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Mark Sheeder has many cooking options on his deck. Photo by Rich Wicks



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ARE YOU A MASTER OF THE GRILL?

We all know these folks. A weathered spatula in one hand. A milehigh slab of meat on a plate in the other. A few barbecue sauce smears on the nose. And an apron that says, "Master of the Grill."

I wish this described me. Although I do like to eat, I am not much of a cook, even on the grill. I am quite good at starting the grill, but I become easily distracted by good conversation and a cool drink or two. As such, I forget about the food.

My wife, Jolene, knows this about me and often saves the meat — and my dignity — from getting burned. And thank goodness. For that, she is my master of the grill.

People like Jolene and other grill masters may not exist in a land of milk and honey, but, here in Iowa, we grill meat — and lots of it. Beef. Chicken. Pork. Lamb. Turkey. And, yes, even fish sometimes.

But grilling meat alone isn't enough. Masters of the grill are also competitors, whether that be formally on the circuit or informally with friends and family. They like their toys, and they invest



Shane Goodman

their hard-earned dollars in equipment to help them grill more, smoke more, rub more and serve more. Some even have trophies to prove their tender and juicy successes.

More often than not, though, we grill simply for the fun of it. We share recipes. We try new techniques. And we eat more than we should. Some, like me, are more involved in the third part than the first two. Regardless, it's all part of the summer experience in Iowa. For many of us, it's part of the winter experience, too, but the aroma seems to be in the air much more this time of year.

If all this talk about grilling is mak-

ing you salivate, you are not alone. But before you put a match on the coals, check out this month's cover story and learn what some local folks are doing that makes them masters of the grill.

Thanks for reading. ■

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NATURAL BORN GRILLERS

Local residents share their passion for cooking on grills, smokers and flat-tops.

BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

Few things in life are more American than grilling burgers or steaks on a beautiful spring or summer day. Most who are in charge of the grilling wouldn't want to be doing anything else, and those who are the recipients of the offerings appreciate it even more. Learn about area residents who are often seen cooking delicious foods on their smokers or grills.

TALENT AND LOVE OF GRILLING

A common piece of advice is "Try it, you may like it." At the rural Panora home of Jerry and Nancy Armstrong, Jerry has found that to be good advice regarding his lifelong interest in food preparation. He found out what he liked, and, just as importantly, what he didn't like.

"I've always had an interest in some type of cooking or baking," Armstrong said. "Back many years ago, we owned the bakery here in Panora, called Jerry's Bake Shop, and that was short-lived because I didn't like the hours. I didn't like getting up at 3:30 in the morning."

However, through his later career working for the Harper Brush Company, Armstrong found a type of cooking that was a much better fit for him. He worked for 25 years for Harper Brush, traveling his territory and supervising local staff. This led to a delicious opportunity.

"Once a month, Harper Brush would do a barbecue for all the employees and management staff," Armstrong said. "I did all the grilling. We would feed between 65 and 70 staff. I would grill a combination of chicken breasts, hamburgers, brats, that kind of stuff. Occasionally, we'd do pulled pork. I did that for about 10 years, and that was a lot of fun."

As his grill skills improved and became known, the company asked him to cook for additional events.

"One time, we brought all of my distributors in to the factory for a national sales meeting, and I grilled a hundred and some



Mark Sheeder has many cooking options on his deck.









From left: Mark Sheeder's brisket, tomahawk ribeye, tri-tip steak and bacon-wrapped jalapenos.

ribeye steaks one night," Armstrong said. "It was a challenge."

Those experiences helped Armstrong develop his talent and love of grilling, which has led to a number of family traditions. He recalled receiving a gift of Omaha Steaks filet mignons one year, so he grilled them up for the family at Christmas. The family enjoyed them so much, it instantly became a tradition.

"For 27 years, we have had filet mignon grilled steaks for Christmas every year since then," Armstrong said. At home, Armstrong has three options for outdoor cooking. He explained that, when the great-grandkids come to visit, they really enjoy hot dogs and s'mores at the fire pit. But most of Armstrong's outdoor cooking is done on his electric "pit boss" pellet smoker or his propane grill. He admits the smoker isn't used as often, because it takes some time to get up to heat, but the propane grill is used regularly, year-round.

"We probably grill five or six times a month," Armstrong said.

Over the years, Armstrong has learned to cook much more than meat on his grill.

"I do asparagus and, occasionally, an onion. I'll slice a big Vidalia onion into fourths, stuff it full of butter and put aluminum foil over it. They come out so tender and sweet," Armstrong said. "And we do poor boy sandwiches sometimes."

Armstrong said there's no real secret to his cooking. He believes in simply trying things and seeing what works. He said he's had good luck with store-bought chicken grillers, which are stuffed and/or wrapped



Kevin Fenton pulls a hamburger off the grill at Owl's Nest.

and ready to throw on the grill.

"One of the other things that we've done is beer can chicken. That's always fun, and it turns out excellent," Armstrong said.
"You just put the chicken over a can of beer and let it grill a couple of hours."

Although Armstrong uses the smoker less often, it's also become part of the family's traditions.

"For Thanksgiving, I've done smoked turkey. We used to do the traditional turkey in the oven, but a couple of years ago when I did a smoked turkey, the family said that's how I needed to do it every year," Armstrong said. "It takes about four hours. I soak the turkey in brine for five days and then take it out and inject it full of that same brine. It comes out moist and tender."

He said the only complaint from family is that this method of cooking the Thanksgiving turkey eliminates the traditional means of making gravy, but the family is OK with that trade-off.

It's not just the Armstrong family that enjoys the smoker. As he pulled the cover off the smoker to show it, Armstrong discovered several handfuls of nuts, which were apparently taken from a nearby bird feeder. Armstrong quickly realized what had happened.

"I guess I've had a chipmunk in here. He's gotten into the bird seed and brought it in here," Armstrong said. "He knows how to store stuff. At least he's not living in there."

Besides the food, Armstrong said family is another great reason he loves grilling.

"It's a good pastime and a good way to get the family together and have a good old-fashioned barbecue."

A BONDING EXPERIENCE FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Whether on the job or in his free time, Kevin Fenton enjoys cooking on a grill or smoker.

"Personally, I like smoking chickens and roasts, and things like that," Fenton said. "For grilling, I like hamburgers and tenderloins."

Fenton recently moved to Panora, and he has put his cooking skills to good use while working at the Owl's Nest and Casey's. He believes good food is more than just nourishment for the body; it's also a bonding experience for family and friends

"Growing up in an Irish family, that's all we ever did is cook and eat together," Fenton said. "That was the heart of the home."

NOT GRILLING FOR RIBBONS

Although Mark Sheeder of Panora wasn't a big fan of grilling as a child, his opinion has changed greatly over the years. He laughed as he explained his childhood experiences of grilled meats.

"When we were kids, and Dad said he was barbecuing, we weren't that excited. First of all, he would start the charcoal with diesel fuel, so everything tasted like diesel; it was horrible," Sheeder said. "And then it was just cooked to death. I was well into my 20s before I realized I could have a decent pork chop."

Once Sheeder started enjoying food from the grill, he quickly found it was more than a hobby. It was a passion. The deck at his home now resembles a grill and smoker showroom.

"I use pretty much everything. I have a stick burner, three pellet smoker grills, a charcoal grill, a flat-top pit boss griddle,







Jerry Armstrong enjoys feeding his family with food he cooks on his grill and smoker.

and a gas grill that was converted to natural gas," Sheeder said.

With so many options for outdoor cooking, Sheeder has found that one size does not fit all.

"I do my steaks and burgers mainly over

charcoal. I like the smokers for pork chops and loins and tenderloins," Sheeder said. "For pork, I like the smoker better."

Sheeder enjoys occasionally grilling vegetables such as asparagus or baconwrapped stuffed jalapenos, but said that





the items he gets the most compliments on are brisket, baby back ribs and pulled pork.

"The grandkids and the kids, about every holiday, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, whatever, they don't care what we have as long as pulled pork is one of the items. I do a lot of that and briskets and chicken on the smoker," Sheeder said.

Some years back, Sheeder entered some grilling contests, and although he usually placed high in the competitions, he found that he was altering his methods just because of the competition and what judges are known to look for.

"I really enjoy it, but I don't do any competitions anymore," Sheeder said. "I kind of had an epiphany."

Sheeder said he asked himself why he was changing his methods simply to get a ribbon.

"It makes no sense," he said. "My family and my friends like how I do it. So, I haven't done competitions for years now."

Sheeder also said that, although he's had wonderful meals at restaurants, that's never a sure thing.

"You can make meat as good as, if not better than, most of the barbecue joints around," he said.

Sheeder explained that when a barbecue restaurant item becomes popular, it obviously gets cooked on a much larger scale,

so the quality control can easily be lost.

"It just gets to be where it's hit and miss," Sheeder said. "No two pieces of meat finish the same, so you've got to have some pretty good due diligence on checking each piece of meat."

One of Sheeder's favorite tips is to let pork "rest" for at least two hours after the cooking is done.

"With pulled pork or brisket, if you can let those rest for two hours, it really enhances everything. I usually double wrap it in heavy duty aluminum foil and put it in a cooler with bath towels around it. They sit in there and basically percolate in their own juices. It helps with the flavor and tenderness. It makes a big difference. I've let brisket sit in there and rest for six hours before, and it still came out at 195 degrees."

Sheeder's outdoor cooking is not limited to warm weather, as he pursues his passion year-round.

"In the winter, the first thing that gets shoveled is the deck to the smokers, and then the sidewalk gets done," Sheeder said. "Usually, four to five nights a week, I'm grilling or smoking."

With all of his experience, Sheeder has a clear suggestion for any novice grillers.

"My advice would be to get a pellet smoker. It's basically an easy-bake oven, and you can't really screw it up," Sheeder said.





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LAKE LUMBER HOLDS GRAND RE-OPENING APRIL 26



Diane and George Hemmen with Mary Beidelman



Owner Kelvin Hafner with Dave Beidelman



Rita Ditsworth and Ellen Campbell



Tabor Lincoln, right, checks out Rust-Oleum products

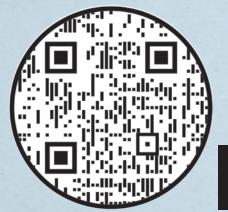


Marion and Bruce Bailey visit with Stephanie Hafner, owner.



Beth Wilson, customer service, greets customers entering Lake Lumber. ■

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LOCAL FILM REVIEWS

MONSTERS. SINNERS. CIVIL WAR. VULGAR NOTES.

BY MICHAEL C. WOODY

Panora Times

"GODZILLA X KONG"

(in theaters)

I'm a little shocked to be reviewing yet another Godzilla/King Kong movie, but I can tell you my expectations were super low. I took my nephew Adam over the Easter weekend, and we both enjoyed it. It seems the two creatures have been lying low in two separate parts of the world, Kong in the Hollow Earth and Godzilla sleeping in the Coliseum in Rome. That would make a pretty boring monster movie, so, fortunately, every old monster comes back to try to take over the planet. Mothra even makes an appearance. Literally, all hell breaks loose and the two big guys need to unite for our planet to survive. I can tell you that this action on the IMAX screen in Waukee was quite fun to



"Godzilla X Kong'

watch. Super loud and stupid. Grade: B+

"IN THE LAND OF SAINTS AND SINNERS"

(in theaters)

I've been guilty of knocking Liam Neeson, who seems to make a new movie every six months, and they all seem to be a slight



"In the Land of Saints and Sinners"

variation on the prior one. I was pleasantly surprised with this one. Neeson's character has a history, so he retired to Ireland, but he has a part-time job dispatching bad guys on the side. When a child molester is killed, his sister and some IRA members come looking for Neeson. This movie has more story than the last few Neeson movies, and, I have to



"Monkey Man"

admit, I liked it a lot. Grade: B+

"MONKEY MAN"

(in theaters)

Dev Patel has proven himself to be an accomplished actor. He can now add director to his resume. In this revenge tale, he shows off his ability to not only tell a story but to









"Wicked Little Letters"

"The First Omen"

do so with some of the most impressive, frenetic action scenes you will ever see. Unfortunately, the story-telling does not keep up with the action, and the movie suffers because of it. **Grade: B-**

"THE FIRST OMEN"

(in theaters)

The original 1976 horror film with Gregory Peck is long lost in most moviegoers' minds, but in this era of filmmakers not being able to generate new ideas, they dip back into past films and, in many cases, like this one, do it poorly. The movie tells the story of a woman in a convent in Italy who seems to get creepier and creepier as the movie goes along. It eventually devolves into a horror mess that was just a little too

much for me. OK, maybe a lot too much for me. **Grade: D-**

"CIVIL WAR"

(in theaters)

Directed by Alex Garland (Ex Machina), this movie shows a time when there was anarchy in the streets of America, and we follow a group of journalists trying to get to Washington, D.C., to interview the President before the nation falls. There is plenty of killing and torturing en route to D.C. This will be different for most viewers, but, in my mind, this shows a glimpse of what America might have looked like if Jan. 6 had not been stopped. An America that didn't end well. The movie doesn't take sides but shows what could have hap-

pened. It's a scary sight. Grade: B+

"WICKED LITTLE LETTERS"

(in limited theaters)

I needed to see a movie to round out my radio show, and the pickings were slim. So I headed to the Fleur Theatre on the south side of Des Moines. For years, the Fleur has offered excellent arthouse and independent movies. I had no idea what this movie was or who was in it. Sometimes you stumble into greatness and have a fun time. Based on a true story, set in the olden days, this one tells the tale of an English woman accused of sending vile and vulgar notes to people in her small village. It is a mystery to the townspeople who is behind this. "Wicked Little Letters" is both shocking and

laugh-out-loud funny. It's probably already out of the theaters by the time you read this but look for it on the streaming services. You'll be glad you did. **Grade: A**

The summer movie season begins next month, and it looks fun! Until then, pass the popcorn. ■

Michael C. Woody has been reviewing movies on radio and television since 1986 and can be heard talking movies every Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. on KXn0 106.3 with Keith

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EDDY LEROY TINNEAN

1942-2024

Eddy Leroy Tinnean, 81, was born Aug. 23, 1942, to Roland and Pearl Tinnean. He received his wings to celebrate his homecoming with Jesus on April 19, 2024.

A celebration of life was at Memorial Services of Iowa (4208 N. Ankeny Blvd.) on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Visitation was from 9-10 a.m. followed by the celebration of life at 10 a.m. The service was livestreamed at https://vimeo.com/event/4252296.

Leroy spent his first four years living on a farm near Gretna, Nebraska, then moved to the small town of Greenwood, Nebraska, where he spent his free time helping do chores around the house. They included gardening, pulling weeds, mowing the yard, pulling weeds, doing dishes, pulling weeds, making his bed, and pulling weeds.

He attended Greenwood Elementary School, where he excelled in history and art. He attended high school at Ashland-Greenwood High in Ashland, Nebraska, where he played basketball and got the nickname "Twinkletoes."

Leroy attended Nebraska Vocational Technical School in Milford, Nebraska, where he received his drafting technology degree. Later in life, he became a pastor with a heart in serving people.

In January of 1965, Leroy had his first child, Jeffrey "Scott" Tinnean, and in July of 1966, his second child, Troy Douglas Tinnean.

After a short engagement, he increased the number of his family by two and married Nancy Glenn Wright on Aug. 5, 1978, who had a 7-year-old son, Sammy Scott Hanna. Nancy stood by Leroy's side through thick and thin over their 45 years of marriage.

Leroy had a talent of using his hands to create wonderful sculptures, pictures and toys out of wood and was a talented illustrator and teacher, sketching "Chalk Talks" when he would preach from the pulpit.

Leroy and Nancy moved after living in Greenwood, Nebraska, to Panora to the very house they honeymooned in and spent the next 26 years before moving to a cooperative in Ankeny.

Leroy loved every community he lived in. He was an assistant scout master in Greenwood, teaching young boys about the wonders of nature and the great outdoors, and headed up the volunteer fire and rescue department in Greenwood, Nebraska. In Panora, he devoted much of his time always helping others in the community. In Ankeny, he was on the board of directors at the cooperative, writing the newsletter and helping with various wood projects. His daily goal

was to help people end their day better than it started.

Leroy is survived by his wife, Nancy; his three sons, Scott, Troy (Karen), and Sammy; his brother, Larry Tinnean (Susie) and nephews and nieces, Stacy Roberts and Todd Tinnean; grandchildren, Jeffrey, Jessica, Jeremy, Abigail, Brock, Milissa, Jennifer and Cameron; as well as his greatgrandchildren, Jaiden, Reighann, Christian, Allen, Khloe, Xavii and Gael.

A memorial in Leroy's honor has been established with Message in Motion Ministries for the printing and distribution of Passports to Heaven.



LAVERNE JOHNSON 1923-2024

LaVerne Davis Johnson, 100, a cherished soul whose life journey began on July 10, 1923, in the heart of Iowa, near Bagley, completed his earthly chapter on April 18, 2024, at the New Homestead in Guthrie Center, in the same state his story started. LaVerne's life was a testament to the values of hard work, community involvement and the joy of simple pleasures.

Born in the rural tapestry of Iowa, LaVerne quickly became an integral part of the community, working on his large hog farm in Guthrie County. His dedication to the land and its people was evident in every task he undertook. LaVerne's commitment to service shone brightly through his 35 years managing the Guthrie County Fair campground, a role in which he

ensured that each visitor's experience was as welcoming and enjoyable as possible.

In addition to his work on the farm and at the fairground, LaVerne also contributed his time and talents to the local funeral home. His presence there brought comfort and solace to many families during their time of loss. LaVerne's deep roots in the community were further celebrated as he proudly attended his high school alumni reunion, being the oldest attendee for three consecutive years.

LaVerne's interests painted the picture of a man who fully embraced life's joys. He found great happiness in camping with his beloved wife, Pearl Gladys, with whom

he shared a profound and enduring love. Together, they celebrated his birthdays camping. The family continued the tradition after the passing of Pearl Gladys. This past year, the family joined LaVerne in celebrating a memorable centennial celebration. The love story between LaVerne and Pearl Gladys was one for the ages. They were inseparable from the moment he saw her on the street in Guthrie Center, sharing 70 years of unwavering companionship. LaVerne often said that one must marry their best friend, and he was fortunate to have found his in Pearl Gladys. When she passed away in 2015, a piece of him did as well, yet his

love for her remained unshaken.

LaVerne's big smile, sheepish giggle and animated spirit made him the most engaging and genuine man one could ever hope to meet. His selfless and loving nature was the cornerstone of his character, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of all who knew him. LaVerne's memory will continue to inspire and guide us.

Survivors include sons, Merlin Johnson of Panora and Gailen Johnson of Bagley; seven grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and brother-in-law, Darwin Hall. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Bertha (Marchant) Johnson; daughter and son-inlaw, Patricia and Patrick Bennett; grandson, Jason Bennett; brother and sister-in-law, John (Helen); sisters and brothers-in-law, Anna (Eddy) and Nadine (Joe); sisters-in-law, Juanita (Jerry) Heiland, June (Jim) Anderson, and Shirley Hall; and brother-in-law, James Norris.

Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 22, 2024, at the Twigg Funeral Home, Panora. Burial was in West Linn Cemetery, near Linden. Visitation was one hour prior to the services at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to a charity of your choice in LaVerne's name. ■

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DUANE L CLARK

1937-2024

Duane L Clark was born July 11, 1937, to Clarence and Florence (Otto) Clark at their rural Lake City home. He passed away on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at the New Homestead in Guthrie Center. Duane was baptized at St Mary's Catholic Church in Lake City and grew up on the family farm south of town. He attended school in Lake City, graduating in 1955. Duane loved the farm and helped his dad and brothers

with everything. He was especially fond of the horses, and that fondness was with him his entire life.

In November 1960, Duane married Susan McCrea. They had five children, Matthew, Michael, Jennifer, Scott and Chadd. Duane and Susan later divorced, and Duane moved to the Guthrie Center area. This is where he met and married Janet Nickel. Duane and Janet had one daughter, Cassandra.

Duane worked for farmers before he found his perfect job. He worked 25-plus years at St. Thomas Moore Catholic Youth Camp at Lake Panorama. Besides being the allaround maintenance man, he gave horse rides three days a week. This he enjoyed very much, and so did the campers. He and several camp counselors became close friends. Those friendships have lasted several years. Duane retired from St. Thomas Moore in 2011. He continued to give horse rides for another five years and fully retired in 2016.

He kept the horse herd until 2022.

Duane is survived by his wife, Janet; children, Matt (Angie) Clark of Glidden: Jennifer (Scott) Helle of Rockwell City; Scott (Linda) Clark of Early; Chadd (Kirstin) Clark of Park Rapids, Minnesota; Cassandra (Matthew) Fronapfel of Guthrie Center; stepchildren, Alicia (Richard) Ciesielski of Guthrie Center and Curtis Nickel of Thailand. Duane had 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death are his parents, Clarence and Florence; infant son, Michael; daughter-in-law, Linda Clark: son-in-law. Scott Helle; and grandson, Anthony Clark.

Visitation was Friday, May 3, 2024, at Twigg Funeral Home in Guthrie Center. Funeral services were 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Guthrie Center. Graveside services were 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Lake City. Online condolences may be left at wwwtwiggfuneralhome. com. ■



MELVIN DEAN TURK

1934-2024

Melvin Dean Turk, 89, son of Arthur and Agnes Turk, was born June 8, 1934, in Shelby. He passed away Thursday, April 25, 2024, at the Community Care Center, Stuart.

Mel graduated from Oakland High School and then enlisted into the United States Army. After he was honorably discharged, he enrolled at Iowa State University in Ames where he met

and married Evelyn Andersen. One year later, they became the parents of twin boys, Mitchell Dean and Michael David. After completing his education, he taught school for two years, and then he began his career in the pharmaceutical field, working for several companies in sales and management. While living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, their third son, Matthew Darin, was born in 1967. They then moved back to the Des Moines area where the three boys graduated from Ankeny High School. Following living in Ankeny, they bought an old house near Saylorville Lake and spent about five years remodeling it inside and out. His next adventure was moving down to the lake home near Branson, Missouri, enjoying that life for several vears until the boys convinced him he

should move back up

here near family in his

old age.

Mel was preceded in death by his parents, his two beloved twin sons, Mitchell on Nov. 17, 2018, and Michael on March 2, 2023, and two older sisters, Audrey Zimmerman and Lavonne Rafuse.

He is survived by his son, Matthew (Pam) Turk of Hillsboro, Oregon; mother of his children, Evelyn Turk of Waukee; daughters-in-law, Deb Turk and Mari Turk; six grandchildren, Michelle (Mike) Porter, Adam (Michelle) Turk, Danny Turk, Sam (Bre) Turk, Jonathan (Sara) Turk and Zachary Turk; nine great-grandchildren; and sister, Mary Ann Gravbill.

Graveside services were Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery near Van Meter. Following the services, everyone was invited to Evy's home in Waukee for fellowship.

Twigg Funeral Home, Panora, was entrusted with his services. ■



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KATHRYN HARVEY

1933-2024

Kathryn Faye (Schoonover) Harvey passed away peacefully at home in Parrish, Florida, on April 19, 2024. She was born to Charles and Sara (Coppess) Schoonover on Aug. 27, 1933, in Gary, Indiana. Kathy grew up in Guthrie Center, was confirmed in the United Methodist Church, and graduated from Guthrie Center Community Schools in 1951. She was a scrappy guard, known as "Blondie" when she was selected for the Third (1950) and First team (1951) All-State Basketball Team. After graduating, she moved

basketball for AIB. She later worked for the Iowa State Conservation Commission. Kathy met her future husband, Harold, while roller skating, and they married in 1954. Within the first six years of marriage, they had five children. She was a homemaker and actively helped Harold in his home remodeling and income property business. In 1970, she went back to school and earned an LPN (nursing) degree and worked at the VA Hospital. Kathy was active in all the activities of her children, never missing an event. She had many hobbies: raising puppies, working at RVLL ballpark, cooking (she made the best beef and noodles), flower gardening, collecting antiques, cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes, knitting and playing bridge. Most of all, she loved being with her family, who remember her generosity, unconditional love and support for her family and all of her many friends.

to Des Moines, playing

Kathy will be missed by all: her children, Craig (Lisa) of Rosemount, Minnesota, Tom of Palmetto, Florida, David (Ellen) of Clive, Julie of Parrish, Florida; and eight grandchildren, Laura Friend (Joe) of Savage, Minnesota, Emily Tomes (Joe) of Lakeville, Minnesota, Taryn Chapman of Palmetto, Florida, Tyler Harvey (Amy) of Estero, Florida, Ross Harvey (Emily) of San Mateo, California, Allison Smith (Colton) of Golf, Illinois, Rob Harvey of Beaverdale, and Jake Harvey of Tampa, Florida; and 13 greatgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Harold; infant son, Jeffery Allan; parents; sisters, Judy and Phyllis; half-brother, Melvin; nephews, Timothy and Richard; nieces, Tena and Karen; and brothers-inlaw. Paul and Keith.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 27, 2024, at McLaren's Resthaven Chapel in West Des Moines with visitation prior. Burial was at Resthaven Cemetery in West Des Moines.

On behalf of Kathy's family, we thank you for your prayers and support. Memorial contributions may be directed to a local hospice of your choice, or we ask you to do something generous or kind for a family member or someone in honor of Kathy.

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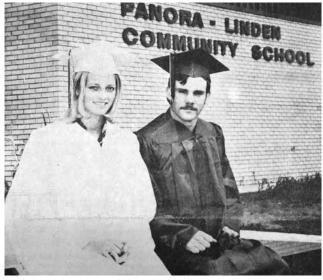
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ONWARD: The long-awaited day will soon arrive for some 280 Guthrie County high school seniors who will graduate next week. Seniors at Panora-Linden have the distinction of being the first class to graduate from the school district's new school facilities. Cheryl Holloway and Ron Clark pause in preparation for graduation exercises.

From the Guthrian, May 15, 1974

30 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, May 5, 1994

PANORA FARMERS: Maurice and Lois Clark of rural Panora stand by their 1972 John Deere tractor. The couple, married in 1950, farmed together full-time until 1968 when Maurice became the Panora postmaster. Lois continued farming full-time during Maurice's 21 years as postmaster.

10 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, May 22, 2014

TURNER RETIRES: Dorothy Turner will retire after 43 years as head cashier and book keeper at Panora State Bank at the end of May. Turner began her career in 1971 when Panora State Bank owner and president Bruce Barks hired her as a bank teller...

40 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, May 24, 1984

MOVING UP: Kip Janvrin moves to the outside as he prepares to improve his position on the first lap of the 800 meter run at the state Class 1-A track meet Saturday. Janvrin was second in the race. He also was second in the 400 meters, and he won the pole vault.



From the Guthrie County Vedette, May 27, 2004

FUN FOR SOME: After heavy rains Saturday night and early Sunday, Shelby and Chase Lane tried out the new combination pond/swimming pool in their front yard in Panora. Shelby floated while Chase paddled his way around in a wading pool. Watching from the garage is dad, Dave, who is wet up to the knees.

5 YEARS AGO



From Lake Panorama Times, May, 2019

PANTHERS HOST SENIOR PROM: Kayla Thorpe and Chris Allison strike a pose during Panorama High School's grand march held Saturday, April 13.

AN EYE-'POP'PING COLLECTION

Rich Schumacher has about 435 classic pop bottles in his garage.

BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

Rich Schumacher of Panora has an impressive collection of pop bottles in his garage. He explained how this collection — and hobby — came about.

"Around 30 years ago, my cousin was moving from Carroll to Missouri, and he had two old Pepsi Cola bottles full of pop yet, and he was going to pitch them. So, I said I'd keep them, even though I didn't know what I was going to do with them yet," Schumacher said. "My wife, Deb, and I like to collect some antiques, and I realized how old those two bottles were, so I kept them and started collecting other bottles."

Over the past three decades, the collection has grown steadily.

"I probably have about 435 bottles out here in the garage all together," Schumacher said. "Probably 90% of them are prior to the return for deposit. If I found anything that said 'return for deposit,' I didn't keep them, because I figured they weren't very old."

That Iowa law, known as the Bottle Bill, passed in 1978.

Although some old pop bottles and related items can be quite valuable, especially Coca Cola items, Schumacher's collection is mostly just for fun and reminiscing. He doesn't pay high



Rich Schumacher enjoys his collection of old pop bottles.

prices for bottles and doesn't have any item he considers his favorite. Schumacher said he's collected some bottles from overseas, but most have been found during his local travels.

"I found most of them at sales, flea markets, here and there, just scattered around," Schumacher said.

In his childhood, Schumacher's favorite pop was a brand called Gra-

pette, and he pointed out a few of those bottles on his shelves. He said they're hard to find nowadays, so he figures that brand didn't last long.

Schumacher explained how some slight variations in bottle or label design can make a particular bottle much rarer, and, therefore, more valued. But Schumacher isn't into his collection for the dollar value. It is more

for the simple fun of finding something new for his collection.

Asked about a unique story of how a bottle was added to his collection, Schumacher pointed to an odd-looking Pepsi bottle on his shelf.

"I've got a green Pepsi bottle. It had a paper label on it," Schumacher said. "It was found in my sister's house when they were doing some remodeling, and



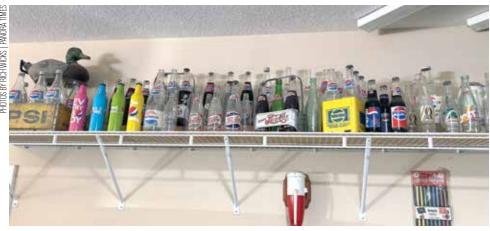
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Rich Schumacher has Pepsi bottles in many different styles

they said that addition to their house was done in 1936. So, I looked it up, and that green Pepsi bottle was only made from 1936 to 1939. Since the house was remodeled in 1936, it was probably put into the wall when the remodeler took his break."

Some of the bottles are unopened, so Schumacher keeps his garage warm enough that the pop won't freeze in the winter.

Although Schumacher is still adding to his collection, he explained that he isn't actively searching as much as he used to.

"I've run out of room," he said. Schumacher says just about every bottle in his garage is different.

"My wife always says that I know ev-

ery bottle that's in here," he said. "But I'm not sure about that, because sometimes I'll buy one that's a duplicate of one that's already here." ■

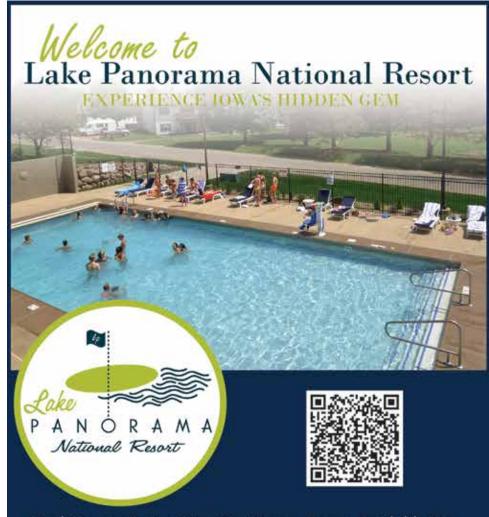


A Coca-Cola cooler and cases from decades ago are part of Rich Schumacher's assortment.



Most every major pop brand, and many others, can be found on Schumacher's shelves.





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EDUCATION

HAMBLETON IS WSO SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Panora Times

Each year, the Panora Women's Service Organization (WSO) conducts fundraising activities to make it possible to provide a scholarship to a Panorama Community School graduating senior. This year's recipient is Zoey Hambleton. She is shown with Nancy Loeck, a member of the WSO scholarship committee. The other member of the committee is Deb DeBruin.

Hambleton plans to attend The University of Iowa, majoring in nursing. Her ca-

reer goal is to be a nurse practitioner.

The WSO's annual home tour is the group's major fundraiser and funds this renewable \$500 scholarship each year, making four scholarships paid annually. This year's home tour is Friday, June 7. Five Lake Panorama homes will be featured with four on the east side of the lake and one on the west side.

Tickets are \$30 and include both the home tour and lunch at the Lake Panorama National Conference Center. Tickets can be reserved by contacting Mary Beidelman at 641-757-0425. ■



GCH WELCOMES NEW SURGEON

Special to Panora Times

Dr. Harry Condoleon, DO, is a 1992 graduate of Des Moines University. He completed his general surgery residency in Des Moines and served as chief resident during his final year. He then obtained fellowship training in surgical oncology.

Dr. Condoleon is a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons and a member of the American College of Surgeons and the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgeons.

General surgery services offered at Guthrie County Hospital will include, but not limited to, colonoscopies and upper GI endoscopies, hernia repairs, gallbladder removals, appendix removals, cancer-related surgeries, breast biopsies and mastectomies, and removal of skin lesions, cysts, or soft tissue masses. Patients can continue to self-refer or ask their primary care provider for a referral.

Approximately 20 years ago, while practicing in Las Vegas, Dr. Condoleon devel-

oped a passion for cosmetic medicine. In Las Vegas, he administered Botox Cosmetic, dermal fillers, and bioidentical hormone therapy. Dr. Condoleon returned to Iowa in 2009 and over the past seven years, in addition to general surgeries, he has also been perform-



Condoleon

ing cosmetic surgical procedures such as breast augmentation, liposuction and abdominoplasty (tummy-tuck) and has further developed the reputation of a highly skilled surgeon who delivers the safest state-of-the-art treatment to his patients. He is the owner and medical director of SOMA Medical Spa and Wellness Clinic in Algona with a new location opening soon in Des Moines.

Dr. Condoleon will be here twice a week. To schedule your appointment, contact the GCH Surgery Department at 641-332-3858. ■







THE MONTH IN PANORAMA SPORTS

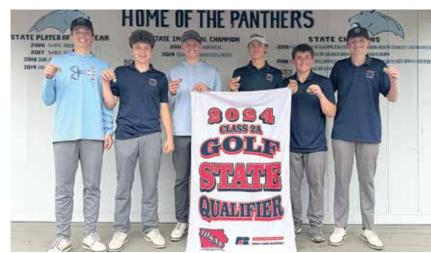


AJ Draper in a match against West Central Valley April 27.



SPECIAL TO PANORA TIME

The girls golf team placed seventh at the WCAC Conference Meet.



MALLORY QUICK | SPECIAL TO PANORA TIMES

The Panorama boys golf team qualified for the state tournament with their first-place performance score of 303 at Lake Panorama National Golf Course on May 13. Pictured are Trey Boettcher, Parker Carey, Maddox Hammerstrom, Evan Powell, Brayden Galvan and Zander Hammerstrom.



Hailey Hellman in a game against Tri-Center on May 8.



MARK RENO | SPECIAL TO PANORA TIMES

Kylie Rochholz placed first in the 3000-meter run at Audubon April 23.



Cristian Monrroy-Nunez took 14th in the shot put at the WCV Invitational on May 1.



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Noah Poldberg placed first in the 800-meter run at the West Central Valley Invite April 18.

Tatum Bates in a game against Tri-Center on May 8.



Panorama senior Jaidyn Sellers proudly displays her champion flag after winning the high jump at the Drake Relays Invitational on April 25.



Austin Wagner competes at the ACGC Charger Invite April 11.



Karime Onofre, junior for Panorama girls soccer team.



Griffyn Burchfield in a relay event at West Central Valley April 18.



PANORAMA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

A total of 61 graduating seniors were recognized during the Panorama High School commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 12 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Panorama auditorium.



Kaitlin Kent, Mia Waddle, Maddox Nunn, Zoey Hambleton, Tyme Boettcher, and Avery Bahrenfuss. These six students were presented with honors for being the top six in this class.



The 2024 graduates being introduced to the audience.



Zoey Hambleton, one of the class of 2024's valedictorians, exit after accepting her diploma.



The Panorama Choir perform at graduation under the direction of Choir Director Chris Helm and accompanied by Debbie Menning.



High School Principal Thad Stanley addresses the audience at graduation.



valedictorians, addresses the audience during graduation.



Panorama Superintendent Kasey Huebner speaks during graduation.



Mia Waddle, one of the class of 2024 Valedictorians presents her speech at graduation. ■

PANORAMA SECONDARY SCHOOL **JOB FAIR HOSTS 18 ORGANIZATIONS**

Special to Panora Times

The Panorama Secondary School Job Fair was held April 25 at the high school and hosted 18 area organizations. Representatives of these organizations met with Panorama students grades 6-12 and talked with them about local career opportunities. The purpose of this annual event is to encourage summer employment for students returning to school next year and give emerging graduates employment options to consider in proximity to Guthrie County. The following professionals contributed to the job fair: Agriland FS, Care Initiatives, Iowa National Guard, Karl Chevrolet, La'James International College, Lakeside Village, Landus, Little Panther Daycare, McAninch Corp. (excavator simulator), McDonald's, Panora Fiber, Panora Daycare, Pedal-In Restaurant, Iowa Trenchless, Midwest Vac Professionals, West Central Tree Service, Wood Duck Landscapes, and Van Wall John Deere.











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POLITICS

SEN. GRASSLEY FIELDS QUESTIONS IN PANORA



BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

Sen. Chuck Grassley visited Panora on April 25 for a town meeting at the Panora Community Center. He shared that this was his fourth such meeting of the day. After giving opening remarks, he fielded questions from those in attendance on topics including veterans, abortion, trade and border legislation.

Attendees included Guthrie County law enforcement staff, Guthrie County supervisors, Panora city staff, and others. Total attendance was estimated at 50.



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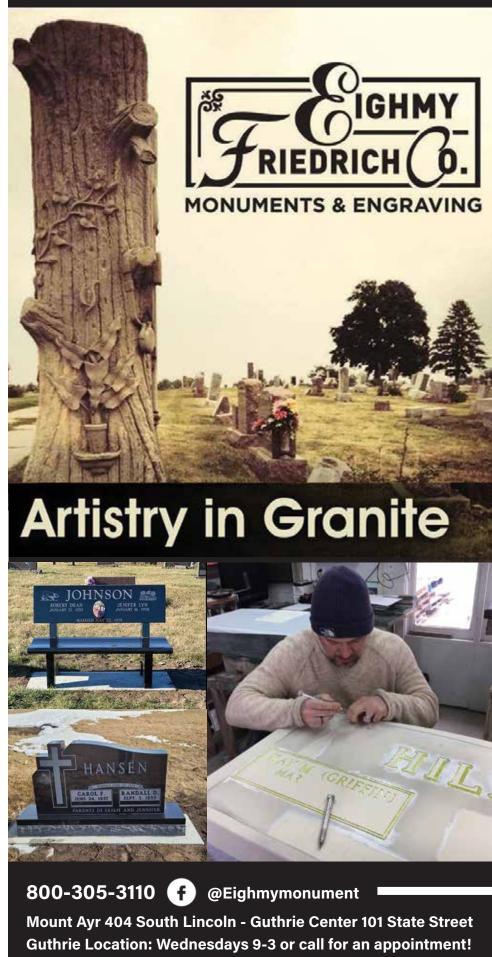
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SOLAR STORM BRINGS SPECTACULAR VIEWS



Ruth Rowedder captured this photo on May 10 from the Lake Panorama Association dog park. The images are of the aurora borealis, also known as the northern lights, in various hues and settings. This natural phenomenon occurs when the sun's energy interacts with the Earth's atmosphere. The northern lights were visible as far south as Florida due to an extreme geomagnetic storm, the strongest to hit Earth in 20 years.





BUSINESS FEATURE

SPECIAL ORDERS ARE THE STANDARD AT T & K DESIGNS

Courtney Hodges has been providing screen printing, embroidery, laser engraving and more at her business, which she has operated since 2016.

BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

Most anyone who has parented multiple kids has learned to multi-task, and, maybe not coincidentally, multitasking is also a daily job skill for Courtney Hodges, owner of T & K Designs at 126 W. Main St. in Panora. The business is named for Tinsley and Kambri, the daughters of Courtney and her husband, Nate. She recently took a brief break to share information about her business.

Hodges had given birth to her second child in 2015 and had been doing embroidery out of her home, and she was considering making that work into a career.

"I started in 2016. It was kind of one of those things, you're either going to do it or you're not," Hodges said. "Then this building became available. Jennifer Danker owned it, and she asked if I wanted to buy her building. So, we moved up here in 2016. We had to redo the place, and we started adding machines. I started with one embroidery machine, then added another and all the screen printing. I've been up here ever since, and business has been crazy good."

Hodges was happy to describe the various creations she makes.

"We do a lot for schools and businesses," Hodges said. "We do screen printing, embroidery, promotional items, koozies, notebooks, lanyards, keychains, and I actually have a laser machine that I can engrave cutting boards. So you send me a really clear picture of grandma's recipe card, and I basically blow it up on my iPad and trace it exactly, and then I burn it into the cutting board, and it looks like the same handwriting."

Hodges says one part of the offerings that people may not fully understand is



Courtney Hodges silk screens a shirt.

screen printing.

"It's super complex," Hodges said. "You literally have a screen, and there's different mesh types. You've got to wash it and dry it. You've got to degrease it. Before you put the emulsion on, it has to harden. Then you literally burn the design into the screen and dry it before you can print. Temperatures have to be right. It's a lot of small details that are very important."

Hodges says she can print on anything. "We can do sweatshirts, we can do T-shirts, we can do jackets, we can do Carhartt. I can embroider on mostly anything, too."

Because many area sports teams have apparel made at T & K Designs, Hodges explained she is used to doing "rush jobs" and accepts that as a normal part of her business. One example is when

T-shirts are ordered for a team or individual athletes who qualify to compete at state tournaments. In such situations, she often has two days or less to complete an order. Hodges burns the midnight oil when needed to get the job done.

"There's a lot of it... especially with wrestling and things like that. And usually there's a front and a back...and they have to be able to order, and I have to order the shirts, too," Hodges said.

Despite the hectic work schedule and her family commitments, Hodges somehow finds time to be involved in the community as well.

"I'm the parks and rec president, and then I'm on the planning and zoning board, and I'm part of the chamber. And then I also own ReGlow, the new spray tanning business at ReStore," Hodges said. "Sue Bump and I are partners with that. We just started doing that in January."

Incredibly, Hodges also finds time to coach two youth softball teams.

Although Hodges seems to thrive on fast-paced workloads, she encourages non-rush customers to plan ahead when possible. For most screen printing or embroidery jobs, she suggests customers plan ahead roughly two weeks so that she can squeeze in a rush order if needed and still get all orders done in time.

Looking to the future, Hodges expects screen printing and embroidery to continue to be popular orders.

"I would say the bulk of my business is probably screen printing, but embroidery is right up there. They're pretty close," Hodges said.

Hodges also shared a new offering she's introducing.



Lake Panorama items are popular at T & K Designs.

"I'm actually working on something right now called PVC patches for hats," she said. "It looks kind of like rubber, but it's a patch that goes right on your hat."

Asked if there's something people are surprised that she offers, Hodges showed

some of the apparel in her front window area.

"I do a lot of the Lake Panorama stuff," Hodges said. "I'm pretty much the only place that does Lake Panorama apparel." ■

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HEALTH

GCH NURSES AND PCTS HONORED

Special to Panora Times

Nurses and Patient Care Technicians (PCTs) at Guthrie County Hospital were honored on May 9 at a special ceremony at the hospital.

THE DAISY AWARD FOR EXTRAORDINARY NURSES

The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses is part of the DAISY Foundation's program to recognize the efforts nurses perform every day. The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, California, and was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little-known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

Nurses may be nominated by patients, families and colleagues. The DAISY Award recipient is selected by a panel of community members. Each nominee receives a daisy pin and bouquet of daisies. The DAISY Honoree receives a certificate commending her or him for being an "Extraordinary Nurse." The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people." The Honoree is also be given a sculpture called "A Healer's Touch," hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Africa.

"When Patrick was critically ill, our family experienced firsthand the remarkable skill and care nurses provide patients every day and night. Yet these unsung heroes are seldom recognized for the superhuman work they do. The kind of work the nurses at Guthrie County Hospital are called on to do every day epitomizes the purpose of The DAISY Award," commented Bonnie Barnes, FAAN, president and co-founder of The DAISY Foundation.

The 2024 Daisy Award was presented at the Daisy Award Ceremony to Dale Peterson, RN.

THE SUNSHINE AWARD FOR REMARKABLE PCTS

PCTs are honored with The Sunshine



Sunshine Award Nominees (left to right): Sandy Atkinson, chief nursing officer, Mindi Brittain, LaRoyce Kress and Cris Schachtner



The 2024 Daisy Award was presented at the Daisy Award Ceremony to Dale Peterson, RN. Pictured left to right: Sandy Atkinson, chief nursing officer and Dale Peterson, RN

Award for Remarkable PCTs, which is exclusive to Guthrie County Hospital. The Sunshine Award was established from a desire by the nurses to recognize the PCT staff. Considering how DAISIES require sunshine to flourish and thrive, so is the case for the nurses. Without the PCT team, the daily job of patient care would not be a reality.

PCTs may be nominated by patients, families and colleagues. The Sunshine Award recipient was selected by a panel of community members. Each nominee received a sunshine pin and bouquet of sunflowers. Sunshine Award honorees received a personalized certificate, a Sunshine Award pin, and a hand-made wooden sunshine plaque. Each plaque is handmade and intricately woven locally. The woven part of the plaque symbolizes the inextricable link between the PCT and RN staff. Each one is an integral member of the team. When woven together just right, the sunshine (PCTs) can perfectly support



The 2024 Sunshine Award was presented at the Sunshine Award Ceremony to LaRoyce Kress, PCT. Pictured left to right: LaRoyce Kress, PCT, and Sandy Atkinson, chief nursing officer

the DAISIES (RNs). Together, they create an environment in which patients can flourish and thrive.

"Our annual DAISY and Sunshine Award programs provide an opportunity to recognize our team and the high-quality care they provide. Nurses and PCTs are blessed every day with the opportunity to care for our patients and community. The Daisy and Sunshine Awards are an excellent way for patients and families to share in the acknowledgement of the care our nurses and PCTs provide," stated Sandy Atkinson, chief nursing officer.

The 2024 Sunshine Award was presented at the Sunshine Award Ceremony to LaRoyce Kress, PCT.

Nomination forms for 2025 are available at Guthrie County Hospital, GCH Clinics, GCH Healthy Living Center and at www. guthriecountyhospital.org. For a complete listing of healthcare organizations currently running the program, visit http://DAI-SYfoundation.org. ■

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COUNTY GOVERNMENT NEWS

GUTHRIE COUNTY SUPERVISORS QUESTION SHERIFF ARGANBRIGHT ON BUDGET AND SPENDING

BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

During the regular meeting of the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors on April 23, the supervisors met with Sheriff Marty Arganbright for a general update on his department and to discuss departmental policies. Supervisor Mike Dickson asked the status on the department's SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures).

"Well, I guess the question is coming up about your SOPs that you had. Where are they at, are you getting them updated?" Dickson asked.

"This SOP's always been available, in my office...it's always been that way," Arganbright replied.

Arganbright updated the supervisors about the ongoing process of updating the SOPs

"We've been working three months on it, and we're about done with the updated one. This changes every year because of different rules and laws," said Arganbright. "We called an assistant chief from West Des Moines. He's willing to take a look at it and make sure it's all done correctly."

Supervisor Maggie Armstrong asked when the most recent revision of the department's SOPs was, and Arganbright said it was most recently completed in 2017. Armstrong then asked the timeline for completion of the revised SOPs.

"It's about done. I'll let you know," Arganbright replied.

Arganbright estimated the revisions are likely to be completed and reviewed within one month.

Dickson then asked about a concern regarding cameras in the jail. Arganbright explained that the dispatchers asked that they not be on camera while sitting at the desk for the duration of the eight-hour shift.

"They have it blacked out for their body. The rest is all seen. They asked me if I can do that, just for personal private reasons, and I said yes. So they don't want upstairs jailers just watching everything they do," Arganbright said. "It makes them feel uncomfortable."

Arganbright explained that he made the change at the request of the dispatchers, but that, as now arranged, the cameras show the dispatchers anytime they move from the desk seat.

Dickson shared his opinion that the blacked-out portion should be visible.

"I don't have a problem either way," Arganbright said.

Arganbright welcomed the supervisors to speak directly with the dispatchers to hear their viewpoint. Supervisor Armstrong indicated she would like to check the applicable policy and hear from the dispatchers.

"There seems to be more to the story," Armstrong said.

No board action was taken on the issue. The supervisors and County Engineer Josh Sebern discussed possible budgetary amendments in his department. Supervisor Steve Smith pointed out that budget amendments are to be expected.

"A budget is a budget. You are never going to land squarely on exactly what it should be," Smith said. "So you are going to have budget amendments."

APRIL 30

During the meeting on April 30, the supervisors considered fiscal year 2023-2024 budget amendments for the Sheriff's department and for the supervisors' department.

Sheriff Marty Arganbright summarized the budgetary items in need of amendment and the reasons. Supervisor Maggie Armstrong suggested a method of keeping a closer eye on departmental budgets.

"I think the other thing we can do is... some quarterly check-ins on budget... I think having some of those check-ins quarterly will be beneficial when we get to this process this time next year," Armstrong said.

Supervisors and Sheriff Marty Arganbright discussed the status of the out-of-county inmates being housed at Guthrie County's jail and how this impacts the budget. Supervisor Mike Dickson questioned whether the practice is benefitting the county.

"We need to sit down and figure this all out, because when I start looking at these numbers, I don't necessarily see that we're making a whole lot of money housing out-of-county inmates," Dickson said. "I mean, we've had to add jailers because of that."

"You would have to come over and see how it all works," Arganbright said. "If an inmate is being brought in to be booked in, the jailer does all that, but the arresting officer helps."

"I think that it's not necessarily the board's job to determine how the structure of the Sheriff's department runs," Armstrong said. "So, if we feel that expenses are too high, then we can ask for more money."

Arganbright and the supervisors discussed the possibility of raising the rate charged for out-of-county inmates. The rate is currently \$60 per day.

"I don't have a problem with raising it," Arganbright said.

The consensus was to work on clearly defining revenues and expenses related to housing out-of-county inmates so the Sheriff's department can make data-driven decisions on whether or not to increase the rate.

MAY 7

The supervisors met in regular session on May 7. Health Services Director Jotham Arber provided an update on his department, telling of efforts to expand the county's mental health services.

"Our goal is to add an office down in Stuart," Arber said. "That's a desert for mental health resources. So that's going to mean needing to bring on another mental health provider and then some wrap-around social services."

Arber also updated the supervisors regarding the county's recycling and the transfer station. Supervisor Mike Dickson asked about the amount of material taken at the transfer station.

"We're averaging about 700-800 tons of garbage per month," Arber said.

Arber also provided an update on the landfill, which he said is three years away from the targeted official closing date.

"We passed our landfill inspection...with flying colors," Arber said.

Arber talked of the current expenses involved in mowing and maintaining the former landfill. He said in three years, the county can consider uses for the area, and he noted that some former landfills have been used for shooting ranges or similar purposes.

The supervisors approved two payroll changes. The first was for new hire Ben Kingery, who will be paid \$23 per hour to work as a part-time jailer. The second was for Brooke Halterman, who will be a seasonal environmental health employee. Halterman was paid \$14.50 per hour in 2023 and will be paid \$15 per hour this year.

MAY 14

Sheriff Marty Arganbright met with the Board of Supervisors during the regular weekly meeting. The discussion centered on the Sheriff's department budget and the proposed budget amendment for the current fiscal year.

Supervisor Mike Dickson stated that the department purchased armor and a car that were not in the budget.

"We met with the supervisors, and they said if we could find the money in another line item, that will work," Arganbright said.

After discussion about the process and whether or not to move funds in the written budget, Arganbright was asked how much additional funding he is requesting in the proposed budget revision.

"It's \$203,965," Arganbright said.

Arganbright explained that some costs were higher than expected, including food, health insurance, and others. He also said some necessary expenses, as always, were not known when the original budget was created.

Supervisor Maggie Armstrong summarized that the overall budget for the Sheriff's department has only 9.21% of the yearly funds remaining to get through until the end of June. She asked if the department has a standard process of monthly review to see which line items may be over (or under) the budget.

"We do look at that throughout the year," Arganbright said. "And if we have leftover, I give that back."

Dickson asked about the need for each jailer to have a taser. Arganbright said that was done because sometimes a jailer accidentally leaves a taser on his/her belt when going home.

"As sheriff, I know what we need," Arganbright said.

No formal action was taken on a budget amendment at this time.

The consent agenda included a proposed payroll change for a new hire (Branden Caldwell) as Conservation Park Ranger. His annual salary would be \$44,500. The consent agenda also included a request for a fireworks permit for Rita Scheiring for July 6. The supervisors approved the consent agenda as presented as well.

The supervisors held an "EMS workshop" to discuss the process and timeline regarding the efforts for a countywide EMS service.

The supervisors meet regularly on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. The public is welcome. Attendees may participate in person or by calling 323-792-6123 and inputting conference ID 547029216#. ■

CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS

PANORA CITY COUNCIL APPROVES 'SPEED FEEDBACK' SIGNS

BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

The April 22 Panora City Council meeting included a public hearing for citizens wishing to ask questions or make comments about the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. No citizens were on hand to comment, and the city had received no comments in writing, so the hearing was promptly closed. The council then approved the budget as proposed.

Ismael Galvan (Public Works) addressed the council regarding outdated equipment and outlined his recommendations. He explained that the city's 1997 Ford street sweeper is essentially obsolete, since the cost of expected repairs is prohibitive. He suggested posting the street sweeper for sale on the gov.deals website. He also suggested trying to trade in the city's 1995 Bobcat skid loader toward the purchase of a new skid loader. If an acceptable trade-in allowance isn't offered, Galvan suggested also selling the skid loader on gov.deals.

Galvan stated that the city's street-sweeping could be more cost effective by using attachments on a skid loader. He showed information on an attachment from John Deere.

"It's a sweeper with a gutter brush on it. I think that's kind of the direction we'd like to go, because it could be used for multiple things," Galvan said.

The council approved the recommendations.

City Administrator Lisa Grossman informed the council that she received the RFP from the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors regarding EMS services.

"They are giving us until June 14 to send a reply, so we're going through it...and we'll probably meet together some time to talk through that," Grossman said.

Grossman also updated the council on progress toward finishing up the Jackson Street project.

"They've begun repairs. They're working through driveways and various things," Grossman said. "I think over this week and part of next week, their goal is to get those wrapped up."

Grossman said the city is looking into the issue of large storage containers that some citizens have brought into the city. She said

the Planning and Zoning Board will discuss the topic and make recommendations.

MAY 13

At the regular meeting of the council on May 13, City Administrator Lisa Grossman explained that the city can receive up to three "speed feedback" signs at no initial cost to the city. The solar-powered equipment is expected to cost around \$8,000, and the entire initial cost would be covered through a grant program. Police Chief Matt Reising said such feedback signs can be an effective means of addressing speed concerns.

Mayor Curt Thornberry shared DOT data about the average daily number of vehicles heading into and out of town on the main routes, and he said peak numbers during the summer would likely be higher.

Grossman said the equipment would become the property of the city, and it would then be up to the city to cover any repairs or maintenance, but she added there is a five-year warranty. Chief Reising responded to a question about potential recalibration of the equipment. He said that since the equipment will not be used to issue citations, no recalibration is expected to be needed.

The council voted unanimously to submit the application for up to three speed feedback signs to help reduce speeding in city limits.

Council member Roger Dorr brought up a concern regarding the city's "nuisance" ordinance.

"Is there anything we can do to tighten that ordinance up a little bit?" he asked.

Dorr mentioned residential properties that are not in compliance with the ordinance regarding mowing of grass, and he said some downtown buildings have had crumbling brick pieces fall onto the sidewalks.

Grossman said the city has a process for addressing the residential issues, which is often broadly implemented soon after citywide cleanup. Regarding downtown commercial buildings, Grossman said the best path would be to ask Planning and Zoning to look into any concerns.

A public hearing on the proposed FY 2023-2024 budget will be held in conjunction with the next regular council meeting, which will be on Tuesday, May 28 due to the Memorial Day holiday. The public is welcome. ■

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HEALTH

GCH BOARD SETS BUDGET

BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

In conjunction with the regular meeting of the Guthrie County Hospital board of trustees on April 25, a public hearing was held regarding the hospital's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. No citizens in person or online spoke up with any concerns or questions, and no written comments had been received, so the hearing was promptly closed. The trustees voted to approve the budget as proposed.

The trustees heard an annual audit report from the accounting firm of Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn and Company (GBK). The audit noted comments and recommendations, including some lack of segregation of duties. The audit also noted some expenses that appeared appropri-

ate but which may have been incorrectly reported.

Board chair Mike Underwood asked for clarification.

"Are you saying there would be the potential we would need to send funds back?" asked Underwood.

The auditor reassured the trustees that seems unlikely, for several reasons. The hospital will need to submit a corrective action plan to the state, to explain the situation, but no repayment is likely to be required.

The board went into closed session to discuss a matter for which a closed session is allowed.

The next regular meeting of the trustees will be May 23. The public is welcome. For information on how to participate in the meeting, visit www.guthriecountyhospital.org. ■

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EDUCATION

PANORAMA WILL ASK VOTERS TO APPROVE NEW GYMNASIUM, OTHER PROJECTS IN 2025

BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

At the regular meeting of the Panorama School Board on May 13, the board voted to approve an agreement to begin the process of bringing a bond referendum to voters, likely in November 2025. The referendum would cover various projects within the district, with the most significant being a new competition gym.

The board approved expansion of the current agreement with Life Connections to provide more counseling services for students. The current counselor will add two days per week, allowing more students to be served. There will be no additional cost to the district.

The board approved a resolution to adopt the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard

Mitigation Plan. Superintendent Kasey Huebner explained what this approval means.

"We adopted the Adair and Guthrie Counties Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, incorporating citizen comments and recommendations. School districts are included in this plan, as they can receive FEMA money in case of emergency or for certain building projects (i.e. safe rooms). The adoption of this plan does not require the school to spend any money or commit to completing projects, but it presents the opportunity for projects to be completed if grant funds do become available," Huebner said.

The district's budget for fiscal year 2025 was formally approved.

The board's next regular meeting will be Monday, June 10. ■

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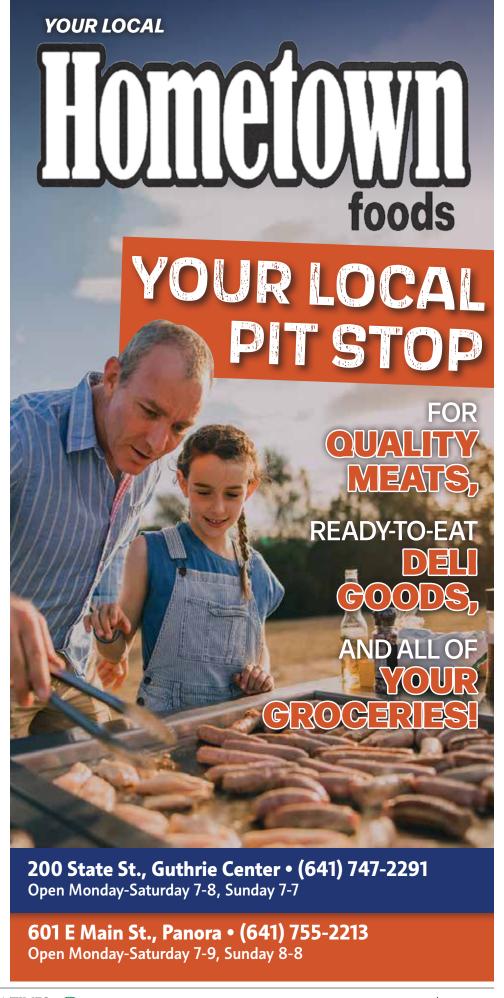
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Q: WHAT DEFINES A SWIMMING POOL ON PERSONAL PROPERTY IN PANORA?

A: According to chapter 148 of the city code, a swimming pool is "any artificial basin of water which has both a capacity of one hundred (100) gallons and a maximum depth of twenty-seven (27) inches or more." The chapter also states that no person "shall construct, enlarge, alter, or otherwise improve a swimming pool without first obtaining a permit as required by the City's Zoning Ordinance or other ordinances, as applicable, or maintain such

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pool contrary to the provisions of this chapter."

Q: IF A PANORA POLICE OFFICER PULLS SOMEONE OVER FOR SPEEDING, ARE THEY REQUIRED TO WRITE THEM A TICKET?

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SPICE UP SUMMER NIGHTS WITH BETTER-FOR-YOU MAC AND CHEESE

BY JOLENE GOODMAN

Panora Times

The rainy days of April provided me with an opportunity to fill my freezer with a few make-ahead items that I can use this summer like cookie dough, muffins and marinated meats. The sunny days lure me outside to attend to weeds, clean out the dead of winter and lay down new mulch. But it's not all work and no fun. This outside time also allows me to work on my golf game, ride my bicycle and spend time boating. You may notice that cooking is not on the "fun" list, which brings me to this month's recipe. As much I love eating most anything homemade, my family craves the box macaroni and cheese. So, I sometimes give in, with a little taco twist.

Yes, macaroni and cheese is a beloved

comfort food that's easy to make. With just a few extra ingredients and steps, you can turn boxed mac and cheese into a filling dinner.

To make this Taco
Mac and Cheese, simply prepare your favorite boxed mac and cheese according to the package instructions and stir fry the meat and vegetables together. (Hint: You can even chop vegetables the night before to make cooking the next day even easier.) Then add taco seasoning and combine for a better-for-you take on a classic dish.

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



TACO MAC AND CHEESE

Ingredients

- 1 box macaroni and cheese
- 1/4 cup milk
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 pound ground turkey
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
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- 1 orange bell pepper, diced
- 1 onion, diced
- · 2 teaspoons taco seasoning

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Prepare boxed mac and cheese with milk and butter according to package instructions.

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onion. Add taco seasoning.
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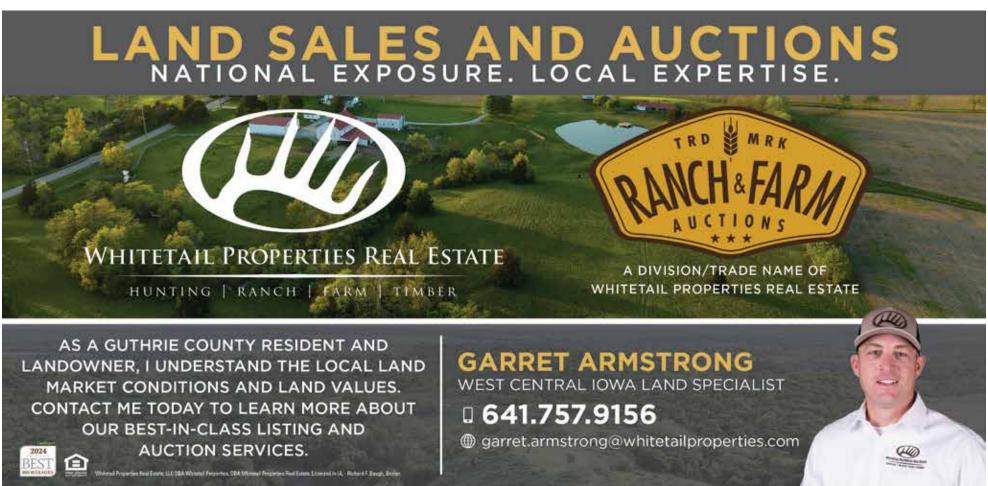




The answer to last month's photo is the home entrance to the former Barker residence on the hill on the south edge of Panora. Guthrie County had been clearing ditches south of town and exposed this. Carolyn England submitted the photo. No guesses were submitted. Have a guess on where the object in this month's photo is? Have one to submit for future issues? Send to shane@dmcityview.com.







FIN & FEATHER BANQUET HELD SATURDAY AT LPN

BY SHANE GOODMAN

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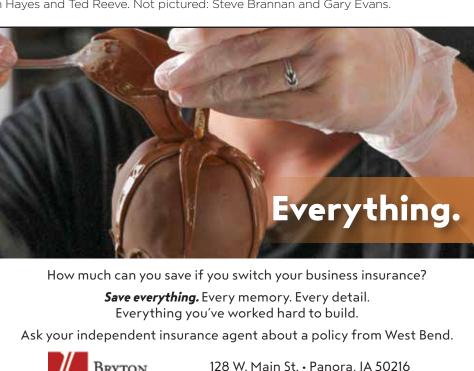
The Lake Panorama Fin & Feather Annual Banquet was held Saturday, May 11 at the LPN Conference Center. Social hour began at 5 p.m., and the dinner and silent/live auction followed at 6 p.m. Funds raised from the event help to stock fish in Lake Panorama, as well as other related ventures. In the fall of 2023, Fin and Feather stocked more than \$18,000 worth of fish in the lake. Species stocked were walleye (1,050), smallmouth bass (1,400), perch (2,500) and largemouth bass (1,500). Fish stocked were between 3 inches and 14 inches, depending on species.



The Fin & Feather committee members. From the left, front: Galen Redshaw, Doug Hemphill, Bill Eby, Rich Schumacher, Brad Bendickson and Galen Johnson. Back row: David Bendickson, Jacob Bendickson, John Rutledge, Mark Buster, Damon Crandall, Scott Stanley, John Muenzenberger, Lane Rumelhart, Ben Hayes and Ted Reeve. Not pictured: Steve Brannan and Gary Evans.

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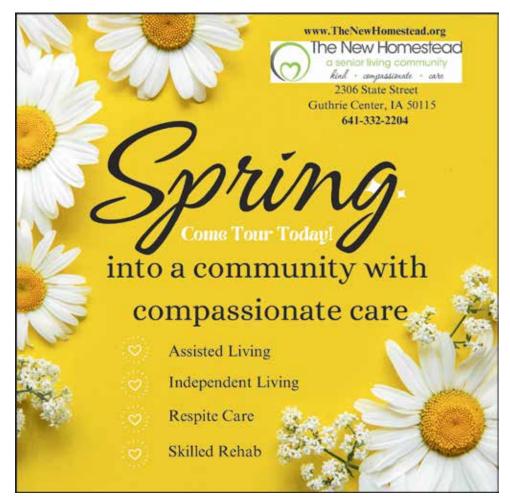
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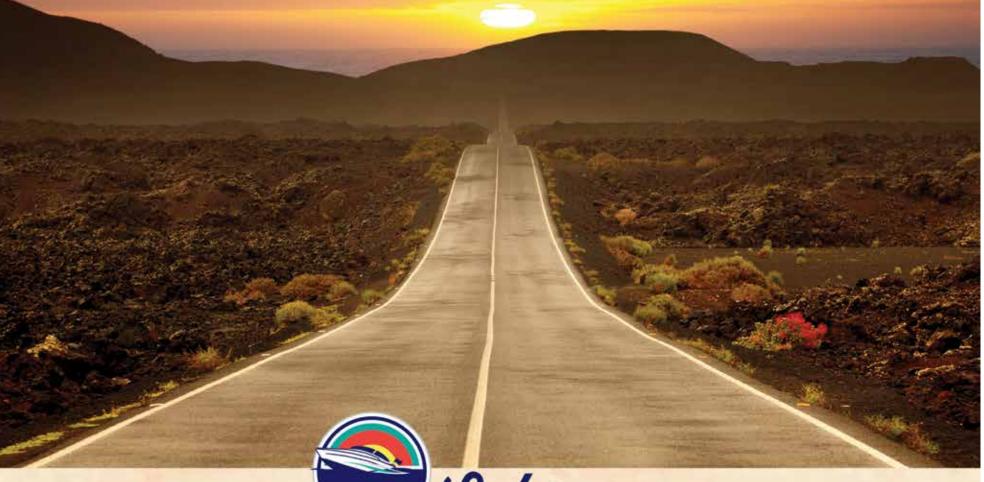
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