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FROM THE COVER: Emily Donovan embraces her evil side as the Queen of Hearts from "Alice in Wonderland." Submitted photo



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NOT THE ELVIS COSTUME AGAIN

If you have not yet decided on a Halloween costume, you might want to hurry up. You can't wear that Elvis costume every year.

Yes, Halloween is near, and it's not just for kids. Sure, most all of us have great memories of trick-or-treating around the neighborhood with our siblings and friends, amassing a bag of candy we would struggle to carry. The best part was spreading all that candy out on the living room floor and trading with your trick-or-treating friends. Well, maybe that was the second-best part. The best part, of course, was eating all that candy.

Choosing a costume as a kid was not high pressure, as I simply wore whatever Mom had for me, which was usually a hand-me-down from my siblings. I re-

ally didn't care. As an adult, though, the pressure in choosing a Halloween costume intensified. I could no longer strap on a plastic mask and call it good.

Through the years, Jolene and I had some costume hits and some costume misses. The biggest miss was in our younger years when we dressed as mummies, wearing white long underwear tops and bottoms and covering each other with strips of white bed sheets. It seemed like a great idea — until we had to go to the bathroom.

Another year, we went with a group



Shane Goodman

and dressed as the Gilligan's Island crew. Jolene and I were Mr. and Mrs. Howell. And, yes, I carried the teddy bear.

Speaking of bears, a few years later, we tried Goldilocks and the three bears with another couple. It didn't work. We looked like a little girl and three giant mice.

Jolene and I also did stints as the farmer and the cow, the hunter and the deer, the Lone Ranger and Tonto, and Farrah Fawcett and Michael Jackson.

The best costumes we ever had, though, were when we dressed as the couple that was throwing the party. We pulled that one off twice, to the dismay of the hosts.

I encourage you to get into the Hal-

loween spirit this year. Attend a costume party or event, or just dress up and entertain the kids who are trick-or-treating.

And if you struggle to come up with a costume, well, I guess there is always Elvis.

Happy Halloween, and thanks for reading. ■

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HALLOWEEN COSTUME CREATIONS

Residents explain how they get to become anything they want to be on this imaginative holiday.

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

Halloween is a special time of year when most anyone can put on a costume or mask and temporarily take on a different persona. It can be liberating to become someone or something completely apart from our usual roles, even if only for a short time.

Some opt for a frightening look. Some prefer costumes that are funny. Some like to dress as a favorite celebrity. Some costumes are difficult to categorize.

Nowadays, almost any costume that can be imagined can be purchased with just a visit to a store or the click of a computer mouse. But, for some, the creation of a costume can be just as rewarding as the final product.

Regardless of the individual's preference — whether it is store-bought or homemade, and whether it is simple or elaborate — costumes can be a lot of fun. Here are a few examples of local people who enjoy getting into the seasonal spirit.

EMILY DONOVAN

Emily Donovan enjoys the fun and creativity of Halloween costumes, and she said she always has.

“My mom always did fun costumes when I was growing up. She was a stay-at-home mom with four kids. She always made elaborate costumes, and, one year, all four of us were Smurfs,” Donovan said. “She always had really creative costumes.”

Donovan brought that fun to her kids when she and her husband, Billy, became parents.



Emily Donovan embraces her evil side.

“When our kids were little, it was fun to dress them up. We had groups of our friends who also had kids, and we would have parties together that we could bring our kids to. One of our friends hosted a pirate-themed party, and everybody, the adults and kids, dressed up like pirates.”

The Donovans have two children. The kids have passed the age of trick-or-treating, so Emily found a new way to channel her Halloween spirit.

“The way I got into a regular Halloween costume thing is my husband owns



Makeup is Emily Donovan's specialty.

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Donovan Construction, and he had bought a shop downtown. So, we started participating in the Beggar's Night, and I dressed up as a character from 'Day of the Dead.' I liked the elaborate makeup, too."

Following the experience, Donovan realized she enjoyed a night of villainy. "Then it kind of turned into an alter ego," she said. "Coming up with all these evil characters has been fun. I've done the evil stepmother from 'Snow White.' I've been a couple different versions of a witch. I did the Queen of Hearts from 'Alice in Wonderland.' I did Cruella De Vil, and the one from 'Beetlejuice.'"

Donovan enjoys the opportunity to trick people while she is in costume. "People will see me and think I'm not real, and then I start moving, and they realize it's a real person inside," she said. "Or, after I dress up and people don't know it's me, I'll go out to eat, and people have no idea who it is, so that's kind of fun."

For Donovan, the creation process is just as fun as Halloween itself. Her creations are usually a combination of homemade and store-bought. "It's a little bit of both. I have a couple of wigs, and I try to reuse. But it's fun to try to transform," she said. "If I can re-

use parts of old costumes, I do that." Although the Donovans live at Lake Panorama, the construction shop provides an easy way to get involved in the Halloween activities in Panora. "I like being able to do it uptown, because at the lake, we don't get trick-or-treaters. It's fun to see all the kids, and they remember what I was the year before," Donovan said. "Our shop moved, so now we're up on Market Street, so now we do it with the residential, because we're on kind of the main loop where kids go trick-or-treating." When asked her favorite part of the creation process, Donovan had a clear answer.

"I love doing the makeup. I usually have an image to look at, and that's the fun part. The hard part is just coming up with the idea," she said. Although some costume creators carefully keep their next costume a secret, Donovan has not had to worry about secrecy much. "I don't know if it's more of a secret, or if I really just don't know until the week before," Donovan said. "It's been eight years that I've been doing this, and now I feel like it's expected. And, it's like, am I going to run out of villains? I don't know. I can't be a princess, because that would be out of character."



Emily Donovan as Cruella de Vil.

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Chelsea Schwartz and Sarah Carstens party on as Garth and Wayne.

CHELSEA SCHWARTZ AND SARAH CARSTENS

Shoppers in Panora are likely familiar with Chelsea Schwartz and Sarah Carstens of Tribe Boutique (130 W. Main, Panora). The two enjoy working together and have found a way to build some fun into their business every October.

"We did our first Halloween costume livestream in 2019. We were Napoleon Dynamite and Ace Ventura. We got into



Chelsea Schwartz and Sarah Carstens as "Stepbrothers."

character and mimicked them. It was fun, and people loved it," Schwartz said. "So, then we knew we had to make this an annual tradition."

"Then it was cool, because the city of Panora started the Main Street trick-or-treating. The kids wanted to come see what our costumes were," Carstens said. "We had both worked at the school, so a lot of the kids knew us."

Fun is the only recurring theme in the



Chelsea Schwartz and Sarah Carstens recreate "Dumb and Dumber."

pair's costumes.

"We were sumo wrestlers one year. We were a camel one year," Carstens said. "We were 'Stepbrothers,' and we were Wayne and Garth from 'Wayne's World.' " The fun has become contagious.

"It's kind of become a family affair, too, because our kids pass out candy," Carstens said. "One year, Chelsea's husband dressed up in an elf costume, which was hilarious."



Chelsea Schwartz's and Sarah Carstens' costumes are fitting for Oktoberfest.

Carstens and Schwartz try to avoid letting anyone know what the upcoming costumes will be.

"We always try to make it suspenseful, for people to guess before we have it on the live video," Carstens said.

"I think that adds a layer of fun to it," Schwartz said.

Schwartz and Carstens have been surprised at how popular the business district trick-or-treating in Panora has

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become. They plan to continue surprising the community with each year's costumes.

"Oh, gosh. It's always busy. We get maybe 200 or 250 kids," Schwartz said. "And it's a great safe spot for kids to be. It's just a fun way to bring the community together and make people laugh, and we really get into it."

STEVE SIDMAN

If anyone challenges Steve Sidman to create a difficult Halloween costume, it should come as no surprise when he succeeds. He enjoys the challenge of finding creative ways to overcome obstacles.

Over the years, Sidman has frequently entered his costume creations in costume contests, both locally and in the Des Moines metro area, with impressive results. His creations include Oscar the Grouch, Inspector Gadget, R2D2 from "Star Wars," and others.

"It's never been about Halloween for me. It's more about just building the costume. I always want to be a character — something from my childhood or something that I've seen," Sidman said.

"And, I bet I've won maybe \$3,000 in prize money.

"The first costume I built was Scuba Steve, from the Adam Sandler movie 'Big Daddy.' That was around 2008 or 2009. I

think I spent maybe \$25 from Menards buying PVC to make it look real, and I ended up winning a prize. Then it just kind of snowballed from there," Sidman said. "Eventually, I started getting into more technical stuff, and that's when I built Inspector Gadget, where all of his gadgets actually worked. His helicopter spun, he had shooting water out of his fingertips, and all sorts of things. I just have fun building it and then going out to show it off."

Sidman said his wife, Krista, also enjoys being in costume. However, he said she does not get into the creation process the way he does.

"You could ask my wife, when Halloween comes around, I'll have an idea of what I want to make, and then I'll just wander around Menards for an hour looking for things that I can turn into something," Sidman said. "Then I come home with a truck bed full of junk."

Sidman's proudest costume creation is R2D2.

"I think R2D2 has been the most challenging costume I've made. Not so much building the framework but figuring out how to get him to move," he said. "I looked to see what I could deconstruct, to reconstruct, and I was on one of those websites where they do those battle bots that smash into each other. And, people



Steve Sidman as Inspector Gadget, with his wife, Krista.



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Steve Sidman's Oscar the Grouch looks a little happier than the original.

were saying that some of the most robust things to make things move is old wheelchair motors. So, I went on eBay and found a couple of old motors from wheelchairs.”

R2D2 is designed for Sidman to sit inside, so space was at a premium.

“I had to buy a wheelchair battery and figure out the wiring. The battery is underneath the little seat that’s inside of him,” Sidman said. “My claim to fame is



Steve Sidman ready to make a splash as Scuba Steve.

I usually build a costume for under \$100. R2D2 was the exception. And I probably have 25 or 30 hours into that costume. It’s got a small dashboard inside, so he plays all the noises. That took a while to do.”

Sidman said his Inspector Gadget costume was full of challenges.

“Inspector Gadget was also a fun costume because all of his stuff worked. I even had a CamelBak hydration backpack that people wear. I had one of those

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I was wearing, and it was plumbed to my gloved fingers, so I could walk up to a table and say, 'Go-go gadget, water gun,' and then squeeze it and fill up water glasses right at the table," he said. "And I had those heely shoes that kids wear with the wheels on the back of them. So, I'd say, 'Go-go gadget, skate,' and then I'd skate across the floor."

All of those gadget details were crowd-pleasers.

"I think that's the costume that people interacted with the most. That one was a lot of fun," Sidman said.

Although some of Sidman's costume details are high-tech, others are more down-to-earth.

"For me, it's about the problem solving," he said. "For example, Oscar's head is actually a hanging plant basket that is flipped upside down and then covered in a green bath rug."

Sidman strives to keep his upcoming costume creations a secret.

"I try to keep it on the downlow," Sidman said. "I do have a couple of ideas in mind for upcoming years."

Sidman said he'll be out of the local area this Halloween but may try to make a costume, if the spirit moves him.

"We'll be down in South Carolina this year for Halloween, so I'm excited to check out the Halloween scene down



Steve Sidman really gets into his costume creations, literally.

there," he said.

Sidman has discovered that each costume creates unique challenges, but he enjoys finding solutions.

"I've done Optimus Prime from 'Transformers,'" he said. "That one was very popular but a bit cumbersome because he was so big. I had to walk through doorways sideways, and I couldn't get my arms up, so we strung together about five straws so I could drink a beer." ■

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“The Conjuring: Last Rites”

BY MICHAEL C. WOODY
Panora Times

“THE CONJURING: LAST RITES”

As I was walking into the theater to see, of all things, “The Conjuring: Last Rites,” a faith-based group was setting up in the lobby for an event — most likely not an exorcism! “The Conjuring” series has been head and shoulders above most horror series, and this movie is no exception. Patrick Wilson and Vera Farmiga play a real life couple who are known worldwide as the ones to call if you are struggling with ghosts and other nastiness. Here, they are asked to help a family that unknowingly has a haunted full-size mirror in their attic. This movie has more blood than I expected — about a half of a basement full, if you want to know the truth. In the end, it is an effective and



“Him”

scary horror film. **Grade: B+**

“HIM”

“Him” tells the story of the son of an NFL legend who is a superior athlete himself. When the NFL comes calling for him, he is faced with serious questions and situations. Tyriq Withers stars as this young talent and gives a strong performance in a challenging role. The movie starts as a sports film but spins on its head into a horror film. I would hate to guess the budget on this film for fake blood, as it had to be astronomical. As the blood flows freely, the violence races to catch up. By the end of the movie, I was exhausted, disgusted and, quite frankly, ready to walk out. I did make it to the last 15 minutes before I stood up and took an early exit. I only wish I had done so sooner. **Grade: F**



“A Big Bold Beautiful Journey”

“A BIG BOLD BEAUTIFUL JOURNEY”

“A Big Bold Beautiful Journey” stars two of the most beautiful and talented people working in movies today, Margot Robbie and Colin Farrell. They play single people who really do agree to take a big journey, and it is a wild one. This movie is a bit of a comedy, a bit of a tragedy and pretty much everything in between. The cute and clever title failed the film, as people couldn’t figure it out. Sue and I both liked the movie, me maybe a bit more. I was charmed by the quirkiness, and I spent nearly two hours grinning at the creative work behind this wonderful film. **Grade: A-**



“SPINAL TAP II: THE END CONTINUES”

With the original “Spinal Tap,” you didn’t know what you were seeing but you knew it was funny in a crazy kind of way. Directed by Rob Reiner as if this group actually existed, it was challenging to figure out. In “Spinal Tap II: The End Continues,” Reiner takes us on another trip with these burned-out rock and rollers only 40 years later! It is still funny to watch these guys slip into the characters and let loose. There are, as expected, some shocking and hilarious cameos. I was worried that Reiner couldn’t pull this off, but he does, and it is great fun. **Grade: B+**



“Spinal Tap II: The End Continues”



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A: According to Guthrie County Sheriff Matt Harmann, nobody left. Harmann told us the sheriff's department eliminated a deputy jail transport position and is using some of that money toward an additional deputy. The spending was approved in the county budget session and authorized in a resolution that the county supervisors voted on several months ago.

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GUTHRIE COUNTY SUPERVISORS RETURN TO EMS ISSUE, LEARN ABOUT FLU VACCINE PUSH AND ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

SEPT. 23 – LAND PURCHASE REQUEST, P28 ROAD PROJECT

During the Sept. 23 meeting of the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors, Ron Woods addressed the supervisors to ask if he could purchase 9.1 acres of land near the former county home building, which Woods owns. The land Woods asked about is Parcel 0000917402.

Woods explained his interest in the land. “The silting going into the pond from that 9.1 acres is considerable. What I’d like to do is buy that land and turn it into either a pasture or hay field, to eliminate some of that silting,” Woods said. “And my oldest son is considering building a house there, on the 9.1 acres overlooking the pond. So, it seems like a perfect fit; it squares off the

property.” Supervisor Maggie Armstrong said the land is currently under lease until 2029. Woods said he would consider a lease transfer, if that were feasible. Armstrong said the first step would be for the county to speak with the current leaseholder. Then, if appropriate, the county would like to see an offer from Woods. No formal action was taken at this time. County Engineer Josh Sebern provided a departmental update and shared information on the upcoming P28 Road project between Panora and Stuart. He described the various options regarding road width and the related costs. The road is currently 22 feet wide and could be widened to 26 feet overall, or in certain areas, to help address safety concerns. Sebern described a “hybrid” option of keeping the road surface at 22 feet on

straight areas but widening it to 26 feet on curves, which would allow for rumble strips outside of the 22-foot striped road for additional safety. Supervisor Steve Smith asked Sebern’s preference. “I definitely like the widening, at least on the curves,” Sebern said. “They’re nice things to have for maintenance. They’re nice for agriculture. They’re nice for safety.” As part of the consent agenda, the supervisors approved a payroll change notice for Dana Tews, for a change to the position of jail control room operator at a wage of \$20 hourly.

SEPT. 30 – MORE ON P28 ROAD PROJECT, SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT UPDATE

County Engineer Josh Sebern shared his recommendations for the P28 Road

project between Panora and Stuart. Sebern suggested widening the road from Monteith to Stuart to the 26-foot paved width, which would add 2 feet of paved shoulder on each side of the road. He explained the lanes would remain at their current width, but the paved shoulder would allow for rumble strips at the outside stripe, resulting in increased safety. He noted that P28 is the second-busiest road in Guthrie County. “My thought is widening Stuart to Monteith, and that being the primary focus,” Sebern said. “From Monteith north, we handle that through maintenance and through other funds.” Sebern explained that if the supervisors agree with this plan, the project will likely go out for bids in January or February of 2026 with an expected start date in or around August 2026.

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Outside of work, she’s a proud mom of twin girls, a wife, a grandma, and the owner of a German Shorthair. She loves spending time outdoors with family and friends.

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The supervisors unanimously approved Sebern's recommendation.

Sheriff Matt Harmann provided a departmental update.

"Since January, we've kept overtime to a bare minimum. There's been not much at all," Harmann said. "Calls for service looks like it will be up slightly from last year."

Regarding calls for service, Harmann said the department totaled approximately 3,500 in 2024 but is ahead of that pace so far in 2025.

"Right now, we're around 2,700, so it's looking like it'll be slightly higher," Harmann said. He reported no significant new trends noted in the calls for service.

Harmann reported on the jail's usage through the first six months of this year. He said 264 prisoners were admitted with 147 being Guthrie County residents and 117 out of county.

Supervisor Brian Johnson asked about the Sheriff's department's dogs. Harmann said the department has two canines, and he hopes that each can continue to serve for another four years or so.

OCT. 7 - LETTER OF RESISTANCE, COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

County Attorney Dana Minter addressed the supervisors regarding agen-

da item 4a: "Resistance to the Summit Carbon Solution Transport LLC Motion for Consolidation."

Minter explained the reason for discussing the issue at this time is because of recent legal action by Summit Carbon Solutions.

"They filed a petition to amend their original petition within the Phase 1 docket," she said.

Minter summarized that Summit is asking to consolidate the legal processes with the various counties involved.

"They're requesting that everyone now be lumped together," Minter said.

Minter and Supervisors Chair Maggie Armstrong concurred that each county has a unique perspective, so consolidation is not appropriate, in their view.

After discussion, the supervisors voted 4-1 to ask Minter to send a letter of resistance. Brian Johnson voted nay.

County Human Resources department head Jamie Lindsay discussed with the supervisors regarding the effective date of health insurance for county employees. She explained that currently, coverage begins on the first day of the month following a hire date. She explained the challenges this creates for employees hired later in a given month, since their paychecks may essentially have double deductions for health insurance premi-

ums due to the timing of premiums.

However, Lindsay also explained that if coverage were to be effective one month later, this could create situations in which employees would have no coverage for a month. She also shared that if department heads are instructed to only hire employees within a certain "window" each month, that creates a challenge as departments aim to fill vacancies.

"If we're going to make a change to the policy, we have to communicate that 60 days prior to the change," Lindsay said.

No formal action was taken at this time.

The supervisors voted to call a special election for Diamondhead Lake and Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone for Tuesday, Dec. 9.

OCT. 14 - RETURN TO EMS ISSUE, LEARN ABOUT FLU VACCINE PUSH AND ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

Chair Maggie Armstrong brought up Resolution 26-10 (A Resolution Declaring Emergency Medical Services an Essential Service in Guthrie County). The supervisors voted 4-1 to approve the resolution, with Mike Dickson voting no.

Health Service Director Jotham Arber provided a departmental update. He

shared the county's plan for offering seasonal vaccinations.

"We haven't done a big push on our flu vaccines yet. We will; we're working with the pharmacies," Arber said. "We've kind of waited strategically into October to start doing our push, just because of the trend I'm seeing of the disease."

"We'll go and do the schools; we'll offer it to businesses," Arber said. He said the plan is to make a big push for flu vaccinations through November and December.

Arber also shared plans for active shooter trainings.

"The hospital and the schools are doing an active shooter drill that we'll be participating in," Arber said. "The role of the health department will be the after-effects of that."

Agenda item No. 7 (Heart of Iowa Community Services) stated that the supervisors may enter into a special closed session with County Attorney Dana Minter to discuss a matter that is presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent.

The public meeting ended immediately prior to the opening of the closed session.

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CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS

CITY OF YALE TO TAKE BIDS FOR WATER TREATMENT PROJECT

BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

The Yale City Council met on Oct. 7 regarding Resolution 25-06 (Notice of hearing on proposed plans, specification, form of contract and estimate of cost for the Water Treatment Filter Unit Replacement Project and the taking of bids therefor). Mayor Bev Louk provided background.

"This is for the bidding for the treatment plant," Louk said. "On Nov. 4, here at city hall, we will open a public hearing on the plans and specs. Then, on Nov. 6 at 2 p.m., we will open bids."

The council approved Resolution 25-06. As in previous years, the council voted to provide funds (\$300) for the Saddle Club's Halloween party.

Mayor Louk explained agenda item No. 10 (CDBG Grant 22-WS-023 Contract Extension).

"It's just basically to get all the paperwork and everything in," Louk said. "Chris Whitaker with Region 12 already has the OK."

The council approved the extension.

The council set trick-or-treating in Yale for 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31.

Mayor Louk brought up the topic of the city purchasing one or more cameras as suggested by Sheriff Harmann. Louk said the camera(s) would be remotely accessible by the Sheriff's department. Louk said the total cost would be around \$13,000 total for four cameras, which is much more than the city anticipated. Councilmember Mindy Fear voiced her concern.

"I feel like we need some clarification," Fear said.

The council took no formal action but will ask Sheriff Harmann for more information.

The council's next meeting is set for Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. The public is welcome. ■

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CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS

PANORA CITY COUNCIL REVIEWS SIDEWALK SALE ORDINANCE, ‘EMERGENCY ONLY’ CREDIT CARD

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

SEPT. 22 - TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT SET, LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED

During the regular meeting of the Panora City Council on Sept. 22, the councilmembers voted unanimously to approve Resolution 25-32, setting Oct. 31 as the standard date for the city’s trick-or-treat events, regardless of the day of the week.

The council reappointed members of the library board to another six-year term. Chris Hastings, Kari Sebern and Tina Thornberry each have a new term through Dec. 31, 2031.

City Administrator Lisa Grossman described the work she has been doing to update the city’s code of ordinances. She said the majority of the changes are minor wording or numbering changes to make sure references match.

“Just making it read a little bit better,” Grossman said.

Councilmember Mark Sheeder mentioned a tree that may need attention near Jackson Street.

“There’s a large diameter stump about 15 feet high,” Sheeder said. “It’s now starting to lean into the right of way.”

Grossman said the city crew is aware of the situation.

OCT. 13 - SIDEWALK SALE ORDINANCE, ‘EMERGENCY ONLY’ CREDIT CARD

Council members discussed sidewalk sales by downtown storefronts in the business commercial district. City Administrator Lisa Grossman read from the current ordinance, which outlines the number of days that a business can have a sidewalk sale consecutively.

Council members suggested amending the ordinance to stipulate that sidewalk

sales can occur only during regular business hours, meaning that items would need to be brought inside or removed at the end of the business day.

Grossman suggested the matter should first be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and then could come back to the council after that. No formal action was taken by the council.

The council discussed a request from Mason Caruthers for permission to hunt Canada geese on agricultural ground within city limits. The land in question is owned by Ethan Boyers. Caruthers’ request stated he would hunt at least 600 feet from any building or dwelling, and he added that Police Chief Matt Reising has no objection to the request. The council unanimously approved Caruthers’ request.

Grossman brought up a request to obtain an “emergency-only” credit card for Panora EMS use.

“There’s a fuel card in each vehicle, and each employee has a PIN. We’ve had a

few situations come up where a PIN is incorrectly entered, and sometimes the employee has to then use their own card for fuel and get reimbursed,” Grossman said.

Grossman also said the credit card could help with various unexpected emergencies, such as in case of a vehicle breakdown or accident. She explained that if approved, the emergency-only credit card would be for only those situations when EMS staff are unable to use the fuel card. Council members were hesitant about the city having another credit card.

“I’m just looking at it as one more credit card out there. Personally, I’m not for it,” Councilmember Brian Dorsett said.

The council did not take formal action on the request.

The next regular meeting is set for Monday, Oct. 27 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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HEALTH

GCH CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE SHARED WITH TRUSTEES

BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

During the Sept. 25 meeting of the Guthrie County Hospital Board of Trustees, Matt Leaders and Cory Bettis, representatives from Graham Construction, presented the tentative timeline for the hospital's planned improvement project.

"We're looking to start construction in early March," Leaders said, adding that the construction period is tentatively expected to be from March 2026 to August 2028. He also said the tentative start date of March 2 is somewhat weather-dependent.

Chief Financial Officer Brandon Johnson provided a monthly report on finances.

It was noted that seasonal flu shots for staff have begun to be scheduled and administered.

Foundation Director Dennis Flanery

said the 5K walk/run and health fair are set for Oct. 4. He added that the hospital auxiliary plans to hold a potato bar fundraiser on Nov. 20.

The trustees voted to approve opening a bank account for the improvement project and to set a date for a hearing on a proposal to issue bonds or notes and borrow funds related to the project. CEO Chris Stipe noted that the hospital still could decide to shelve the project if unforeseen challenges arise.

"This is not a point of no return yet," he said.

The trustees set the hearing for Oct. 23 (the date of the next regular board meeting).

The board went into a special closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

The next regular meeting of the trustees is set for Oct. 23 at 4 p.m. The public is welcome. ■

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PANORAMA SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES DEFICIT SPENDING AUTHORITY

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

Immediately prior to the Panorama School Board meeting on Oct. 13, a public hearing was held regarding the Flexibility Fund Transfer. No written or oral objections were presented, and the public hearing promptly closed. During the board meeting, the board members approved the expenditure of funds in the Flexibility Account as proposed.

The board unanimously approved the 2024-2025 Special Education deficit as presented, equaling \$610,656 in spending authority.

In the “Good News” portion of the meeting, a statement from Mark Dorhout was shared, telling of the 192 birdhouse gourds he has collected for a project he will offer to middle schoolers next year. Dorhout is seeking somewhere to store the gourds until then.

Deb Wooldridge stated, “We have 27 stu-

dents out for the high school play, ‘The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon.’ The play will be Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 2 at 2 p.m.”

Aiden Shorey (Secondary Instrumental Music) and Emily Clouser (Secondary Vocal Music) provided a report on the secondary music program.

As part of the consent agenda, the board approved new coach contracts for Lindsey Schroeder (junior high track) and Paige Swearingen (basketball cheer). The board also approved the FFA trip to the FFA national convention, Oct. 28-31 in Indianapolis. Ten students and two chaperones will make the trip.

Upcoming dates noted included parent-teacher conferences 3-7:30 p.m. on Oct. 21 and Oct. 23. On each of those dates, school will dismiss at 1:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the board is set for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 10. The public is welcome. ■



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Panorama's No. 5 Austin Wagner breaks a tackle against I-35 on Sept. 26. PHOTO BY BETTY COOPER



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AUTO SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL IN LINDEN

Korey's Tire and Auto Repair owner Korey Maynes says "service" sets his shop apart.

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

Korey Maynes of Linden formerly owned and operated the Korey's Tire and Auto Repair shop in Linden, then he chose to retire. But, as many retirees find, there are lots of hours to fill. So, after a few months, he decided to return to the working world, opening up his shop as Linden Tire, Brake and Oil.

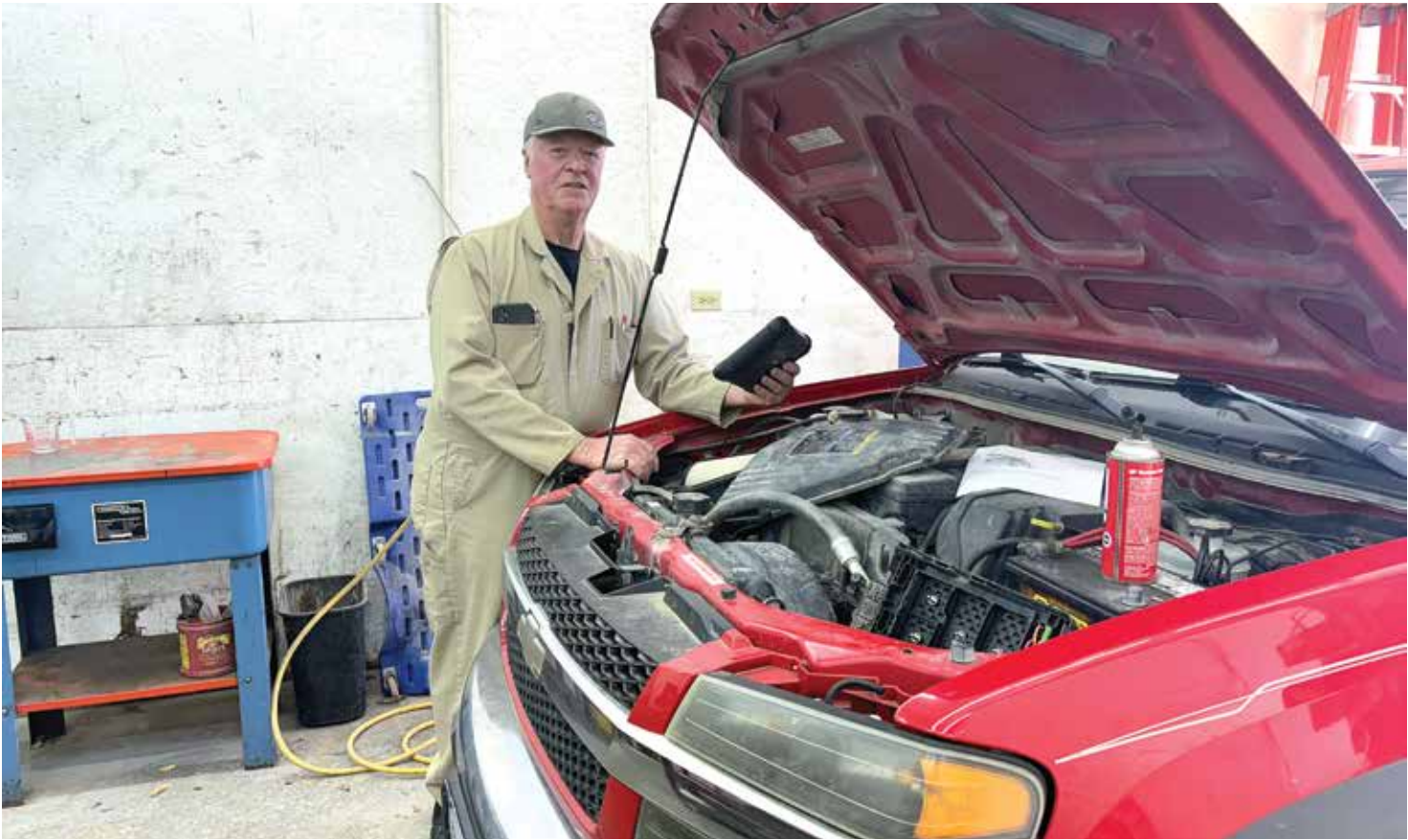
"My mom's from Adel. My dad's from Stuart. I was born in southern California. So, I've moved home to a place I'd never been before," Maynes said.

The first auto shop Maynes operated was in Adel, from 2009 to 2014, before getting the opportunity to open in Linden, at 401 W. North St. Maynes has spent his lifetime around cars.

"I've been working on cars since I was about 19, and I just turned 69," he said.

"I had talked to the city of Linden, and they had vacated this street, so I offered to build my shop here, and that was approved," Maynes said. "I had retired last year, for about three months. That was about nine or 10 months ago," Maynes said.

When asked what sets his shop apart from others, Maynes short answer was



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"When I do an oil change, I don't just change the oil and filter. I have a whole list that comes out on the computer. I vacuum the floorboards, check all the fluid levels, fill the washer fluid, check all the tires,

check the belts, battery and wiper blades, air filter," Maynes said.

"I sell a lot of tires. I have pretty good prices on tires, from what everybody has told me," Maynes said.

Maynes said for tires, the busiest season

is right now. He said from October through December, as drivers prepare for snowy roads, demand for tire replacement is at its peak. Otherwise, Maynes said his business runs fairly steady year-round. Maynes said he usually has a lineup of vehicle to

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be worked on, but he strives to juggle things around when a customer needs a car fixed fast.

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"I'd talked about adding that for years, and then I decided now was the time. I've got the location, and I'm here anyway, so I started it about three weeks ago, and I'm already having trouble keeping my equipment here," he said.

Available rental equipment includes a telescoping boom lift, a truck loader, stump grinder, car hauler, dump trailer, and many other machines coming soon. Maynes is proud to offer equipment rental locally, so customers don't need to drive long distance to complete their projects. He encourages customers to speak up if they have any specific equip-

ment they're looking for.

Knowing that many equipment rental customers work Mondays through Fridays, Maynes offers a "weekend warrior" discounted rate on most of his rental equipment, giving a price break to those who want to rent equipment through the weekend, rather than paying a daily rate.

Maynes' equipment and rental information can be seen online at www.lindenrentals.com.

Although Maynes is currently working alone, he has realized that needs to change soon, due to the growth of his business.

"Right now, it's just me, but I'm already looking to hire somebody. Ideally, full-time," Maynes said.

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Funeral floral arrangements have a special meaning for Shannon Carter.

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

Shannon Carter of Panora has a hobby that is also a part-time job, as well as a lifelong passion. She enjoys creating beautiful flower arrangements. Over the past 30-plus years, she has continued to spend time making her arrangements despite moving to different states before returning to Iowa.

Carter explained how she first developed an interest in flowers. “My parents did all the flowers at Saint Mary’s Catholic Church in Guthrie Center for years, and that’s probably where I started noticing that it was kind of neat to do. They were very talented at it,” Carter said. “Then I started working at flower shops in the late 1980s. I worked at flower shops in Oklahoma, New Mexico and Iowa.”

Carter works with fresh and artificial flowers. “At the flower shops, I worked with fresh flowers,” she said. “Otherwise, it’s silk flowers.”

Carter explained that “silk” has become the general term for any flowers that are not real.

Throughout her life, Carter has enjoyed learning about other cultures.

“When we moved to New Mexico, I worked for flower shops out there part-time, and a friend and I did funeral flow-



Shannon Carter shows her floral art.

ers for the Navajos,” Carter said. “We incorporated some of their culture into the floral arrangements.”

Funeral floral arrangements have a

special meaning for Carter.

“My favorite flowers to do are funeral flowers. I also feel like I’m doing something, one of the last things, for that per-

son and the family,” Carter said. “I believe in putting in something personal that the person liked. I did a Navajo one for the funeral home, and they wanted

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A casket topper uses blue velvet for a Navajo weaver.

sage and natural materials from the desert, so I had to go hunting for them; that was fun.”

Carter said that in Guthrie County, personal touches added to funeral flower arrangements sometimes include items related to farming, hunting or fishing.

She also displays some of her creations at Art on State in Guthrie Center, where she is a member.

Besides creating floral arrangements on her own, Carter also works occasionally at a floral shop.

“I work at Donna Jean’s Flowers in Per-



Funeral flowers for a Dallas Cowboys fan.



Shannon Carter made this casket topper with elk antlers for a hunter.

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ry on Mother's Day and Valentine's Day," Carter said. "Those holidays are a lot of fun, because it's super busy, and I thrive on busy."

Carter had no trouble stating what she feels is most difficult in her floral creations.

"Corsages, because they're so small and delicate, and you want to make sure they stay together. So, they're the most challenging, but I do them," she said.

Artistic expression is important to Carter, and it goes beyond flowers.

"I do pen and ink, and I paint," Carter said. "I've done art since high school. I call it my passion. I also entered some contests and won some prizes over the years."

When asked about memorable moments in making floral art, Carter recalled two incidents.

"I worked at a flower shop and grocery store in Oklahoma, and there happened to be two funerals on the same day, and I was the only one working that day," Carter said. "Well, their last names were very similar, and they each ordered at least 20 pieces."

After delivering the arrangements to each of the two churches, Carter noticed a problem.

"I realized I'd switched them," Carter said. "I was at the second church, and people were already starting to come in. I was crying, and I asked the funeral director what I should do, and he said, 'I don't know. It's your problem.'"

With that warm support, Carter quickly set about getting all of the flowers to the correct destinations.

"We did it, but it was one of my horrible moments as a florist," Carter said.



A floral dress made by Shannon Carter.

Another incident Carter recalled was purely humorous.

"In New Mexico, a guy ordered five different Valentine arrangements for his five girlfriends," she said. "We all had a good laugh over that." ■

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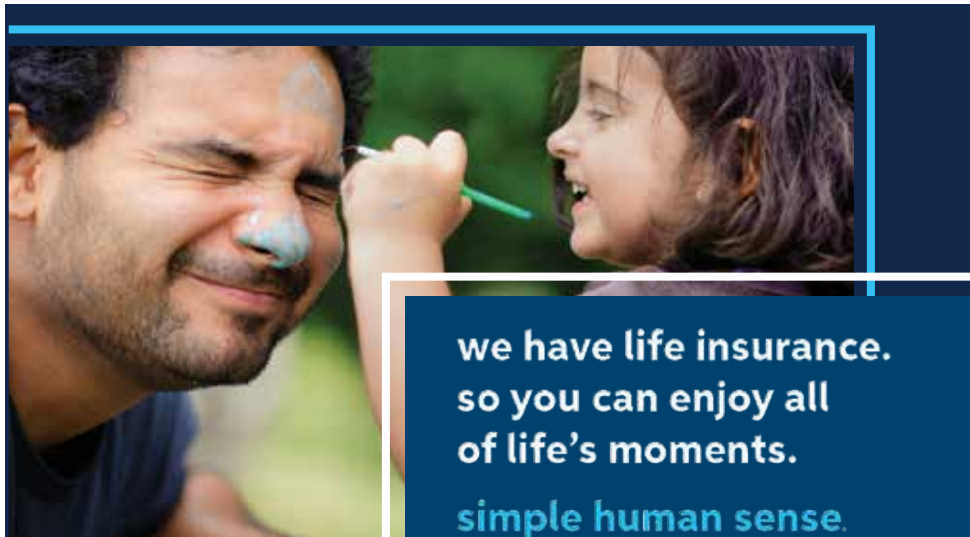


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BARBARA A. KASTNER
1953-2025

A beloved and generous heart stopped beating surrounded by her loving family on Oct. 1, 2025, when Barbara Ann Kastner, 72 passed away at UnityPoint-Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines.

Barb was born on May 26, 1953, in Perry, the daughter of Merrill and Elva (Sable) Huitt. She attended school in Perry and graduated from Perry High School with the class of 1971. On Sept. 15,

1973, Barb married her beloved husband, John Kastner. Her first job was at Northwestern Bell in Des Moines. Shortly after, she began her lifelong career of 44 years at Production Credit Services, which would later become Farm Credit Services in Perry. During her tenure at Farm Credit, she was able to earn her bachelor's degree in business through William Penn University — an accomplishment of which she was very proud. After earning her degree, she was able to become a licensed crop insurance agent for Farm Credit.

Barb was very dedicated to her work but even more so to her friends and family. She greatly enjoyed traveling, especially when her travels took her to the beach. She always said that she needed to dip her toes in the ocean at least once a year. She traveled often with her family, friends and her sister, Betty. After retiring from Farm Credit in November of 2019, she did not slow down.

Her vast knowledge of crop insurance and risk management made her a valuable resource for the Iowa Corn Growers Association and the National Corn Growers Association. She served on the Guthrie County Corn Grower Board, Guthrie County Farm Bureau Board and Ag Leaders Institute, ILEAD Class 10, Iowa Corn Growers Association Director, Iowa Corn Growers Association Issues Committee member, National Corn Growers Action Team member, and U.S. Grains Council Ethanol Action team member. She was exceedingly proud to be a part of these organizations, and they afforded her many opportunities to make many new friends and connections and to travel all over the U.S. and the world. She was also a long-time member of the YJB chapter of TTT.

As busy as she kept herself with all of her organizations, Barb's number one priorities were her friends and, especially, her family.

She was a devoted farm wife, mother and grandmother. She kept books, paid bills and made a million meals, even driving a grain truck and grain cart in the fall. She was a proud fan of all of her five grandchildren. She especially loved to spoil them and attended as many of their events as she could. Most of all, she was exceedingly generous, and she loved people. One of her biggest brags being that she "never met a stranger."

She will be sorely missed by her family, friends and the many, many lives she touched. She leaves behind her husband, John Kastner; daughter, Katie (Craig) Schnoor of Maquoketa; son, Cale (Anna) Kastner of Yale; brother, Larry (Sandy) Huitt of Casa Grande, Arizona; brother, Gary (Surella) Huitt of Perry; sister-in-law, Sharyn (Bill Bolton) Kastner of Arizona; brother-in-law, Tim Kastner of Guthrie Center; and five grandchildren, Sarah, Cody and Leah Kastner, and Quinn and Avery Schnoor.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Merrill and Elva (Sable) Huitt; brother, Kenneth "Gene" (Norine) Huitt; and sister, Betty (Robert) Mountain.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025, at the Twigg Funeral Home, Panama. Burial was in Richland Township Cemetery near Yale. Visitation was Monday, Oct. 6, 2025, from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. ■



RONALD ROYER
1936-2025

Ronald (Ron) Royer passed away on Oct. 1, 2025, in Salisbury, North Carolina, at the age of 89. Born on June 18, 1936, in Panama, Ron was the son of Laurence and Carmen Royer.

Ron grew up in Panama, where he often worked alongside his father at Royer Oil Company. He graduated from Panama High School in 1954 and went on to attend Iowa State University before joining the Army and serving as a medic, stationed in Germany for two years. Following his military service, he returned to Iowa and completed his education at the University of Iowa.

Ron began his professional career at Rockwell International in California. In 1963, he married Betty Harrel, becoming stepfather to her three children — Belinda,

Albert and Carol. In 1966, they welcomed a daughter, Daphne.

In 1978, Ron and his family returned to Iowa, where he served as general manager at Scranton Manufacturing and made their home in Jefferson. In 1985, he moved back to California, and later, in 2007, relocated to North Carolina to be closer to his daughter, Daphne, and her family.

In 2010, Ron married Kay Goins, and the couple settled in Spruce Pine, North Carolina. Ron became an active member of the community, volunteering with Kiwanis and numerous town festivals and events. In 2022, Ron and Kay moved to Salisbury, North Carolina, to be near both their families.

Ron is survived by his beloved wife, Kay (Goins) Royer; his daughter, Daphne Royer Humphlett; son-in-law, Jay Humphlett; and grandchildren, Will and Lauren. He is also survived by his sisters, Marlene (Royer) Lytle and her husband Jack, and Pam (Royer) Burmeister. Ron was deeply grateful to have Kay's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren as part of his extended family.

Ron will be remembered for his quiet strength, his commitment to family and community, and his generous heart. ■

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DAVID W. TURNER
1951-2025

David Walter Turner, 74, of Panorama, son of Forrest and Barbara (Alexander) Turner, was born March 18, 1951, in Des Moines. He passed away on Saturday, Sept.

27, 2025, at Panorama Specialty Care in Panorama.

David graduated from Panorama-Linden High School in 1969 and went on to earn his associate of business degree in 1985. He worked at Moehl Millwork for the next 46 years, retiring in 2015. On May 23, 1992, he married the love of his life, Dorothy Embrey, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. They built their home on Lake Panorama, before making the big move to Panorama in 2016.

David enjoyed any project around the house, taking the boat out, and a good homemade dessert. He was a member of the Iowa Masonic Lodge for 45 years, before becoming a member of Panorama First Christian Church.

He is survived by step-son, Jay Antrim of Panorama; granddaughter, Haylea (Dominic) Clayton and great-grandchildren, Vivian and Callan of Panorama; brother, Steven (Connie) Turner of Redfield; and sister, JaneAnn (Dave) Benner of Panorama. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Dorothy; brothers, Earl Turner and Raymond Turner; and sister, Sara Turner.

Cremation has taken place and visitation was Friday, Oct. 3, 2025, at the Twigg Funeral Home, Panorama. Private burial of his cremains will take place at a later date at West Linn Cemetery, Linden.

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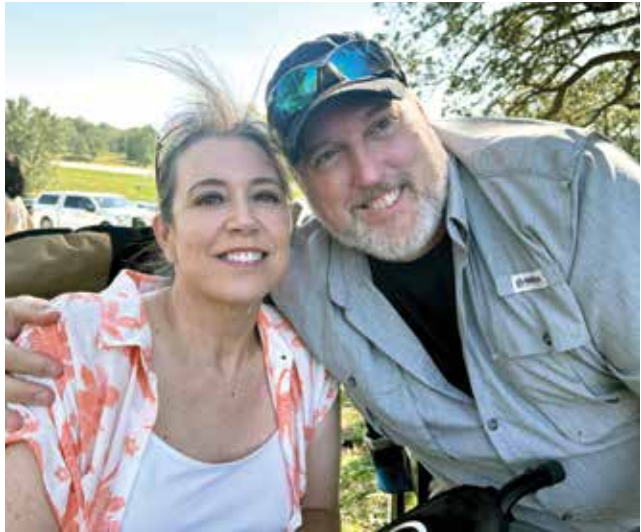
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BOTTOM: The band Blacktop performed at the Fall Festival hosted at Twin Vines on Oct. 4. ■



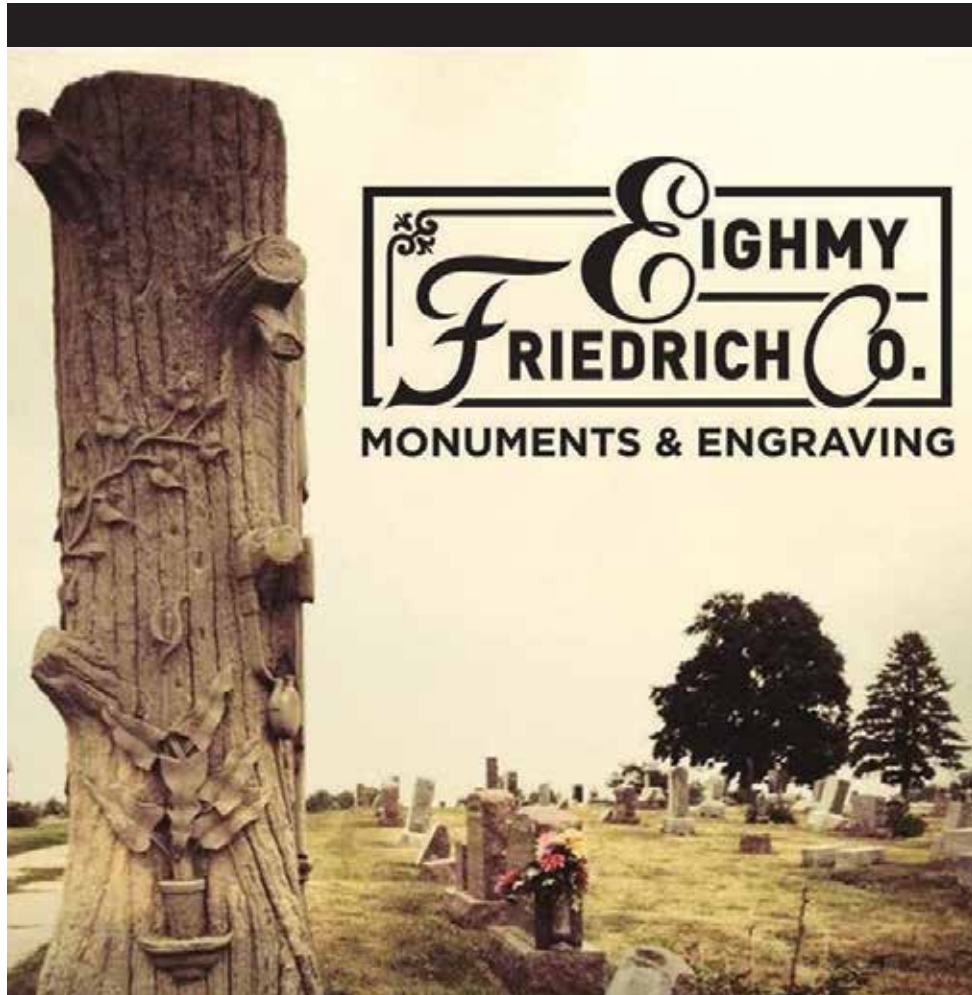


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BY RICH WICKS
Times Vedette

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Maeve and Declan Eichmeier listen as Kim Finnegan reads a story.



Cassandra and John Mrozek with Asher in the stroller.

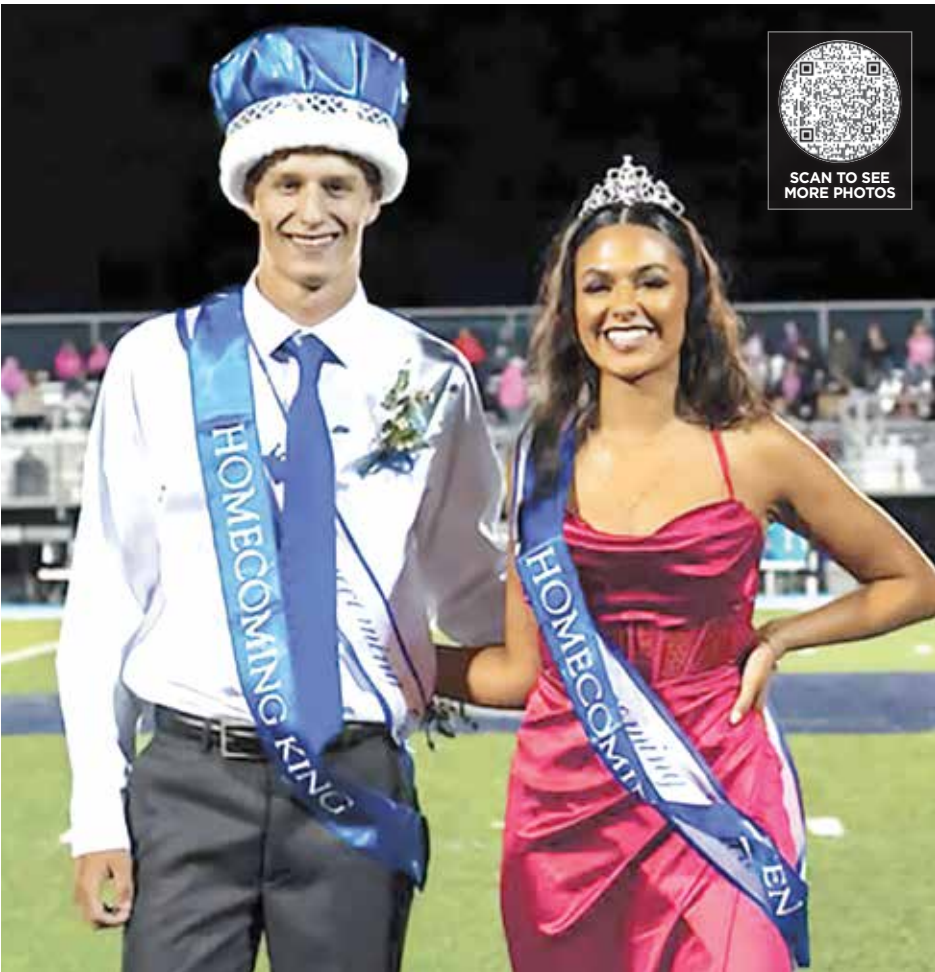


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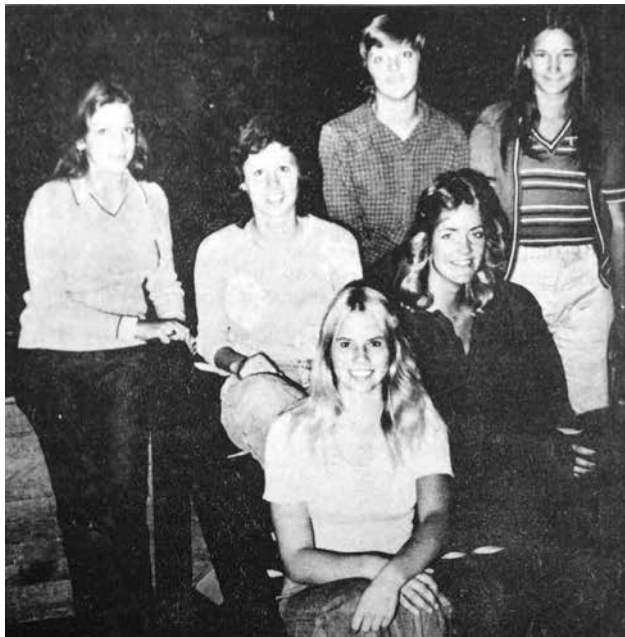
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From Guthrie Center Times, Oct. 1, 1975

P-L HOMECOMING COURT. One of these six girls will be selected Panorama-Linden homecoming queen by the student body. The coronation is Thursday night. At left is Sharon Wernli. In the rear are Pam Wasson and Pam Hamling. Seated are Valerie Arganbright, left, Kym Mathews and Carmen Janssen, front. Tuesday was hobo day at P-L.

40 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, Oct. 10, 1985

HAWKS RATED. The P-L cross country team now is rated ninth among some 110 schools in Class 1A ratings. Team members are, front, Jeff Hafner, Travis Burchfield, Paul Rivas, Steve Baird, Tim Hawley, Joey Marchant and Doug Ratcliff. Back row, David Ashton, Curt Thornberry, Mark Knapp, Nick Arganbright, Jason Hoy, Andrew Clark, Bill Evens, Jeff Cory and David Andresen.

30 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, Oct. 26, 1995

ALL-STATER. Selected to the All-State Band last Saturday, Jenny Haver is the first instrumentalist from Panorama High School to achieve the honor since 1988.

20 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, Oct. 13, 2005

100-YEAR TUNE-UP. Christian Church organist Mary Morgan sits at the keyboard one last time before the pipe organ, which has been in the church since 1906, was dismantled and taken to Buffalo, Iowa, for reconditioning. Morgan said when the organ is returned in approximately six months, it still will have bellows as well as a new electric pump.

10 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, Oct. 15, 2015

PANORAMA HOMECOMING COURT. Members of the Panorama Homecoming Court are (front row) KC Gafkjen, Michelle Mleynek, Annie Kemble, Grace Arganbright, Kailey Castrejon, and (back row) Adam Hackfort, Jack Fisher, Tanner Wasson, Grant Dvorak and Trevor Babcock. Dominic Higgins, a classmate who passed away in 2013, is an honorary king candidate.

5 YEARS AGO



Guthrie County Times Vedette, Oct. 8, 2020

PHS HOMECOMING 2020. Panorama High School celebrated homecoming last week. Isaac Jarnagin was selected Homecoming king and Jaden Johnson was homecoming queen. The king and queen were announced during halftime of Panorama's homecoming win against ACGC. A week of festivities culminated in the traditional homecoming dance. ■



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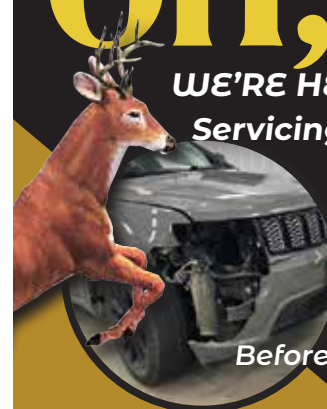
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BY JOLENE GOODMAN

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This month, I share another recipe from my daughter, Samantha. She loves to make all kinds of bread. Few things make a kitchen feel more welcoming than the aroma of freshly baked bread, and parmesan garlic focaccia delivers that comfort in every bite. Golden and crisp on the outside yet soft and airy inside, this Italian favorite is elevated with the irresistible pairing of roasted garlic and nutty parmesan cheese. It is the kind of bread that feels special but is surprisingly simple to make at home. Serve as a side with soups and pastas, cut into squares for an appetizer board, or enjoy warm right out of the pan. Focaccia is versatile and crowd pleasing. The drizzle of olive oil, a sprinkling of herbs and the cheesy finish give it that bakery-style touch you will love sharing — or keeping all to yourself. Enjoy! ■

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



Jolene Goodman

PARMESAN GARLIC FOCACCIA BREAD

Ingredients:

- 1½ cups warm water (about 110°F)
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2¼ teaspoons instant yeast (1 packet)
- 4 cups flour
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil, plus more for greasing
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon dried Italian herbs or chopped rosemary
- Flaky sea salt

Directions

Combine warm water, sugar and



yeast. Let sit for 5 minutes until foamy. Add flour and salt. Mix until dough forms. (It will be sticky.) With a mixer, knead for 5-7 minutes or by hand for 8-10 minutes until smooth. Brush dough with olive oil and cover. Let rise 1-1.5 hours in a warm spot until dough has doubled. Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil with minced garlic until fragrant

(about 1 minute) in a pan. Keep for later. Place dough in greased 9-inch by 13-inch pan. Gently press to corners. Let rest 10 minutes, then stretch. Cover and rise 30-45 minutes. Preheat oven to 425 F. With your fingers, dimple the dough all over. Brush with garlic oil. Then sprinkle parmesan cheese, herbs and sea salt on top of dough. Bake 20-25 minutes until golden brown. Cool 10 minutes in pan, then transfer to wire rack. Slice and serve warm. Store bread for two days at room temperature or freeze up to three months.

For the best results, follow these additional steps: Make sure your water is warm (110 F), not hot. For the best texture, let the dough rise completely. Use plenty of oil in your pan, as this will give your bread a crisp crust. ■



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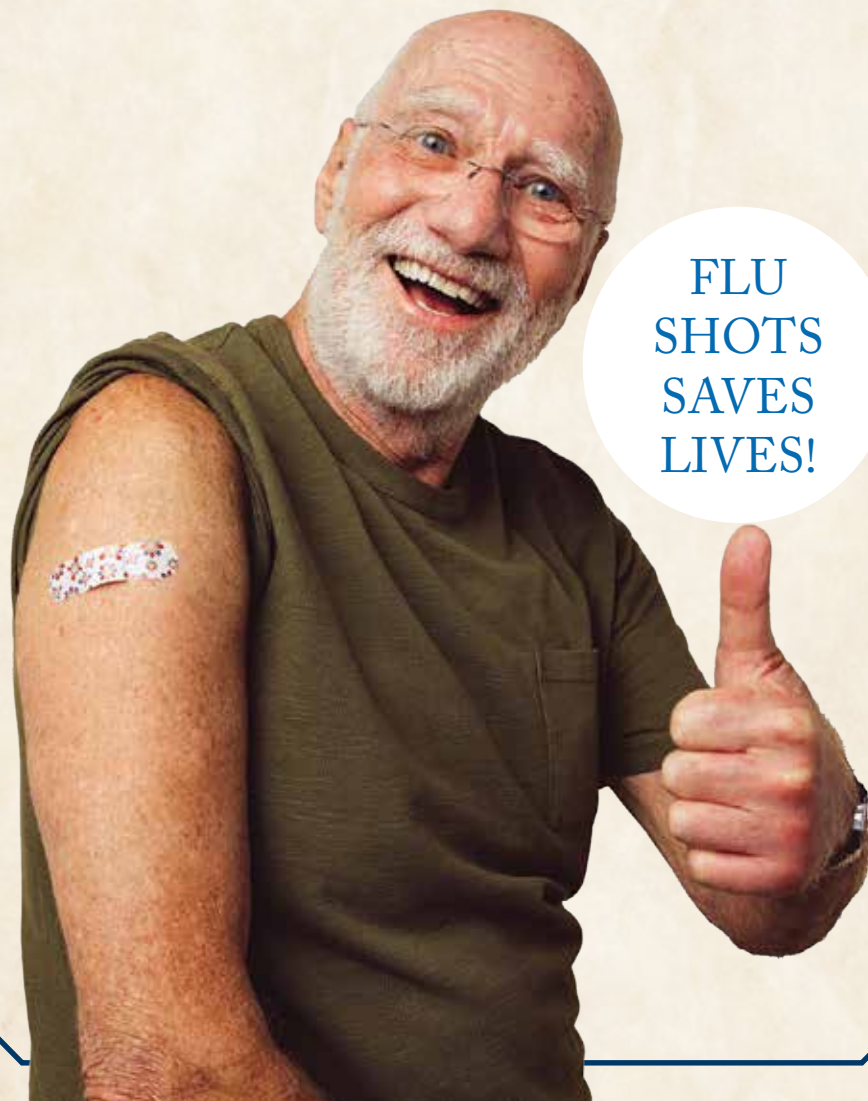
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