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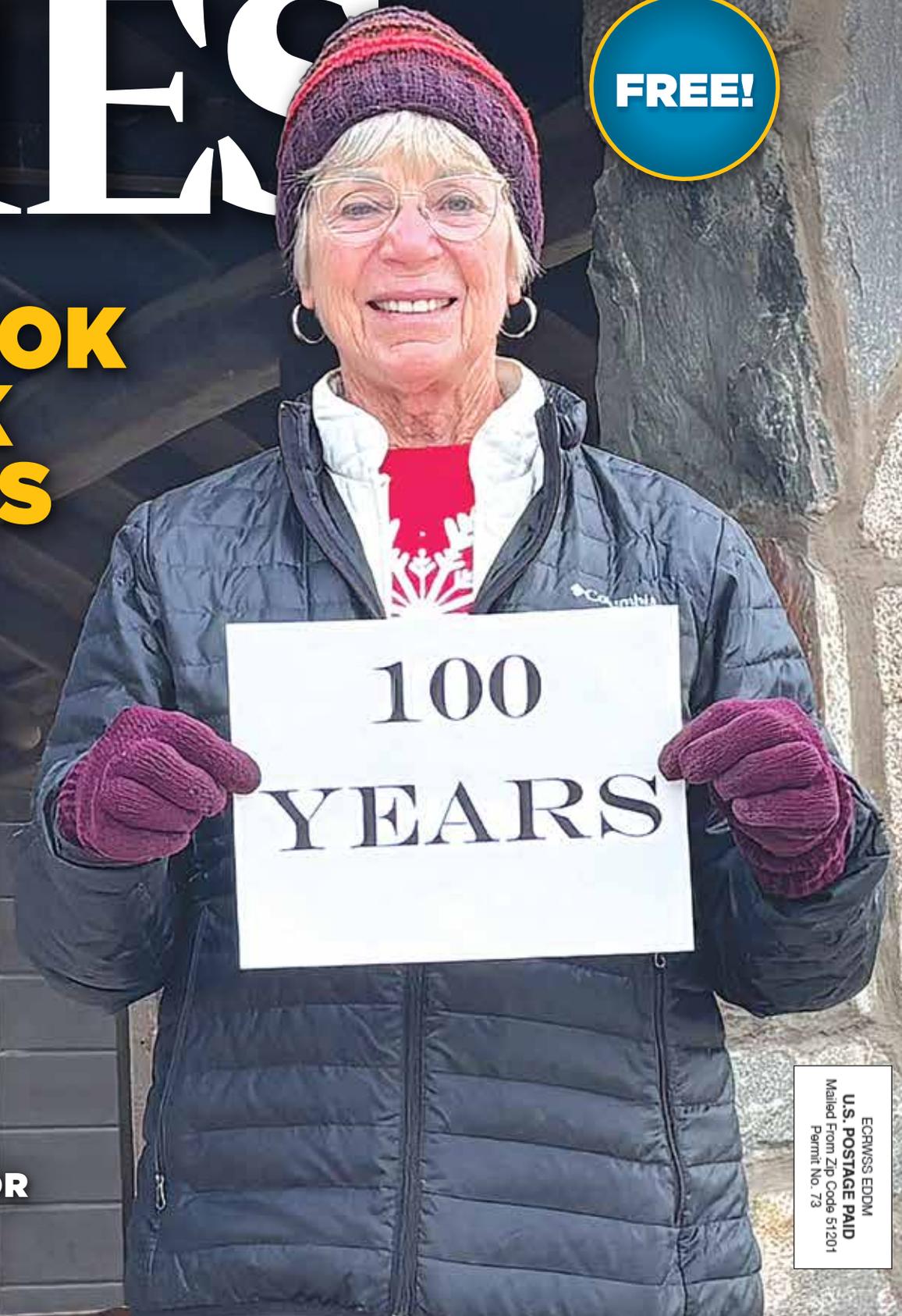
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FROM THE COVER: Park volunteer Linda Kastner at the beach house at Springbrook State Park. Photo by Rich Wicks



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Most Guthrie County residents have heard of Springbrook State Park. Many of you have been there. And, a few of you are not sure where it is even located. I am embarrassed to admit it, but until last year, I was in the latter group.

Jolene and I used to be avid campers. Like most who camp, we started with a tent and then progressed to a pop-up camper, a travel trailer and, eventually, a small RV. We spent many weekends in the campgrounds in Iowa and Nebraska, and we developed a fondness for Iowa's state parks.

As our kids grew older, they made it clear to us that they no longer wanted to be "cooped up in a tin can." So, the RV

stayed in storage and gathered dust.

Last year, though, Jolene and I decided to break out the camper. We packed the gear and made our first trip to Springbrook State Park. What we found was a wonderfully quiet retreat right here in Guthrie County with more than 930 acres of rolling hills and mature timber.

We didn't get too adventurous on this first trip, but we did a bit of hiking, and we plan to bring our bicycles next time to explore the 12 miles of trails. We were



Shane Goodman

also intrigued by the park's 17-acre lake, and we hope to fish for the many crappie, largemouth bass and bluegill that reside there.

Like many of you, I find the history of Springbrook State Park to be fascinating, as many of the park's structures were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s, creating a nostalgic setting. This year also marks the 100-year anniversary of the establishment of Springbrook State Park, and a year-long celebration will take place. We share the details in this month's cover story

So, if you are looking for a get-away for an afternoon, a weekend or an extend-

ed stay, plan a trip to Springbrook State Park, located at 2437 160th Road, just east of Highway 25. And, if you are looking for a tin can to get cooped up in, just let me know.

Have a great month and thanks for reading. ■

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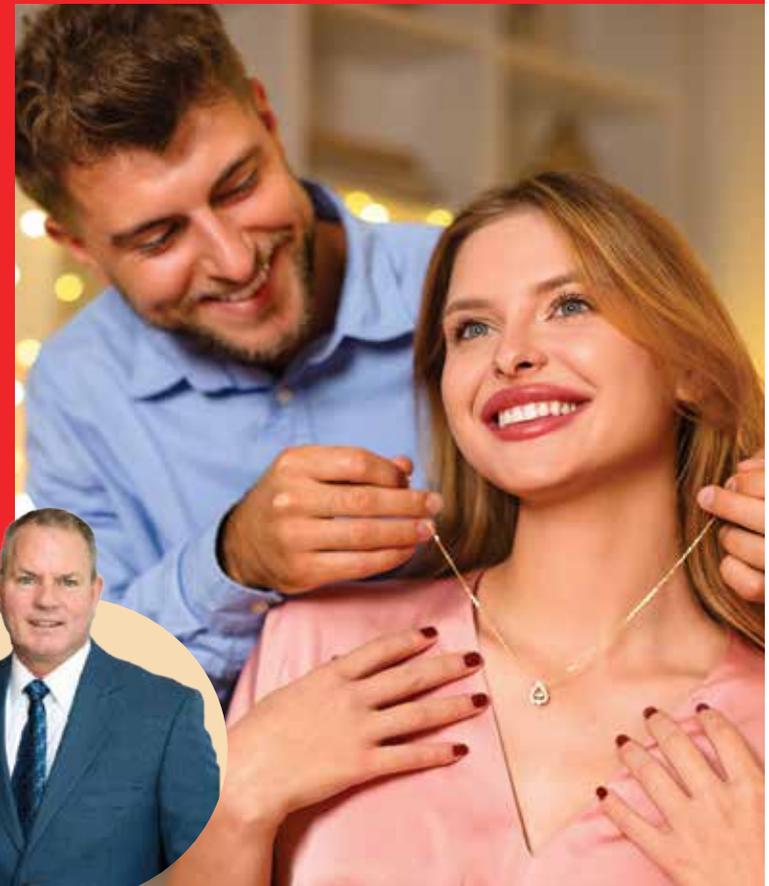
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SPRINGBROOK STATE PARK CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

The park offers something for anyone who enjoys nature, sports, history, beauty or just a place to unwind.

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

People sometimes travel hundreds or even thousands of miles to see wonders of engineering and/or natural beauty. One of the reasons people are willing to travel to see these sites may be “elsewhereism,” which is the human tendency to undervalue things near us and to overvalue things that require us to make an effort to visit. However, some natural wonders, such as Springbrook State Park, are just up the road.

Located a few miles northwest of Panora, at 2437 160th Road, Springbrook is the only state park in Guthrie County and one of only 63 statewide. The park offers something for anyone who enjoys nature, sports, history, beauty or just a place in which to unwind. The park also shows many examples of human engineering in the creation of the park’s lake, many buildings, and many roads and trails.

Information for this article was gleaned from historical documents as well as interviews with five local people who have long-term involvement with Springbrook State Park. Park Manager Reaghan Oakleaf, Naturalist/Educator Anne Riordan, Conservation Officer Jeremy King, retired Park Ranger Rod Nelsen, and longtime volunteer Linda Kastner each shared their perspectives.

This year marks the 100-year anniversary of Springbrook State Park. Read on for a look at the history of the park and what it offers for visitors.

HISTORY: A TIMELINE OF SPRINGBROOK STATE PARK

Approximately 12,000 B.C., the Middle Raccoon River carved a valley through the area as it carried away glacial melt-



Park volunteer Linda Kastner celebrates Springbrook’s anniversary year.

water. The melting glacier also left behind many large and small boulders that had been brought from hundreds of miles to the north. Because of the glaciers, Springbrook State Park sits at the crossroads of various terrain changes.

Cultural artifacts have been found in Springbrook State Park and nearby Whiterock Conservancy indicating Native Americans lived in the area for thousands of years. Some of the evidence includes burial mounds, which are considered sacred and are protected by Iowa law, similar to those found in various locations throughout the Midwest.

- **1840s:** Groups of Mormons were

among the first Europeans to leave wagon trails through the area as they headed further west to settle.

- **1850s:** As Europeans first settled in Guthrie County, the area was mostly prairie.
- **Late 1800s:** Coal mining was done in many areas of what is now the park.
- **1918:** Iowa’s state park system was created. There was also growing interest in creating a state park in Guthrie County.
- **July 9, 1926:** \$2,000 was used to purchase 132 acres from the King Estate to establish “Kings State Park.” Most of the land had been

heavily grazed and, therefore, had few trees.

- **1928:** Additional land was acquired to bring the park’s total to 300 acres.
- **Nov. 1, 1932:** The park was renamed “Springbrook State Park.”
- **1933:** The first park custodian, James Thomas, was hired at a salary of \$25 per month.
- **1930s to 1940s:** For nearly a decade, much of the construction of the park was done by the Civilian Conservation Corps.
- **1969:** Construction of the Conservation Education Center began. It opened in 1970.



The Education Center opened in 1970.

- **1994:** Springbrook expanded to 796 acres and was reclassified as a state recreation area to allow deer hunting.
- **1995:** The park expanded to 866 acres.
- **2026:** The park now boasts roughly 1,000 acres. Various events will be held throughout the year to celebrate Springbrook turning 100.

NATURE

Springbrook State Park is a treasure chest of wildlife with an amazing array of plants and animals. A bird count once tallied 186 species observed in the park including year-round inhabitants as well as migratory birds. Bald eagles, once rare and endangered, are now a common sight in the park.

Although there were very few deer in the county a century ago, the deer population has increased greatly over the decades.

"In the early 1950s, there were no deer here," Naturalist/Educator Anne Riordan said. But that changed rapidly, and the situation came to a head in the mid-1990s.

A local newspaper article in July 1994 bore the headline, "Springbrook has got trouble," and it focused on the rapidly increasing deer population in the area, which caused significant loss of crops for area farmers. One local farmer whose land was adjacent to the park, Earl Hasty, was quoted saying he had counted as many as 160 deer on his farm at one time. It was also noted that driving through the park was hazardous because of the likelihood of deer running across roadways. Because of the deer overpopulation, the park was reclassified as a recreation area, which allowed for increased harvesting

of deer in the area.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources continues to adjust deer hunting tag numbers as needed to manage the number of deer.

"1994 was when we first started having controlled deer hunts. And then later it went back to being a state park," Conservation Officer Jeremy King said.

Some animal species have been introduced into the park and surrounding areas. In the 1930s and 1940s, wild turkeys were introduced. In the 1980s, otters were brought in. Although the otters are seldom seen, they have survived.

"I had to stop my car and wait for three otters to cross in front of me several years ago, so I know they're here," Riordan said.

"That's a great conservation success story," King added. "We had a resident elk here for a while. It's not uncommon to see an elk in Iowa anymore."

Riordan mentioned two uncommon plants that are seen in Springbrook.

"There's skunk cabbage. It's a plant that blooms in March in the snow. It creates its own heat, and it puts off a scent like a dead critter because it's attracting its pollinator, which are flies," she said. "And there's ghost pipe. It looks like a fungus, but it's a plant that does not have chlorophyll."

King noted that ginseng can also be found in the park, but it is not legal to pick.

One common rule of thumb in parks and preserves is "take only photos, leave only footprints." That is an excellent guideline, but Springbrook actually allows visitors to collect and take mushrooms, asparagus, nuts, fruits and berries. All such items should be collected carefully to avoid any toxic or unsafe items being con-

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WHAT TO DO IN THE PARK

Camping is a popular activity at Springbrook, and the park offers more than 100 campsites. Some offer electricity while others are non-electric. The park also boasts a number of shelters that can be reserved or used on a first-come basis.

The Sherburne House is a large facility that can be reserved for a fee. It sleeps up to 14 and is ideal for family getaways. Reservations for camping and/or shelters can be done on the park's website within the Iowa state park system. Oakleaf pointed out that a number of upgrades to the Sherburne House have recently been completed.

Also available at the campground are a sand volleyball court, basketball court, horseshoe pit, a large swimming beach on the lake and miles of trails. Snowmobiles, cycling, cross country skiing and even e-bikes are allowed. Pets are allowed but must be on a leash.

The 17-acre lake allows kayaking and boating, but only electric motors are permitted. According to King, the Springbrook State Park lake may not be a hotspot for trophy fish, but it does have plenty of panfish for recreational fishing.

"If you're an equal opportunity hooksetter, you're going to have a good time," he said. "A small lake like this can easily be over-harvested. I always tell people to just

keep what you're going to eat."

Ice fishing is also popular when conditions are right. Hunting is allowed outside of the park in the adjacent wildlife areas.

For campfires, firewood can be purchased at stands near the park. Wood for fires can also be picked up off the ground.

"If it's dead and down, that's OK," Nelsen said. "You just can't run a chainsaw."

HOW THE PARK WAS BUILT

In telling the creation of Springbrook State Park, one major factor was the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The CCC was created by the federal government in 1933 as part of President Roosevelt's "New Deal." The CCC operated until 1942. The CCC provided paid work for young men ages 18 to 25. This helped bring the country out of the Great Depression. A total of roughly 2.5 million young American men were hired by the CCC and paid \$30 per month. The workers also received food, housing and clothing while employed.

CCC workers in the 1930s did most of the construction at Springbrook State Park, including building roads, bridges and structures, many of which still stand today.

The creation of Springbrook Lake was a joint project of the CCC and the Works Progress Administration (WPA), another organization created as part of the "New Deal." CCC workers cleared the woods for the lake and spillway, while the WPA built the actual dam on Kings Creek.

Another unique feature of Springbrook



Hands-on learning has been part of the many activities through the years at Springbrook State Park.

State Park was the Conservation Education Center (CEC), which operated as a learning center for thousands of visitors for more than 50 years.

The CEC at Springbrook Park opened in 1970, providing education to teachers, students and other groups interested in learning about natural resources. The idea was a spinoff from the Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp, which operated as a camp experience at Springbrook for many years. In its heyday, the CEC welcomed about 20,000 visitors per year. Budget cuts eventually led to the closing of the CEC. The buildings now stand empty and are scheduled for demolition.

VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINAIRE

In telling the tale of Springbrook State Park, Riordan and Oakleaf noted another

frequent visitor seen in the park: volunteer Linda Kastner.

“Linda is an absolutely indispensable part of Springbrook,” Riordan said.

Park Manager Reaghan Oakleaf agreed.

“Linda just sees what needs to be done, and she does it,” Oakleaf said.

Since retiring 15 years ago, Kastner has made Springbrook her pastime. Living just a few miles north of the park, she took it upon herself to beautify the area for everyone. It is common to see Kastner operating a chainsaw, rake, broom or leaf blower to cut and clear branches, assure that drains remain clear, and remove debris from trails and stairs.

“In the summer, I’m down here about three days a week, but it’s not the whole day. It’s more like a couple hours in the

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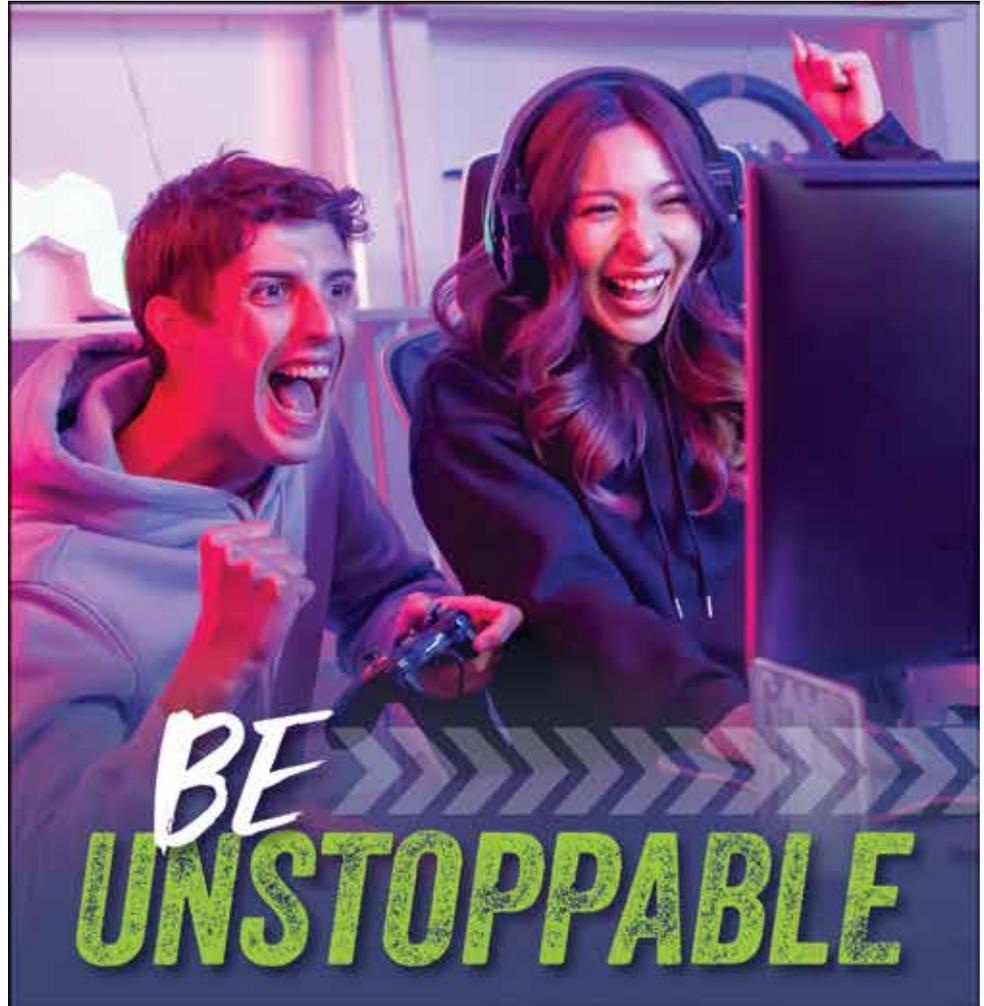
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morning or afternoon. I don't think the staff even knows half of the stuff I do here," Kastner said. "I bring my leaf blower up to the CCC shelter and keep that cleaned out all year-round, and I clean out the fire-place. It's surprising how many people use it in the winter."

Kastner realizes much of the work she does in Springbrook is never noticed by visitors, but the absence of her dedication would quickly be noticed. She encourages everyone to do a bit of upkeep while enjoying the park.

"It's just not a walk or a hike without picking up sticks. I don't know how people can walk right by or step over them without doing something," she said. "Bring a bag along on your walk, to pick up trash, or move sticks off the trail or road."

YEARLONG BIRTHDAY PARTY

To celebrate Springbrook's 100 years, a variety of events are planned throughout 2026. The currently planned schedule of 2026 events is below (subject to change). Updates will be announced as available:

EVENTS

- Sunday, April 12, 1 p.m.: Native Pollinator Seed Planting
- Sunday, June 7, (time TBD): 100 Years of Fishing at Springbrook Park (Free Fishing Weekend)
- Saturday, June 13, (time TBD): Hike, Kayak, Campground Host Craft program



Anne Riordan and Reaghan Oakleaf welcome everyone to the party.

- Wednesday, Aug. 12, 10 p.m.: Perseid Meteor Watch (Campers only)
- Friday, Aug. 28, (time TBD): Full Moon Night Hike, campfire, and marshmallow roast
- Saturday, Aug. 29, All Day.: 100 Year Celebration with staff and guest presenters. Possible activities include: Hike through time, Rose's Krafty Korner, Kayaking, Live Raptors with Christina, Outdoor Skills Team Challenge, Park Potluck, Dutch Oven or Fudgy Pies, Rap with Reaghan, CCC Presentation, Music in the Park, Folk Circle
- Sunday, Aug. 30, (time TBD): Spiritual celebration
- Friday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m.: "Who Goes There?" Night Hike
- Saturday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m.: Winter Preparedness/Survival program ■

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BY MICHAEL C. WOODY

Panora Times

I had the opportunity to write this on a frigid mid-late January morning with the Oscar Nominations just being released (aka one of my favorite days of the year). Several of my reviews will be late-in-the-year releases that garnered nominations.

“TRAIN DREAMS”

This is not only one of the best movies of the year but also one that was nominated for a Best Picture Oscar. I wholeheartedly agree with that nomination. It’s a quiet film about a man working for the railroad back when they were building tracks to cross our country. It is a beautiful film, and it deserves the multiple Oscar nominations. Joel Edgerton and Felicity Jones are great, and director/co-writer Clint Bentley delivers a wonderful film. The film also garnered nominations for screenplay, original song and cinematography. Super easy to watch on Netflix. **GRADE: A**



“MARTY SUPREME”

Also grabbing multiple nominations (picture, director, actor, screenplay, casting (a new category this year), cinematography, costume design editing and production design!) Wow! So is the movie any good? Yes. It is a crazy film that might turn off some people, but it is a wild and crazy ride with Chalamet leading the fun in a movie that you will need to pay attention to or you will quickly get lost. **GRADE: B+**



“AVATAR FIRE AND ASH”

I’m on the record for loving the visuals from James Cameron with this series of films that are dominated with crazy good special effects at the expense of the story and performances. It is just not my cup of tea, but it is deserving of the nod for technology and visuals. **GRADE: B**



“THE HOUSEMAID”

OK, it looked like a fun movie about a

beautiful and wealthy housewife (Amanda Seyfried) who hires a young woman (Sydney Sweeney) to help her around a massive home. This could have been an entertaining movie with the two women fighting over the sleazy but handsome husband. Unfortunately, it turned into a nasty, violent and disturbing movie that I considered walking out of. In hindsight, I should have. **GRADE: D**



“GREENLAND 2: MIGRATION”

Most of the country never knew about a movie titled “Greenland.” It opened during COVID, and, from what I can tell, it was largely forgotten. Regardless, I thought I would see the sequel (which is pretty much a stand-alone film), and I am glad I did. “Greenland 2” is the continuation of a story about the planet going crazy and the many people living underground and craving to get back above ground. We follow one group led by Gerard Butler’s char-



acter and his family. It is a harrowing journey, as they need to keep away from bad people and the planet, which is still in upheaval. I liked this movie a lot and might actually track down the first. **GRADE B+**

“IS THIS THING ON?”

Films about unhappy marriages are not high on my list of entertainment, and this one falls in that category. We see a family with young children who are not in a happy place with their marriage. They decide to separate to see if they can rediscover happiness in their lives. He decides to try standup comedy, and she returns to coaching women’s volleyball. Will Arnet and Laura Dern play the couple. Bradley Cooper and Arnet play friends, and Cooper directs the film. They both begin to casually date other people, and they come to find that honesty is not always the best policy. It’s heavy at times, and not as funny as I expected, but the film is well done either way. **GRADE: B-**



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"Greenland 2: Migration"



"Is This Thing On?"

"28 YEARS LATER: THE BONE TEMPLE"

If you have seen one of these "28 Years" films, tread lightly. This is the third in the series with a fourth already in production. The first film, "28 Days Later," was about a virus that threatened to take over the planet, a virus changed people into crazily possessed zombies. The second film focused on a man and his family trying to isolate themselves from these creatures. This one, "28 Years Later: The Bone Temple," once again shows the zombies wreaking havoc on a small community. In a nutshell, the first film was really good, the second film borders brilliance, and the third film is not brilliant but still darn creepy. **GRADE: C+**



"28 Years Later: The Bone Temple"

See you next month. Until then, pass me the popcorn. ■

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



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GUTHRIE COUNTY SUPERVISORS HEAR PLANS FOR WAGON ROAD PROJECT

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

JAN. 20

The Jan. 20 regular meeting of the supervisors was canceled due to illness.

JAN. 27 - SUBDIVISION APPROVAL, CAMPING REVENUES, CORN STALKS

The meeting included consideration regarding the proposed Scott Calmer Minor Subdivision, near Highway 4 north of Panora. A public hearing was held on the matter. Following the public hearing, the supervisors voted to approve the final plat of the subdivision.

Conservation Director Brad Halterman noted that his budget projections show an expected decrease in camping revenues. He said camp-

ing revenue numbers had been increased for several years but now seem to be returning to pre-COVID levels.

Halterman shared an unusual discovery on the bike trail. He said in the winter, it is common to see large snow drifts on the bike trail, but this winter's lack of snow cover led to a new sight. He noted that the wind has left many corn stalks in drift patterns on the trail.

"We had drifts waist-high," Halterman said. "So, that was new."

County Engineer Josh Sebern discussed right-of-way contracts for road/bridge projects.

The supervisors approved Dani Fink to serve as secretary for the newly formed EMS nine-member committee. The committee's meetings will be posted on the county website.

FEB. 3 - WAGON ROAD PLANS, AIRPORT AUTHORITY, APPOINTMENT, FENCING NEEDS

The meeting included a report from County Engineer Josh Sebern regarding the planned road rehabilitation project on P28 (Wagon Road) between Panora and Stuart.

Sebern said during the project, there will be a detour at times, likely involving Monteith Road and Highway 25. When firmer schedules are known, the county will announce detour timelines and details.

"When you get this project done, hypothetical question, what about White Pole (Road)?" Supervisor Steve Smith asked.

Sebern said White Pole Road is targeted for a project in 2028.

In other news, the supervisors appointed Keelan Woods to fill an open-

ing on the Guthrie County Airport Authority.

Jake Anderson, county farm lease holder, addressed the supervisors about fencing needs on the property.

Brenda Dudley, on behalf of Midwest Partnership, asked the supervisors to consider a Fiscal Year 2027 financial contribution. She asked for the same amount that was allocated a year ago. Dudley summarized the projects and accomplishments of Midwest Partnership. No action was taken at this time on Dudley's request.

FEB. 10 - COUNTY LINE ROAD, LIQUOR LICENSES, LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

County Treasurer Brenda Campbell and County Engineer Josh Sebern provided departmental updates.

Sebern spoke regarding two pro-

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posed resolutions regarding County Line Road east of Stuart. The road is shared with Adair County. Sebern explained that Resolution 26-22 would reduce the service on a portion of the road to Level B. Resolution 26-23 would vacate a portion of the road.

"It's in their 28E jurisdiction, so it's theirs to take the lead on," Sebern said. "We have to set up a joint Board of Supervisors meeting, virtually."

The supervisors voted to set the joint public hearings. The date and time will be coordinated with Adair County.

A liquor license renewal for Shoot-out Saloon and a new Liquor License for Golden Outdoors were approved.

In the "Supervisors Updates" portion of the meeting, Supervisor Brian Johnson provided a legislative update.

"The pipeline bill, they're negotiating, some of the leaders are. And the tax bill will continue to evolve as they go through the process," he said.

Sebern noted that because the county road crew has not needed to spend much time plowing snow or treating roadways, they have been running chainsaws to remove trees in some areas.

FEB. 17 - BUDGET WORKSHOP DISCUSSION, WEBSITE

County Treasurer Brenda Campbell provided a departmental update and semi-annual report.

The supervisors held a budget workshop discussion. Anticipated funds balances and expected revenues versus expenses were noted.

Supervisor Maggie Armstrong pointed out that the county's new website has been in use for a year now. She noted that the Board of Supervisors' meeting schedule and agendas are publicly posted on the website, and she suggested that other departments that hold public meetings could post their calendars on the county website before meetings as well.

"It gives an opportunity as we constantly talk about wanting to be more transparent to the public," Armstrong said. She said she will contact all department heads with this request.

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

HEALTH

GCH TRUSTEES DISCUSS FUNDING AND BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

During the Jan. 22 meeting of the Guthrie County Hospital Board of Trustees, the boardmembers reviewed plans for funding the hospital's improvement project.

CEO Chris Stipe summarized the funding plan.

"The USDA portion would be \$37 million, that's the cost of construction," Stipe said. "Then there's the separate loan of about \$5 million that the banks are going to pay in, and then there's our equity of about \$4.8 million. So, that's how you get to the \$46 million."

Although bids on the project are in, the formal USDA approval has not yet been received, so bids were not considered for acceptance at this time.

Chief Human Resources Officer Mary Anderson provided a summary of hiring and personnel status.

"We have seven positions open now," Anderson said. "And, we also have an offer out to a dietician. We should find out tomorrow if she is going to accept. So, we're currently holding 153 employees, and our retention rate remains at 88.7%."

Stipe shared information regarding the pursuit of a countywide EMS plan.

"The county is putting together another EMS board," Stipe said. "Mary Jane Carothers will sit on that board."

Stipe added that he would recommend Chief Nursing Officer Mandy Schiefert as a possibility to serve on the EMS ad hoc committee.

Foundation Director Dennis Flanery shared information on the annual Handbags and Bingo event, which is set for April 10. He said this year's theme will be "Pajama Party."

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

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CITY OF PANORA TO SELL BACKUP AMBULANCE

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

JAN. 26 - BACKUP AMBULANCE TOO COSTLY TO KEEP

The regular meeting of the Panora City Council on Jan. 26 was led by Brian Dorsett in Mayor Curt Thornberry's absence.

Paramedic and maintenance supervisor Alex Olson addressed the council regarding possible action on the 2010 PL Custom E450 ambulance vehicle, which he said is only a secondary vehicle and is rarely used.

"It had some very large mechanical issues a couple of years ago," Olson said. "Since then, we've added everything up since we fixed it that time. We've put an-

other 36 (thousand dollars) into it, and it's been used on maybe three calls in the last four years."

Olson also said the crew doesn't have enough staff to realistically use this backup vehicle on any regular basis, and he described its current status as "a glorified paper weight." Olson suggested selling the vehicle but keeping any usable equipment from it. He and John Delavergne estimated the department would save nearly \$5,000 in annual costs if the vehicle was sold.

The council voted to sell the ambulance.

In other news, City Administrator Lisa Grossman described a situation involving apartments in town that have the water shut offs inside the individual apartments, which creates a challenge if the city needs

to turn water off for unpaid bills. She summarized the city's options in such cases. After discussion, the council chose to table to matter to allow time to look into the best solution.

FEB. 9 - CITY NEEDS ACCESS TO WATER SHUT-OFFS

The regular meeting of the Panora City Council was held on Monday, Feb. 9 with the bulk of the meeting dedicated to a follow-up discussion on the lack of water meter access to an apartment building, as well as a budget workshop review of the fiscal year 2027 city budget.

Water Distribution Superintendent Ismael Galvan addressed the council over an ongoing concern about access to water meters at a multi-unit apartment building, noting that upon further inspection, one

of the tenants in the building changed the locks, and they no longer have access to the meters.

Galvan noted how it would not be fair to shut water off to everyone in the building because of the decisions of one tenant. "But, we need access," he said.

After lengthy discussion, the council suggested that Galvan research the crawl space in the building for meter access before they pursue other options.

In other news, the councilmembers approved a class E Retail Alcohol License for Panora Hometown foods – Reinhart Bros Inc. The council also received a copy of the City Council Personal Code of Conduct, and councilmembers are to review and sign.

In addition, the council approved Resolution 26-07, which is the Restated Plan

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for the Panora Urban Revitalization Area. The council also approved a corresponding ordinance, the First Reading of Ordinance 361, Amending Ordinances Designating an Area of Panora, Iowa as the Panora Urban Revitalization Area. The council approved this and voted to waive the second and third readings.

The council also approved Resolution 26-08, approving a set time and date for a public hearing to hear comments regarding a proposed FY26 Budget Amendment for General Fund Transfers that was previously approved. Resolution 26-09 was also approved, allowing a revision to the Employee Handbook relating to an updated on pay increases for electric utility certifications. In addition, former councilmember Shane Gliem was appointed as a member to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The council held a budget workshop for fiscal year 2027 and reviewed the proposed budget that was presented by City Administrator Lisa Grossman.

The next regular meeting is set for Monday, March 9 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#). ■

EDUCATION

PANORAMA SCHOOL BOARD REVIEWS SURVEY RESPONSES ON FOUR-DAY WEEK

BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

During the Feb. 9 regular meeting of the Panorama School Board, Superintendent Kasey Huebner addressed the issue regarding the district's interest in pursuing a possible change to a four-day instruction week.

"Everything we've done is on the website," Huebner said. "One of the biggest questions we get right now is why Monday and not Friday."

Huebner said he has consulted with other districts that have implemented a four-day week to determine which day off is best overall.

"Mondays actually make the most sense for districts. More kids actually leave early on Mondays for games, because a lot of lower level games start

earlier," he said. He added that Mondays are preferable for staff development, too.

Huebner summarized the responses to the ongoing parent survey, noting that, currently, 74% are in support of the change while 26% are opposed. The survey will remain open until Friday, Feb. 13. Huebner said 115 responses have been received to the parent survey.

The district's website includes more information on the topic, including results from the staff survey (62.5% strongly support, 23.9% support, and 13.6% oppose), the student survey of students in grades 8-11 (57.3% support, 42.7% oppose) and the community survey (57.3% support, 22.5% neutral and 20.1% oppose).

The website states the main reasons

for considering the change are to improve teacher retention/recruitment and to boost morale.

In the "Good News" portion of the meeting, the school board learned about the elementary school's celebration of the 100th school day. The board also heard about how Mrs. Downing's fifth-grade students are learning about drones. A video was shown in which the students navigated flying drones around and under obstacles.

Huebner explained that the elementary school roofing project will be going out for bids in March with the actual work to be completed over the summer.

The school board's next regular meeting is set for March 9, which will include a public hearing on the four-day school week proposal. The public is welcome. ■



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Panorama's No. 5 Reed Draper passes the ball during a game against Des Moines Christian on Jan. 6.



Panorama's No. 11 Cruz Crandall shields the ball from the ACGC defender on Jan. 23.



Panorama's No. 13 Nerea Gimeno-Perez tries to create some space between herself and the ACGC defender on Jan. 23.



Panorama's No. 1 Brayden Prescott rises up for the floater against ACGC on Jan. 23.



Panorama's No. 44 Brayden Galvan gets past the Des Moines Christian player on Feb. 6.



The Panorama girls basketball team huddles up during its game against No. 2 Des Moines Christian on Friday, Feb. 6.



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Panorama's Ines Gimeno-Perez splits the double team against ACGC on Jan. 23.



Austin Wagner and Blake Schwartz both won championships at the District 7 tournament on Feb. 14.



Panorama's Blake Schwartz secured his 100th career win while at the John J Harris Invitational on Jan. 24.



Panorama's No. 3 Lydia Lleshi waits for a pass in a game against Des Moines Christian on Feb. 6.



Panorama's Caleb Prescott defeated West Central Valley's Logan Campbell at WCAC Tournament on Jan. 17.



Panorama's Austin Wagner gains near-fall points at the Lynnville-Sully quadrangular on Jan. 29. ■

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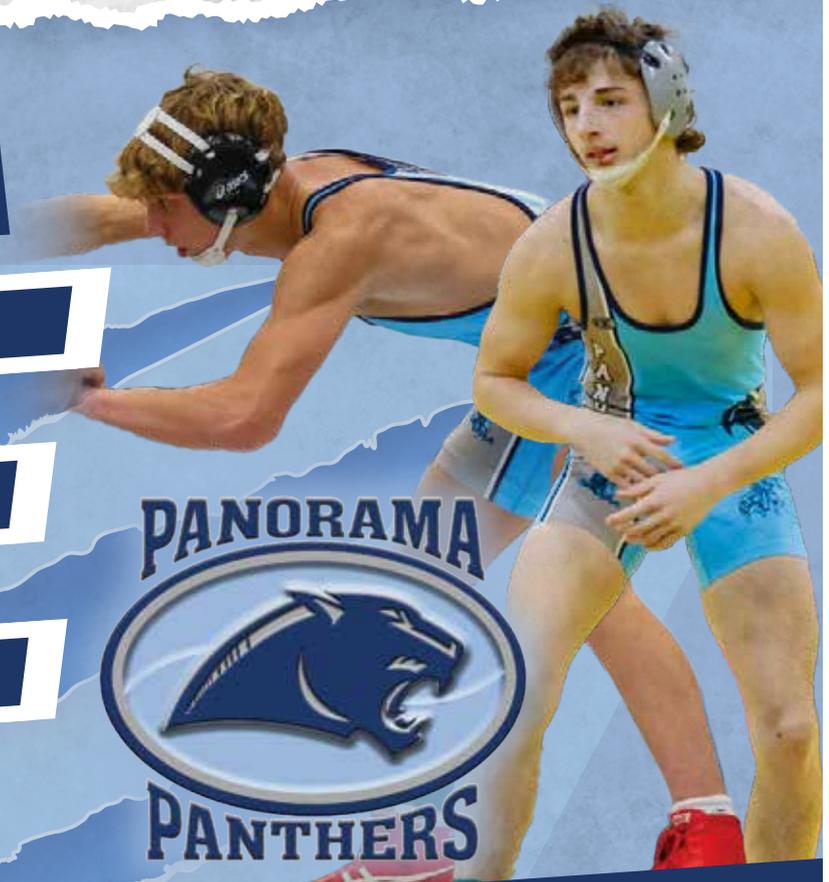
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According to the Iowa DOT, they install distance signs outside of cities to give drivers an idea of how far away certain cities are. Highway 4 is considered a "primary intrastate route." Iowa DOT's Traffic and Safety Manual provides the following guidance for what cities should be listed on distance signs on primary intrastate routes:

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- Line two - The next county seat or city of 500 or more on or adjacent to the route (Jefferson).
- Line three - The next county seat or city of 5,000 or more on or adjacent to the route (Estherville).

Q: WHAT IS MIDWEST PARTNERSHIP, AND HOW IS IT DIFFERENT THAN THE PANORA AND LAKE PANORAMA AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP?

A: Midwest Partnership is an economic development corporation for Adair and Guthrie counties that serves as a facilitator for the retention, expansion and attraction of business to create jobs and grow the tax base. The Panora and Lake Panorama Area Economic Development group serves as the economic development organization in the Panora and

Lake Panorama area. The group traces its roots in Panora to the 1980s and even earlier, beginning as an informal group of business leaders looking to attract, support and grow area businesses and promote housing.

Q: HOW DEEP IN THE GROUND ARE UTILITY POLES USUALLY BURIED?

A: Engineering rules, soil variables and wind loads are all factors that determine how deep utility poles must be buried for optimal stability and safety. Typically, though, according to various sources, utility poles are buried to a depth of about 10% of their height plus an additional 2 feet. For example, a 40-foot pole would be set approximately 6 feet deep.

Q: WHERE IS THE CALMER SUBDIVISION PLAT THAT I KEEP READING ABOUT?

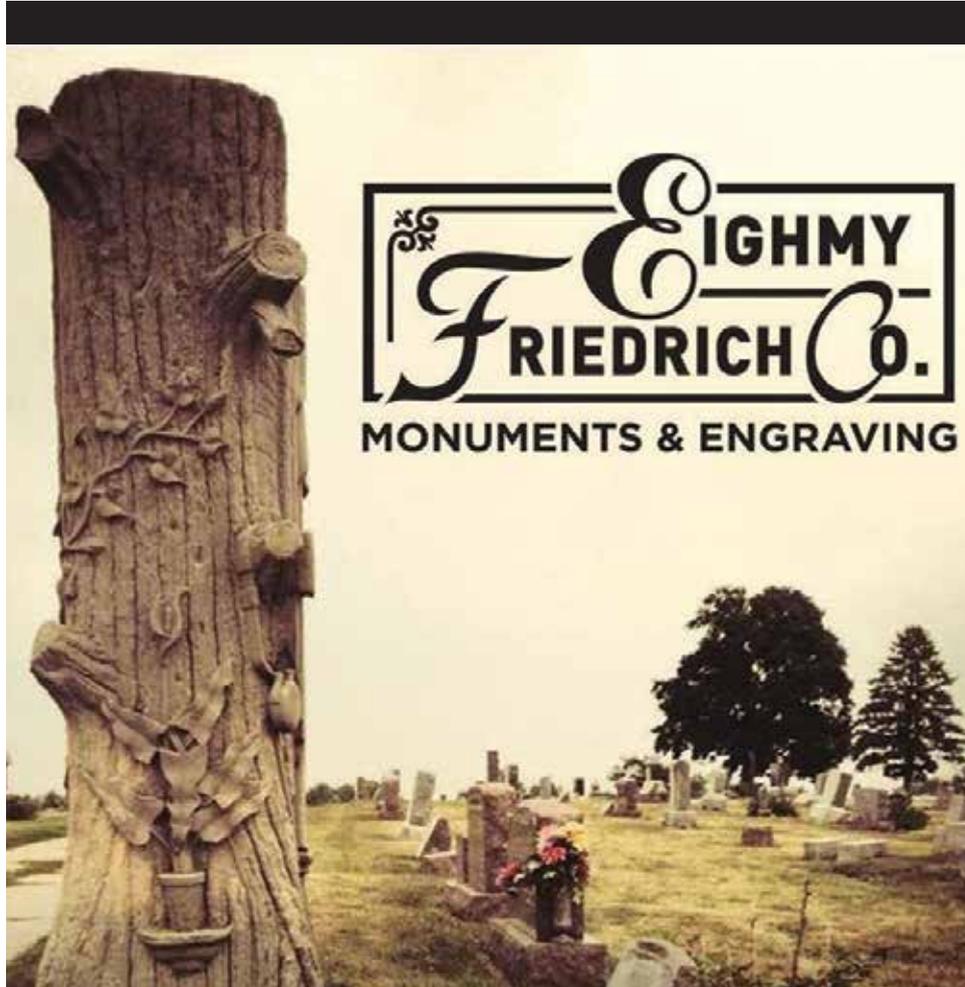
A: The Scott and Joyce Calmer minor subdivision is officially located in Section 29 Township 80N Range 30W, which is near Highway 4 north of Panora. The Guthrie County Board of Supervisors approved the subdivision plat in their Jan. 27 meeting.

Q: WHEN WILL RAGBRAI STAY OVER IN GUTHRIE CENTER, AND HOW MIGHT THAT AFFECT PANORA?

A: RAGBRAI, The Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa, is an annual seven-day bicycle ride across the state. This year's ride will be July 18-25. Guthrie Center was named the Day 2 (Monday, July 20) overnight community. Other overnight communities named include Onawa, Harlan, Boone, Marshalltown, Independence, Dyersville and Dubuque.

The route will leave Guthrie Center and go through Panora on its way to Boone, but the exact route has not yet been announced. Details to come.

From a community standpoint, some groups will step up and use this for fundraising opportunities in Panora. Some riders may choose to stay with Panora family and friends on Monday night. The bicycling traffic will certainly impact the morning commute in the area, so everyone is encouraged to plan ahead. ■



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SWEET B'S TREATS: HOMEMADE AND LOCAL

Danielle Evans' home-based bakery in Linden is named after her daughter, Brooklynn.

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

Danielle Evans of Linden has a side gig that she says fits her life perfectly. She operates Sweet B's Treats and More, baking homemade bread and other goodies. The business is named after Evans' daughter, Brooklynn, who is 10 years old.

"We opened in November of 2019. We are a home-based bakery, so I bake out of my kitchen. We started in Booneville, and then we bought our house 2½ years ago in Linden," Evans said. "Brooklyn and I have always baked together since she was about 1½ years old. She helps me; she does a lot of packaging and things like that and gives me a lot of ideas of things to make."

Evans recalled that when the family was looking to move to the Linden area, one of the selling points of the house they purchased was the large kitchen, which provides ample space for the cooking that Danielle and Brooklyn enjoy.

"I stay pretty busy. I also work fulltime from home. We do 30 to 35 events a year, and I take orders. Usually I'm booking one to two weeks out," Evans said. "We do some farmers markets and bigger shows. The Covered Bridges Festival in Winterset is one of our biggest. We've done Guthrie and Panora farmers markets. For a lot of our events, we pair with Glitz and Dust Designs. They do wooden flag signs and tumblers."

Evans explained that the warmer months are the busiest time for Sweet B's because of the many local events she sets up at.

"Summer is usually the busiest. January is usually a little slower, with New Year's resolutions, and I'm glad for the break," Evans said. "My mom, Melody Thomas, comes and helps us when we've got a lot going on. She ran a bakery when I was growing up. She taught me how to bake."

The tradition of delicious homemade



Danielle and Brooklyn enjoy baking together.

baked goods has served the family well. Evans has begun adding new items occasionally, based on what sells.

"Our best seller is probably the focaccia bread or cake cups," Evans said. "We also have gourmet Rice Krispies treats and one-third-pound cookies. They're huge; a lot of them are stuffed with something inside of them."

However, the newest offering is not a product; it is home delivery.

"In the last few months, we've started doing local donut delivery," Evans said.

"They're comparable to Casey's but delivered to your door."

For anyone looking to learn more about the offerings of Sweet B's, Evans suggests Facebook as the first stop.

"Any way is fine. If they find us on Facebook, that's the best way to get all of our contact information and see posts of what we have at the time," she said.

When asked what makes Sweet B's unique, Evans pointed to the care that goes into each item.

"Everything is done by hand. It's a lot of

physical labor," Evans said. "I would say my focaccia breads are my favorite thing to make, just because they're so versatile. You can dip it in soup or salad, you can just eat it, you can make it into grilled cheese sandwiches, you can make it into croutons. And, it's affordable. A loaf is only \$10."

Looking ahead, Evans noted two plans in the works.

"For Saint Patrick's Day, I will be offering the do-it-yourself sugar cookie kits," she said. "That's something easy that people can do with their kids, and they get a treat



Cinnamon roll focaccia bread.

after it," she said. "And, my goal this year is to set up some type of loyalty program. So, if they buy so many focaccias, they get one free, or something like that."

Evans appreciates feedback from customers. She recalled a special moment of enthusiastic feedback from a youngster who found something to his liking.

"One of my favorite reviews ever was a boy, probably 8 years old. We were at a small-town festival, and he wanted to buy something for breakfast. I had loaves of banana bread, but he wasn't sure and said he's really picky about banana bread," Evans said. "Eventually, he decided to buy it, and he came back not 20 minutes later when it was really busy and announced to the whole place, 'That's the best banana



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WOODSON JEWELRY: A HOBBY OF GIFT GIVING

Ruth Woodson gives many of her creations to family and friends, as well as to staff and other residents at Panora Specialty Care.

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

Ruth Woodson likes to create things as a way to express her creativity. She also likes to be kind to those around her. Fortunately, she has found a hobby that lets her merge the two. Living at Panora Specialty Care, Woodson has given many of her creations to family and friends, as well as to staff and other residents.

"I make jewelry. I spend a lot of time at it. It's a wonderful place, but I don't think I'd be half as happy if I didn't have something to do," Woodson said. "I made the nurses bracelets and earrings, and I'm making a lady something to dangle off the mirror in her car."

Woodson is originally from Charleston, South Carolina. Her husband, Richard, passed in 2021, and Ruth now lives in Panora to be close to her two sons, Larry and Richard, Jr.

Woodson has a large supply of small colored glass beads that she strings into various types of jewelry. Because of the small pieces, she uses a large magnifier to see what she is doing.

"My eyes are awful. I've been treated for retinopathy, and I was getting a shot in my eyes every month, but it really helped. And I think it will be OK when I get my glasses. I have to wear reading glasses now to read anything," she said.

Woodson had made some similar items years ago but returned to the hobby again in the last year or so.

"Before I came here, I hadn't done it for a couple of years, but I had done it for about a year before that," Woodson said. "Most of the time, I make bracelets and earrings because I like to match them. I haven't done



any necklaces lately. But, when my granddaughters were in high school, I made their necklaces for their prom dresses. They were pretty, too."

Woodson gets many of her design ideas from watching YouTube videos.

"I keep myself busy here, and so does Kati, our activity director," she said. "I have dialysis on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, but I work on my jewelry almost every day."

Woodson gives her creations as Christmas and birthday gifts, and sometimes just as gifts for no particular reason. She has been asked about teaching others how to make such items and is very willing to do so.

"As a matter of fact, I was maybe going to



TOP: Making gifts puts a smile on Ruth Woodson's face. **INSET:** Woodson has various tools for the jewelry she creates.

give some lessons, simple lessons, if people want to make things like this," she said. "I also decorate cakes and was thinking about giving some lessons on that. I used to decorate cakes when I worked at Kroger's and Piggly Wiggly."

Although recipients have been very ap-

preciative of Woodson's jewelry gifts, she does not do it for profit.

"So far, I haven't had a chance to sell anything. People ask me to make something for them, and I'm an easy touch," Woodson said. "And I can't think of anything better to do than to give them a gift." ■



GCH ANNOUNCES \$46 MILLION PLANNED RENOVATION

Special to Panora Times

On Feb. 9, Guthrie County Hospital announced approval of a \$46 million renovation project, marking a historic investment in the future of health care for Guthrie County and the surrounding communities.

The comprehensive renovation will modernize existing facilities, expand clinical capabilities and enhance patient-centered care while maintaining the hospital's long-standing commitment to serving rural Iowa. The project is designed to improve patient experience, enhance patient privacy, support medical staff and ensure the hospital can meet the evolving health care needs of the region for decades to come.

Hospital leadership worked closely with hospital staff, architects and construction partners to ensure the project reflects both best practices in modern health care design and the unique needs of our patients.

"Guthrie County Hospital has been a cornerstone of this community for decades," said Christopher Stipe, hospital CEO. "This project honors that legacy while building a facility that supports advanced care, workforce recruitment and long-term sustainability. Having virtually no debt, the hospital is in a strong financial position. With the assistance of the USDA, local banks and other financial partners, we feel it is the right time to proceed with the project."

The project includes new construction for the lobby, laboratory, sleep lab, IV services area, MRI addition and kitchen with updated serving and dining spaces. Clinic and specialty clinic areas, along with the

physical therapy and fitness center, will be expanded and remodeled. Updates and improvements are also planned for the emergency room, surgical department and inpatient rooms. In addition, the renovation will include a new conference center with meeting rooms available for community use.

"Guthrie County Hospital is one of the most important institutions serving Guthrie County. Continuing to update health care services is essential to meeting the needs of all residents, particularly as the county's population continues to age," said Brian Johnson, Guthrie County Supervisor.

The renovation and expansion will be completed in phases over 30 months to minimize disruption to patient care and hospital operations.

"This renovation represents more than brick and mortar — it's an investment in the health, safety and well-being of our community," said Dennis Flanery, director of the Guthrie County Hospital Foundation. "By upgrading our facilities, we are ensuring that high-quality, accessible care remains close to home for future generations. This is a great way to kick off our 75th anniversary for the hospital."

Additional details, including project timelines and opportunities for community engagement and support, will be shared in the coming months by the hospital and the foundation.

For more information about the renovation or the Guthrie County Hospital Foundation, visit <https://guthriecountyhospital.org> or contact Dennis Flanery at 641-332-3879. ■

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FIRED UP FOR PANCAKES IN YALE

BY SHANE GOODMAN
Panora Times

The Yale Fire Department held its 24th annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 9 from 7 a.m. to noon at the Yale Community Building. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, and biscuits and gravy were served as a fundraiser for the department. Food was prepared and served by department members. ■



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EVENT

PANORA CHAMBER HOLDS COMMUNITY GALA

BY SHANE GOODMAN
Panora Times

The Panora Chamber of Commerce held its Community Gala on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Captain's Pick at the Lake

Panorama Conference Center with more than 135 attendees. The event brought together many new members and long-time supporters. Guests enjoyed a meal from The Captain's Pick, great conversation, and live music by Jackie Johnson

and Paul Hart with the Riverside Drive Duo.

During the evening, the chamber highlighted the 2025 goals and achievements with reflections from Past President Angie Worth and comments from

current 2026 President Dave Grove, who shared a glimpse of what's ahead. Jaime Waddle, the treasurer of the chamber, was also recognized for her ongoing contributions to the betterment of organization. ■



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CRAIG EUGENE HASTINGS

1963-2026

Craig Eugene Hastings passed away due to complications from a sudden heart attack on Jan. 21, 2026, at the age of 62. Born on April 8, 1963, in Riceville, a few minutes after his twin brother, Craig came as a surprise to his parents, Verdina and

Charles Hastings.

Craig is survived by his devoted wife, Kerry; his daughters, Corinne and Libby; his parents, Charles and Verdina; his brothers, Curt and Chris (Trudy); and many nieces and nephews. Craig was preceded in death by his brother, Chuck; his grandparents; and relatives.

Craig grew up in Jefferson and was a high school wrestling state qualifier. He went on to wrestle at Buena Vista College where he majored in math and chemistry. During his time at BV, Craig was also student body president, in the school band, and managed to meet and fall in love with his wife, Kerry. Craig went on to get his master's degree in molecular biology at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. He spent the majority of his career working for Pioneer

Hy-Brid Seed Company, focusing his time on genetic engineering. Research he contributed to was published multiple times throughout his career, and Craig was proud to improve crops in countries that struggled with famine and food insecurity.

Craig was an avid reader and an advocate for access to education. He spent his free time working with St. Patrick Catholic School in Perry, where his children both attended, as the president of the school board, the secretary-treasurer for the St. Patrick's Church Foundation, and as a counselor for families seeking financial aid as well as a member of the Des Moines Diocese School Board. Craig believed that anyone and everyone who wanted to learn deserved an education.

Craig was also a loving father and uncle. He

would drop everything to be there for those he loved — all they had to do was ask. From attending every single event for his children to moving them in and out of never-ending apartments, he was always there. He was a seasoned storyteller, known for elaborating on a few details here and there, but he knew how to hold your attention. He loved rules and structure — more than his children or wife enjoyed at times.

Before succumbing to complications from his initial heart attack, Craig had a few days where he was able to share some

final moments with his family. Between funeral home stories and funny memories, he raved about his daughters, his wife and his great, big family that he loved so dearly.

Craig donated organs that saved three lives, made tissue donations that will save countless others, and gave his heart to research. He was generous in life and in death, which brings his family light in the midst of this awful tragedy.

Craig's family would like to thank the nurses, first responders and doctors that supported and cared for him in his final weeks. The family would especially

like to thank Halli Weddle, Craig's niece and an EMT who went out of her way to provide him additional care.

"The ones that love us never really leave us."

– Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to Iowa Public Radio in Craig's honor.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2026, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Perry. Burial was at the Jefferson Cemetery, Jefferson. Visitation was Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2026, from 5-7 p.m. at the Twigg Funeral Home, Panora. ■



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YJB'S RAIDERS. YJB, coached by John Boddicker, is enjoying one of its finest seasons ever. Team members are front, from left, Rick Vaughn, Tom Smith, Kurt Kenney and Marshall Hoyt. Back, from left, Dobe Stofer, Brian Farley, Lyle Kinney, Mike Correy and Bill Scharfenkamp. Absent was Scott Irwin, the team's leading scorer and rebounder who has been hobbled by injury. Irwin is averaging 26 points and 12 rebounds a game. Lyle Kinney is averaging 21 points and 10 rebounds for the Raiders. Both are hitting at a 52% clip from the field.

40 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, Feb. 1, 1986

CATCH OF THE DAY. With assistance from Don Daniels, Matt Venteicher of Panorama shows off a fish he caught at the Par 3 golf course pond at Lake Panorama Sunday afternoon. Ice fishing for kids was one of the scheduled events for the area's second annual Winterfest.

30 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, Feb. 7, 1996

...AND DON'T STOP DIGGING TILL WE TELL YOU TO! Panorama freshmen Tony Stringer (left) and Andrew Downing (right) take a break while eighth-grader Ryan Downing continues to dig a tunnel out of a giant snow pile in Panorama.

20 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, Feb. 9, 2006

BIRDHOUSE. This flock of birds was swarming in northeast Panorama. After covering the yard, the birds covered the roof of this home.

10 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, Feb. 10, 2016

RESTORING THE ROUND. The Iowa State Historical Preservation Office found the Yale Round Gym to meet the criteria to be placed on the National Register of Historical Places. The eligibility allows the city council and project leader Brandon Godwin to begin preservation planning, including seeking financial incentives to undertake a future rehabilitation of the historic gymnasium.

5 YEARS AGO



Guthrie County Times Vedette, Feb. 25, 2021

GENEROUS DONATIONS. The Linden Library received a donation from Josh and Beth Woodvine and their company, Sammons Financial, which provided a financial match. The total donation was \$11,250. The library has just finished a renovation of new carpet and paint with a grant from the Bock Family Foundation and the City of Linden. The Library was able to receive another grant from Bock at the beginning of the year for a computer and desk for the patrons to use. The Linden Public Library Foundation has been hard at work securing funding for all the amazing plans the library has in the future. Pictured are foundation members, Rexanna Ketelsen, Karen Fluharty, Director Julie Bishop, Amber Wetzel, Gay Norton and Maribee Burnham. Not pictured is Alecia Lleshi and Wendy Lempke. ■

RECIPE

PAIR SIMPLICITY AND FLAVOR WITH SEAFOOD SPAGHETTI

BY JOLENE GOODMAN
Panora Times

Some recipes come from a well-worn family card, while others are born on a busy weeknight when you need dinner to feel special without being complicated. Shrimp spaghetti falls squarely into that second category for me. It's the kind of meal that looks impressive on the plate but comes together quickly — perfect for those evenings when you want something comforting, a little indulgent and absolutely reliable.

I love shrimp because it cooks fast and pairs beautifully with simple ingredients. Toss it with garlic, olive oil, a hint of heat and a squeeze of lemon, and suddenly an ordinary box of spaghetti feels elevated. This is the dish I reach

for when I want a break from heavy sauces but still crave big flavor. It is light enough for warmer months, yet cozy enough to enjoy year-round.

Simple, satisfying, and full of flavor — this shrimp spaghetti is proof that a good meal doesn't have to be complicated to feel special. Find more quick dinner solutions by visiting Culinary.net. ■

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



Jolene Goodman

SHRIMP SPAGHETTI

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4-6

Ingredients:

- 1 pound spaghetti noodles
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup avocado oil
- 1 package (12 ounces) raw shrimp
- 2 tablespoons garlic powder, divided
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 cup frozen or fresh spinach
- bread, for serving

Directions:

- Cook spaghetti noodles according to package instructions. In skillet over medium heat, add



butter, avocado oil and shrimp. Mix in 1 tablespoon garlic powder and paprika. Remove shrimp after they begin to turn pink; set aside.

- Add chicken broth, Parmesan cheese, heavy cream, remaining garlic powder, onion powder and spinach to skillet; mix well. Add shrimp back to skillet to finish cooking. Mix in noodles and serve with bread.

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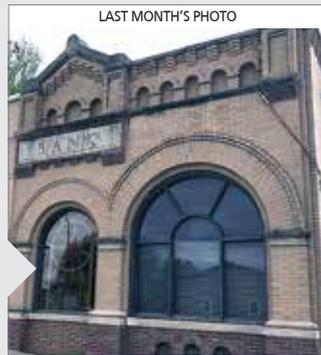


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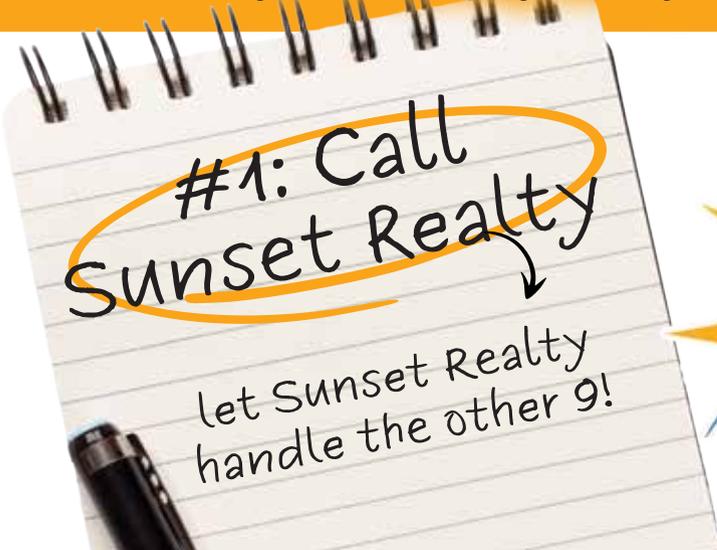
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