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**ON THE COVER:** Roger Clark keeps an eye on ham steaks and asparagus. Photo by Rich Wicks



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# ARE YOU A MASTER OF THE GRILL?

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

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

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

my master of the grill.

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

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



Shane Goodman

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

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

If all this talk about grilling is mak-

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

Thanks for reading. ■

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# NATURAL BORN GRILLERS

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

BY RICH WICKS  
*Guthrie Center Times*

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

## GRILLING YEAR-ROUND

Have you heard of "spatchcock chicken?" Although it sounds like a dance craze from the 1960s, or maybe a TV cartoon character, spatchcocking is simply a method of cooking chicken or other fowl. The backbone is removed, allowing the meat to be split open and partially flattened, which results in more even cooking when grilled. Spatchcocking is a favorite method of grilling chicken at the home of Devan and Dwayne Seek of rural Guthrie Center.

"We raise our own cows and chickens, so almost everything we grill is our own," Devan said. "We're just trying to be as self-sufficient as possible."

Dwayne works as a pesticide investigator, so the family also likes the idea of knowing exactly what is (and isn't) in their home-raised foods. Devan added another reason for their practice of self-sufficiency.

"When you have four kids, it's a heck of a lot cheaper to raise your own meat and grow your own food instead of going to the store every time you need it," she said. "We have a huge garden, and we try to grow a lot of our own veggies and roast those."

The family is well equipped for cooking outdoors with a large grill, a smoker and a flat top grill. Devan explained that the family doesn't stop grilling just because summer weather ends.

"Even in the winter, especially with mild winters like this, we do grill year-round. If there's not snow blowing around, we grill or smoke," Devan said. "And then, in the summer, we pull out the flat-top for camping a



Roger, Cailynn, Cal, Colton and Brandy Clark enjoy grilling often.

lot, because we like to do hibachi-type grilling."

Devan recalled a year when Dwayne smoked brisket for Thanksgiving dinner, and Dwayne mentioned deep-fat frying a turkey for another. Devan said they would like to use the smoker even more often, but with work and four kids, there isn't always enough time. Because of this, most of the Seek family grilling is done with propane, simply because it's quicker than waiting for charcoal to be ready.

Dwayne mentioned that he's made pizzas on the grill, as well as eggs and other breakfast items.

"We've even tried 'lollipop legs,'" Dwayne said. "You take a drumstick and cut it and press it down so it looks like a lollipop and marinate it or season it and grill it that way."

Dwayne and Devan said lollipop legs

have been a favorite of their kids.

On this particular day, the Seek grill was active with two spatchcock chickens and bacon-wrapped asparagus.

"He likes to experiment a lot," Devan said. "I worked at a steakhouse, so I'm more traditional — steaks and stuff. The only tip I would have is, don't overcook your steaks. I like mine rare."

## NO S'MORES FOR THESE SCOUTS

Besides family grilling, another group known for cooking around a fire is scouts. On a recent day, a group of scouts was spotted around a fire at Springbrook State Park. The group included Boy Scouts from Troop 46 and Cub Scouts from Pack 38. The scouts ranged in age from 7 through 16.

The adult chaperones explained that the group was on their annual spring campout. The scouts and chaperones told of

the various items they'd already enjoyed or planned to cook during the weekend, including goulash, walking tacos, popcorn, Dutch oven cornbread, eggs and hash-browns.

However, one notable item was humorously absent from the weekend's menu. There was no plan to attempt making s'mores, due to the likelihood of flaming marshmallows.

"They've never worked on a scouting trip," a chaperone said with a knowing grin.

## "THERE'S JUST SOMETHING ABOUT A GRILLED HOT DOG"

Grilling is an American tradition, and the staff at New Homestead Senior Living Community in Guthrie Center is working to bring that piece of Americana back into the lives of the people living there. Brandy Clark, community relations director at New



Devan and Dwayne Seeck grill home-raised foods year-round.

Homestead, told of the ongoing plans.

“My family grills quite frequently, and that’s why I first thought of the idea for our assisted living and independent living campuses,” Clark said. “It’s commonly known as a family activity. As our tenants have moved off their homes or acreages or farms, some of the activities get lost. We want to give them a piece of home, when we can.”

Clark recalls asking tenants what they miss most from their former homes, and grilling was a common response. She reported one tenant telling her, “There’s just something about a grilled hot dog.” Many memories of summertime holidays and gatherings involve grilling, so Clark committed to the idea of doing much of the same at New Homestead.

A grilling event at New Homestead was planned for May 14, after this interview but before Guthrie Center Times published. New Homestead was partnering with the Guthrie County Cattlemen group to provide a drive-through meal of burgers, chips and a cookie in honor of May Beef Month.

“The whole goal is to provide them with the quality of living that they deserve, and this is just one of the ways that we are trying to do that,” Clark said.

#### APPLE, HICKORY AND MESQUITE

At home, Roger and Brandy Clark grill for their family frequently on their Traeger grill, which uses pellets for fuel.

The family previously had a smaller grill but upgraded to the larger model for more space and the built-in warming rack. Brandy said the larger grill is perfect for their family, which includes three kids.

The three Clark children all attend ACGC

Schools. Cailynn is finishing first grade, Cal is a seventh grader, and Colton is a freshman. Colton’s favorite food off the grill is marinated pork loin, while Cal said he prefers ribeye, and Cailynn couldn’t name a particular favorite.

Roger explained that he enjoys the indirect heating of the pellet grill and the various flavored pellets available.

“I use apple, hickory and mesquite,” Roger said. “Steaks, and even burgers, are so much juicier. They don’t dry out.”

Roger also sometimes uses the grill as more of a low-heat smoker.

“I’ll do pork butts on it, and they usually take about 10 hours,” Roger said. “That really tastes good with all that smoked flavor.”



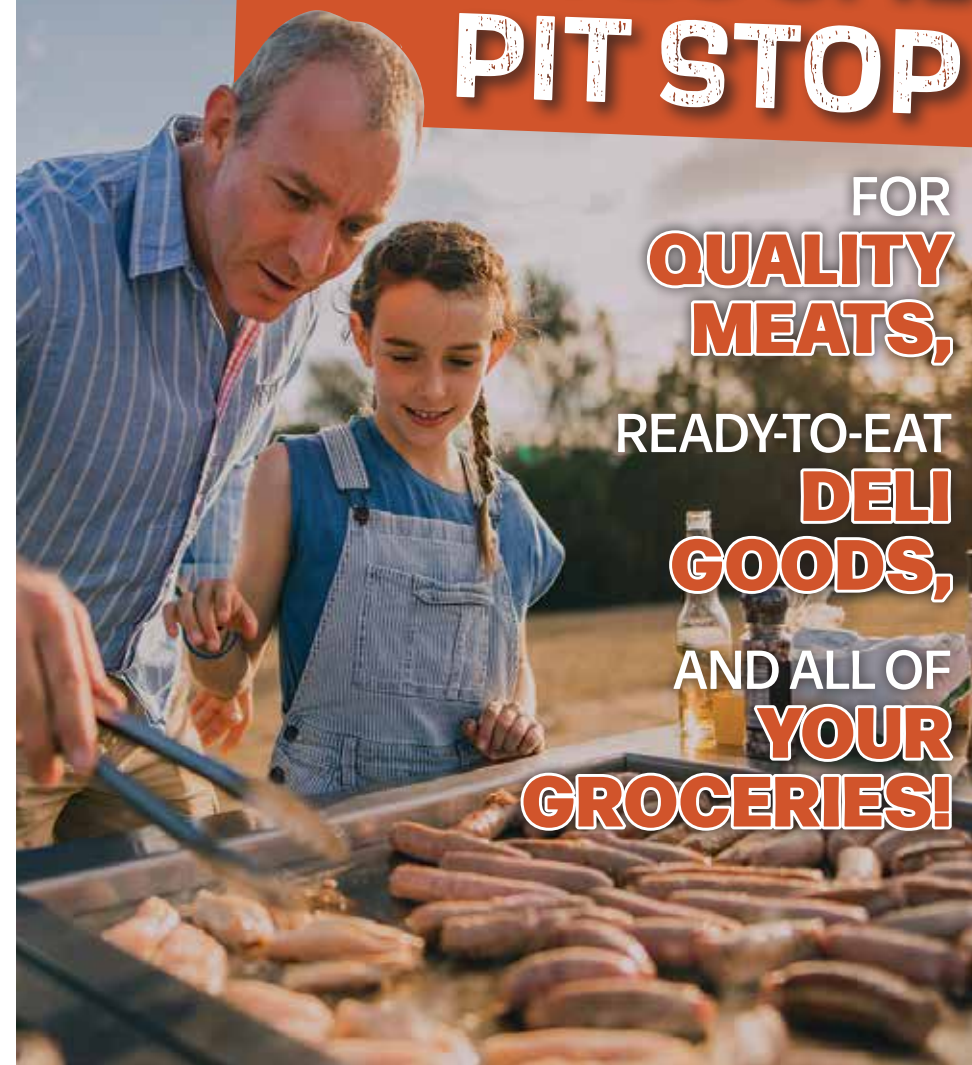
Dwayne Seeck checks on the spatchcock chicken and bacon-wrapped asparagus.

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Scouts and grilling are an American tradition.

It takes longer, but it's so worth it."

Roger pointed out that he grills more than just meat.

"When we have green beans, we'll season them with olive oil and seasoning and do them on the grill. They're really good that way," Roger said.

The Clark family also uses a large flat top grill during the summer.

"I make a Philly cheesesteak sandwich on it," Roger said. "I'll get fresh baked buns,

cut them in half, butter them and put them on the grill. Then I do really thin steak on there, with green peppers, onions and mushrooms and sauté them all up, and then I have kind of an assembly line for the family. It's fun to make omelets and things on there, too."

Roger said he enjoys the grilling process almost as much as the final product.

"I grew up on the farm, so I like cooking. It's kind of relaxing," he said. ■



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# ACGC SENIOR TEA HELD APRIL 19

Special to Guthrie Center Times

Senior Tea was hosted by the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Guthrie Center on Friday, April 19. A style show was presented by Sarah Carstens and Chelsea Schwartz, owners of “Tribe” in Panorama. Ilana Baumert, Mallory Schreck and Cadence Petersen from the ACGC freshman class modeled the clothing.

Flowers from Panorama Garden, created to resemble ice cream sundaes, adorned the tables and real ice cream from Casey Creamery was served to 21 senior girls and 18 guests along with homemade cookies from a local baker.

Teresa Kent served as chairman with the help of LWML members Jennine Maas, Cheryl Wichtendahl, Joni Carstens, Sharon Wedemeyer, Carol Hansen, Bev Menefee, Marcia Priestley and Tammy Booth. ■

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# MONSTERS. SINNERS. CIVIL WAR. VULGAR NOTES.

BY MICHAEL C. WOODY  
Guthrie Center Times

**“GODZILLA X KONG”**  
(in theaters)

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



“Godzilla X Kong”

watch. Super loud and stupid. **Grade: B+**

**“IN THE LAND OF SAINTS AND SINNERS”**  
(in theaters)

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



“In the Land of Saints and Sinners”

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



“Monkey Man”

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

**“MONKEY MAN”**  
(in theaters)

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

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

**"THE FIRST OMEN"**  
(in theaters)

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

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

**"CIVIL WAR"**  
(in theaters)

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

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

**"WICKED LITTLE LETTERS"**  
(in limited theaters)

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

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

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

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## JOANN REIL

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Joann Reil, daughter of Rob (RJ) and Ione (Muller) Carothers, was born Jan. 10, 1939, in Jefferson. Jo, as she was affectionately known, grew up on the family farm south of Bayard where she

attended country school through the eighth grade and then graduated from Bayard Community School in 1957. As a kid, she was active in 4-H and showed her dad's home-raised Angus cattle, played basketball and was in marching band.

Jo dated Robert (Bob) Reil, the love of her life, all through high school, and they married at St. Patrick's Church in Bayard on Aug. 31, 1957. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Thomas and Ann. Jo worked in banking and finance her entire life, starting her career with Bankers Trust in downtown Des Moines. After moving to Guthrie Center, Jo worked at Guthrie County State Bank before taking a program technician position at FSA, specializing in the

farm loan program. In 1977 while still working full time, Jo assisted Bob to launch Bob and Jo's Trailer Town in 1977 during the farm crisis. The business, which thrived despite the financial challenges of the time, became a successful family enterprise largely due to their hard work and sacrifice. Many of their customers and business associates became lifelong friends. Bob and Jo's love of the RV business led them to wintering for several years in Yuma, Arizona, and then in Pharr, Texas, before Bob passed away in 2019. After Bob's death, Jo proudly continued to live on and manage the south Carothers farm, which has been in the family since 1881.

Over the years, Jo was an active member of St. Mary's Church, the

Guthrie Center Firemen's Auxiliary, Harmony Hour, and was a long-time volunteer election worker. Jo's passion was sewing, and she was a skilled seamstress. Over her lifetime, family members were gifted doll clothes, wedding apparel, tailored clothing, quilts, bags and other items. She was often asked to do alterations, which were completed with a smile. In retirement, Jo worked for a time at Grandma's House of Quilting in Audubon. As a member of several quilting groups, including Memory Makers, Bayard Busy Quilters and the Audubon Quilters, Jo found not only a place to hone her skills but also a group of women who were her best friends. She loved quilting retreats where everyone teased her that she talked much more than she quilted!

Loved ones claim that her butter horn rolls, potato salad and chocolate chip cookies were legendary. Family dinners always ended as everyone fought to take home the left-over rolls and complained that only the grandkids got the chocolate chip cookies. As the oldest Carothers clan member, Jo became the family genealogist, locating a whole branch of long-lost family members and expanding family history.

After struggling with chronic illness for almost a year, Jo passed from this life on May 2, 2024, at Iowa Lutheran Hospital. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. She is mourned by son, Thomas (Serita) Reil, and daughter, Ann (Rick) Chalfant; grandchildren, Christopher Reil,

Kassandra Reil, Kelsey (Chase) Gehrke and Nick Chalfant; great granddaughter, Timber Svendsen; brother, John (Elaine) Carothers and sister, Mary Jane Carothers; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and many friends.

Jo was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, and her parents.

A luncheon was served Monday, May 6, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center, Guthrie Center, with funeral services following at 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Guthrie Center. Burial was in Union Cemetery, Guthrie Center. Visitation was Sunday, May 5, 2024, from 3-6 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center.

Twigg Funeral Home, Guthrie Center, was entrusted with her services. ■



## KATHRYN HARVEY

1933-2024

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

playing basketball for AIB. She later worked for the Iowa State Conservation Commission. Kathy met her future husband, Harold, while roller skating, and they married in 1954. Within the first six years of marriage, they had five children. She was a homemaker and actively helped Harold in his home remodeling and income property business. In 1970, she went back to school and earned an LPN (nursing) degree and worked at the VA Hospital. Kathy was active in all the activities of her children, never missing an event. She had many hobbies:

raising puppies, working at RVLL ballpark, cooking (she made the best beef and noodles), flower gardening, collecting antiques, cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes, knitting and playing bridge. Most of all, she loved being with her family, who remember her generosity, unconditional love and support for her family and all of her many friends.

Kathy will be missed by all: her children, Craig (Lisa) of Rosemount, Minnesota, Tom of Palmetto, Florida, David (Ellen) of Clive, Julie of Parrish, Florida; and eight grandchildren,

Laura Friend (Joe) of Savage, Minnesota, Emily Tomes (Joe) of Lakeville, Minnesota, Taryn Chapman of Palmetto, Florida, Tyler Harvey (Amy) of Estero, Florida, Ross Harvey (Emily) of San Mateo, California, Allison Smith (Colton) of Golf, Illinois, Rob Harvey of Beaverdale, and Jake Harvey of Tampa, Florida; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Harold; infant son, Jeffery Allan; parents; sisters, Judy and Phyllis; half-brother, Melvin; nephews, Timothy and

Richard; nieces, Tena and Karen; and brothers-in-law, Paul and Keith.

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

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

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## RICHARD W FRIEDRICH

1942-2024

Richard W Friedrich, 82, was born to Paul and Mildred Friedrich in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on April 3, 1942.

He was later joined by his sister, Mary. As the son of a Lutheran pastor, Rich and his family moved from Colorado to northwest Iowa. He graduated from West Sioux High School and went on to study education at West Mar College in Le Mars. His teaching career brought him to Guthrie Center where he taught junior high history and pursued his master's degree at Drake University. He would not be alone on those commutes to Des Moines for long. Soon enough, he was joined by Vicki Laughery, who was also working toward a teaching degree at Drake University.

Rich and Vicki were married on a very hot day, July 22, 1972, at the United Methodist Church in Guthrie Center. In their

young married years, they enjoyed their church family, card club, gardening and traveling. Their son, Eric, was born six years later, followed by their youngest son, Christian, in 1984. Rich had a passion for education, which led him to teach 40 years as a history, civics and social studies teacher while also serving as principal at Guthrie Center Junior High. Rich is remembered by countless students and colleagues as a caring influence who was well respected.

Rich and his family spent summers traveling (often on short notice) to Minnesota, National Parks, Civil War battlefields, and other historical sites (marked and unmarked). He loved to find locations less traveled via his famous Friedrich shortcuts. He

enjoyed making Eric and Christian pose for pictures in front of the National Park and historic site signs. Rich appreciated time outdoors, fishing and relaxing on Silver Lake, and never missed a Clay County Fair. He enjoyed stamp-collecting, coin-collecting, sports and his favorite team, the Iowa Hawkeyes. His grandchildren always brought the biggest smiles to his face. He enjoyed all stages of their lives including holding them in his arms, bouncing them on his knee, gardening, hiding their pickle in the Christmas tree (a German tradition), picnics at Springbrook, and cheering them on in all their activities.

Rich modeled his love for Christ in all areas of his life, from his many leadership

roles at Immanuel Lutheran Church to his work with Lions Club and school activities. He was a faithful servant to the Lord, and it was important to him to bring other people to Christ.

Rich will continue to be loved by his wife of 53 years, Vicki; son Eric Friedrich (Melissa) of Mount Ayr, and grandchildren Tatum, Alba and Morgan; son Christian Friedrich (Sarah) of Waukee and grandsons Joseph and Jacob; sister Mary Campbell of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and nephew Chris Campbell (Claire) of St. Paul, Minnesota; sister-in-law Debbie Ashman (George), brother-in-law Jim Laughery (Jody), sister-in-law Jan Mitchell (Scott); nephews and

nieces George Ashman (Shannon), Heather Minarich, Anne Folkers (T.J.), Beth Laughery, Molly Johnson (Matt), Meggie Widholm (Jordan); and many great-nieces and nephews. We will greatly miss his smile and sense of humor.

Visitation was held Tuesday, May 7 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Guthrie Center. Funeral services were Wednesday, May 8 at 10:30 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church followed by burial in Union Cemetery in Guthrie Center and luncheon at the church.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast." — Ephesians 2:8 ■



## LAVERNE JOHNSON

1923-2024

LaVerne Davis Johnson, 100, a cherished soul whose

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

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

campground, a role in which he ensured that each visitor's experience was as welcoming and enjoyable as possible.

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

LaVerne's interests painted the picture of a man who fully embraced life's joys. He found great happiness in camping

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

2015, a piece of him did as well, yet his love for her remained unshaken.

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

Survivors include sons, Merlin Johnson of Panora and Gailen Johnson of Bagley; seven grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and brother-in-law, Darwin Hall. He was preceded in

death by his parents, Frank and Bertha (Marchant) Johnson; daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Patrick Bennett; grandson, Jason Bennett; brother and sister-in-law, John (Helen); sisters and brothers-in-law, Anna (Eddy) and Nadine (Joe); sisters-in-law, Juanita (Jerry) Heiland, June (Jim) Anderson, and Shirley Hall; and brother-in-law, James Norris.

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

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## DUANE L CLARK

1937-2024

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

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

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

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

He kept the horse herd until 2022.

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

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



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# RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR KEMPf MAY 30

Special to Guthrie Center Times

A retirement celebration is planned for Robert Kempf on Thursday, May 30 from 3-6 p.m. at the Guthrie Activ-

ity Center at 209 State St. in Guthrie Center. Kempf has served as the Adair and Guthrie Emergency Coordinator. His last day in the office was May 14. ■

# SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORTS APRIL REVENUES OF \$29,770 FOR PROCESSING OF OUT-OF-COUNTY INMATES

Special to Guthrie Center Times

The Guthrie County Sheriff's Office reported incoming revenue of \$29,770 from processing of out-of-county inmates at the jail during April. A total of 73 inmates were processed through the facility during the month including 30 from out of

the county. The Department of Corrections had two inmates for 53 days with charges of \$2,650, Greene County had nine inmates for 211 days with charges of \$12,660, Polk County had 10 inmates for 175 days with \$10,500, and Webster County had nine inmates for 66 days with \$3,960. ■

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## WHAT'S IN YOUR GARAGE?

# A '67 JOHN DEERE AND A '69 CHEVELLE

## Brian Rumple enjoys these two classics.

BY RICH WICKS

*Guthrie Center Times*

Farming just north of Casey has provided Brian Rumple with many years of sitting in the cab of a tractor. He apparently hasn't tired of that quite yet, as he still chooses to spend some of his free time in a family favorite.

Rumple recently showed his treasured old tractor, which has been in the family a long time. It's a John Deere, but it's one of a kind.

"My dad bought it brand new in 1967. It's a 4020 gas tractor," Rumple said.

"Then, in 1973, the engine had problems, so he took it to a guy who put a 4430 engine in it, and we named it 4420. It's been here ever since."

Rumple noted that tractors, like everything else, have risen greatly in price over the decades.

"It used to be our main tractor. Everybody in my family drove it, even my grandpa," Rumple said. "It cost \$8,000 new, and I'm thinking the repower was around \$2,800 or something. Nowadays, I spent more than that on new tires."

After a long career working in the fields, the tractor now is retired from active farm work. Rumple explained that, because the tractor has so much sentimental value in the family, he chose to keep it, fix it up and let everyone enjoy it.

"My brother and I repainted it a few years ago," Rumple said.

Since then, it's been seen in tractor shows and many local parades, including the Casey 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2019. Rumple noted that the family showcased tractors from each decade, from the 1960s through the 2000s.

When asked what makes his 1967 tractor unique, Rumple had a ready answer.

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Brian Rumple's 1969 Chevelle.

"I bought it from a guy, probably 10 or 12 years ago, maybe a little longer," Rumple said. "It's a Yenke clone. It has a 427 engine in it. It's a little more rare version."

Rumple said the car reminds him of one from his past.

"My brother had a 1969 Chevelle in high school," Rumple said. "I take it to car shows, maybe two or three a year. I'm not

planning on getting rid of it."

Rumple isn't actively looking to add another classic car, but he admits he has considered the possibility.

"Well, I had a 1973 SS four-speed Nova in high school," Rumple said. "That would be nice, but I don't really have a spot for it. One's probably all I'm allowed." ■

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BY SHANE GOODMAN  
*Guthrie Center Times*

Members of multiple Guthrie Center

organizations and community members gathered to "Celebrate Guthrie Center" on April 12 at the Guthrie Activity Center. The social was held at 5:30 p.m. with a dinner

catered by Cabbage Rose at 6 p.m. Updates were provided on ACGC schools, the Little Charger Early Learning Center, City of Guthrie Center, Guth-

rie Center Area Development, Main Street Guthrie Center, Mary J Barnett Library, Guthrie County Hospital and the All School Reunion.



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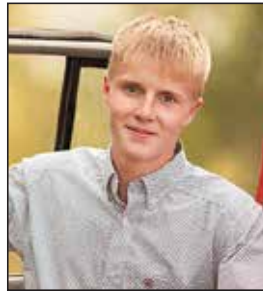


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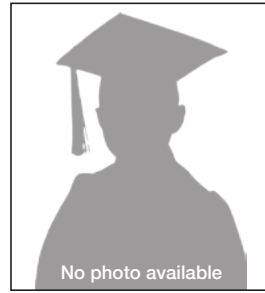
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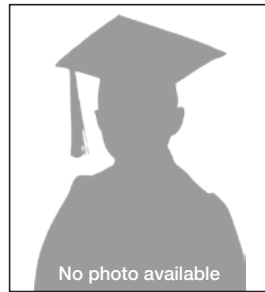
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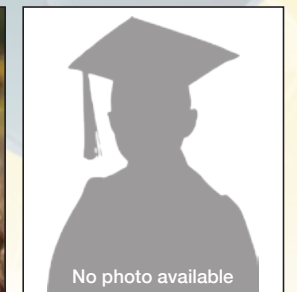
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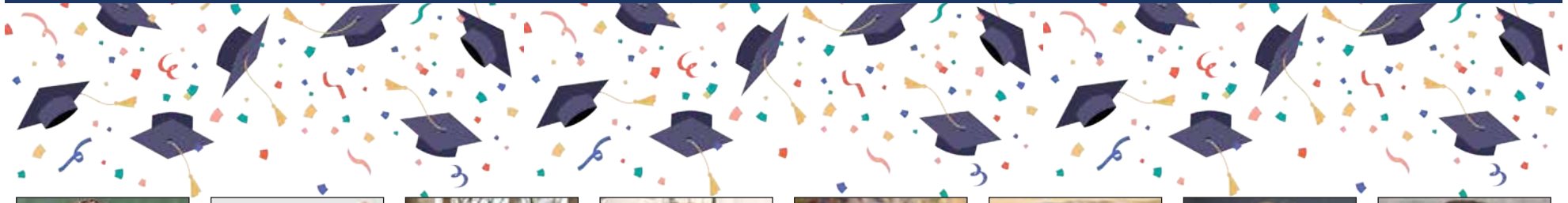
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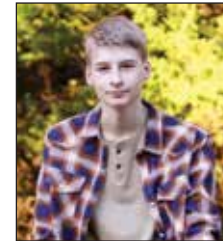
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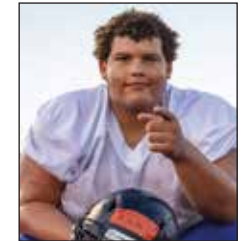
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# BEAN ARMORY TARGETS CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

**Daniel and Nicole Bean opened their firearm sales, repairs, customizations and accessories business on Feb. 10.**

BY RICH WICKS  
*Guthrie Center Times*

One of the newest businesses in Guthrie Center is Bean Armory at 310 State St. Owners Daniel and Nicole Bean recently shared their story.

Nicole is a native of Guthrie Center, while Daniel is originally from Florida. Daniel recalls that he's been around guns his entire life.

"I've been cleaning guns and working on guns since...well, my grandfather had me doing it at 5 years old," Daniel said.

After operating a gun repair service out of the couple's home, Daniel realized it was time to take the plunge and open a store downtown. Since there were no similar stores within a 45-minute drive, the couple felt the store would draw enough customers to be profitable. Bean Armory opened on Feb. 10, 2024, and had a grand opening/ribbon cutting on March 13. According to the couple, business has been steady.

"At our grand opening, we were wall to wall here for about four straight hours," Daniel said. "It was really nice."

The store sells a wide variety of guns, including handguns, revolvers, shotguns, rifles, and more. A wide variety of ammunition and gun accessories are in stock, as well as other items, including T-shirts, novelties and purses. Daniel pointed out that some of the American Darling purses are specially designed "concealed carry" purses that have a holster built-in to hold a handgun for those with such a permit.

Although the Beans try to keep plenty of inventory on hand, they realize that one store can't have everything that customers may ask for.

"People are surprised at how much inventory we have," Daniel said. "And then, if you want something we don't have, I will



Nicole and Daniel Bean proudly display their inventory.

order it for you."

In addition to the items for sale, Daniel also offers repair service.

"I've got an AS degree in Firearm Technology, and I've been doing my gunsmithing for over a year," Daniel said. "I got my FFL in 2022 and then started doing my gunsmithing, and then we decided to open up a store."

Nicole pointed out that Daniel can do almost anything needed on guns of any type.

"I think some people have been surprised at the extent of the gunsmithing that Daniel can do. It's not just cleaning and repairing but full-on refurbishments," she said.

Running a store requires putting in plenty of hours, and Daniel doesn't shy away from that.

"I'm here from about 8:30 in the morning until about 6:30 at night, five nights a week," Daniel said. "I get 10,000 steps in a day working here."

As the shop has become more well known, customers have arrived from near and far.

"I've had people from Grimes, Audubon, Carroll, Adair — all around, actually," Daniel said.

But, he admits not everyone realizes yet that there is a gun store in Guthrie Center, and that led to one humorous encounter

caused by the name "Bean."

"We had a group of ladies come in, thinking we were a coffee shop," Daniel said.

Daniel enjoys the challenge of working on whatever a customer may want done, and the Beans strive for customer satisfaction in every situation.

"The oldest gun I've worked on was a pre-World War II double-barreled shotgun. I put 40 hours of research into trying to find the parts," Daniel said.

Looking ahead, the Beans plan to continue expanding and fine-tuning their inventory to meet the needs of their customers.



Shirts and other novelties are also available at Bean Armory.

“We’re getting new guns on pretty much a weekly basis,” Nicole said. “We’re your one-stop shop for all your firearm sales, repairs, customizations and accessories.”

Knowing that hunting season will likely be a busy time at the shop, Daniel encourages customers to plan ahead for any purchases or gunsmithing, so he can have everyone ready for when they plan to hunt. The Beans also plan to partner with others in the community to offer gun safety and hunting safety instruction.

Nicole and Daniel’s philosophy is to cater to every level of hunter and gun owner, from beginners to experts.

“The only dumb question is the one you don’t ask,” Daniel said. ■



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# NEW SHELTER HOUSE BEING BUILT IN MITCHELL PARK

BY RICH WICKS  
*Guthrie Center Times*

Visitors to Mitchell Park in Guthrie Center will see ongoing progress on the new shelter house being built on the basketball court near the swimming pool. Roof

trusses are expected to be installed soon, weather permitting. The City of Guthrie Center appreciates the grant funds from the Guthrie County Community Foundation that helped make the project a reality. The construction is being completed by Dave Arganbright. ■

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## COMMUNITY

# GUTHRIE CENTER LIONS CLUB CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IS JUNE 10

Special to Guthrie Center Times

The Guthrie Center Lions Club, commemorating its 100th anniversary in 2024, announces its Centennial Celebration and Dinner scheduled for June 10 at the Guthrie County Events Center, situated at the Guthrie County Fairgrounds. Tickets for this event are available for \$25 per person and can be purchased at Guthrie County State Bank (Guthrie Center branch), Peoples Bank, or from any Lions Club member.

The purposes of the celebration are to honor a century of dedicated service to the Guthrie Center community and to raise funds crucial for the construction of the new kitchen facility at the Little Charger Early Learning Center.

Quality day care is critically important to the future of Guthrie Center. Attracting and retaining young families in and around Guthrie Center is a pivotal step for the future of the Guthrie Center area. The goal of the Little Charger Early Learning Center is to create an asset that will aide local employers in attracting and retaining employees, create a stable workforce, drive community growth, and reverse a three-year trend of enrollment decline in the school district.

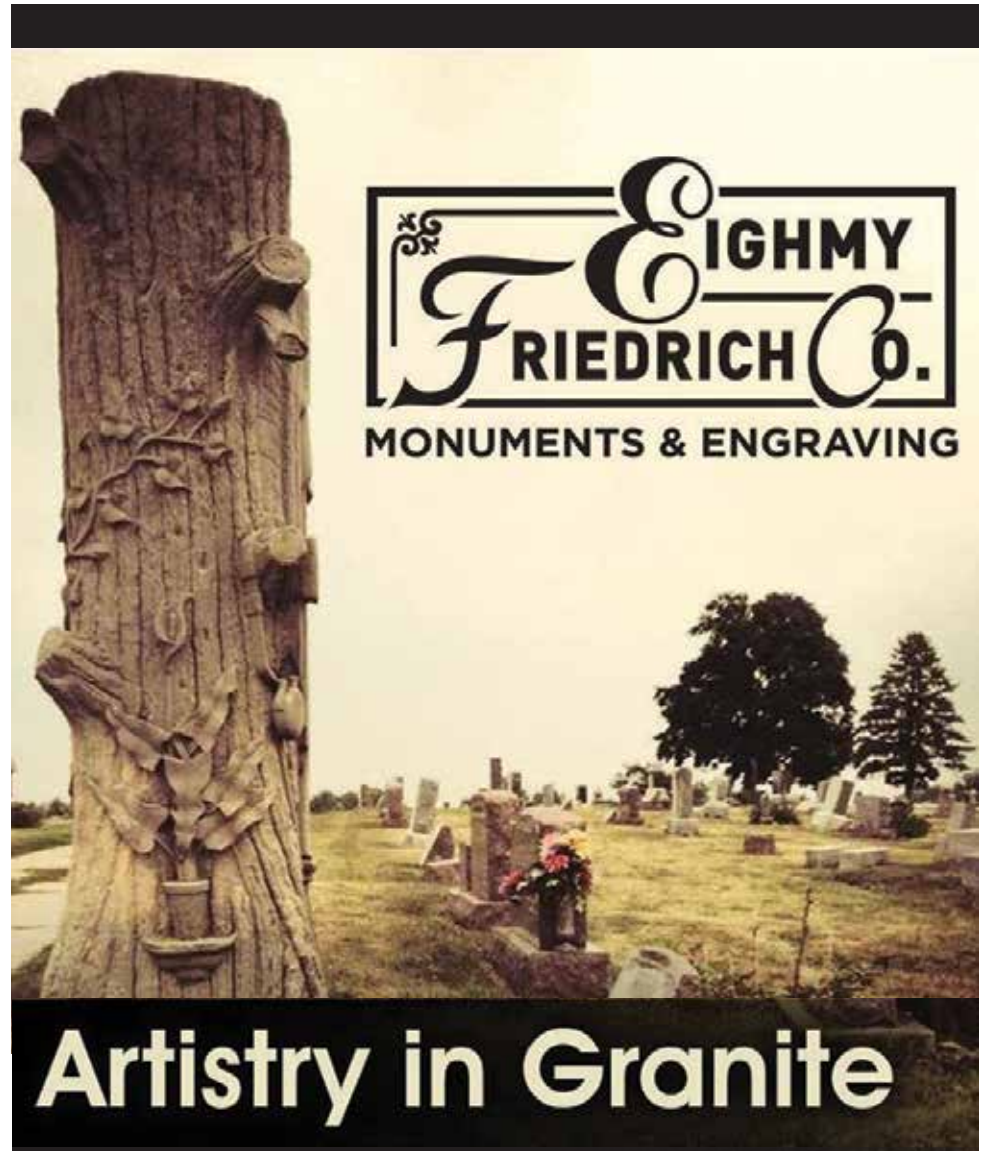
The cost of the kitchen is estimated to be \$45,000, and the Lions Club has set a goal of raising \$50,000 for this project. An anonymous donor has already gifted the Lions Club \$10,000 toward this goal, and the Guthrie Center Lions club has matched that donation with \$11,000. The Lions Club would like to challenge the Guthrie Center community (individuals, families, businesses and civic groups) to match this \$21,000 committed.

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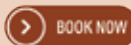
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## CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS

# GUTHRIE CENTER CITY COUNCIL APPROVES POOL REPAIRS

BY RICH WICKS  
*Guthrie Center Times*

The Guthrie Center City Council met in regular session April 22. City Clerk Kris Arrasmith updated the council on preparations for the swimming pool in order for it to be ready for the summer season.

“Cleveland Mechanical came back with a quote on fixing the wall inlet, which had the leak... of \$4,960. It’s got to be done, or we can’t open the pool,” Arrasmith said. “And he (Darrin Sloss) can’t start filling it until this is done.”

The council voted to approve the repair.

The council held a public hearing on the fiscal year 2024/2025 budget. No citizens were on hand to ask questions or make comments, and the city had not received written comments or questions, so the meeting was promptly adjourned.

The council adopted the proposed budget.

Becky Benton (State Street Insurance) addressed the council on what she found regarding the proposed rates for the city’s Workers Comp coverage for fiscal year 2024/2025. The council voted to accept the coverage and rate as presented by Benton.

As part of the consent agenda, the council approved beer/liquor/tobacco permits for Casey’s General Store, Prime Time, and Lucky Wife Wine Slushies. Fence permits were approved for 1003 Grand St. (Sprague) and 2501 State St. (Morgan).

The city council’s next regular meeting was set for May 13. Arrasmith reminded the council that the regularly scheduled meeting on May 27 will likely need to be rescheduled due to the Memorial Day holiday. ■

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# GUTHRIE COUNTY SUPERVISORS HEAR TAX CONCERNS

## Dickson requests clarification regarding discussion about a potential vicious dog ordinance.

BY RICH WICKS  
*Guthrie Center Times*

### APRIL 16

During the April 16 regular meeting of the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors, the supervisors reviewed the draft of a cover letter regarding the county's Request for Proposals (RFP) for EMS services. The discussion centered on what the deadline for RFPs should be to allow adequate time for them to be submitted while still allowing the county adequate time for the various action needed after they are received, in order to potentially have the EMS issue on ballots in the November election. After discussion, the supervisors approved the cover letter, with one change, making the deadline for RFPs June 14.

During the public comments section of the meeting, Paul Hutton of Stuart addressed the supervisors to voice his concerns about taxes. He said, despite the letters he received saying the levy rate has decreased, the actual taxes have increased.

"Basically, a family making about \$100,000 a year, married with two kids, pays about 41% in taxes per year. said Hutton. "We're being taxed to death in this country."

At 10 a.m., a public hearing was held on the county's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget. Auditor Dani Fink shared data regarding the taxes. She explained that, overall in Guthrie County, property valuations went up 11% compared to the previous year.

Following the public hearing, the supervisors approved Resolution 24-25 for the adoption and certification of taxes for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Supervisor Mike Dickson asked for clarification regarding discussion about a potential vicious dog ordinance that happened at a recent supervisors' meeting that Dickson was unable to attend. Board Chair JD Kuster said that, apparently, some citizens misunderstood and worried that the county may be considering banning certain breeds of dog.

"Certainly, there was not a discussion about eliminating breeds," Supervisor Steve Smith said.

### APRIL 23

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

the applicable policy and hear from the dispatchers.

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

No board action was taken on the issue.

The supervisors and County Engineer Josh Sebern discussed possible budgetary amendments in his department. Supervisor Steve Smith pointed out that budget amendments are to be expected.

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

### APRIL 30

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

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

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

Supervisors and Sheriff Marty Arganbright discussed the status of the out-of-county inmates being housed at Guthrie County's jail and how this impacts the budget. Supervisor Mike Dickson questioned whether or not the practice is benefitting the county.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The supervisors and County Auditor Dani Fink reviewed the budget for the supervisors' department and the reasons for some overages in expenses. The supervisors set a budget amendment public hearing for May 21 at 9:30 a.m.

### MAY 7

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jamie Lindsay provided an update on human resources for county employees. She noted that open enrollment for benefits is currently open through May 24.

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

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



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## ACGC SCHOOL BOARDS PLAN FOR GRADUATION AND FILLING STAFF VACANCIES

BY RICH WICKS

Guthrie Center Times

The Adair-Casey and Guthrie Center school boards met in joint session on April 17. Immediately prior to the regular board meeting, each board held a public hearing regarding the 2024/25 certified budget. There were no comments or questions during either public hearing, so the hearings were promptly closed.

At the start of the regular meeting, two students gave a slide presentation to the boards regarding the recent senior trip to Washington, D.C. Andrew Mahaffey and Kelsey Carlson showed photos and described the fun and educational memories from the trip. Both said everyone appeared to enjoy the trip, which included roughly half of the senior class.

"It was so, so worth it," Mahaffey said.

Principals Diane Flanery, Ed Den Beste and Ethan Lensch each provided

an update on his or her area of work, and Lensch talked of his upcoming resignation at the end of this school year. Superintendent Josh Rasmussen said ACGC has received 14 applicants for principal thus far and that the process of screening is underway.

Other resignations noted on the agenda included Colin Shawgo (high school teacher and instructional coach), Justin Keck (high school assistant basketball coach), Kris Lehman (assistant high school wrestling coach), Matt Dahl (second-grade teacher) and Julie Parker (preschool teacher).

Baccalaureate/awards night was set for May 15 at 6 p.m., and commencement May 19 at 1 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Adair-Casey board was set for May 13 at 7 p.m. at ACGC Junior High. The next regular meeting of the Guthrie Center board was set for May 14 at 7 p.m. at ACGC High School. ■

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# GCH BOARD SETS BUDGET

BY RICH WICKS

*Guthrie Center Times*

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

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

ate but which may have been incorrectly reported.

Board chair Mike Underwood asked for clarification.

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

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

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

The next regular meeting of the trustees will be May 23. The public is welcome. For information on how to participate in the meeting, visit [www.guthriecounty-hospital.org](http://www.guthriecounty-hospital.org). ■

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# ACGC THEATER AND MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTED 'TUCK EVERLASTING' APRIL 26-28

*Special to Guthrie Center Times*

The ACGC Theater and Music department presented "Tuck Everlasting" at

ACGC High School in Guthrie Center April 26-28. The musical was based on a children's novel written by Natalie Babbitt. The storyline was set in 1880 in the fictional vil-

lage of Treegap. The story was also made into a 2002 feature film. Vocal Music/Drama Instructor Kelsey Dinkla is the director of the production, which included nearly

30 ACGC High School students in the cast and crew, as well as a seven-member pit band. ■



For information on cast and crew, visit <https://sites.google.com/acgcschools.org/tuckeverlasting/meet-the-cast?authuser=0> or scan the code.



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## 'TUCK EVERLASTING' RECEIVES AWARDS

*Special to the Times Vedette*

ACGC Speech and Theatre received the following recognition from the Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards (IHSMTA) for its production of "Tuck Everlasting", which was presented April 26-28 at ACGC High School.

- Distinguished Scene: "Story of the Tucks"
- Outstanding Performance in a Principal Role: Andrew Mahaffey as "Jesse Tuck"
- Outstanding Performance in a Principal Role: Haedyn Grasty as "Mae Tuck"

Andrew Mahaffey has been invited to perform an excerpt from his role, as well as will

participate in the Triple Threat Awards Program in the weeks leading up to the Showcase.

Carter Dinkla and Tanner Downing will be performing in a collaborative inter-school medley during the Finale number at the Showcase.

Tickets to the Showcase, which start at \$15, will go on sale on Friday, May 17 at 10 a.m. at [DMPA.org](http://DMPA.org), the Des Moines Civic Center Ticket Office, and by phone at 515-246-2300.

The Awards Showcase will be live-streamed at [IowaPBS.org](http://IowaPBS.org) as part of a collaboration with Iowa PBS. Iowa PBS will also broadcast a highlights special of the event later this summer on dates to be announced. ■

# MJB LIBRARY NEWS

▶ THE MARY J. BARNETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY IS LOCATED AT 400 GRAND ST. IN GUTHRIE CENTER | 641-747-8110 | WWW.GUTHRIECENTER.LIB.IA.US.

BY KAREN KELLY

Special to Guthrie Center Times

The MJB Library Seed Library is now available for use. What is a seed library? It is a place for library patrons to get seeds for planting. If gardeners wish to harvest seeds, they may share seeds with the library at the end of the season.

Seed libraries in Iowa have a few regulations. The exchanges must be made at a single location and have no money exchanged. All seeds are intended to be planted in Iowa. Individuals receive 2 pounds or less of seed annually. The seeds have not been treated with pesticides. Patented, protected or proprietary varieties of seeds are used only with the permission of the patent holder. The certified seed status is used correctly. The seed has not been placed under a stop-sale order by any regulatory agency.

The purpose of the Mary J Barnett Memorial Library Seed Library is to serve as a resource for the community, to promote lifelong learning and to encourage good stewardship of natural resources. The seed library is free to use. We ask that you limit yourself to eight seed packets per household per month.

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If you use our seed library and have

gardening success, please share. Tag the MJB Library in your Facebook gardening post. Seed availability is first come, first served. While you're in the library, be sure to look at our extensive selection of gardening resources.

## ADVENTURE PASS

Summer vacation is just around the corner, so be sure to reserve one of the library's Adventure Passes. Thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Guthrie Center Library, we are offering passes to Blank Park Zoo, the Science Center of Iowa, and the DSM Children's Museum. Guthrie Center patrons may sign up online using their library card number. Patrons may check out a pass for each venue once every 365 days. The pass is valid for two adults and two children.

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Registration for the Summer Reading Program — Read, Renew, Repeat — is open on the MJB Library website. The program begins with the Kickoff Scavenger Hunt on June 3. Many exciting events are planned including a bike rodeo, an outdoor movie, creation stations and programs by Ann Riordan, the Blank Park Zoo, and the Absolute Science Fantastic Foam Show. Sign up today. The summer reading program calendar is available on the MJB website.

## ADULT EVENTS

From 9-11 a.m., card-making club will meet on Thursday, May 16. The \$5

fee covers all supplies needed for card making.

Cookbook Club will meet on Thursday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. This month's featured cookbook is "Not That Fancy: Simple Lessons on Living, Loving, Eating, and Dusting off Your Boots" by Reba McEntire. Anyone wishing to participate should stop by the library to choose a recipe to make and bring it to the meeting to share as a potluck.

Be sure to pre-register for the Make an Herb Garden class offered on May 21 from 4-5 p.m. Presented by the Guthrie County ISU Extension, the participants will each plant their own herb garden, learn about growing and using herbs, as well as the Spend Smart! Eat Smart! Program. Pre-register on the MJB Library website or by calling the library or the Guthrie County Extension Office. The \$5 fee for each herb garden may be paid on the day of the workshop.

## AFTERSCHOOL STEM

The Guthrie County ISU Extension will present an afterschool STEM Program on Monday, May 20 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Kids will enjoy a book and some STEM activities.

## CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

The MJB Library will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 27.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING

The Friends of the Guthrie Center Library will meet on Tuesday, June 4, at



Stop in this month to see this intricate four-patch posie quilt stitched by Laura Sheeder. The quilt will be on display throughout the month of May.

6:15 p.m. Anyone interested in supporting our library is invited to attend.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Friends of the Library will be sponsoring a golf tournament on June 15 at the Guthrie Center Golf Course. This 4-person best ball tournament is \$60 per person with a cart and lunch provided with an entry fee. To register, go to the MJB Website or call Rod Robson at 641-151-1409 or the MJB Library at 641-747-8110. Businesses may sponsor the event for \$100. ■

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## RECIPE

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

BY JOLENE GOODMAN  
*Guthrie Center Times*

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

Yes, macaroni and cheese is a beloved

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

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

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



Jolene Goodman

## TACO MAC AND CHEESE

### Ingredients

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

### Directions

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

In skillet, brown ground turkey over medium heat. Add bell peppers and



onion. Add taco seasoning.

Stir turkey mixture with mac and cheese to combine. ■

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

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

oped a passion for cosmetic medicine. In Las Vegas, he administered Botox Cosmetic, dermal fillers, and bioidentical hormone therapy. Dr. Condoleon returned to Iowa in 2009 and over the past seven years, in addition to general surgeries, he has also been performing cosmetic surgical procedures such as breast augmentation, liposuction and abdominoplasty (tummy-tuck) and has further developed the reputation of a highly skilled surgeon who delivers the safest state-of-the-art treatment to his patients. He is the owner and medical director of SOMA Medical Spa and Wellness Clinic in Algona with a new location opening soon in Des Moines.

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## 50 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, May 22, 1974

**50-YEAR MASON:** Conrad Madsen of Guthrie Center was presented a certificate and pin for 50 years of Masonry at a recent lodge meeting. The presentation was made by Madsen's son-in-law, Stewart Schwab. Front, from left, C. W. Thomas, worshipful master, Madsen, and Schwab. Back, from left, Roger Underwood, senior warden, S. E. Robinson, secretary, Russell Densmore, junior warden, and Larry Railsback, senior steward.

## 40 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, May 9, 1984

**A PARKA IN MAY?:** Guthrie Center teacher Marcia Priestley found her winter parka was just the thing, Monday, when she sold tickets at Guthrie Center High School's track meet. Normally balmy May temperatures gave way to blustery winds and stormy clouds that sent the mercury down near the freezing mark.

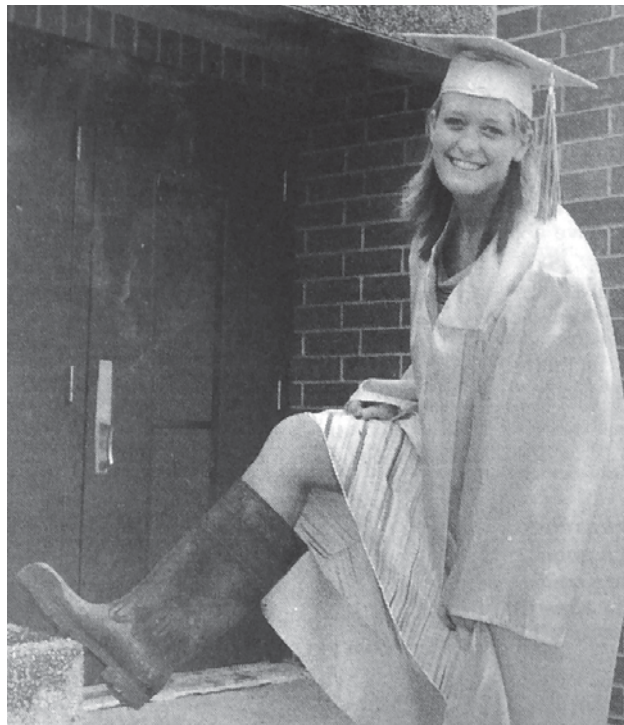
## 30 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, May 4, 1994

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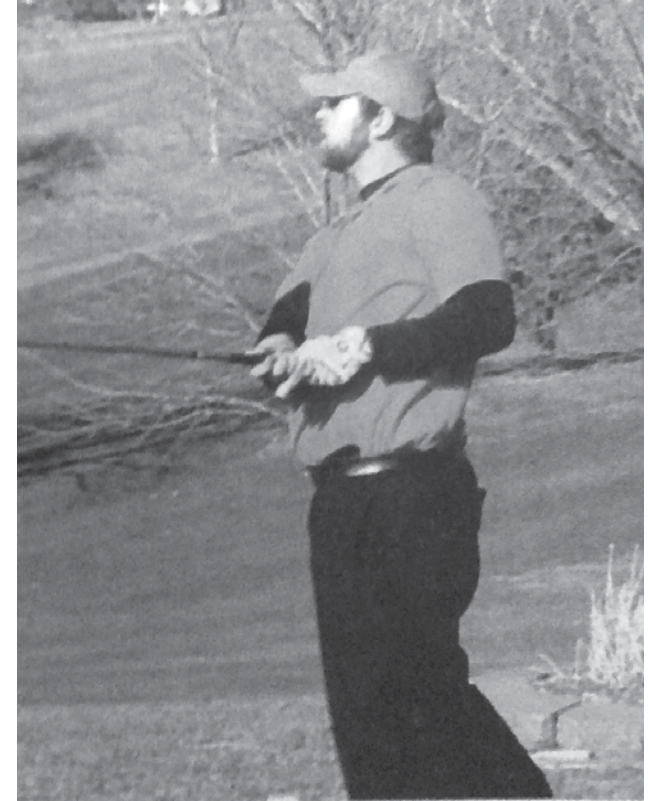
## 20 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, May 26, 2004

**MADE IT!:** Through 13 years of school and to graduation. When water from the South Raccoon River flowed over School Street leading to Guthrie Center High School early Sunday morning, it appeared commencement plans might have to be altered. Julie Larson, Class of 2004, was ready to wade to school, if necessary, to receive her diploma.

## 10 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, May 28, 2014

**FORE!:** Chris Shroyer from Guthrie Center hits a tee shot from the No. 6 hole during Friday's district meet. ■

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## IOWA FARM BUREAU COUNTY LEADERS MEET WITH LAWMAKERS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Special to Guthrie Center Times

Two dozen Iowa Farm Bureau members representing 18 counties met with Iowa's congressional delegation in March in Washington, D.C., to discuss policy issues important to the sustainability of their family farms. Among them, pictured from left to right, include Brian Jones of Greenfield, Tyler Woodward of Hamburg, Heath Blomquist of Guthrie Center and Gabe Ferry of Kirkman.

The group of Iowa farmers met with Iowa Sens. Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst along with Reps. Ashley Hinson, Randy Feenstra, Mariannette Miller-Meeke and Zach Nunn. They also visited with representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Mexican Embassy and National Pork Producers Council (NPPC).

The Farm Bureau members stressed the urgency of passing an updated farm bill

and shared challenges related to the uncertainty of waiting another year for congressional action. Since the last farm bill was passed in 2018, farmers have faced volatile markets related to the COVID-19 pandemic, record-high inflation and costs to raise a crop as well as global unrest and volatile markets. The farmer delegation urged lawmakers to make critical updates to the farm safety net which are needed to help farmers manage risk of today's prices and provide certainty for long-term planning.

Other important topics and issues raised by members included protecting interstate commerce, expanding biofuel markets and extending expiring tax provisions that are crucial for farmers. The farmers emphasized the importance of protecting interstate commerce to prevent individual states from regulating agricultural production in other parts of the country. ■

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## EDUCATION

# SAUSER HIRED AS ACGC HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

BY RICH WICKS  
*Guthrie Center Times*

The Guthrie Center School Board announced the appointment of Mr. Brian Sauser as the new 9-12 Principal for ACGC High School. Mr. Sauser currently serves as a Special Education Teacher and Head Football Coach at Ames High School. He brings with him more than 25 years of teaching and leadership experience. He holds a bachelor's degree in special education from Loras College, and a master's degree in education administration from Grand Canyon University. In his personal life, Sauser and his wife, Mandy, who works as a special education consultant for Heartland AEA, have a daughter, Emma (24), who is a CPA in Dallas, Texas; a son, Dodge (21), who attends Kennesaw State in Atlanta, Georgia, on a football scholarship; and another son, Dallas (19), who attends Iowa Central and plays football there. They also share their home

with two dogs, English bulldog "Frankie" and French bulldog "Chico."

"When we're not traveling the country to see our kids, we absolutely love country music and attending concerts when we can," Sauser said. "Football has been, and continues to be, a huge part of our lives, but, personally, I also really enjoy powerlifting, officiating high school and college basketball, umpiring high school baseball, and decked-out pickup trucks. I am incredibly excited to be a part of an amazing, high-achieving, very successful school district. The amount of pride the community has for all activities and events at the high school is amazing. It is an honor to be chosen to lead and work to continue to advance ACGC High School to new heights, while being a part of this great community."

Sauser replaces current principal, Ethan Lensch, who recently accepted the principal position at Western Dubuque High School. ■

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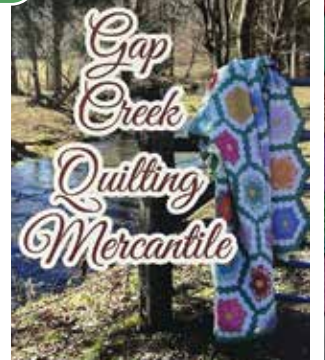
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### FOOD & DRINK:

- Place for Pizza
- Spot for Dessert
- Spot for Breakfast
- Lunch Spot
- Dinner Spot
- Ice Cream Place
- Bar
- Coffee Shop
- Mexican Restaurant
- Happy Hour
- Bartender or Server
- Wine Selection
- Place to Buy Meat
- Coldest Beer
- Caterer

### AUTOMOTIVE:

- Car Wash
- Auto Service Center
- Auto Parts Store
- Vehicle Detailing Business

### COMMUNITY:

- Pastor (person)
- Teacher
- Coach
- Church
- Daycare
- Library
- Chamber of Commerce
- School
- Park
- Community Festival
- Camping Spot
- Place to Hold an Event
- Elected Official
- Employer
- Customer Service (overall)

### SHOPPING:

- Boutique
- Retail Store
- Place to Purchase Gifts for Her
- Pharmacy
- Grocery Store
- Nursery or Garden Center
- Hardware Store
- Florist

### ENTERTAINMENT:

- First Date Spot
- Parent/Child Date Spot
- Place to Take Mom & Dad
- Place to Take Kids or Grandkids
- Place for a Field Trip
- Bowling Alley
- Golf Course
- Local Band or Musician
- Place to Take Your Dog

### HEALTH/BEAUTY:

- Hair Salon
- Doctor (person)
- Dentist (person)
- Chiropractor (person)
- Eye Doctor (person)
- Veterinarian (person)
- Health Club/Gym
- Dance Studio
- Massage Therapist (person)
- Esthetician (skin care professional)

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- HVAC Company
- Lawn Care Business
- Attorney or Law Firm
- Financial Planner
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**Q: WHEN DOES THE CITY POOL OPEN IN GUTHRIE CENTER, AND HOW MUCH WILL IT COST THIS YEAR FOR ADMISSION?**

**A:** The pool is planned to open Saturday, May 25. Single-day admission is \$5, and season passes are \$90 for an individual and \$160 for a family (those who live in the same household). Babysitter passes are also available to add on for \$25. Passes may be purchased at Guthrie Center City Hall or at the pool.

**Q: WHEN DO THE FARMERS MARKETS START IN GUTHRIE CENTER?**

**A:** The first market is on Saturday, June 1, and they will generally run every other week. The hours are 9-11 a.m., and the location is on North Fourth Street in Guthrie Center.

**Q: I HAVE NOT VOTED YET IN THE BEST OF GUTHRIE COUNTY POLL. AM I TOO LATE? IF NOT, WHEN DOES THE POLL CLOSE?**

**A:** You are not too late. The poll will be open through July 15, and the results will be published in our September issues of Panora Times, Guthrie Center Times and Lake Panora Times. Vote now at <https://gctimesnews.com/best-of>.

**Q: WHAT ARE GUTHRIE CENTER'S RULES ON MOWING OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES?**

**A:** The city's mowing rules and regulations (52.04 UNIFORM HEIGHT SPECIFICATIONS) addresses this. It states that grass, weeds or brush shall be cut, mowed and maintained so as not to exceed 8 inches in developed or undeveloped residential areas. Business and industrial areas are not to exceed 6 inches, and agriculture areas are not to exceed 15 inches. Any property within the City of Guthrie Center, whether vacated or non-vacated, is required to conform to these specifications. If the property owner fails to comply with this ordinance, the council or its appointee shall have the property mowed. The fee for this service will be set by resolution and will be assessed against the

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**Q: CAN GOLF CARTS BE LEGALLY DRIVEN ON CITY STREETS IN GUTHRIE CENTER?**

**A:** Chapter 77 of the city code says yes, with some exceptions and requirements. Golf carts may be operated by those with a valid Iowa operator's license upon the city streets, with the exception of any primary road extension through the city, such as Highway 25 and Highway 44. However, golf carts may cross those road extensions. Golf carts operated on city streets are required to be registered with the city through the police department and must meet manufacturers' specifications. Golf carts operated upon city streets must be equipped with a slow-moving vehicle sign and a bicycle safety flag at all times during operation and must have adequate brakes. Trailers and other attachments are not permitted. The annual registration fee is \$5 per cart. Golf carts may only be operated on city streets between sunrise and sunset, and the number of passengers is limited to two, including the driver. For full details, see [https://guthriecenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Chp\\_77.pdf](https://guthriecenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Chp_77.pdf). ■



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**RYAN COGIL, PANORAMA**

Plans to study John Deere TECH program at Northeast Iowa Community College. Parents are Craig & Roxanne Cogil.



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Plans to study Marketing at Iowa State University. Parents are Jim & Karwyn Gibson.



**ISABELLE ROUSE, AC/GC**

Plans to study Environmental Biology at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Parents are William & Jayne Rouse.

We're also pleased to announce that Mia Waddle was one of two recipients of the Iowa Communications Alliance \$2,500 Scholarship.



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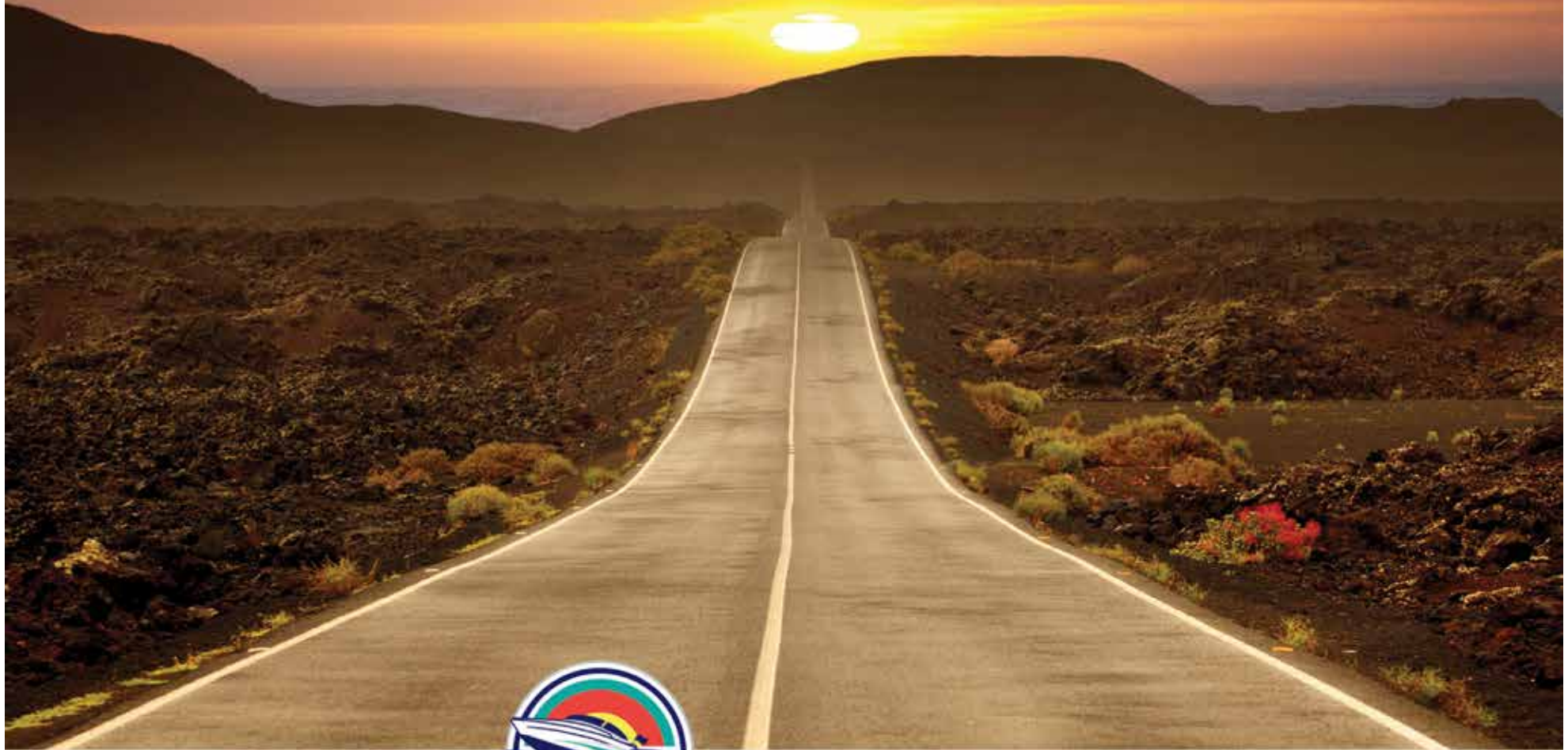
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