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# GIVING THANKS FOR THE GRAVY TRAIN

We have much to give thanks for during the month of November. Good health. Good friends. Good times. And good gravy. Yes, gravy.

Sure I love turkey, stuffing, green bean casserole, hot rolls, cranberry sauce and mashed potatoes. Those are the foods that often grace our dining table on Thanksgiving day, but there is one other customary staple I appreciate the most — gravy.

This wonderful potato topper is made from the juices of meats running naturally during cooking and often thickened with corn starch for added texture. Mmmm. Mmmm.

Gravy is sometimes colored and flavored with gravy salt or gravy browning or ready-made cubes and powders. Canned and instant gravies are even

available. I don't really care, as long as there is gravy.

Gravy is the Shamrock Shake of our household. It only comes out once per year, and I always look forward to it.

Some of you may recall the 1951 Looney Toons classic cartoon called "Chow Hound" featuring a dog who bullies a cat for meat. When the cat brings the dog steak, the dog replies each time, "What, no gravy?" If you are a gravy lover, check it out on YouTube.

A few decades ago, Jolene and I were at a community festival that had a princess competition for young girls. It was



Shane Goodman

cute and innocent, unlike the uncomfortable glamour events sometimes seen today. The girls were tested with a few simple questions on stage by the host. One was asked, "What's your favorite food?" She turned her head to the side, grinned ear to ear, and quietly said, "Gravy." Kids are so honest.

With all this love for gravy, one has to wonder how it became involved with a locomotive as a term for a source of income that generates abundant money with little effort. Yes, the gravy train. Not the dog food. The term "gravy train" apparently has roots to the 1920s when railroad men invented the phrase to describe a run that provided good pay and little work. The words made their way into general speech, meaning to have a cushy job that pays well, or, more com-

monly, to be prosperous. Easy living, you might say.

Well, if there is one day that should be easy, it's Thanksgiving. Maybe not during the prep work for the person cooking (Jolene) or the clean-up time for the person doing the dishes (me), but the rest of the day is meant for relaxing.

And that, my friends, is a well-deserved gravy train. Happy Thanksgiving to you all. ■

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# THANKFUL AT ANY AGE

**Guthrie Center residents — from daycare students to senior living facility residents — share their gratitude.**

BY RICH WICKS  
*Guthrie Center Times*

*“Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of gratitude.” — A.A. Milne in “Winnie the Pooh”*

Anthropologist Margaret Mead was once asked what she considered to be the first evidence of civilization. Her surprising answer was a healed femur (thighbone). Mead explained that an early human with a broken femur could not run from danger nor walk to find food, shelter or water. Therefore, the fact that someone survived long enough for a femur to heal meant that others had stepped in to care for that individual.

A case can also be made that gratitude is proof of civilization. When we’re thankful, we are taking time to appreciate that there’s something more going on than simple, random existence. It’s deeply ingrained in humanity to be thankful to those around us, to our God/Creator, and for all of the good things we enjoy in our lives.

This time of year, we celebrate the American tradition of Thanksgiving. The tradition started at a time when the pilgrims gave thanks, even though they had none of the luxuries we now take for granted (such as stores and appliances to make a Thanksgiving feast much easier, telecommunications to share time with loved ones who are distant, and hours of football action to watch until we doze off).

To examine the current state of thankfulness, we turned to area children to find out what they are grateful for. Their answers are a combination of simple, sweet and hilarious.

Below are the comments from children including young students at Guthrie Center’s Little Charger Early Learning Center, Little Smiles and Company daycare (Adair), Guthrie Center Methodist Church Sunday School, and visitors to the Mary J Barnett public library in Guthrie Center.



Sunday School kids from Guthrie Center Methodist Church shared their graititude.

- **Maverick, age 3:** Thankful for: My mom.
- **Waylon, age 3:** Thankful for: Pizza and toys.
- **Estes, age 4:** Thankful for: Toys and my mommy and daddy.
- **Rhett, age 4:** Thankful for: My mommy, food and toys.
- **Evan, age 4:** Thankful for: My playground.
- **Corbitt, age 4:** Thankful for: My birthday.
- **Daemon, age 4:** Thankful for: My cousin and my nana.
- **Ellenor, age 3:** Thankful for: Babies.
- **Evelyn, age 3:** Thankful for: Toys and my house.
- **Treynor, age 3:** Thankful for: Animals.
- **Jace, age 3:** Thankful for: Toys and my friend, Treynor.
- **Charlie, age 3:** Thankful for: ABCs and yummy food.
- **Isla, age 3:** Thankful for: Apples and my family.
- **Huxley, age 4:** Thankful for: My mommy and my dog, Kona.
- **Logan, age 6:** Thankful for: Mom and dad.
- **Cam Swensen, age 7:** I am thankful for Jesus who died for our sins.
- **Morgan Andrews, age 5:** Thankful for my mom, grandpa and grandma.
- **Eli Langgaard, age 6:** Thankful for: God. He gives us food.
- **David Maine, age 5:** Thankful for: Family, daddy, mama, Johnny, grandma and grandpa.
- **Ryan Langgaard, age 10:** Thankful for: I am thankful for gathering at Thanksgiving. Also seeing my cousins at Thanksgiving. A good meal at Thanksgiving.
- **Parker, age 4:** Thankful for: Family, pets, purple, snowman.
- **Cora:** Thankful for: Friends, family and dogs.
- **William, age 8:** Thankful for: Family, food, love.
- **Crew, age 10:** Thankful for: Cousins and family members.





Kids at Little Smiles and Company show their thankful turkeys.

- **Lenox, age 8:** apparently feeling this survey is too early, said he is thankful for: It's not Thanksgiving. My mom, my parents.
- **Mila:** Thankful for: Rosco (my dog), mom, dad, sisters, grandmas, grandpas. Rosco comes first.

*"Of all the characteristics needed for both a happy and morally decent life, none surpasses gratitude. Grateful people are happier, and grateful people are more morally decent." — Dennis Prager*

Another perspective on thankfulness comes from those who have been around this world longer. Residents at New Homestead gave thought about what they are grateful for. Their comments are shown below.

**NEVA LANGGAARD**

When Neva Langgaard was asked what she's thankful for, she gave a broad answer.

"Oh my, I have so many things. First, my family, and that I've lived this long. And I guess, everything," she said. "I was born just north of Guthrie Center, and I've lived here my whole life."

Langgaard pointed out that her family has mostly stayed in the area.

Child's name: Luke Swensen Age: 10

Which community does the child live in or closest to? (circle one, please):  
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What is the child's answer to "What are you thankful for?"  
family, friends, shelter, food, waffles

Luke Swensen shares his gratitude attitude.

"I have five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, and nine of them are boys. That's why there are so many Langgaards around here now," she said.

Looking back on her childhood, Langgaard recalled something else she's thankful for.

"I was 17 years younger than my two sisters, so I was kind of a spoiled brat," she said with a laugh. "I couldn't help it."

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#### LARRY JAMES

"I'm thankful for being able to still get up and go," Larry James said. "I've lived in Guthrie County for about 70 years."

James mentioned he's thankful for family.

"I've been married for 59 years. I had two children, but I lost one. My daughter and my wife live in Casey. I've got four grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren," James said.

He's also thankful that he had the opportunity to serve in the Army, during the Vietnam years, although he was stationed in Germany.



Larry James is thankful for health and family.

#### BRYAN BARTLEY

"I'm very thankful for the fact that we have strong values in this country, and hopefully those strong values will bring us through the current challenges in our country. It's going to take us as a whole to survive this," Bryan Bartley said. "Some-

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Kathy Kretzinger and Barb Edwards are thankful for their friendship.

how, this country always gets it right."

#### KATHY KRETZINGER

"I'm always thankful for my family. We have a large family with four kids, 11 grandkids, and 24 great-grandkids and one great-great-granddaughter," Kathy Kretzinger said. "So, of course, that's my life and my whole being. My husband lives here as well, so I'm thankful that we can be together in these times when we're getting just a little bit older."

Kretzinger added that it's tough to recall what she was thankful about before she married and started raising a family, because she married at the age of 14.

"It's been 67 years of marriage, and we were always happy," Kretzinger said. "I went back to school and got my degree, so that made me very happy."

#### BARB EDWARDS

"I'm thankful that, at this stage, I'm

still alive. And I have a boy and a girl," Barb Edwards said. "My husband passed away from mesothelioma. My stepmother is here in this home, too."

Edwards added that she's thankful for her grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She's also grateful for the staff at New Homestead.

"I'm very thankful that I'm here," she said.

In talking with Kretzinger and Edwards, they came up with another thing they both are thankful for: their friendship. Although they've only been roommates for a few weeks, they have come to appreciate each other.

"We've become really close friends, and I don't know how I get through a day without her," Kretzinger said.

"We haven't known each other very long, but we have a lot in common," Edwards said. "How lucky can you be?" ■

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## EVENT



Coach Mike Ditka (AKA Terry Betts) was present but no sign of "Da Bears."

# DUELING PIANOS STRIKES A WINNING NOTE FOR LITTLE CHARGER ELC

BY RICH WICKS  
*Guthrie Center Times*

The Dueling Pianos event at the Guthrie County Fairgrounds had a theme of "Back to the 80s," and many attendees showed up in their best 1980s outfits. The event was a fundraiser for the Little Charger Early Learning Center, and many silent auctions items, donated by local merchants and supporters, were available for bid. ■



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## Q: WHAT WAS THE VOTER TURNOUT IN GUTHRIE COUNTY FOR THE NOV. 5 ELECTIONS?

**A:** A total of 6,604 ballots were cast in the Nov. 5 election out of a total number of registered voters of 8,475 in Guthrie County, resulting in a 77.92% voter turnout, according to unofficial results from the Guthrie County Auditor's Office.

## Q: HOW MUCH REVENUE DID THE JAIL BRING IN THIS PAST MONTH? IS IT HOLDING?

**A:** The Guthrie County Sheriff's Office reported incoming revenue of \$34,620 from the processing of out-of-county inmates at the jail during October. A total of 78 inmates were processed through the facility during the month including 29 from out of the county. Stated revenues are billed amounts not collected amounts. Greene County had seven inmates for 133 days with charges of \$7,980. Polk County had 22 inmates for 438 days with \$26,280. The revenue amounts do appear to be relatively stable, with \$33,180 in September, and \$35,750 in August, and \$32,270 in July.

## Q: TELL ME ABOUT SNOWMOBILE LAW CHANGES.

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have not yet entered the snowmobile into the state registration system need to go to the County Recorder's office to start the registration process. To renew an existing registration, visit the County Recorder or go online to [www.gooutdoorsiowa.com](http://www.gooutdoorsiowa.com). Nonresident snowmobilers will still need to purchase and display the trail user permit, which are available at any County Recorder's Office, through retailers that sell hunting and fishing licenses, or online at [www.gooutdoorsiowa.com](http://www.gooutdoorsiowa.com).

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## Q: DID I HEAR CORRECTLY THAT THE EMERALD ASH BORER HAS NOW BEEN CONFIRMED IN ALL 99 COUNTIES?

**A:** That is correct. Emerald ash borer (EAB), an ash tree-killing insect, has now been confirmed in all of Iowa's 99 counties. EAB is a non-native, wood-boring insect threatening all species of ash trees. The larval stage of this insect tunnels through the wood just beneath the bark of ash trees, cutting off the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. The cumulative damage typically kills a tree within two to four years after becoming infested. Landowners with ash trees on their property should begin to consider a course of action for at-risk trees, which are generally those within a 15-mile radius of a known infestation. The best time to treat for EAB is in the spring from mid-April to mid-May. More information about EAB can be found at [iowatreepests.com](http://iowatreepests.com). ■

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BY MICHAEL C. WOODY  
Guthrie Center Times

### "THE WILD ROBOT"

An absolutely charming, animated film and all but guaranteed a slot on my Top 10 list for 2024, "The Wild Robot" tells the story of a little robot that is stranded on what seems to be an uninhabited planet. It is not as uninhabited as thought to be, though, and the robot makes lots of new friends and begins to protect the creatures on this planet. The animation is beautiful, and the characters are wonderful. It is an epic adventure and easily the best animated film I've seen this year. In theaters. **Grade: A+**

### "MEGALOPOLIS"

A new film from Francis Ford Coppola is typically an exciting moment, but this one falls way short of that bar. A fable of wealth and power, the film has the typical Coppola strong cast of well-known and respected actors, but its story, even weeks after seeing it, still has me scratching my head about how this went so far off the rails. The movie has moments but, overall, it is a long and boring experience. In theaters. **Grade: D**

### "JOKER: FOLIE A DEUX"

This sequel opens with Joaquin Phoenix as a rail-thin, drugged-up Joker/ Arthur Fleck in the Arkham Asylum where he meets and falls madly in love with Harley Quinn (Lady Gaga). The film shows their relationship and power grow. The audience sees two great actors in top form. I might be the only critic in the country who really loved this movie. It's a great comic book film, though admittedly dark and dreary but wonderfully over the top. In theaters. **Grade: A**



"The Wild Robot"

### "WILL AND HARPER"

One of Will Ferrell's great friends from his "Saturday Night Live" days calls him out of the blue to tell him that she is transitioning and wants Will to accompany her on an epic journey across the country. The movie has moments of hilarity and also some moments of great love and understanding. Now playing on Netflix. **Grade: B+**

### "WOLFS"

Apple TV delivers one of the most anticipated pairings of the year with George Clooney and Brad Pitt playing competing "cleaners," the people hired to clean up a killing scene. The movie starts well but turns into an odd movie with too many twists and turns and not enough humor or believable action. It was a great idea but falls flat. **Grade: C+**

### "LEE"

One of our greatest actresses, Kate Winslet, takes on the real-life role of Lee Miller, a fashion photographer who finds herself tracking down none other than Adolf Hitler and his heinous crimes against humanity during WWII. It is a brutal film to watch, but you have to keep reminding yourself that this actually happened. Andy Samberg also



"Megalopolis"



"Wolfs"

turns in a great supporting performance. It is a harrowing look at history. **Grade: A-**

### "THE OUTRUN"

Saoirse Ronan has been so great in so many movies, starting with "Lady Bird" in 2017 and "Little Women" in 2019. In this film, she plays a young Scottish woman who is struggling mightily with substance abuse. She returns to an isolated area in Scotland and works her way through the demons in her life. It is an excellent performance and, ultimately, a triumphant look at this character's ability to turn her life around. **Grade: B+**

### "SATURDAY NIGHT"

Jason Reitman writes and directs this film full of unknown actors/actresses who look eerily like the legendary cast of the now-classic "Saturday Night Live." It is a tense



"Joker: Folie a Deux"



"Will and Harper"

and stressful take at the origin of the legendary program and a behind-the-scenes look at how close the show came to not only failing, but never getting on the air. **Grade: B+**

### "AVERAGE JOE"

This is the movie version of the story of the football coach who took a knee with his high school players and ended up in, ultimately, the Supreme Court. It is a well-made film that tells the story with humor and honesty. It is also a faith-based film that does not address it in a heavy-handed way. **Grade: B+**

### "GOODRICH"

Michael Keaton reminds us he is equally talented with both comedic and dramatic roles. He plays a man with many issues in his life and relationships. Mila Kunis co-stars as his pregnant daughter. It is not a

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great film, but it is nice to see Keaton on the big screen. **Grade: B**

### "WE LIVE IN TIME"

This is another one of the year's best films. Andrew Garfield and Florence Pugh play a young couple struggling to get through life. The movie is told in a non-linear fashion with little attention to the chronological order of things. It features two of the year's best performances in a raw and honest way and is really, really well done. This movie will certainly end up on my Top 10 list for

the year. **Grade: A**

### "VENOM: THE LAST DANCE"

Actor Tom Hardy fulfills what must be a contractual agreement to star in three of these really dumb and really bad movies. The acting is awful, the humor is way off-base, and the special effects are not that special. Venom, as you might notice, is not one of my favorite Marvel characters (but neither is Deadpool, and I loved that movie), and I just don't understand why Hardy took this role. I'm glad it is over. **Grade: C-**

### "CONCLAVE"

Seemingly out of nowhere, a film arrives for adult audiences looking for a unique story, a great cast and strong acting. Hallelujah, summer movie season has ended! It is time to reengage our brains. The Pope has just died, and an internal power struggle has evolved over who might succeed him. The political machinations are interesting to watch as we see the internal workings of the Catholic Church and the politics that surround an event like this. Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci and John

Lithgow lead the cast. **Grade: B+**

That's a ton of movies to work through this month, but I will be back next month with the start of the holiday season in the theaters, including "Gladiator 2." ■

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



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COUNTY GOVERNMENT NEWS

GUTHRIE COUNTY SUPERVISORS SPAR OVER EMS PLAN

BY RICH WICKS  
*Guthrie Center Times*

OCT. 15 — DICKSON QUESTIONS CHANGES

During the regular meeting of the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors, citizens asked for clarification about EMS funding. One question related to the service billing individuals' insurance for EMS costs related to ambulance calls. Supervisor Steve Smith explained that the EMS service will bill insurance as applicable.

Supervisor Maggie Armstrong added that there are some costs, especially some staffing costs, that cannot be billed to insurance. "If you have a day where you don't have a call to go out on, to be billed, you still have to staff people 24/7, so that is an expense," Armstrong said.

Later in the meeting, Supervisor Mike Dickson asked about apparent changes made during and following the recent EMS informational meeting in Bayard.

"It's been stated there was a meeting in Bayard, and then Steve (Smith) and Maggie (Armstrong) went to Coon Rapids and talked to Carroll County and are changing things," Dickson said.

"So, all we did was we heard from the people in Bayard, and in Orange Township, and we took that into consideration, and we wanted to find out if there was an opportunity for the coverage that they wanted to stay the same. So that's why we had the conversation with Carroll County," Armstrong said. "And then we brought it back to the (supervisors) meeting that following Tuesday."

Armstrong said, when this was discussed

with the full board, there was no objection. "I thought this was a board plan," Dickson said.

Smith and Armstrong explained that no changes have been made, but Dickson said they have changed the board's countywide EMS map and plan. Smith said he stressed that the plan is "flexible."

"I'm bringing it up now. It doesn't matter that I didn't bring it up last week," Dickson said.

Supervisor Brian Johnson said the conversation with Carroll County has not caused any change yet.

"Nothing's been done, it's just a possibility that the board can look at down there," Johnson said.

"So there really is no plan," Dickson said. As Smith and Dickson verbally sparred, Board Chair JD Kuster asked to "move on."

County Engineer Josh Sebern reported on the recent Safety Action Plan Workshop, which is aimed at enhancing safety on roadways in the county. He explained that crash data is available and searchable to help the county identify specific areas or ways in which safety improvements can be made. Sebern added that 97 of the 99 Iowa counties are using this program.

Supervisor Maggie Armstrong told of grant funds availability to help increase safety and said that it is likely Panorama will install two "speed readout" displays similar to the readout device on the west edge of Yale.

"Not only do you get speed data, but you get traffic data, also," Armstrong said.

Chip Schultz from Northland Public Finance provided an update on the bonds cur-

rently held by Guthrie County and answered questions from the supervisors.

OCT. 22 — EARLY VOTING POPULAR

During the Oct. 22 meeting, a light agenda led to a short meeting. The supervisors heard a quarterly departmental report on Veterans Affairs from department head Beth Watson.

"We held a veterans' mobile clinic. VA of Des Moines' health care system comes out," Watson said.

Watson suggested having the event next year in April in Panorama.

The supervisors discussed the possibility of canceling their regularly scheduled meeting on Nov. 5 due to that being Election Day. After discussion, the supervisors unanimously voted to cancel that meeting.

County Auditor Dani Fink updated the supervisors on the popularity of early voting this year.

"In person, we've been averaging 108 people a day over the last four days," Fink said.

She noted that, in previous elections, 80 in one day was considered a busy day.

"It's good that people are interested in getting out to vote," Board Chair JD Kuster said.

Fink was asked what happens if someone votes early but then dies prior to Election Day. She explained that, in such a situation, that vote would then be voided.

Supervisor Maggie Armstrong shared information on mental health services.

"We had a really great Heart of Iowa meeting yesterday, our mental health region," she said.

Armstrong explained that Health Service Director Jotham Arber helped develop a plan and funding request to renovate facilities in Exira,

Guthrie Center and Stuart at which mental health services can be provided. She said Heart of Iowa approved \$107,000 in funding for these purposes.

OCT. 29 — WEED REPORT

During the regular Oct. 29 meeting, the supervisors heard a request to appeal the zoning administrator's decision for a building permit at 3276 268th St. in Stuart.

The requestor, identified as Mr. Bagby, explained that he would like to build a small house and six cabins for the purpose of a non-profit religious 501(c)3 community on the land. He said it would not be considered a church but a ministry.

Region XII Zoning Administrator Chris Whitaker explained that there simply is not an appropriate and legal way to approve the request.

"The issue is the small cabins, the community or retreat center, and a number of other things that Mr. Bagby has proposed...none of which are permitted uses, accessory uses or conditional uses in the Ag district in the Guthrie County Zoning Ordinance," Whitaker said.

Whitaker added that rezoning one particular parcel of land is generally not considered proper, and he cautioned the supervisors about doing so.

The supervisors voted unanimously to accept Whitaker's recommendation.

County Treasurer Brenda Campbell informed the supervisors about a request to suspend taxes for Parcel 0000996001. She explained that the homeowner is dealing with significant medical challenges, and there have been similar tax suspensions in the past for



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similar situations. She said, if granted, the taxes would be suspended until the home is sold.

Supervisor Maggie Armstrong cautioned against making a snap decision and said she feels more information is needed about this entire process.

"I can make assumptions to get there, but I don't think that's fair to either party. I just want to be very mindful. I would make a motion to table this for now," Armstrong said.

The supervisors voted to table the matter.

County Engineer Josh Sebern gave an update, including the annual review of the weed commissioner's report. The supervisors approved reappointing Tim Masters as the county's weed commissioner.

Supervisor Mike Dickson asked the supervisors to consider approving the county to work with Ahlers & Cooney to draft a Hazardous Pipeline Ordinance. Supervisor Brian Johnson said it seems clear that the Iowa Utility Commission has authority in this area, so any such ordinance by a county would likely be ineffective. Armstrong suggested seeking more clarification on whether the county has any leeway in this area.

The supervisors previously voted to cancel the Nov. 5 meeting due to Election Day.

**NOV. 12 — HAZARDOUS PIPELINE ORDINANCE MULLED**

During the meeting on Nov. 12, lengthy consideration was held regarding the possibility of the county adopting an ordinance to address hazardous pipelines. Tim Whipple from the firm of Ahlers and Cooney addressed the supervisors regarding the possibility of creating a hazardous pipeline ordinance for Guthrie County.

"What authority do counties have?" Supervisor Brian Johnson asked.

Whipple cautioned that he cannot give the supervisors a clear answer as to whether or not such an ordinance would be enforceable and effective in addressing the concerns within the county. Local authority may be superseded by the State.

"We just don't have an answer to that yet," Whipple said.

Whipple said he believes some other counties are waiting to see what happens with Bremer's County's litigation regarding Phase 2 of the CO2 pipeline plan.

"Right now, it looks like Bremer County is going to be our best friend," Supervisor Maggie Armstrong said.


The supervisors voted to work with Tim Whipple to obtain a letter of engagement for his services to assist in a possible hazardous pipeline ordinance.

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## HEALTH

# GCH TRUSTEES ARE TOLD FINANCIAL AUDIT IS 'CLEAN'

BY RICH WICKS

Guthrie Center Times

During the Oct. 24 meeting of the Guthrie County Hospital Board of Trustees, Brian Green, representing the firm of Eide Bailly, presented the draft of the FY2024 financial audit report. No significant irregularities or concerns were noted.

The trustees discussed and compared costs of leasing (versus buying) the Panora Clinic building. No board action was taken at this time.

The trustees approved a reimbursement resolution allowing expenses incurred for the expansion project, prior to the issuance of the bonds, to be allocated to the project and reimbursed.

Medical staff credentialing and the report on September financials were approved.

The dates of the November and December board meeting were changed due to holiday conflicts. The November meeting will be Dec. 2 and the December meeting will be Dec. 30.

The trustees then went into a closed session. After the closed session, the trustees approved the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee related to the CEO incentive and wage compensation.

The next regular meeting of the trustees is set for Dec. 2 at 4 p.m. The public is welcome to join in person or via remote technology. Details can be found at [www.guthriecountyhospital.org](http://www.guthriecountyhospital.org). ■

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EDUCATION

# ACGC SCHOOL BOARDS SEE ‘EXCELLENT’ ATTENDANCE AND ENROLLMENT INCREASES

BY RICH WICKS  
*Guthrie Center Times*

The Adair-Casey and Guthrie Center school boards held a joint meeting at Adair-Casey Junior High on Oct. 16.

Brian Sauser, principal for grades 9-12, provided an update on how things are going at the high school. In particular, he said attendance is “excellent” with the new guidelines in place.

“Attendance-wise, it’s completely systematic now. We don’t have a day where we have an unexcused absence, hardly ever,” Sauser said. “In the event that we have a tardy, then we’re meeting with those kids on the spot.”

Superintendent Josh Rasmussen updated the boards on the certified enrollment.

“When we certified this past week, Guthrie Center is up 2.66 and Adair-Casey is up 13,” Rasmussen said. “The open enrollment, overall, is in a much better place...compared to where we were a year ago.”

Adair-Casey accepted resignations of Jocelyn Jesko (elementary paraeducator) and Cindy Lundy (junior high volleyball coach 2025-26). The board approved contract recommendations for Baylie



Josh Rasmussen

Leonard-Lowe (head cook), Kasey Harrington (junior high paraeducator) and three junior high coaching positions (Jason Calhoun as junior high volunteer assistant girls basketball coach, Amber Gettler as junior high volunteer assistant girls basketball coach, and Jeremy Gettler as junior high boys basketball coach with additional stipend).

Guthrie Center accepted the resignation of Linda Webber (part-time night custodian). The board approved coaching positions for Wesley Policky (high school assistant boys basketball coach, Lori McGivney (high school boys golf coach), and William Shull (high school girls golf coach).

The Adair-Casey board approved a bid to add a few more cameras in the elementary and junior high schools for enhanced security.

Board members Justin Crawford (AC) and Brian Sheeder (GC) agreed to be the representatives to attend the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) Delegate Assembly on Nov. 20.

Because of the IASB Annual Convention, the next meetings of the boards were tentatively set as follows: Adair-Casey School Board will meet on Monday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. at Adair-Casey Junior High. Guthrie Center School Board will meet Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. at the high school. The public is welcome at all meetings except occasional special closed meetings as allowed by law. ■



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## CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS

# GUTHRIE CENTER EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE RATES DROP

BY RICH WICKS

*Guthrie Center Times*

During the Oct. 14 regular meeting of the Guthrie Center City Council, City Clerk Kris Arrasmith reported on the city's premiums for Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance for employees.

"It's actually dropping by 9.48%," Arrasmith said.

Arrasmith reported this was the second year in a row that the premiums went down, which she says is a pleasant surprise since she had budgeted for an expected increase of around 20% annually.

The council voted unanimously to provide a three-year tax exemption for Guthrie County Quality Meats for the recent expansion. The expansion meets the criteria for the city's tax exemption option.

Arrasmith reported on findings from the city's audit. She explained that the same auditor performed the audit as one year ago, which helps in understanding the city's processes. Arrasmith reported no big concerns from the auditor.

As part of the consent agenda, the council approved a fence at 500 N. 12<sup>th</sup> St. (Rosenbeck) and an addition to a garage at 602 State St. (Bates).

### OCT. 28 — MOVING DIRT

During the Oct. 28 regular meeting, City Clerk Kris Arrasmith asked the council to consider approving the city's downtown TIF area for another five years. The council unanimously approved this.

The council set a public hearing on the Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Guthrie Center Urban Renewal Area. The public hearing will happen in conjunction with the regular city council meeting on Monday, Nov. 25.



**Kris Arrasmith**

As part of the consent agenda, the council approved liquor licenses for Wine Time LLC and Incredi-Bowl.

Arrasmith pointed out that, during the city's trick-or-treat hours (6-8 p.m. on Oct. 31), National Honor Society students will also be going house-to-house collecting food items for the food pantry.

Arrasmith shared progress on construction at the Cameron Flats housing project.

"If you've driven down there, you've probably seen they've been moving dirt around," Arrasmith said.

She added that a lot was recently sold, so the project is moving forward nicely.

### NOV. 12 — LIGHT BEACON OUT

The Guthrie Center City Council had a light agenda during the regular meeting on Nov. 12. City Clerk Kris Arrasmith explained the need to replace the light beacon atop the city's water tower.

"The light's been out for a while, and it is required by the FAA," Arrasmith said.

Arrasmith said the FAA requirement is based on the water tower's proximity to the hospital's helipad and on the height of the water tower. Arrasmith said that, once fixed, the beacon should be functional for 20 years. The council unanimously approved the replacement lighting.

The councilmembers approved Resolution 2024-18 "Resolution Setting a Date of Meeting at which it is Proposed to Approve a Development Agreement with Main Street Guthrie Center Corporation, Including Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments." The public hearing will be during the next council meeting on Nov. 25.

As part of the consent agenda items, the council approved building permits for lot 30/31 at Cameron Flats (townhouse), 1508 Cameron Pass (communal building) and 900 Tiger Lane (dwelling).

The next regular meeting of the council will be Monday, Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. The public is welcome. ■

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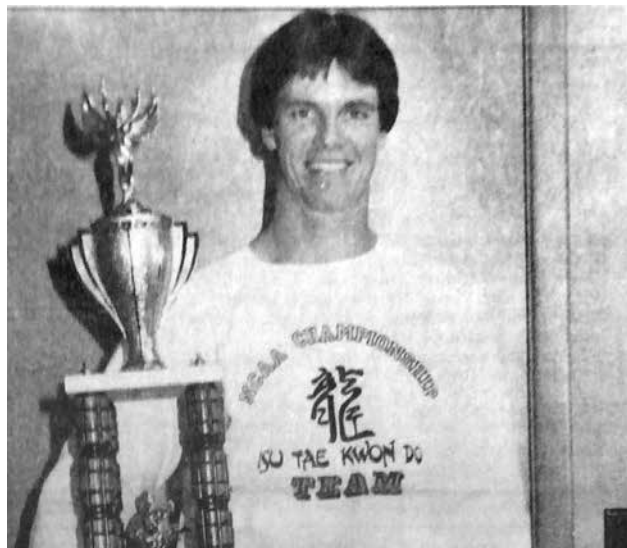
## 50 YEARS AGO



*From the Guthrie Center Times, Nov. 20, 1974*

**IT'S ALL OVER:** Lyle McCool, left, and Russell Densmore were two of the many neighbors who gathered at the Delmar Rhoades farm Tuesday to complete the corn harvest.

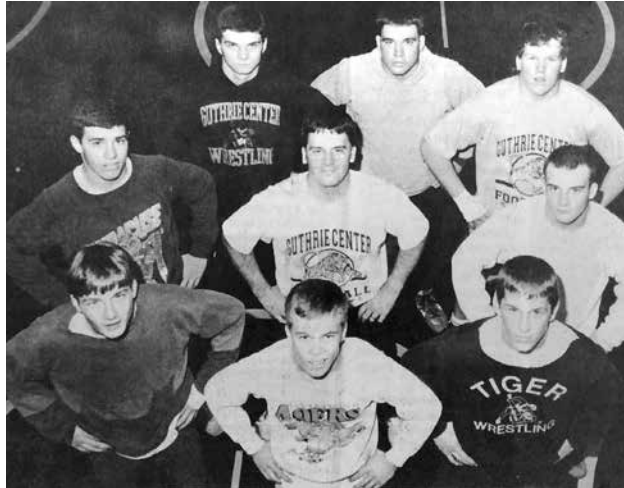
## 40 YEARS AGO



*From the Guthrie Center Times, Nov. 21, 1984*

**THE CHAMP AND ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:** Lance Farrell of rural Guthrie Center won the national Tae Kwon Do heavyweight championship and was also named male athlete of the year by the National Collegiate Tae Kwon Do Association.

## 30 YEARS AGO



*From the Guthrie Center Times, Nov. 30, 1994*

**TIGER NUCLEUS:** Guthrie Center wrestling coach Dave Litterer is surrounded by his eight returning letter winners. Clockwise, from front center, Ryan Steensen, John Knobbe, Wes Love, Eric Leighty, Russ Love, T.J. Redfern, Darin Sloss and Matt VanMeter.

## 20 YEARS AGO



*From the Guthrie Center Times, Nov. 10, 2004*

**TINSEL TOWN?:** Guthrie Center fans displayed their school spirit in a variety of fashions during the football playoffs. A glittering Teri Peterson cheers for her son, Brandon, and his Tiger teammates at Madrid Monday night.

## 10 YEARS AGO



*From the Guthrie Center Times, Nov. 12, 2014*

**SHOWTIME!:** Little Annie, played by Mikayla Jackson, gets the chance of a lifetime when billionaire Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks, played by Ross Rumelhart, invites her to stay at his home over the Christmas holiday. Personal assistant Grace Farrell is played by Bailey Waddell.

## 5 YEARS AGO



*Guthrie County Times Vedette, Sept. 5, 2019*

**SOUTHWEST IOWA HONOR BAND:** Four ACGC Junior High band members represented their communities at the Southwest Iowa Bandmasters Association Middle School Honor Band. Honored students attended a full day of rehearsals and performed an evening concert at Denison High School on Friday, Nov. 15. Pictured above are eighth grader Isabelle Rouse, trumpet; seventh grader Shyann Young, flute; eighth grader Lance Bunde, alto saxophone; and eighth grader Andrew Mahaffey, horn. ■





# THE MONTH IN ACGC SPORTS

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No. 7 Sophomore Stella Largent gets low against Pleasantville Oct. 23. Largent led ACGC and ranked fifth in 1A kills with 443. On defense, Largent was third in blocks with 23, and second in digs with 180.



No. 14 Junior Camdyn Richter bumps against Pleasantville Oct. 23.



Ava Campbell turns the corner at the Class 1A state championship meet in Fort Dodge on Nov. 2.



ACGC girls cross country team at the start of the Class 1A state championship meet in Fort Dodge on Nov. 2.



ACGC's Gavin Sloss races toward the finish line, placing 46th at the 1A state championship meet on Nov. 2.



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No. 16 Addison Laughery spikes against Pleasantville Oct. 23.



No. 3 Jathan South goes horizontal to make the tackle on Tri-Center's Carter Kunze during the Class A quarterfinals game, Nov. 8.



Junior No. 31 Xander Harwood leads ACGC's defense with 61 total tackles and 42 solo tackles.



No. 34 Payton Policky is grabbed by the defender while trying to make a catch against Mount Ayr on Friday, Nov. 1.



No. 13 Thomas Skram breaks outside on his 20-yard reception during ACGC's round one win over Wayne, Oct. 26.

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# NEW HOMESTEAD OFFERS MANY LEVELS OF CARE

**And there is always something going on.**

**BY RICH WICKS**

*Guthrie Center Times*

New Homestead Senior Living Community, located at 2306 State St. on the eastern edge of Guthrie Center, has multiple levels. That is accurate when describing the geography, since the center is built near the peak of "Tank Hill," overlooking the rolling farm fields and adjacent golf course. But it is equally true in describing the various services available to meet the individual needs of those who live there.

The main building at New Homestead houses the administrative offices, the nursing facility and the assisted living apartments. Hilaree Stringham, New Homestead administrator, explained the additions and expansions that led to today's campus and service options.

"The New Homestead is an independent facility and has been in business since 1965. The original building was on top of the hill, and that was a nursing facility. In later years, I believe in 1991, they built on eight apartments to make an assisted living area," Stringham said. "That was kind of a new thing at that time."

As the 1900s gave way to the new century, it became apparent that the original building was in need of upgrades if it were to continue serving as a nursing facility. Instead, the board decided to start construction on a new building slightly east and downhill of the original hilltop location. The new construction was completed in 2009.

"The eight apartments that had been attached to that remained, and they became Independent Living apartments. Then in 2015, they built on an additional nine units. So, we have 17 apartments in our independent living," Stringham said. "They are various sizes as well. We have one-bedroom, two-bedroom, one-bedroom den units up there. For those apartments, we offer weekly housekeeping and a noon meal."

The 2009 expansion moved all other ser-



Hilaree Stringham serves as administrator at New Homestead.

vices to the main building.

"The facility on the main level is our skilled nursing facility," Stringham said. "On the lower level, we have our kitchen, industrial, maintenance, laundry and our assisted living."

Stringham went on to describe what is and isn't included in assisted living.

"We have 14 assisted living apartments down there. They vary in size. We offer three meals a day there," Stringham said. "Each tenant in assisted living also has a pendant that can be used to signal a need for assistance. They have a customizable service plan. We can assist them with morning routine, evening routine and other activities of daily living."

Finally, on the main level are New Homestead's nursing facility and offices.

"The highest level of care is our skilled nursing facility," Stringham said. "We are licensed for 58 beds up here. We have both



The lower campus at New Homestead holds assisted living, the nursing facility and offices.





MaryAnn Ludwig and Nancy Rinehart enjoy the festivities.

private and double rooms.”

Because of changing needs, changing expectations, improved technology, increased life expectancy and other factors, the world of retirement living is not “one size fits all.” More and more facilities are offering a full menu of service options, as New Homestead does.

As described by Stringham, one of the biggest advantages to the various levels of care is that tenants/residents can easily move to a different level of care without having to move away. She also noted that, if there is a waiting list for any of the levels of care, those already within

the New Homestead umbrella of care are given priority.

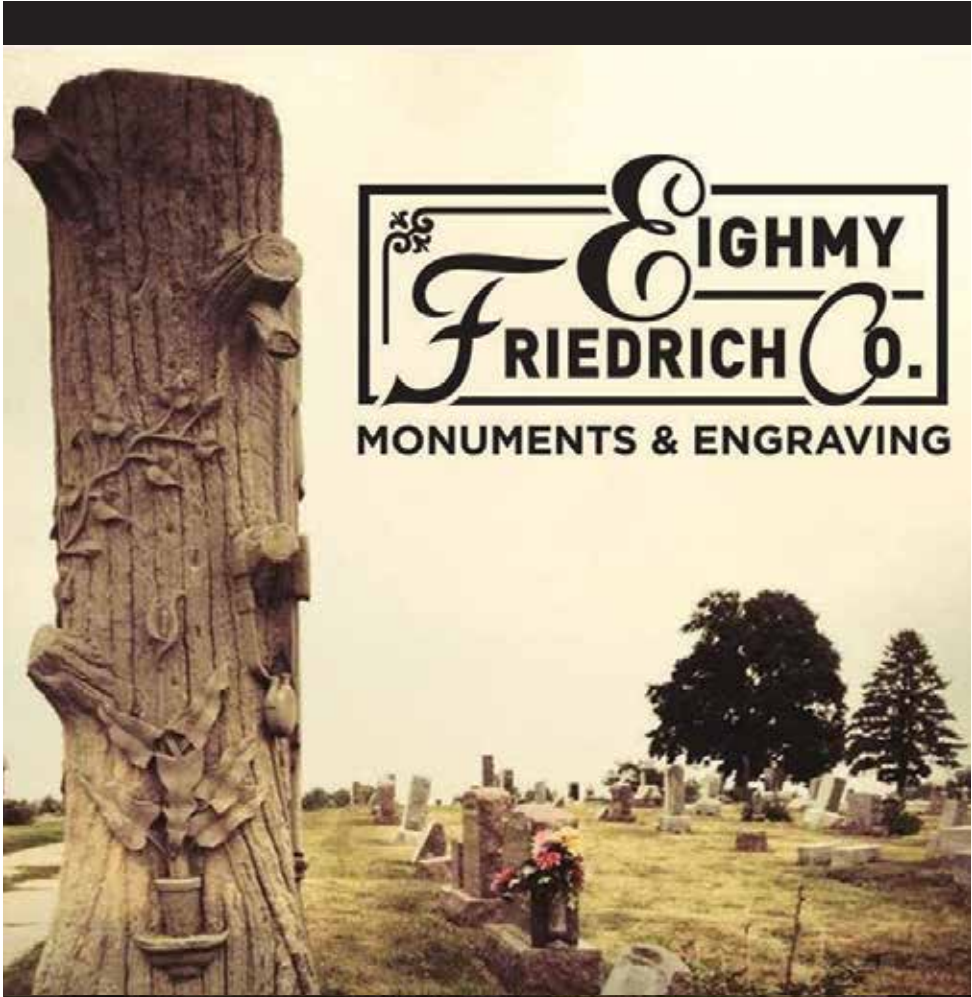
Stringham pointed out that, in a small town community, the staff often knows the residents and tenants even before they move in. These relationships help foster quality care.

“We have approximately 70 employees, counting fulltime, part-time and others,” Stringham said. “And many of those have been with us for 10 years or more.”

One recent change Stringham has noted is families are making more use of the “short stay” option at New Homestead.



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The upper campus at New Homestead offers 17 independent living apartments.

She explained that sometimes an elderly person will come to the independent living or assisted living for just a matter of weeks or months while family is gone out of state or while the individual recovers from a setback. For example, she has noticed some tenants may come in just for the winter months.

Stringham has been administrator at New Homestead for the past seven years and said she is proud of the activities and recreational opportunities offered to

tenants.

"We are blessed to have an awesome activity department. Those living here can choose to be as involved or uninvolved as they choose to be, on any level, really," Stringham said. "We have quality musical entertainers coming in, sometimes multiple times per week. We have regular church services here. We have lots of food activities. We will have lots of activities around the holidays. There's always something going on." ■



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**JANICE  
CHARLENE  
LEHMAN**  
1942-2024

Janice Charlene Lehman, 82, gained her angel wings on Oct. 26,

2024. She was born at home, a farmstead near Coon Rapids, on Aug. 23, 1942, an only child to George and Mildred (Cameron) Christensen. Janice graduated from Guthrie Center High School in 1961. This was where she met the love of her life, Kenneth Lehman. Kenny drove the school bus as a junior and senior in high school for all the other school kids. This is where the two met and began their courtship. Kenny and Janice married shortly after her high school graduation on June 4, 1961, at the St. John Lutheran Church in Audubon. The couple had two children, Sherry and Paul, who then blessed them with four grandchildren:

Shannon, Curtis, Katie and Kristopher. Janice is the great grandmother to nine great grandchildren. Her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were her greatest pride and joy in life.

Following graduation from high school and marriage to Kenny, Janice took on the role of the farmer's wife and filled the role well. There was nothing she couldn't do. While taking care of their home and children, she could also be found driving the tractor, tending to the farm animals, and caring for a large garden. Janice was a loyal member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Guthrie Center. She could also be found

helping out at Bowman Chapel at funerals, socializing at their quilt group (even though she didn't quilt), and washing dishes at their harvest dinner.

Janice loved spending time with her family. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren brought her the utmost joy. She loved when they visited her at the nursing home and loved showing them off to everyone there. She loved playing cards and board games, especially with her grandkids. Janice loved every single holiday and decorating for each of them, accordingly, always remembering to send out holiday and birthday cards to everyone in the family. Together, Kenny

and Janice went on many trips in their camper, often spending their winters in Texas. They also loved taking nightly cruises around the neighborhood checking for deer and attending activities and events to support their grandkids. Janice was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need and was an extremely hard worker. She had many friends in their neighborhood and at the New Homestead in Guthrie Center. Her infectious laugh is one that will be fondly remembered. She will be greatly missed by many, and everyone who knew Janice has a story about her.

Janice is survived by her son, Paul

(Brenda) Lehman; four grandchildren: Katie (Tom) Naert, Kris (Caelin) Lehman, Curtis (Katie) Gettler and Shannon (Jeff) Lee; and nine great-grandchildren: Bret, Emryn, Rowyn, Lee, Hank, Shyanne, Savannah, Carsen and Ember. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Kenneth; and daughter, Sherry.

A visitation and meal were held Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Activity Center in Guthrie Center. Following the visitation was a graveside burial service at 1 p.m. at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, rural Guthrie Center.

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



**PAMELA K.  
SHELEY**  
1945-2024

Pamela Kaye Sheley, 78, daughter of Fay and Pauline (Borden) Sheley,

was born on the family farm west of Guthrie Center on Nov. 27, 1945. She attended country school at Bear Grove No. 4 and belonged to and was baptized at the Bowman Chapel Church. She graduated from Guthrie Center High School in 1964 and has always enjoyed staying in touch with her class and helping with class reunions and get togethers. After graduation, she moved to Omaha for business school and got a job with an insurance company. She returned to Guthrie Center in 1970 to raise her daughter, Paula. Throughout Pam's life, she had many jobs, including the wardrobe cleaners for 20 years and

then both the hospital and nursing home.

Pam kept a special bond with all her neighbors throughout her life, and so many amazing friends. She was loved by so many and made lasting contributions to the community. She took great pride in being a member of the Women of the Bible, particularly with portraying the entertaining character "Mrs. Noah." One of her greatest joys was traveling around with the women in that group whom she absolutely considered her sisters in faith. She also dedicated her time and talents to many community plays, as well as each year

helping Santa and Mrs. Santa bring joy to the local children. She was a dedicated Sunday School teacher, and many weeks would lead the children's story at church. One of her favorite activities was visiting her daughter Paula's daycare kids and bringing them treats and joy.

Pam's family meant everything to her. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Theresa Kreie, Bea Nelson, Bonnie Lawrence and Betty Sheeder; brothers, Jay Sheley and Fred Sheley; special brothers-in-law, Ron Baier and Loren Bacon; granddaughter, Baylee Tews; as well as numerous nieces and nephews who she is now

lovingly reunited with.

She is survived by her daughter, Paula (Dana) Tews; granddaughters, Jordan Waddell, Devan (Dwayne) Seeck, and Misean (Fidel) Hernandez; seven (soon to be eight) great-grandchildren; sisters, Sharron Bacon and Raynette Baier; along with many nieces and nephews including Rick (Renee) Baier, Debbie (Gary) Ostercamp, Daryl Bacon, Deanna Bacon, Jackie (Leo) Garreau, Mel Sheley, Marjean (Larry) Short, Brenda (Dave) Irlmeier, Kerry (Brenda) Sheeder, Terri Sheeder, Steve Sheeder and many more beloved nieces/nephews and great nieces/nephews.

Pam went home to meet the Lord and reunite with family members on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024. She was able to be home for one last trick-or-treat night, and her family is forever grateful for that visit with Wanda the Good Witch.

Funeral services were 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024, at the First United Methodist Church, Guthrie Center. Burial was in Pleasant Hill (Bowman) Cemetery, Guthrie Center. Visitation was Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024, from 5-7 p.m. at the Twigg Funeral Home, Guthrie Center.

Memorials may be left to the discretion of the family. ■





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## CAROL ANN (GRASTY) EDWARDS

1953-2024

Carol Ann (Grasty) Edwards, a beacon of love and selflessness, passed away peacefully on Nov. 6, 2024, in her hometown of Stuart, where she was born on April 27, 1953, to the late Willis and Velma Waddell Grasty. Carol Ann's life was one of devotion and joy, which she generously spread to all who knew her.

A true Stuart native, Carol Ann's roots ran deep in the community. She graduated from Stuart High School, and it was there that she cultivated a life rich with love and laughter. On June 25, 1968, she married her soulmate, Orland Duane Edwards, and together they embarked on a life journey that would be filled with shared dreams and cherished memories. Although they lived briefly in Redfield, Carol Ann and Duane eventually returned to Stuart to make their home and raise their family, a decision that would forever

anchor them to their beloved community.

Carol Ann was a dedicated mother to her son, Darrell Lee Edwards, and his longtime girlfriend, Angela, and her daughters, Sheila Plowman and husband, Troy, and Shannon Edwards. She took immense pride in her role as a grandmother to Cody, Cameron, Brandon, Bryant, Breanna, Tristan and Sierra Edwards, each of whom brought her immeasurable joy. She was a loving sister to Everett Grasty and his wife, Carla; Vernie Grasty and his wife, Keryl; Donna O'Brien and her husband, Doug; and Paula Frank and her friend, Pam VanScoy. Her family was her world, and she nurtured each relationship with care and affection.

Carol Ann's career was as nurturing as her personal life. For 25 years, she ran her own daycare, where she touched the lives of countless children and their families with her loving nature. Prior to this, she worked diligently at Ross Daniels in Des Moines for 13 years and at the Redfield Tile Plant for six years. Her work ethic and genuine care for others left a lasting impression on everyone she worked with.

Her interests were as varied as they were passionate. Born in her grandmother Waddell's home, delivered by her grandmother herself, Carol Ann had a unique connection to her family's history. She loved to engage in activities that brought people together, whether it was playing billiards, working on puzzles, dancing at pool tournaments, or simply spending precious time

with her family and many friends. Her enthusiasm for life's simple pleasures was contagious and brought warmth to any gathering. She thoroughly enjoyed Coffee Sundays with her sisters, Paula and Donna.

Carol Ann will be remembered for her loving nature, her thoughtful ways, and her selfless approach to life. She was a woman who always put others before herself, and her legacy of kindness will live on in the hearts of those she has left behind.

She is lovingly remembered by her family and friends and will be deeply missed. Carol Ann was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Duane; her sister, Katie Bolin; her parents; and her grandparents, Eunice and Charles Waddell, Floyd and Esther Bechtel, and Everett Grasty Sr.

Carol Ann's life was a testament to the power of love and the importance of family. Her spirit, a guiding light to all who had the pleasure of knowing her, will continue to shine brightly in the memories she leaves behind. As we say goodbye to this remarkable woman, we celebrate the lasting impact she has made on our lives and the community she so dearly loved.

Visitation was held from 5-6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at the Johnson Family Funeral Home and Crematory - Stuart Chapel. A Celebration of Life Service was held at the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at [www.johnsonfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.johnsonfamilyfuneralhome.com). Memorial contributions may be made to the family. ■





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**ANNA JEAN KRAEMER**  
1945-2024

Anna Jean Kraemer, 79, a resident of Fairfield, passed away Monday, Nov. 4, 2024, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in

Iowa City.

Funeral services and Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15, 2024, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Fairfield. A visitation for family and friends was Friday prior to the Mass. Burial was at Evergreen Cemetery in Fairfield. Memorials may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church. Behner Funeral Home in Fairfield is assisting the family with arrangements.

Anna was born July 23, 1945, in Jefferson, the daughter of John R. and Helen M. (Vandevanter) Flanery. She married Paul Kraemer, Aug. 7, 1965, in Guthrie Center.

Anna worked with her husband, Paul, for 40 years in their business, Electronic Specialties in Fairfield. She enjoyed

baking, cooking and bird watching with a cup of coffee. Anna loved visiting with her family and spending time with her grandchildren.

Those left to honor her memory include her husband, Paul; daughters, Renae (Brad) Benson of Cumming and Christine (John) Einwalter of Manchester, Missouri; son, David (Staci) Kraemer of Fairfield; grandchildren, Shane, Morgan, Ethan, Julia, Madison, Abagale, Lauren, Katlin and Makenzie.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Richard, Robert and Dean.

Online condolences may be made to Anna's family by viewing her obituary at [www.behnerfh.com](http://www.behnerfh.com). ■

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# FARMING KEEPS 90-YEAR-OLD MAN YOUNG

**Lonnie Blass of rural Casey continues to help his son during harvest**

BY RICH WICKS  
*Guthrie Center Times*

You can take the man off the farm, but you can't take the farm out of the man.

That saying holds true for many Iowa farmers, including Lonnie Blass of rural Casey. At 90 years old, he is still putting in long days harvesting crops. Lonnie and his wife, Polly, recently talked about his dedication to bringing in the crops. The couple has four children, including their son, Chris, who owns a farm adjacent to their land.

Lonnie has farmed most of his life but spent some years in other jobs.

"I went to Colorado and worked on a ranch out there for three years, then I came back and drove truck for 12 years," Lonnie said. "Then, when Chris needed someone to run his combine, I started to help, and

I've been doing that ever since." Farming is often a good news/bad news proposition, as proven by this fall's dry conditions. Lonnie said the dry fall didn't hurt the crop.

"It was one of the best crops that I've combined," Lonnie said. "Everything was pretty good, and it was the first time that I have ever run through 250 bushels of corn. It wasn't all that way, but it was good."

However, the dry conditions also meant there were no "rain days" to relax during the harvest. Lonnie said the harvest went from Oct. 5 through Oct. 23 to complete all 1,100 acres, with a roughly 50/50 split of corn and soybeans. He admitted that, during that stretch, he occasionally switched jobs for a day, running the loader instead of the combine, to get the bins ready.

Polly pointed out the long hours that her husband put in during that stretch.

"He would get in the combine at about 8 or 9 in the morning, and it would be 8 or 9 at night before he would get out of it," Polly said.

Lonnie said combining isn't physically hard.



Long days in the field are something Lonnie Blass is accustomed to.

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"No, with these new combines, you just sit there and steer and push buttons," Lonnie said. "I'll do it again next year if I can. I enjoy it. But when you get to be this age, you don't plan too far in the future."

Lonnie admitted that, after nearly three weeks of long days, he was "kind of tired," so he took a break. But Polly pointed out that he bounced back quickly.

"He rested a couple of days and then got on the Caterpillar," Polly said.

Lonnie recalls harvesting corn with an open cab tractor decades ago. But even though farm machinery has changed radically, Lonnie has kept pace.

"You've really got to know computers," Polly said.

"Yeah, they've changed a lot. There are no mechanical levers anymore. It's all push-button," Lonnie said.

Lonnie and his son enjoy joking with each other as they work. He told of a recent conversation about the harvest.

"Chris is getting kind of disgusted with me. He keeps buying newer combines, and I keep running them. He never gets to run them," Lonnie said. "He asked if I'm going to do it next year, and I said, 'Yeah, just because it bothers you so much.'"

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The community of Adair has had a long and rich tradition of celebrating the Christmas holidays with various activities throughout the town. In 1996, a project was started to promote community involvement and serve as a fundraiser. The Adair Women's Club and the Adair Library joined forces for the first annual Festival of Trees. This project has been held every year since with the exception of the COVID year in 2020. School groups, businesses, clubs, churches, organizations and individuals display a decorated tree, wreath, Christmas collection, Nativity scene, or other type of holiday decoration. The money earned is used to fund scholarships and other community projects. Over the years, more than \$75,000 in scholarships has been awarded.

This year's Festival of Trees will be held Saturday, Dec. 7. The Chamber of Commerce has also organized a vendor fair that will take place from 1-5 p.m. The vendors

can be found at two different locations — the Adair Community Center and in the new gymnasium at Boys and Girls Club. Stop by for shopping and snacks at both places.

Jenna Nevins will provide live music at the Community Center to enhance the shopping experience. Applications for gym memberships and information about rental options will be available at the Boys and Girls Club. Free face painting will also be offered.

Boys and Girls Club has been a staple of the community since 2002. Over the last 22 years, the club has offered a safe, fun option for school-aged children to attend after-school programming, summer programming, and to participate in youth sports. The club in Adair focuses on offering quality programming for a minimal cost so that all local youth can attend. More information can be found on the website BGCAdair.org or email BGCAdair@gmail.com

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The Adair Lions Soup Supper will also be held at the fire station for a freewill donation from 4:30-7 p.m. The Des Moines Little Big Band will play from 5-7 p.m.

The Adair Lions Club was chartered in 1951 and has been serving Adair for 73 years. Lynn Kilcoin and William L. Fisher originally helped to charter the Adair Lions. Currently, the club has 19 members and welcomes anyone who wants to serve the community. The Adair Lions Club has supported the ACGC School, Leo Club, scholarships, purchasing books for elementary students, the Adair Food Pantry, the Adair Library, Boys and Girls Club, the Adair Fire Department, the Adair Chamber of Commerce, and the Adair Community Center, as well as donations/renovations to the City Park for the past 72 years. Additionally, the Adair Lions Club provides donations to many other causes supported by Lions International and Iowa Lions, including

Leader Dogs, the Cochlear Implant Center, and the Eye Bank.

The children can come to see Santa Claus at the Fire Station from 5-6 p.m., sponsored by the Women's Club and the Adair Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber will furnish goody bags. Sign up for a chance to win Bonus Bucks to be spent at Adair businesses.

#### BC ANGUS OPEN HOUSE

BC Angus will also be having its open house in conjunction with Adair's Christmas Extravaganza and Festival of Trees event on Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1060 105th St., just outside Adair.

BC Angus is owned and operated by Blair and Erin Carney, who have shown a commitment to build a strong, sustainable angus operation they can pass on to the next generation. By continually improving their herd, expanding their farm, and providing premium angus beef through farm fresh meat sales, Blair and Erin work to preserve their family's farming legacy for their children, Maxwell and Mariah. Even at the ages of 8 and 6, the children play an active role in the operation, learning the ins and outs of the family's agricultural work firsthand.

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Grace Mackrill and Carol Plowman visit Santa at the 2023 event.

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RECIPE

HOLIDAY BAKING AND A FANTASY FUDGE RECIPE

BY JOLENE GOODMAN  
*Guthrie Center Times*

I love to bake — mostly cookies, cakes, dessert breads, muffins and desserts. Christmas cookie baking was a big event at my childhood home and a tradition I have fond memories of.

My mother started at the beginning of December preparing for all the treats we would create and then enjoy the week of Christmas. Fudge, cut-out cookies, peanut brittle, spritz, Russian tea cakes, peanut butter balls, butter-scotch crunch balls, almond bark, chocolate Spanish peanut clusters and pecan tassies were my favorites. My sister made the Kringle.

When I was young, it was my job to fill the cookie trays and keep them full at our family and friend gatherings. I proudly performed this job, arranging treats by color, texture and size for a pleasing look.

These traditions of preparations, baking and gatherings continue with our family today. My girls and I still make most of these same treats along with peanut butter blossoms, snickerdoodles and chocolate-covered pretzels. We plan at least one day of baking and decorating. These days often extend to include a meal, maybe a Christmas movie or games

with Christmas music filling the background. The guys are around to taste test and even jump in to frost a few cut-outs. At some point during the season, gingerbread house kits are given out, which commences the now annual contest for the best-looking G-House.

We share memories. We laugh. We cherish our time together. Maybe that's why I love baking so much. It is a tradition that reminds me of the joy I have during this time of year with family and friends.

Below is my fail-proof fudge recipe. Yes, it is the one found on the marshmallow fluff jar. You need to look no further for an easy, consistent and great tasting recipe.

What are your favorite Christmas recipes? I'd love to see them. Share with me at [jolene@iow-alivingmagazines.com](mailto:jolene@iow-alivingmagazines.com).

Happy baking! ■

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



Jolene Goodman

FANTASY FUDGE

- Ingredients
- 3/4 cup butter
  - 2/3 cup evaporated milk
  - 7 oz. jar marshmallow fluff
  - 1 tsp. vanilla
  - 12 oz. semi-sweet chocolate
  - 1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Directions

Line 9" x 13" pan with parchment paper. In a large sauce pan, combine sugar, butter and evaporated milk over medium heat. Bring to a boil. Leave on heat about 5 minutes or until candy thermometer reaches 234 degrees. Remove from heat and stir in chocolate chips. Add in marshmallows, walnuts and vanilla. Stir to combine. Pour into prepared pan. Allow fudge to set (about 4 hours). Fudge can be left at room temperature in an airtight container. Eat within 2 weeks. Or, wrap in plastic wrap and place in freezer safe plastic bags and freeze up to 2 months. ■



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The answer for the location of last month's photo is the cash register at Cut Loose Salon and Spa in Guthrie Center. Stephanie Davis was the first person with the correct answer. Have a guess on where this month's photographed image is at? Have a photo to submit for future issues? Send to [shane@gctimesnews.com](mailto:shane@gctimesnews.com). ■



LAST MONTH'S PHOTO



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BY KAREN KELLY

Special to Guthrie Center Times

We have had a few weeks to get used to night falling earlier, and some of you might be looking for ways to pass the time inside. Mary J Barnett Library is here to help you with this. We have so many excellent books including a lot of the newest bestsellers.

Some of the New York Times Best Sellers List books that are on our shelves include "In Too Deep" by Lee Child and Andrew Child, "The Women" by Kristin Hannah, "The Boyfriend" by Frieda McFadden, and "Counting Miracles" by Nicholas Sparks. We have a number of the nonfiction bestsellers including "Melania" by Melania Trump and "Framed" by John Grisham and Jim McCloskey.

For middle school age readers, we have recently acquired many new bestsellers including "Impossible Creatures" by Katherine Rundell, "The Millicent

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We have DVDs, audio books and board games that can be checked out for family nights. Since it's dark earlier, this would be a great time to check out our library's telescope and do some stargazing.

Remember, you can also download the Libby app, using your library card, to listen to audiobooks and to read ebooks and online magazines.

## CLUBS

The Card Making Club will meet from 9-11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21. For a \$5 fee, all needed supplies are provided to create beautiful, one-of-a-kind greeting cards. Get a start on those holiday greetings.

On Thursday, Nov. 21, the Cookbook Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. The group will make recipes to share from "175 Essential Slow Cooker Classics" by Judith Finlayson. Stop by the library to choose a recipe to share with the club.

## NOVEMBER STORY HOURS

The MJB Library offers preschool story hours each Friday beginning at 10 a.m. On Nov. 22, the topic will be Thanksgiving. There will be no story hour on Nov. 29, as the library will be closed for Thanksgiving.

## FESTIVAL OF TREES

It's time to sign up for the Festival of Trees. We would ask that trees go up between Nov. 16-27. This year's theme is Christmas Stories. Vendors, please contact the library to sign up for a spot in our Holiday Vendor Fair on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ■



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|   |  |   |  |  | Buyer   | Seller  |
| 5243 Tie Road   | 7  | 5   | 2,300,000  | 2,100,000  |                  |  |
| 4907 Cypress Lane   | 4  | 3   | 1,995,000  | 1,830,000  |                  |  |
| 4887 Panorama Dr  | 4  | 3   | 1,100,000  | 1,050,000  |                  |  |
| 6211 Deer Lane  | 5  | 5   | 780,000  | 950,000  |   |  |
| 4497 Panorama Dr  | 3  | 2   | 844,000  | 851,500  |   |  |
| 4883 Panorama Dr  | 5  | 3   | 825,000  | 750,000  |   |  |
| 6738 Panorama Dr  | 3  | 3   | 715,000  | 700,000  |                  |   |
| 5220 Panorama Point   | 2  | 3   | 700,000  | 700,000  |                  |  |
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