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# FEATS OF STRENGTH AND AIRING OF GRIEVANCES

“A Festivus for the rest of us.” If you watched the popular TV show “Seinfeld” in the late 1990s, you are smiling right now. If you didn’t watch the show, well, read on, as you can still smile.

Festivus was depicted on “Seinfeld” as a Dec. 23 holiday that includes a Festivus dinner, an aluminum Festivus pole, practices such as the “airing of grievances” and “feats of strength,” and the labeling of explainable events as “Festivus miracles.” It’s a Costanza tradition.

Every time I hear the word “festival,” I think of “Festivus.” And, this time of year in Iowa, festivals are aplenty. For several decades now, Jolene and I have been traveling to various communities in our great state to partake in their wonderful com-

munity festivals, including one of our favorites, Panorama Days, which we feature as this month’s cover story.

Do these others sound familiar to you? Tulip Time in Pella. Mac and Cheese Festival in Dubuque. John Wayne Birthday Celebration in Winterset. Scandinavian Days in Story City. Bell Tower Festival in Jefferson. Good Egg Days in Stuart. Ice Cream Days in Le Mars. RibFest in Sioux City. Four Seasons Festival in Polk City. Truckers Jamboree in Walcott. Beef Days in Solon. National Balloon Classic in Indi-



Shane Goodman

anola. Watermelon Days in Newell. Hobo Days in Britt. Pufferbilly Days in Boone. And, not to be left out, the Testicle Festival at Appleberry Orchard in Donnellson.

The list goes on. And on. I have not made it to them all yet, but I am working on the list. Through it all, I have learned one thing: We Iowans know how to throw a community festival.

Many of the festivals have similarities. Some focus on food. Others on drink. Many include music. But they all have at least one unique selling point that makes them truly stand out.

My dad would take me to festivals around our hometown when I was a kid, whether I wanted to go or not. He enjoyed connecting with people and reminiscing

about days gone by — the same things I do today.

When it comes down to it, though, all of our community festivals, including Panorama Days, are about wholesome fun — with or without the Festivus pole.

Have a great month, and thanks for reading. ■

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# PANORAMA DAYS

**“Navigating our past, sailing into our future,” Aug. 1-3.**

**BY RICH WICKS AND  
SUSAN THOMPSON**

*Panora Times*

This year’s theme for Panorama Days is “Navigating our past, sailing into our future.” After more than 50 years, Panorama Days has developed a rich history and become a premier event in the area. The event is now held on the first full weekend (Friday through Sunday) in August, which, this year, is Aug. 1-3.

Naturally, the celebration has evolved over the decades. The first event was originally scheduled to be held on Aug. 2, 1969, but was postponed until June 1970. That initial celebration included a breakfast, a parade, water fights between the Panora and Guthrie Center Fire Departments, a watermelon feed, Little League baseball and a teen dance.

A double-dose of Panorama Days happened in 1970 with another event held Sept. 12. That event included a skydiving demonstration, a greased pig contest, pony rides, and bingo. Since then, Panorama Days has been celebrated every year except 2020 (due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

Panora Chamber of Commerce Coordinator Erica Matthies provided details on this year’s schedule. Most of the weekend’s events will happen at or near Panora’s main square. One of the highlights is the downtown parade with many of the floats designed to match the year’s theme.

## THE PARADE AND OTHER TRADITIONAL EVENTS

“The parade is Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Registration for the parade will be at the elementary school at 9 a.m.,” Matthies said. “One new thing this year is we are doing some payouts for the float winners. Be on the lookout for more information, but each division will have a payout. We’re envisioning a lot of boat-type floats, probably.”

Matthies highlighted some of the many other parts of the Panorama Days weekend.



The water ski show will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

“A lot of the traditional events will be included again this year. Chalk the Block will be Friday at 4 p.m. for kids of all ages, and the kids’ cake walk will be Friday at 7 p.m.,” Matthies said. “At 7 p.m. on Friday, Twin Vines Winery is having Wine and Yoga, so before you come to the street dance, you can go there and get all ‘zenned-up.’ Main Street Dance Studio will be performing, and the Bill Riley Talent Show will follow that. We are having live music on Friday from 6-8 p.m., so when people are uptown, there will be live music played by Kile Jackson. Then the main act will be Oreo Meatwagon, and they start at 8:30 p.m. Around 8:15 p.m., we’ll have our Little Miss and Little Mister announcement, and we’re actually having our Homecoming King and Queen on hand to crown the Little Miss and Little Mister.”

On Friday, Aug. 1, 2-4 p.m., a cribbage tournament will be held at the Panora Community Center. There is a \$5 entry fee, and \$100 in prize money to be won.

## A NEW SOUND SYSTEM

Matthies explained that one major



Registration for the annual Panorama Days parade will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2 at Panorama Elementary School, with the parade beginning at 10 a.m.

upgrade is the city’s new sound system, which will be used throughout Panorama Days.

“Also, on Friday evening around 8:15 p.m., we’ll do a little speaker recognition project to recognize those who have been a large part of the fundraising effort for the new speaker system, which will be up and running for Panorama Days.”

## MORE SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

“On Saturday, we, of course, have the bass fishing tournament, pancake breakfast, and the 5K run/walk. Online registration for the 5K is appreciated, or you can register in person that morning, 7-7:45 a.m., with the run starting at 8 a.m.,” Matthies said. “At 11-ish, immediately following the parade, we’ll have





This year's entertainment will be Dale Menning and the Stardusters on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Four Shades of Grey from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

the Citizen of the Year announcement and parade winners' announcement. Parade winners will need to be present to get their prizes."

At noon on Saturday, a bags tournament will be held on Main Street. The tournament will have an 80% payout.

Saturday offerings continue throughout the afternoon and evening.

"We have our family fun zone again, and we are adding live music on Saturday as well. From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. is Dale Menning and the Stardusters," Matthies said. "The classic car show is 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Another new feature is the bags tournament, with 90% of the fees paid out to the top three teams. Bags will begin at noon, with two-person teams. If all 32 team spots are filled, the winning team will get around \$500, maybe even a little more than that. We're having live music with Four Shades of Grey from 1:30-3:30 p.m."

**WATER SKI SHOW**

One of the longtime highlights of Panorama Days has been the water skiing show. The Lake Panorama Ski Team has been a part of Panorama Days for more than 40 years. This year's show will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2 with parking and viewing on Lake Panorama's south shore.

The theme for the 2025 show is "Making Waves Since 1985." The history of water skiing, which began in 1922 in Lake City, Minnesota, will be showcased with costumes, music and on-shore skits that allow the water to calm down between acts.

Prior to the show, members of the ski team will be in the Panorama Days parade towing the Ski Team boat with kids "skiing" behind the boat and adults throwing candy.

The ski team has 42 members this year with 32 of those skiing. Others help with ropes, boat driving, music, photog-



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There are 12 kids skiing this year, ranging in age from 5 to 16. Of the 20 adult skiers, the youngest is 18 years old, and the oldest is in his 70s.

For many, ski team is a family activity. The Reese and Lefkow families both have three generations involved.

The Reese family includes Grandpa Mark, his son Eric, daughter Sara Mills, and Sara's kids, Tate, Reese and Chloe. The Lefkow family includes Grandpa Bruce, Grandma Liz, daughter Laura Eslinger, and Laura's daughters, Evelyn and Ella.

New members of all ages are welcome

to join the ski team. The only requirement is membership in the Lake Panorama Association.

Ski team practice starts at the end of May. Practices are held each Thursday night, weather permitting, from 6-8:30 p.m. In June, team members spend most practices trying different things. As the kids get older and bigger, they try different acts each year.

In July, the team firms up the act. Practices are held both Tuesday and Thursday the last two weeks of July. Practices the last week of July are dress rehearsals with the skits and music.

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Acrobatic ski formations are a crowd-pleaser.

This year's ski show is expected to last about an hour and a half. Again this year, there will be canopies and free water on the south shore to help with the heat. Viewers are encouraged to bring their own chairs and blankets.

Buoys will be placed in the water to mark off the show area. Boats can anchor behind the buoys and tie up with friends to watch the show.

The show will include Matt Lukacs and his barefoot skiing, the "Willie" hitchhiker act with father and son duos Larry and Clint Isom and Eric and Leyton Temple, a 10-girl line, three-high pyramids, doubles acts where girls ride on guys' shoulders, saucers with stools, kneeboarding and more.

Because of the ski team's nonprofit status, donations are tax deductible. Donations help cover fuel, team insurance, equipment and equipment maintenance, costumes and props.

A QR code printed on ski team post-




The chicken drop returns this year to Panorama Days. Participants can purchase a square for \$10.


ers and pamphlets will be available at the show and other locations to allow electronic donations. Donations also can be made by check, payable to Lake Panorama Ski Team, and mailed to P.O. Box 384, Panorama, Iowa, 50216.



This year's car show will be 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2.



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## CHICKEN DROP RETURNS

"A returning event from many years ago is the chicken drop. In cleaning out our storage unit, we found we have a large board with 100 squares on it. People can pay \$10 for a square," Matthies said. "Then a chicken will be brought in and fed and then it goes into the enclosure, and then you wait for the chicken to poop, and wherever it drops, if it's on your square, you could win \$500, if all of the squares have been sold."

## SUNDAY'S EVENTS

On Sunday morning, the kid's fishing derby is happening at the Panorama Marina. Then there is free live entertainment with a praise band and food trucks at Boulder Beach, beginning at 11 a.m.," Matthies said. "The Panorama Alumni golf tournament is that afternoon at the Panorama West golf course."

Matthies pointed out that sponsorships are a major reason Panorama



The fishing tournament is a popular event.

Days is able to happen, and she gave kudos to several sponsors already on board.

"The bass fishing tournament is done by Fin and Feather. Some businesses and individuals come together to sponsor the car show. Bingo is sponsored by

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Chalk the Block is an artistic outlet for kids of all ages.

Guthrie County State Bank. The junior class does one of the breakfasts. Cruise the Loop is sponsored by Panora Auto Parts. WFPF (Women For Panora's Future) does the Cake Walk," Matthies said. "We're also still looking for sponsors. It is definitely a group effort."

Individuals or organizations interested in learning more about sponsoring an event are encouraged to contact the Panora Chamber of Commerce.

Matthies shared information for visitors from out of town.

"There's designated handicapped parking spots near the Community Center," Matthies said. "One of the other things to keep in mind, for anyone coming to the Community Center for the pancake breakfast, just be mindful that the 5K will be going on at the same time, so cars might need to go on the south side of Main Street and wrap around up past City Hall to get to the Community Center. The 5K route is kind of on the

north side of town."

Matthies shared how another local event, though technically not a part of Panoram Days, will serve as an "appetizer" for the weekend.

"Thursday night (July 31), Twin Vines Winery is doing something to kick off the weekend. Josh Sinclair will be playing live music 6-9 p.m., and they're having Rockets Raccoon Valley Catering," Matthies said.

More details on Panoram Days will be posted as the event approaches, on the Panora Chamber of Commerce website (panorachamber.org) and Facebook page. Matthies noted that there are also links to registration forms for the parade, 5K and bags tournament.

Matthies thanked all who help make Panoram Days a success and encourages everyone to participate.

"A lot of people help, and it's worth it. It makes for a fun and busy weekend," she said. ■



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# WILSON. WICK. A DRAGON. AND A ZOMBIE MOVIE THAT WILL BRING TEARS.

BY MICHAEL C. WOODY  
*Panora Times*

The summer movie season is in full swing as we go from big box office movie to big box office movie every week. As I write this, we are preparing to see an early screening of the new Brad Pitt movie “F1.” Expectations are high, and my inside source who has already seen it praised it highly. Here’s a quick catch-up for those who have not made it to the theaters recently.

## “FROM THE WORLD OF JOHN WICK: BALLERINA”

With this pompous title, we are expected to enjoy a film so dark in its tone and so violent in its action that is not only not good but is literally boring. Keanu Reeves stumbles through scenes just occasionally to remind us of how good the first two John Wick movies were. **Grade: C-**



“From the World of John Wick: Ballerina”

## “DEPT. Q” (on Netflix)

This show may remind you of the old TV series on FOX titled “House.” Instead of a brilliant surgeon, though, this main character is a brilliant detective who never fails to speak his mind or irritate his supervisors. This one is rough, as we find out who did what, why and how. The ending is a wild ride, for sure. **Grade: B+** (with strong violence caution)



## “HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON”

This is a fun, live version of the charming, animated movie about a boy and his friendship with a real dragon. The story doesn’t change much. The relationship with the boy and his dragon is still special, but the action is wild and maybe a little too much for younger kids. It’s still a fun story, and the movie is raucous and very, very well made. **Grade: A-**



“Stick”

## “THE LIFE OF CHUCK”

This does not happen often, but I sometimes walk into a movie that I have no idea what it’s about, who made it or who stars in it. This movie is a perfect example. I actually believe that is the way this movie should be seen. The less you know, the more you will like it. The main character’s name is Chuck, and he is played by Tom Hiddleston, who plays Loki in the Avengers movies. The story is by Stephen King, but it is not a horror movie. Just remember the word magical. **Grade: B+**



## “MATERIALISTS”

This movie takes a look at today’s dating, and it doesn’t have much good to say about it. Dakota Johnson, Chris Evans and Pedro Pascal star in this look at modern relationships. According to the film, women are looking for tall men (even if that means surgical enhancement) with a steady and sizable income and deadly handsome good looks. (I al-



“Dept. Q”

most left the movie early, feeling very unworthy!) The actors do a nice job in their roles, and the director shows us a beautiful big city full of vain and shallow people whose hopes of finding true love are little more than a pipe dream. It’s not a relationship; it’s a negotiated affiliation based on a wonky set of principles. Well-made, well-acted and way off base. **Grade: B**



## “28 YEARS LATER”

My taste for horror films has soured over the years, but I do remember seeing the original film “28 Days Later.” I am less sure if I saw “28 Weeks Later,” but I definitely saw “28 Years Later.” These are all well-produced and well-acted films about infections raging through a population that cause people to turn into horrifying zombies. Danny Boyle directed all three movies, as well as “Slumdog Millionaire” (Best Picture Winner in 2009) and “127 Hours with James Franco.” He is an ex-



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# GUTHRIE COUNTY SUPERVISORS HEAR ABOUT STORM SHELTER PLAN

BY RICH WICKS  
*Panora Times*

During the June 24 meeting of the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors, Conservation Director Brad Halterman told of the county’s plan for making storm shelters available for use in times of threatening weather.

“It’s not in anybody’s best interest to have those things unlocked 24-7, so they’re not going to be. Both at Lennon Mill and at Nations Bridge Park, the storm shelters will be locked up. They will be unlocked at both parks when a severe thunderstorm warning is issued for Guthrie County and/or a tornado watch is issued for Guthrie County,” Halterman said. “When those warnings are done, both of the shelters will be locked back up.”

Halterman said he and three other staff will have the keys to unlock and

lock the storm shelters as needed.

Health Services Director Jotham Arber talked about plans to have a system of First Responders available throughout the county.

“The crux of what we’re trying to do is build on the system that we already have in place. We have Panora and Stuart and Bayard that are transporting services. We’re trying to come at it from a different angle. Instead of placing ambulances everywhere, which we know is very expensive, we’re trying to put first responders...on so that the response time for that initial crisis is being met,” Arber said. “Then, if it takes our ambulance 10 or 15 minutes, we’ve got someone out there who’s at least doing the basics.”

Supervisor Brian Johnson asked what role law enforcement will play in this plan.

“Great question,” Arber said. “Jesse

Swensen is an EMT, so we’re going to bring him on the services with us, so he can have one of the first responder bags and equipment in his vehicle.”

Arber said law enforcement staff could be a great asset in this way.

“If we can incorporate them in our training, and get them in our system, that gives us one more vehicle that’s out there,” Arber said.

**JULY 1 - FENCE DISPUTE, AUDITOR’S TASKS, FIREWORKS PERMIT**

Guthrie County Assistant Attorney Charles Abel discussed the issue of the Shelley property (Penn Township) right-of-way fence dispute.

“The board approved sending a letter in regard to that 30-day notice to the Shelley property to put up those fences. We got a response from Miss Shelley in which she said she’s work-

ing on getting those fences put in,” Abel said. “It’s basically asking the removal of some of the trees that are impacting this fence line.”

Abel went on to explain a possible contract to outline an agreement between the county and the property owner on this matter.

“Basically, the goal is to address those aspects that apply to the trees in the right-of-way and also address that these fences and all these areas of issue need to be put up within 45 days from the date of signing the contract,” Abel said.

Supervisors discussed some of the wording in the contract. The supervisors approved the cover letter and Roadside Fence Agreement, which will be delivered to the property owner.

The supervisors unanimously approved four resolutions related to Au-

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ditor tasks for the new fiscal year: Resolution 26-01 (Guthrie County salaries and wages effective July 1), Resolution 26-02 (Authorizing Auditor to issue payroll checks), Resolution 26-03 (authorizing periodic funds transfers from General Supplemental to Emergency Management), and Resolution 26-04 (authorizing periodic funds transfer from Rural Service to Secondary Roads).

As part of the consent agenda, the supervisors approved a fireworks permit for Weston Grow and a Comp Time payout for Matt Parker.

The supervisors went into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 1 (c) regarding mediation with Lang Construction.

### **JULY 8 - MONITORING WELL, TREASURER UPDATE, EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS**

During the July 8 meeting, Health Services Director Jotham Arber expressed a need to have another monitoring well drilled at the transfer station.

Arber said he had hoped to receive local bids, but despite contacting many firms in and out of the local area, only one was received. He said this is likely because it is such a rela-

tively small project for any well-drilling company. The one bid received was from EcoSource.

Arber explained the reason for drilling another monitoring well.

"The DNR decided another background monitoring well is needed to verify the water sampling that we're doing," Arber said.

Arber said the cost is expected to be \$3,965. The supervisors approved accepting the bid for the monitoring well.

County Treasurer Brenda Campbell provided an update on her department. She told of ongoing trainings for those in the department, as well as trends in usage of the various services provided by the department.

"We issued a total of 3,397 driver licenses this past fiscal year, and 814 of those were out of county," Campbell said. "We also issued 276 CDLs (Commercial Driver Licenses)."

Supervisor Steve Smith updated the supervisors on his progress drafting a proposed new format for employee evaluations. He noted that the target date for implementing any new format is Jan. 1, 2026. Supervisor Chair Maggie Armstrong said she will work on turning Smith's draft into a PDF form so users can type in it. The supervisors

approved the new format.

### **JULY 15 - BRIDGE PROJECTS, STORM SEWER INLETS, SEVERE WEATHER POLICY**

County Engineer Josh Sebern provided an update on the Secondary Roads department to the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday. He described two options for meeting the county's need for engineering work related to the many bridge projects on the horizon. Sebern said the county receives approximately \$1 million annually in federal funds for road/bridge projects.

"One would be hiring a professional consultant, which I've gotten a quote for. Or advertise, hire and promote from within two positions," Sebern said.

Sebern also suggested purchasing a drone for bridge review/inspection.

The consensus of the supervisors was to pursue Sebern's plan to hire from within and to purchase a drone.

Facility Manager Brandon Thompson presented an update on his department. According to Thompson, summer weather and storms have kept his crew busy.

"We've been cleaning out the storm sewer inlets; there's been a lot of de-

bris," Thompson said. "We're going to be working on parking lot stripe painting once we get some dry days."

Supervisor Brian Johnson asked if Thompson still finds 100,000 miles to be a good rule of thumb for when to replace vehicles. Thompson said yes because trade-in values fall more steeply after that milestone is reached.

The supervisors discussed the severe weather policy. The supervisors agreed that the board will make decisions about closing facilities during severe weather events and will consult with applicable departmental staff as feasible.

As part of the consent agenda, the supervisors approved two fireworks permits, for Mark Blomquist and for Rich Boals. Also approved in the consent agenda were the hiring of McKenzie Laughery as full-time Administrative Assistant in the Sheriff's Department (\$55,000 annually), and Synthia McCaughey as full-time Administrative Support Specialist in the Public Health Department (\$25 hourly).

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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## CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS

# PANORA CITY COUNCIL LEARNS ABOUT SEWER REPAIR NEEDS

BY RICH WICKS

*Panora Times*

During the meeting of the Panora city council on June 23, City Administrator Lisa Grossman said Panora's recent "downtown forum" was well attended and went smoothly.

"I thought it was really good, and we got some perspectives from other towns around," Councilmember Roger Dorr added.

Dorr said he heard many positive comments about Panora, and the only constructive criticism he heard was that Panora's crosswalks could be repainted for better visibility. Grossman said the city plans to repaint the crosswalks with large white rectangles to help with the visibility.

The council approved Resolution 25-26 to allow alcoholic canned beverages in designated areas for Panorama Days.

"Pretty much the same as last year," Dorr said.

During the Public Forum portion of the meeting, Joann Smith addressed the council, asking if she could put two trees into the parkway at her property. She listed the requirements according to the city's ordinance and explained that what she is requesting would follow all of the city's specifications.

"I believe I meet all of those qualifications. I know you guys like trees," Smith said.

Smith also said there are few trees remaining on the street where she lives. Mayor Curt Thornberry explained that the council only takes formal action on agenda items, so her request would not be formally considered at this time, but he thanked her for explaining her request.

The council considered Resolution 25-25 to approve a pay change for Masin Shearer due to completion of his six-month probationary period. The resolution would increase his hourly pay from \$24 to \$26. Doug Long reported there have been no concerns with Shearer's work performance, and the resolution was passed.

### JULY 14

During the July 14 meeting, Public Works Director Ismael Galvan provided an update on an area of sewer line that need to be replaced. The line had previously been worked on by Accu-Jet, but that company has since filed bankruptcy, and, according to City Administrator Lisa Grossman, the city's attorney

does not feel it would be cost-effective to pursue legal action against Accu-Jet since the legal costs would likely exceed any amount awarded.

Galvan explained that he has been trying to figure out how much of the line has liner that needs to be removed.

"We ended up spending about \$30,000 trying to do that," Galvan said. "We made it about 160 feet south of Highway 44, and they ran into what looks like grease pockets, where it's about 80% clogged. It was impassable for the camera to go any further."

Galvan said replacement of the sewer line seems to be the best solution.

"We're going to have to replace about 280 feet of that line," he said.

Galvan explained that he received two bids from companies that could do the work, but the bids are approximately \$46,000 and \$65,000. He said his crew can do the work, with materials expected to cost around \$10,000.

The council addressed a request from JoAnn Smith to plant trees in the right-of-way near her home. Councilmember Blake Michelsen said he is concerned with any trees in the right-of-way for visibility reasons. Councilmember Tom Flanery said he has declined similar requests from citizens in the past and was inclined to do so in this case also. The council voted 4-1 to deny the request with Mark Sheeder dissenting.

Sheeder brought up a concern about camping at the northern portion of Lenin Mill Park because that area can become flooded with heavy rain. He also said there have been reports of someone essentially living there as a primary residence. Other council members said they have heard the reports as well.

As part of the consent agenda, the council approved a 5-day Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Lucky Wife Wine Slushies for July 30 through Aug. 3 for Panorama Days.

The council approved Resolution 25-28, for the purchase of a 2025 Silverado 2500 from Shottenkirk Chevrolet for the Water Department at a cost of \$49,972. Grossman pointed out that \$50,000 had already been budgeted for this.

The next regular meeting of the council will be Monday, July 28 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/cityofpanora> or by phone 1-312-757-3121 (Access Code 295-099-701, Audio PIN 220#). ■

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# EXPANSION FUNDING PLAN EXPLAINED AT GCH TRUSTEES MEETING

BY RICH WICKS  
*Panora Times*

During the June 26 meeting of the Guthrie County Hospital Board of Trustees, CEO Chris Stipe explained the expected flow of funding for the hospital's planned expansion project. He shared how the flow may be puzzling at first glance.

"You should be saying, 'Why do we have so much cash in the first year of construction?' So, they will sell bonds that will generate all the cash we need to pay for this construction, and that will happen, we think, in the first part of the next fiscal year," Stipe said. "They'll reinvest those proceeds, and we will get interest on that while that money sits until we use it to pay for the construction."

Danielle Lauzon reported on quality measures and gave data.

"For May, we had three complaints and one grievance," Lauzon said. "They all had appropriate follow-up done, and no trends identified. Patient satisfaction for May was really good."

Chief Financial Officer Brandon Johnson reported on the hospital's finances for the

month of May. He reported that the hospital saw an operating loss of \$448,000 in May, and he reported on some of the factors that led to the loss.

"It was not a huge census month, and we had three nurses go on vacation, and several patients with high needs," Johnson said.

Stipe shared his overview.

"Not our best month. Expenses were high, revenues were a little low, but still, for the year, we're kind of where we budgeted and pretty similar to last year, year-to-date," Stipe said.

Foundation Chair Dennis Flanery reported that registrations for the fundraiser golf tournament are full.

Stipe shared that Chief Nursing Officer Sandy Atkinson will be retiring and thanked her for her years of service.

The next regular meeting of the trustees is set for July 24 at 4 p.m. The public is welcome. ■



Chris Stipe

## EDUCATION

# PANORAMA SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES TEACHER LEADERS AND HANDBOOKS

BY RICH WICKS  
*Panora Times*

During the July 14 regular meeting of the Panorama School Board, the board members approved the consent agenda, which included hiring Tyler Prussing as high school head boys wrestling coach. It also included the following 2025-2026 teacher leader positions: Kelly Blomquist as instructional coach; Ginger Lindstrom, Steve Hameister, Randy Miller, Jacki King, Deb Wooldridge and Greg Thompson at the secondary school; and Mollie Lint, Lindsey Schroeder, Kelly Nunn, Audra Johnson, McKinsey Druivenga and Jessica Diltz at the elementary.

In the "Good News" portion of the meet-

ing, it was noted that Nicole Dorhout was named one of three members of the 2025-26 class of Museum Teacher Fellows at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The board approved the 2025-2026 Certified Employee Handbook, Non-Certified Employee Handbook, Bullying/Harassment Handbook, Elementary School Handbook, Preschool Handbook, Secondary School Handbook, Milk Bids, and District Fee Adjustments.

The board went into a closed session for superintendent evaluation. Superintendent Huebner is to develop his 2025-26 goals, which will be reviewed by the board at future meetings.

The next regular meeting of the school board was switched to Aug. 18 at 5:30 p.m. ■

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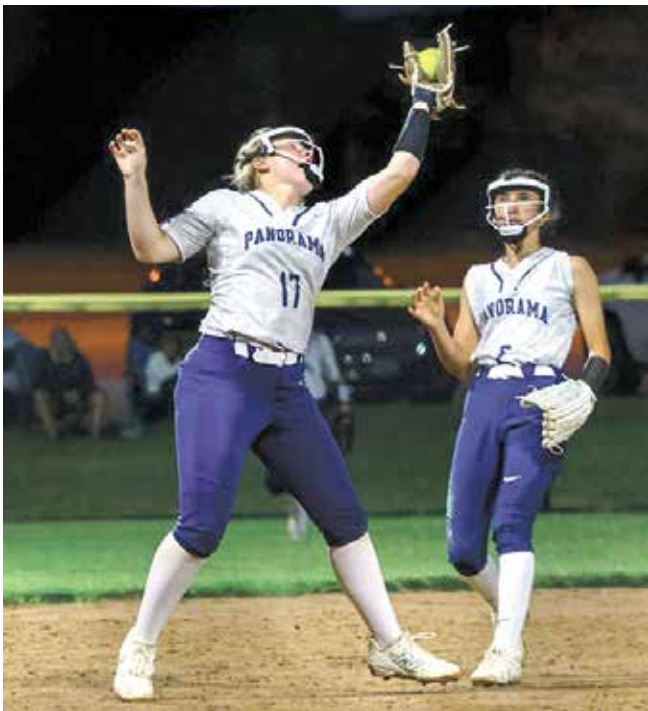
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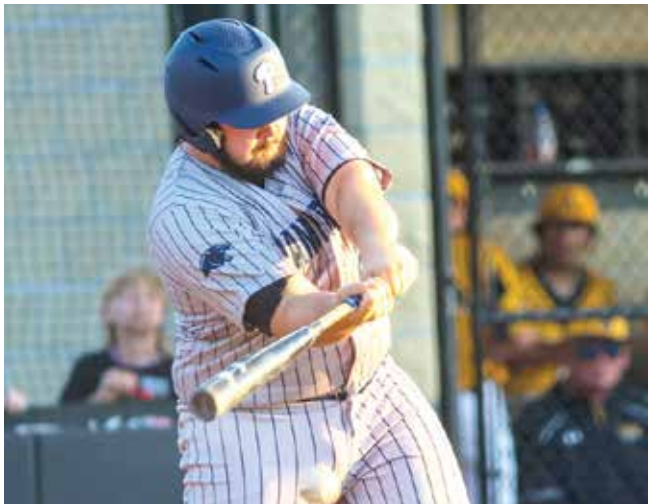
Arlryan Steenblock at bat against West Central Valley on June 24.



Panorama's No. 15 Faith Recker and coach Ismael Galvan at the game against West Central Valley on June 24.



Panorama's No. 17 Emma Walker makes a catch against West Central Valley on June 24.



Joel Cooper swings and tips the ball down against Atlantic on July 2.



No. 5 Cruz Crandall rounds the bases against Interstate 35 on June 17.



Andrea Knode winds up for the pitch against West Central Valley on June 24.



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Emma Walker slides into home base for a play at the plate against Riverside on June 28.



Panorama's No. 7 Bryce Dawes delivers the pitch against Ogden on Monday, July 7.



Panorama's Hannah Dishman slides into home plate against Colfax Mingo on July 7.



A plume of dust jumps off of Panorama's Brayden Meinecke's catcher's mitt against Ogden on June 30.



Panorama's No. 4 Parker Cary pitching against ACGC on June 17



Panorama's Arilyan Steenblock hugs pitcher Lexi Galvan during Panorama's win over Glidden-Ralston on July 3. ■

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# WALKER WELLNESS FITS ITS MEMBERS' SCHEDULES

**Allyson and Tim Walker opened the Yale gym in July of 2019.**

**BY RICH WICKS**  
*Panora Times*

One of the major trends in gyms today is that users no longer have to find workout times that match the gym's hours. Many gyms have "flexed" to meet everyone's schedule. That is true at Walker Wellness in Yale. Allyson Walker explained how the gym came to exist.

"My husband, Tim, and I started this gym in July of 2019, so this is our sixth year. It's a 24-hour gym. We offer cardio, strength training, and we have a virtual room with preloaded workouts," Walker said. "We also offer tanning seven days a week, which is a big hit."

Walker said she and Tim had heard from doubters when they first talked of opening a gym in Yale, but they were not discouraged.

"My husband said, 'The worst that can happen is it will flop, but we'll never know if we don't try,'" Walker said. "Our membership ebbs and flows throughout the year. You'd think in the summer it might go down, but there are a lot of college kids that come back for the summer. At any given time, our membership list is around 75, give or take."

Every member receives a key fob to access the gym whenever is most convenient. Because the gym is available 24-7, cameras are installed for security of the facility and for the safety of members.

"You have to be 16 or older to work out here, and we have members from 16 to 94," Walker said. "Everything is very user-friendly. We built it so that anyone of any dynamics can use it."

According to Walker, the popularity of the tanning bed has been a pleasant surprise.

"Tanning is a big thing all year around, and especially around homecoming, prom, and spring break time. We were amazed at how much tanning there is," she said.



Allyson Walker welcomes everyone to take action for fitness and health.

Rather than the obvious physical benefits of going to a gym, Walker Wellness offers a chance for members to take a mental break as well.

"It really started when I was a stay-at-home mom," Walker said. "I just needed a break. My girlfriends and I would go running, and I realized there was a need for a place like this to go to. The gym's a great place to go."

When asked about a success story of a member who achieved a fitness goal, Walker had a ready answer.

"There's one gal that comes in every day, who has trained for a half-marathon, and then she trained for a full marathon. She did both very successfully," Walker said. "Yale is kind of dark because there aren't a lot of streetlights, so she felt more comfort-



A variety of machines awaits use at Walker Wellness.

able running in here. So, kudos to her for putting in a lot of miles on the treadmill. We went and watched her run the IMT Marathon and cheered her on."



Walker Wellness provides dumbbells and equipment for weightlifters.

Walker said one particular thing often surprises people upon first entering into Walker Wellness.

"People are always surprised at how nice





Walker Wellness is located at 215 Main St. in Yale.

it is in here," Walker said. "We have spent time and money. We pride ourselves on it being clean and safe. There are lots of fans and outlets. There is Wi-fi. There is a TV anywhere that you could want to watch one."

Walker explained that most memberships are monthly.

"It's a monthly fee of \$35. That is our flat rate across all ages," Walker said. "We do offer a couple's rate that saves you a little bit of money, and then there are family plans."

Walker said she does very little traditional advertising for the business but has found a unique way to achieve recognition in the community. At Yale's annual Fourth of July celebration, Walker gives bottles of water during the parade.

"We hand out 800 to 900 bottles of water a year," Walker said. "That's what gets us known."

Walker has no plans for major changes at Walker Wellness in the coming years.

"We're happy with what we're doing here," she said.

Walker said new members often mention that they prefer not to be watched while



Tanning services are offered at Walker Wellness.

working out, so Walker assures them that the video camera footage is only for business security and personal safety purposes. But she told of one exception to that general rule.

"We did have a member call me one time and say that she'd been trying to take her sweatshirt off while walking on the treadmill, and she fell and crashed into the wall," Walker said. "She was totally fine, but we all watched the video multiple times. To this day, she still giggles about it." ■

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## Q: HOW MUCH IS THE PANORAMA SCHOOL DISTRICT GOING TO ASK FOR IN THE BOND ELECTION, AND WHAT WILL IT PAY FOR?

**A:** Community members in the Panorama School District are now circulating petitions that will ask the board of education to place a \$19.6 million general obligation bond referendum on the Nov. 4 ballot. State law requires that signatures be collected from 168 eligible voters in the Panorama Community School District, which amounts to 25% of the voter total in the most recent board election.

The petition asks the board of directors to call a special election to “contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$19,600,000 to build, furnish, and equip an addition to the secondary building for a competition gymnasium, including site improvements; to remodel, repair, furnish, and equip the secondary building, including improvements to classrooms, common areas, secure entrance, roofing, and site improvements; and to remodel, repair, furnish, and equip the elementary building, including a secure entrance, roofing, and site improvements, including an accessible playground.”

According to Panorama Schools Superintendent Kasey Huebner, once the signature requirement is fulfilled, the petition will be presented to the school board for verification, and a decision can be made on the referendum request.

Huebner said an advisory committee that included community members provided a recommendation that includes the installation and securing the entrance at the elementary school, a new roof, and an enhanced playground that will improve accessibility for all children.

At the secondary school, the proposal calls for updates to the shop area; heating,

ventilation and air conditioning system updates; and renovations to the school's entrance, commons area, kitchen, restrooms and other spaces.

Additionally, Huebner said the construction of a new competition gymnasium would be made at the secondary school to provide additional space and resources for physical education classes, athletic teams, school events, youth programs and community activities.

The total projected debt service tax rate implication for this potential project would be \$1.96 per \$1,000 of taxable property value. Panorama's average total property tax rate over the last 18 years is \$13.10. With an approved bond, the projected levy rate would be approximately \$12.40.

Petitions are available at Panorama Secondary District Office, Panora Fiber and NAPA Auto Parts in Panora; Jamaica Public Library, Farmers State Bank in Yale; and Linden Public Library.

## Q: WHY IS THE WOOD ON THIS BROKEN LIMB RED?



**A:** The reddish-colored inner wood of this cottonwood tree located just past the Lenon Mill Park bridge that was damaged in last week's storms is likely due to “tannins,” which are defense chemicals that plants and trees use for various purposes. Tannins bind to proteins making enzymes less effective, so they exist in plants and trees to make them less palatable to herbivores and also to make them more resistant to diseases. The tannin can appear red if it interacts with iron present in small amounts in the water a tree may absorb. High-tannin wood can still decay, but it does so slower because the fungi have to produce a lot more wood-digesting enzymes to overwhelm it, and that costs the fungi energy. ■

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# AFTER 50 YEARS, SAUNDRA DEVICK STILL PAINTS

She says her art provides “a world of beauty beyond expression, just waiting to be noticed, if we just pause a moment and do so.”

BY RICH WICKS  
*Panora Times*

Saundra Devick is an Iowa native who grew up in Le Grand and now lives in Panora. Fifty years ago, she took up painting simply as a way to take a break from household chores. Eventually, this hobby developed into a lifelong passion that continues to this day.

“I didn’t even take art in college, but then one day I felt like I needed a break,” Devick said. “So then I started, and one afternoon a week I would go over to a friend’s house, and I painted under her instruction for many years.”

Devick enjoys painting with oils, pastels and watercolor. She found each medium has unique qualities. The subject and circumstances of a particular painting generally determine which medium she will use.

“Watercolor is the most challenging but also the most fun,” she said.

Landscapes and nature are frequent images in Devick’s paintings. When weather allows, she prefers to paint outdoors. But her favorite painting is a por-



Saundra Devick shows her art for sale at Art on State.

trait.  
“My favorite painting is here at Art on State. It’s called ‘Girl in a Box,’ and it’s the

granddaughter of a friend,” she said.  
Devick made two additional portraits of the same image using pastel.

Devick credits the teaching of several painting instructors in developing her skills and techniques. In recent years, she



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A scene in Jamaica inspired this painting by Saundra Devick.

has begun teaching painting classes at the Des Moines Art Center, at a local art gallery, and in her own home. She has also taught workshops on a method of pouring watercolor. In her case, the student truly has become the teacher.

Despite her years of experience, Devick said she still struggles at times while painting.

"I think that's typical for any artist," Devick said. "Particularly in my oil, I'll reach a point where I wonder, 'Oh shoot, can I finish this or not?' But oil is easy to correct."

Devick's artwork has earned numerous awards. One of her oil portraits was selected as a finalist in the portrait category of The Artist Magazine's annual art competition. Her art was also featured in a book titled "Splash 8" for her use of a new technique in watercolor.

For approximately 10 years, Devick has displayed some of her art for sale at Art on State in Guthrie Center.

For now, Devick plans to continue enjoying her artistic outlet in whatever direction it takes her.

She offers her painting as commissioned work as well. Those interested may contact her at [sdevick@msn.com](mailto:sdevick@msn.com).

Devick encourages anyone with a budding interest in art to simply "take the plunge" and begin. She also suggests finding an experienced artist to provide guidance.



Saundra Devick painted this Arizona landscape.

"I believe everybody can paint, with the right instruction," Devick said. "And, for a beginner, I would recommend oil or acrylic."

For Devick, art has transformed greatly from her original goal of simply a break from chores.

"It's developed into a new way of looking at our world — a world of design, pattern and color," Devick said. "A world of beauty beyond expression, just waiting to be noticed, if we just pause a moment and do so." ■



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**DONNA R.  
BURRIS**  
1945-2025

Donna Rose Burris, 79, daughter of Richard and Marjorie (Johnston) Kuster, was born Sept. 21, 1945, in Guthrie Center. She passed away Sunday, June 22, 2025, at Regency Park Nursing and Rehab Center, Jefferson, where she has

been a resident since 2014.

Donna attended Guthrie Center schools. She married Raymond Gibson on Sept. 18, 1965, and later divorced in 1981. To this union, five children were born. They made their home in Logan for a short time before moving to a farm near Adair. They moved to Panora around 1975. Donna worked at Mrs. Grimes Canning Factory in Grimes for around 10 years. She then worked as a supervisor at the Redfield Brick Yard for 10 years. She retired from Sunny Fresh Foods where she worked for three years.

Donna enjoyed cooking and listening/singing to music.

Donna is survived by her children, Marjorie Gibson of Linden, Malissa Gibson of Bagley, Michael (Ester) Gibson of

Panora, Marsha (Kurt) Higgins of Everly, and Monica (Don) Reynolds of Linden; nine grandchildren, Brittaney Gibson, Stephanie (Mark) Gorsuch, Dale Morlan, Sara Gibson, Ashley Hirsch, Alec Higgins, Allison Higgins, Jordon (Jenna) Reynolds, and Makayla (Parker) Niemier; several great-grandchildren; and siblings, David Kuster, Darlene Hall and Bonnie Fredericksen. She was preceded in death by her parents and infant brother, Doyle.

Funeral services were Thursday, June 26, 2025, at the Twigg Funeral Home, Guthrie Center. Burial was in Bear Grove Cemetery, rural Guthrie Center. Visitation was Wednesday, June 25, 2025, from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be left to the discretion of the family. ■



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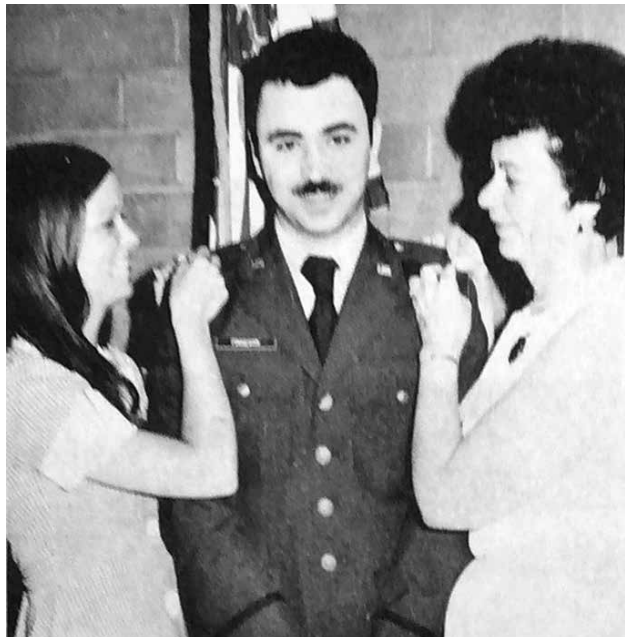
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## 50 YEARS AGO



From Guthrie Center Times, July 9, 1975

**SECOND LIEUTENANT.** Thomas P. Finnegan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Finnegan, Guthrie Center, has his new Air Force second lieutenant's bars pinned on by his mother and his fiancé, Jan Mosher of DeKalb, Illinois, at spring Air Force ROTC commissioning ceremonies at Iowa State University.

## 40 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, July 11, 1985

**FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE SOFTBALL.** Front, Jenny Snyder, Cindy Leo, Sarah Hernandez, Karrie Klocke, Tracy Hamling and Angie Schafer. Back, Nicki Klinkefus, Heidi Wirt, Vicki Krause, Connie Pfeiffer, Jerry Brook and Misty Allen.

## 30 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, July 20, 1995

**TOURNEY CHAMPS.** Members of the sixth/seventh grade team that won the league tournament are: front, from left, Steven Ryan, Ryan Downing, Todd Christensen and Trevor Antrim. Middle row, Peter Saltsgaver, Brian Jorgensen and Casey Spicher. Back row, Mark Fitzgerald, Brian Esbeck, Shane Jensen and Josh Arganbright. Not pictured, Chad Reich and Dan Wagner.

## 20 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, July 27, 2005

**TOP GUN.** Brad Halterman, left, Guthrie County Natural Resources Manager, and George Hemmen, Iowa DNR conservation officer, watch as Marty McAlister shoots trap during a contest for participants enrolled in a Hunter Safety Education Course held at Panorama last week. The competition took place at the Lenon Mill Wildlife Area southeast of Panorama. McAlister was the top shooter.

## 10 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, July 23, 2015

**GRAIN BIN RESCUE TRAINING.** The Panorama Fire Department gathers for grain bin rescue training: Clint Keith, Tony Monthei, Mark Van Houten, Jeff Colby, George Young, Shane Andersen, Ed Haver, Curtis Twigg and Andy Carlson.

## 5 YEARS AGO



Guthrie County Times Vedette, July 9, 2020

**YALE SADDLE CLUB HOSTS ANNUAL SHOW.** Hailey Gross carries the flag for the National Anthem during the annual Yale Saddle Club Fourth of July Horse Show in Yale. More than 61 riders participated in this year's event. ■





# MOM'S CHICKEN SALAD

BY JOLENE GOODMAN  
*Panora Times*

Lately, I've been hooked on chicken salad — making a fresh batch every week for quick, satisfying lunches and the occasional no-fuss dinner. It is incredibly convenient to have a flavorful, ready-to-eat meal waiting in the fridge. I love its versatility, too, as it is perfect to pile on toast, toss over greens, or simply enjoy by the spoonful.

This version (I can't really call it a recipe) is more of a method passed down from my mother. She never measured anything, but just added a bit of this and a scoop of that, adjusting as she tasted. I have kept that spirit but added a few of my own touches along the way. I sometimes swap out the mayo for Greek yogurt, skip the onions

(some family members are not fans), and change up the nuts depending on what I have on hand. I also ditched the sugar in favor of honey or a splash of lemon juice for brightness. Personally, I leave out mustard — but if you love that tangy kick, try stirring in a tablespoon of Dijon for a bold, earthy note.

It's a flexible formula that can be adjusted to your tastes — and your family's. Enjoy! ■

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



Jolene Goodman

## MOM'S CHICKEN SALAD

### Ingredients:

- 3 cups chicken, diced
- ½-1 cup celery, diced
- ¼-½ cup onion, minced (optional)
- ½-1 cup of red grapes, cut in half (or use mandarin oranges)
- ¼-¾ cup pecans, chopped (or use walnuts or almonds)
- 2 tablespoons honey (or a splash of lemon juice)
- 1-1¼ cup mayonnaise (or low-fat Greek yogurt), add more if needed
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon salt

### Directions

Add first five ingredients to a



medium-sized bowl. In a smaller bowl, combine the last 5 ingredients and add to the first bowl. Mix. Chill for one to two

hours so flavors blend. Enjoy on bread, toast, bed of greens or on its own. Makes six to eight servings. ■



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# OUTDOOR MASS HELD AT LAKE PANORAMA'S BOULDER BEACH

BY SHANE GOODMAN  
*Panora Times*

The Catholic parishes of St. Mary's (Guthrie Center), St. Patrick's (Bayard) and St. Cecilia's (Panora) held an out-

door mass at Boulder Beach at Lake Panorama starting at 9:30 a.m. A dinner, hosted by the Panora Knights of Columbus, was held after the service. A crowd of more than 150 was estimated to have attended. ■



Father Ray Higgins blesses the wine and hosts.



Knights of Columbus members Mike Carey, Jeff Houston and Lynn Weisz prepare the food.



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### Jamaica Union Church

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## LINDEN

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106 N. Evans St., Linden

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### Church Of The Brethren

2946 200th Road, Panora

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# TEN SQUARED WOMEN'S GROUP DONATES \$14,700



Ten Squared Women of Guthrie County presented its second quarterly donation of 2025 on July 1, giving \$14,700 to Friends of the Jamaica Library. This amount includes member donations and several employer matches. Pictured are Kristen Crouthamel (Ten Squared Women), Carla Hilgenberg, Laurie Carnahan, Deb Louk, Karen Onken and Dustie the dog. ■

# TEN SQUARED PLUS MEN'S GROUP DONATES \$19,200



The spring funding check for Ten Squared Plus Men was presented June 20 to members of the Guthrie County Hospital Foundation for the Meals on Wheels programs for Guthrie Center and Panora. Accepting the check for \$19,200 was Dennis Flannery, executive director of the foundation; Mary Jane Carothers, president of the foundation board; and Chris Stipe, CEO of Guthrie County Hospital. Presenting on behalf of Ten Squared Men was Barry Monaghan, director. ■



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