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# BEAUTIFUL BARNS. VETERANS. AND THE BEST OF GUTHRIE COUNTY RETURNS.

I have seemingly always had a fascination with barns. That may seem odd coming from a kid who grew up in town, but it's true. Few things scream Mid-western values like an old, wooden barns on Iowa farms. I once had a dream of revamping a barn into production space for one of our publishing companies. I was even going to call the company "Red Barn Media." Times changed, and those dreams became other realities, but I still am fascinated by the beauty and func-



Shane Goodman

tionality of many barns that still pepper the gravel roads in our communities. We share stories about a few of them this month.

### VETERANS SECTION

Last year, we published our first effort at a Guthrie County Veteran Salute, complete with photos of local veterans through the years who have had ties to Guthrie County. You can view last year's edition by scanning this QR code [https://gctimesnews.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/GUTHRIE-COUNTY-VETERAN-SALUTE-](https://gctimesnews.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/GUTHRIE-COUNTY-VETERAN-SALUTE-2024-web-2.pdf)



2024-web-2.pdf After the section published, we continued to collect photos for our second effort. I am proud to say that we now have nearly 300 photos to include in this year's edition. If you or someone you know is a veteran with ties to the county and you would like to see that person included, please visit [www.gctimesnews.com/veterans](http://www.gctimesnews.com/veterans) and submit the information. Or, if you need help, just give us a call at 641-332-2707.

### BEST OF GUTHRIE COUNTY RETURNS

We closed the Best of Guthrie County poll on July 1 with a record 635 votes, a

strong increase from the 471 votes of last year. We are in the process of tallying the results and look forward to sharing them with you at an upcoming event and in the pages of this publication. We appreciate your support of the people, businesses, places and events of Guthrie County. As always, I thank you for reading. ■

*Shane*

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# BARNs OF GUTHRIE COUNTY

BY RICH WICKS

*Guthrie Center Times*

Barns have been called “cathedrals of the prairie.” That seems to be a fitting phrase, since, like cathedrals, barns are often the most easily spotted and recognizable features on the horizon for travelers through rural Iowa. And for the families that live and work on Iowa farms, the barn means much more than just a structure to which the cows come home.

Barns have long been an iconic image of Iowa. In recent decades, the number of family farms statewide has decreased, and barns have also become less prevalent. But in Guthrie County, many barns have stood the test of time. Some have been repurposed, while others have been refurbished to continue housing livestock, hay bales and other farm necessities.

Here are the stories of some notable local barns and the families that cherish them.

## RYAN AND KASSIE CLINE

A historic barn sits on the property at 3016 Juniper Ave. near Casey. For generations, the Caltrider family farmed here. Samuel Caltrider was the first, and the farm was later passed on to his son, Warren, and his wife, Elizabeth, who built the barn in 1917. Their son, Charles, and wife, Irene, later inherited the farm, followed by Keith and Karla Caltrider, who were the fourth generation on the farm.

Following Keith’s death in 2016, the acreage was sold to Ryan and Kassie Cline, who are not related to the Caltriders but have raised their family here since 2016. The Cline family includes three children: Ryder, 16; Kaleb, 13; and Karys, 10.

Although the Clines do not have livestock, they enjoy the space that a large barn provides.

“The barn was one of the main reasons that attracted us to this property when we bought it,” Ryan said. “It was a huge draw. We mainly use it as a great big garage.”

Kassie agreed.

“We use it more for entertainment and workshop than for agriculture,” she said. “I’ve had a couple of class re-



Kassie and Ryan Cline enjoy their large historic barn.



A loft was added to the Cline’s barn sometime after it was built in 1917.

unions in here; I had a really small class.”

Since buying the acreage, the Clines haven’t needed to make any major repairs or changes to the barn.

“We power washed it at first to clean it up and patched some holes,” Kassie said. “But it was in great shape when we bought it. It used to be on the Iowa Barn Tour, but it’s not anymore.”



The Cline’s red barn against a blue sky is picturesque Iowa.

One interesting piece of the barn’s history is that it once was home to great horned owls. In 1981, Keith Caltrider discovered large birds were flying in

and out of the barn. When he realized they were great horned owls, he chose to allow them to continue living in the loft until access was blocked by a win-





Solid construction is evident in the Cline's century-old barn.

dow replacement in 2000.

Currently, the uninvited residents of the barn are bats, which pay rent by controlling the population of mosquitos and other flying insects. The Clines say they are fine with this arrangement.

**BILL AND BETTY ELGIN**

Bill and Betty Elgin live at 1771 White Pole Road, just west of the Adair-Casey Junior High. Since 1989, the couple has lived at the farm, which boasts a large, old barn right next to the highway.

Bill explained that they continue to use the barn for livestock.

"It hasn't changed much. We've used it for raising hogs and calves, and we've had some hay in it," he said.

Elgin doesn't know exactly what year the barn was built but said most likely about 100 years ago.

"From everything I've seen, this farm was probably developed around 1930," he said.

Elgin said he would like to repair the barn, but an estimate of the cost revealed it would be roughly the same price to erect a new building. So, for now, Elgin plans to continue housing his cattle in the barn and make minor repairs as needed.

When asked about the American flag attached to the south side of the barn, Elgin explained that it lasts longer that way than if flown on a flagpole, but he still has to replace it every year or two due to fading.

The barn boasts a large barn quilt on the eastern side. Elgin said there is no special name or significance to the quilt pattern used.

"A friend painted the barn quilt some years ago," Elgin said. "Then we had it repainted a couple years ago. The painter took the barn quilt down, and his mother repainted it. We were really pleased with that."

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Bill and Betty Elgin's grand old barn sits along White Pole Road.



Besides calves, the Elgin barn sports a flag and a barn quilt.



The Elgin barn's interior is still structurally solid.

Elgin said in the time they have lived at the farm, the barn has not needed major work.

"I put steel on the roof, and this last year was the third time we've had the barn painted," Elgin said. "It was starting to look pretty shabby. We've looked into refurbishing it, but the cost is too much."

Because Elgin is a lifelong resident of

the area, he is aware of another piece of the barn's history.

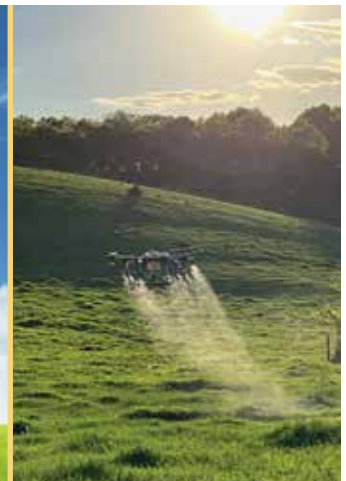
"Before it was refurbished in the 1970s, several Adair-Casey homecoming floats were built in the back of this barn," he said.

### TIM AND SUSAN SCHAFER

Tim and Susan Schafer have two barns that were formerly used for live-

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Tim and Susan Schafer's Barn on the Hill includes a bar.

stock but now have been transformed. Their Century Barn is located at 1628 280<sup>th</sup> St. in rural Adair, while their Barn on the Hill is seven miles away at 1459 White Pole Road. Tim explained how the transformations came about.

"The Century Barn, our grandkids are the eighth generation living out there on the property. It's been in the family for almost 170 years. The barn

there that was built in 1915 was the second barn on the property. Parts of the first barn went into the construction of the second barn," Schafer said. "And there are still remains of the first barn and windmill just to the south of there."

Tim and Susan enjoyed living on the property and eventually handed it to the next generation.

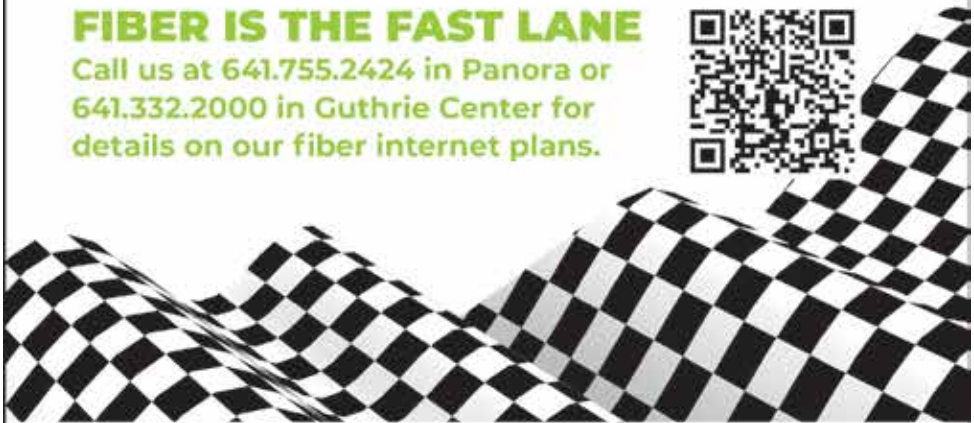


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An upside-down tree became a chandelier.



Tim Schafer finds a natural addition for the barn.



Tim and Susan Schafer are proud of their barn venues.

"My wife and I and our kids lived there for about 20 years, then gave it to our son, Dakota, and he lived there about another 10 years," Schafer said. "Now, his younger sister, McKenna, and Justin and their girls live there."

Tim recalled how his repairs on the century barn began.

"When I was ready to pass it off, I wanted to restore or salvage that barn that was 100 years old and beginning to

collapse," Schafer said. "I did an extensive renovation on it. I had a local guy, Patrick Quilcoin, who was just getting interested in barns. He helped me disassemble it all, inventory all the pieces, and then I kind of rebuilt the foundation from the ground up. We used as much of the old barn in it as we could. That was done in 2015."

During the renovation, a last-minute change in plans occurred.

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"I just wanted to restore it and leave it as a fun place for grandkids to have sleepovers and play, and we set it up as a hobby barn for cattle, so all the doors were big. As we reconstructed the barn, I intended to have cows in there again. And, during the process, my two oldest kids got engaged that year, and they both liked the idea of having a simple wedding at home, and they liked the barn I was restoring," Schafer said.

The Schafers' daughter, McKenna, was married in the barn, then a cousin used the barn for a wedding reception, and then the Schafers' son, Dakota, was married in the barn.

"So, in a six-week period, we ended up having three family weddings in this barn while it was about 90% done," Schafer said. "That kind of changed our perspective from a hobby barn with cattle to maybe more of a celebration type of barn."

Word of mouth spread quickly about the unique venue.

"We ended up getting a lot of people contacting us to see if they could use the barn for other events like retirement parties, fundraisers, church services, weddings and proms," Schafer said. "My second-youngest daughter went to her first prom in the barn."

A similar transformation happened at

another Schafer property.

"Another barn that we have on the north edge of Adair is called Schafer Barn on the Hill. That was a barn that I built about 20 years ago for cattle. Then we got out of the cattle business, and we used it for storage for about 10 years. And then I got an idea, and we added onto the backside of the cattle barn, so now it's about 12,000 square feet. It's still very primitive, because we anticipate someday it will have animals in it again," Schafer said. "We use it for fundraisers, church services, proms, dance recitals, weddings and concerts. We're still working on it, making improvements."

Schafer told of the most eye-catching feature of the Barn on the Hill.

"One of the things people really like about the big barn is the lighting," he said. "I couldn't find a chandelier for a room that big, so I ended up cutting down a 24-foot tree and I brought it in upside down and we lit it with about 4,000 lights, and that's now the chandelier."

The popularity of the venues has created a new challenge for the Schafers, as large groups have come from near and far.

"We've had the same family from Lincoln, Nebraska, come here four times for weddings.

"But we've had people from as far away as China and Hawaii. So, part of what we've had to contend with is, in a town of 700 people, sometimes these events bring in 500 or 600 people, so lodging became an issue," Schafer said. "We've been working on converting rental properties into short-term rentals and Air BnBs. In the big barn, we can house about 50 people. Another thing we did is, there was an old country church about halfway between the two barns. It had closed down. It was Saint John's Lutheran Church, and it was kind of a family church for us. We ended up

restoring it, and now, if families want to have a ceremony in a church, but the celebration in a barn, we can do that."

Schafer shared that the entire family has gotten involved in hosting groups at the venues. Tim and Susan often bartend, while other family members tackle other duties.

"It's kind of a family event for us every weekend, working with our kids and their friends. It's been a blessing, not only as a venue for the people coming in to use the barns, but for our family to be even more connected with our children," Schafer said. ■

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# WILSON. WICK. A DRAGON. AND A ZOMBIE MOVIE THAT WILL BRING TEARS.

BY MICHAEL C. WOODY  
*Guthrie Center Times*

The summer movie season is in full swing as we go from big box office movie to big box office movie every week. As I write this, we are preparing to see an early screening of the new Brad Pitt movie “F1.” Expectations are high, and my inside source who has already seen it praised it highly. Here’s a quick catch-up for those who have not made it to the theaters recently.

### “FROM THE WORLD OF JOHN WICK: BALLERINA”

With this pompous title, we are expected to enjoy a film so dark in its tone and so violent in its action that is not only not good but is literally boring. Keanu Reeves stumbles through scenes just occasionally to remind us of how good the first two John Wick movies were. **Grade: C-**



### “STICK” (on Apple TV)

Owen Wilson plays a former golf pro who had a meltdown and lost his career (and, presumably, his fortune). The first episode was brilliant comedy, but the subsequent episodes have been hit and miss, at best. **Grade: B-**



“From the World of John Wick: Ballerina”

### “DEPT. Q” (on Netflix)

This show may remind you of the old TV series on FOX titled “House.” Instead of a brilliant surgeon, though, this main character is a brilliant detective who never fails to speak his mind or irritate his supervisors. This one is rough, as we find out who did what, why and how. The ending is a wild ride, for sure. **Grade: B+** (with strong violence caution)



### “HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON”

This is a fun, live version of the charming, animated movie about a boy and his friendship with a real dragon. The story doesn’t change much. The relationship with the boy and his dragon is still special, but the action is wild and maybe a little too much for younger kids. It’s still a fun story, and the movie is raucous and very, very well made. **Grade: A-**



“Stick”

### “THE LIFE OF CHUCK”

This does not happen often, but I sometimes walk into a movie that I have no idea what it’s about, who made it or who stars in it. This movie is a perfect example. I actually believe that is the way this movie should be seen. The less you know, the more you will like it. The main character’s name is Chuck, and he is played by Tom Hiddleston, who plays Loki in the Avengers movies. The story is by Stephen King, but it is not a horror movie. Just remember the word magical. **Grade: B+**



### “MATERIALISTS”

This movie takes a look at today’s dating, and it doesn’t have much good to say about it. Dakota Johnson, Chris Evans and Pedro Pascal star in this look at modern relationships. According to the film, women are looking for tall men (even if that means surgical enhancement) with a steady and sizable income and deadly handsome good looks. (I al-



“Dept. Q”

most left the movie early, feeling very unworthy!) The actors do a nice job in their roles, and the director shows us a beautiful big city full of vain and shallow people whose hopes of finding true love are little more than a pipe dream. It’s not a relationship; it’s a negotiated affiliation based on a wonky set of principles. Well-made, well-acted and way off base. **Grade: B**



### “28 YEARS LATER”

My taste for horror films has soured over the years, but I do remember seeing the original film “28 Days Later.” I am less sure if I saw “28 Weeks Later,” but I definitely saw “28 Years Later.” These are all well-produced and well-acted films about infections raging through a population that cause people to turn into horrifying zombies. Danny Boyle directed all three movies, as well as “Slumdog Millionaire” (Best Picture Winner in 2009) and “127 Hours with James Franco.” He is an ex-



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See you next month. Until then, pass the

popcorn. ■

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



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# GUTHRIE COUNTY SUPERVISORS APPROVE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

BY RICH WICKS  
*Guthrie Center Times*

**JUNE 17 – ANIMAL CONTROL, BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

During the June 17 meeting of the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors, a first reading was held regarding the draft version of the Animal Control and Protection Ordinance. A few minor wording changes were suggested, and approved, to clarify intent. There were no public comments.

The supervisors unanimously voted to waive the second and third readings. The county will publish the entire ordinance, and it will then go into effect.

County Engineer Josh Sebern shared the final plans for Bridge Replacement Project BROS -C039 (100) 81-39 on Victory Trail over Beaver Creek. Sebern described the “pass-through” manner in which funding for the project will

flow.

“The original one was built in 1959, and the deck has since gone bad, so we’re doing a full replacement,” Sebern said. “This one’s a bit of a unique beast. The cost is estimated at \$1.385 (million). This will be 100% federal aid funded; however, it will pass through the local budget.”

Supervisor Brian Johnson asked how quickly the federal funds will be received once requested for reimbursement.

“It’s fairly fast. They want us doing it monthly; they don’t want to wait until the end,” Sebern said.

As part of the consent agenda, a payroll change notice was approved for part-time jailer Ben Marsh for a new pay rate of \$23 per hour.

Evan Subbert addressed the supervisors, speaking of his resignation from his position as Assistant to the Engineer. He voiced appreciation for the

County Engineer’s department and all those he worked with in his job.

“I want to thank you guys. I feel like the board has always had my back these 15 years,” Subbert said.

**JUNE 24 – STORM SHELTERS, FIRST RESPONDERS**

Conservation Director Brad Halterman told of the county’s plan for making storm shelters available for use in times of threatening weather.

“It’s not in anybody’s best interest to have those things unlocked 24-7, so they’re not going to be. Both at Lenon Mill and at Nations Bridge Park, the storm shelters will be locked up. They will be unlocked at both parks when a severe thunderstorm warning is issued for Guthrie County and/or a tornado watch is issued for Guthrie County,” Halterman said. “When those warnings are done, both of the shelters will be locked back up.”

Halterman said he and three other staff will have the keys to unlock and lock the storm shelters as needed.

Health Services Director Jotham Arber talked about plans to have a system of First Responders available throughout the county.

“The crux of what we’re trying to do is build on the system that we already have in place. We have Panora and Stuart and Bayard that are transporting services. We’re trying to come at it from a different angle. Instead of placing ambulances everywhere, which we know is very expensive, we’re trying to put first responders...on so that the response time for that initial crisis is being met,” Arber said. “Then, if it takes our ambulance 10 or 15 minutes, we’ve got someone out there who’s at least doing the basics.”

Supervisor Brian Johnson asked what role law enforcement will play in this plan.

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“Great question,” Arber said. “Jesse Swensen is an EMT, so we’re going to bring him on the services with us, so he can have one of the first responder bags and equipment in his vehicle.”

Arber said law enforcement staff could be a great asset in this way.

“If we can incorporate them in our training, and get them in our system, that gives us one more vehicle that’s out there,” Arber said.

**JULY 1 - FENCE DISPUTE, AUDITOR TASKS**

During the July 1 meeting, Guthrie County Assistant Attorney Charles Abel discussed the issue of the Shelley property (Penn Township) right-of-way fence dispute.

“The board approved sending a letter in regard to that 30-day notice to the Shelley property to put up those fences. We got a response from Miss Shelley in which she said she’s working on getting those fences put in,” Abel said. “It’s basically asking the removal of some of the trees that are impacting this fence line.”

Abel went on to explain a possible contract to outline an agreement between the county and the property owner on this matter.

“Basically, the goal is to address

those aspects that apply to the trees in the right-of-way and also address that these fences and all these areas of issue need to be put up within 45 days from the date of signing the contract,” Abel said.

Supervisors discussed some of the wording in the contract. The supervisors approved the cover letter and Roadside Fence Agreement, which will be delivered to the property owner.

The supervisors unanimously approved four resolutions related to Auditor tasks for the new fiscal year: Resolution 26-01 (Guthrie County salaries and wages effective July 1), Resolution 26-02 (Authorizing Auditor to issue payroll checks), Resolution 26-03 (authorizing periodic funds transfers from General Supplemental to Emergency Management), and Resolution 26-04 (authorizing periodic funds transfer from Rural Service to Secondary Roads).

As part of the consent agenda, the supervisors approved a fireworks permit for Weston Grow and a Comp Time payout for Matt Parker.

The supervisors went into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 1 (c) regarding mediation with Lang Construction.

**JULY 8 - MONITORING WELL, TREASURER DEPARTMENT UPDATES, EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS**

Health Services Director Jotham Arber addressed the supervisors about a need to have another monitoring well drilled at the transfer station.

Arber said he had hoped to receive local bids, but despite contacting many firms in and out of the local area, only one was received. He said this is likely because it is such a relatively small project for any well-drilling company. The one bid received was from EcoSource.

Arber explained the reason for drilling another monitoring well.

“The DNR decided another background monitoring well is needed to verify the water sampling that we’re doing,” Arber said.

Arber said the cost is expected to be \$3,965. The supervisors approved accepting the bid for the monitoring well.

County Treasurer Brenda Campbell provided an update on her department.

ment. She told of ongoing trainings for those in the department, as well as trends in usage of the various services provided by the department.

“We issued a total of 3,397 driver licenses this past fiscal year, and 814 of those were out of county,” Campbell said. “We also issued 276 CDLs (Commercial Driver Licenses).”

Supervisor Steve Smith updated the supervisors on his progress drafting a proposed new format for employee evaluations. He noted that the target date for implementing any new format is Jan. 1, 2026. Supervisor Chair Maggie Armstrong said she will work on turning Smith’s draft into a PDF form so users can type in it. The supervisors approved the new format.

No members of the public spoke during the Public Comments portion of the meeting.

The supervisors meet regularly on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. 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

# ACGC SCHOOL BOARDS DISCUSS ELECTRONICS POLICY

BY RICH WICKS

Guthrie Center Times

During the June 18 meeting of the Adair-Casey and Guthrie Center school boards, Superintendent Josh Rasmussen summarized the first reading of the proposed Student Use of Personal Electronic Device Policy. He explained that the policy closely follows the new state law.

"As many of you are aware, we have a law that we have to follow now," Rasmussen said. "What it's going to outline is basically what the law states, that it's going to look at instructional time as defined by periods of classroom instruction from the beginning-of-class bell until the end-of-class bell. That's what the law states."

Rasmussen added that schools are able to make a policy that is more restrictive but not less restrictive. He also said some exceptions may be allowed, such as if a student needs to use a device for diabetic monitoring, or if a student needs to use a device as a language interpreter.

High School Principal Brian Sauser said he wants to make sure staff members are able to spend their time on teaching and are not excessively burdened with having to "police" the use of electronics.

Rasmussen updated the board members on the status of ACGC's athletic conference in light of some changes in membership.

"In recent weeks, Woodward-Granger was

accepted into the conference they were applying for, and Des Moines Christian was added to the Hawkeye Conference," Rasmussen said. "The rest of us remain committed to remaining in the West Central Activities Conference."

Per the recommendation of Sarah Sheeder, the boards approved using the auditing firm of Nolte, Cornman and Johnson, PC. She said this firm has significant experience in auditing for Iowa school districts.

Principal Ed Den Beste said the roofing project at the junior high building is expected to be completed in the next few weeks. He also reported on a water leak behind the bus garage and said it will be repaired as soon as a crew is available.

Guthrie Center board member Kris Langgaard told of driving the track team to and from the state track meet and his experience of being at the state meet.

"That was a lot of fun. The kids were focused and ready to run," he said.

Curriculum Director Karla Mahaffey reported on scores from ISASP (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress), which assesses students in grades 3-11. She added that comparison to statewide averages will be available in August.

"Overall, we are going in the right direction," Mahaffey said.

The ACGC Booster Club golf outing and dinner is set for Saturday, July 26. The golf tournament will begin at 9 a.m. and is a four-person best shot format.

The next regular meeting of the Adair-Casey and Guthrie Center school boards is set for Wednesday, July 16 at 7 p.m. at the ACGC High School Media Center. The public is welcome. ■



Josh Rasmussen

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EXPANSION FUNDING  
PLAN EXPLAINED AT  
GCH TRUSTEES MEETING

BY RICH WICKS  
*Guthrie Center Times*

During the June 26 meeting of the Guthrie County Hospital Board of Trustees, CEO Chris Stipe explained the expected flow of funding for the hospital’s planned expansion project. He shared how the flow may be puzzling at first glance.

“You should be saying, ‘Why do we have so much cash in the first year of construction?’ So, they will sell bonds that will generate all the cash we need to pay for this construction, and that will happen, we think, in the first part of the next fiscal year,” Stipe said. “They’ll reinvest those proceeds, and we will get interest on that while that money sits until we use it to pay for the construction.”

Danielle Lauzon reported on quality measures and gave data.

“For May, we had three complaints and one grievance,” Lauzon said. “They all had appropriate follow-up done, and no trends identified. Patient satisfaction for May was really good.”

Chief Financial Officer Brandon Johnson reported on the hospital’s finances for the

month of May. He reported that the hospital saw an operating loss of \$448,000 in May, and he reported on some of the factors that led to the loss.

“It was not a huge census month, and we had three nurses go on vacation, and several patients with high needs,” Johnson said.

Stipe shared his overview.

“Not our best month. Expenses were high, revenues were a little low, but still, for the year, we’re kind of where we budgeted and pretty similar to last year, year-to-date,” Stipe said.

Foundation Chair Dennis Flanery reported that registrations for the fundraiser golf tournament are full.

Stipe shared that Chief Nursing Officer Sandy Atkinson will be retiring and thanked her for her years of service.

The next regular meeting of the trustees is set for July 24 at 4 p.m. The public is welcome. ■



Chris Stipe

CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS

GUTHRIE CENTER CITY COUNCIL ASKED  
TO CHANGE CHICKEN ORDINANCE

BY RICH WICKS  
*Guthrie Center Times*

At the June 23 regular meeting of the Guthrie Center City Council, citizen Cory Martinson asked the council to consider changing the ordinance to allow chickens within city limits.

“I would like to change the ordinance to have three or four laying hens in my backyard,” Martinson said. “Other cities do it. We can do it, too.”

Martinson said he checked around with many nearby cities and found that most allow chickens. Councilmember Garold Thomas said he would want to review ordinances from other cities. Martinson said he will work on collecting some examples of

such ordinances from communities in the area. No formal action was taken at this time.

The council held a second reading of a proposed “Recreational Vehicle Parking” ordinance. The council voted 4-1 to approve the second reading and voted 4-1 to waive the third reading and pass the ordinance. Fidel Hernandez was the “nay” vote on both.

City administrator Kris Arrasmith reported that the citywide garage sales and citywide cleanup events went well.

Becky Benton (State Street Insurance) presented information to the council about the city’s Work Compensation insurance renewal. The council approved the renewal.

The next regular meeting of the city council is set for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 14. The public is welcome. ■

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# THE MONTH IN ACGC SPORTS

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No. 22 Kailee Kautzky defends home plate against a Van Meter runner on July 1.



No. 4 Noah Kading winds up against West Central Valley on June 6.



No. 23 Jacie Baker loads up against West Central Valley on June 6.



No. 8 Payton Policky celebrates a single against West Central Valley on June 6.



No. 13 Caydence Boals reaches first base against Van Meter on July 1.



No. 5 Jayla Hoover looks to make a play against Van Meter on July 1.



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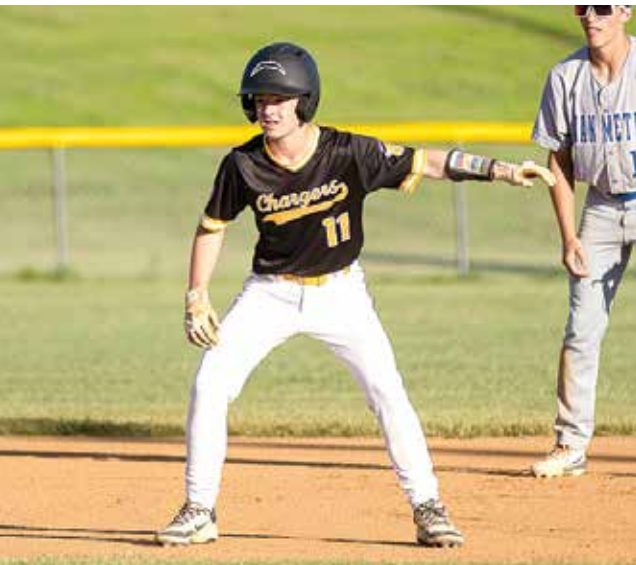
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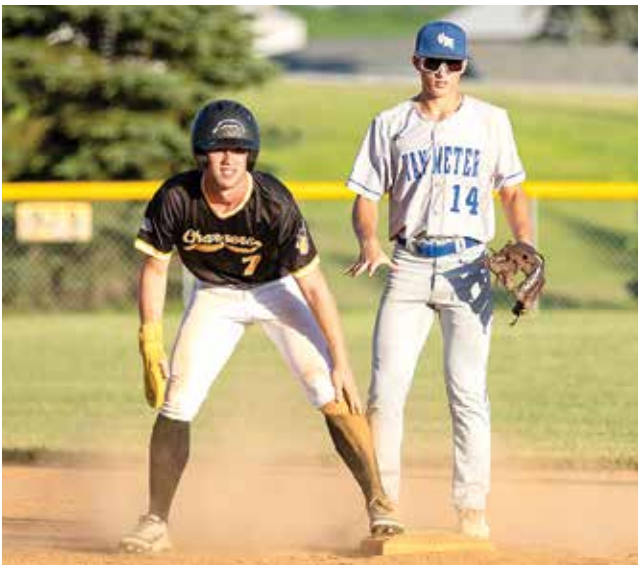




No. 2 Chase Slaybaugh defends second base against a West Central Valley runner on June 6.



No. 11 William Skram leads off against Van Meter on July 1.



No. 7 Jackson Pfrang leads off second base in a game against Van Meter on July 1.



No. 30 Belle Fagan throws from the outfield against West Central Valley on June 6.



No. 29 Ben Franzen delivers the pitch against Van Meter on July 1.



No. 12 Karli Kautzky fires the ball to first base against Van Meter on July 1.

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# DUKE RENTALS/PRECISION COMPONENTS IS ON THE RISE

The company is based out of Atlantic and has been operating in Guthrie Center for six years.

BY RICH WICKS

Guthrie Center Times

Most anyone traveling on Highway 44 on the eastern edge of Guthrie Center has undoubtedly seen the tall boom lift machines parked near the highway. Those belong to Duke Rentals, which is located at 2102 State St. Manager Jordyn Smith provided some history and information on the company.

“Ken Tolton is the owner of both Duke Rentals and Precision Components. Precision Components fabricates parts for machines,” Smith said. “We are a refurb shop here. We have over 11,000 different machines, from boom lifts to tele-handlers, to dirt work machines, and forklifts. We refurbish them here with whatever they need — everything from engines to hoses to hubs — then they get painted and then they go back to the store to rent.”

The company is based out of Atlantic and has been operating in Guthrie Center for six years. Duke Rentals operates in Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

“We operate pretty much all up and down Tornado Alley. We have at least 18



The Duke Rentals/Precision Components crew includes Jordyn Smith, Tylar Beardsley, Aaron Elken, Zack Benevento, Matt Alluisi, Gabe Readinger, Zach Francis, Landyn Howard, Page Oldes, JR Ludwig, Tanner Cleek, Lucas Jensen, Tim Eivins, Lonnie Hall, Kevin Heckman, Race Bennett, Ray Simmons and Graham Jensen.

stores,” Smith said.

Smith has worked at the company for five years and described how the work has changed during that time.

“When we first started here, we were just working on forklifts. But we’ve grown and added some lots and buildings,” Smith said. “Now we have about 24 full-time employees, and we get about 200 boom lifts a year. The work these machines do can be pretty rough on them.”

Smith said he and his crew enjoy the challenge of refurbishing machines so they can be productive again. He recalled one especially time-consuming job.

“There was a machine that had been working in a salt mine, so every single

piece of the machine was rusted. We were breaking bolts left and right. It was a nightmare, but we got it taken apart and made it like new again,” Smith said.

According to Smith, the company focuses strongly on safety.

“We understand that the machine we’re working on will be putting someone 80 feet into the air, so we take a lot of pride in our work, because we can’t get anything wrong,” Smith said. “And we have good testing procedures at the end.”

Looking to the future, Smith said the company will adapt as the industry changes. Although most of the fleet is diesel-powered, Smith expects that to gradually change.

“We’ve got some electric lifts that we’re going to start working on,” Smith said.

Another focus of Duke Rentals, both locally and nationally, is doing good in the community.

“We try to be helpful in our community. So sometimes if the meat locker needs help moving their big storage containers around, we’ll go help. Or one time, UPS was having work done, and they needed stuff unloaded from a trailer, so we went over there to help,” Smith said.

Another way Duke Rentals/Precision Components gives relates to cancer.

Owner Ken Tolton’s late wife, Linda, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2008. As a result of that experience, the com-



Refurbished and repainted lifts wait to be back on the job.







Ray Simmons and Tylar Beardsley replace hubs.

pany now takes an active role in fundraising for the cause. For that reason, some of Duke Rentals lifts are painted purple, which is the color of pancreatic cancer awareness ribbons. Whenever a purple lift is rented, a portion of the money goes to the Linda Tolton Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund at the University of Nebraska Foundation.

"That's something pretty cool that the company does," Smith said.

Right now, Smith and his crew are working to keep up with their workload.

"Summer seems to be a busier time, because that's construction season," Smith said.

But Smith doesn't mind staying busy and working hard. He said he is glad to be part of the team.

"I came in here with almost no mechanical experience and not a lot of management experience, but they promote from within. So, that was really cool," he said. "If you work hard, they'll reward you." ■



Race Bennett and Jordyn Smith run diagnostics.

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### Q: WHAT IS THE POPULATION DENSITY OF GUTHRIE COUNTY AS COMPARED TO POLK COUNTY?

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### Q: GREAT JOB ON THE ACGC BOYS TRACK TEAM STATE MEET BOOK. JUST CURIOUS, HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHEN TO DO THOSE? THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO.

**A:** Good question. We are proud of all our local athletes, and we wanted to do something special for those with major achievements. We decided we would publish tribute guides for any activity that is part of the IHSAA and places in the top two in the state competition. We hope that these will be "scrapbook editions" that the athletes and their families will keep for generations.

### Q: I HEARD TIN LIZZIE'S IN CASEY SOLD. WHO ARE THE NEW OWNERS?

**A:** Corey and Colleen Conrad, owners of Tin Lizzie's in Casey, announced that Ryan and Sara Wahlert will become the new owners, effective Aug. 1. Ryan currently serves as assistant manager at Tin Lizzie's, located at 620 McPherson St. in Casey. An Aug. 9 "Grand Re-opening" is planned with live music by Aiden Flathers from 8-11 p.m. More details will be announced as the event nears.

### Q: HOW MUCH MONEY DOES THE GUTHRIE CENTER ANNUAL CITYWIDE CLEANUP DAY RAISE?

**A:** City Administrator Kris Arrasmith said 86 households registered for the June 18 event. This year, registration fees, along with money received from scrap metal turned in, went to support Guthrie Center's youth baseball and youth softball programs. Citizens are free to "pick" from items curbside but are asked to leave scrap metal items for the baseball team to collect. Arrasmith said the event usually nets around \$2,500 to \$3,000. ■

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**BY KAREN KELLY**

*Special to Guthrie Center Times*

The library is buzzing with activity during July. Even though the summer reading program is over, our calendar is still full.

On July 16, at 4 p.m., the Guthrie Center STEM Lab for tweens and teens is scheduled. Creation Corner will be at 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 24 for all ages. Pre-registration is requested for these programs as we have a 25-person limit.

Preschool Story Hour is each Friday at 10 a.m. Blue is the topic of July 18, and on July 25, participants will celebrate Christmas in July.

As usual, Cribbage and Bridge Club will meet from 9-11 a.m. each Monday and Wednesday respectively. New players are always welcome.

The evening book club will be sharing about "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride at 5 p.m. on July 22. Be sure to stop in and check out a book if you would like to join.

Card-making club will meet from 9-11 a.m. on Thursday, July 17. Participants are asked to pay a \$5 fee to cover the cost of all the materials. CookBook Club is at 6:30 p.m. on July 17. Participants in the cookbook club should stop by the library to pick a recipe to prepare and bring to share with the group on July 17. ■

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Young problem-solvers at the STEM workshop sponsored by the Guthrie County ISU Extension Office work on creating their own pinball game.

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This group is making progress with their pinball game at the STEM workshop at the MJB Library last week.

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The pinball STEM workshop began with a story.

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HOBBIES

# ONE HONEY OF A HOBBY

Craig and Cathy Hinderaker keep busy with beekeeping and bottling honey.

BY RICH WICKS  
*Guthrie Center Times*

Some empty nesters become lonely when they no longer hear the “pitter-patter of little feet.” But for Craig and Cathy Hinderaker of rural Guthrie Center, some years back, they found themselves missing the buzzing of little wings.

After many years of beekeeping and bottling honey, the Hinderakers were considering giving up the hobby, but Cathy explained they were unable to resist the urge to continue.

“One year the bees died over the winter, and we took that as a sign that we were done,” Cathy said. “But it was just lonesome; there just weren’t bees around.”

So, the couple has continued beekeeping as a hobby. Cathy shared how she first became interested in bees. She recalls during her childhood, seeing unfamiliar boxes on a farmyard near Guthrie Center. She asked her father about the boxes, and he explained beekeeping.

“Ever since then, I thought it was interesting,” Cathy said.

Years later, an educational opportunity caught Cathy’s eye.

“I saw that Story County was having a class on bees, and I said to Craig that we should go. It was one night a week for two



Craig Hinderaker checks the status of the hives.

months, for three hours a night,” Cathy said. “We went through that training, then we got one hive and started it, and it just grew since then.”

Craig recalled that the couple’s original hive didn’t produce an abundance of honey at first.

“We got 9 pounds the first year,” Craig said.

But the couple persisted, and, as they learned, the harvest grew.

Currently, they maintain a total of six to eight hives with most on their property south of Guthrie Center and two or three at Lake Panorama. Each hive is home to up to 60,000 bees, and each hive can produce about 90 pounds of honey per year.

For the past 30 years, the Hinderakers have continued raising bees and harvesting the honey each summer. Craig is a retired rural mail carrier. Cathy is a retired ACGC High School teacher, and she

still fills in as a substitute teacher. To help cover the costs of their hobby, the couple sells their honey at Art on State.

Craig and Cathy explained the labor-intensive process of collecting the honey. At the end of summer, the Hinderakers harvest the honey by using a heated knife to separate the honeycombs and wax. The honeycombs are then spun in a large extractor. The honey is strained into 5-gallon buckets and then poured

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Craig Hinderaker uses the extractor to spin honey out of the frames.



Cathy Hinderaker cuts wax from a frame of capped honey.

into individuals bottles as needed. Cathy explained how most commercially produced honey is heated so that it will resist crystalizing, but that process eliminates some of the benefits in raw honey. The Hinderakers' honey is pure, raw honey, which means it has the full antibiotic and health properties.

As with any hobby, beekeeping is more complicated than most people realize. One example is a species of mite that is a frequent parasite on honeybees. Each spring and fall, the Hinderaker bees are treated for that.

"They get on the bees just like ticks on a dog, and if you get too many, they kill the bees," Cathy said.

Asked what advice they would give anyone considering becoming a beekeeper, Craig and Cathy stressed the importance of learning from someone with beekeeping experience.

"It takes some courage at first. And it's a lot of work. I think it's more work and more expensive than people realize," Cathy said. "It is a hobby, but it's also work."

According to Cathy, no one in the family's younger generations has yet caught the bug for beekeeping.

"We have three grown children and grandchildren, but none of them seem to be interested in raising bees," she said.

Although beekeeping requires specialized clothing and equipment, an understanding of bees and respect for bees are the most important requirements.

"Unless you're trying to get in their house, they're just docile," Cathy said.

When asked for a most memorable story about their bees, Cathy had an immediate answer.

"Once we were harvesting, and we both had bee suits on. Of course, the bees get upset when you're taking their honey away. We had it stacked in the back of the Gator," Cathy said. "We were so covered with these angry bees, we didn't know what to do, so we drove down the road, going like mad, and there was this big swarm of bees chasing us. That's the maddest we've ever seen them. It was like a cartoon. That had to be a funny sight if anybody saw us." ■

*Know someone in the area with an interesting hobby or collection that we should write about? Email [rich@gctimesnews.com](mailto:rich@gctimesnews.com).*



Cathy and Craig Hinderaker show a bottle of their bees' work.



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## BARBARA JEAN ARTIST 1932-2025

Barbara Jean Artist, affectionately known as Barb to her friends and loved ones, was a beacon of unwavering love and selflessness. Born on Sept. 28, 1932, at the home of her great-grandfather, Andrew Dove, in North Branch

Township, Guthrie Center, to Kenneth and Lucille Charter, she embarked on a journey of compassion and dedication that would come to define her 92 years of life. On June 13, 2025, Barb departed this world as peacefully as she lived in it, at The New Homestead in Guthrie Center, leaving behind a legacy of warmth and optimism.

Barb's early life was growing up alongside her siblings, Paul and Carolyn, in the nurturing embrace of her parents. Though her brother Paul and her parents preceded her in death, Barb cherished their memories. On June 30, 1951, she united in marriage with Delbert Artist, and together they lovingly raised six children: Rick, Craig, Randy, Teresa, Mike and Mark. Their home was a sanctuary of love and

hard work, with Barb's kind spirit at the very heart of it.

Barb's commitment to education was a testament to her belief in improving and preparing for life. After graduating from Guthrie Center Community School in 1950, she pursued the study of nursing, but stopped in order to get married. However, 30 years later, she again pursued the study and received her LPN from Iowa Western Community College. Her career at the Exira Medical Clinic under Dr. Shaffer spanned two decades, where she was much more than a nurse; she was a smiling face and a friend to all who walked through the clinic's doors.

Barb's life was a remarkable blend of service to her family and friends. As a farm wife and mother, she juggled

the demands of raising six children with grace and vigor. Her hands, always busy, tended to the garden, milked cows and even drove a tractor when needed. Barb's home was a hub of activity and care, where she not only cooked and cleaned for her beloved family but also instilled in them the values of respect, education and hope.

Her Christian faith was the cornerstone of her existence. A lifelong member of the Bowman Chapel Methodist Church, Barb's love for the Lord shone brightly in her actions and her words. She taught Sunday School, instilling the love of God in the hearts of many. Her friends, some of whom she cherished for decades, knew her as a woman whose faith was as authentic as it was profound.

Barb's interests were as varied as they were heartfelt. She found solace in reading and studying her Bible and expressed her love through the meticulous stitches of the garments she sewed for her

grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her culinary skills were legendary, especially during the holidays when her cooking brought together generations in celebration. Education was a cause close to her heart, and she championed her children's pursuit of the future with the unwavering belief that "if there is a will, there is a way." She wanted to leave a legacy for her grandchildren so they would know each other and cherish times together in what she called Cousin's Days. Every summer for 20 years, she brought them all together for a week of fun and learning. Plus, she loved watching and hearing about her grandkids' and great grandkids' activities as well.

Described by those who knew her best as loving, thoughtful and selfless, Barb truly embodied the wife of noble character as written in Proverbs 31. She set an exemplary standard not only for her children but for

her grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well. Her memory will forever be a testament to the power of a life lived with purpose, faith and boundless love.

Barb is survived by her children, Rick (Julie) Artist, Craig (Rhonda) Artist, Randy Artist, Teresa (Steve) Johnson, Michael (Jennie) Artist, and Mark Artist; 17 grandchildren; a multitude of great-grandchildren; and sister, Carolyn Hollar. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Delbert, on Feb. 21, 2025; and her brother, Paul Charter.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m., Friday, June 20, 2025, at Bowman Chapel United Methodist Church, rural Guthrie Center. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, rural Guthrie Center. Visitation was Thursday, June 19, 2025, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Twigg Funeral Home, Guthrie Center.

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**KURT ALAN KALBACH**  
1963-2025

Kurt Alan Kalbach was born on June 22, 1963, to Janice and Harry Kalbach in Guthrie Center. He was raised in Menlo, where his lifelong curiosity and thirst for knowledge took root. As a child, he followed his father around the family's gas station, learning everything he could about fixing cars, repairing tires and running the day-to-day operations. At just 14, he began hauling fuel for the station, demonstrating the strong work ethic that would define his life.

Kurt graduated early from Stuart-Menlo High School in 1982 and went on to earn an associate degree in electronic engineering technology from the National Education Center. His passion for mechanics and problem-solving led him to a successful career with Xerox Corporation, where he became one of only 116 technical specialists in the U.S.

servicing high-volume mainframe printers. Over his 17 years at Xerox, he earned multiple awards and certifications, reflecting his dedication and expertise.

Beyond his professional achievements, Kurt was deeply committed to his community. He followed in his father's footsteps by serving with the Menlo Fire Department, where he volunteered for more than 20 years, earning multiple fire school certifications, and notably saving a life during a house fire. He served as assistant fire chief for nine years, embodying the spirit of service and leadership.

Life took an unexpected turn in 2007 when Kurt faced challenges that led to his time in the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Even in adversity, he remained committed to learning and growth, training multiple service dogs to detect low blood sugar for diabetes patients. In 2020, due to changes in laws and good behavior, Kurt was released early. His family had always stood by him, and his sisters Colleen (Dave Hodson) and Julia (Travis Green) were there to support him as he reintegrated into society. While on probation, he obtained his CDL license and began working for Logan Contractors Supply.

Kurt's passion for cars never faded, and he fulfilled a lifelong dream by purchasing another 1979 Pontiac Trans Am with the iconic gold eagle on the hood. Technology, however, proved to be a

challenge — learning to use a smartphone and navigating Facebook took some time. In 2020, after hearing a 38 Special song on the radio, he attempted to reconnect with Mechiel Kopaska, whom he had dated years before. Though he initially misspelled her name, fate intervened a year later in 2021 when another 38 Special song inspired him to try again. This time, he found her through her sister, Melissa Kopaska, and their connection reignited instantly. His resilience and faith never wavered, and he credited God for guiding him through his trials and reuniting him with his true love, Mechiel Kopaska.

Kurt and Mechiel spoke nonstop for days, and in April 2021, she visited him. Their love story came full circle on Sept. 17, 2021, when Kurt proposed at a 38 Special concert in Omaha, Nebraska, during the song "Caught Up in You," specifically the line that said, "You've got me down on my knees." He moved to Florida to be with Mechiel, and on May 7, 2022, they were married on Howard Park Beach in Tarpon Springs, surrounded by family and friends.

In April 2023, they moved to Tallahassee to pursue their dream of developing an RV resort, living full-time in their RV. Kurt worked as a CDL driver for RIS Insulation, where his compassion for customers and coworkers shone through. Kurt embraced the motorcycling community,

becoming a Road Captain in the Harley Owners Group (HOG) and was responsible for the content in their monthly newsletter. He also joined the Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America, where Kurt proudly showed his Trans Am. His beloved 1979 Pontiac Trans Am was a source of pride, winning multiple awards including a costume contest where he and Mechiel dressed as Bandit and Frog, and he was featured on the cover of Motoring Tampa Bay and in a YouTube episode of "Junkyards and Barn Finds with Sean."

His love for riding extended to the Southern Cruisers Riding Club (SCRC) and the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA), where Kurt shared his testimony with troubled young men at Liberty Wilderness, hoping to inspire change in their lives. He was also a member of the Patriot Guard Riders where members attend the funeral of members of the U.S. Military and first responders.

He attended New Walk

Church online out of Zephyrhills, Florida, and participated in weekly Bible study on Zoom.

Motorcycling was an integral part of his life: Kurt had completed 66 of the 99 Freedom Rocks in Iowa and was scheduled to complete the remaining 34 this summer. He cherished his visits back home to Menlo, where he spent time with "the Menlo Boys," reminiscing and sharing laughter over the good old days. He and Mechiel would later move to a local campground, where they became camp hosts. Sundays were marked by the unmistakable scent of smoked meat, as Kurt developed a passion for barbecue, learning techniques from his brothers-in-law Dave Hodson and Travis Green and studying "Chud" online for the latest methods.

Kurt Alan Kalbach passed away on May 28, 2025, at 10:10 p.m. at HCA in Tallahassee after a brief illness. He was surrounded by his wife, two sisters and a dear friend. He was

preceded in death by his grandparents and parents, Janice and Harry Kalbach, and in-laws, Judy and Larry Kopaska. He is survived by his beloved wife, Mechiel; his sisters, Colleen (Dave) Hodson and Julia (Travis) Green; his aunt, Marion Johnson; his uncle, Gilbert (Charlotte) Bentley; and a host of cousins and friends, all of whom he considered family.

Kurt's life was a testament to redemption, love and unwavering faith. He often said his story could be a Lifetime movie — and, indeed, it was a life full of drama, heart and triumph.

In lieu of flowers, all donations collected will go to the Tallahassee Chapter of the Christian Motorcycle Association and the Menlo Fire Department. Donations will be accepted by mail to 5753 Highway 85 N, PMB 5282, Crestview, FL 32536.

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## DONNA R. BURRIS

1945-2025

Donna Rose Burris, 79, daughter of Richard and Marjorie (Johnston) Kuster, was born Sept. 21, 1945, in Guthrie Center. She passed away Sunday, June 22, 2025, at Regency Park Nursing and Rehab Center, Jefferson, where she has been a resident

since 2014.

Donna attended Guthrie Center schools. She married Raymond Gibson on Sept. 18, 1965, and later divorced in 1981. To this union, five children were born. They made their home in Logan for a short time before moving to a farm near Adair. They moved to Panora around 1975. Donna worked at Mrs. Grimes Canning Factory in Grimes for around 10 years. She then worked as a supervisor at the Redfield Brick Yard for 10 years. She then retired from Sunny Fresh Foods where she worked for three years.

Donna enjoyed cooking and listening/singing to music.

Donna is survived by her children, Marjorie Gibson of Linden; Malissa Gibson of Bagley; Michael (Ester) Gibson of Panora; Marsha (Kurt)

Higgins of Everly; and Monica (Don) Reynolds of Linden; nine grandchildren, Brittaney Gibson, Stephanie (Mark) Gorsuch, Dale Morlan, Sara Gibson, Ashley Hirsch, Alec Higgins, Allison Higgins, Jordon (Jenna) Reynolds, and Makayla (Parker) Niemier; several great-grandchildren; and siblings, David Kuster, Darlene Hall and Bonnie Fredericksen. She was preceded in death by her parents and infant brother, Doyle.

Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, June 26, 2025, at the Twigg Funeral Home, Guthrie Center. Burial was in Bear Grove Cemetery, rural Guthrie Center. Visitation was Wednesday, June 25, 2025, from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

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**DAVID DUANE  
TELLINGHUISEN**  
1961-2025

David Duane Tellinghuisen passed away on June 13, 2025, in Sioux City. He was born to Hiram and Edna (Viken) Tellinghuisen on Oct. 2, 1961, in Breckenridge, Minnesota.

During his childhood, David and his family moved several times, living in Minnesota, North Dakota and Iowa. David graduated from

Guthrie Center High School in 1979. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in religion from Northwestern College (Iowa) and a Master of Divinity from Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan. David was an ordained pastor in the Reformed Church of America and served churches in Montgomery, New York, Hawarden, Iowa, and Bradenton, Florida. He later served as a transitional pastor for churches in Illinois, Wisconsin and Florida.

On June 15, 1985, he was united in marriage to Kelly Conley in Spencer. They were blessed with two children, Ryan and Laura, and two grandchildren.

David loved time with his family, particularly trips to visit his children and many excursions and adventures with Ryan. Above all, David loved his Savior, Jesus Christ, and sharing his faith with others. That abiding faith was inspirational to

those who knew him, particularly as he faced terminal cancer. And as all who knew him would attest, he had an affinity for Apple products.

David is survived by his wife, Kelly; son, Ryan of Sioux City, and daughter, Laura (Kurt) Henrichs of Creston; grandchildren, Ivy and Oliver; and brother, Donald (Becca) Tellinghuisen of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held for David at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church, Sibley, with Rev. Wayne Sneller officiating. Burial took place at Holman Township Cemetery in Sibley. Visitation with the family was at 10 a.m. Wednesday until 10:45 a.m. at the church. The Porter Funeral Home in Hawarden is assisting the family. Condolences may be sent to [www.porterfuneralhomes.com](http://www.porterfuneralhomes.com). ■

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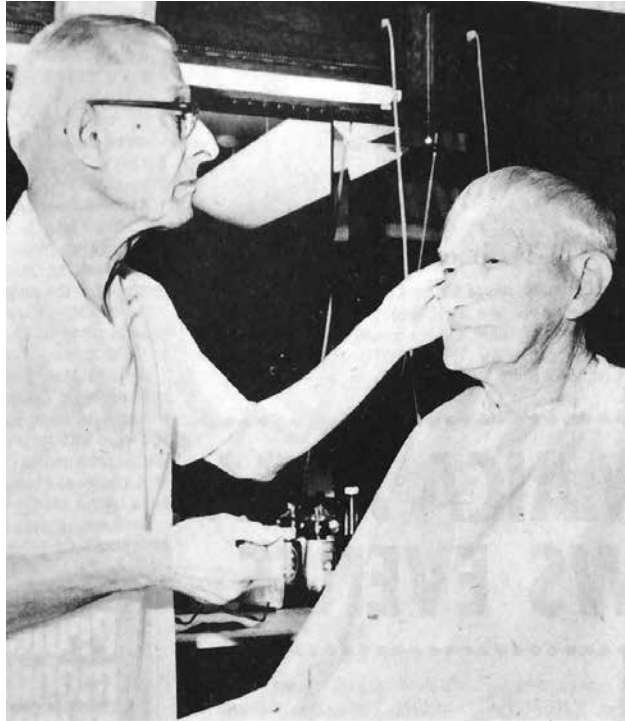
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## 40 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, July 31, 1985

**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION RECEIVE AWARDS.** Members of the local DAR chapter met in the Ruth Owen home, 210 S. 12th, for a special meeting. Present were: Front, Rita Powell, Ruth Owen, Ruth Stewart and Georgeann Coleman. Back, Pearle Chaloupka, Freda Sheeder, Dorothy Donahey and Lisa Powell. Not present were Karla Caltrider, Neva Ellett, Maxine Kading, Karen Robinson and Sandra Sorensen.

## 30 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, July 26, 1995

**THE 1995 SOFTBALL TIGERETTES.** From left to right, first row: Abbey Brown, Brie Wetzell, Jacie Terwilliger, Evie Menefee and Phillip Brown (bat boy). Second row: Jenni Wedemeyer, Katy Snyder, Rachel Volesky, Teresa Wessling, Melissa Willenborg, Genienne Betts, and Abby Snyder. Back row: Head Coach Gary Snyder, Faith Kuster, Kristi Albaugh, Jessica Millhollin, Kim Holle, Kortni Norgart, Jennifer Wolfe and Assistant Coach Cathy Roepke.

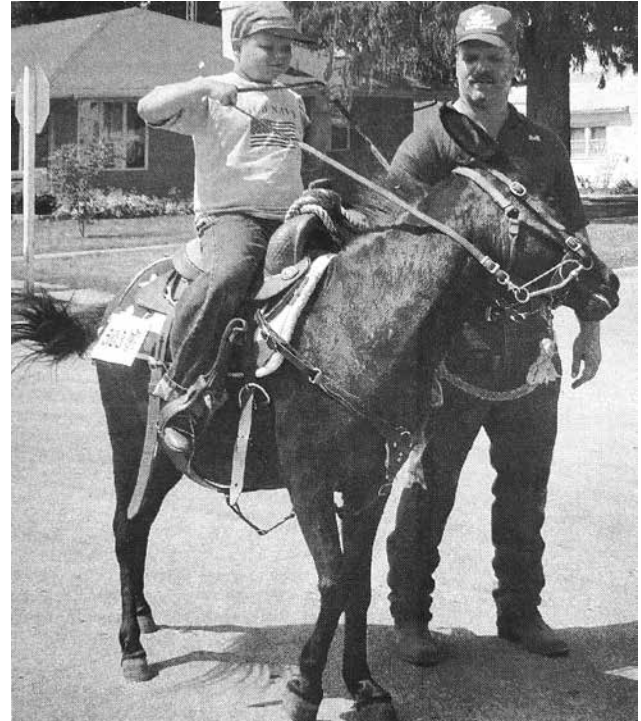
## 20 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, July 13, 2005

**THE CASEY MAN!** Helping Wayne Hager accept his Citizen of the Year award at Casey Fun Day last Saturday are his sons Terry Hager, Polk City, and Kevin Hager, Dallas, Texas, and daughters Rita Clissold, Houston, Texas, and Linda Hager, Indianola. Wayne was unaware of his children's presence until getting his award.

## 10 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, July 20, 2015

**DOLLY DOESN'T WANT HER PICTURE TAKEN!** Nine-year-old Brian Nosbisch and his mule of Adair were ribbon winners last week at Adair's Jesse James Chuckwagon Days. Bill Nosbisch helps his son navigate.

## 5 YEARS AGO



Guthrie County Times Vedette, July 2, 2020

**FIRE ENGULFS APARTMENTS IN DOWNTOWN GUTHRIE CENTER.** Firefighters enter the upper floor apartments in the 300 block of State Street in Guthrie Center last week. Fire departments and EMS from Pandora, Stuart, Atlantic, the sheriff's department and Iowa State Patrol assisted. No injuries were reported. ■





# MOM'S CHICKEN SALAD

BY JOLENE GOODMAN  
*Guthrie Center Times*

Lately, I've been hooked on chicken salad — making a fresh batch every week for quick, satisfying lunches and the occasional no-fuss dinner. It is incredibly convenient to have a flavorful, ready-to-eat meal waiting in the fridge. I love its versatility, too, as it is perfect to pile on toast, toss over greens, or simply enjoy by the spoonful.

This version (I can't really call it a recipe) is more of a method passed down from my mother. She never measured anything, but just added a bit of this and a scoop of that, adjusting as she tasted. I have kept that spirit but added a few of my own touches along the way. I sometimes swap out the mayo for Greek yogurt, skip the onions

(some family members are not fans), and change up the nuts depending on what I have on hand. I also ditched the sugar in favor of honey or a splash of lemon juice for brightness. Personally, I leave out mustard — but if you love that tangy kick, try stirring in a tablespoon of Dijon for a bold, earthy note.

It's a flexible formula that can be adjusted to your tastes — and your family's. Enjoy! ■

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



Jolene Goodman

## MOM'S CHICKEN SALAD

### Ingredients:

- 3 cups chicken, diced
- ½-1 cup celery, diced
- ¼-½ cup onion, minced (optional)
- ½-1 cup of red grapes, cut in half (or use mandarin oranges)
- ¼-¾ cup pecans, chopped (or use walnuts or almonds)
- 2 tablespoons honey (or a splash of lemon juice)
- 1-1¼ cup mayonnaise (or low-fat Greek yogurt), add more if needed
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon salt

### Directions

Add first five ingredients to a



medium-sized bowl. In a smaller bowl, combine the last 5 ingredients and add to the first bowl. Mix. Chill for one to two

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- 1/4 cup fine breadcrumbs

1. In a large bowl, whisk together the egg, Worcestershire sauce, paprika, onion powder, salt and pepper. Add the ground beef and breadcrumbs. Use your hands to mix until combined.
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# TEN SQUARED WOMEN'S GROUP DONATES \$14,700



The Ten Squared Women of Guthrie County group presented its second quarterly donation of 2025 on July 1, giving \$14,700 to Friends of the Jamaica Library. This amount includes member donations and several employer matches. Pictured are Kristen Crouthamel (Ten Squared Women), Carla Hilgenberg, Laurie Carnahan, Deb Louk and Karen Onken and Dustie the dog. ■

# TEN SQUARED PLUS MEN'S GROUP DONATES \$19,200



The spring funding check for Ten Squared Plus men was presented June 20 to members of the Guthrie County Hospital Foundation for the Meals on Wheels programs for Guthrie Center and Panora. Accepting the check for \$19,200 was Dennis Flannery, executive director of the foundation, Mary Jane Carouthers, president of the foundation board, and Chris Stipe, CEO of Guthrie County Hospital. Presenting on behalf of Ten Squared Men was Barry Monaghan, director. ■

# GUTHRIE CENTER YARD OF THE MONTH HONOR AWARDED TO THE KENTS



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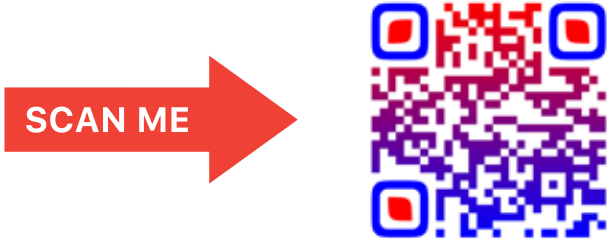
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