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**FROM THE COVER:** Marvin and Judi Smith (and their horses) with their barn.  
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# NOTABLE BARNs. VETERAN SALUTE. AND THE BEST OF GUTHRIE COUNTY

I have seemingly always had a fascination with barns. That may seem odd coming from a kid who grew up in town, but it's true. Few things scream Midwestern values like an old, wooden barn on an Iowa farm. I once had a dream of revamping a barn into production space for one of our publishing companies. I was even going to call the company "Red Barn Media." Times changed, and those dreams became other realities, but I still am fascinated by the beauty and functionality of many barns that still pepper the gravel roads in our commu-



Shane Goodman

nities. We share stories about a few of them this month.

### VETERANS SECTION

Last year, we published our first effort at a Guthrie County Veteran Salute, complete with photos of local veterans through the years who have had ties to Guthrie County. You can view last year's edition by scanning this QR code.



After the section published, we continued to collect photos for our second effort. I am proud to say that we now have nearly 300 photos to include in this year's edition. If you or someone you

know is a veteran with ties to the county and you would like to see that person included, please visit [www.gctimesnews.com/veterans](http://www.gctimesnews.com/veterans) and submit the information. Or, if you need help, just give us a call at 641-332-2707.

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vote for best teacher, best coach and even best elected official. Your vote can make a difference. Cast it now at <https://gctimesnews.com/best-of>.

As always, I thank you for reading. ■

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# BARNs OF GUTHRIE COUNTY

**Stories of notable local barns and the families that cherish them**

**BY RICH WICKS**

*Panora Times*

Barns have been called “cathedrals of the prairie.” That seems a fitting phrase, since, like cathedrals, barns are often the most easily spotted and recognizable features on the horizon for travelers through rural Iowa. And for the families that live and work on Iowa farms, the family barn means much more than just a structure to which the cows come home.

Barns have long been an iconic image of Iowa. In recent decades, the number of family farms statewide has decreased, and barns have also become less prevalent. But in Guthrie County, many barns have stood the test of time. Some have been repurposed, while others have been refurbished to continue housing livestock, hay bales, and other farm necessities.

Here are the stories of some notable local barns and the families that cherish them.

## MARVIN AND JUDI SMITH

Marvin and Judi Smith's property and barn in rural Panora have some interesting history. Judi explained.

“Actually, this property was Milo Yale's. He gave all the land that became the town of Yale. There used to be a big, square, three-story house here,” Judi said. “When Marvin bought this place in 1972, he could see that it was going to be a money pit, so he tore it down and built this house.”

The story of the barn is a story of changes. Marvin said he recalls when the barn was built.

“I believe the barn was built in 1950, because I remember when they built it; I graduated in 1954, and they were building it a few years before that,” Marvin said. “We've lived here since 1972. We've always had horses and ridden horses. We used it as a corn crib for a while. It used to sit a little further north, but I converted it to shelled corn for several years. I filled both sides with shelled corn. We had about 14,000 bushels of corn in there.”

When the government program changed, using the building in that way



Marvin and Judi Smith are proud of their barn.

no longer made financial sense, so Marvin came up with a new idea.

“We didn't want to have to tear it down, and we weren't going to use it for a corn crib anymore. It's worked out really nice for a barn,” Marvin said. “Now we have a head gate in there, and we can run cattle in there and work them.”

Marvin recalled the process of moving the one-time corn crib and turning it into a barn.

“We moved it up here for a barn. I'd say that was in the late 1980s,” Marvin said.

“Well, first I ran the foundation. Then I had the guy from Perry come, and he just loaded it up and pulled it up there and set it on the foundation, and it's been there ever since. Hopefully, it doesn't blow

away.”

Eventually, the couple decided they wanted their small barn to look more like a traditional barn. Judi took on the challenge of creating a barn quilt on the building. She started looking for a pattern she liked.

“I saw ours on a calendar. It was called the “Star of the East,” and since it was going to be on the east side of our house, and I liked the colors, that's how I came up with that,” Judi said.

About 15 years ago, Judi painted the original barn quilt pattern herself.

“We had a guy come out with a cherry picker and put it up there, along with a cupola, and I had bought a horse weather-vane, so we put that up there,” she said. “That made it look like a barn instead of a

corn crib.”

The barn quilt is 8 feet by 8 feet, and it was repainted by a crew last summer.

The Smiths are happy with how their small barn functions and with its appearance, too.

“Now we just use it for horse stables, mostly, and I've got a tack room in there. So, when we saddle up the horses, we bring them in through there into the tack room and throw the saddle on,” Marvin said.

He added how others seem to agree that the barn is pleasing to the eye.

“When people stop out on the road to take pictures, I don't know if it's because of the quilt block or because of the barn,” Marvin said.





Dave and Sheila Deardorff's home is a century farm with an historic barn.

**DAVE AND SHEILA DEARDORFF**

The barn of Dave and Sheila Deardorff, rural Yale, is one of the most historic in the county. Not only did the barn have a notable beginning, but it is still in use today to house the many cattle on the farm.

In 1889, Mahlon and Sarah Deardorff moved from Illinois to a farm in rural Yale in Cass Township. The farm previously had been the Reuben Reaver farm and consisted of 267 acres. In 1892, the Deardorffs had a new barn built. As was common at the time, a large crew of men helped build the new barn. The workers must have been skilled carpenters, since the barn is still in use today. Reportedly, after the barn was completed, the 70 men were treated to a well-deserved dinner, followed by cigars and lemonade.



Built in 1892, the Deardorff barn is still going strong.

The farm has been in the Deardorff family ever since. Mahlon and Sarah's son, Russell, and his wife, Mary, owned



An old sign adorns the barn at Megan Smith's home.



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Megan Smith's barn as seen from the highway.

the farm, followed by their son, Orville, and his wife, Marjorie. Dave and Sheila Deardorff now own the farm.

### MEGAN SMITH

At 1075 Highway 4 in rural Bagley, Megan Smith and her family live on a farm with a traditional Iowa barn.

"It was built in 1904, but I don't know much else about its history," Smith said.

The barn is still used for housing livestock.

"I've lived here all my life," Smith said. "We had used it for draft horses, but then we converted it, and now we use it for horses and my daughter's show calves."



A curious calf at the Megan Smith barn.

lost their farm in Orient, Iowa. They went 28 miles the first day and stayed at Stuart. Then they came the last 20 miles the next day, with horses tied onto their wagons," Gladys said. "They raised horses and angus cattle. The barn was already here when they came. They kept their draft horses and cattle in there."

Since then, the farmstead has stayed in the family.

"My parents, Lloyd and Delores Chaloupka, bought it in 1965. I was in fourth

### NORMAN AND GLADYS WILLEY

For Gladys Willey of rural Yale, the family farm, and especially the barn, is a tangible reminder of her family's history. Although the two large barns on her property no longer house any farm animals, the buildings are home to a lifetime of family memories.

"My grandparents, Arthur and Femmie Wood, came to live here in 1934. They had



Signage on the Willey's barn says "Woodland Farm 1934"





The western barn on the Willey's property is weathered but structurally sound.

grade, maybe," Gladys said. "They lived here until 1981, and at that time, my husband, Norman, and I moved here. After my mother passed away, we sold the farmland but kept the acreage."

Norman and Gladys are now retired, and the barns on the property are no longer used regularly.

"About three years ago, we had a family reunion here, and everybody came out and looked at the barns," Gladys said. "They've been unused for about 20 years."

Looking back, she recalled a childhood memory at the farm.

"I remember one story after we had moved here. One of my sisters had graduated. One was a senior, and my brother was a junior. Dad sold the milk cows be-

cause he didn't have enough kids around to do the milking anymore," Gladys said. "The other kids told me I was spoiled because I was the baby and I didn't have to milk cows."

She also recalled how the barn offered kids plenty of chances for fun.

"We used to play in the haymow. That east barn had a pretty nice haymow," Gladys said. "There were always kittens to find up there, too, because the cats would have them up there to hide them."

Looking to the future, Gladys knows the barns are continuing to age, but she has no plans to fix them in the foreseeable future.

"I'd like to have the money to restore them, but I don't think that's in the cards," she said. ■



An aerial view of the Willey farm.



Gladys Willey's grandfather's draft horses outside the barn.

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THE BIG GUNS ARE HERE — AFFLECK. CRUISE. CAGE. VAUGHN. LILO. STITCH.



"The Accountant 2"

BY MICHAEL C. WOODY  
*Panora Times*

The month of May in the movie theaters means we see the first "big guns" of summer. We also see a couple of anticipated sequels and a few art films before we get to Tom Cruise, Lilo and Stitch and the rest of the avalanche of May films. You've got a little bit of both this month.

"THE ACCOUNTANT 2"

Ben Affleck delivers a much-anticipated sequel to his action/comedy movie of the same name (minus the 2) from 2016. Jon Bernthal reprises his role as Affleck's brother. Action fans who were confused by the film's title might have missed out, but this is your chance to catch up on both films. Great action, maybe better comedy. **Grade: A-**



"ON SWIFT HORSES"

I accidentally stumbled into an art-film about a woman and two brothers in Kansas during the end of the Korea war.



"On Swift Horses"

The film swings wildly (no pun intended) from sex to gambling to hidden homosexual trysts. It is a challenging film, for sure. Several people walked out of the screening I attended. **Grade: B-**



"THUNDERBOLTS"

The first big summer movie from Marvel is about a group of misfit super heroes who are tasked with saving the world. Florence Pugh again is the best thing in the movie, but the script takes an offbeat (and greatly appreciated) twist near the end when it seems to address the morass of the youth in our society and their propensity toward violence and self-harm. Unless I completely misread this movie, it was an interesting statement about this generation. **Grade: B+** (mostly for the last part of the film)



"THE SURFER"

Nic Cage can, at times, surprise us all



"Thunderbolts"



"Juliet and Romeo"

with a great performance in a great role. This is not one of those times. Cage plays a man who is down on his luck and trying to purchase the home he grew up in on the California coast. He wants his son to have the same experience that he had growing up. A beach full of bullies and a town seemingly under control of them ruin the story and, unfortunately, the film. **Grade: F**



"JULIET AND ROMEO"

This charming film takes yet another twist on the classic Shakespeare tale of forbidden love. The faces are fresh,



"The Surfer"



"Nonnas"

the story is original, and the musical soundtrack plays a strong part in the film's appeal. This will probably head to video soon where it might find a larger audience than it did in the theaters. **Grade: B**



"NONNAS"

Vince Vaughn gives us one of the most charming films of the summer on Netflix about a man who loses his grandmother, the woman who fed him some of the best food he ever tasted. In honor of this great lady, he buys and rehabs a rundown building and turns it in to a restaurant.

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"Hurry up Tomorrow"



"Lilo and Stitch"



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"The Last Rodeo"

To complete the homage, he hires grandmothers to cook and work in the restaurant. To make it even better, it is based on a real-life story and restaurant in New York City. **Grade: B+**



### "HURRY UP TOMORROW"

A Murph and Andy listener asked me to review this movie, and it was the rare weekend where nothing else was opening. It was a crazy movie, full of talent but way short of greatness. The singer known as The Weeknd is at the end of his rope. Strung out on drugs and alcohol, he is literally stumbling through life when he meets a beautiful young woman, played by Jenna Ortega (Wednesday Addams on Netflix) who



takes him home one night. From that point, the movie completely falls apart. I walked out. **Grade: D-**

### "LILO AND STITCH"

The summer's first huge hit (\$146 million on the opening weekend) is a live action adaptation of the extremely popular animated kids series about a creature from space that lands on Earth and creates chaos. It's definitely a movie for the kids and a little difficult to comprehend for those of us without young kids at home anymore. Let me just tell you that the wee ones came dressed for fun, and fun was had, indeed. **Grade: B**



### "MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE — THE FINAL RECKONING"

The summer's second huge hit with

a \$63 million opening weekend is the latest from Tom Cruise and, allegedly, the last film in this lengthy series. Without the gory details, the entire planet is in jeopardy and there is only one person on our planet who can save it. Any guess who? Like most (if not all) "Mission Impossible" movies, it is long on action and short of a credible storyline. Admittedly, this has been a record-breaking and occasionally entertaining series, but I won't miss it.

**Grade: A for action, C- for story**



### "THE LAST RODEO"

Neal McDonough plays a washed-up, long-retired, champion bull rider who, at 50 years old, must come out of retirement to help pay for his grandson's brain surgery. The movie is as corny

and cheesy as they come, but the actors do such a good job that you find yourself getting sucked into the action. I've not watched much bull riding, but it looks intense and dangerous. This is an Angel Studios film, so you get a good serving of religion and a satisfying finale.

**Grade: B-**



I'll be back next month with more summer hits and a few misses as well. Until then, pass the popcorn. ■

*Michael C. Woody has been reviewing movies on radio and television since 1986. He and his wife, Susan, are residents of Guthrie County.*



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During the June 3 meeting, Jotham Arber addressed the supervisors regarding the use of opioid funds from state and national settlements with companies over lawsuits stemming from the opioid crisis. He told of the need for EMS services to have naloxone for use with patients experiencing opioid addiction. Arber also explained Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), in which a patient is given another medication to replace the dangerous drug the patient is addicted

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to. Arber explained that he is a strong believer in making sure that resources are available in this county, because many patients will not follow through on appointments further away due to transportation or time constraints.

Arber explained his thinking in targeting youth education.

"Another huge area is developing youth prevention programs and service navigation," Arber said. "We've talked with all three of the schools, and we're going to be having some pretty in-depth conversations over the next three months about the needs that they have in the social work space. I think we can avoid some things going forward. It's that ounce of prevention being worth a pound of cure methodology."

Sheriff Matt Harmann spoke to the supervisors about planned vehicle purchases. Supervisors Chair Maggie Armstrong said she appreciates the information even though the purchases planned are already in the budget, so no board action was needed.

The supervisors discussed the county's employee evaluation process and possible improvements. The discussion included the inherent challenges of evaluations being done by the five supervisors, meaning that employees essentially have five "bosses" who each will see things differently. There was also a suggestion to have a six-month

"check-in" to review if annual goals are progressing. After discussion, Supervisor Steve Smith said he will work on creating a first draft of an amended format for the supervisors to review at an upcoming meeting.

#### **JUNE 10 - STEPHEN BASCOM HEALTH CENTER, COMP TIME PAYOUT, HEALTH FAIR**

The supervisors approved Resolution 25-30: A Resolution Honoring Dr. Steven Bascom and Dedicated the Guthrie County Health Services Building as "Stephen Bascom Health Center."

The grand opening of the remodeled Health Services building and the dedication ceremony will occur at an event June 10 from 1-3 p.m. at 2002 State St. in Guthrie Center. The public is invited.

Supervisor Mike Dickson asked that one item (Comp Time Pay Out Notice for Todd Thorn) be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed separately. Supervisor Steve Smith said he agrees with Dickson's concern about setting a precedent, but since the hours have been worked, Smith supported paying out Thorn for the comp time hours to get his balance down to 160 hours. The supervisors voted 4-1 to approve the payout, with Dickson opposed.

Health Services Director Jotham Arber provided a departmental update.

"We are planning to do a health fair.

We're trying to decide whether to do it right before school starts or right after school starts. We'd like to do it at each of the schools and offer physicals and some other services, just to try to bolster some health services for our schools," Arber said. "We're working on the details there."

Arber explained his department's ongoing efforts to decrease the cancer risk for citizens from radon exposure. He described the information and resources available for radon testing and radon mitigation. The county has home radon tests available for \$18.

#### **JUNE 17 - ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE APPROVED, BRIDGE FUNDING**

During the June 17 meeting of the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors, a first reading was held regarding the draft version of the Animal Control and Protection Ordinance. A few minor wording changes were suggested, and approved, to clarify intent. There were no public comments.

The supervisors unanimously voted to waive the second and third readings. The county will publish the entire ordinance, and it will then go into effect.

County Engineer Josh Sebern shared the final plans for Bridge Replacement Project BROS -C039 (100) 81-39 on Victory Trail over Beaver Creek. Sebern described the

"pass-through" manner in which funding for the project will flow.

"The original one was built in 1959, and the deck has since gone bad, so we're doing a full replacement," Sebern said. "This one's a bit of a unique beast. The cost is estimated at \$1.385 (million). This will be 100% federal aid funded; however, it will pass through the local budget."

Supervisor Brian Johnson asked how quickly the federal funds will be received once requested for reimbursement.

"It's fairly fast. They want us doing it monthly; they don't want to wait until the end," Sebern said.

As part of the consent agenda, a payroll change notice was approved for part-time jailer Ben Marsh for a new pay rate of \$23 per hour.

Evan Subbert addressed the supervisors, speaking of his resignation from his position as Assistant to the Engineer. He voiced appreciation for the County Engineer's department and all those he worked with in his job.

"I want to thank you guys. I feel like the board has always had my back these 15 years," Subbert said.

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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# PANORA CITY COUNCIL BUYS SKID LOADER, DISCUSSES SIDEWALK INSPECTIONS, BRUSH FACILITY HOURS, DEAD GRASS

BY RICH WICKS  
*Panora Times*

**MAY 27 – ROAD CLOSURES, SKID LOADER PRICING, BRUSH FACILITY HOURS**

During the May 27 meeting of the Panora City Council, the councilmembers approved Resolution 25-24, authorizing the closure of Iowa Highway 44 and other city streets at certain times during Panoram Days, Aug. 1-3.

City Administrator Lisa Grossman updated the council on the city’s plans to purchase a new skid loader.

“Our budget, we were looking around \$60,000, and they are going to give us \$15,200 for our trade-in,” Grossman said. “With everything, it came to about \$64,500 with our

trade-in.”

As part of the Consent Items, the council approved a retail liquor license renewal for Local Liquor.

Grossman reported that no citizens had preregistered to address the council on any matters during the Public Forum portion of the meeting.

Grossman explained that the city’s brush facility is now open, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, seven days a week. She reported that some violations of allowed usage have already been caught on camera.

**JUNE 9 – SKID LOADER PURCHASE, SIDEWALK INSPECTIONS, CLEANUP DAY, DEAD GRASS**

During the meeting of the Panora

City Council on June 9, the council approved the purchase of a Ziegler CAT 2025 Caterpillar skid loader for \$64,583. The city’s old skid loader will be traded in for approximately \$15,000.

City Administrator Lisa Grossman and the council discussed the city’s sidewalk inspections and possible action regarding incomplete blocks that currently have partial sidewalks. Grossman explained that the city requires sidewalk to be installed with new construction, but some properties have no sidewalk on blocks that have sidewalk.

Grossman explained that, in some areas, sidewalk is not present because some areas are considered “drainage ditch.” Mayor Curt Thornberry said that in years past, the city has also identified other properties where side-

walk is missing, but previous councils have not chosen to require those properties to have sidewalk installed. Thornberry said that this is up to the council to decide. No formal action was taken at this time. The city will send out letters to inform the property owners who are missing sidewalk (or with badly damaged sidewalk), but the letter does not require that sidewalk be installed.

Grossman reported on the city’s upcoming cleanup day.

“We had 43 people sign up for cleanup day, which is this Friday. The deadline was last Friday,” Grossman said.

During the Public Forum portion of the meeting, Allie Halsey addressed the council about a concern. She showed pictures of a portion of her lawn.

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and I'm here to talk about the spraying the city has done along the curb at my address. I think you'll see in the first picture, there's over a foot of dead grass along the curb," Halsey said.

Halsey said she also has a company that treats her lawn for weeds. She suggested the city could inform property owners before spraying, so that kids and pets could be kept away. Since the issue was not on the agenda, no council action was taken at this time.

The council approved several licenses and permits, including an 8-month special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Off Course Golf Carts, a 12-month Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Pedal-In, and Tobacco licenses for Casey's and Dollar General.

The council meets regularly on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 5:30 p.m. The public is welcome. Interested persons may attend in person or electronically by visiting the website <https://meet.goto.com/cityof-panora> or by phone 1-312-757-3121 (Access Code 295-099-701, Audio PIN 220#). ■



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## EDUCATION

# PANORAMA SCHOOLS TO JOIN COOPERATIVE FOR WIND/HAIL INSURANCE

BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

During the regular meeting of the Panorama School Board on June 9, insurance agent Chris Arganbright presented information to the board regarding the option to join a cooperative (through a 28E agreement) for the district's wind/hail insurance. The name of the cooperative is the Storm Protection Fund. Superintendent Kasey Huebner explained the incentive to join.

"This saves the district around \$30,000 of management funds by participating in this insurance coop," Huebner said.

The board voted to join the cooperative.

Elementary Principal Liz Ratcliff and Middle School/High School Principal Thad Stanley each provided a report on

the school year and vision moving forward.

The board approved a renewal agreement with Heartland AEA for special education services.

The board approved the first reading of a proposed policy ("Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices"). The matter will be on the agenda in July for a second reading, discussion, and possible consideration for approval.

The next regular meeting is set for July 14 at 5:30 p.m. The public is welcome. ■



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HEALTH

# GUTHRIE COUNTY HOSPITAL PREPS FOR GOV. REYNOLDS VISIT

BY RICH WICKS  
*Panora Times*

During the May 22 meeting of the Guthrie County Hospital Board of Trustees, CEO Chris Stipe talked about the upcoming May 28 visit from Gov. Kim Reynolds.

"We do have quite an event planned here Wednesday. Invitation only," Stipe said. "The governor will be signing a couple of bills that impact healthcare positively, and she wanted to do that at one of the hospitals, and we were lucky to be asked to participate."

Chief Financial Officer Brandon Johnson provided a monthly report. He said that nearing the end of the fiscal year, the hospital's financial statements look good.

"If historical trends and current indicators are correct, we should be finishing the year strong," he said. "May is also going well."

CEO Chris Stipe pointed out that the

current fiscal year status is much better than a year ago.


"From an income statement perspective, you look at where we were last year. We had a \$1.5 million loss," Stipe said. "So, it's pretty good."

Chief Nursing Officer Sandy Atkinson told of training that the nursing staff will begin to take called MOAB, which stands for Management of Aggressive Behavior. She said it will help staff safely deal with patients who may become a threat.


Foundation Chair Dennis Flanery discussed the upcoming fundraiser golf tournament.

"We're taking registrations for that right now. This will be our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so we're doing some extra special stuff this year," he said. "It will fill up; the golf course is only allowing 40 teams."


The next regular meeting of the trustees is set for June 26 at 4 p.m. The public is welcome. ■




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## Q: WHAT IS GOING ON AT THE AIRPORT WITH ALL THE CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT?

**A:** We asked this question to Matt Pearey, the airport board chair, and he provided details.

"The current construction project is the re-paving of the airport apron," Pearey said. "The timeline, weather permitting, is to have the project completed by the end of July."

An airport's apron (also known as the ramp or tarmac) is the area where aircraft can be parked, loaded and unloaded, and serviced.

The total cost of the project, including design and construction, is expected to be around \$1.6 million. Pearey explained why the project was needed.

"It began as just fixing the existing ramp, as that concrete was getting to a point where it could be hazardous for smaller

aircraft," he said. "We are actually extending the ramp area further to the south to move the fuel pump station."

The project is 90% grant-funded, with the airport receiving three federal grants through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

## Q: WHERE CAN I PROPERLY RETIRE A TATTERED AMERICAN FLAG LOCALLY?

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## Q: WHEN ARE THE PANORA AND GUTHRIE CENTER FARMERS MARKETS?

**A:** The Panora and Guthrie Center farmers markets alternate weeks, meaning that each Saturday from June 7 through Sept. 20, shoppers can easily find local produce. The season kicked off on Saturday, June 7 at the Panora farmers market (held every other week at the Guthrie County Historical Village, 206 W. South St.). Hours will be 9 to noon. On the opposite Saturdays, the Guthrie Center farmers market will run from 9-11 a.m. in downtown Guthrie Center.

## Q: THERE WERE SOME NEIGHBORS ASKING WHY THERE HAVE BEEN PILES OF REMOVED TREES ALONG THE ROUTE FROM STUART FOR TWO YEARS. ANY CHANCE YOU CAN DO SOME RESEARCH ON THIS MATTER?

**A:** We asked this question to Maggie Armstrong with the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors. She spoke with County Engineer Josh Sebern about the project and reported back the following: "The P28/Wagon Road right-of-way tree/brush clearing started in the winter of 2023/2024. The top reasons for this project are to manage the vegetation and wildlife and provide additional visibility for motorists. With regular maintenance, this very large-scale project should be a permanent solution. The county will burn the piles a year or so after they've been cut and when there is snow on the ground to prevent the fire from spreading." ■



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- 2009 Barb Wollner
- 2010 Bette Donahey
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- 2012 MJ Brown
- 2013 Karen Sievers
- 2014 Joe Scheiring (D)
- 2015 John Rutledge
- 2016 Josh Arganbright
- 2017 Curtis Thornberry
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- Wine Selection
- Place to Buy Meat
- Coldest Beer
- Caterer

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- Vehicle Detailing Business

COMMUNITY:

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- Teacher
- Coach
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- School
- Park
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- Place to Hold an Event

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- Employer
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Panorama's Jaxon Vogel makes contact against Ogden on June 10.



Panorama's No. 17 Emma Waller runs to second against Pleasantville on Thursday, May 29.



Panorama's No. 7 Ines Gimeno Perez against Earlham on June 5.



Panorama's Eli Cooper lays down a bunt against Madrid on June 11.



Panorama's No. 15 Faith Recker makes the play from the outfield against Pleasantville on Thursday, May 29.



Panorama's Cruz Crandall makes the diving effort against Van Meter on June 12.



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Panorama celebrates its first win of the 2025 season against IKM-Manning on June 4.



No. 13 Brayden Meinecke sends one into the air against ACGC on Monday, June 16.



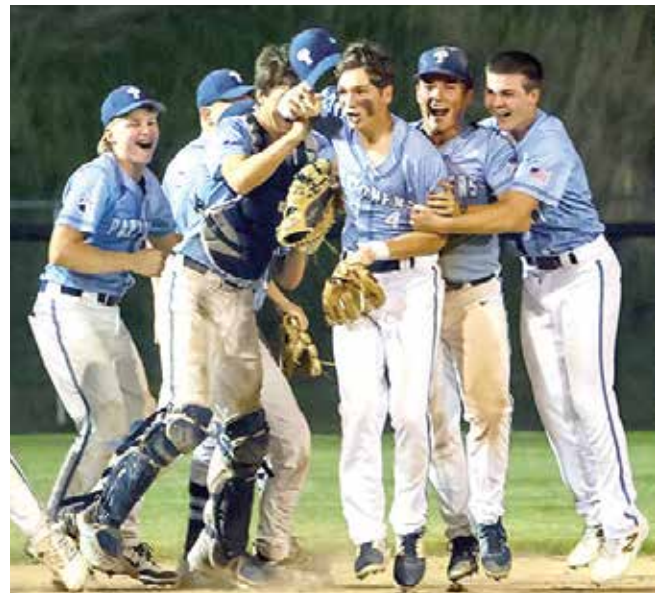
Panorama Head Coach Ismael Galvan coaches his squad against Woodward-Granger on June 2.



No. 3 Lexi Galvan extends to deliver the pitch against Pleasantville on Thursday, May 29.



Panorama's No. 7 Bryce Dawes on the mound against Earlham on June 5.



Panorama baseball celebrates its win over Woodward-Granger on Monday, June 2. ■

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# COLLISION CONCEPTS FIXES ‘FENDER BENDERS’ AND MORE

Deer accidents are keeping the Storesunds busy in Bagley.

BY RICH WICKS  
*Panora Times*

Quintin and Tonya Storesund are the owners and sole employees of an auto body repair shop named Collision Concepts, in Bagley. As the business name would suggest, much of the work completed at Collision Concepts is to repair damage caused by any type of impact between a vehicle and anything else. In Guthrie County, many of those impacts involve deer.

“With all of the deer running around, that’s the majority of what we’re doing here,” Tonya said. “Sometimes, we’re booked out two or three months, but with it being a one-man show, he does the whole job from start to finish.”

The shop is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and closed on weekends. While Quintin does the repairs, Tonya handles everything else. The business phone number is 641-427-5831.

“We opened up in 2003. It’s just him and I — a husband-and-wife team,” Tonya said. “I handle the writing of the estimates, dealing with insurance companies, billing, and keeping the customers up to date.”

The Storesunds have lived at Lake Pan-



Quintin and Tonya Storesund are proud of their business.

orama since 2000 and have operated their business in Bagley since 2003. They have three children, with one still at home, and two grandsons.

Quintin earned a degree in the auto body program from Northwest Iowa

Community College, but he says his education is “never-ending.” As vehicles have become more computerized, sensors and cameras are installed in many locations as safety enhancements. Because of this, auto body work has become much more

complex. To deal with the ever-changing challenges, Quintin maintains an I-CAR (Inter-Industry Conference on Auto Collision Repair) Gold Class certification.

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aligning and adjusting of sensors and cameras to ensure proper functioning of features (such as Advanced Driver Assistance Systems, lane-departure warning and automatic emergency braking), especially after repairs or replacements. This is often true even if the sensor or camera wasn't replaced.

"A lot of times, if we've removed a front bumper and put it back on, we may have to recalibrate it," Tonya said.

To handle this work, the Storesunds added a separate building directly across the street from their shop specifically for calibration. Tonya explained why a separate area was needed.

"You've got to have a lot of room around the vehicle in order for the calibration to work," she said.

According to Tonya, many customers do not realize that Collision Repairs offers windshield repair.

"We do windshield repairs, both the

entire windshield replacement and also rock-chip repairs," she said.

Collision Concepts also offers specialty products to protect vehicles from specific damages.

"We also do 3M ceramic kits and 3M paint protection film. It's a clear film that goes along the rocker panels of your vehicle," Tonya said. "It's great for vehicles that drive on gravel roads."

Tonya added that some of what Quintin works on isn't auto body work.

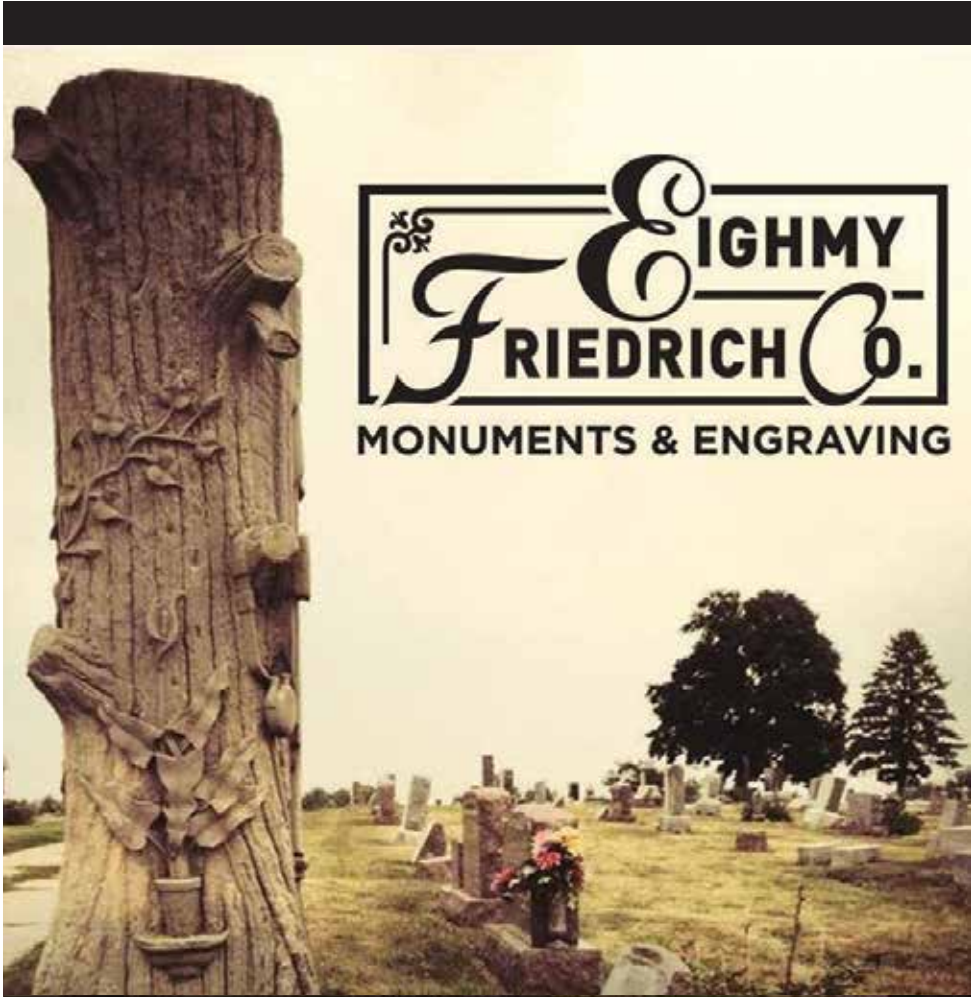
"He does do some mechanic stuff," she said. "He'll do radiators and condensers, but as far as engines and oil changes, no."

In years past, the Storesunds have sometimes employed others to help handle the workload, and that is a possibility they may consider again when the time is right.

"We always have the room and equipment to expand if that right person comes along," Quintin said. ■



Body work in progress at Collision Concepts.



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# HARBAUGH SHARES HER COLLECTION OF BARN REPLICAS

Items in the collection are from around the country with roughly half being from Midwestern states.

BY RICH WICKS  
*Panora Times*

Companies that create and sell items that are part of a set or collection have often used the phrase “Collect them all” to encourage customers to do just that. For many collectors, the search is the thrill. Another frequently used term is “Limited Edition” to encourage buyers to act quickly before supplies run out. Those marketing approaches are often successful, as shown in this example from Janice Harbaugh.

Harbaugh has collected all of the pieces in a collection called the “American Country Barn Series.” She recalled how she first became interested in the collection.

“My husband and I had an acreage at Mitchellville. After we retired and moved, we would go to farm sales, and he would look at tractors. While he was doing that, I would go to antique shops or flea markets,” Harbaugh said. “I noticed these little barns every so often, and I saw they were part of a collection, and I decided to try to collect them. I thought this could be something fun to pursue.”

At first, Harbaugh added to her collec-



Janice Harbaugh shows a favorite replica in her collection.

tion mostly by chance, when she would happen upon a piece that she had not yet obtained. Later, she was actively search-

“At first, I started finding them every so

often. And, eventually, I had to go on eBay to find the ones I was missing, and the last one I found was the ultimate one, the Frank Lloyd Wright barn,” Harbaugh said. “I started collecting them in 2010 and fin-

ished about five years later.”

The barns featured in the collection include examples from around the country with roughly half being from Midwestern states. However, the collection includes

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examples from other areas including Montana, Massachusetts, Virginia and Oregon.

Harbaugh noted that the miniatures are replicas of actual barns, and she believes each of the full-size barns is still standing. She added that the one Iowa barn in the collection (Elkader, Iowa) was deteriorating but received renovations some years back.

"There are 17 in the collection, and they're made by Ertl," Harbaugh said. "That's a farm toy company that started in 1945, and in the 1990s they made this collection of barns. The barns are historical and architecturally significant, too."

Included in the collection are George



Janice Harbaugh's collection includes barns from 13 states.

Washington's 16-sided barn (Mount Vernon, Virginia) and Frank Lloyd Wright's Midway Barn (Spring Green, Wisconsin).

Since completing her collection, Harbaugh has occasionally displayed the items so others can enjoy them, too. The complete collection is currently displayed at the Jamaica Library in the window display so patrons can enjoy viewing the items even when the library is closed.

Although Harbaugh didn't collect the items for a monetary investment, she is aware that the value has increased over time.

"The Frank Lloyd Wright barn has been listed for \$150, but I didn't pay anywhere near that much," Harbaugh said. ■



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# PANORA GARDEN CLUB HOLDS LAKE PANORAMA BOAT TOUR

BY SHANE GOODMAN  
*Panora Times*

The Panora Garden Club held its annual Lake Panorama Boat Tour on Wednesday, June 18 shortly after rainstorms hit the area. As the clouds departed, the weather cooperated for a beautiful evening tour on the lake. A total of 13 pontoons provided transportation for the 130 registered participants.

### HISTORY OF THE CLUB

The Panora Garden Club began as The Political Equality Club on May 5, 1893. The goal was to raise awareness and gain voting rights for women. In 1898, the women donated their own books and solicited additional books to establish a library for Panora. Voting rights were achieved Oct. 21, 1919, so the club reorganized and became The Panora Women's Club.

In September 1925, The Panora Garden Club was formed as a department of The Panora Women's Club. The group reported each month as part of the regular minutes. The Garden Club continued as a department of The Panora Women's Club but eventually gained equal status. The Women's Club disbanded in 1998, and the Garden Club took root and bloomed.

### CURRENT PROJECTS

Current projects of the Panora Garden Club include planting and maintaining the bright blue pots highlighting the business areas; the new Pink Petunia Trees flanking the gazebo steps; the planters at Michael Mills Memorial Park; and the Raccoon Valley Bike Trail. The revitalization of Heritage Park on the North Edge of town along the bike trail is also underway.

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## WILLIAM 'BILL' J. CARPENTER

1954-2025

William "Bill" J. Carpenter passed away peacefully at home on May 15, 2025, after

a courageous battle with cancer. Born on Christmas Day in 1954, Bill was known to his many friends as "Carp" or "Willie."

Bill was raised on the family farm north of Boone in the unincorporated community of Ridgeport and remained in the Ridgeport/Boone area his entire life. A 1973 graduate of Boone High School, Bill stayed close with his classmates and played a key role in organizing reunions — proudly attending his 50th in 2024.

He earned an associate's degree in criminal justice from DMACC but soon followed his entrepreneurial spirit to start Carpenter Construction, Inc. in 1982, selling and building

grain bins. In 1987, he became a dealer with Lester Building Systems, launching his successful career in pole building construction. Bill was well-known and highly respected in the industry — across a four-county radius, you will find grain bins and buildings bearing the Carpenter Construction name.

On March 22, 1986, Bill married Lila Leininger. Together they raised Lila's two children, Michael and Kristen, whom Bill loved and treated as his own. The family shared many memories camping, fishing, attending MLB and NFL games, and vacationing at Disney World and New York City. He passed down a strong work ethic to his kids — one of his favorite sayings

was, "I love to see kids work!"

Bill loved the outdoors — hunting, fishing, mushroom hunting and spending time at the cabin he owned north of his home. He was a lifelong fan of the New York Yankees, Green Bay Packers and Iowa State Cyclones. He played on the Adobe men's slow-pitch softball team and bowled in the local farmers' league. Bill also enjoyed hosting friends and family for pontoon rides at Don Williams Lake. One of his favorite songs was "Live Like You Were Dying" by Tim McGraw — and that's exactly how he lived: with joy, generosity and enthusiasm. He never met a stranger. Bill was also a fan of laughter,

comedy movies, attending concerts and being a huge jokester, playing pranks on many friends and family members, who often found ways to get him back.

After being widowed in 2001, Bill found love again and married Lori Litrell aboard a cruise ship in February 2014. Together, they enjoyed many cruises and adventures, traveling with friends and spending time with family.

Bill was preceded in death by his first wife, Lila Carpenter; parents, John and Ruth Carpenter; in-laws, Lowell and Jessie Leininger; and his beloved cousin, Julie Molesky of Anaheim, California.

He is survived by his wife, Lori Carpenter; step-children Michael Crouthamel (Tina),

Kristen Crouthamel (Josh), and daughter-in-law Amy Crouthamel; grandchildren Kenley and Lila Crouthamel; Lori's children and grandchildren; sister Marsha Crouthamel (Scott); his dear cousin and lifelong friend Bart Kennedy; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

A funeral service for Bill was held on Friday, June 6 at First Baptist Church in Boone. A celebration of life will be planned at a later date.

In lieu of flowers or plants, memorials may be directed to the Boone County Hospital Foundation, Lila Carpenter Scholarship Fund — established by Bill in memory of his late wife. ■



## JAMES EDWARD CLINE

1951-2025

James Edward Cline,

73, was born to Gerald and Lula (Sloss) Cline at Guthrie County Hospital in Guthrie Center on Dec. 21, 1951. He passed away peacefully at his home in Boone on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

Ed was raised on the family farm at Cline Corner south of Guthrie Center. He was the fourth of six children to Gerald and Lula. Ed was often caught up in mischief, especially with his brothers, but he also developed a strong work ethic early in his life that contributed to his successful career as he grew older. Ed graduated from Guthrie Center High School in 1970. He married Darla Duff

of Scranton on Aug. 23, 1975. To this union were two children, Ryan and Crystle. The couple later divorced.

After high school, Ed became a lineman with Iowa Electric. He spent more than 40 years in the electrical utility field and retired from Alliant Energy in 2013. He enjoyed his work and took great pride in it. After retiring from Alliant Energy, Ed then took up a new career in farming, which was his passion. In 2014, Ed moved back to Guthrie Center to his family farm and spent his time fixing up the farm and raising cattle and crops. He loved being on the farm and sharing it

with family and friends. He enjoyed fishing with his family and grandkids at the farm pond and could spend hours riding around on his ATV overlooking his farm.

Ed never met a stranger and was always well known for his stories and his jokes. He would light up any room that he walked into with his smile and sense of humor. He loved catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. He took great pride in his children and grandchildren. Ed was an avid wrestling fan and enjoyed trips with his son and friends to many NCAA wrestling tournaments over the

country. He also enjoyed woodworking and had many high-quality projects that he would gift to family and friends.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, Gerald Cline and Lula Cline; his sister, Charlotte Benton; and brother-in-law, Ronald Benton.

Ed is survived by his wife, Jane, of Boone; son, Ryan Cline (Kassie) of Casey; daughter, Crystle Thompson (Chris) of Ames; four grandchildren, Ryder, Kaleb, Chloe and Karys; his siblings, Kenneth Cline of Des Moines, Jeanette Sheeder (Bill) of Guthrie Center, Keith Cline (Dona) of Des Moines, and

Marvin Cline (Ilene) of Huntington Beach, California; as well as many other family and friends.

Ed will be greatly missed, but his memory will live on with his family and friends.

### Message from the family:

Your expressions of sympathy are greatly appreciated. The family invited others to celebrate Ed's life with them at the Guthrie Center Activity Center on Friday, June 6 from 4-7 p.m. A ceremony celebrating Ed's life was held from 4-4:30 p.m. followed by an informal gathering to visit with family and friends. ■





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## DENNIS RAY WAILES

1947-2025

Dennis Ray Wailes, age 77, of rural Scranton, passed away on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at Israel Family Hospice House in Ames, surrounded by his family.

Dennis was born on Sept. 7, 1947, on a farm north of Bayard,

and he was the son of George and Margaret (Dargon) Wailes. His father passed away when he was a young boy, and his family moved into Bayard where he graduated from Bayard High School in 1965. Dennis was drafted into the United States Army in 1966 and served two years during the Vietnam Conflict. Upon his return from Vietnam, he lived in Des Moines where he met the love of his life, Leannah Simpson. They were married on Nov. 21, 1969, at the First United Methodist Church in Des Moines. The couple lived in Des Moines for a short time before moving to DeSoto where he worked for Booneville Gravel as a heavy equipment operator. They later moved to Mechanicsville where he worked for Orkin Pest Control out of Cedar Rapids. In 1976, they

moved to their current home south of Scranton, and Dennis began employment with West Central Cooperative, retiring in 2003. He also had a home business sharpening chainsaw blades. "Double Aught" continued to drive truck for the coop and always looked forward to helping his son-in-law and sister during harvest. Dennis enjoyed traveling, collecting project vehicles, chatting with his family and friends on the telephone, watching Fox news, tracking his family members on Find My iPhone, and, most of all, spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 55 years, Leannah; his children and their families: son Jason Wailes (Marlene) of Council Bluffs, son Brett Wailes

(Andrea) of Scranton, daughter Heather Schoenherr (Dan) of Glidden, daughter Jennifer Wailes (Kris Foster) of Pleasantville, and bonus son Steve Kennel (Christine) of Youngstown, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; two sisters: Beverly Lorenzen (Mike) of Dallas Center and Kathryn Hunter (Richard) of Scranton; his in-laws: Dorothy Biondi (Dan) of Sheldahl, Linda Moore (Andy) of Moravia, Dale Simpson (Joan) of Poway, California, George Simpson (Miriam) of Ventura, and Janice

West of Wesley; many nieces, nephews and other extended family members.

Dennis was preceded in death his father, George Wailes; his mother, Margaret McDonald; his step-father, Scott McDonald; his in-laws: Louis and Ruth Simpson; a brother, Harold Dean Wailes; two sisters: Shirley Imler (Dean) and Clara Johnson (Marvin); and brothers-in-law: Donald Simpson and Richard Fox.

A visitation was held from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at the Church of Christ in Bayard concluding with a prayer

service at 4 p.m.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025, at the Church of Christ in Bayard followed by inurnment at the Willow Township Cemetery near Bayard with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Bayard American Legion.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Dahn and Woodhouse Funeral Home in Scranton, and online condolences may be left for the family at [www.dahnandwoodhouse.com](http://www.dahnandwoodhouse.com). ■



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# OBITUARY

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**JANE RAE (SHICK) CLARKE**  
1944-2025

Prairie Community High School in 1962, Jane attended college in Northern Iowa before making a bold move to St. Louis in 1965. There, she began her career with Monsanto Company, building a life of independence and adventure. It was in St. Louis that she met and married William Clarke on Jan. 7, 1967, beginning a lifelong partnership filled with love, laughter and travel. Together, they raised two sons, Sean William and Brian Matthew, and created a home full of warmth and memories.

In 1976, Jane and Bill returned to Iowa, settling on a farm near Jefferson in 1977. Her childhood passions for water sports and nature remained a central part of her life, leading to their purchase of a home on Lake Panorama in 1987 where they ultimately retired to. Whether she was water skiing, jet skiing with her beloved basset hound Rosie, or simply enjoying an afternoon at the lake with iced tea and good company, Jane embraced every moment with joy. She

and Bill also cherished their years wintering in Arizona and later in Naples, Florida.

Jane's love of games and camaraderie showed through her time playing bridge, board games and, later, online games with friends, her children and grandkids. Her appreciation for antiques and collectibles, passed down from her parents, led to many treasured finds over the years. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Jefferson and found happiness in simple pleasures — watching her grandchildren swim at the lake, sharing stories with friends, and, in later years, racing her scooter across the yard with spirit and determination!

She is survived by her devoted husband, William Clarke of Panora; her son, Sean Clarke and Liana of Naples, Florida; her son, Brian Clarke and his wife, Angela, of Long Grove, Illinois; and six grandchildren — Christian, Alexander, Isabella, Ricky, Bobbi and Angelyse. She was preceded in death by her parents, Vermyl and Wilda Shick. ■

Jane Rae Clarke, 81, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend, passed away on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at the Guthrie County Hospital. Born on Jan. 8, 1944, in Perry, Jane was the only child of Vermyl Holmes Shick and Wilda Maxine (Danekas) Shick. She spent her childhood in Rippey and later Lanyon, where she developed a love for the outdoors and the close-knit spirit of rural life. After graduating from



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## NICKOLAS L. NOLAN

1940-2025

Nickolas Lacey Nolan, 84, son of James and Dorothy (Clark) Nolan, was born July 5, 1940, at home in Guthrie County. He passed away Thursday, May 22, 2025, at MercyOne Des Moines Medical Center, Des

Moines.

Nickolas graduated from Panorama High School in 1959. Following high school, he worked at Oscar Mayer in Perry and for Wiese Industries. In 1977, he married Teresa Crowl in Panorama. They made their home in Panorama for a short time before living in various communities in the Midwest while he worked building grain elevators. He then worked bridge and road construction for 20 years, followed by working for Majona Corp., Waukee, for 15 years, before retiring in 2005. They have made their home in Redfield since 1987.

He enjoyed building play houses for his children, working on cars, gardening, puzzle books, and watching wrestling.

He is survived by his wife, Teresa Nolan of Redfield; children,

Phil (Melynda) Nolan; Kevin (Natalie) Nolan; Sandy (Chris) Herron; Cindi Nolan; Lacey (Brad) Reynolds; and Andy (Hanna) Nolan; 16 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren with two more on the way; sister, Juanita Bullard; brother-in-law, Dave Anthony; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter, Stephanie Herron; siblings, Donovan, Charlotte "Dixie," Raymond, Jerome, Daniel, Susan and Curtis.

Visitation was Tuesday, May 27, 2025, from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at the Twigg Funeral Home, Panorama. Cremation followed the services. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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## 50 YEARS AGO



From Guthrie Center Times, June 25, 1975

**END OF AN ERA.** The final meeting of the Guthrie County board of education was held at the courthouse Monday night. From left are board members Robert Dickson, Menlo; Norman Ketelsen, Linden; county superintendent Joe Barker; Dr. Julius Abramsohn, Guthrie Center; and Robert Elgin, Adair. Absent was Emmett Cain of Bagley.

## 40 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, June 20, 1985

**THE WINNERS:** Two local golfers, Mike Eckerman, left, and Doug Burgess, second from left, were on the winning team at the Alzheimer's Pro-Am tournament at Lake Panorama Saturday and Sunday. The winning foursome shot 38 under par in the handicap event and split the \$1,000 first prize. Teaming with Eckerman and Burgess, both Lake Panorama, were Dick Doran, Altoona, and pro Bob Moreland, Ottumwa. Presenting the prize money is LP pro Doug Meredith, right. Moreland was not present for the photo.

## 30 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, June 1, 1995

**PATRIOTIC PLAYER:** Panorama High School musician Amanda Smith was dressed in stars and stripes Monday when she played "The Star Spangled Banner" on her soprano sax at the annual Memorial Day ceremony on the town square in Panora.

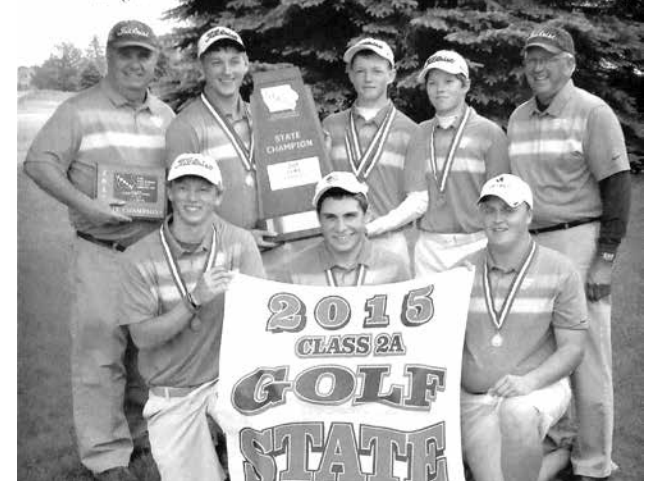
## 20 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, June 9, 2005

**THE HEATER:** Senior lefty Jeremy Bates pushes off the pitching rubber as he delivers a fast ball in a recent game.

## 10 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, June 6, 2015

**STATE CHAMPS:** Panorama won the Class 2A boys state golf championship on May 29-30, at the Ames Golf and Country Club, giving the Panther program their first-ever state title. Panorama's 616 total was 17 strokes better than runner-up Kuemper Catholic. Team members are (front row, from left) Reid Cobb, Adam Hackfort, Max Monthei, (back row) Coach Hal Rossow, Jordan Eng, Will Babcock, George Appleseth, Coach David Van Ahn.

## 5 YEARS AGO



Guthrie County Times Vedette, June 25, 2020

**JOHNSTON TAKES OVER AS PANORA POSTMASTER:** New Panora Postmaster Todd Johnston began work at the Post Office on Monday. The Johnstons have lived about six miles from Panora in rural Linden since 2006. He describes being a postmaster as "a leadership role for employees and customers." Asked if he's a people person, he said, "Most definitely." ■





HEALTH

# GCH SPECIALTY CLINIC ANNOUNCES TRANSITION TO NEW CARDIOLOGY PARTNER

Special to the Panora Times

GCH Specialty Clinic announces a switch in cardiology providers as part of an effort to enhance patient care and expand its range of services. As part of the transition, the clinic will partner with The Iowa Clinic.

“We are thrilled to be joining forces with The Iowa Clinic,” Tina Nourse, Chief Clinic Administrator at Guthrie County Hospital, said. “Our primary goal is always to ensure our patients receive the best possible care, and this new partnership will provide them with access to

some of the most advanced cardiology services available.”

GCH Specialty Clinic remains dedicated to offering specialized care across a range of medical disciplines. By partnering with The Iowa Clinic, the clinic aims to further elevate its service offerings and continue to improve the health and well-being of its patients.

Effective June 4, The Iowa Clinic will become the exclusive cardiology provider at GCH Specialty Clinic. They will be seeing patients the first and third Wednesday of each month. To schedule an appointment, call 515-875-9090. ■

READER PHOTO

## SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW



Heather Hellman captured this artistic image of a rainbow between storms from her home near Jamaica on the evening of June 16. Note the faint image of the second rainbow on the outside edge. ■

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RECIPE

BROCCOLI AND FRIENDS SALAD

BY JOLENE GOODMAN  
*Panora Times*

Step aside, “Trees and Raisins.” It’s 2025, and there is a new salad in town. The Broccoli and Friends Salad is bursting with flavor and packed with nutrients, making it a fresh favorite you will want to hang on to.

Salads and slaws have come a long way in the past 75 years. I’ll admit, I wasn’t a fan growing up, but now they are the dishes I look forward to most at potlucks. Add some cubed chicken or a piece of salmon, and you have got a light, satisfying meal.

These days, salads are more versatile than ever, thanks to healthier, more creative dressing options ranging from various oils and vinegars to honey, mustard, maple syrup, Greek yogurt, fat-free sour cream and soy sauce. To lighten this recipe, try swapping the mayo for Greek yogurt and cutting the sugar to half a cup. You will still get all the flavor with fewer calories.

Whip up a batch this weekend. You will be glad you did. ■

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



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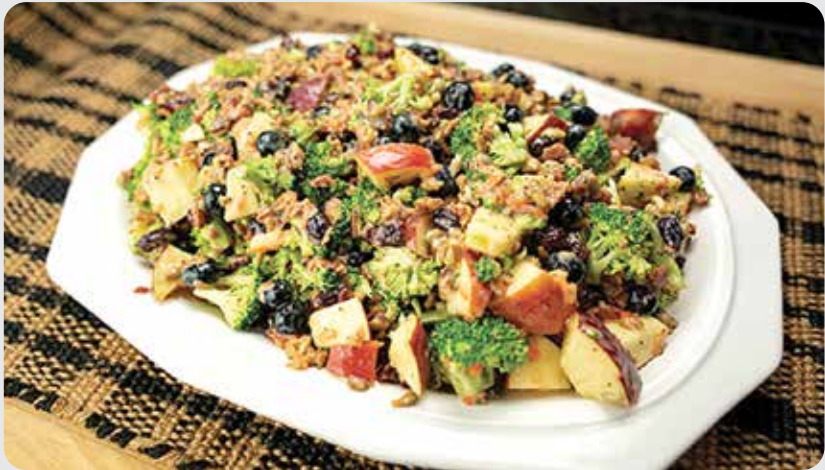
BROCCOLI AND FRIENDS SALAD

Recipe courtesy of “Cookin’ Savvy”

Servings: 4-6

- Ingredients:**
- 2 medium heads broccoli
  - 2 apples
  - lemon juice
  - 1 carrot
  - 1 cup blueberries
  - 1 cup dried cranberries
  - 1 cup sunflower seeds
  - 1 cup pecans
  - 1 package (2 1/2 ounces) real bacon pieces
- Dressing:**
- 1 cup mayonnaise
  - 1/3 cup milk
  - 1/3 cup apple cider vinegar
  - 2 tablespoons poppy seeds

**Directions**



- Coarsely chop broccoli and place in large bowl.
- Coarsely chop apples and brush with lemon juice to prevent browning; add to bowl.
- Shred carrot and add to bowl with blueberries, cranberries, sunflower seeds, pecans and bacon.
- To make dressing: Mix mayonnaise, milk, apple cider vinegar, sugar and poppy seeds. Pour over broccoli salad and mix well. ■

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July 9 2-3pm	Robotics/Coding	Mary J Barnett Library
July 10 4-5pm	Pinball Machine	Jamaica Public Library
July 16 4-5pm	Pinball Machine	Casey Public Library
July 17 2-3pm	Pinball Machine	Panora Public Library
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## JAMAICA

### Jamaica Union Church

409 Van Nest St., Jamaica

Sunday School: 9 a.m., Sunday Service: 10 a.m.

## LINDEN

### Linden United Methodist Church

106 N. Evans St., Linden

## PANORA

### Church Of The Brethren

2946 200th Road, Panora

641-755-3800

Sunday School: 8:45 a.m., Sunday Service: 10 a.m.

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Sunday service: 10 a.m.



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Sunday Service: 9 am

Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.



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