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## FROM THE COVER:

Scott Gonzales with his 1969 Dodge Dart Swinger. Photo by Rich Wicks

## CORRECTION:

Our apologies to Linda Kastner, whose last name was published incorrectly in the November print edition of Panora Times in our Collections and Hobbies story. It has been updated on the website and in the digital edition. We sincerely regret the error.

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# 'I'VE GOT UNDERWEAR OLDER THAN YOU'

The above words came from the mouth of Ginny Bartels, a sales rep I worked with a couple decades ago who was in her 60s at the time. She offered this comment as a reply to a young man who just joined our company in the business office after he told her how old (or young) he was. Ginny then laughed a lot. The rest of us then cringed a little. It was an awkward moment.

I think of the underwear scenario whenever I pull an item of clothing out of my closet and reflect on how old it is. When I tell my kids — whose ages now range from 22 to 27 — that the shirt I put on is older than they are, their response is, "We can tell."

So be it. I know what I like.

Yes, when the Christmas season arrives, I feel the need to pull out a certain red and green, plaid-patterned shirt that rests peacefully on a hanger in my closet for most of the year. I'm not sure when I bought this festive flannel, but I did see that I was wearing it in a family Christmas photo from 1998. Each December, I shake the dust off this shirt and button it up. It's a tradition, of sorts.

The colors are now fading, some of



Shane Goodman

the buttons are starting to crumble, and the threads are becoming bare, but I just can't get rid of that holiday shirt. Maybe it's because I can personally relate to the same aging process. Or maybe I am just sentimental. I don't know. But I do know I enjoy wearing this shirt every year, as it makes me feel festive. And isn't that the whole point?

That same festive feeling holds true when I pull out my trusty red cable knit sweater for our company Christmas parties. I don't wear it much other than for Christmas holiday events — and an occasional Valentine's Day — so it is still in good shape. It may not be stylish or trendy, but Santa Claus seems to get

away with wearing the same clothes each year, so why can't I?

I am guessing some of you have a similar clothing item you pull out of your closet each holiday season that you have had for many years, and I am sure you appreciate it, too.

I only hope it's not your underwear.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to you, and thanks for reading. ■

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# MY FIRST CAR

Locals share beloved stories about their initial vehicle

BY RICH WICKS

*Panora Times*

Whether it was a brand new roadster or an old jalopy that was barely road-worthy, most of us can recall our first car. First cars often bring to mind stories from long ago, including fender benders, near misses, and fun of all sorts. Here are a few from the area.

## ANDERSEN'S 1964 IMPALA MADE MEMORIES

When Shane Andersen bought his first car, he already knew the vehicle like the back of his hand. That's because the car, a 1964 Chevrolet Impala, belonged to his father, and it had sat in the family's machine shed for some years.

"I was 13 when I got it, so that was in 1989," Andersen said.

Working on cars was in his blood, so Andersen and his father worked together to get the Impala running again.

"My dad worked on cars forever. My grandpa used to own the Conoco station up here where M&L Service is now," Andersen said. "I rebuilt the motor. That's where all my money went. The car was a project for my dad and me. You used to be able to get parts for a car like that anywhere, but now you've really got to search."

Andersen still remembers many details about the vehicle.

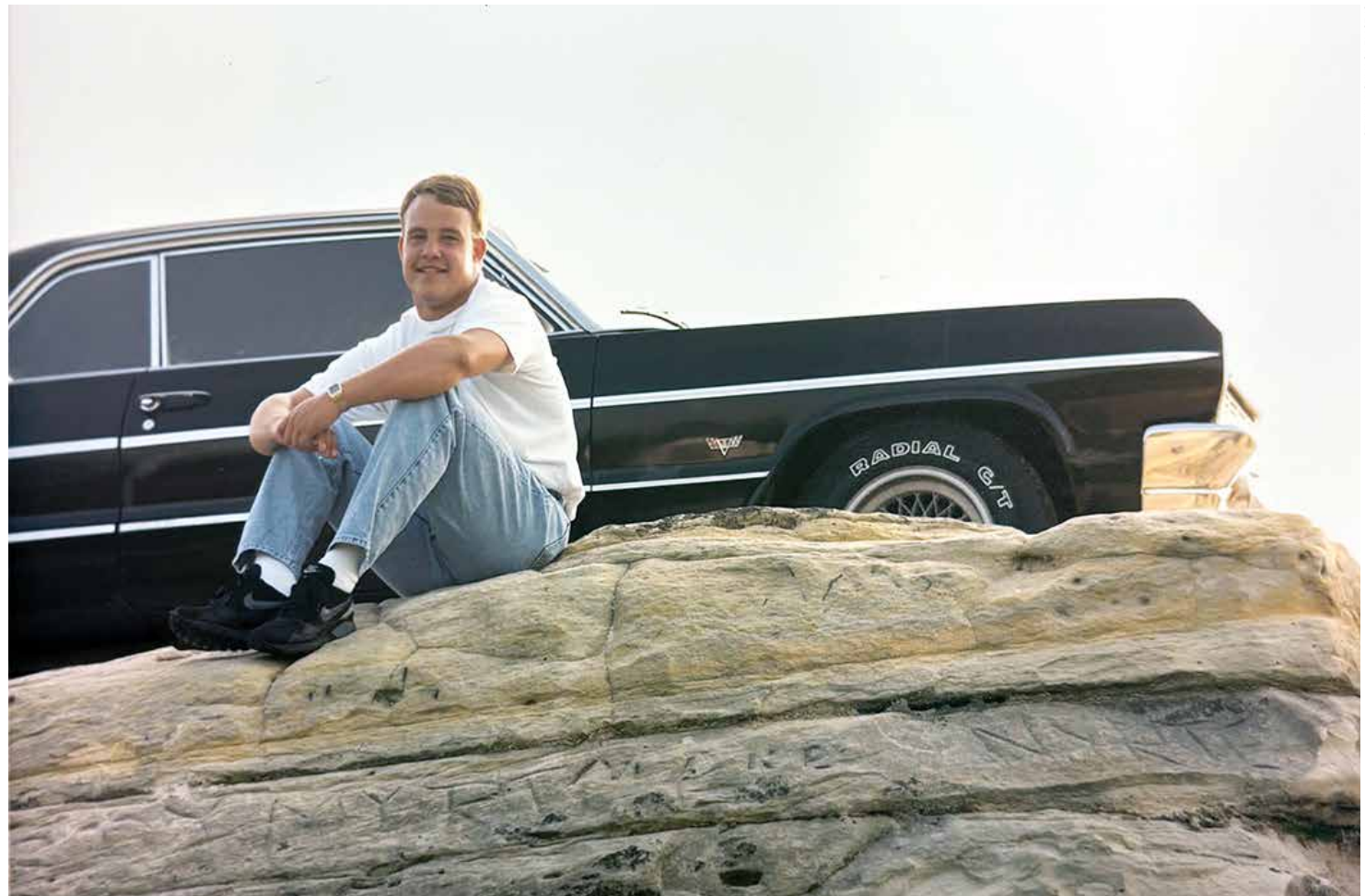
"My brother had a 1963 Chevy BelAir. They're almost identical; I just had a little more chrome on mine. He's still got his. My brother paid \$450 for his, and I paid \$750 for mine, but then I put over \$2,000 in the motor."

Despite the car sitting idle for years, Andersen knew its history.

"Believe it or not, it was originally bought at Bob Brown Chevrolet. I still had the original book, accessory book, and everything," he said. "An old boy in town, Wayne McLaughlin, bought it, and then my dad bought it from him."

Once the car was fixed up, Andersen drove it often and had a lot of fun with it. "It was my school car, so I drove it back and forth," Andersen said. "They used to make cars out of good solid metal. I know I hit two deer with it and never put a dent in the bumper."

Andersen shared photos of himself with the car that were taken at a favorite spot in



Shane Andersen and his first car, a 1964 Chevrolet Impala.

Guthrie County.

"The funny thing is, nobody knows where that rock is in Guthrie County," Andersen said. "It's down by Monteith, but you can't see it from the road."

Andersen pointed out a few ways cars have changed over the decades.

"It was a fun car. About 6 miles to the gallon, but you could cruise all night. It had a pretty decent-sized tank," he said.

Besides being a gas-guzzler, the car also had plenty of giddyup.

"She'd run fast," Andersen said. "The speedometer only went to 120, and it wrapped clear around that."

Andersen also found another advantage in the car's size.

"It would hold two kegs in the trunk," he said. "That trunk was huge."

However, Andersen noted that when police discovered this handy way of transporting large amounts of beer, they were less

than accommodating.

"The cops would dump them out," he said.

Eventually, after 10 years, Andersen was ready to part with his Impala.

"In 1999, when I sold it, I think it only had 78,000 miles on it," Andersen said. "I pulled it out to the end of my driveway, and I didn't even get back to my garage and it was already sold. It's now in Redfield, Iowa. He completely restored it."

Thinking back to his years with the Impala, Andersen recalled that sometimes fun with his car came at a price.

"When I'd get in trouble, my mom would drive it — and then I'd have to drive her station wagon for a few days," he said.

## STANDIFORD REALLY DIGS CARS

James Standiford of Panora has lived at Lakeside Village for the past five years. He

shared memories of his first cars with us in our April 2024 issue of Panora Times, including the unusual way he obtained them.

As a teen and young man, Standiford's main hobby dealt with cars. He recalled several stories from those days, including one on how he had two cars at the age of 14.

"I actually dug a grave for a guy," Standiford said. "He said he would give me \$60 for digging the grave. So, I dug it the way he wanted, and then he offered me the \$60 or a car. Well, I was 14, so I took the car. It was a 1951 Studebaker, and it ran and everything. I took it home and worked on it."

But, as Standiford soon discovered, he wasn't finished digging up great deals on cars.

"A couple weeks later, he asked me to dig another grave for \$60. So, I dug that one, and he had another car for me," Standiford



This 1951 Studebaker resembles the car Standiford “dug up” as a teen.

said. “Well, I was too young to drive, so my dad told me to never take those cars out of the yard. I sold the first one for \$150 and the second one for \$120 and a stereo system.”

From then on, Standiford was hooked on buying cheap cars and fixing them up. Another interesting car story came about literally by accident.

“Back in 1965, I had this 1956 Ford that I had bought from a guy. I was driving it in Des Moines, and a rock fell off a truck. It bounced up and smashed my windshield,” Standiford said. “I drove over to a friend of mine, and he was talking about going to stock car races that night. I said, ‘You know what, why don’t we just make this into a stock car?’ We busted all the windows out, and we drove it to Newton the following week. They laughed me off the track.”

Standiford explained that he was informed he couldn’t race the car because it didn’t have the required safety features such as a seat belt and fire extinguisher.

“The following week, I had gotten everything they said I needed, and I raced. I almost took the judge’s stand out, because I wasn’t used to driving on dirt tracks,” Standiford said. “But after a week or two, I got up to fourth place. I had put a good engine in it, and that thing was fast. Then I got drafted, so that was the end of my racing.”

### GONZALES’ NEW CAR WAS A KEEPER

As a young man, Scott Gonzales asked his dad about the possibility of getting his first car. What he didn’t expect, though, was that his dad would help him buy a brand new car. On Feb. 8, 1969, a 1969 Dodge Dart Swinger was delivered, and



James Standiford relaxes at Lakeside Village in Panora.

Gonzales has owned the car ever since.

Gonzales still has the advertising brochure that tells about the car, and he said the eye-catching photos in the brochure were a large part of his reason for selecting the Dart.

“I was a sophomore in college, and I needed transportation. I had access to vehicles when I was in high school, and I had saved up some money and I was going to buy a car,” Gonzales said. “My dad suggested I go to Central Motors in Guthrie Center and take a look, so I went there and I saw the Dart brochure. I asked how much it was, and it was beyond my ability to pay. I went back and told my dad, and he said he’d help me buy it. He wanted me to have something pretty reliable.”

The price of the car was \$2,748.86, which sounds affordable in 2024 but was a lot of money for a college student in 1969.

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Scott Gonzales and his 1969 Dodge Dart Swinger, which he affectionately named "Red Baron."

The car proved to be a good investment, though, as it was Gonzales' main source of transportation for years.

"It lasted through college, and then after I got married, we drove it until 1975," he said.

Gonzales shared details about the car, which he nicknamed "Red Baron." It now has 86,900 miles.

"I had it repainted. It's still got the original vinyl top on it," Gonzales said. "It's got a 340 four-barrel four-speed. The interior needs a little work."

When asked what made him hold onto the car all these years, Gonzales didn't offer a clear answer.

"I honestly don't know," he said. "I guess I got attached to it and just didn't want to part with it. I've had a number of offers over the years, but I just never was interested in selling it."

Perhaps some of his nostalgia relates to the fun times he had with the car as a young man. Gonzales shared a few of the tales.

"On my 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, I was celebrating with three fraternity brothers, and we got in my car and were driving down a side street toward campus at Central College, and one of my friends said, 'You never get on this thing.' So I floored it, and we were fishtailing, and we slid sideways through an intersection, hit the curb and ended up in someone's yard at 2 o'clock in the morning," Gonzales said. "The other three guys changed the tire, and no lights came on in any houses in the neighborhood and, fortunately, no cop came by. Then, a day or two later, I found out that I had bent the axle."

Another recollection relates to an unusual odor in the car.

"Every time I'd get into my car, I would smell fuel, and I couldn't figure it out. When I would start driving, the smell would go away," Gonzales said. "Finally, after about two weeks, I opened the trunk, and I had two of those kerosene 'cannon balls' from a road construction site, and I couldn't remember when they were put in there."

One feature of the car that Gonzales fondly recalls is its speed.

"Back in the late 1960s and early 1970s, there wasn't much weight in those cars, and they put those big engines in them. They would fly," he said.

Gonzales recalled that he used to do some repairs and maintenance on his car, perhaps even beyond his knowledge level at the time.

"When I was in college and first got the car, I would change the plugs and points. I thought I knew that stuff," he said.

Nowadays, Gonzales drives the car only occasionally and said he "very rarely" puts it in parades.

"I had it out a couple of times this summer. And a few weeks ago, we had it out and drove around for about an hour," Gonzales said. "I don't drive it as much as I probably should."

Another story from his early days with the "Red Baron" stems from a unique design of the car.

"The vents that it has are little boxes down under the dash. Over on the passenger side, if you would open this little door, you could put a fifth of whatever up in there. So if we ever thought we were going to get stopped, we had a place to hide things," Gonzales said. "I'm sure that wasn't the intent when they manufactured the car, but it worked well." ■



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# SEQUELS SIZZLE. HORROR MOVIE SURPRISES. DWAYNE JOHNSON FLOPS.

BY MICHAEL C. WOODY  
Panora Times

## “HERE”

Robert Zemekis has written and directed some great movies, including an Oscar for Best Director for “Forrest Gump,” but his latest is a surefire miss.

The concept is unique but absolutely ruins the movie.

Imagine putting a camera in a position in your home or your yard and then checking back on that camera from the days of the dinosaurs to present day. Remember that the camera cannot move on its own, so you just get slices of a story. I’m sorry but I need more than a slice of 25 or so stories. “Here” ends up being more annoying than interesting, completely wasting Tom Hanks and Robin Wright. I was glad when it was over.

**Grade: D+**



“Here”



“Before”



“Anora”

## “BEFORE”

This slick new series on Apple TV features Billy Crystal as a man haunted by nightmares and the photo of a farmhouse from his past. Add in a young boy with many of his own issues, who has ended up on his stoop, and you’ve got a compelling story.

**Grade: B+**



“Best Christmas Pageant Ever”



“Red One”



“A Real Pain”

## “ANORA”

The son of a Russian Oligarch visits a strip club and falls in love. All good so far, but when Mom and Dad arrive from Russia, things go south quickly. This movie is well made and acted, and I expect this will earn an Oscar nomination or two.

Very sexual and very violent. You’ve been warned. **Grade: B**



## “BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER”

I have never seen the play or any other of the movie adaptations of this classic story, so I was caught by surprise at the sweetness and charm of this movie. A small town puts on a Christmas pageant every year with great



fanfare, but, this year, the town bullies want to be part of the play. The story has many twists and turns but has solid heart and a wonderful message. I’d bring a Kleenex if I were you. **Grade: A**

## “RED ONE”

Jake Kasdan has made a few good movies. This isn’t one of them. It is a complete mess of special effects and less-than-special story-telling. Actually, it is one of the worst movies of the year masquerading as a new holiday classic. If you love special effects and don’t care about storytelling or strong acting, this might be right up your alley. My advice? Don’t go there. **Grade: D**



## “A REAL PAIN”

Jesse Eisenberg writes, directs and stars in this story of two cousins who are traveling to Poland to see where their grandmother grew up. Macaulay Culkin’s brother, Kieran, plays the other cousin and is almost annoying enough to make you want to leave early. I’m not sure what they were shooting for here, but they sure missed whatever the target



was. **Grade: B-**

## “HERETIC”

One of the year’s biggest surprises is a horror movie starring, of all people, Hugh Grant. He plays an old man who lives alone (or does he?) and one night has two young Mormon women stop to talk to him about their faith mission. This is one of the creepiest movies of this year, or any year, and Grant is outstanding in a very, very disturbing way.

**Grade: B+**



## “MOANA 2”

I have a vague recollection of the first movie, which has become a classic thanks to forever access on the Disney Channel. “Moana 2” contains no aggressive changes, but that’s exactly what this audience wanted. The songs are OK, and Dwayne Johnson does a great impersonation of... Dwayne Johnson. (Still not enough to redeem “Red One.”) The kids will love it, and that is all that matters. **Grade: B**



## “WICKED”

Years ago, Sue and I took the boys to New

York City, and our family went to see a much-heralded sequel to the great and powerful movie, “The Wizard of Oz,” on Broadway. Everyone loved it but you know who. I found it less than compelling. Most of the songs were not special, and the story left me wanting more. OK, flash forward to last weekend when gazillions of people packed movie theaters from coast to coast. The movie is outstanding on so many levels, I will have a hard time not finding a space for it on this year’s Top 10 list. It is a crowd pleaser and will be packing theaters for a great portion of the holiday season. **Grade: A-**



## “GLADIATOR 2”

This is a sequel to the beloved Ridley Scott movie starring Russell Crowe. Attempting to make a sequel is a brave move, but actually pulling it off is amazing. Paul Mescal, Pedro Pascal and Denzel Washington help to make this sequel work way better than it should have. It is a worthy sequel for sure, and kudos to Ridley Scott for not only trying it but actually suc-





"Heretic"



"Moana 2"



"Wicked"



"Gladiator 2"

ceeding. **Grade: B+**

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday, and I will be back next month with the remaining Christmas releases and maybe a peek at my 2024 Top 10 list. Until then, pass the popcorn. ■

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# SUPERVISORS DISCUSS OPTIONS REGARDING HAZARDOUS PIPELINE CONCERNS

BY RICH WICKS

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## NOV. 26 - CONCERNS OVER TASERS, LAPTOPS PURCHASED

The Guthrie County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Nov. 26. The supervisors reviewed the consent items, including the minutes of the previous meeting, the Nov. 26 claims and the Nov. 22 payroll.

Two items from the consent agenda were questioned. Supervisor Maggie Armstrong noted a concern regarding tasers purchased for the Sheriff's Department.

"I remember a conversation that we had during budget time about the appropriate number, based on liability, of tasers that the Sheriff's Department was going to purchase," Armstrong said. "But it looks as though they've purchased an amount more than we discussed, and I have some concerns about that."

Supervisor Mike Dickson voiced a concern regarding laptops purchased. He suggested pulling those two claims out. Both items were pulled out of the consent agenda for further consideration at a later time.

County Engineer Josh Sebern spoke with the supervisors regarding his request to promote Todd Plowman to maintenance superintendent. The supervisors unanimously voted to approve the promotion.

"Another thing I would add is we are advertising for a diesel technician," Se-

bern said.

County Auditor Dani Fink discussed plans for the county's budget appropriations for the second half of the fiscal year. She plans to bring the appropriation information to the next weekly meeting for the supervisors to consider for approval.

Armstrong updated the other supervisors about the status of the county's possible coordination with Tim Whipple from the firm of Ahlers and Cooney, P.C., of Des Moines, regarding a possible hazardous pipeline ordinance. She said Whipple is working on a letter of agreement to partner with the county. Supervisor Brian Johnson repeated his concerns that if the county creates such an ordinance, the county may face litigation.

## DEC. 3 - WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES

During the regular meeting Dec. 3, Supervisor Maggie Armstrong updated the supervisors on the county's online presence.

"Guthrie County has a Facebook page, up and running," Armstrong said. "This is a communication tool, so we're excited to get job postings out right away and to start communicating the good news of Guthrie County."

Armstrong added that departmental website development is continuing and expected to be reviewed as soon as next week.

Sandi Jackson, LifeLong Links Director, provided an annual report on services provided.

"Congregate meals and the home delivered continue to be the largest utilized services within the county," Jackson said. She added that three other services (homemaker, respite and personal care) continue to see high usage.

"It certainly reflects a high number of individuals who are needing more care in their homes, which is really what our mission is," Jackson said.

Jackson pointed out that pandemic relief funding ran out in Fiscal Year 2023.

"We're operating with less significant funding and no reserves," Jackson said.

She requested the county to provide \$10,429 in funding for the upcoming year. JD Kuster asked how much funding the county previously provided and was told \$9,700. After discussion, the supervisors unanimously approved the amount requested.

The supervisors discussed appropriations for the remainder of the fiscal year. Armstrong made a motion to approve the remaining 50% for all departments. This was approved unanimously.

Supervisor Mike Dickson said he received an engagement letter from Tim Whipple, from the firm of Ahlers and Cooney, regarding the possibility of developing a hazardous pipeline ordinance for the county. The matter was added to the supervisors' agenda for Dec. 10.

## DEC. 10 - HAZARDOUS LIQUID PIPELINE ORDINANCE LETTER DISCUSSED

Discussion was held regarding engaging with Tim Whipple of Ahlers & Cooney for legal representation in the matter of hazardous liquid pipeline permits and regulations. The letter of engagement has been received from the Ahlers & Cooney firm.

Supervisor Brian Johnson shared his opinion that it would be prudent to wait to see what is decided by the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court regarding similar issues that some other Iowa counties are currently litigating.

"I'm going to propose that we not engage in the drafting of an ordinance right now. I think we should at least wait until the appeal and the southern court decision is made, and that won't be until late spring or early summer," Johnson said. He added that he feels the county should be careful not to put itself into a position of liability for being sued.

Supervisor Maggie Armstrong voiced her concern.

"If we amend our ordinance, and our intention is to prohibit pipeline-like industries from coming through, that is very problematic. So, we do need to be cautious," she said. "I'm sure Mr. Whipple is very understanding of that."

Whipple shared that the county could begin to draft an ordinance, but at any point, the county could decide not to enact any proposed amendments.

A citizen, Candice Salvin, asked to address the supervisors about the issue. She objected to what she viewed as "stalling" if the county were to choose to wait and see what happens in the 8<sup>th</sup>



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Supervisor Mike Dickson made a motion to enter into engagement with Mr. Whipple as described in the engagement letter. The supervisors voted 4-1 in favor of this, with Johnson opposed.

Several librarians from the various libraries in the county spoke regarding the FY2026 Guthrie County Library Association funding request. They pointed out the many roles that libraries fill in small towns, and they asked the county to keep that in mind when setting the budget.

Supervisor Maggie Armstrong checked to see how much was funded last year. She shared that a year ago, the county voted to increase the funding by 5%, to \$139,256. No formal action was taken by the supervisors at this time.

Health Services Department head Jotham Arber updated the supervisors on the status and operations in that department. He said immunizations are continuing.

### DEC. 17 - RURAL IMPROVEMENT ZONE (RIZ) ELECTION RESULTS CANVASSED

On Dec. 17, County Auditor Dani

Fink reported on results of the recent Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) election for Diamondhead Lake and Lake Panorama.

“For Diamondhead Lake, Andrew Sawyer won with 12 votes, and there were five write-in votes. A total of 21 voters turned out for Diamondhead. And then for Lake Panorama, Larry Peterson won with 30 votes, and there were 30 voters,” Fink said.

The supervisors approved the results as presented.

Supervisor Maggie Armstrong showed a “walk-through” of the county’s new website. She pointed out the toolbar and links included.

“I don’t have an exact launch date yet,” Armstrong said, but added that feedback from department heads is requested by Friday, Dec. 20. She said training for department heads and elected officials will be scheduled.

The supervisors discussed scheduling of department head evaluations. The evaluations are to begin in January and will be held in closed session.

The supervisors meet regularly on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. The public is welcome to attend in person or via remote technology. To join remotely, call 323-792-6123, then use meeting code 547029216#. ■



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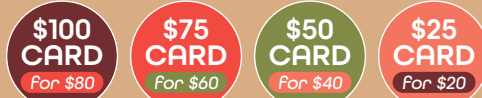


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## CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS

# PANORA CITY COUNCIL APPROVES URBAN RENEWAL FUNDS APPROPRIATION

BY RICH WICKS  
*Panora Times*

The Panora City Council met in regular session on Monday, Nov. 25 and approved the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Urban Renewal Report. The council also approved Resolution 24-43, obligating funds from the Urban Renewal Tax Revenue Fund for appropriation. Mayor Curt Thornberry summarized how the funds will be used.

“Just for clarification, the two are the downtown and then the new clinic,” Thornberry said. “We’ll be doing a \$120,000 payment for the downtown and up to a \$92,000 payment for the clinic on the east side of town.”

In light of Kim Finnegan’s upcoming retirement as library director, discussion was held about the benefits package that will be offered when the position is filled. Mayor Thornberry explained that the position is now considered to be a 27.5-hour per week position. City Administrator Lisa Grossman said Finnegan has been in the position for more than 25 years, and “Times have changed; benefits have changed.” She suggested offering half of the benefits that the city gives to fulltime staff. After discussion, the council approved this plan.

The council discussed the annual support request for the Region XII COG (Council of Government) Housing Trust Fund Program. Thornberry said he has seen that the citizens who have benefited appear to have been individuals and families that truly needed such a program. The council voted to again give \$1,000.

### DEC. 9 - COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS UPDATED

During the regular meeting Dec. 9, the councilmembers reviewed various dates related to budgeting for the upcoming fiscal year. Also listed were the updated Council Committee assignments, which include:

- Electric: Tom Flanery, Mark

Sheeder

- Public Safety/EMS Advisory: Brian Dorsett, Blake Michelsen
- Public Works: Tom Flanery, Mark Sheeder
- Water & Sewer: Roger Dorr, Blake Michelsen
- Community Center/Vets/Parks: Blake Michelsen, Mark Sheeder
- Finance: Brian Dorsett, Roger Dorr
- Personnel: Brian Dorsett, Roger Dorr



**Lisa Grossman**

City Administrator Lisa Grossman shared that some leakage in the ceiling at the Community Center has been noted, and it appears to relate to the furnace. The furnace had been having problems recently, as well.

“We were able to get it back going again, but it is 15 years old, so I am getting pricing to maybe repair or replace, and we need to get it off the roof,” she said.

The council approved Resolution 24-45 and set a public hearing regarding the status of grant funds for CDBG Contract 23-HSGU-005. This relates to the second-story apartments at 113 E. Main St. The council also approved pass-through funding of \$57,438 for the project at that address.

Resolution 24-46 was discussed. It amends the employee handbook regarding benefits for part-time library director. Grossman explained.

“This formalizes that discussion from the last meeting,” she said.

The council unanimously approved the amendment.

The next regular meeting of the Panora council is set for Monday, Jan. 13 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The public is welcome. Interested persons may attend in person or electronically by visiting the website <https://meet.goto.com/cityofpanora> or by phone 1-312-757-3121 (Access Code 295-099-701, Audio PIN 220#). ■

## EDUCATION

# PANORAMA SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES SAFETY UPGRADES

BY RICH WICKS  
*Panora Times*

During the regular meeting of the Panorama School Board on Dec. 9, the board approved several safety-related improvements.

Upgrades will be made to SCI doors and cameras using Safety Grant Funds. Superintendent Kasey Huebner explained.

"We will fob additional doors at the elementary and secondary schools. We will fob the southeast playground door at the elementary, the north door at the secondary, the kitchen door at the secondary, the district doors, and the food pantry door on the south side," Huebner said. "A safety grant through the state will reimburse us for this expense."

There will also be radio system upgrades. "This purchase will enable district staff to communicate during emergencies. We will also add a communication device at dispatch to ensure direct contact. Most of the costs will be reimbursed through safety grant funds," Huebner said.

The board approved the second reading of the proposed new policy regarding school bus restraints.

The board approved a resolution officially completing the school's north parking lot and driveway improvements.

"We spent \$14,000 less than what we initially approved. Our two-year warranty now officially begins," Huebner said.

The board approved plans for a SVP Facilities Assessment to evaluate the condition of roofs and utilities. The goal is to understand what condition roofs and utilities are in, which will help in prioritizing future improvements.

The board changed the normal starting time of upcoming regular board meetings, from 6:30 to 5:30 p.m. Therefore, the next regular meeting of the Panorama School Board is set for Monday, Jan. 13 at 5:30 p.m. The public is welcome. ■



Kasey Huebner

## HEALTH

# GCH OUTPERFORMS BUDGET

BY RICH WICKS  
*Panora Times*

During the Dec. 2 regular monthly meeting of the Guthrie County Hospital Board, the trustees reviewed budgetary data showing overall positive results.

According to CEO Chris Stipe, "Bottom line, we are outperforming our budget by more than half a million dollars through October. Our bottom line after four months of the fiscal year is \$1.1 million, compared to a budgeted \$586,000. This includes contributions to the Foundation, tax proceeds and 340B proceeds. Cash continues to be strong with days cash on hand at 216."

The trustees approved October financial reports as presented.

Medical staff credentialing was approved, and the FY25 Quality Assurance Performance Improvement (QAPI) Plan was presented and approved.

A resolution was approved to set a Public Hearing related to projects receiving USDA financial assistance.

The public hearing was set for Dec. 30 at 4 p.m. in the Todd-Neff Conference Room. That coincides with the next regular meeting of the trustees. The public is welcome to join in person or via remote technology. Details can be found at [www.guthriecountyhospital.org](http://www.guthriecountyhospital.org). ■



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## BETTY LOU THOMPSON

1938-2024

Betty Lou (Wetzel) Thompson, 86, daughter of Ralph Merle Wetzel and Sarah (Guss) Wetzel, was born July 24, 1938, in Manilla in Shelby County, Iowa. She passed away Monday, Dec. 9, 2024, at Thomas Rest Haven, Coon Rapids.

Betty grew up on a farm in southwest Iowa and had eight siblings. Betty went to school and graduated from Guthrie Center High School in

1955.

Betty married Jackie Cornell, and to this union a daughter, Tammy, was born. They later divorced. Betty married Gary Thompson, and to this union, a son and daughter, Brandon and Metinka, were born. They later divorced.

Betty went to DMACC and earned a small business management degree all while having young children.

Being a single parent, Betty worked hard to take care of her children. She worked at the local cable company, County Wide Plumbing & Heating, Dutler Construction, Thompson Electric, Mr. Bills Foodland, Wild Abstract Office, Guthrie Center Times and various jobs in accounting and office management and payroll. She also sold Avon and Hoda.

Betty traveled a lot in her younger years and liked staying close to home later in life.

She enjoyed flowers, gardening, birds, her cats, collecting knick

knacks, oil painting, sewing, and writing.

She is survived by her children, Tammy Cornell, Brandon (Geri) Thompson and Metinka (Brian) Slater; grandchildren, Kierra Cornell, Abigail Thompson, Tishara Lane, Talyn Slater, Devan (Dwayne) Seeck, and Miseen (Fidel) Hernandez; and nine great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters, Roseanna Leib of California; Connie Hansen of Nebraska; and Marjorie (Mike) Crabbs of Guthrie Center; along with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Burton (Martha) Wetzel, Donald (Doris) Wetzel, Ralph G. Wetzel, Charles (Nancy) Wetzel; and sister, Elnora Purcell.

Cremation has taken place, and private graveside services will be held at a later date in Union Cemetery, Guthrie Center.

Twiggs Funeral Home, Guthrie Center, is entrusted with her services. ■



## VERNON L. BANE

1930-2024

Vernon L. Bane, 94, passed away Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024, at Prairie Vista Village in Altoona.

A Celebration of Life was held Thursday, Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. at Mitchellville Christian Church, 210 Third St., N.W., Mitchellville, Iowa.

Vernon was born Aug. 1, 1930, to Merle and Opal (Wagner) Bane on a small farm near Bagley. The family farmed on several farmsteads around the area. Vernon graduated from Bayard High School in 1950. He then attended AIB Business School in Des Moines for a year before being drafted into the Army in 1952. In the Army, he served in Alaska during the Korean Conflict.

He was joined in marriage to Esther L. Bull in 1957. They started their family with Jim, followed by Diane, while living in Des Moines. In 1967, they moved to Mitchellville and completed their family with Cynthia. When the nest was empty in 1992, they moved to a small acreage near Glidden. They resided there until 2021 when they moved to Prairie Vista Village in Altoona.

Vernon worked many jobs in his life; working on the farm, serving at Younkers Tea Room, and driving taxi for Ruan Cab were just the start. The bulk of his time was spent working at Dico Mfg. in Des Moines for 35 years until retirement. After working his way through most of the production jobs in the plant, he retired as shipping and receiving clerk. After retiring he continued working various jobs. He was a groundskeeper for an apartment complex, helping on farms in Carroll County, working for Bomgaars and reading meters for the REC. Finally, he settled on a part-time job with APQS wiring quilting machines. He FINALLY retired from employment at age 82 to pursue his real job of mowing the yard. He truly enjoyed

mowing. When he was not working or mowing, he enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting, canoeing, bicycling, motorcycling and square dancing. After moving to Prairie Vista, he enjoyed playing Bean Bag Baseball and was not happy if he had to miss a game or practice.

Vernon is survived by Esther, his wife of 67 years; son, Jim (Jan); daughters, Diane (Scott) Benjamin and Cynthia Bane (Chris Haymaker); grandchildren, Miranda (Nick), Carissa (Andy), Sarah, Jenny (Kyle), Joel (Katie), Haile and Mae; great-grandchildren, Sullivan, Elsie and Cooper; and his brother, Virgil (LaVonnie).

In addition to his parents, Vernon is preceded in death by his sister, Vaneta Moore, and brother, Larry.

Vernon was a Charter Member of the Mitchellville Lions Club and a 70-year member of the Bayard American Legion.

Memorial contributions can be made in Vernon's name to the Mitchellville Lions Club, the Bayard American Legion or Pleasant Ridge Evangelical Free Church-Youth Activities Fund.

Interment will be at Orange Township Cemetery, Coon Rapids, Iowa, at a later date. ■

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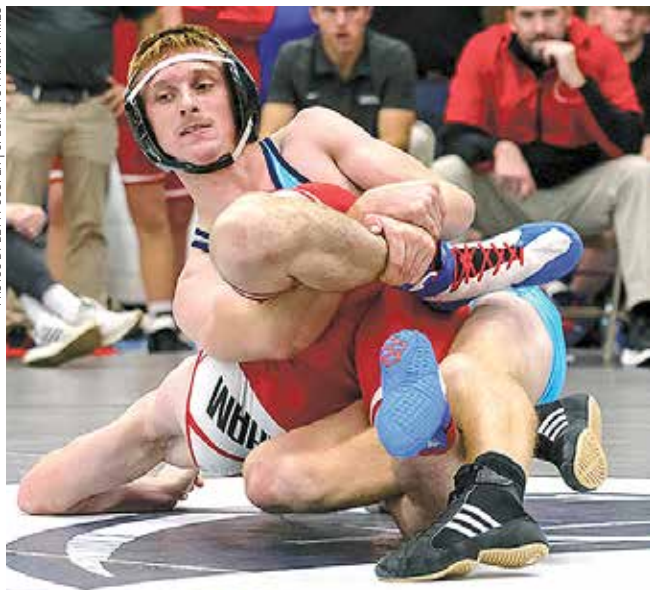
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Will Knapp (150) defeated Earlham's Jackson Berkley during Panorama's quadrangular on Tuesday, Dec. 10.



No. 13 Cruz Crandall defends against his Madrid opponent on Dec. 6.



Blake Holman works for the fall at the Treynor Wrestling Invite on Dec. 7.



Junior Ella Carico competes at the Central Iowa Kickoff Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 23.



No. 12 Morgan Creeves drops the shoulder in Panorama's win over Creston on Nov. 26.



Emma Walker placed fourth at the 2024 Central Iowa Varsity Kickoff tournament on Nov. 23.



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No. 2 AJ Draper soars for the layup. Draper had a team-high 11 points against Madrid on Friday, Dec. 6.



No. 30 Kelsey Laabs searches for a teammate in a game against Creston on Nov. 26.



Gracie Recker (155) won her weight class at the 2024 Manson Invitational on Monday, Dec. 2.



Joel Cooper (285) is pictured during his match at the Manson NW-Webster quad meet on Dec. 5.



No. 5 Neele Wirths gets hounded by Creston defenders in a game against Creston on Nov. 26. ■

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# SEWING TO HELP OTHERS

**Sandy Lane taught Julie Hathaway how to quilt, and now the daughter is just as involved as the mother.**

BY RICH WICKS  
*Panora Times*

Sandy Lane and her daughter, Julie Hathaway, live in Panora but are active in the Winterset Quilt Guild. The group gives out many quilts and sewn items to various charitable groups. Lane and Hathaway have expanded their giving to include residents and tenants at Lakeside Village, especially for those who qualify to receive a Quilt of Valor.

Lane explained that she has heard from some veterans who misunderstand the basics of the Quilts of Valor program. Contrary to what some have heard, the program is not for veterans who have passed away.

“The only qualification is that it is for anybody that has served in any form of the military, as long as they weren’t dishonorably discharged,” Lane said. “It’s to thank you for your service, while you’re still here.”

Lane said there is a national Quilts of Valor website registry. She makes sure anyone she has presented a Quilt of Valor to is recorded on the registry.

“I belong to the National Quilt of Valor Foundation,” Lane said. “We did seven quilts for veterans here at Lakeside Village.”

Lane recalled how she first became interested in quilting.



Julie Hathaway displays a row of homemade Christmas stockings.

“I’m self-taught,” Lane said. “In about 2008, my sister was wanting to join the quilt guild at Winterset. I got the information, we went to a meeting, and I’ve been going ever since.”

Not only have Lane and Hathaway participated in the Winterset group, they hold leadership roles. As of Jan. 1, Lane will become the club president, while Hathaway serves as club secretary.

The two also make “baby quilts” that are donated to hospitals. Lane explained the purpose behind these.

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Julie Hathaway and Sandy Lane show two of the Quilts of Valor given at Lakeside Village.

eyes are very sensitive to the light," she said.

Lane recalled at one point, she wasn't sure if her efforts were making a difference. Then she got a letter that changed everything.

"After about four years, I got my first thank you card addressed to me personally, and it just melted my heart and made me cry," she said.

Lane taught Hathaway how to quilt, and now the daughter is just as involved as the mother. Lane and Hathaway started making Christmas stockings, since they are easier than full-sized quilts.

"That was one of the first things she taught me how to quilt," Hathaway said. "She thought it would be easy for me to start with that. Eventually, I started making my own pattern. Now I can probably do three in one day, depending on the pattern."

Hathaway now makes Christmas stockings of various sizes and sells them. She even makes miniature stockings that are designed to hold a gift card.

Meanwhile, Hathaway is working toward

completing a full-sized quilt.

"My goal is to have one done by the end of next year," Hathaway said.

Lane and Hathaway are always on the lookout for good deals or donations of quilting materials. Hathaway said she's got a large supply of fabric and batting at their home, but the women go through it quickly.

"It kind of looks like a fabric store threw up in my dining room," Hathaway said.

For anyone interested in learning to quilt, Lane and Hathaway's suggestion is to team up.

"Sometimes, it's more fun to sew with a group," Hathaway said. "And even if you're just getting into sewing, find a group, ask questions."

The Mother-daughter duo have found they really enjoy the companionship of quilting together.

"One time, we were just sewing and sewing, until 4:30 in the morning," Lane said.

"Sometimes, you just lose track of time," Hathaway said. "We have our music going, and we have our teas, and we're just going to town." ■

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# BRYTON INSURANCE FOCUSES ON LOCAL SERVICE

**Company will officially take over accounts of property and casualty insurance customers from Hemphill & Associates on Jan. 1 due to retirement of Doug Hemphill.**

BY RICH WICKS  
*Panora Times*

Bryton Insurance in Panora has a well-known storefront in Panora. The office is run by owner Chris Arganbright and licensed agent Cindy Carstens.

“We are an independent property and casualty insurance agency. That means we represent several companies, and we do personalized and commercial lines of business. We don’t do any life or health,” Arganbright said.

She went on to explain how the local agency came to be.

“This agency was the Annear Agency, when the Bryton Company purchased it. I worked for a large agency in Des Moines, and my boss was Dave Creighton, Sr. He and Bryan Hughes bought this agency,” Arganbright said. “The Bryton name comes from ‘Bry’ from Brian, and ‘ton’ from Creighton. They had the idea of bringing bigger-city services to small towns. So they bought this agency and several others in other towns.”

Arganbright oversaw agencies in Panora and other towns by commuting for a while, but she soon found that wasn’t effective.

“What we learned was, having somebody come from Des Moines, in a suit, a couple of times per month to work with customers for those specialized services didn’t work because small-town people want to do business with small-town people,” Arganbright said. “So, Dave Creighton, Sr., and I decided this agency had the most potential, so we bought it together. That’s how I got to Panora. And then, eventually, I became the sole owner.”



Cindy Carstens and Chris Arganbright enjoy visitors to their office.

The biggest change on the horizon for Bryton Insurance will go into effect Jan. 1, 2025. On that date, Bryton Insurance will officially take over the accounts of property and casualty insurance customers from Hemphill & Associates. This is due to the retirement of Doug Hemphill.

A Dec. 1 letter informed Hemphill customers of the upcoming change. It also described what is hoped will be a seamless changeover, since Bryton Insurance contracts with the same insurance companies that Hemphill used.

“We insure the City of Panora and the

Lake Panorama Association and the school district. And the Hemphill agency insures the City of Yale, so we’ll be doing that, as well,” Arganbright said.

Arganbright shared that property insurance has changed significantly in recent years due to the frequency of derechos and other wind events that have resulted in Iowa being classified risk-wise in the same category as Florida and other states that experience hurricanes. She explained that, until Iowa sees a return to traditional weather patterns, premiums and deductibles will continue to reflect the higher risk that

has become Iowa’s “new normal.” But Arganbright and Carstens are ready and willing to help customers navigate this new territory to best meet individual needs.

Arganbright shared a favorite story about Carstens going above and beyond to help a customer.

“We had a customer driving on I-35/80 in Des Moines. A pickup truck in front of them had a ladder fly off, and the pickup kept going,” Arganbright said. “Because our customer had to veer, it was starting to look like our customer was going to take the blame... Cindy figured out there

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The Bryton Insurance office is located at 128 W. Main St. in Panora.

were DOT cameras, and we figured out how to access those and got the license plate of the pickup truck. That helped determine that the accident wasn't our customer's fault."

Arganbright said they pride themselves on customer service. "We don't go beating the bushes, and we don't want people to feel pressured," she said. ■

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Guthrie County Community Foundation board members, front row: Susan Belding, Carla Hilgenberg, Tamara Deal, Mary Ebert and Stacey Simmons. Back row: Julie Zajicek, Tom Rutledge, Jeremy Muell, Joni Dvorak, JoAnn Johnson, Andrew Arganbright, Diane Flanery and Kirby Klinge. Missing from the photo are Ryan Albers and Ruth Blomquist. Incoming board members are Ruth Blomquist, Jeremy Muell, Stacey Simmons and Tom Rutledge.

GUTHRIE COUNTY  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
GIVES OUT \$213,875 TO  
28 AREA ORGANIZATIONS

BY RICH WICKS

*Panora Times*

On Tuesday, Nov. 12, the Guthrie County Community Foundation (GCCF) held a reception at the Panora Community Center to hear from the various organizations that received funds from GCCF in 2024.

This year's grants totaled \$213,875 among the 28 organizations that received funds. Representatives of each recipient organization gave a brief report on how the funds are being used.

Since its inception, the GCCF has given out \$1.8 million in a total of 367 grants to a total of 70 organizations. ■



Recipient organization representatives, front row: Laura Robson, Heather Schneider, Phyllis Wakefield, Michelle Hull, Mary Porter, Jeff Kracht, Carlie Mason, Leah Woodard, Brielle Bass, Kristine Jorgensen and Daniel Irving. Middle row: Chris Arganbright, Becky Wahl, Rachel Hofbauer, Vicki Crannell, Nancy Sherman Deluhery, Lisa Sherman, Leah Becker, Susan Geels, Roberta Gilson and Kris Arrasmith. Back row: Chris Mohr, Dillon Wurr, Brayton Bonney, John DeLavergne, David Guisinger, Mike Carey, Erika Lundy-Woolfolk, Erick Danielson, Dennis Flanery, Sean Bovinett and Josh Renslow.

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EVENT

# GREAT WEATHER FOR ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
Panora Times

Spring-like temperatures this past Sunday resulted in good participation in the annual holiday tour of homes sponsored by Women for Panora's Future (WFPF).

A total of \$2,000 was raised through sales of both tour and raffle tickets. This matched the amount raised in 2023 with both years representing the most money ever raised by the home tour. Four homes and two businesses opened their doors to guests this year.

Homes owned by Bruce and Marcia Roenfeld, Paul and Sue Nagel, Jerry and Laura Poore, and Taylor and Sarah Burkhardt were

decorated for the holiday season. B&B Marketplace shared Christmas decorating ideas, while participants could enjoy a glass of wine at Twin Vines.

The tour was 1-4:30 p.m. with participants visiting each location at their own pace in the order they chose. Most tickets were sold in advance. Tour tickets, raffle tickets and holiday refreshments were available at the Panora Community Center the day of the tour.

The home tour is WFPF's largest annual fundraiser. It usually brings in enough money to award \$500 scholarships each spring to two graduating Panoramans. Funds also are used to support a variety of other community projects. ■



The Roenfelds' living room featured gifts under a large Christmas tree plus items on shelves on the sides of the decorated mantle.



A corner in the basement of the Bruce and Marcia Roenfeld featured a small tree and decorative snow globes.

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A bathroom at the home of Jerry and Laura Poore.



The kitchen at the home of Jerry and Laura Poore.



The home of Jerry and Laura Poore was one of four featured on the tour.



A bedroom was festively decorated at the home of Jerry and Laura Poore.



A bedroom in the Nagel's home featured items related to "The Nutcracker" ballet.



This brightly decorated table is in the kitchen of the Paul and Sue Nagel home.

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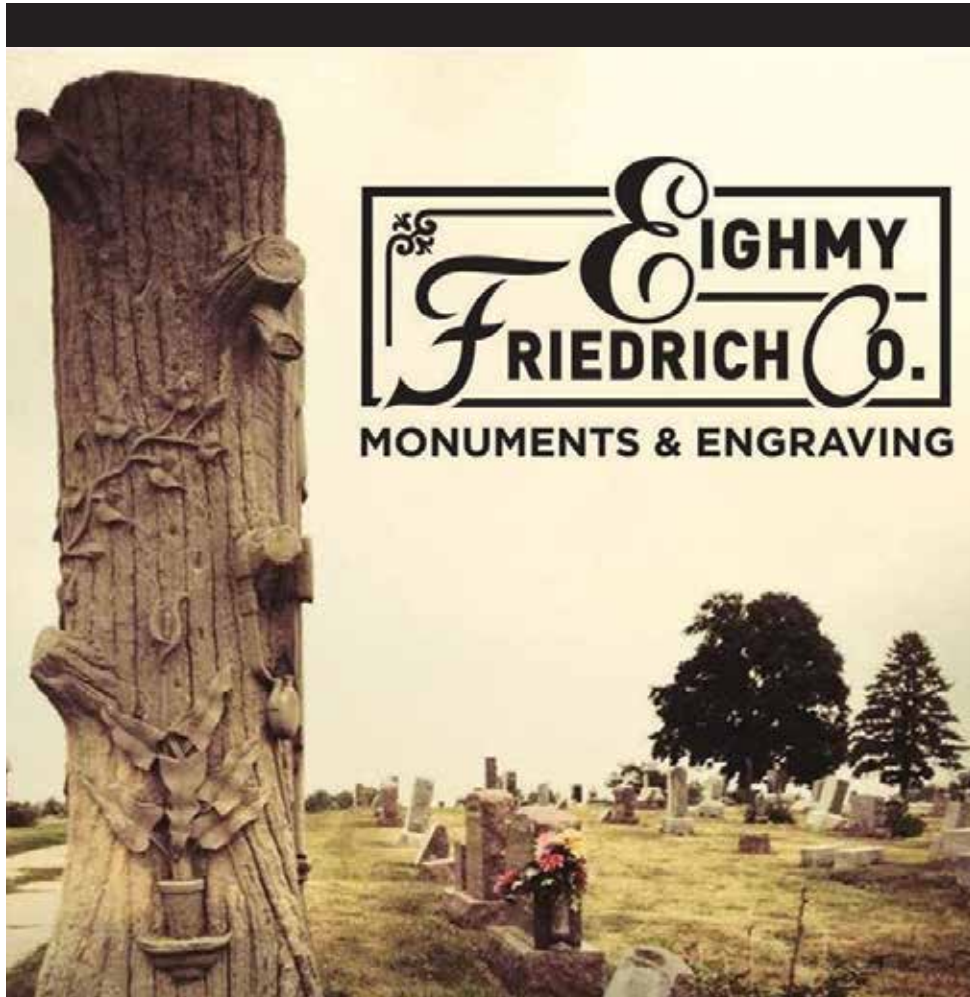
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Paul and Sue Nagel's living room featured a large decorated Christmas tree for the WFPF holiday home tour.



A white tree decorated for Christmas filled a corner in the basement of the Paul and Sue Nagel home.

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## 50 YEARS AGO



*From Guthrie Center Times, Dec. 9, 1974*

**FREE FOR ALL:** Panora-Linden's Tim Lamb (23) battles two Stuart-Menlo players for a rebound in the Hawks win over the Cyclones. (35) for the Hawks is Dave McBride, (15) is Tim Watts. Partially hidden is Greg Van Pelt. For Stuart-Menlo, (30) is Ted Roberts, (40) is Brad Jontz.

## 40 YEARS AGO



*From the Guthrie County Vedette, Dec. 22, 1984*

**ICE IS NICE:** Kids don't seem to mind the ice. Maybe because they don't have as far to fall. Melody Sheldahl (Bruce) of Panora peers through a thick layer of ice on a car window after an icy rain paralyzed the area Wednesday morning.

## 30 YEARS AGO



*From the Guthrie County Vedette, Dec. 29, 1994*

**BAGGED BUCK:** Angie Laabs shot this 10-point buck Dec. 3 in Guthrie County. A student at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, she is a 1994 graduate of Panorama and the daughter of Mike and Lana Laabs of Jamaica. Her dad estimated it would score 120-130.

## 20 YEARS AGO



*From the Guthrie County Vedette, Dec. 9, 2004*

**PASS IT ALONG:** Sixth-grader Nick Gross takes a box from Lucas Bilbrey as school students unloaded packages to be sent to area military persons serving abroad.

## 10 YEARS AGO



*From the Guthrie County Vedette, Dec. 11, 2014*

**PEACE ON EARTH:** Santa chats with 5-day-old Zachary Weisz of Panora Dec. 6 at Camp Candy Cane in Panora.

## 5 YEARS AGO



*Guthrie County Times Vedette, Dec. 12, 2019*

**FESTIVE TREES ON DISPLAY:** For the fifth-annual Festival of Trees at Panora Church of the Brethren, two of the local women's groups created trees benefitting New Opportunities, which serves 350 families in Guthrie County. WFPF (Women For Panora's Future) created a "toothbrush tree" decorated with toothbrushes and other dental products needed at New Opportunities. Rhonda Huggins from the Guthrie County Family Development Center stopped in to look at the Christmas trees benefitting New Opportunities. ■

# A CHRISTMAS HAM BALL TRADITION

BY JOLENE GOODMAN  
*Panora Times*

Thirty years ago, my friend Tammy shared this ham ball recipe with me. I don't know that I had ever tried ham balls prior to then. I immediately learned how they tasted like heaven. Tammy shared many other important aspects of life with me, as well. More recipes, a devoted friendship, family traditions and a welcoming home. Prior to kids, Shane and I spent many afternoons or evenings at her home watching movies, viewing sports or playing games followed by a good meal and a night cap. I soaked it all up. At the time, we kidded that we loved being at her home more than ours. I value these things today and work to share them with family and friends. Every Christmas, I make Tam-

my's ham balls. They are now a cherished family tradition. In fact, they are requested (which makes this mom feel special). If you are familiar with ham balls, there are several ways to make them with a variety of ingredients. I hope you enjoy this recipe, too. What are your family recipe traditions? Send me an email and share your recipes with me.

Happy cooking and Merry Christmas! ■

*Jolene Goodman is the advertising director for Panora Times and vice president of Big Green Umbrella Media.*



Jolene Goodman

## TAMMY'S HAM BALLS

### Ingredients

- 1 1/4 pounds ham loaf
- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 2 beaten eggs
- 2 tsp. mustard
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1.5 cups graham crackers crumbs

### Sauce

- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 tablespoon mustard
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoon vinegar

### Directions

Combine ham ball ingredients in a large bowl. Mix well with your hands. Use a small cookie scoop to form balls and place in glass 9-inch by 13-inch pan. Combine sauce ingredients and pour over top of ham balls. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees, spooning sauce over meatballs every 15 minutes. ■



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