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KIWANIS HONORS STUDENTS, HEARS SPEAKERS



Adel Kiwanis member Scott Gavin presents ADM Senior Kenny Steenhoek the Adel Kiwanis Student of the Month award at the March 19 club meeting.



Adel Kiwanis member Jodi Kuhse presents ADM seniors Addison Kuonen and Owen Embree Adel Kiwanis Student of the Month certificates at the March 26 club meeting.



Adel Boy Scout Kaden Smith presented his Eagle Scout project to the Adel Kiwanis Club on March 19. The club donated \$150 toward the static display shelves he is building for 4-H club



Jessica Gomke gave a presentation on the John D Gomke Charity at the March 26 Adel Kiwanis Club meeting. The John D. Gomke Charity Classic Golf Tournament is June 7 and 8 at Lake Panorama National Golf Resort. ■



ADEL WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY HIGH 67 | LOW 36
Sunny; breezy in the morning 

SATURDAY HIGH 58 | LOW 38
Intervals of clouds and sun 

SUNDAY HIGH 53 | LOW 41
Cloudy with showers in places 

MONDAY HIGH 48 | LOW 33
Rain at times 

TUESDAY HIGH 54 | LOW 31
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FROM THE PUBLISHER

THIS LITTLE PIGGY...

Chances are, regardless of what generation you are from, you had a piggy bank in your youth. Maybe you still do. I can still hear the noise from the coins dropping through the slot. For many of us, that was the sound of money.

The piggy bank of my youth was small, plastic and pink, and it had a local bank's logo imprinted on it. I took great pride in filling that thing up. I doubt it held 50 pennies, but I sure thought I was rich. My piggy bank had a plastic plug in the bottom of it that would allow for the coins to be removed.

My brother had a ceramic piggy bank that didn't have a plug in it. He would have to carefully fish out the coins through the slot with a butter knife. It was a tedious task. Of course, a hammer would have been the faster method, but that would have been the end of the piggy bank. Some say the expression "breaking the bank" comes from this action. Others disagree. Regardless, Mom would

not have allowed us kids to purposefully break things.

But what about the pig? Do you ever what it has to do with banking or saving? Why not a horse? Or a cow? Or a rooster?

Piggy banks apparently date back 600 years. This was a time before banks as we know today existed. In those days, people stored their money at home, often in jars made of a clay called pygg. When people would save their coins, they would do so by dropping them into one of these clay jars that were referred to as a "pygg pot." Makes sense now, huh?

According to The Financial Brand, the first true piggy banks — terracotta banks in the shape of a pig with a slot in the top for depositing coins — were made in Java in the 14th century. Not many of these Indonesian piggy



banks survive today, since, like my brother's bank, they needed to be cracked open to get to the coins. As such, unbroken Javanese piggy banks are rare. In Great Britain, a 650-year old Majapahit terracotta piggy bank was offered for sale at \$10,000. That's a lot of coin.

Today, in many German-speaking countries, giving piggy banks as gifts is a cherished custom, as pigs are associated with good fortune. Based on today's market prices, Iowa's hog farmers may disagree.

Did you have a piggy bank? Do you still? Send me a note and let me know.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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ADEL WOMEN'S CLUB SALAD LUNCHEON

Enjoy a salad luncheon on Monday, April 8, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Salads, sandwiches, desserts and drinks will be served at the First Christian Church, 218 N. Ninth St., Adel. A \$10 donation will be collected at the door. Adel Women's Club supports many local organizations, including the Adel American Legion Auxiliary, Adel Fire Department, Adel Historical Museum, Adel Public Library, ADM Fine Arts Boosters, ADM Scholarship Foundation, Crisis Intervention Center, Dallas County Extension, Girl Scouts, GFWC/IFWC Scholarship, Good Samaritan Food Pantry, Kid's Clothes Closet and more. ■

THIRD MONDAY BINGO

Enjoy Bingo on Monday, April 15, 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. ■

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.

- **April 4 and April 18**, Nature Club, varying times. Register by age group.
- **April 21**, noon to 3 p.m., Earth Day Celebration; 1-3 p.m., Exploratory Beekeeping.
- **April 27**, 7 a.m., Birds & Bagels. ■

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ADM SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, March 29

- 4:30 p.m. **Track:** Boys JV/Varsity @ Winterset
5 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys JV2 vs. Waukee Northwest

Monday, April 1

- 4 p.m. **Golf:** Girls Varsity vs. Gilbert @ Ames Golf and Country Club
5:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls JV vs. Perry
5:30 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys JV @ Perry
7 p.m. **Soccer:** Girls Varsity vs. Perry
7 p.m. **Soccer:** Boys Varsity @ Perry

Tuesday, April 2

- 4 p.m. **Esports:** Varsity vs. Multiple Schools
4:30 p.m. **Track:** Boys/Girls JV/Varsity Hugh Norman Coed Relays vs. Multiple Schools

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GARY BENGT SEAHOLM

Gary Bengt Seaholm, 75, of Adel died following a courageous battle with cancer on March 23, 2024. Gary was born in Libertyville, Illinois, on Feb. 3, 1949. He graduated from Grayslake High School and Central College in Pella, where he was a three-time all conference football player. While at Central, Gary met the love of his life, Sharon Lemon. They married June 30, 1973.

Gary taught for 35 years in several different school districts, with many years in the ADM school district. He retired while teaching at Ruby Van Meter. One of the biggest joys in Gary's life was his grandchildren. He enjoyed cheering them on during their activities and events.

Left to carry on Gary's sarcastic humor and love for the underdog are his children, Tim (Chrissy) Seaholm of Adel and Tammie (Tim) Smith of Adel; grandchildren, Nikole, Carter and Tyler Seaholm and Landon, Natalie Sharon and Roosevelt Smith; his brother, Grant (Karen) Seaholm of Chicago and their children, Scott (Winonah), Nancy (Chris), Emily (Kyle), and Brett (Jimmy); two great nephews, Harrison and Remo; sister-in-law, Chris (Steve) Cummings and their son, Matt; and his niece, Susan Peterson, and her family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl Bengt and Ethel Mae; his sister, Carol Kratovil; and his wife, Sharon (Lemon) Seaholm. A memorial service was held at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home - Adel Chapel on March 28. A private burial was held at Oakdale Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the ADM Scholarship Foundation. Online condolences can be made to the family at caldwellparrish.com. ■



DONALD MORRIS CHARTIER

Donald Morris Chartier, 90, died Monday, March 18, 2024, at Spurgeon Manor in Dallas Center. A visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, at Iles Brandt Chapel in Dallas Center with a rosary service to follow. A memorial mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 5, at St. John's Catholic Church in Adel. Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 6, at Sunny Hill Cemetery in Grimes.

Donald was born Sept. 7, 1933, in Dallas Center. He served in the Army Special Services, attended Ranger training, and played football while he was in the service. He graduated from Iowa State University with a bachelor of science in agriculture business with a minor in chemistry and animal nutrition in 1958.

Donald married Patricia O'Donnell in 1955. They were married for 38 years before her passing in 1992. Together, they had two children, Mary and John. Donald married Janet D. Larson on July 9, 1994, and they made their home in Dallas Center.

Donald is survived by his wife, Janet; brother, Gene Chartier; three step-children, Deborah (Mark) Muse, Dana (Tom) Ray and Eric (Christine) Larson; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Patricia (O'Donnell) Chartier; parents; two children, Mary and John Chartier; and siblings, Dean, Madelyn, Glenace, Ray and Dennis.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Catholic Church in Adel or St. Croix Hospice in West Des Moines. Online condolences will be welcomed at IlesCares.com. Arrangements are by Iles Brandt Chapel. ■



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JACOB 'JAKE' ALAN KRUSE

Jacob "Jake" Alan Kruse, 23, died suddenly on March 8, 2024, at Kunsan Air Base in South Korea. Jake was born on Aug. 29, 2000, in Des Moines. He grew up in West Des Moines and later in Adel, where he graduated from ADM High School in 2018. After high school, Jake enlisted in the Air Force at the age of 17. In February 2019, he graduated at the top of his class from the F-16 avionics apprentice course at Sheppard AFB. He served at Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo, New Mexico, before going to Kunsan Air Base in November 2023.

On Aug. 12, 2023, Jake married the love of his life, his best friend and soul mate, Tessa.

Jake enjoyed being outdoors, fishing, photography, flying model aircraft and drones, and adventures wherever he went, exploring lakes, mountains, and trails along the way.

Jake is survived by his wife, Tessa (Bond) Kruse of Las Cruces, New Mexico; his parents, Alan and Amanda (Calvert) Kruse; his brother, Keon Kruse; grandparents Stephen and Peggy (Walters) Calvert and Michael and Joyce (Linnenbrink) Kruse; his uncle and aunt, Douglas and Lana Kruse; and his cousins, Makayla Kruse and Chloe Kruse. He was preceded in death by his cousin, Austin Kruse.

Memorials are suggested to the Kids Fishing Foundation. Online condolences are welcome at www.IlesCares.com. Arrangements are by Iles Westover Chapel. ■



PARTIAL SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING

**Monday, April 8, 12:30-3 p.m.
Hanging Rock Park,
416 Redfield Street Redfield**

Would you like to see a total solar eclipse but don't have the time to travel to Indiana? DCCB will be gathering for a viewing party at the astronomical clock near the Hanging Rock restrooms. The phenomenon begins at 12:43 p.m. and ends at 3:17 p.m., with 2 p.m. as close to totality as we get in Iowa with the sun being 80% obscured. Participants are free to come and go. A limited number of viewing glasses will be available. Registration required.

To register, visit www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation, click on "Public Programs" and scroll down to see program descriptions and to register. If you don't have computer access or need assistance, call the DCCB office at 515-465-3577. ■

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April 6 and April 13

The Iowa Trail Run Series is back for 2024. Races in April, which include the first race of the season, will be at Center Trail Des Moines with a 4-mile and 8-mile race on April 6. They return to the beginning of the Iowa Trail Run Series with a 5K, 10K and half-marathon at the Sugar Bottom trail in Solon on April 13.

DRAKE RELAYS

Drake Stadium, 2719 Forest Ave., Des Moines

godrakebulldogs.com

April 24-27

The Drake Relays bring premier track and field athletes from around the country and some of the best in-state high school track athletes to Des Moines.

IOWA WILD

Wells Fargo Arena, 233 Center St., Des Moines

iowawild.com

April home games:

April 5 at 7 p.m. vs. Hershey Bears (Washington

Capitals)

April 6 at 6 p.m. vs. Hershey Bears

April 9 at 7 p.m. vs. Rockford Icehogs (Chicago Blackhawks)

April 17 at 7 p.m. vs. Grand Rapids Griffins (Detroit Red Wings)

April 19 at 7 p.m. vs. Grand Rapids Griffins

IOWA BARNSTORMERS

Wells Fargo Arena, 233 Center St., Des Moines

theiowabarnstormers.com

April home game:

April 20 at 7:05 p.m. vs. Arizona Rattlers

DES MOINES BUCCANEERS

Buccaneer Arena, 7201 Hickman Road,

Urbandale

bucshockey.com

April home games:

April 5 at 7 p.m. vs. Fargo Force

April 6 at 6 p.m. vs. Fargo Force

IOWA CUBS

Principal Park, 1 Line Drive, Des Moines

iowacubs.com

April home games:

April 2 at 6:38 p.m. vs. Toledo (Detroit Tigers)

April 3 at 12:08 p.m.

April 4 at 6:38 p.m.

April 5 at 7:08 p.m.

April 6 at 3:08 p.m.

April 7 at 1:08 p.m.

April 16 at 6:38 p.m. vs. Louisville (Cincinnati

Reds)

April 17 at 12:08 p.m.

April 18 at 12:08 p.m.

April 19 at 7:08 p.m.

April 20 at 3:08 p.m.

April 21 at 1:08 p.m.

April 30 at 6:38 p.m. vs. Omaha (Kansas City

RECIPE

EASY EASTER EATS

(Family Features) Even if Easter hosting duties fell on your plate this year and added one more thing to your holiday to-do list, that doesn't mean it has to be difficult. After all, Easter is a time meant for fun and fellowship with the food just one part of the celebration.

Building the menu around simple, one-pan dishes can keep the focus where it needs to be: spending time and creating memories with family and friends. These dishes call for short lists of ingredients, many of which you may already have in your pantry, and simple preparation to create a full spread perfect for sharing with loved ones. Plus, using only one pan makes cleanup a breeze, so you can get back to the festivities quickly. ■

BLUEBERRY CRUMBLE

Finish off your feast with an adaptable dessert like this blueberry crumble. Made using just five ingredients and ready in about an hour, you can swap the blueberry pie filling and yellow cake mix for any combination that suits your guests' tastes like apple pie filling with spice cake or cherry pie filling with chocolate cake; the sky's the limit when it comes to satisfying that sweet tooth.

Ingredients:

- 1 can blueberry pie filling
- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 bag (4 ounces) chopped pecans
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 1/4 cup oil
- whipped cream, for serving (optional)
- vanilla ice cream, for serving (optional)

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 F.

Spread pie filling on bottom of 9-by-11-inch pan.



Sprinkle cake mix and pecans on top. Do not mix.

Drizzle melted butter and oil on top of cake mix and pecans. Do not mix. Lift pan and tilt from side to side until cake mix is completely covered in butter.

Bake 1 hour until golden brown and bubbly.

Serve with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream, if desired.

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EASTER EGG HUNT RESCHEDULED

The Adel Easter Egg Hunt organized by the Adel Kiwanis Club was rescheduled to Saturday, March 30, 3-5 p.m. at Kinnick Feller Park. ■

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. ■

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. ■

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