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LIONS CLUB PRESENTS CHECK: Adel Lions Club President Scott Jungman presents Megan Will and Kari Johns, representing the Dallas County Master Gardeners, a check for \$2,000 to assist with the club's fairgrounds project and other programs. ■

ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 42 | LOW 26

Windy and colder; a.m. rain



SATURDAY HIGH 50 | LOW 27

Sunny, breezy and mild



SUNDAY HIGH 60 | LOW 35

Mild with plenty of sun



MONDAY HIGH 67 | LOW 42

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TUESDAY HIGH 69 | LOW 42

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

THE AMERICAN LANGUAGE

Signs. Signs. Everywhere there are signs. And, at least in Iowa, they are mostly written in the English language. For me, that's a good thing, as what I learned in three years of Spanish classes didn't stick very well. But, for those who can't read the English language, it's certainly not easy.

Imagine moving to a foreign country and having every street sign, every store sign, every menu, every single word in a language you are unable to read. And then imagine having to communicate with those who speak another language to get instructions on how to do the simplest of tasks and not break the law. It would not be easy.

The solution through the years on how to address this in America has clearly changed. In the earliest days of the United States, and through most of its history, those who were new to the country were expected to learn the English language and realized the need to do so to

survive. In recent decades, in many parts of America, signs and other communication tools are provided in two or more languages. What changed?

Asking for the answer to that question simply leads to finger-pointing and creates a deeper divide in America. Maybe it's time for another solution. Maybe it's time to work toward creating an answer that could accommodate most everyone in a positive way. What if we simply gave the English language back to the English, and we devised a new language — the American language? We are kind of doing this now anyway, so why not make it formal? I realize it would be a lot of work, but imagine a new language that would be a combination of the many vernaculars spoken here now. It would likely be quite similar to the English language but with



words and phrases from other tongues, too.

I am convinced that we would be better off as a society if we focused more on how we are alike rather than how we are different. We are spending an incredible amount of both public and private money and time right now to deal with the language barriers. What if we used that money and time to create one language and then hold all Americans accountable for using it?

It may be a pollyannaish idea, but it also just might help to extract at least one wedge that divides our country — and we all might learn a little more about each other, too.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■



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THIRD MONDAY BINGO

Enjoy Bingo on Monday, March 18, 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. ■

HELP VETERANS AT THE DES MOINES VA HOSPITAL

Federal funds may not be used to purchase personal items for veterans at VA Hospitals. Like many other American Legion Auxiliaries, Adel ALA Unit 464 steps forward to collect clothing and other items needed by vets in the Des Moines VA Hospital or in their domicile. Currently, the following are being requested: men's sweatpants/athletic pants (size S-XXL), men's sweatshirts (size S-XXXL), men's coats (size-XXL), men's underwear (size S-L), great condition large print used books, individually wrapped snacks, and decaf ground coffee.

Donations are welcomed to be dropped off at 1305 S. 15th St., Adel, or contact Shirley McAdon at 515-993-4862 for pick up. ■

FAITH'S FLOCK PRESCHOOL RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

Faith's Flock Preschool's annual Rummage and Bake Sale will be March 16, 8 a.m. to noon, at Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool. Donations of kids' items will be accepted on March 14 and 15 from 3-6 p.m. at the fellowship/gym entrance. Email Kylee at preschool@faithadel.com with any questions. ■

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FUNERAL NOTICES

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SCOTT ALLAN DICKSON

Scott Allan Dickson, 62, died at his home on Monday, Feb. 26, 2024, in West Des Moines. He was born on Sept. 6, 1961, in Des Moines. He graduated from Adel-DeSoto High School in 1979.

Scott began his professional career as a clothing salesman, then went on to sell computers and software at Dell and Apple computers. His jobs took him to several cities before he finally landed in Austin, Texas. He enjoyed living there and could play golf every day of the year. Scott flew or drove back to Iowa on frequent occasions to reconnect with everyone, often bringing his sidekick, Louis, with him. He regularly returned for the Adel Sweet Corn Festival.

He retired after nearly 40 years as a record-setting salesman. He was a fan of the Dallas Cowboys and Texas Longhorns football. He loved laughing, joking and spending time surrounded by family and friends.

Scott is survived by his father, Norman; two brothers, Randy and James; two nephews, Ryan and Clint; two nieces, Kelli Tutwiler and Janelle Ryan; numerous cousins; and a special friend, Kim (Penfield) Van Pelt, who helped Scott during some challenging times.

Scott was predeceased by his mother, Karal Ann Potter; stepfather, Charles Potter; sister, Kelly Elizabeth Moffitt; and nephew, Harley James Dickson.

Services were held at the Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home, 735 S. 14th St., Adel, on March 5, followed by burial at the Oakdale Cemetery in Adel. Memorials are suggested to Pug Rescue at <https://donate.rescueme.org/pug>. ■



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. ■

EVENTS AT THE BRENTON ARBORETUM

The Brenton Arboretum, 25141 260th St., Dallas Center, will be holding a variety of events. For more information or to register, visit www.TheBrentonArboretum.org/events.

- **Wednesdays, March 13, 20, 27**, 10-11 a.m., Nature's Healing.
- **March 21, April 4, April 18**, Nature Club, varying times. Register by age group.
- **April 21**, noon to 3 p.m., Earth Day Celebrations; 1-3 p.m., Exploratory Beekeeping.
- **April 27**, 7 a.m., Birds & Bagels. ■

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HISTORY

THE ICE MAN

Refrigeration did not exist in Adel's early days. Most homes, however, had an ice box in which big cakes of ice were put in an ice compartment to keep the contents cool. Delivery of the ice was originally by horse-drawn dreys and later by motorized trucks. The homeowner indicated their need for ice, and the amount, by putting a card in the window on the day they needed it. These ice boxes usually required 50 to 100 pounds of ice every two to three days.

The ice was first supplied by the L.M. Macy Co., the same company that owned the mill and, later, the electric plant. Macy sold the ice business to Harry Kohl and then, in 1922, Kohl sold it to the Spillers family. They operated it until 1943 when, due to the advent of modern refrigeration, it was no longer needed.

Ice was cut from the Raccoon River and stored in a large shed located along the south side of the river. The ice harvest usually began in December or January. A large area of the river had to be kept clear of snow to allow the ice to freeze sufficiently. This area of cleared ice also made a nice place for skating parties. Sometimes floodlights were set up for night skating and bonfires burned along the banks.

The ice was prepared by scoring into blocks with a special ice saw then spudded off into ice barges. These barges were usually 6 feet wide and 30 to 40 feet long. The loaded barges were floated to a large wooden elevator. Here, the ice was separated into individual blocks 24 inches square and weighing from 200 to 300 pounds each. These blocks were loaded onto the elevator and sent into the warehouse where they were stacked. The warehouse had double walls with 12 to 15 inches of sawdust in between for insulation. Loading docks were located at each end. The ice was covered with hay purchased from local farmers.

The river channel had to be kept open for the barges regardless of the bitter temperatures and blizzards. This was accomplished by two men drawing a barge up and down the river all night. I'll bet they wore their long johns. Fourteen to 18 men were required for the ice harvest. These were usually men whose work was slack at that time of year, such as county road workers, farmers and certain personnel of the brick and tile works.

On exceptionally cold winters, when oxygen was low in the river, fish would swarm to the open area left by the removal of the ice. The temptation of all those channel catfish and other game fish probably kept the game warden busy.

In addition to homeowners, meat markets and restaurants were large users of ice. The repeal of prohibition in 1931 created another big market... keeping the coolers and taps filled with both block and cracked ice so an ice cold beer could be enjoyed in the middle of August. ■



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Quadcon Comic and Toy Show is coming to Des Moines.

DES MOINES COMIC AND TOY SHOW

March 23-24

Merle Hay Mall, 3800 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines
quadcitycon.com

This free event will be inside Merle Hay Mall. Quadcon is planning on having 100 vendor and artist spots, so get ready to get your steps in to see the available cards, comics, posters, toys, games and art.

DES MOINES ST. PADDY'S MARATHON

March 16

E. Locust Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Des Moines
iowaruns.com/desmoinessstpaddys5k

A marathon, half-marathon and 5K will be offered. All finishers will receive a new 2024 pint glass, a finisher medal for all half-marathon and marathon runners, and the chance to celebrate eight years of the Des Moines St. Paddy's Race.

JUDY NIEMACK JAZZ CONCERT

Sunday, March 17, 2 p.m.

Caspe Terrace, 33158 Ute Ave., Waukee

Jazz critic Dan Morgenstern said it best — "If you want to know what real jazz singing can be (but rarely is), listen to Judy Niemack." Niemack has perfected her beautiful voice, fearless improvisational skills, impressive musicianship and exceptional versatility for more than 40 years and on many critically-acclaimed recordings. She also enjoys a worldwide reputation as a jazz vocal teacher and author of several "must-have" vocal jazz

improvisation books. Niemack will be accompanied by pianist John DiMartino, who appeared at Caspe Terrace several years ago with vocalist Jay Clayton. For more information and tickets, visit <https://jazzatcaspe.weebly.com/tickets.html>.

THE BUSINESS EXPO

Tuesday, March 26, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Meadows Gymnasium, 2555 W. First St., Grimes

The public is invited to the 14th year of the Business Expo. Check out some local businesses and what they have to offer. Look for plenty of free goodies from Grimes Chamber member businesses, a face painter, and a balloon artist. Free admission and kids are welcome.

ELKS SPRING STYLE SHOW FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 6 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

West Des Moines Elks Lodge, 2060 N.W. 94th St., Clive

Go shopping and enjoy lunch at the Elks Spring Style Show Fundraiser. Many fabulous vendors and terrific door prizes are included. Cost is \$15 for admission and funds benefit the Elks' veterans projects. Fashion show starts at 11 a.m. with shopping and lunch to follow. A 50/50 raffle will also be held. Must be present to win prizes.

CLIVE'S CRAFT, VENDOR AND BOUTIQUE SHOPPING EVENT

Saturday, March 9

2100 N.W. 100th St., Clive

www.horizoneventscenter.com/event/clives-craft-vendor-and-boutique-shopping-event

Shop at an estimated 150-plus in-home business booths to help get you ready for spring and summer.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

March 16, noon

Grand Avenue, downtown Des Moines

www.friendlysonsiowa.com

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick brings Des Moines its St. Patrick's Day parade, this year with a new route. The parade will proceed south on Robert D. Ray Drive to Grand Avenue and then west to Eighth Street with the parade officially ending at Eighth and Grand Avenue. ■

RECIPE

CELEBRATE ST. PAT'S WITH A TRADITIONAL IRISH DISH

(Family Features) If St. Patrick's Day inspires feelings of hearth and home rather than leprechauns and green beer, you can celebrate tradition with warm, filling recipes that harken back to Irish heritage.

Share a sweet way to complete the meal in style with Irish Apple Cake, a classic dessert to top off a filling celebration. This version is easy enough to prepare with a handful of everyday ingredients for the cake, a crumbly topping and homemade custard for the finishing touch. ■

IRISH APPLE CAKE

Cake:

- 3 cups self-rising flour
- 1/2 tablespoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 1 stick butter, cubed
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 4 apples of choice, peeled and cubed
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup half-and-half

Topping:

- 1/2 stick butter
- 3/4 cup flour
- 1 cup brown sugar

Custard:

- 6 large egg yolks
- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 1 1/2 cups half-and-half
- 2 teaspoons vanilla

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 F. Grease and flour 9-inch round springform pan.

To make cake: In large bowl, sift flour with cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and ginger. Using fork, cut butter until mixture resembles crumbs. Add sugar and apples; mix



well. Stir in eggs and half-and-half until mixture reaches thick, dough-like batter. Pour batter into prepared pan.

To make topping: In bowl, mix butter, flour and sugar to create crumbled mixture. Sprinkle on top of batter in pan. Bake 1 hour. Check with toothpick to make sure middle is completely done. If not, bake 5-10 minutes. Let cool on rack.

To make custard: Whisk egg yolks and sugar. In saucepan, bring half-and-half to boil. Add one spoonful half-and-half at a time to egg mixture, whisking while adding. Once whisked together, return to saucepan and stir over medium heat until thickened, about 4 minutes. Remove from heat and whisk in vanilla.

Serve custard over cake.

ADM SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION ADDS ESPORTS TO STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Seniors: Have you completed all your scholarship applications? Soon you will be moving on to another phase of your lives. Enjoy these last days of school and the friends you have made for the past 12 years.

In February, the following students have been chosen by their teachers and/or coaches to receive the Student of the Month designation in their specific areas. We are proud to announce that eSports has been added to our Student of the Month program. Chris Hatchitt is the instructor/coach in this area and will recognize a student in each three-month segment. The eSports team has received honors in their competition held with other schools.

Each month local businesses are proud to support the students and the Scholarship Foundation by making a contribution to the ADM Scholarship Foundation. The Foundation is proud to honor the following February Students of the Month.

- **Student of the Month:** Tate Hook — *Raccoon Valley Bank*
- **Fine Arts, AcDec:** Jadah Manning and Nic Carmichael — *Lincoln Savings Bank*
- **Wrestling:** Travis Jacoby — *Adel HealthMart*
- **Wrestling Cheer:** Addison Kuonen — *Adel TV and Appliance*
- **Boys Basketball:** Adam Bryte — *Fareway Stores*
- **Girls Basketball:** Kelli Storck — *Iowa Spring Manufacturing*
- **Basketball Cheer:** Melody Koons — *Adel Lions Club*
- **Dance:** Brenna Garrity — *Cullen Howe Real Estate-RE/MAX Precision*
- **eSports:** Isaac Hatchitt — *Azalea Lane Boutique*

The ADM seniors planning to attend post-secondary institutions of education or a qualified training program may apply to receive a scholarship. Announcement of the recipients is made each year at commencement. All the contributions given to the Foundation are invested, and the income is used to provide the scholarships. Since 1985, when the Foundation was established, 907 students have received scholarships totaling more than \$889,000. More information regarding the ADM Scholarship Foundation may be found on the website at admschools.org/district-2/action-center/adm-scholarship-foundation or you may contact a board member listed on the site. ■

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