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Parker Schwartz displays his patriotic pride during the parade at last year’s Yale Fourth of July Celebration. Photo by Shane Goodman

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

WE ARE AMERICANS

We all have a responsibility to make this country even better than it is.

What does the Fourth of July mean to you? A day off from work? Barbecues? Fireworks? As the anniversary of the birth of America — the greatest nation in the world — it means much more than that, at least to me.

I am a proud American. Not a proud Irish-American, or a proud German-American, or a proud French-American, or a proud Native American. I am a proud American. Yes, my heritage lies in each of those four (and likely more), but I don't get caught up in that. I take pride in being an American, and I truly believe this is the best country in the world. This didn't happen by accident but only by the sacrifices that so many

made — and continue to make — to ensure that our country is free. Yes, freedom still rings in America, but we have to listen.

The haters will hate. They hate our military. They hate our police. They hate our government. Until they need any of them, of course. They want to drive a wedge deep between us by focusing on how we are different. None of those organizations — or the people in them — are perfect. Neither am I. Neither are the haters (and if



Shane Goodman

we are being honest, we are all haters, to some degree). We all have a responsibility to make this country even better than it is. Whether we do that or not is up to each one of us.

I was 7 years old in 1976 when our country celebrated its 200-year anniversary. It was an incredible time of celebration. The red, white and blue was everywhere. It was a time in our country shortly after dealings with war, protests, rampant drug use, a presidential impeachment, and more. An oil crisis and a farm crisis both loomed. But American pride was strong, even in this 7-year-old kid.

Today, our country may seem more

divided than ever, as we tend to dwell on subjects we disagree on. Maybe on this one day — July 4 — we can set aside those differences, join hands and focus on what we have in common.

We are Americans.
Thanks for reading. ■

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YALE A FOURTH OF JULY TRADITION

The festivities include something for every age and energy level.

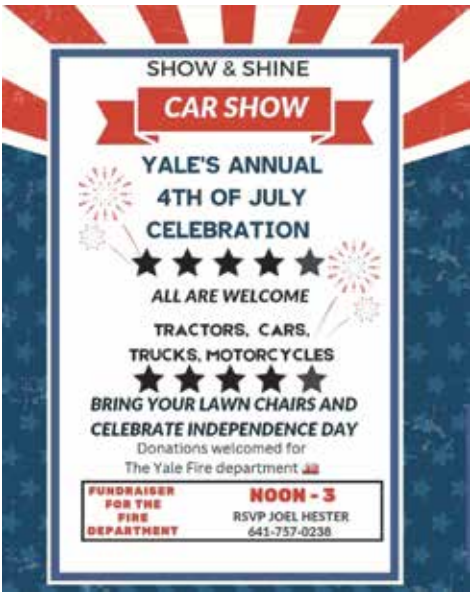
BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

If you didn't know that Yale loves the Fourth of July, then you just haven't been paying attention. Even the large "Yale" sign just west of town has a fireworks theme, a large American flag, and the motto "Not the biggest, but the best."

In Guthrie County and the surrounding area, the Yale Fourth of July celebration is a longstanding tradition of fun and patriotism. The festivities include something for every age and energy level, from a parade and car show to softball, pickleball and bathtub races. And, of course, an impressive fireworks display as a finale to the festivities.

Yale's mayor, Beverly "Buffy" Louk, shared her thoughts on what makes the city's celebration unique.

"Yale's Fourth of July is special as we are a very small community that has a community club that works very hard to make sure



A car show will be part of Yale's festivities.



Yale welcomes all to join in the city's annual celebration.

there is a variety of things to do for all ages. That is huge for a community of our size," Louk said. "A huge shout out to the Yale Community Club for all their hard work to make this happen."

Louk's favorite memories of the event center around time with family and friends. "Friends getting together for lunch, enjoying all the activities together, and fireworks to round out the day," she said.

Mike Carey, one of the leaders of the Yale Community Club, shared some history and thoughts about Yale's biggest annual event.

"We've got a longstanding tradition in Yale. I think our centennial was in 1982, so we're creeping up on 142 years. Our Fourth of July has always been known for a great breakfast, and then we roll right into the parade," Carey said. "We've got a car show that Joel Hester helps us out with, along with the Christian Motorcycle Association. The car show was very successful last year."

Carey continued highlighting the fun events planned.

"We've got kids' games and a pedal pull, pickleball tournament. We'll have kids' face painting in the fire station," Carey said. "We're going to have a great lunch served by the Community Club right after the parade."

Carey gave details on the raffle tickets being sold throughout the celebration.

"We've got some grand prizes of \$500 in cash, and then everything from folding lawn chairs, games, things like that," Carey said.

He noted that additional raffle prizes are still being collected. Tickets can also be purchased at Farmers Bank in Yale, Mickey's in Yale, and Tojo's Bar & Grill in Jamaica.

"They're a dollar apiece or six for \$5," Carey said. "It really helps us support our event."

The most unusual event at the Yale celebration is the bathtub races.

"The Panorama junior class is involved, and there's actually a bathtub on wheels

with a steering wheel. The tub is filled with water and they put a driver in, and I think it's three or four people that push. They weave in and out of the cones and circle back. It's based on time and remaining amount of water in the tub," Carey said. "So, if you splash too much water out, that could figure into your score."

Carey also highlighted the vendor show set for the morning.

"We do have a vendor show that has 10 to 15 vendors. The gal that heads that up has Lucky Wife Wine Slushies," Carey said.

Allyson Walker is in charge of the 5K run and 1-mile kids' run this year. She pointed out that runners and walkers of all levels are welcomed. She also noted that strollers, or even dogs on a leash, would be welcomed, as long as collisions are avoided.

"We usually get about 50 people participating," Walker said. "The youngest we've had in the kids' 1-mile was a 6-year-old, and the oldest person we've had in the 5K was an 85-year-old."



Austyn Smith and Lauryn Killion in last year's parade. The parade at this year's celebration will start at 11 a.m. on July 4.

Walker offered additional information on the run/walk. Each participant will receive a "swag bag" of local freebies, and there will be medals for the top three finishers.

"It's an out and back 5K course. There will be water and Gatorade at the halfway mark and at the finish," Walker said. "We encourage people to sign up ahead of time to guarantee they'll get their T-shirt size. People can sign up at our website, which is walkerwellnessyale.com."

YALE'S FOURTH OF JULY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Note: Any weather-related changes will be posted on Yale's Facebook page.

July 3

- This year's schedule of events kicks off on Wednesday, July 3 with the slow pitch softball tournament. Games will continue through July 4.
- Wednesday also will see the Perry-based band RUKKUS return for its fourth year playing a street dance at Yale. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Food and beverages will be available from Mickey's Bar & Grill.

July 4

- On Independence Day, Yale's 10th annual 5K run and 1-mile Kids Run



The bathtub races are a crowd favorite at the Yale Fourth of July Celebration. This year's bathtub races will begin at 1 p.m. on July 4.

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- will begin at 8 a.m. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. \$35 for the 5K, and \$30 for the kids' 1-mile. Proceeds will fund Yale's 4th and other community projects.
 - Raffle ticket sales, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 - Omelet Breakfast will be 8-10 a.m. at the Community Building
 - Round Robin Pickleball Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
 - Red, White & Blue Vendor and Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - Parade will begin at 11 a.m.
 - A pork loin sandwich meal will be offered following the parade, until 1:30 p.m.
 - Horse Show will begin at noon
 - Car Show (including tractors, cars, trucks and motorcycles), noon - 3 p.m.
 - Face painting, balloon artist and free movie, noon - 3 p.m.
 - Bathtub Races start at 1 p.m.
 - Cornhole Tournament, 2 p.m.
 - Kids Pedal Pull, 2 p.m.
 - Kids Craft Time and Cookie Decorating (free), 2:30-3:30 p.m.
 - Kenastons Family Band country music dance, 5-9 p.m. (\$10, includes meal)
 - Raffle ticket final sales and prize drawings, 8:30-9:15 p.m.
 - A large fireworks display at dusk will bring the celebration to a close.
- Carey said that, with the variety of events included in Yale's celebration, many hands are needed.
- "The biggest things we need are help and volunteers," he said.
- Anyone available to help is encouraged to call Carey at 641-757-7118. ■



The class of 2025 helped cool things off in last year's parade.

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NEW FEATURE ADDED TO 2024 LAKE PANORAMA FIREWORKS

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Panora Times

The annual "Fire in the Sky" fireworks display sanctioned by the Lake Panorama Association, and put on by the Joe Scheiring family, will be at dusk on Saturday, July 6. The fireworks will be set off from the traditional spot at Shady Beach.

This is the 28th year the Fourth of July holiday tradition has been organized by the Scheiring family. This year also is the 10-year anniversary of Joe Scheiring's passing.

"The Fire in the Sky show is a family tradition, and what better way for us to honor Joe's legacy than to continue to organize the Lake Panorama fireworks," says Rita Scheiring, Joe's widow.

Rita moved from Lake Panorama to Polk City in 2017. Her daughter, Stephanie Hafner, and family still have a home at Lake Panorama.

A new feature for 2024 is the Fire in the Sky fireworks show will be coordinated with music. "I have wanted to take the show to the next level," says Stephanie Hafner. "Especially this year as it has been 10 years since Joe passed. He was always big on birthdays and anniversaries that ended in zero or five."

Hafner says fireworks enthusiasts will want to tune in to 107.9FM KKRF radio beginning at 9 p.m. on July 6 to hear interviews with family members about the Fire in the Sky history. The fireworks will begin at 9:45 p.m., with the coordinated music broadcast on the Raccoon Valley radio station.

Joe Scheiring moved to a Lake Panorama waterfront home north of Shady Beach in 1990. In 1997, he asked the Lake Panorama Association board of directors for permission to present a fireworks display at Shady Beach. That location allows boats to anchor on either side of the beach, while keeping an area right in front clear.

The LPA board approved the plan, and Scheiring purchased the necessary permits and liability insurance, before driving to Missouri to bring home \$850 worth of fireworks.

That first show went well, and the annual fireworks display grew steadily. Soon J&M Displays, a southeast Iowa company



This photo was taken during the 2023 Fire in the Sky fireworks display. The 2024 fireworks will offer a new twist, as the display will be synced with music broadcast on 107.9FM KKRF radio.

that supplies fireworks and licensed pyrotechnic specialists for special events, was hired to help plan and operate the annual show. Now Rita and Stephanie work with company officials to design the show.

In the early years, the annual fireworks display was on the Fourth of July. However, the Scheirings heard from people who were disappointed they couldn't attend when the holiday fell on a weekday. Now the display always is on the first Saturday in July.

Hafner says the Lake Panorama Fire in the Sky show is possible because of donations from Lake Panorama property owners. "This show wouldn't exist without their generous support," she says. "We also want to thank J&M Displays, Raccoon Valley Radio and Lake Lumber Company for their support to help make the 2024 Lake Panorama Fire in the Sky Show a memorable one."

For safety reasons, LPA Lake Patrol and the Iowa DNR require boats that are anchored to have running lights on during the show.

Donations for the 2024 Lake Panorama fireworks display can be sent to Rita Scheiring/Fire in the Sky, P.O. Box 605, Panora, Iowa, 50216. Or via Venmo at @Rita-Scheiring. ■

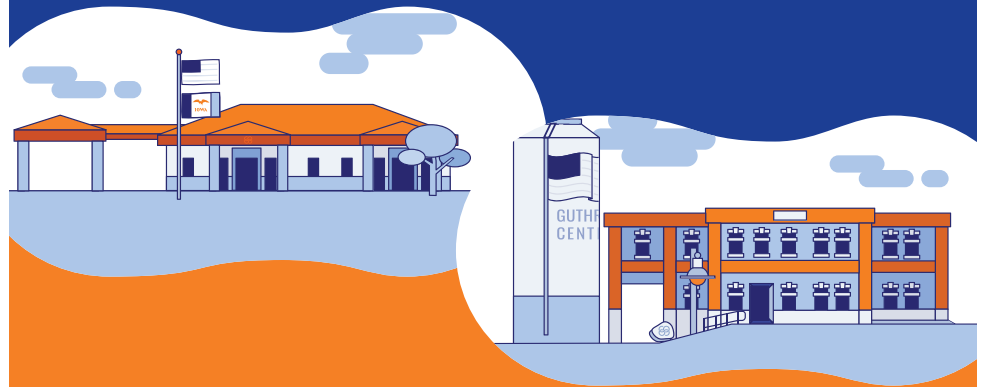
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Dollar General opened 987 stores, re-modeled 2,007 and relocated 129 in 2023 and have plans to open 800 stores, re-model 1,500 and relocate 85 in 2024. The Goodlettsville, Tennessee, company now has more than 20,000 stores.

Q: HOW MANY KIDS HAS THE TORI'S ANGELS GROUP HELPED?

A: Since 2010, the Tori's Angels foundation has accepted more than 150 children with life-threatening illnesses and currently supports more than 115 children across Iowa. Nine of the foundation's currently sponsored children reside in, or have resided in, Guthrie County.

Q: I HEARD THERE USED TO BE A BLACK BEAR IN A CAGE EAST OF PANORA ON THE HIGHWAY. IS THAT TRUE?

A: Yes, that is true. We reached out to the family who used to own the bear, but they did not want to be interviewed, and we respect that. A story did publish in The Guthrie County Vedette on Oct. 5, 2006, with the headline: "Big Ben is local

tourist attraction."

According to the story, and as some of you may recall, Ben was a 400-pound black bear that was rescued as a cub out of concern that the animal would be skinned. A local family purchased the bear and planned to put it in a sanctuary, but none would accept Ben because it was declawed. So, Ben made its home east of Panora in a cage visible from the highway and grew to reach more than 6 feet tall and eat more than 20 pounds of food every day. The story said, at the time, 50-75 visitors per day would stop to see the bear. New laws regarding exotic animals in Iowa were implemented that would have required the bear to be micro-chipped and for the owners to pay \$300 for a yearly exotic animal permit and carry \$100,000 in liability insurance. According to an online petition, the necessary funds of \$25,000 were raised to transport Ben to new home in a wild animal sanctuary in Keenesburg, Colorado.

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LOCAL FILM REVIEWS

APES. POP-TARTS. SIX KIDS AND A PREGNANT WIFE. AND MORE MAD MAX.

BY MICHAEL C. WOODY
Panora Times

“KINGDOM OF THE PLANET OF THE APES”
(in theaters)

This is the latest reboot of the popular series of films that started when I was a child. I was not a big fan of the last reboot, but this one seems much better from the start. We find the apes living in peace and harmony with humans. It’s all fun and games until some other apes don’t think that is such a good idea. Fighting ensues. **Grade: B+**

“UNsung HERO”
(probably getting ready to stream)

Sometimes, I like to go see movies that I have no idea what they are about. Last month’s gem, “Wicked Little Letters,” was a huge surprise and a real treat. Watch for it on the streaming services. So funny. This month’s surprise is “Unsung Hero,” a movie



“Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes”

that has already come and gone. Watch for it on the streaming services. It is the true story of a concert promoter down on his luck after an Amy Grant Australian concert tour fizzled out. He is out of a job and lost a bunch of money. Did I mention he has six kids and a pregnant wife? I’m deliberately not going to give you a whole lot more information, as it is more fun to find out where this crazy-but-true story takes you. **Grade: B-**



“Unsung Hero”

“THE FALL GUY”
(in theaters)

The summer’s biggest expectations fell on this romantic comedy/action film based on the early 1980s TV series starring Lee Majors. This big screen version has a great cast. With Ryan Gosling and Emily Blunt, how could you go wrong? I’ve got to blame the writers. This movie is a mess. It is boring, unfunny and pretty much a snooze. I sat in the theater shaking my head, trying to fig-



“The Fall Guy”

ure out how this could have gone so wrong. What a waste of time and talent. **Grade: C-**

“UNFROSTED”
(streaming)

I was never much of a Seinfeld fan, but I will give him credit for putting together an enormous cast of comedic actors and actresses in this dreadfully unfunny comedy about the creation of the Pop-Tart. What was most amazing is how unfunny some of

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these funny people can be. Seinfeld's name obviously drew this great cast of actors and actresses, but it was all a waste with a dumb story and poor execution. It is just flat out not funny. **Grade: D**

"THE IDEA OF YOU" (streaming)

Anne Hathaway plays the parent of a teenage girl who takes her daughter and friends to a big concert. Hathaway accidentally meets the lead singer of the group before the concert, and they end up having a brief affair. The movie isn't too deep, but it was fun to see Hathaway, one of our greatest actresses, play a normal person in an awkward but interesting situation. **Grade: B**

"IF" (in theaters)

It is difficult to guess what this movie is about if you see the trailer or TV commercials. It's even more difficult to explain what it is about after you've seen it. The movie portrays a young girl going through major life issues. She is also able to see other people's imaginary friends. That's all I'm going to tell you, because I really want you to see this movie without too much knowledge about the story. What I can tell you is that it is so well done. So well done. Two words sum up this theatrical experience: charming and wonderful. I saw this movie with my 34-year-old son, and we both used the word wonderful to describe

it. I can't wait to see it again. **Grade: A**

"FURIOSA" (in theaters)

Writer/Director George Miller extends his Mad Max world to include a prequel to the most recent film ("Fury Road") with Charlize Theron. In this one, Anya Taylor-Joy (so good in "The Queen's Gambit") plays a young version of Theron's character. Like all the Mad Max films, the action starts almost immediately and doesn't let up until the film is over. Chris Hemsworth is all but unrecognizable as the leader of the bad guys who endlessly chase this young woman across great spans of desert. This series shows promise. **Grade: B**

It's the season to enjoy the outdoors, but if the weather doesn't cooperate, a quick trip to Waukee to see a movie in the IMAX would be a great way to spend a rainy afternoon. See you next month. ■

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 Murphy and Andy Fales. He and his wife, Susan, are residents of Guthrie County.



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EFFIE DOROTHEA WRISTEN

1933-2024

Effie Dorothea Wristen, known affectionately as Dorothea to her friends and family, passed away peacefully from natural causes on June 9, 2024, in Sierra Vista, Arizona. Born on Sept. 16, 1933, in Linden, Dallas County, Iowa, to the late Jennie Parton Knapp and Carl Knapp, Dorothea's life was a tapestry woven with love, dedication and a passion for the simple joys of life.

Dorothea's journey began in the heartland of Iowa, where she was raised on a century farm that would shape her love for nature and the outdoors. Her formative years in Linden were marked by the strong bonds she formed

with her family, who remember her as a spirited and thoughtful presence in their lives.

Throughout her life, Dorothea was known for her culinary talents, which she shared generously with those around her. Her career included stints as a cook at the former Oscar Mayer plant in Perry and at the police academy in Des Moines. Dorothea's delectable treats were the highlight of family gatherings, and her knack for creating warmth and community around the dinner table was unparalleled.

Dorothea was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.

She is survived by her son-in-law, Dave Shelley; daughter, Gina DeLong; granddaughter, Nicole Ford; granddaughter, Shaelynn Shelley; and her brother and sister-in-law, George and Judy Knapp. She was preceded in death by her brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Audrey Knapp; her sister, Joan Pottroff; and her ex-husband, Robert Wristen. Her legacy will also live on through her numerous nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews, who will forever cherish her memory.

Dorothea's interests were as varied as they were heartfelt. In her later years, she relocated to

Sierra Vista to live with her niece, where she became the beloved lap of special needs and foster cats and dogs. Her recliner by the window became her sanctuary, a place where she could indulge in her love for the natural world, observing the beauty of the yard with its trees, flowers, birds, and the antics of an ornery squirrel. Dorothea's caregivers often marveled at her keen eyesight and remarkable memory, as she meticulously counted and reported on the various avian visitors, with a particular fondness for the cardinals, pyrrhuloxia, and the numerous hummingbirds that frequented her view.

The words that best describe Dorothea are spirited, thoughtful and gentle. Her spirit was a beacon of joy and kindness, touching the lives of all who knew her. She approached life with a thoughtfulness that endeared her to many, always taking the time to listen, to care, and to offer a helping hand. Her gentle demeanor was a testament to her inner strength and grace, qualities that remained with her until her final days.

Graveside services were Sunday, June 16, 2024, at West Linn Cemetery, near Linden. Visitation was Sunday, June 16, 2024, at the Twigg Funeral Home, Panama. ■

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CORY ROBERT BEER
1985-2024

Cory Robert Beer passed away in a car accident on June 4, 2024, at 35 years old. Visitation was on Monday, June 10 at 9 a.m. with funeral services at 10 a.m. at Twigg Funeral Home in Panorama. Burial was at Union Cemetery in Guthrie Cen-

ter. Following the graveside service, there was a luncheon at the activity center in Guthrie Center (209 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115).

Cory was preceded in death by his grandparents, Robert and Helen Beer, Yolanda Howell and Eddie Tallman; his sister, Emily Beer; his uncle, Kevin Tallman; and his cousin, Clint Kirkpatrick.

Cory is survived by his parents, John and Tracy Beer; and sons, Bryan and Koltyn Beer. Others surviving him are Gabe and Brogan Littlejohn; sister, Whitney (Cody) Zickefoose; nephews, Tucker Beer, Micheal and Owen Zickefoose; nieces, Heather and Liberty Zickefoose; grandparents, Tolly (Pam) Howell; aunts, Connie (Todd) Kirkpatrick, Stephanie Tallman and Angela (Terry) Schnoor; uncles, Larry (Nancy) Tallman and Chad (Meghan) Howell;

cousins, Matt (Amanda) Kirkpatrick, Sarah (Clay) Ivonavitch, Matt Tallman, Tyler (Allison) Howell, Alex Howell, Kylee Howell, Maci Schnoor and Dylan Bowling.

Cory was a free spirit in life. He was always there to give a helping hand. Cory held no judgment or prejudice for anyone. No matter who you were or where you were, Cory was there to help in any way he could. Cory's passion was working on vehicles, any shape and size. Cory also loved the small things in life like fishing, hanging out with his friends, and, most especially, spending time with his boys. Cory loved to cheer for his favorite teams such as the Miami Dolphins and the Carolina TarHeels.

Cory's death has left a deep hole in the hearts of the ones who loved him. Cory will be forever loved and missed, and his memories will be cherished. ■



DARCY JO GLIEM
1971-2024

Darcy Jo Gliem, 52, daughter of Norman and Diane (Elliott) Downing, was born June 24, 1971, in Guthrie Center. She passed away Monday, May 20, 2024, at UnityPoint Iowa

Methodist Medical Center, Des Moines.

Darcy was raised in the Panorama area and graduated from Panorama-Linden High School in 1989. She went on to graduate from the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, being the first in her family to graduate from college. In December of 1994, she married Travis Gliem and, to this union, two sons were born, Shane and T.J. They made their home around the Panorama area. Darcy worked as an accountant for various companies and also did some consulting work. For the last few years, she enjoyed writing books.

She also enjoyed crocheting, knitting and gardening.

She was a member of the First Christian

Church, Panorama.

Darcy is survived by her husband, Travis Gliem of rural Panorama; sons, Shane Gliem of Panorama and T.J. Gliem of Council Bluffs; her mother, Diane Arganbright of rural Guthrie Center; brothers, Scott Downing of Panorama and Troy Downing of Fort Dodge. She was preceded in death by her father, Norman Downing, and stepfather, Richard Arganbright.

Memorial services were Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at the First Christian Church, Panorama. Visitation was at the church. Burial of her urn was held following the services in Morrisburg Cemetery, near Stuart.

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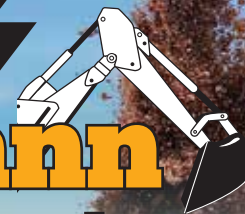
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40 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, June 28, 1984

MAN EATER: Shannon Johnson, Panora, looks as if he's being eaten alive by his auto. Find that hard to swallow? Johnson actually was installing rear speakers in his car.

30 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, June 2, 1994

STATE CHAMP: Freshman Ryan Atkinson wheels his way to victory in the 800-meter wheelchair event.

20 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, June 3, 2004

PLAY AWAY: Alex Olson of Panora plays taps while the Panora American Legion Color Guard stands at attention during annual Memorial Day ceremonies on the town square Monday morning.

10 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, June 19, 2014

EYES ON THE BALL: Panorama's Kooper Duis charges the baseball during Monday night's game with Woodward Academy. The Panthers won 12-11.

5 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Times Vedette, June 20, 2019

CHAMBER WELCOMES SUNSET REALTY: Members of the Panora Chamber of Commerce made a visit to new member Sunset Realty. Shown receiving a plaque from longtime Chamber member Mary Beidelman are Sunset Realty owners Dave Wagler and Laura Kemble. Also pictured is Sunset Realty office assistant Angie Worth. Shown are (from left) Gayle Shackelford, Chris Arganbright, Mary Beidelman, Angie Worth, Dave Wagler, Laura Kemble, Jason Tuel and Courtney Hodges. ■



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EVENT

GARDEN CLUB PONTOON TOUR HELD JUNE 19

A total of 17 pontoons were used with three leaving every 15 minutes from the Boulder Beach docks.

BY SHANE GOODMAN
Panora Times

The Panora Garden Club held a fundraiser on the evening of June 19 that offered pontoon tours of Lake Panorama. Five time slots were available between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to more than 180 participants. The tour lasted about two hours with each pontoon captain making one trip around the lake. The possibility of rain was a concern, but the weather was beautiful, the water was calm, and the sunset was gorgeous.

Participants were asked to make a \$30 donation to participate in the tour. Besides the two-hour cruise on Lake Panorama, they also received a charcuterie cup, prepared by Jill Christensen of Hamlin, and bottled water, provided by Sunset Realty.

A member of the Panora Garden Club was on board each pontoon to answer questions and point out highlights. Signs along the tour route marked the gardens and landscaping of 20 garden club members. Maps showing Lake Panorama's cove names and garden club member homes were distributed to each guest.



Lyle Hansen and Paula Hansen



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Larry Davis, Phyllis Davis, Maggie Gross and Sandy Hackerson

ed to each guest.

Members of the club donated four gift baskets for a raffle. Names were drawn while the pontoon tours were underway, so winners could pick up their baskets when they returned.

This was the third year for the pontoon tour, and several people on this year's tour now have attended all three years.

Organizers don't yet have a final tally of how much money was raised, but they say the event was successful. They received positive feedback about having this year's tour in the evening. Several people commented this was the first time they had been able to participate because they work during the day.

Funds from the tour will be used to support existing projects, and also help with new projects in the future. Because of the success of this year's event, and many positive comments, organizers say they will likely host another evening tour of Lake Panorama in 2025.

The Panora Garden Club is a 501(c)3 non-profit charity, so donations are tax deductible. Funds raised are used to continue the projects club members conduct to beautify the community such as the summer petunia trees near the gazebo, 28 street pots scattered throughout Panora with both summer and winter displays, and last winter's giant gnomes installed for the Christmas season. ■



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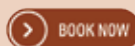
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Cox relocated to Iowa to be closer to family and friends and share with her children the Midwest work ethic and values she grew up with.

Outside of work, she has four sons and enjoys sports and outdoor activities. ■



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#15 Hannah Dishman at the plate during the Orient-Macksburg Softball Tournament June 15. ■

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Noon — Registration for Bathtub Races. *Main Street*

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1 p.m. — Bathtub Races. Register at noon. Panorama Junior Class Fundraiser. For info, call 641-757-9315. *Main Street*

1 p.m. — Registration for Cornhole Tournament. For info, call 515-709-1912. 24 team limit. \$40 per team. Complete payout. *Lot North of Christian Church*

1:30 p.m. — Registration for Kids Pedal Pull. *Fire Hall*

2 p.m. — Cornhole Tournament. Register at 1pm. For info, call 515-709-1912. *Ball Field*

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2:30–3:30 p.m. — Kids Craft Time and Cookie Decorating (Free). For info, call 515-402-2742. *Community Bldg*

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WHAT'S IN YOUR GARAGE?

FOR RANDY DORR, CARS ARE A FAMILY TRADITION

Car enthusiast says he has owned more than 1,000 vehicles in his lifetime.

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

Randy Dorr of Panora likes classic cars and trucks from the era before computers began controlling nearly every motor vehicle function. Growing up in the 1970s, that decade of vehicles in particular seems to have caught Dorr's attention. "Right now, I've got three classics," Dorr said. "I've got my 1979 Chevy pickup, 1978 Ford LTD, and 1979 Dodge Magnum. The LTD has only got 39,000 actual miles."

Dorr said he came by his love of cars, and working on cars, from his family. "My dad's been into it all his life. My brother's been into it. It runs in the family," he said. Dorr's teenage years taught him many lessons about working toward a goal. He also learned firsthand how to work on cars. "I worked my butt off to get my first car. My very first car was a 1974 Chevrolet I bought from my psychology teacher in high school," Dorr said. "I was making \$3.35 an hour working at the grocery store." Dorr said buying and working on cars quickly became his main hobby. "I've been doing that since I was 16 years old," Dorr said. "I owned seven cars my senior year."



Randy Dorr's 1978 Ford LTD is one of three classic vehicles he owns.

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Dorr told the story of a hard lesson he learned during those years.

“My favorite car that I’ve owned was when I was a senior in high school. It was a 1978 ‘Smokey & the Bandit’ Trans Am,” Dorrr said. “I lost my license in my senior year; I got caught drag racing with a bunch of other guys, and I ended up walking my entire senior year, so that was no fun.”

Although that was a hard pill to swallow then, Dorrr can smile about it now. He recalled the temptation to speed in the Trans Am being tough to resist.

“My dad advised me not to trade for it, but I did anyway,” Dorrr said. “I guess he knew what he was talking about. That was my favorite car. Nowadays, I see them for sale, but they’re so expensive.”

That incident may have taught a lesson but it did not dampen Dorrr’s love of cars.

“Since I first got my license, I’ve owned over 1,000 cars. That’s no exaggeration,” Dorrr said.

Dorrr said he doesn’t have any particular “Holy Grail” vehicle that he dreams of someday owning. Instead, he has enjoyed buying vehicles, working on them, and eventually selling them to make room for more.

Although Dorrr occasionally drives a vehicle in a local parade, nowadays he prefers car shows.



Randy Dorrr and his 1979 Chevy pickup.

“I belong to, and I run, the Guthrie County Cars & Coffee group with Galen Carter and my brother, Roger,” Dorrr said.

Besides his father and brother, Dorrr mentioned another mentor who helped him learn to work on cars.

“I’m a retired auto body and paint guy,” Dorrr said. “I learned everything that I know from Denny Shroyer.” ■



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MICKEY'S IN YALE

Tenderloins are popular because of Mickey Thompson's extra touch.

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

If you've spent any time in Yale, you are likely familiar with Mickey's Bar and Grill. That also means you're probably also familiar with Mickey Thompson, the owner. Mickey's has become a well-known establishment in the area for food, drinks and fun. Thompson recently took a few moments to talk about her business as she gears up for one of her busiest weeks of the year.

"I bought it four years ago, in April," Thompson said. "I had worked here before for the previous owner, and then I managed a restaurant in Perry. They sold, so then I came down here."

Mickey's is truly a bar and grill, with neither the food nor the drink dominating.

"I think they're about 50/50. I do a really good lunch, and, at nighttime, I do a really good supper, but I've got a drinking crowd, too," Thompson said.

Thompson prides herself on having more than the usual bar and grill menu, and her customer base has responded favorably. She has lunch specials each weekday.

"It's just recently that I went to a steady menu. Mondays will either be fried chicken or meatloaf. Tuesdays are Taco Tuesday or breaded pork chop. Wednesdays are spaghetti or Wing Wednesday. Thursdays are chicken fried steak or liver and onions, and then Fridays are hot beef and fish fry," Thompson said.

Mickey's is open Mondays through Saturdays, usually be-



Mickey Thompson working the bar.

ginning at 11 a.m. The grill generally closes at 8:45 p.m., and the bar's closing time depends on the crowd.

Asked if she has a best-seller or signature item, Thompson had several answers.

"Well, the Friday night fish would be, and my lunch specials go really well," Thompson said. "The tenderloins and the Phillies, they're big ones."

She explained that her tenderloin is popular because of the extra touch.

"You're not going to find another one around here like it," Thompson said. "I marinate them, and then I bread them."

Mickey's also offers desserts. "Right now, we're doing fried ice cream and cheesecake," Thompson said.

Other items that aren't seen at



Fried ice cream is a popular dessert at Mickey's.

many local restaurants include liver and onions, a peanut butter and jelly burger, breaded calamari rings and a jalapeno popper burger. She also offers a variety of sandwiches, burgers, salads, sides and kids' meals.

For the thirsty crowd, Mick-



Liver and onions are a special on Thursdays.

ey's offers a full bar with beer, liquor and wine choices.

Mickey and her six part-time employees are well aware that midsummer is the busiest time around Yale.

"We do the Baccoon Ride, and then we have a band on July 3,



The Friday fish fry is a customer favorite.

and then the Fourth of July," Thompson said. "Those are busy days here. On the Fourth of July, I do a limited menu. I have Rukkus from Perry coming to play on July 3. This will be their fourth year here. It's a free band on the street."

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Mickey's is located at 217 North Main St. in Yale.

So, if you're in the mood for good old-fashioned food, or just feel like watching a ballgame with a cold drink, Mickey's in Yale is the place to be. Food offerings and events can be seen on Mickey's page on Facebook. Orders can be called in at 641-439-2232.

Since opening four years ago, Thompson's motto has been "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." With that in mind, she only has one minor project in the works.

"I'm looking into buying new tables and chairs, that's about it," Thompson said. ■



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Hunter Beyerink, Lindsey Van Gundy, Brice Taylor, Carley Van Gundy, Jenny Van Gundy, Scott Stanley, Kegan Schultz, Allison Stanley (took picture). Also helped but not pictured are Alyssa Stanley and Blake Stanley.

FARMERS STATE BANK STAFF PROVIDES LANDSCAPING UPGRADE AT LITTLE PANTHER DAYCARE

Special to the Times Vedette

Farmers State Bank staff volunteered more than 30 combined hours on Saturday and Monday to rehabilitate the landscaping on the front side of Little Panther Daycare and Preschool in Panora. This involved removing the old landscaping and digging up plants while trenching the sump pump line. The bank covered the

expenses.

Bank employees trimmed the bushes that remained in good shape, brought in 1 ton of dirt to lay down, put down weed barrier, and applied 1 pallet (68 3-cubic-foot bags) of cedar bark mulch. They also planted eight additional perennials, which included one Gumball Goody Rose, one Cinnamon Hearts Rose, two Dragon Baby Hydrangeas and four Nightglow Diervilla. ■



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SPORTS

SELLERS NAMED IOWA GIRLS ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

SPECIAL TO PANORATIMES



Jaidyn Sellers accepts the award as Iowa Girls Athlete of the Year.

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

Panorama's Jaidyn Sellers was honored as Iowa Girls Athlete of the Year on June 10 during the Iowa High School Sports Awards at Hoyt Sherman Place located in Des Moines. The Iowa High School Sports Awards is an athletic recognition program

honoring the area's top-performing athletes, coaches and teams. The nine-month program, which selects and announces nominees each season, culminates at this in-person awards show. The program is co-sponsored by The Des Moines Register and the Iowa City Press-Citizen and is part of the USA TODAY High School Sports Awards. ■

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GUTHRIE COUNTY SUPERVISORS CHANGE PROCESS ON HOW TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

“This is the only power we have — the power of the purse.”

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

During the May 21 regular meeting of the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors, a public hearing was held regarding the county’s fiscal year 2023/2024 proposed budget amendment. County Auditor Dani Fink provided updated budgetary data. No members of the general public spoke during the hearing.

Supervisor Steve Smith said departments may have to tighten their belts to get through the current fiscal year without exceeding the budgeted expenditures.

“Some things are needs. Some things are ‘I wish I could,’ ” Smith said.

Following the public hearing, the supervisors unanimously approved the budget amendment as proposed.

Becky Benton (State Street Insurance) spoke to the supervisors about insurance and insurance premiums. Regarding the Fiscal Year 2024 Municipalities Workers’ Compensation Association (IMWCA) renewal, she mentioned that, overall, Workers Comp insurance rates are finally coming back down.

Board Chair JD Kuster mentioned he received an email about a possible grant

the county could use for work on railroad crossing. He will meet with County Engineer Josh Sebern to consider if the county should pursue it.

As part of the consent agenda, the supervisors approved a payroll change for Cindi Fox (dispatcher), who qualifies for a six-month increase. Her hourly wage will increase from \$20 to \$26.92. The supervisors also approved a liquor license renewal for The Port.

MAY 28 MEETING

During the May 28 meeting, the main topic was the ongoing recovery efforts in Greenfield following the recent tornado that impacted the community. Public Health Director Jotham Arber provided an update on his department’s efforts in helping the Greenfield community.

“On Wednesday, we went down there and took our mental health counselor with us. We also helped with traffic control,” Arber said. “Our nursing staff has also gone down there to help as needed.”

Arber said the nursing staff gave numerous tetanus (TDAP) shots. He also stressed that, unlike what Hollywood movies may show, tornado recovery will take months rather than days. Arber and supervisors discussed ways Guthrie County can benefit from seeing the response and recovery happening in Greenfield. Arber said one of the challenges is simply the coordination of the various departments, agencies, volunteers, FEMA and law enforcement. He praised the way these are being coordinated

in Greenfield.

Supervisor Maggie Armstrong agreed.

“I can tell you from just being down here a day and a half... this is an incredibly well-oiled machine. I’ve been nothing but impressed,” Armstrong said.

Because of the primary election day on June 4, the supervisors chose to cancel their regular June 4 meeting.

JUNE 11 MEETING

During the regular meeting on June 11, the supervisors discussed appropriating funds to the various departments for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. It was noted that the supervisors have generally appropriated 50% of the funds to each department before the start of each fiscal year, and then in November, the remaining 50% has been appropriated.

Supervisor Mike Dickson suggested using that formula for all departments except the Sheriff’s department. For that department, he suggested appropriating the first 25% now, and then checking in again in the fall.

“I am thinking just 25% for the Sheriff’s department,” Dickson said.

Supervisor Steve Smith asked about the rationale behind this change.

“It really puts it back on us, as well, to make sure that when we do appropriate a certain percentage of funds that we are helping the departments across the board to stay within that range,” Supervisor Maggie Armstrong said.

Supervisor Brian Johnson shared his opinion that he doesn’t like singling out a specific department.

“This is the only power we have — the power of the purse,” Dickson said. “We have asked for documents from that department, and we don’t get them.”

Supervisor Steve Smith shared that he could agree to Dickson’s motion but feels the board must be prepared to treat other departments in the same way when necessary, in order to be equitable.

“I don’t think we’re in an equitable situation right now,” Armstrong said.

After discussion, the supervisors voted to approve the appropriations as suggested in Dickson’s motion. Brian Johnson was the sole vote against.

Agenda item No. 9 involved a possible land donation of a parcel owned by Norma Stetzel. The supervisors voted to table the matter.

The supervisors canvassed the June 4 primary election results.

JUNE 18 MEETING

During the June 18 meeting, the supervisors opened and reviewed the bids received as a result of the county’s RFP (Request for Proposals) regarding Emergency Medical Services (EMS) within the county.

Bids reviewed were from Adair Fire and Rescue, Midwest Ambulance Services of Iowa, the City of Panora, and the City of Stuart.

Maggie Armstrong suggested using a map to visually compare the various coverage areas in the bids.

“I don’t see anything on Orange Township,” JD Kuster said.

Mike Dickson pointed out that the bids received include overlap in various areas. Armstrong said because of any omissions and/or overlaps, the county would likely need to have contract negotiations as part of the process of selecting bid(s).

The supervisors chose to take more time and schedule further consideration next week. The supervisors were asked to forward any questions for bidder(s) to board chair JD Kuster by Friday, June 21. He will then send the questions to the applicable bidder(s) so answers can be reviewed by the supervisors next week.

The supervisors also considered an Appropriations resolution (Resolution 2024-29), formalizing what the supervisors decided a week prior. Auditor Dani Fink explained that this would include providing each department with a clear statement of the funds available.

Brian Johnson asked Fink what the county’s total fiscal year budget amount was.

“The total for fiscal year 2024 was \$25,928,589,” Fink said.

The resolution passed 4 to 1, with Johnson voting against.

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

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PANORA CITY COUNCIL TO PURSUE EXPANDED UTV USAGE IN CITY

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

During the Public Forum portion of the Panora city council meeting on May 28, Pat Moylan and Jim Wendl addressed the council about their request for the city to ease restrictions on ATV use within city limits.

“ATV/UTV enthusiasts ride through town legally quite often, but on the way through town there’s a number of businesses that they legally can’t stop at (because) there are designated routes to go through town,” Wendl said. “My main point in being here tonight is to ask the city to reconsider its current ordinances regarding UTV use on city streets.”

Wendl pointed out that ATV/UTVs are rapidly evolving, with newer models offering many of the same safety and comfort features as a car.

“Given that, I think the Chamber members could benefit from people like myself or Pat being able to park on Main Street and patronize those businesses,” Wendl said.

Moylan agreed with Wendl’s request, and he pointed out that now many ATVs are used not only for hunting or other recreational purposes, but often for work.

“So, yes, I would like to see if that would work,” Moylan said.

Mayor Curt Thornberry stated that the city faces a challenge in developing ordinances to address the various ways that ATVs are used.

“I know I’ve encountered young driv-

ers on ATVs, and those are the ones I have questions about,” Thornberry said.

Council member Roger Dorr agreed that enforcement of age and licensing could address many of the concerns. He added that from data he’s seen, the majority of ATV accidents are single-vehicle accidents on gravel roads.

“I live on one of the streets, Northwest Third, that allows side-by-sides. I have yet to see any problems. None,” Dorr said.

Mayor Thornberry explained that since the issue was not on the agenda, the council would not take action at this time but can discuss it at a future meeting. He added that the city’s Public Safety Committee could also consider the issue.

Don Daniels addressed the council about his concerns regarding a neighboring property next to his home. He said in the past two years, the condition of the property has become a nuisance.

“Now it looks like we live next to a recycle bin or a garbage dump,” Daniels said. “I’m not happy with the situation that we’ve got.”

When asked if police have been contacted about the issue, Daniels said he’s spoken with the police, and City Administrator Lisa Grossman added that updated photos have been submitted to the city attorney to review for possible ordinance violations. No formal action was taken at this time.

A public hearing was held regarding a proposed budget amendment. Since no citizens were present to speak, and no written comments had been received, the hearing

was promptly closed, and the council passed the budget amendment.

Grossman shared that the city is dealing with the “punch list” regarding the Jackson Street project, to deal with any additional “fix-ups” that may be needed. A firm completion date is not yet known, due to recent heavy rains.

Mayor Thornberry shared appreciation for the many years of service from Public Works Superintendent Tony Monthei, who is retiring after 36 years of service to the city.

JUNE 10 MEETING

During the June 10 regular meeting, the councilmembers returned to an issue that had been brought up by citizens at the May 26 meeting. Mayor Curt Thornberry explained that the citizens, Jim Wendl and Pat Moylan, had asked the council to consider allowing expanded use of UTVs in Panora.

“What they were advocating for is maybe some expanded routes within the city or just opening it up within the city so that they don’t have to ride on state highways,” Thornberry said.

Councilmember Roger Dorr spoke in favor of fully opening the city to recreational UTV usage, for one main reason.

“My thought is we’re losing a lot of business by not having this opened up,” Dorr said. “There’s been numerous rides, and they tell everybody to stay away from Panora because of how we have this set up. So, a lot of that business right now is going to Guthrie Center, going to Adair, going to Casey, going to Stuart, and they’re spending a lot of money at those businesses.”

Although no formal action was taken, the

consensus of the of the council was to begin the process of possibly amending the city’s ordinance (Chapter 75.05). This will include scheduling and holding a public hearing, as well as multiple readings of any proposed amendment.

City Administrator Lisa Grossman updated the council about citywide cleanup and the Jackson Street project.

“The citywide cleanup closed on Friday. I believe we had 36 residents sign up,” Grossman said. “And Jackson Street, we’re still working through the process with the punch list.”

Grossman brought up a concern about the city’s storm sirens.

“I know we had gotten, with that last storm, a lot of complaints on our storm siren and (residents) not being able to hear it. We had an analysis done, and what we discovered is when they measured for what we would need with a siren, I don’t think they took into account all the foliage of the trees,” Grossman said. “It looks like if we want more coverage than that, we might need to look at an additional siren.”

Dorr asked about the old sirens that are still up. Grossman said they are no longer in use but simply haven’t been taken down yet.

The council voted unanimously to submit the city’s proposal to the county for EMS (Emergency Medical Services) per the county’s RFP (Request for Proposals). Grossman pointed out that the proposal from the city is for only the geographical area that the city is currently covering.

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BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

During the regular meeting of the Panorama School Board on June 10, the board approved continuation of the Instructional Support Levy. Superintendent Kasey Huebner explained that 95% of districts in Iowa impose this levy to help fund any general fund purpose. The total levy program may not exceed 10% of the district's regular program district cost. The revenues from the Instructional Support Program may be expended for any purpose allowed from the General Fund. The program may be funded by all property tax or a combination of property tax and income surtax.

"Currently, we have it set as 4% income surtax and the rest would be property tax," Huebner said.

The board members reviewed several of the district's proposed handbook updates.

Huebner explained that the proposed Middle School/High School Student Handbook for 2024-2025 changes the extracurricular eligibility rule for high school students to adopt the state rule. It

says if a student fails a course at the semester, the student sits 20 days, not 30 days. The district would check at semester end, and if a student is deemed ineligible due to grades, the student would be required to sit out 20 days.

The proposed Elementary School 2024-2025 Handbook included only one change.

"The only change is adding that students in second grade and above can ride their bikes to school. We had some very young students riding bikes this year, which is a safety concern for those younger students," Huebner said.

There were no changes in the Preschool Handbook.

The board approved all of the proposed handbooks and approved a first reading of the proposed Bullying/Harassment Handbook.

The board approved the Iowa State Student Teacher Cooperative Agreement, which allows student teachers from Iowa State to practice within the district.

The next regular meeting of the Panorama School Board will be Monday, July 8. The public is welcome. ■

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GCH TAKES STEPS TO PREVENT FALLS

BY RICH WICKS
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During the monthly meeting of the Guthrie County Hospital Board of Trustees, the trustees heard an update on a fall prevention project from Danielle Lauzon, Clinical Safety and Quality Coordinator. She explained that each clinical department has been working on a goal to help with fall prevention, and that, overall, falls are down from 15 the previous fiscal year, to four so far this fiscal year.

“Even dietary had a project,” Lauzon said. “They put on the trays of patients identified as a fall risk, and it’s a little sticker that says ‘Call, don’t fall.’”

CEO Chris Stipe praised the efforts. “It’s wonderful teamwork, and it’s working,” he said.

Stipe later explained that the hospital needs to select an auditing firm to complete the hospital’s annual audits, since the previous firm has chosen to no longer

perform audits on hospitals. The trustees voted to select the firm of Eide Bailly.

Hospital Foundation Director Dennis Flanery told of the foundation’s upcoming events, including the July 9 golf tournament and the 5K color run and bingo on June 1. He added that there will be matching funds given to help with tornado recovery in Greenfield. Flanery also told of teddy bears and first aid kits that the foundation is giving out to help patients and raise awareness of the hospital’s services.

Chief Nursing Officer Sandy Atkinson shared the challenges in getting nursing shifts filled. The trustees discussed options, including offering more pay incentives for current staff to pick up shifts and increasing incentives to help get more nurses hired.

The next regular meeting of the trustees will be June 27. The public is welcome. For information on how to participate in the meeting, visit www.guthriecountyhospital.org. ■

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CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS

YALE CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSES WATER SHUT-OFFS

BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

During the June 4 regular meeting of the Yale City Council, discussion was held about citizens with delinquent water billing accounts. City Clerk Jonetta Long explained how the city had been dealing with these situations.

"The way we have been doing this is that I would now send them a letter. They've already received a disconnect notice. But we don't have to do that (letter)," Long said.

"We have to quit going two or three periods, because our finance people say no," Mayor Bev Louk said. "So, the first period when their water bill isn't paid, we have to act. We have to have those funds...We aren't making any deals with anyone. We can't afford to do that."

Councilmember Amber Lopez asked if this would apply to all customers with delinquent water accounts, and Mayor Louk said it would.

As described by Long, water billing is done quarterly. When an account hasn't paid by the due date, the city then sends a disconnection notice, giving 30 days for the customer to pay and noting the scheduled disconnection date. Long also said

that customers can pay at City Hall or Farmers State Bank.

A public hearing was held regarding the proposed amendment to the city's 2023-2024 budget. No citizens voiced concerns or questions, so the hearing was promptly closed. The council voted to approve the amendment to the budget as proposed.

Assistant Fire Chief Craig Little provided a report on the past few months of activity for the Fire Department, including fire calls. He also addressed concerns about the city's tornado siren system and how it can be activated.

"The Sheriff's Department can activate it," Little said, but he explained it was activated by hand recently because the Sheriff's Department was helping with Greenfield's tornado emergency response.

Regarding the city's Fourth of July festivities, the council approved the use of the ball diamond for the event. Mayor Louk said the city was asked to consider paying \$7,500 for a backstop at the ball diamond, but Louk and the council agreed this was not something the city can afford to do at this time.

The next regular meeting of the Yale city council will be Tuesday, July 2 at 7 p.m. The public is welcome. ■

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RECIPE

RHUBARB COFFEE CAKE MUFFINS

BY JOLENE GOODMAN
Panora Times

Nothing says summer more than a freshly made rhubarb treat. I didn't always feel this way, as rhubarb was a slow-growing love for me. When I was a child, we had a garden of strawberries and rhubarb. That was it. I loved the strawberries, but I just didn't understand how anyone could like the taste of rhubarb. It was tart, and even with a lot of sugar, it didn't really taste good.

As an adult, produce gardens became a small passion of mine. And, through the years, my success with the finished product varied. However, the rhubarb plant has been a consistent shining star, producing ongoing fruit and looking good.

Currently, I have given up on the big vegetable gardens,

but I still grow rhubarb. These plants look great in my regular flower beds as they add a fun texture with their large, heart-shaped leaves. It is quite satisfying to walk outside, cut rhubarb from your own garden and bake a yummy treat with it. I think you'll enjoy this recipe for rhubarb coffee cake muffins. They are moist, easy to prepare and even easier to eat. Try them for breakfast, dessert or as an afternoon treat. ■

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



Jolene Goodman

RHUBARB COFFEE CAKE MUFFINS

- Ingredients**
- ½ cup butter, soften
 - 1-1/2 cup sugar
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 cup sour cream (or 1 cup soured milk: 1 T. vinegar plus fill rest of cup milk)
 - 2 cups flour
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 1 tsp. baking soda
 - 2 cups rhubarb
 - Topping: ½ cup brown sugar, 1 tsp cinnamon, ½ cup chopped pecans (mix)

Directions

Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs. Add sour cream and vanilla. Mix a small amount of flour with rhubarb and set aside. Add dry ingredients and mix until blended. Fold in floured rhubarb. Pour into greased muffin tins. Sprinkle with topping. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. ■



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