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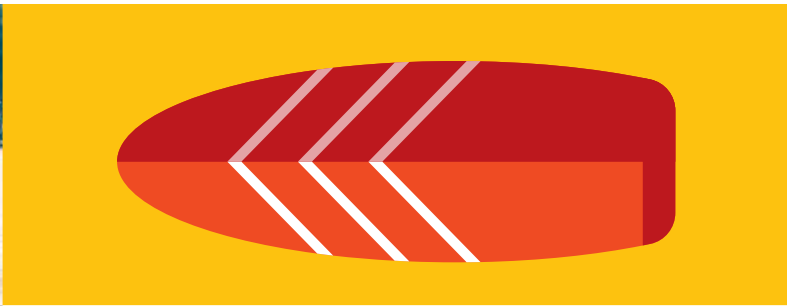


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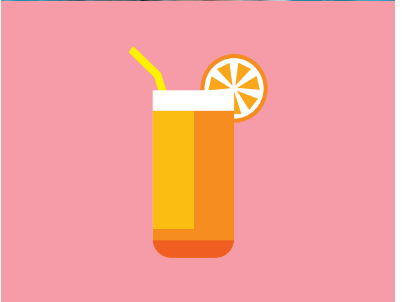
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ON THE COVER: The rodeo, a free Guthrie County Fair grandstand event, will be held Friday, Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. Photo by Mallory Quick



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FAIR AND SQUARE

Most every adult has heard a child exclaim, “It’s not fair!” My kids had an elementary school teacher who had a great reply to that comment. She would respond with, “The fair is in August,” referencing the Iowa State Fair. One could apply a similar, albeit longer, remark for the Guthrie County Fair, stating, “The fair is Aug. 29 - Sept. 2.” Since the actual dates change each year, you would have to update your reply each time, but you get the idea — and the kids making that comment will, too.

I am amazed at the responses I get when I ask people if they are going to the county fair or not. They are seemingly all in or all out. But why? There truly is something for everyone at the

Guthrie County Fair. Maybe it is about upbringing. If you were born and raised on a farm, then you certainly understand the importance of the county fair. The comradery. The connections. The competition. So much can be learned by showing at the fair or being involved in some way.

If you grew up in a town or city, your appreciation may be hit or miss. You may even wonder why all those farm animals are at the fairgrounds.

I never missed our county fair in my youth. If I am being honest, I was more



Shane Goodman

interested in chasing girls than showing animals, but I suspect that continues to be true for many of the boys at the county fair today.

I was born and raised in Kossuth County in the northern part of our state. Our county fair was big there, too, even for “city” kids like me. Like many of my childhood friends, even though I lived in town, I worked on farms doing odd jobs like baling straw, walking beans and picking up rocks. As a teenager, I was a hired hand on a hog farm, doing chores for a few summers and after school, too. The farmers didn’t have me run the heavy machinery very often, and that’s probably a good thing. I didn’t pretend to be an expert on farming, but I did learn to

truly appreciate the farmers who took me under their wings and gave me a chance to learn.

Maybe that’s why I enjoy the county fair so much. Like many of you, it takes me back to my youth and makes me smile. And that sounds “fair” to me.

See you at the fairgrounds, and thanks for reading. ■

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'RACING ON INTO THE GUTHRIE COUNTY FAIR'

Learn about new and improved features this year.

BY RICH WICKS
Guthrie Center Times

The theme of the 2024 Guthrie County Fair is "Racing on into the Guthrie County Fair." That theme seems appropriate for two reasons. Various types of racing have been popular events at the fair over the years, and the fair has traditionally been well attended by folks from throughout Guthrie County and beyond. In fact, historical reports describe traffic jams of horses, buggies and wagons as people raced to get in on the fun of the Guthrie County Fair.

HISTORY

The Guthrie County Fair is one of the oldest in the state. In 1858, the first fair was held in Guthrie Center and was successful enough that a small tract of land was purchased just west of the river as a site for future fairs. Over the coming decades, more land was gradually added, and buildings were constructed and enlarged.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, the fair often included various racing events. Horse and mule races, car races, and human running races were commonly seen.

When the Great Depression hit, attendance dwindled, so organizers had to come up with creative ways to attract more people to the fair. One example was in 1933 when organizers offered a free wedding (including the pastor and wedding license) for any couple who would agree to be married at the fair. Two couples accepted, and a double wedding was held. The identity of the marrying couples was kept secret until the ceremony to heighten the excitement.

Unfortunately, the fair has had its share of setbacks as well. Due to the low-lying location, heavy rains occasionally submerged parts of the fairgrounds during the



The livestock shows are a big draw at the Guthrie County Fair. This photo from last year's fair shows Sarah Westergaard, who showed the 2023 Grand Champion Feeder.

fair, but organizers and attendees generally slogged through the challenges. In February of 1948, a fire at the fairgrounds destroyed the 4-H barn and scale house. The cause was determined to be an overheated stove. Luckily, the fire was contained so no other buildings were lost. A replacement building was constructed in time for the fair that September.

OLD AND NEW

According to Collin Clark, Guthrie County Fair Board president, the 2024 fair will be a blend of the familiar and the new. The Guthrie County Fair Queen coronation is a highlight of the fair. Riley Gibson, daughter of Jim and Karwyn Gibson, is the

reigning queen and will pass her crown on to the new queen on Sunday at 6 p.m.

The parade is another longstanding tradition of the Guthrie County Fair. This year's parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 31. There is no sign-up; those wishing to be in the parade are simply asked to line up beginning at 9 a.m. along School Street (between Highway 25 and the high school). The parade route will go north on Highway 25, then turn west onto State Street to go through the business district. Questions can be directed to Cathy Sheeder, parade coordinator, at 641-757-8226.

Clark described some of the other features of the fair that will be much the same

as in previous years.

"We'll have a rodeo again with mutton busting. That's kind of a staple with our fair, and the carnival is coming back. It's Scott's Amusements, and we're keeping the rides still free," Clark said.

Longtime residents of Guthrie County will recognize a familiar face, according to Clark.

"Toby the Kid is coming and will be walking around the grounds a couple of days," Clark said.

Toby has clowned around at area events for many years, bringing his magic and comedy to kids of all ages.

One familiar and unique feature of the Guthrie County Fair is the fact that a





This historical photo shows a large crowd attending an early Guthrie County Fair.

large campground is adjacent to the fairgrounds, and the camping option has been a longtime and popular option for those attending the fair.

"We have 83 acres there and 280-some camping spots. It's always full, and there's a waiting list," Clark said.

Camping has been so popular that reservations are taken during the fair every year for the next year's fair. The camping fee is \$210, which includes two season passes for the fair. Tent area camping costs \$50. Check-in for all camping spots opens at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24, and check-out is Monday, Sept. 2. More camping information and guidelines are available on the fair's website.

According to Clark, the headliner of "new and improved" features at this year's fair centers around a new building.

"The showing is going to be our big new thing this year. It's been a lot of work. 4H had their own food stand before. Now

they're going to be inside the new showing. That way, we'll have an eating area in the showing, and there will be a picnic area in there so they can serve out of both windows," Clark said. "The extension of office will be in the showing as well. It'll have air conditioning, which is nice. We added that last minute."

Over the years, the Guthrie County Fair has occasionally seen flooding of the grounds, due to the fact the fairgrounds are in a low area near the river. But the fair board has taken steps to help alleviate that potential problem. Clark explained that several members of the board helped put in new tiling while the new showing was being built.

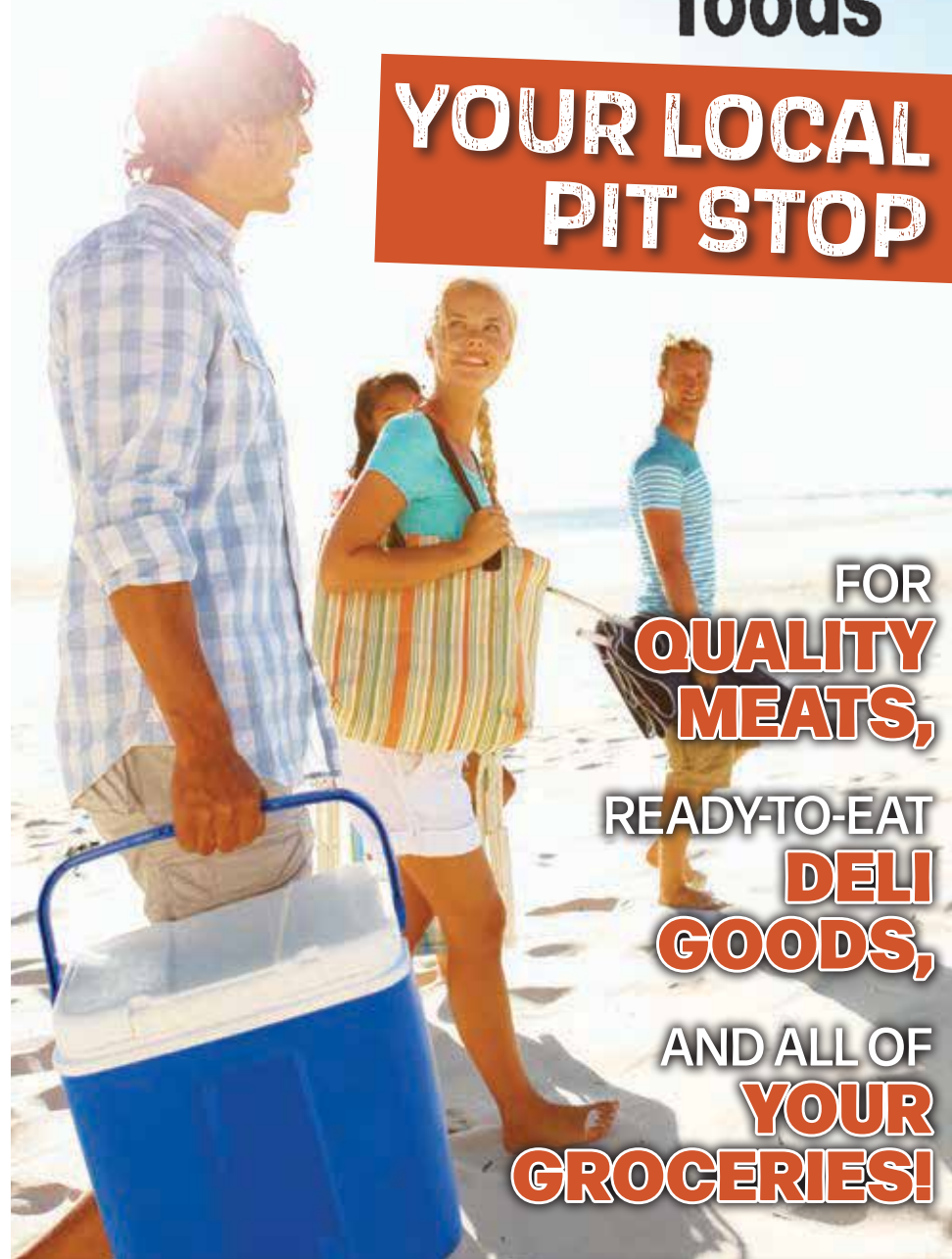
Clark mentioned several other changes to this year's fair.

"Wayne Francis is coming to the Little Amphitheater. He's a ventriloquist, which we've never had before," Clark said. "There's also going to be a juggling and

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aerial show. That will be new."

Clark also pointed out a change regarding grandstand entertainment.

"We did change Sunday. Rather than having another motorsport event, we decided to bring in a band," he said. "And before that, we're going to have nag races. Essentially, it's a golf cart, and one person is blindfolded, and the other is telling them where to go."

The band for Sunday night will be Tyler Richton and the High Bank Boys. Following the band will be fireworks.

Asked about a "best kept secret" at the fair, Clark mentioned the Little Amphitheater.

"There's always something there," Clark said.

This year's entertainment at the Little Amphitheater includes the Fair Queen coronation, Bill Riley Talent Show, musical acts, the juggling and aerial show, and the kids pedal pull.

SCHEDULE

Below is a partial listing of events scheduled at this year's fair. For a complete listing and more details, visit www.guthriecountyfair.com.

Wednesday, Aug. 28

- 4-7 p.m., Exhibit check-in
- 5 p.m., 4H/FFA Dog show

Thursday, Aug. 29

- Livestock check-ins (see website for details)
- 7 p.m., Bill Riley Talent Show

Friday, Aug. 30

- 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., 4H Food Stand
- 7 a.m., Cribbage tournament at Events Center
- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Antique tractor display
- 1-10 p.m., Free carnival rides
- 3 p.m. to close, American Legion Bingo
- 6 p.m., Grandstand: Mutton bust-

ing, followed by the rodeo at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 31

- 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., 4H Food Stand
- 7:30 a.m., Register for 5K walk/run
- 8 a.m., 5K walk/run
- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Antique tractor display
- Noon to close, American Legion Bingo
- Noon to 10 p.m., Free carnival rides
- 1:30 p.m., Kids pedal pull
- 4 and 6 p.m., Wayne Francis, ventriloquist
- 7 p.m., Grandstand: Figure 8 races (registration is 4-6:15 p.m.)

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An advertisement for the 1900 Guthrie County Fair states, "Come to the best fair ever held."





The annual Guthrie County Fair parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 31. Check-in will be one hour prior at 9 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 1

- 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., 4H Food Stand
- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Antique tractor display
- Noon to close, American Legion Bingo
- Noon to 10 p.m., Free carnival rides
- 6 p.m., Announcement of 2025 Guthrie County Fair Queen
- Grandstand: Nag races at 5:30 p.m. (sign up at 5 p.m.)
- 8-11 p.m. Tyler Richton and the High Bank Boys concert
- Fireworks after the concert

Monday, Sept. 2

- 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., 4H Food Stand
- 9 a.m., Tractor ride
- 9:30 a.m., 4H/FFA Parade of Champions

- 3 p.m., Clean up the fairgrounds

A single day admission to the fair costs \$15, or a “season pass” (for admission any/every day of the fair) is \$35. Children younger than 5 are admitted free. As always, grandstand events and carnival rides are free.

An event such as the Guthrie County Fair can only succeed if many people pull together to make it happen. Besides Fair President Collin Clark, other members of the Fair Board include Scott McClellan, Emma Vogl, Michelle Halbur, John Knobbe, Troy Schwartz, Sage Bailey, Mike Irlbeck, Mike Kenyon, Tyler Carney, Roger Richter, Bryce Arganbright, Preston Drake, Nathan Olesen, Greg Rochholz, Wes Clark, Travis Clark, Matt Harmann, Spencer Sloss, Spenser Jorgenson, Jeremy Wolfe, Kirk Rochholz and Derek Betts.

Guthrie County Fair Foundation Board members include CW Thomas, John Knobbe, Jerri Hawkins, Roy Sargent, Paul Clark, Scott McClellan, Jim Laughery, Penny Wetzels and Dale Behrends.

Collin Clark also pointed out the strong support of the community.

“There are roughly 155 local sponsors for our fair, businesses and individuals, and we are absolutely thankful for the sponsorships we get and the community that’s behind us,” he said. “We also have fundraisers. It’s amazing, and we appreciate it.”

A report in the Aug. 15, 1889, edition of The Guthrian newspaper rings true today, just as it did when written 135 years ago: “This county is noted for the excellence of its county fairs. These gatherings bring out people in real numbers to view the annual exhibitions... Let us all do our part to make the coming county fair grandly worthy of grand old Guthrie County.” ■



Mutton busting has been a popular activity at the Guthrie County Fair.



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LOCAL FILM REVIEWS

A LONG-LOST LOVE, A SERIAL KILLER, HOMELESS KIDS, A FAKE MOON MISSION AND TWO TORNADOS

BY MICHAEL C. WOODY
Guthrie Center Times

With summer blockbusters hitting the theaters every weekend, there aren't a lot of other movies being released right now. I managed to get out and see a handful, but, on many weekends, it has been slim pickings.

“TOUCH”
(should be heading to the streaming services)

I love getting surprised by movies I have never heard of. “Touch” tells the story of a young man who drops out of college and takes a job washing dishes in an Asian restaurant. He needs the money, but he is also very much smitten with the owner’s daughter. This story is entwined with the current day situation of this boy, now an old man, searching for his now long-lost love. This is a charming story of this man, near the end of his life, wanting



to reconnect with this woman who disappeared so many years ago. It is a sweet story, told (and acted) very well. **Grade: A**

“LONGLEGS”
(in theaters)

I am not a fan of serial killer films, but this one is so over-the-top creepy and very well produced that it sucked me in. “Longlegs” is well made, well-acted and so frightening. Nicolas Cage stars, but good luck recognizing him in the film. This one will haunt you long after leaving the theater.

Grade: A-



“SOUND OF HOPE: THE STORY OF POSSUM TROT”
(in theaters)

This faith-based story from the people who last year gave us “Sound of Freedom” is based on a true story about a small



town that single-handedly tries to solve the issue of homeless kids in the system. An amazing true story, this movie is better than you might expect. **Grade: B+**

“FLY ME TO THE MOON”
(in theaters)

This cute movie tells the story of a fake U.S. moon mission. Rumors have floated that one of our moon missions was faked, but here we get a romantic comedy taking on that story. Channing Tatum and Scarlett Johansson play two people trying to pull off this hoax that has been deemed too dangerous and too important to fail. Woody Harrelson is excellent as the bad guy. Not a great movie but definitely a fun one.

Grade: B



“TWISTERS”
(in theaters)

“Twisters” is not a sequel to the 1996 movie (maybe best described as a com-



“Touch”

panion piece?) that was partially shot in Iowa. “Twisters” takes the tornadic action to Oklahoma and doubles the fun with not one but two tornados. Glen Powell (who seems to be in every other movie these days) and Daisy Edgar-Jones star. I saw this at the IMAX Theater in Waukee, and it was like a carnival ride — fun while you are there but not entirely memorable. Still, I recommend it for the su-



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"Twisters"

per-crazy action scenes. **Grade: B**

I've been posting recent movie reviews on my Facebook page "Mr. Movie Reviews" if you wonder what I do with my spare time. Comments, good or bad, are welcome. ■

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the expected revenues will not allow each of the three entities to receive the amount of funding each has requested, so more discussions are needed. The supervisors will communicate with each of the three entities to negotiate the proposed funding.

The supervisors approved the public notice to voters on the EMS levy ballot measure, on a 4-1 vote, with Mike Dickson opposed.

Jason and Andrea Betts addressed the supervisors regarding their preliminary interest in opening a campground and ATV park in Bear Grove Township. Board Chair JD Kuster shared his opinion.

"I've traveled around to different states and taken the ATV and all the trails. A lot of people enjoy that," Kuster said. "It would be great for Guthrie County to have that right here. I look forward to that."

After discussion, the supervisors were generally in consensus about support for the idea and said a conditional use permit would be the most appropriate way to allow such a venture.

AUG. 6 - ROAD CONDITIONS CONCERN

The Aug. 6 meeting had a light agenda, which resulted in the meeting lasting only 13 minutes.

Board Chair JD Kuster shared an update about an upcoming meeting regarding EMS.

"I contacted the Adair EMS, and they set up a meeting for tomorrow night over in Adair. Steve (Smith, supervisor) and I will attend, 6:30 p.m. at the fire hall," Kuster said.

Supervisor Maggie Armstrong shared that she and Smith will meet with Panorama EMS and city staff on Thursday morning, Aug. 8.

Kuster asked Armstrong for an update on the county's development of a new website.

"Good. We're making progress. There are a couple of departments that still need to submit information to the web development team," Armstrong said.

Steve Smith mentioned he has received calls from citizens concerned about road conditions in the county.

"You know, it's rained a lot. It's washed," Smith said. "I also feel like it's a bigger issue on the hills than it is on the flats."

Supervisor Mike Dickson added that this is the time of year when more vacation time is likely being used by the county's road crew, so roads aren't getting worked on as quickly. He also said that when the new website is up and running, it will be helpful in communicating how the county is addressing issues the public may be asking about.

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

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EDUCATION

ADAIR-CASEY AND GUTHRIE CENTER SCHOOL BOARDS APPROVE MEAL PRICE INCREASES

BY RICH WICKS
Guthrie Center Times

On July 17, a joint meeting of the Adair-Casey and Guthrie Center school boards was held at the ACGC Junior High Media Center.

The boards discussed meal prices for the upcoming school year. Superintendent Josh Rasmussen explained that he had prepared some calculations, and he shared his recommended prices. He said he recommends no changes to registration costs this year. Lindsay Dinkla said she feels it makes sense for high school lunch to be higher than at the other two schools since more is offered, such as salad bar. The boards closely followed Rasmussen's recommendations, with Adair-Casey voting to approve \$1.75 for breakfast and \$2.70 for lunch. Guthrie Center approved \$2 for breakfast, \$3 for elementary lunch, \$3.10 for high school lunch, and \$4.85 for adult lunch.

ACGC's three principals each gave a brief statements. Adair-Casey PK-8 Principal Ed Den Beste shared that summer school is continuing, and he has seen high participation numbers.

"But, mostly, what we're doing is district operations right now. I would say 95% of the elementary is done and ready to go," Den Beste said.

"My August calendar is incredibly busy with trainings," Guthrie Center PK-6 Principal Tandem Eischeid said, and he shared that he has begun monthly mentoring

meetings with Jason Hammond from Earlham.

ACGC High School Principal Brian Sauer said he's been meeting and interacting with students whenever possible and is trying to learn at least a couple of things about each student.

The boards discussed the whole grade sharing plan and how best to assure that it's done equitably so that neither school district is significantly overpaying compared to the other district. Rasmussen explained that, as enrollment numbers fluctuate, the equitability will naturally fluctuate but should balance out fairly well over time.

Rasmussen discussed legislative updates and how they relate to ACGC. One item he shared relates to teachers being allowed to have a gun in school. He explained that, although it's technically a possibility now, it's not yet feasible for ACGC.

"Teachers could be armed, and boards could approve that. However, we wouldn't be insured, so we can't do that," Rasmussen said.

Rasmussen explained that the district's insurer is currently not willing to cover this but may offer such coverage eventually. Board members shared the consensus that, for now, they don't see a need for teachers to be armed but could revisit the issue if/when needs may change.

The next regular board meeting will be Aug. 21 at ACGC High School. The public is welcome. ■

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CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS

GUTHRIE CENTER CITY COUNCIL RESCHEDULES PUBLIC HEARING ON SALE OF REAL ESTATE

BY RICH WICKS
Guthrie Center Times

During the July 22 meeting of the Guthrie Center City Council, Mark and Derrik Bauer (Tri-County Lumber) spoke regarding the plans for building and selling a home at 907 Main St. The public hearing on the issue had been set for July 22 but was rescheduled to Aug. 12.

Mayor Mike Herbert informed the council of a meeting/survey set for this week.

"I was approached by (Guthrie County Supervisor) Steve Smith in reference to talking to some individuals about the EMS (countywide plan)," Herbert said.

Herbert said the purpose is to gather information from citizens about their feelings on the issue. The meeting was set for Wednesday, July 24. Councilmember Garold Thomas and City Clerk Kris Arra-

smith said they would attend on behalf of the city.

Councilmember Carolyn Masters shared a concern. She noted that, while lawns are generally being mowed adequately, weeds have become a common problem. She encouraged residents to make sure weeding and trimming is done when needed so the city can look its best.

"Nobody pays any attention to the weeds," she said.

Lacquerisha Hall was appointed to replace Jessica Langgaard on the MJB Library Board.

As part of the consent agenda, the council approved two building permit requests (a fence permit for 100 N. 12th St. and a fence permit for 910 N. 13th St.).

The council meets regularly on the second and fourth Mondays at 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome. ■

HEALTH

GUTHRIE COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD REVIEWS YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORTS

BY RICH WICKS
Guthrie Center Times

During the regular meeting of the Guthrie County Hospital Board of Trustees on July 29, CEO Chris Stipe discussed the financial performance for the recently ended fiscal year.

"It's a heck of a year when we're budgeting for a loss, and you end up with a \$2.1 million gain for the year...expenses were a little high, but we had more activity, so we're going to have a few more expenses," Stipe said. "We grew in a lot of places."

Chief Financial Officer Brandon Johnson explained that the hospital is looking to put funds into a new CD, and

he plans to shop around to see where he can get the best rate for the hospital. The board voted to grant Johnson authority to perform transactions for any and all of the hospital's financial accounts.

Stipe brought up the recent CrowdStrike global IT outage, and said that the hospital's IT manager, Andy Huitt, had responded immediately and worked long hours to get the hospital's IT back up and running as quickly as possible.

The board's next regular meeting is set for Thursday, Aug. 22 at 4 p.m. The public is welcome. For information on how to participate in the meeting, either in person or via remote technology, visit www.guthriecountyhospital.org. ■

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ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES MEETS JULY 23, WELCOMES DAVID MORRIS AS NEW PASTOR AT UMC

BY RICH WICKS
Guthrie Center Times

The Guthrie Center Association of Churches held its regular meeting on July 23 at the United Methodist Church. The following churches were represented: United Methodist, Immanuel Lutheran, Bowman Chapel, First Presbyterian, First Christian, St. Mary's Catholic and Seventh-day Adventist. The group's president, Pastor Jolene James, welcomed UMC's new pastor, Rev. David Morris of Adel.

Guest presenter Mary Porter explained the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and asked for referrals of adults with disabilities and seniors who are at risk for falls. Those people may call 641-431-0132 by Sept. 17 to register for a free pair of new shoes.

Plans were made for the annual school staff and teacher lunch along with the classroom supplies giveaway to be held in August. Other business included a discussion of fundraising ideas, as recent ex-



Diane Hemmen, Glenda Bascom, Marcia Priestley, Sue Van Meter, Emily Goodenough, Pastor Steve Goodenough, Nancy Smith, Pastor Jolene James, Judy Bauler, Janet Oberholtz, Kay Thomas, Pastor David Morris. Not pictured: George Hemmen and Jean Densmore.

penses to aid people in financial difficulty have markedly reduced the balance on hand. Gas cards, a food pantry housed at the First Presbyterian Church, short-term

assistance to persons in the local school district with utilities or emergency housing are common expenses.

Anyone wishing to donate to this local

group may send a check to treasurer Emily Goodenough at 503 N. Seventh St. or make a deposit to the group's account at Guthrie County State Bank. ■

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Jacquie Doyle, RN and Danielle Lauzon, GCH auxiliary president.

GCH AUXILIARY DONATES TO GCH CLINICS IN GUTHRIE CENTER

Special to Guthrie Center Times

The Guthrie County Hospital Auxiliary recently donated funds to the GCH Clinic in Guthrie Center to purchase a new ophthalmoscope/otoscope and Braun thermometer.

"We are appreciative of the support from the GCH Auxiliary for the purchase of needed equipment for the clinics," Tina Nourse, chief clinic administrator, said. "The thermometer and ophthalmoscope/otoscope are essential in providing care for our patients and allow our providers to make more efficient, accurate diagnostic assessments. The GCH Auxiliary's gener-

osity makes a positive, meaningful impact, not only for our patients but for our communities. We appreciate their continued support of GCH Clinics."

"The GCH Auxiliary is excited to purchase an ophthalmoscope/otoscope and Braun thermometer for GCH Clinics in Guthrie Center," Danielle Lauzon, GCH auxiliary president, said. "Our goal is to support the hospital departments in a way that directly impacts patient experience and improves daily workflows for employees. The Auxiliary is thankful for the generous donations received during our annual fundraising events that make these purchases possible." ■

ALL SCHOOL REUNION

MANY HANDS MADE 2024 ALL SCHOOL REUNION A SUCCESS

Special to Guthrie Center Times

The All School Reunion was held July 5-7 and provided an opportunity for former students to come back and share fellowship with classmates and others. The wide variety of events scheduled provided activities that appealed to most everyone, thanks to the work of many.

"We want to say thank you," said Diane Maness, who served on the All School Reunion Team. "Those two simple words do not even begin to express our deepest gratitude to all who helped make the All School Reunion the success it turned out to be."

"The committee heads who took on getting everything ready for their event so that everything went smoothly was an event in itself," said Alicia Ciesielski, who also served on the All School Reunion Team. "We could not have done the All School Reunion without so much help."

Both Maness and Ciesielski offered a special thanks to the following committee chairs:

- Danielle Lauzon (registration and 5K)
- Cathy Hinderaker (parade)
- Alison Cate (media)
- Jim Wickland (cribbage)

- Rod Robson (golf)
- Krissy Swenson (business tours)
- Marie Sharon (bingo)
- Debbie Menning (Don Todd, Art on State artist spotlight, Wyatt Sheeder-Jiminez)
- Mike Underwood (Dad's Belgian Waffles)
- Kelly Lemke (petting zoo)
- Trish Schreck (alumni swim meet)
- Kim Durst (dinner)

"Thank you also to Dale and Debbie Menning and their band for donating their special performance after dinner for everyone's enjoyment," Maness said.

Many people helped throughout the weekend including lending tents, volunteering at the beer tent and registration table, setting up, tearing down, moving picnic tables, donating items and providing food.

"We appreciate each and every one of you," Maness said. "Please forgive us if we have forgotten to mention anyone. There were a lot, and our brains are still tired!"

"And, lastly, we want to thank everyone who attended any of our events," Ciesielski said. "What great weather we were given to be able to celebrate with all of you." ■

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Jackie Willms, director of pharmacy, and Danielle Lauzon, Guthrie County Hospital auxiliary president.

GCH AUXILIARY DONATES INFANT/TODDLER SCALE AND CART

Special to Guthrie Center Times

The Guthrie County Hospital Auxiliary recently donated funds to the Emergency Department to purchase a new infant/toddler scale and cart.

"We are thankful for the support the GCH Auxiliary has provided to help purchase a new infant scale for our emergency department," Jackie Willms, director of pharmacy, said. "The new infant scale will help our nursing staff obtain accurate weight measurements of some of our smallest patients. Having accurate weights in this population is very important as medications for infants

and toddlers are dosed based on the patient's weight. We cannot thank the GCH Auxiliary enough for their generosity and acknowledgment of the importance of medication safety."

"The GCH Auxiliary is excited to purchase a new infant/toddler scale and cart for the Emergency Department," Danielle Lauzon, GCH auxiliary president, said. "Our goal is to support the hospital departments in a way that directly impacts patient experience and improves daily workflows for employees. The Auxiliary is thankful for the generous donations received during our annual fundraising events that make these purchases possible." ■

ADAIR YARD OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to the Adair Yard of the Month recipients Tracy Jensen and Jade Irlmeier, who reside at 104 Guthrie St. This is the last Yard of the Month for 2024. The Adair Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month program will resume next spring, and they wish to thank all who nominated their family, friends and neighbors this year. ■

BALLARD HONORED BY GOVERNOR FOR VOLUNTEERISM

Special to Guthrie Center Times

Cathy Ballard of Guthrie Center was honored June 25 during the annual Iowa 2024 Governor's Volunteer Awards ceremony. She was among more than 400 Iowans similarly honored. This was the 40th year of the awards program. Individuals and groups were honored, and length of service awards were also given.

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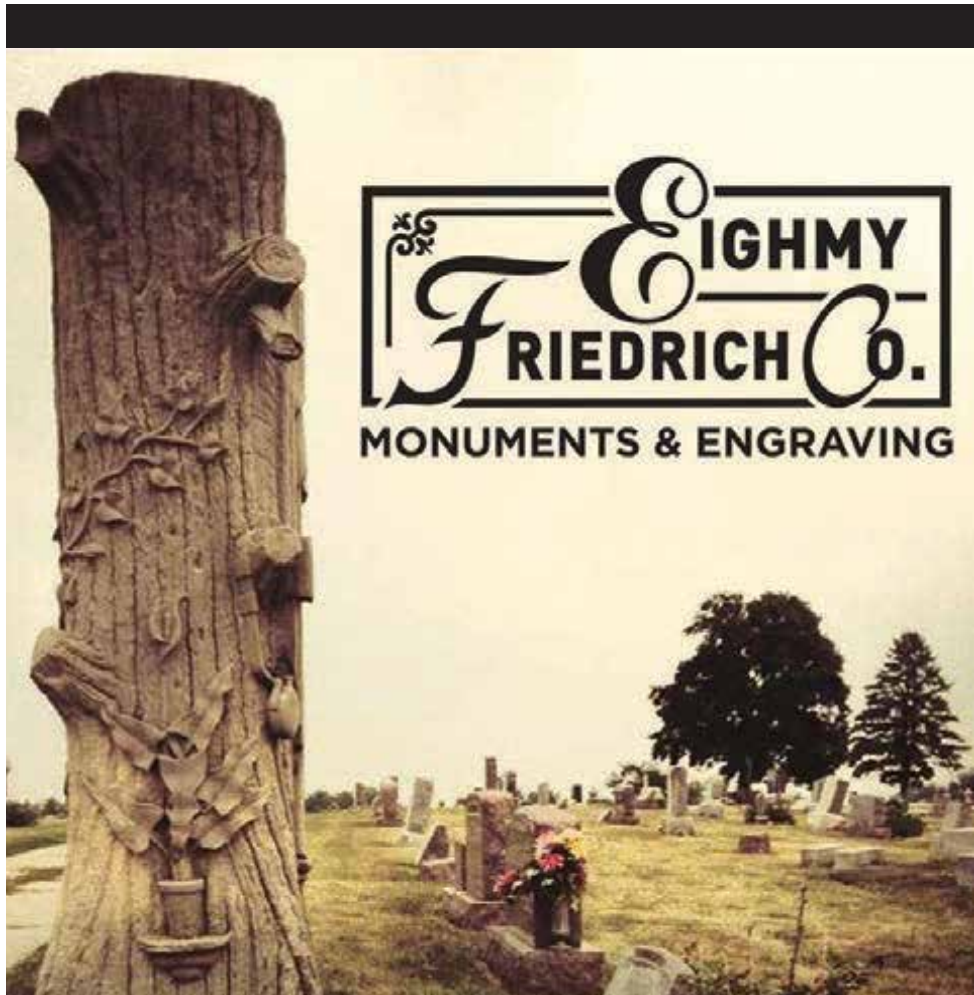
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TIM AND DENISE TYLER

Tim Tyler, 72, of Dallas Center, passed from this life into eternity on June 3, 2024, at his home. His wife, Denise Tyler, 71, passed from this life on Aug. 5, 2024, at Madrid Home in Madrid. A funeral service honoring the life and legacy of Tim and Denise will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 15, 2024, at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home, Winterset Chapel. Family will greet friends prior, beginning at 12 p.m. Burial will follow in the Lorimor Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family for a future designation. Online condolences may be

expressed to the family at www.caldwellparrish.com.

TIMOTHY JOEL TYLER 1951-2024

Timothy Joel Tyler was born in Creston on July 20, 1951, to Mary Jane Nissen and Orlo Kline Tyler. After graduating from East Union High School in 1969, Tim attended Southwestern Community College in Creston and graduated from Drake University in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. In July of 1973, he married his high school sweetheart, Denise Hammans. After a long, successful career in the food industry, Tim embraced his passion for golf. He thrived in his role as a golf trainer for Callaway Golf and a salesman for Kinley's Golf. Tim was known for his kindness and sense of humor. His laughter brought joy to his family and countless friends.

DENISE LYNN (HAMMANS) TYLER 1951-2024

Denise Lynn (Hammans) Tyler was born in Creston

on Dec. 26, 1952, to Mona Irene Simons and David "Richard" Hammans. After graduating from East Union in 1973, she had a passion for loving life and taking care of her two children, Joel and Marc. She found solitude in singing at church in the choir and leading the worship at various churches from around the area. She was also known for her sense of humor and lighting up a room. She also embraced gardening and cooking from scratch. Sewing was also high on her list of favorite things to do.

Preceding them in death were their parents and their son, Marc Tyler. Left to lovingly and tenderly remember them are their son, Joel (Kelly) Tyler of Urbandale; Tim's siblings, Susan Lura of Oklahoma, Mary Beth Tyler of Missouri, Jill Tyler (Steve Miller) of New Hampshire, and Ned (Leslie) Tyler of Creston; Denise's siblings, David (Kathy) Hammans of Urbandale and Susan (Bill) Jaggi of St. Louis; and a host of other beloved family and friends. ■

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CRAIG ALLEN WEDEMEYER
1956-2024

Craig Allen Wedemeyer, age 67, of Adair, passed away on Friday, July 12, 2024, at Glen Oaks Alzheimer's Specialty Care Center in Urbandale.

Craig Allen Wedemeyer was born in Audubon on Sept. 21, 1956, to Leland and Marjorie (Frederick) Wedemeyer of rural Audubon County. He was their second child. Ten years later, a third son, Alan Dean "AJ" Wedemeyer, was added to the family.

Craig grew up with a love for all things mechanical and had hoped to own his own semi one day.

During his senior year of high school, he worked as the night manager for the Happy Chef Restaurant in Adair and gradually added working for Keith Gilliland at the Standard Station next door to the restaurant.

Craig graduated from Anita High School in 1975 and continued working for Keith until the business was sold to Ben Morris.

The business became known as Morris I-80 Standard. He worked long and late hours for Morris, taking technical training at DMACC and was a fully certified ASE mechanic. His love was really for the towing (wrecker) business.

In March 1981, Craig was called out to tow in a drunk driver. This call would change the rest of his life. This is where he would meet his future wife, Brenda. It was love at first sight for both. (Note: Brenda was NOT the drunk driver!) They would share this story of how they "met by accident" many times through the years.

Craig and Brenda Lee (Deschler) were united in marriage a year later, on March 6, 1982. To this union, one son, Timothy John, was born. Tim would

be the driving force behind his dad's realization of the dream to one day own his own trucks.

A favorite story from the shop was the day an unknown contractor driving on Interstate 80 inadvertently dropped a case of nails on the highway. This began a mad rush in the shop as car after car pulled in to get their tires patched or put on new tires. As Craig told it: "You should've seen it! We were out there running every air hose we had changing or patching tires!"

Craig was always proud of the work he did in conjunction with the Iowa State Patrol, from taking gas out to stranded motorists (boring, but part of the job!) to accident recovery. He had a camaraderie

with the officers that was much appreciated. After these instances, there was always a fresh, hot cup of coffee waiting back at the station and, occasionally, homemade chili made by his wife, Brenda.

We would be remiss not to mention his love for cats! They were ALL named "Fred," even the females.

Craig also greatly enjoyed his three terms serving on the Adair City Council and had a hand in the new Adair Community Center building project.

Craig was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents and his brother, Mark, who died in infancy.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda; his son, Timothy John, Tim's wife, Amanda, and their children Emmett, Violet, and Cooper; his brother,

"AJ" and his wife, Annette; niece, Rachel Wedemeyer, and nephew, David Wedemeyer; his mother-in-law, Norita Gour; and "Fred."

A Celebration of Life service was held Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at the Adair Community Building. A visitation was held one hour prior to the service, and a luncheon followed.

Interment was held at Sunnyhill Cemetery following the luncheon.

Memorials may be directed to the Craig Wedemeyer Family, to be designated later to many of his favorite local organizations and charities. They may be mailed to the Schmidt Family Funeral Home, P.O. Box 523, Atlantic, IA 50022.

Services were handled by the Schmidt Family Funeral Home of Adair. ■



PEGGY SIMMER
1945-2024

Peggy Kay Simmer, 79,

of Rock Island, Illinois, died Friday, July 19, 2024, at Silver Cross Pavilion at Friendship Manor. A funeral service was at 11 a.m. Friday, July 26, 2024, at St. James Lutheran Church, 3145 31st Ave., Rock Island. Visitation was Thursday, July 25, 2024, at Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home and Crematory, Rock Island. Cremation followed the funeral service. Memorials may be made in care of JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation).

Peggy was born in Jefferson on May 3, 1945, the daughter of Keith and Dorothy Schoonover Brutsche. She married

Larry L. Simmer on Jan. 15, 1963, in Guthrie Center.

Peggy retired after years of clerical work for Herman's Hosiery, Montgomery Elevator, John Deere and Company and Simmer Chiropractic.

She was an active member at St. James Lutheran Church, Rock Island. She enjoyed reading, hunting with family, attending as many of her grandchildren's events as possible and gatherings with family and friends.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Larry Simmer, Rock Island; sons, Rodney

(Jill) Simmer and their children, Austin, Lauren, Rachel and Hannah, L. Scott (Jeanine) Simmer and their children, Jared (Kelcy), Kelan, Drew, Malerie, Sam and

Seth and Todd (Angela) Simmer and their children, Seth and Cole; great-grandchildren, Ila, Kayden and Remi; and sister, Carol (Gerald) Schlieman, Granger.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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BY KAREN KELLY

Special to Guthrie Center Times

Back to school displays are popping up in stores, and advertisements for school supplies are seemingly everywhere — the universal sign for the end of summer. So, before the summer runs out and kids have to actually use those new backpacks and notebooks, squeeze a little more summer into your lives with the help of the MJB Library.

Schedule a family fun day using the library Adventure Pass. Paid for by The Guthrie Center Friends of the Library, the Adventure Pass is available to patrons with a Guthrie Center address to use once each 365 days for each venue. With the pass, patrons can get two adult and two children's admissions for free. The Blank Park Zoo, The Children's Museum and The Des Moines Science Center are the three venues that are available. Schedule from the Mary J. Barnett Library website.

Bring the kids in to get their own library card and check out some fun books to read together. No matter how old they are, kids love to be read to. (We all love that! Why do you think audiobooks are so popular?) Parents and grandparents, do you realize that reading aloud is the most important thing you can do to support literacy?

Reading aloud has so many benefits. Increasing vocabulary is one of the greatest advantages of reading aloud to children. Reading aloud allows kids to hear new words, and children are more likely to incorporate them into their speech after hearing the words used.

Reading aloud helps children understand grammar better by exposing them to complex sentence structures and proper grammar. Hearing standard grammar helps kids discern how to speak and write properly.

General knowledge is increased by reading aloud. Sharing a story together

also helps children understand a sense of story; they learn how literature is structured. The greatest benefit of reading aloud is that it makes reading more pleasurable. That time spent reading together is fun and special. Reading isn't a chore. Some of my best memories are reading aloud time — first, with my mom, listening to favorite teachers in school, sharing amazing books after recess, and, later, snuggling and reading with my own kids.

For kids who love audio books, we have a large selection of Playaways. The Playaways are self-contained audiobooks that require no Wi-Fi. The battery operated audiobooks just require you to plug in headphones or plug them in with an auxiliary cord while riding in the car.

We also have Vox and Wonderbooks — read-along books that also have an audiobook attached to the hardcover book. These books are great for little people who can't read yet for those times when your little one wants to hear a story but you're not able to read to them. Read-alongs are also great for emerging and struggling readers. Listening to the book while following the text aids in comprehension and helps with fluency. The great thing is we have many levels of read along books, including picture books, beginning readers and chapter books.

If you have a child younger than 5 years old, be sure to sign him or her up for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. This program, started by Parton in 1995, is designed to promote a love of reading by sending books to children free of charge from birth until age 5. Due to a sponsorship by Partnerships 4 Families Early



Chase Betts, with the help of Library Director Jerri Hawkins, proudly moves his star after reading 500 books. Chase enjoys reading the "Stanley" series of books.

Childhood Iowa, children in Audubon, Carroll, Greene and Guthrie counties are eligible. Go to the Imagination Library website or stop in the MJB Library for help to get signed up.

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From the Guthrie Center Times, Aug. 21, 1974

UNITED TELEPHONE LOOK OUT: Six-year-old Steve Short climbs up a telephone pole outside the Immanuel Lutheran Church while waiting for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Short, to finish with the ice cream social Sunday.

40 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, Aug. 15, 1984

THE FINISHING TOUCH: Kelly Fox of Guthrie Center adds just the right touch of paint to a fire hydrant in Guthrie Center. Kelly has been painting all the hydrants besides doing other jobs for the city this summer.

30 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, Aug. 24, 1994

ON THE MARK: Rick Sheeder of Guthrie Center displays five medals he has won in long range black powder rifle competitions in Bates City, Missouri. He is holding a model 1874 Sharp's rifle, and the metal pig in front of him is one of the targets used in the rifle competition.

20 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, Aug. 18, 2004

HOWDY, PREZ!: C.W. Thomas of Guthrie Center is president of the Iowa State Fair Board. Above, he waves to the crowd upon being introduced at the Veteran's Day parade at the 2004 Sesquicentennial Iowa State Fair Monday in Des Moines.

10 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, Aug. 20, 2014

BACK TO SCHOOL: Jacob and Tyler Thomas stop before going into the Guthrie Center Elementary School Monday morning so mom Jill can take one last picture of the boys' first day back to school. Jacob is in fourth grade and Tyler second grade this year.

5 YEARS AGO



Guthrie County Times Vedette, Aug. 15, 2019

GUTHRIE CENNTER WOMAN PLAYS TRUMPET AT THE SHELL LAKE ARTS CENTER: Guthrie Center native Isabelle Rouse performed Aug. 2 in the Shell Lake Arts Center's final trumpet concert. This performance was the culmination of a week-long trumpet workshop, where students received instruction from professional trumpet players on performance applications for orchestra, concert band, and jazz ensemble, and also took part in private lessons, group study, and trumpet ensemble performance. ■



FRELS GALORE AT GUTHRIE COUNTY VETERINARY CLINIC

Every day is different in their business.

BY RICH WICKS

Guthrie Center Times

If you go to the Guthrie County Veterinary Clinic and ask for Dr. Frels, you'll need to be more specific. All four of the veterinarians at the clinic are related. Dr. Doug Frels and his wife, Dr. Donna Paglialunga, started the clinic, and have since been joined by their son, Dr. William Frels and his wife, Dr. Abby Frels.

William recently took time to explain his path in becoming a veterinarian in Guthrie Center. Growing up with parents who are both veterinarians, William was around the practice and the animals, but he doesn't remember a specific moment when he decided to follow in his parents' career footsteps.

"I definitely always saw it as an option. As I grew up, I saw the good and the bad, but I decided when I was in college," William said.

In 2015, William graduated from Iowa State University with a bachelor's degree in animal science and a minor in agronomy. He then went on to the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine, graduating in 2019. Along the way, he met another veterinary student, Abby, and the couple is now married and has one young son.

William explained that this path has obvious similarities to his parents' path.

"My parents met in veterinary school at Ohio State University, and they ended up in Guthrie Center," William said. "My parents went out on their own about 1998. They started the practice, and this building has been here since 2005."

William described the two main types of services that are involved in operating a veterinary clinic in farming country.

"We're probably close to 50/50 taking care of small animals, mostly cats and dogs, and then another 50% would be the large animals. In this area, it's predominantly beef cattle," William said. "I do a lot of the cattle work, and I also do some small animal when necessary. We're a true



The crew at Guthrie County Veterinary Clinic includes Dr. Doug Frels, Dr. Donna Paglialunga, Dr. Abby Frels, Anna Wilson, Clint Frels, Dr. William Frels, Shelby Gustin, Jorja Hoover, Brittney Lyon, Brianna Rutherford and Kennidi Patrick.

mixed practice."

One of the small animal services the clinic provides is cat boarding and dog boarding.

"The dogs and cats are kept separately, obviously," William said. "The kennels have in-floor heat, and we have a large fenced-in yard for the dogs to run. It's pretty busy this time of year with people going on vacation."

The clinic offers another service for smaller animals.

"For small animals, we offer laser surgery. That can reduce inflammation. That's an option that not all clinics have," William said.

The clinic is located at 2305 Maple Ave., just across the road from the county fairgrounds. William said the clinic supports the Guthrie County Fair and the Iowa State

Fair and provides some services for animals large and small that are being taken to the fairs.

"For 4-H and FFA, if they're going to the State Fair, we write health papers for things like that," William said. "We like to support those young people, and for a few years, my wife has judged the pet show at the county fair."

Regarding livestock, William said there's



The Guthrie County Veterinary Clinic is located at 2305 Maple Ave. in Guthrie Center.

a clear philosophy.

“We like to be a valuable part of the producer’s team in livestock production,” William said. “On the large animal side, we’re pretty traditional there. We offer on-farm services, and we also have a haul-in facility, and we offer reproductive ultrasound on beef cattle.”

Although four veterinarians in one clinic may sound excessive, William explained.

“We’re the only veterinary clinic in

Guthrie Center. Other clinics would be at least 20 miles away,” he said.

Though the bulk of the practice is dealing with large livestock and cats/dogs, the clinic does deal with other creatures at times.

“We do work for some producers that have elk,” William said. “And the most unusual animal I’ve worked on was a tortoise. Every day is different in this business.” ■

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Guthrie Center ASK TIMES



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Q: WHEN IT COMES TO FAIR PROJECTS, WHAT DOES "STATIC" JUDGING MEAN?

A: The simple answer is anything other than livestock.

Q: WHAT ARE THE MOST RECENT REVENUE NUMBERS FOR THE GUTHRIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER?

A: The Guthrie County Sheriff's Office reported July revenues of \$32,270 for processing of out-of-county inmates during the month of July. A total of 77 inmates were processed through the facility during the month including 39 from out of the county. This includes \$1,000 in jail fees for a male serving time for Palo Alto County. Stated revenues are billed amounts not collected amounts.

Q: WHEN DOES SCHOOL START FOR ACGC?

A: The first day of classes is Friday, Aug. 23. Preschool starts Tuesday, Sept. 3. There is no school on Aug. 30 because of the Guthrie County Fair.

Q: HOW SERIOUS IS THE BLUETONGUE DISEASE FOR DEER?

A: According to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, hemorrhagic disease, commonly referred to as EHD or bluetongue, has been impacting deer in Iowa for more than a decade with severe outbreaks occurring in 2012, 2013, 2019 and 2023. As a way to better understand disease impacts, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has created an online tool where hunters and landowners can report dead deer resulting from hemorrhagic disease outbreaks.

The new reporting tool, plus an annual

dashboard, is linked off the Deer Hunting and Deer Health Webpage (www.iowadnr.gov/deer). Hemorrhagic disease has previously gone underreported, and this new tool will help to simplify the process, as well as improve the accuracy of the number of deer and local areas impacted. Submitting these reports assists the DNR in understanding and managing Iowa's deer populations.

Generally, deer populations in areas where outbreaks occurred have recovered to near normal levels within two to three years with no additional management actions. However, counties with low or declining deer populations that experience an outbreak may need additional help to facilitate recovery.

Q: SINCE THE GUTHRIE COUNTY FAIR IS AFTER THE IOWA STATE FAIR, HOW DO PROJECTS QUALIFY?

A: Judging for Guthrie County Fair projects to qualify for the Iowa State Fair is done prior to the fair during the month of July.

Q: HOW MUCH OF AN ECONOMIC IMPACT DOES GUTHRIE COUNTY HOSPITAL HAVE ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES?

A: Last year, Guthrie County Hospital supported 431 local jobs in the community that added \$18.9 million to Guthrie County's economy, according to the latest study by the Iowa Hospital Association. The study was compiled from hospital-submitted data to the American Hospital Association's annual survey of hospitals. The study found that Iowa hospitals employed 137,841 people in 2023. As an income source, hospitals provided more than \$9 billion in wages. Hospital expenses accounted for more than \$21.3 billion of the state's gross domestic product. ■

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BASCOM SPILLS THE TEA ABOUT HER COLLECTION

Pieces or sets are from places such as the Biltmore Mansion in North Carolina, Victoria Falls, England and Zimbabwe.

BY RICH WICKS
Guthrie Center Times

Glenda Bascom of rural Guthrie Center says she has two reasons she collects tea pots. First, she simply likes collecting sets and pieces that catch her eye. But, more



Audrey Bascom enjoys a tea party on the lawn.

importantly, she enjoys the people whom she gets to spend time with when she uses one of her tea sets.

“It kind of started with a gift and with grandkids,” Bascom said. “For our 25th wedding anniversary, my husband’s family gave to us a beautiful tea set, which I loved. And then we started having grandkids shortly after that, and I started having little tea parties with the grandkids. We would bring out a little table, and we would have a tea party on the lawn.”

Later, the children of Glenda and Dr. Steven Bascom moved away.

“But when they came back, my daughter and I would put on these elaborate tea parties for the grandkids and great-nieces,” Bascom said.

By then, she had realized that young hands may occasionally drop a fragile tea-cup, so she had started buying tea sets for the grandkids to use.

“Then, as we traveled, I got thinking that this might make a nice souvenir from each place that we’d been,” Bascom said.

So, she was actively collecting tea sets for use with grandkids and other tea sets she wished to keep intact. Bascom showed pieces or sets from places such as the Biltmore Mansion in North Carolina, Victoria Falls, England and Zimbabwe.

“I’m part of the women’s ministry at our church, so I enjoy putting together little teas for the ladies in the women’s ministry,” Bascom said. “Our women’s ministry also did a tea party for the ladies at New



Glenda Bascom shows some of her tea set collection.

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When asked what is included in a tea set, Bascom said that depends on each set.

"It varies. Most of the time, there's a teapot, the cream and sugar, and the teacups and saucers. Some of them will have a tray," she said.

Bascom doesn't know exactly how many she has but said her collection is not about monetary value.

"I collect because I like them. I like flowers, so most of mine are flowers," she said.

Bascom said she may add to her collection occasionally, if she finds something special.

"We've had the privilege of going on several mission trips over the years. Usually, on the return trip, we'll stop and have a layover. If we were to take a trip, I'd probably look for another one to add to the collection," Bascom said.

In recalling the mission trips, Bascom told of a time her husband played a small trick on her.

"On one of those trips, we stopped in England, and I found teacups that I really liked, so I purchased those and brought

them home. A couple years later, my husband got to go back on a mission trip. I didn't because we had a brand new grandbaby," Bascom said.

She asked her husband to look for a matching teapot, and he found it at a Harrod's store in the airport and told her he was bringing it home.

"But when he got home, the first thing he showed me was one of those little souvenir types," Bascom said.

The item was a creamer made to look like an old red British phone booth. It was nothing like what she had asked him to find.

"And then he finally pulled out the right one and gave it to me," Bascom said with a smile.

Because Bascom realizes the grandkids are growing up quickly, she keeps photo albums of the various tea parties she's held.

"Last year, I did a tea party for all of them, the boys and the girls," she said. "But the boys had to pull out the chairs for the girls, and they got to help serve, to teach them some etiquette." ■



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TAKE CAESAR SALAD BEYOND THE BOWL

BY JOLENE GOODMAN
Guthrie Center Times

I love a good Caesar salad, especially at a restaurant. Enjoying this version of salad at home has been a disappointment for me over the years with store-bought varieties of the dressing — until now.

Say what you want about salad kits, but they changed how I prepare meals in recent years. The variety of salads available now have so many tasty ingredients and are perfect for a household of two — not to mention that I don’t have to peel, chop or slice anything. I really like the Caesar salad kit, and you will, too. From putting a meal on the table after a long day of work or activities to hosting a large crowd at your next get-together, a seasonal favorite like Caesar salad can serve as the perfect canvas for creating quick, easy-to-prepare meals.

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



Jolene Goodman

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F, 6-8 minutes per side (depending on thickness). Once pork chops are cooked through, remove from pan and let rest a few minutes. Peel and slice onion. After resting, slice pork into strips; set aside. In same pan, sauté onion until translucent, about 5 minutes. Set aside. In large bowl, combine lettuce, dressing, croutons and cheese from salad kit. In separate pan, toast buns until golden brown; set aside. To build sandwiches, place sliced pork on bottom halves of toasted buns. Top with prepared salad mixture and sautéed onions. Finish with top halves of buns. ■

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