des Moines Elks Lodge No. 2752
2060 N.W. 94th St., Clive**

Tickets for the Spring Style Show are \$15 each or reserve a table for eight for \$140 or a table for four for \$70. Doors open at 10 a.m., with the style show starting at 11 a.m. and a salad luncheon to follow. Many vendors will be present, including Purple Poppy, Salon Classic and others. Funds raised will benefit Veterans Children's Christmas and other Elks charities and outreach.

CAN PLAY FORE ALL GOLF OUTING**Friday, April 24, 3-7 p.m.****RecPlex 6500 Grand Ave., West Des Moines**

Join Can Play and the 2026 West Des Moines Leadership Academy for a fun, small-format golf outing supporting accessible outdoor recreation and youth programming. Golfers will play through a creative course designed by community members and local businesses, built entirely from non-perishable food items to benefit Can Play's programming. All proceeds will benefit Can Play, whose mission is to bring adapted and no cost recreational programs to our communities by removing barriers to play. Register and donate online at <https://givebutter.com/WDMLA>.

**THE EVENING AFRICAN VIOLET
CLUB SALE AND SHOW****Friday and Saturday, April 24-25****Plumbers & Steamfitters Local Union 33
2501 Bell Ave., Des Moines**

The Evening African Violet Club of Des Moines invites the public to its 2026 African Violet Show and Sale, "Music in Bloom." Members of area garden clubs and plant societies are especially welcome as club members share so many interests in indoor and outdoor gardening

with them. This is a nationally sanctioned show and sale that will have judges from the African Violet Society of America. Hours are Friday, April 24, noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Judging of Violets, Gesneriads and Floral Design will take place on Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to noon. Hours follow from noon to 5 p.m. for Sales. Only members of EAVC are eligible to enter plants and designs in the show.

**MADE IN THE MIDWEST: THE
LUBBEN BROTHERS****Saturday, April 25, 7 p.m.****Temple Theater, 1011 Locust St., Des Moines**

Des Moines Performing Arts announces the return of Made in the Midwest at the Temple Theater for an exciting new season. The Lubben Brothers perform traditional/contemporary folk music. Opener is Courtney Krause. To purchase tickets, visit DMPA.org, call 515-246-2300, or stop by the Civic Center Ticket Office at 221 Walnut Street. Night-of tickets will be available for purchase at the Temple Theater Ticket Office two hours before the performance.

GIVE LIFE 5K**Saturday, May 2, 8:30 a.m.****Raccoon River Park, West Des Moines**

Iowa Donor Network honors those who have given the gift of life, celebrates the lives of organ and tissue recipients, and recognizes those who continue to wait for a life-saving transplant at the annual Give Life 5K. This is a family-friendly event so, no matter your skill level, the event is open to everyone. Join us to honor and support those who have been impacted by organ and tissue donation and celebrate the gift of life by registering for the Give Life 5K today. Visit GiveLife5K.com. ■

RECIPE

MOMENTS OF HAPPINESS WITH POTATO RECIPES

(Family Impact) Bring a little moment of happiness to busy family mealtimes during the spring season with The Little Potato Company's line of easy-to-prepare Little Potatoes. They come pre-washed, require no peeling and are small enough that they don't need to be cut, allowing for less time in the kitchen and more family time around the table. For an added helping of convenience, their Microwave Ready Little Potato Kits come with delicious seasoning packs; simply pop into the microwave, sprinkle on the included seasoning and enjoy. ■

CRISPY AIR FRYER POTATO NUGGETS AND DIP

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 24 minutes

Servings: 4

Potatoes:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup milk
- 1 1/2 cups panko breadcrumbs
- 1 1/2 pounds Little Potatoes

Chimichurri:

- 1 bunch cilantro
- 1 bunch parsley
- 3 limes, juice only
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon chili flakes
- 1 cup canola oil

Directions:

- Heat air fryer to 390 F.



- To make potatoes: In a shallow bowl, combine flour, salt, garlic powder and pepper. Whisk in milk until smooth.
- Place panko in a separate shallow bowl.
- Working in batches, coat potatoes in batter then toss in panko until fully coated.
- Place potatoes in the air fryer and cook 24 minutes, flipping halfway.
- To make chimichurri: In a blender, blend cilantro, parsley, lime juice, honey, salt, pepper, chili flakes and canola oil until smooth.
- Serve potato nuggets with chimichurri.

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ADM HISTORIC CONCERT

Mark your calendars for Monday, May 11 at 7 p.m. for an upcoming Historic Concert by the ADM band in observance of America's 250th anniversary. In between sets, history department students will be presenting patriotic readings. ■

OBITUARY

Funeral notices can be emailed to tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com

RANDY LEE LENZE

Randy Lee Lenze, 69, died on Friday, March 27, 2026, at MercyOne Medical Center in Des Moines. Randy was born on March 24, 1957, in Des Moines to Charles "Melvin" Lenze and Mildred Lenze (Kimbro). He had a big heart and an even bigger appetite for life. Whether he was out on the water fishing, firing up the stove to cook for a crowd, or simply enjoying the open road from behind the wheel of his truck, Randy was happiest when he was living simply and freely.

He is survived by his sons, Randall (Danielle) Lenze and Brian (Nichole) Wheelington; grandchildren, Hailey (Cael) Lenze, Josh Janousek, Jude Lenze, Olivia Janousek, Austin Wheelington and Ashton Wheelington; his mother, Mildred Kimbro; sister, Sheila Lister; nieces, Heather Lenze, Tina Gordon and Stacie Lindsey; nephews, Bobby Wingfield and Rob Lindsey; cousins Pat (Nicki) Bond and Teresa Nolan; as well as many other beloved family and friends.

Randy was preceded in death by his son, Brandon Lenze; sister, Cindy Lenze-Wingfield; father, Melvin Lenze; and his grandparents, Charles "Bill" and Coral Lenze.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, April 19, at 11 a.m. at Panther Creek Cemetery in Adel, followed by a luncheon at American Legion Post 261 in Redfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the family or to a charitable organization of your choosing. ■



CLASSIFIED ADS

GARAGE SALE: 26152 Burr Oak Lane, Golf Course Area. Friday, April 10, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, April 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children's toys, games, books, DVDs, electric dirt bike, vinyl LPs, 45rpm, cassettes, CDs, ladies size 9 rollerskates, flags, hide-a-bed, garden trailer, women's clothing, winter coats, stepladder, trailer dolly, household and decor & misc.

GARAGE SALE: Saturday April 11, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., 617 Timberview Dr., Adel. Home/holiday/office supplies/oodles of sewing and quilting notions, two gun cabinets/gas masks/outdoors/John Wayne memorabilia/miscellaneous guy stuff. Some unique and vintage items. Lots of items priced 25¢, 50¢, \$1.

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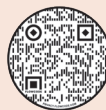
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