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ON THE COVER: Reunion coordinators Diane Maness and Alicia Ciesielski show the raffle quilts. Photo by Rich Wicks



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5 REASONS YOU SHOULD ATTEND YOUR CLASS REUNION

We dedicate our feature story this month to the events of the ACGC All-School Class Reunion, which will be held July 5-7. Many of you are planning on attending and are looking forward to all that is planned. Others of you are still debating whether you should go or not. After reading this issue, I hope we persuade you to join in on the fun. I also hope you pass this issue along to anyone else who may be on the fence. You shouldn't need any reasons to attend, but just in case you do, here are a few:

1. TO RECONNECT WITH OLD FRIENDS.

Time can slip by quickly, and we can lose touch with people we once communicated with daily. The good news is that it doesn't take long to get caught up and then reminisce about the good old days.

2. TO MAKE NEW RELATIONSHIPS.

I have found, at my class reunions, I spend a great deal of time with people who I may not have been close to in high school. Many of these folks are the ones I find the most interesting today, and I have found ways to connect that I may not have dreamed of decades ago. Working in similar industries. Having similar hobbies. Knowing similar people. We all have much more in common than we may think, but we don't learn this until we reach out.

3. TO PAY TRIBUTE TO LOST FRIENDS.



Shane Goodman

Unfortunately, we lose classmates and friends each year, and they are missed but not forgotten — certainly not at class reunions. Share your memories. Tell your stories. Shed some tears. But, most importantly, let their memories live on.

4. TO LAUGH.

Class reunions are not a time to talk about politics or religion or any other potentially divisive subjects. They are a time to laugh heartily about the fun times, the glory days and even the embarrassing moments. If you can't laugh, you aren't trying enough.

5. TO SAY THANK YOU.

Hosting a class reunion is a lot of work. Many hours are put into the planning and coordinating, only for some who were not involved to criticize the

efforts. Instead, tell the planning committee thank you for all their efforts to bring so many people together. Tell your teachers thank you. Tell your friends thank you. Tell everyone who attends thank you for their school pride and their commitment to sharing all the wonderful memories — and making new ones, too.

Thanks for reading. ■

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ALL-SCHOOL REUNION JULY 5-7

Come back home and share fellowship with classmates and others.

BY RICH WICKS

Guthrie Center Times

A famous line from the 1985 movie “The Breakfast Club” refers to five high school students as a brain, an athlete, a basket case, a princess and a criminal. These and other stereotypes have flourished in high schools for decades, but, as with all stereotypes, they fail to truly describe any one individual. People are far more complex than a simple label.

Another universal truth about high school is that people are still evolving during those turbulent high school years, and the post-high school years often reveal skills and interests that were unknown before graduation.

The ACGC All-School Reunion provides a chance for former students to come back and share fellowship with classmates and others. With a wide variety of events scheduled, there’s sure to be something to appeal to everyone.

Diane (Van Cleave) Maness and Alicia (Nickel) Ciesielski are heading up the efforts to make the 2024 version of the All-School Reunion a success. They shared information on the origin and history of the event, as well as this year’s plans.

“It started back in 1986,” Maness said. “Gif Covault was one that helped get it going, and, back in 2000, he was the Grand Marshal in the parade.”

Covault not only was instrumental in starting the all-school reunions, but he also began the tradition of giving money to each graduating senior student on senior awards night.

“For some of the graduates, it’s the only time their name is called that evening and the only scholarship they may get,” Ciesielski said.

The All-School Reunion traditionally gives at least \$50 to each graduate. To further this cause, the reunion is selling T-shirts, can koozies and raffle tickets to help cover the cost of the reunion and to replenish the scholarship funds.

The raffle tickets are \$5 each and offer a chance to win a unique Iowa State or University of Iowa lap quilt. GCHS graduates



Reunion coordinators Diane Maness and Alicia Ciesielski show the raffle quilts.

Laura Sheeder and Cindy Steensen each created one of the quilts. The winners will be drawn at dinner on Saturday night.

The past several all-school reunions have occurred each sixth year, which may seem arbitrary, but Ciesielski explained a logical reason for that. It related to the common timing of individual graduating classes holding a reunion every five years.

“So, if we do our all-school reunion every five, you’d get the same two graduating classes to have their big shindig,” Ciesielski said.

Maness and Ciesielski showed records and clippings from previous all-school reunions. The records from the 1996 event showed that, at the time, there had been

roughly 3,700 graduates from the schools/communities that are now part of the ACGC district. That number has obviously grown in the nearly 30 years since the tabulation. Those graduates are now scattered across all 50 states and many foreign countries, so the event planners strive to make the reunion attractive enough to bring former students back hundreds, or even thousands, of miles. As such, this year’s event includes an impressive array of options for socializing, dining and reliving the good old days.

THE SCHEDULE

Registration for the reunion is available on both days (Friday, 8:30 a.m. to

noon and 3:30-7 p.m.; Saturday, 7-9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) at the fairgrounds event center.

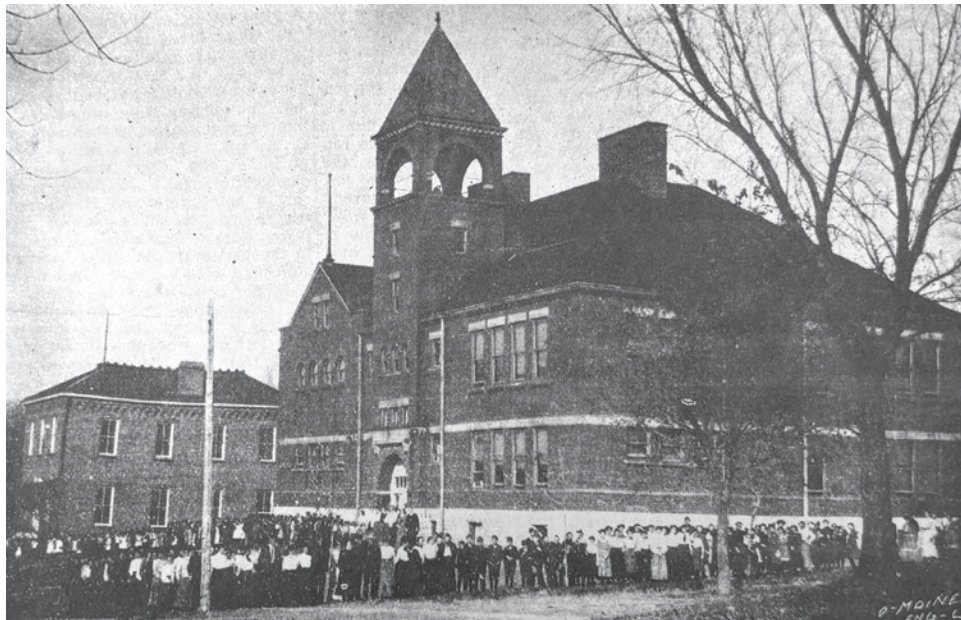
Friday events:

- The golf tournament tees off at 9 a.m. at Guthrie Center Golf Course
- Class pictures and displays are viewable at Mary J Barnett Library 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Al Bell presentation at Mary J Barnett Library 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Business tours 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in downtown Guthrie Center.
- Cribbage tournament 9:30 a.m. at event center
- Bingo 4 p.m. at event center



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- Fire Department dinner 5-7 p.m. at event center
- Band 8-11 p.m. at the fairgrounds little amphitheater
- Beer tent at fairgrounds event center 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- **Saturday events:**
 - Dad's Belgian Waffle breakfast, 7-9:30 a.m. at fairgrounds event center
 - Fun Run, 8 a.m. at fairgrounds event center
 - Class pictures and displays are viewable at Mary J Barnett Library, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Al Bell presentation at Mary J Barnett Library, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Parade, 10 a.m. Vintage, classic and not-so-classic vehicles welcomed. No charge.
 - Artist Spotlight, 11 a.m. at Art on State (320 State St.)
 - Don Todd presentation, 11 a.m. at MJB Library
 - Petting Zoo, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at fairgrounds
 - Bags Tournament, noon at fairgrounds
 - Artist Spotlight, 1 p.m. at Art on State (320 State St.)
 - Alumni swim meet, 2:30 p.m. at swimming pool



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- 2001 graduate Wyatt Sheeder Jiminez concert, 2 p.m. at Methodist Church
 - Dinner, 5-7 p.m. at fairgrounds event center. Catered by Cabbage Rose.
 - Dale Menning & Stardusters, 7-9 p.m. at fairgrounds event center
 - DJ, 9-11:30 p.m. at fairgrounds little amphitheater
 - Beer tent at fairgrounds event center, 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- Sunday events:**
- Methodist Church 10-10:30 a.m. cof-

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- The golf tournament will be a two-person scramble format with a maximum of 18 teams. Fee is \$50 per person, which includes a cart.
- Class displays at the public library can be set up at specific times July 1-5. Contact the library for details.
- As part of the business tours, each applicable business owner will provide some history of the building, with pictures as available.
- The Fire Department dinner will be a BBQ dinner of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cookie and a drink. This event will help raise funds to support the fire department.
- Friday's band will be Richard Arndt and the Brew, playing a range of rock and roll to blues.
- Saturday's parade will begin at the courthouse, traveling down State Street and ending at the fire station. All classes, groups, teams and anyone with a classic car or truck are welcome. Former band members are invited to bring their instrument and join a band float playing the school song in the parade.

Regarding the beer tent, Maness offered a piece of advice.

"If you're coming to the beer tent, make sure you bring your driver's license because you will be ID'd," she said.

Many of the events at this year's reunion are similar to those in previous years, but there's one notable exception.

"The only thing that's different is the golf tournament," Ciesielski said. "We'd like to have at least one member on each team to be a graduate because there is a maximum number that can play, so we aren't inviting the public to play unless it's with an alumnus. Everything else is fine for anybody and everybody."

So, whether you were the princess, the brain, or the basket case, the ACGC All-School Reunion invites you to come show your true colors. And if you're not a former student of these schools, you're invited to be part of the fun anyway. One main theme that Ciesielski and Maness repeated was that the all-school reunion welcomes everyone.

"We're just trying to get everybody," Maness said. "It doesn't matter if you graduated out of Guthrie. It doesn't matter if you graduated at Adair-Casey. It's wide open for everyone." ■



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LOCAL FILM REVIEWS

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

BY MICHAEL C. WOODY
Guthrie Center Times

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

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

“UNsung HERO”
(probably getting ready to stream)

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



“Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes”

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



“Unsung Hero”

“THE FALL GUY”
(in theaters)

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



“The Fall Guy”

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

“UNFROSTED”
(streaming)

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

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"Unfrosted"



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

"THE IDEA OF YOU" (streaming)

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

"IF" (in theaters)

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

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

"FURIOSA" (in theaters)

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

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

Michael C. Woody has been reviewing movies on radio and television since 1986 and can be heard talking movies every Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. on KXn0 106.3 with Keith Murphy and Andy Fales. He and his wife, Susan, are residents of Guthrie County.



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

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

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

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

CORY ROBERT BEER

1985-2024

Cory Robert Beer passed away in a car accident on June 4, 2024, at 35 years old. Visitation was on Monday, June 10 at 9 a.m. with funeral services at 10 a.m. at Twigg Funeral Home in Panora. Burial will be at Union Cemetery in Guthrie Center. Following the graveside service, there was a luncheon at the activity center in Guthrie Center (209 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115)

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

BY RICH WICKS
Guthrie Center Times

Sheriff Marty Arganbright met with the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors during the regular weekly meeting of the supervisors on May 14. The discussion centered on the Sheriff’s department budget and the proposed budget amendment for the current fiscal year.

Supervisor Mike Dickson stated that the department purchased armor and a car that were not in the budget.

“We met with the supervisors, and they said if we could find the money in another line item, that will work,” Arganbright said.

After discussion about the process and whether or not to move funds in the written budget, Arganbright was asked how much additional funding he is requesting in the proposed budget revision.

“It’s \$203,965,” Arganbright said. Arganbright explained that some costs were higher than expected, including food, health insurance, and others. He also said some necessary expenses, as always, were not known when the original budget was created.

Supervisor Maggie Armstrong summarized that the overall budget for the Sheriff’s department has only 9.21% of the yearly funds remaining to get through until the end of June. She asked if the department has a standard process of monthly review to see which line items may be over (or under) the budget.

“We do look at that throughout the year,” Arganbright said. “And if we have leftover, I give that back.”

Dickson asked about the need for each jailer to have a taser. Arganbright said that was done because sometimes a jailer acci-

dentally leaves a taser on his/her belt when going home.

“As sheriff, I know what we need,” Arganbright said.

No formal action was taken on a budget amendment at this time.

The consent agenda included a proposed payroll change for a new hire (Branden Caldwell) as conservation park ranger. His annual salary would be \$44,500. The consent agenda also included a request for a fireworks permit for Rita Scheiring for July 6. The supervisors approved the consent agenda as presented.

The supervisors held an EMS workshop to discuss the process and timeline regarding the efforts for a countywide EMS service.

During the May 21 regular meeting, a public hearing was held regarding the county’s fiscal year 2023/2024 proposed budget amendment. County Auditor Dani Fink pro-

vided updated budgetary data. No members of the general public spoke during the hearing.

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

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

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

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

Board Chair JD Kuster mentioned he re-

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ceived an email about a possible grant the county could use for work on railroad crossings. He will meet with County Engineer Josh Sebern to consider if the county should pursue it.

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

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

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

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

Supervisor Maggie Armstrong agreed. "I can tell you from just being down here a day and a half... this is an incredibly well-oiled machine. I've been nothing but impressed," Armstrong said.

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

During the regular meeting on June 11, the supervisors discussed appropriating funds to the various departments for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. It was noted that the

supervisors have generally appropriated 50% of the funds to each department before the start of each fiscal year, and then, in November, the remaining 50% has been appropriated.

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

"I am thinking just 25% for the Sheriff's department," Dickson said.

Supervisor Steve Smith asked about the rationale behind this change.

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

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

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

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

"I don't think we're in an equitable situation right now," Armstrong said.

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

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

The supervisors canvassed the June 4 primary election results.

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

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VULTURES, GOATS AND BUGS DISCUSSED AT GUTHRIE CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

BY RICH WICKS
Guthrie Center Times

During the Guthrie Center City Council meeting on May 13, the councilmembers discussed ongoing complaints from citizens about turkey vultures roosting in trees within city limits.

City Clerk Kris Arrasmith updated the council on what she has found out about the issue, including that the birds are a federally protected species.

However, Arrasmith said it's possible the city could get a permit to allow up to five turkey vultures to be legally eradicated, and she explained that a dead specimen hung in a tree where the birds have roosted is generally effective in getting them to leave, but she added that it's unpredictable if the birds would leave town or simply roost elsewhere in the city. Arrasmith said she is working on the process of re-

questing the permit. In the meantime, Arrasmith suggested other ways to decrease the problem, such as loud noises to scare the birds off. She stressed that no sure-fire method is known.

"There are other things you can do... shoot bottle rockets at them," Arrasmith said.

The council heard from Rodney and Tammy Wise, who were present to ask the city to allow them to keep goats at their property within the city. Compliance Officer Wes Clark said the city's ordinance states no hooved animals are to be kept in the city.

"They have brought paperwork to Kris and I, saying they are emotional support animals," Clark said.

Rodney Wise showed paperwork and explained that Tammy's licensed therapist has documented that the goats are appropriate as emotional support animals for her. He was asked if any neigh-

bors have objected to the goats being present.

"Nobody has ever come to us and complained," Rodney said.

Mayor Mike Herbert suggested the matter should be brought to the attention of the city attorney for input. No other action was taken at this time.

MAY 28

During the May 28 meeting, Arrasmith updated the council on the turkey vulture situation in town. She explained that five turkey vultures will be shot and hung in effigy to hopefully get the remaining vultures to leave the city limits.

"I got a permit...now I have to reach out to Jeremy," Arrasmith said.

She explained that DNR Officer Jeremy King will be the person approved to shoot the five vultures as allowed by the permit. She also said the city will use bottle rockets for approximately three days to attempt to scare vultures away. Because the birds are a federally protected species, this is the full extent of what the city can do about the problem.

Arrasmith discussed an unexpected additional cost of approximately \$1,500 for the council to consider. She explained that one of the city's emergency sirens did not work correctly during the recent tornado outbreak because it needs a new radio transmitter to function as expected.

"Money is no object when it comes to that," Councilmember Carolyn Masters said.

The council unanimously approved the purchase. The council also approved spending \$3,061 with Panora Fiber for the three-year plan of computer virus coverage/repair of the city's electronic systems/records.

JUNE 10

During the June 10 meeting, the councilmembers heard from a representative of Team Lab, a company that offers solutions for municipalities' wastewater treatment systems. The council was told that, because the city's wastewater treatment lagoon hasn't been dredged in more than 40 years, it has roughly 2.5 feet of sludge built up.

The representatives said dredging would cost approximately \$100,000, but Team Lab offered a biological alternative. The company provides microorganisms ("bugs"), which would be added to the lagoon on a regular basis. The bugs would gradually eat much of the sludge over the next few years. The council voted to approve this proposal for a three-year period. The first year will cost \$22,405, with the second and third years to each cost slightly less. Arrasmith said the city already has adequate funds set aside to cover this plan.

Streets Department Head Darin Sloss shared additional repairs needed at the city's swimming pool.

"You don't have a pool to make money. You do it as a service to the city," Arrasmith said.

The council's next regular meeting will be June 24. The public is welcome. ■

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EDUCATION

SCHOOL BOARDS DISCUSS TECHNOLOGY

BY RICH WICKS
Guthrie Center Times

ADAIR-CASEY SCHOOLS TO UPGRADE SAFETY TECHNOLOGY

On May 13, the Adair-Casey School Board met in regular session. Immediately before the meeting, a public hearing was held regarding the district's proposed 2023-2024 budget amendment. There were no comments/questions received for the public hearing, so it was promptly closed.

During the regular meeting, the budget amendment was approved as proposed.

Technology Director Derek Davenport was present to discuss upcoming technology needs. The district received a safety grant that will be used to purchase additional cameras and a program that will provide electronic control of door locks. In addition, the district will consider replacing student and staff laptops that are more than five years old.

Superintendent Josh Rasmussen reported that the elementary school day will run from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. during the 2024-25 school year.

Student Natalie Kent and teacher Jen Betterton discussed the newly formed activity club DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America). Twenty-one students participated in this club. Students also participated in the state competition with five students qualifying to attend the DECA International Career Development Conference that was held in Anaheim, California, in April. Of those five who qualified, three students attended: Natalie Kent, Payton Jacoby and Emma Rutledge.

Blair Carney reported that the second-grade class enjoyed a field trip to his farm. He commented about the quality teachers and paraeducators and noted that the students were well-behaved and interested.

Randy Carney said he had heard many positive comments about the high school musical that was performed last month. He also commented on a concert band piece that was written and conducted by student Andrew Mahaffey, one of the many talented students at ACGC.

Head Custodian Dave Farley discussed the purchase of a new tractor to be used for snow removal.

The board's next regular meeting was

set for June 18. The public is welcome at all school board meetings other than special closed meetings.

GUTHRIE CENTER SCHOOL BOARD REVIEWS TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES

The Guthrie Center School Board met in regular session on May 14, immediately following a public hearing to provide the opportunity to ask questions or make comments regarding the district's proposed fiscal year 2023-2024 budget amendment. No comments or questions were received, and the hearing was promptly closed. During the regular board meeting, the board approved the budget amendment as proposed.

Diane Flanery, Guthrie Center elementary principal, reported that Guthrie Center elementary staff appreciates the board members and their continued support. The staff enjoyed the food that was provided during teacher appreciation week.

Flanery stated that many activities were planned for students during the last few weeks of school, including the Elementary Track and Field Day scheduled for May 22.

Kris Langgaard reported that the Lions Club recently hosted a meal for the graduating class. He commented that the students all seem confident in their future plans and goals.

Brooke Boals was present to discuss the possibility of the school sponsoring a dance/drill team during the 2024-25 school year. According to a survey that was sent out, 12 students would be interested in participating. Activities Director Taylor Morris will gather additional information and bring a recommendation to the June board meeting.

Technology Director Mark Spidle was present to review technology purchases that were made in 2023-24, which included interactive flat panels for use in the elementary. Spidle recommended purchasing new Chromebooks for students and MacBook Airs for staff for the 2024-25 school year.

The board voted to approve the Class of 2025 Senior Trip to Washington, D.C. March 17 through March 21, 2025.

The board's next regular meeting was set for June 18. The public is welcome at all school board meetings other than special closed meetings. ■



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HEALTH

GCH TAKES STEPS TO PREVENT FALLS

BY RICH WICKS

Guthrie Center Times

During the May 23 meeting of the Guthrie County Hospital Board, the trustees heard an update on a fall prevention project from Danielle Lauzon, clinical safety and quality coordinator. She explained that each clinical department has been working on a goal to help with fall prevention, and that, overall, falls are down from 15 the previous fiscal year to four so far this fiscal year.

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

CEO Chris Stipe praised the efforts.

"It's wonderful teamwork, and it's working," he said.

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

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

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

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

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



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CASEY FUN DAYS

JULY 12-13

BY RICH WICKS
Guthrie Center Times

The annual Casey Fun Days celebration is rapidly approaching. It's set for Friday and Saturday, July 12-13, with a theme of "Larger than Life." Stacey Wedemeyer, president of the Casey Service Club, explained that the celebration is a longstanding tradition in Casey and that some new additions have been added to the schedule.

"It's been going on for many years, as long as I can remember," Wedemeyer said. "The new stuff that we have going on are food trucks. Friday night, we have Los Altos food truck from Stuart, and we have wine slushies, and we have boys' and girls' club doing dinner downtown. That's all happening on Friday night. On Saturday, we have wine slushies again, and we have Chick Fil-A and Kate's Kookies."

Wedemeyer highlighted Casey's first-ever 3-on-3 basketball tournament and said the divisions will be determined by the number of registrations. "We did a park renovation with new park equipment and a walking trail. We replaced one broken basketball hoop and put a new one up," Wedemeyer said.

"There will be men's, women's, youth — whoever signs up," Wedemeyer said. "We're also thinking about adding a free-throw competition and possibly a three-point competition as well." ■

2024 CASEY FUN DAYS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday Night Downtown Bash

- **Bags tournament:** Sign-up starts at 6 p.m., tournament begins at 7 p.m.
- **Live music by Acoustic Roads** - Mandi Michelle and Jeremy Williams, 6-9 p.m.
- **Casey Service Club Beer Garden** open and food trucks parked downtown

Saturday

- **7-10 a.m.:** Pancake Breakfast to benefit Tori's Angels
- **7:30 a.m.:** Casey Stampede 1-mile run/walk
- **8 a.m.:** Casey Stampede 5K run/walk
- **8:30 a.m.:** Bake Sale
- **9:30 a.m.:** Kids Parade
- **9:45 a.m.:** Little Miss and Mister Casey Contest (preschool to 6 years old)
- **10 a.m.:** Distinguished Service Award and Citizen of the Year
- **10:30 a.m.:** Big Parade
- **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.:** Methodist Church Lunch
- **11 a.m. to 3 p.m.:** Casey Historical Society and Museum open house
- **Noon to 1:30 p.m.:** Casey Boys Classic Car & Tractor Show
- **Noon to 4 p.m.:** City Park Kids Activities
- **1-2 p.m.:** Antique Show
- **2 p.m.:** Cake Walk
- **2 p.m.:** First-ever 3-on-3 basketball tournament
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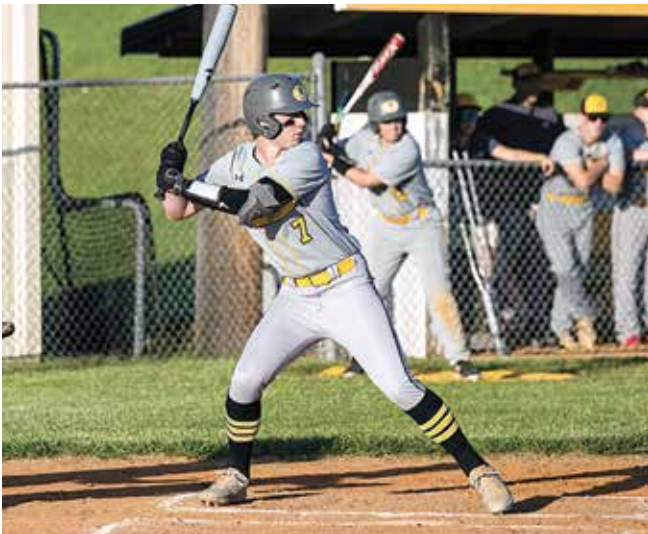
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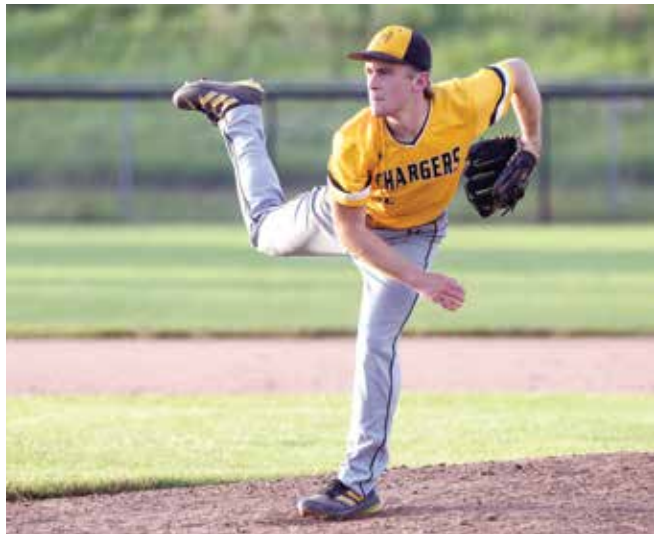
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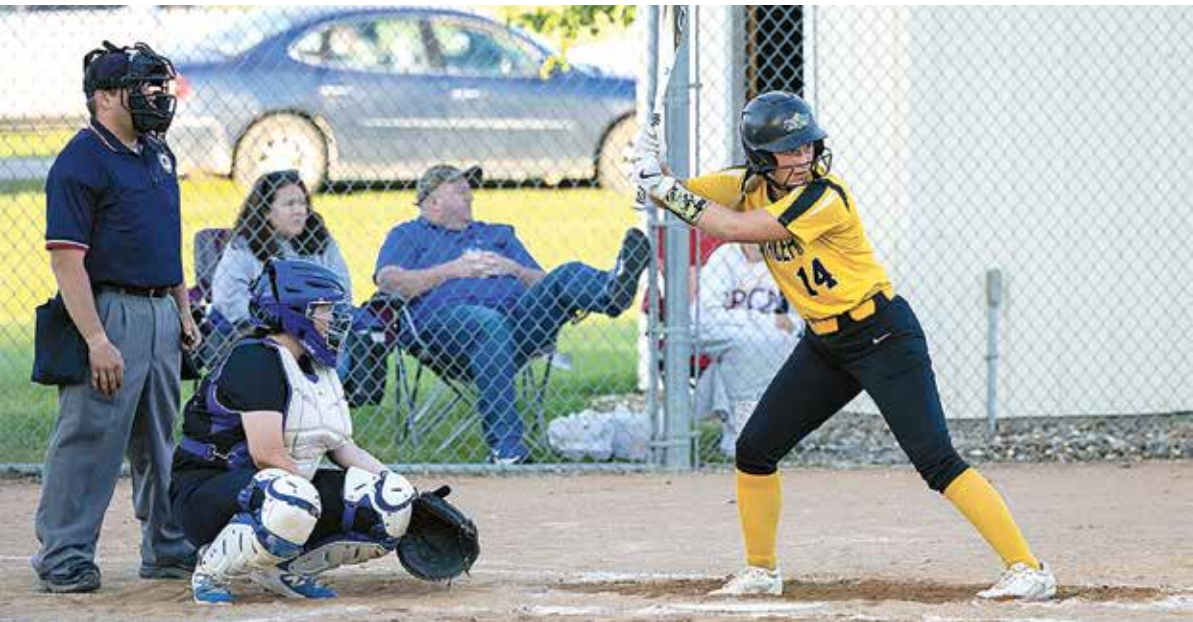


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#14 Camdyn Richter at the plate in a game against Ogden May 28.



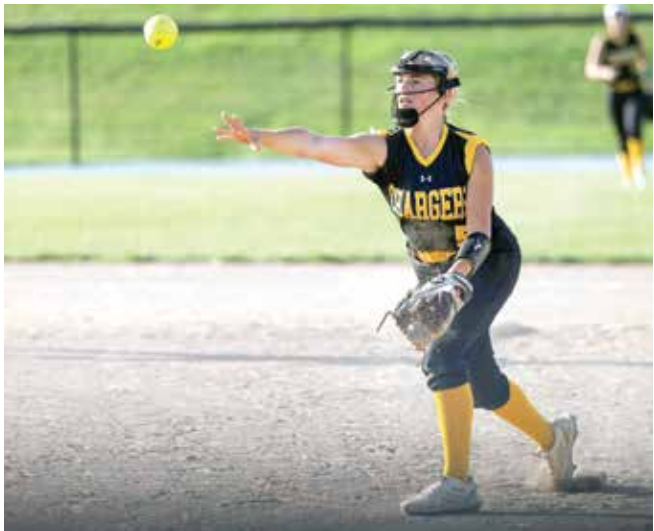
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INCREDI-BOWL OFFERS FOOD AND FUN

Bowling is only part of the story at this popular Guthrie Center business.

BY RICH WICKS

Guthrie Center Times

Most bowling alleys are busiest in the winter months, since cold weather forces many people to seek indoor recreation. But the staff at Incredi-Bowl in Guthrie Center stay busy throughout the year by offering food and fun in a variety of ways. Manager Jenny Myers shared some history and details regarding Incredi-Bowl.

"I've worked here for about two-and-a-half or three years, and I've been the manager for a year and a half," Myers said.

Since 2015, the business has been owned by Chris Long.

"Before that, it was Gutters, owned by the Atkinsons," Myers said.

Incredi-Bowl offers electronic scoring of bowling.

"It comes through the tablet and the television screens up top," Myers said.

Starting in the fall, the alley offers a variety of bowling leagues.

"We have a Monday afternoon league that usually starts around 12:30 p.m., then we have a Monday night at 7 p.m., a Wednesday night at 7 p.m. and a Thursday night at 7 p.m.," Myers said. "Those usually start at the end of August or start of September."

Those in-season leagues are fairly busy.

"Monday afternoons we had six teams, Monday nights we had six teams, Wednesday nights we have seven teams, and Thursday nights we had six teams. So, we always have more room for people to come and join," Myers said. "We usually have open bowling on Tuesday nights, Friday nights and Saturday nights."

During the summer, only one bowling league runs.

"We just started a summer 9-pin league on Thursdays," Myers said.

The 9-pin league is more forgiving for casual bowlers, since knocking down nine or 10 pins with the first ball counts as a strike. Also, any first ball resulting in a split is automatically scored as a spare.

"That's popular, so in the wintertime, we offer it again on Sunday nights," Myers said. "We call it a farmers' league."



A local third-grade class made a field trip to Incredi-Bowl.

Incredi-Bowl also offers bumpers for kids/beginners and has black lights and disco balls that can be turned on for bowling parties.

However, bowling is only part of the story at Incredi-Bowl. Three electronic dart boards are available for casual or league play, and the bar and grill are very popular.

Myers estimated that around 75% of the revenue comes from food orders. The rotating menu includes Taco Tuesdays, fish and chips, biscuits and gravy, chicken wraps, sloppy joes, chili, cowboy beans, sandwiches and burgers. Beer and drinks are also available.

"The one big thing is that a lot of people like our loins," Myers said. "We hand-bread everything. We cut it, trim it, all of that."

Currently, Incredi-Bowl is running abbreviated summer hours.

"Our summertime hours are lunch, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and then Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. and the grill closes at 9 p.m.," Myers said. "We do offer birthday parties, and we'll open up early for them."



Jenny Myers cooks up a food order at Incredi-Bowl.

Besides Myers, Incredi-Bowl employs two part-time and two full-time staff to perform the cooking and bartending duties. The business has an active Facebook page showing recent and upcoming

events, food specials and other updates.

When asked about the best part of the job, Myers had a ready answer.

"My favorite thing is watching a kid bowl their first strike," Myers said. ■



THOUSANDS OF STARTS, BUT GONZALES HASN'T FINISHED YET

BY RICH WICKS
Guthrie Center Times

Some people have a reputation of “always starting things,” and that description can rightly be attributed to Scott Gonzales. For more than 50 years, Gonzales has been a fixture at local track and cross country meets, often as the official whose starting pistol gives competitors the signal to begin their race.

To mark this milestone, Gonzales was recently honored with a 50-year award from the Iowa Association of Track Coaches and Officials (IATC/IATO). Besides Gonzales, the other 50-year honorees included Timm Lamb (Fort Madison), Paul Lorber (New London), Dale Sandquist (Urbandale), Joe Toot (Nevada), Robert Witzenburg (Fairfield) and Ron Werling (Indianola).

Gonzales was a longtime resident of Guthrie Center and now lives at Lake Panorama. He reflected back on how his tenure as a track official began.

“I got started when I took a Fundamentals of Track class at Central College, and part of the curriculum was to take an officials’ test,” Gonzales said. “After I did that, I decided to send that to the Iowa High School Athletic Association, and paid the fee, so I became an official in 1971.”

Gonzales said it’s been rewarding to watch young athletes grow in confidence and athletic performance over their junior high and high school years. He also admitted he’s seen a variety of unusual, and sometimes comic, happenings around the track.



Scott Gonzales has been a constant at local track and cross country meets.

“One time, I was starting a track meet and I got everybody into their blocks for the race, and I looked up, and there’s a kid who’s in the blocks facing the wrong way,” Gonzales said. “He would have had quite a surprise.”

Over the decades, Gonzales has seen many examples of second-generation athletes in the meets he officiates, meaning the kids running have parents who formerly ran in races started by Gonzales. Now, the third generation is upon him.

“I’m seeing grandchildren now,” Gonzales said.

Gonzales pointed out that spectators

might not realize the amount of physical activity involved in serving as a track official. He explained that in an average track meet, he’ll walk roughly three miles.

“Typically, starters are on their feet for five hours straight,” Gonzales said. “I schedule 14 to 15 meets each spring. I’ve done as many as 16. I’ve done four in one week, but I don’t think I’d do that again. I also start several cross country meets in the fall. I’ve driven as far as 95 miles to start a track meet, but almost all have been in west central Iowa.”

Despite the physical and time demands of officiating, Gonzales says he has no



Scott Gonzales shows his 50-year award.



Generations of runners have waited for Scott Gonzales’ starting gun.

plans to stop anytime soon. “My health is still good, and I enjoy it,” he said. “As long as I’m physically able, I’ll continue for a few more years, at least.” ■

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GUTHRIE CENTER LIONS CLUB HOLDS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

BY SHANE GOODMAN
Guthrie Center Times

The Guthrie Center Lions celebrated on June 10 to recognize 100 years of service. The event was held at the Events Center at the Guthrie County Fairgrounds and honored many people and organizations.

The program for the evening was presided over by the club president, Joe Hanner, and included a welcome by Guthrie Center Mayor Mike Herbert, as well as recognition of Leo members, other clubs in attendance, past presidents and years of service awards. Mary Porter provided history on the club, and Ardie Klemish of Anita was the keynote speaker.

Chris Stipe was officially installed by Dawn Goodsell as a new member.

The Indianola Noon Lions Club, which was sponsored by the Guthrie Center Club, presented a \$500 donation to the fundraising efforts for the evening.



Members of the 2024 Guthrie Center Lions Club. Front row: Shawna Nelson, Steve Smith, Joe Hanner, Kristen Crouthamel, Diane Flanery, Kelly Bast, Bill Sheeder, Mark Benton, George Hemmen and Darwin Hughes. Back row: Rex Schoonover, Chris Stipe, Dennis Flanery, Dwayne Seeck, Dale Behrends, Larry Brandt, Josh Rasmussen, Ed Wright, Roger Underwood, Gary Rees, Mike Underwood, Barry Monaghan and Kris Langgaard.



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Mike Underwood, Steve Smith, Rex Schoonover and Gary Rees received awards for years of service from President Joe Hanner.



Board members and officers of the 2024 Guthrie Center Lions Club. Front row, Mike Underwood, Kristen Crouthamel, Joe Hanner, Kris Langgaard and Josh Rasmussen. Back row: Barry Monaghan, Steve Smith, Ed Wright and Darwin Hughes.

Becky Wahl provided updates on the Little Charger Early Learning Center, which was the recipient of the funds raised during the program. Dennis Flanery presided over numerous fundraising efforts for the evening and shared the names of the winners of the contests.

The Guthrie Center Lions Club was founded on June 16, 1924, and was sponsored by the Audubon Lions Club. It was officially chartered during a dinner meet-

ing held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church. The original charter listed 26 members with F.W. Vorhies installed as the first president.

The 100th Anniversary Committee included Kris Langgaard (chairman), Joe Hanner, Steve Smith, Dennis Flanery, Diane Flanery, Kristen Crouthamel and Rex Schoonover.

Officers and board members for 2023-2024 are Joe Hanner (president), Kris



Darwin Hughes was recognized for 55 years of service in the Guthrie Center Lions Club.

Langgaard (first vice president), Josh Rasmussen (second vice president), Kelly Bast (third vice president), Kristen Crouthamel (secretary), Mike Underwood (treasurer), Ed Wright (co-tail twister), Roger Underwood (co-tail twister), Gary Rees (lion tamer), Steve Smith (immediate past president and director), Barry Monaghan (director), Darwin Hughes (director) and Ed Wright (director).



John Akers, president of the Indianola Noon Lions Club, presented a plaque and a check for \$500 to Joe Hanner in recognition of the club's 100-year anniversary and to support the fundraising efforts.



Dennis Flanery received a "Perfect Attendance" award from President Joe Hanner.

The club has a longstanding tradition of supporting causes including youth programs, diabetes education and awareness, and sight conservation.

The Guthrie Center Lions meet the second Monday of each month at noon at either the Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church or First Christian Church. New members are welcome. Reach out to any Lion for more information or email guthriecenterlionsclub@gmail.com. ■

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LOCAL COUPLE PUTS DOWN ROOTS GROWING PEONIES

Annie Hall and Mike Hines have more than 3,000 peony plants.

BY RICH WICKS
Guthrie Center Times

Annie Hall was born and raised in Canada then later lived in Florida with her husband, Mike Hines. But they’ve now put down roots in Guthrie County. Literally. On their property north of Guthrie Center, the couple has an ever-expanding area in which they grow peonies. Mike explained that, for Annie, her first glimpse of peonies was love at first sight. “She saw peonies for the first time at a wedding in Florida, and she found out they can’t be grown down there,” Mike said. In order to thrive, peony plants need to essentially die off over the winter and then regrow each spring. The plants bloom only for a few weeks. “We moved up from Florida to Iowa six years ago. We started up with 15 peony plants, and now we have 3,000,” Annie said. Although there are hundreds or even thousands of varieties of peonies, Annie said the couple currently has 42 varieties at their property, which is known as Skky Farm. She added that the extra “k” in Skky Farm was because they expected to have chattering teeth in the cold Iowa winters

after moving from Florida. Each year, the couple has added more peonies, which they then tend to over the spring and summer. Because of this, their field has plants ranging from one to five years old, with the one-year-old plants being the smallest and with very few blossoms. With each additional year, the plants are larger and lusher. Annie explained that growing and caring for peony plants takes patience and hard work. The plants often don’t blossom at all in their first year. “It’s a long game, and you have to be patient,” Annie said. “The biggest job is the weeding. I don’t have to join a gym; I belong to the farm fit club.” Annie enjoys the feeling of seeing the peony fields expanding. “I’m a painter, too, and this is another art expression, in a way,” she said. Although the couple sells some peony blooms, they didn’t get into growing peonies for commercial reasons. “At this point, it’s a hobby,” Annie said. “We have a walk-in cooler, so we harvest them at the marshmallow stage. That’s a bloom that’s just starting to open, and it feels soft like a marshmallow. Then we put them directly in the cooler, and they will last in the cooler from three to four months. And then, you take them out of the cooler and give them a fresh clip, put them in water, and they’ll open within four hours.” The couple’s property is 10 acres, and Annie said she feels a connection to the



Annie Hall and Mike Hines at a recent Guthrie Center Farmers Market.



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Peony blossoms can be seen to the horizon on property owned by Annie Hall and Mike Hines.

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“When you have the land, I feel like you need to be a steward of it and contribute. The life expectancy of a bush can be anywhere from 50 to 100 years,” Annie said. “So, it’s like you’re building a legacy that’s going to go on after you’re gone.”

Mike shared that he enjoys peonies almost as much as Annie does.

“It’s not a bad hobby in retirement, because we have a busy four months, and then we’re off,” he said.

Each fall, the couple orders more peony roots from Holland and plants them so they will grow the following spring.

Asked for any advice about growing peonies, Annie offered two pointers.

“Don’t plant them too deep — just an inch or two — and don’t mulch them,” she said.

Annie and Mike admit their hobby is growing far beyond anything they had initially imagined.

“It might be an addiction, I don’t know, because I was looking up here and wondering what I can do next,” Annie said. “I’m starting to experiment with peony recipes. Peonies are edible, so I’m now working on a peony syrup. That should be fun.”

“I’m the guinea pig,” Mike said, with a smile. ■

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EXPERIENCE 'CANDYLAND' DURING ADAIR CHUCKWAGON DAYS

BY RICH WICKS

Guthrie Center Times

Chuckwagon Days will be celebrated June 21-22 in Adair with a "CandyLand" theme. Adair Chamber of Commerce President Ashley Smith provided some history of the celebration as well as this year's schedule. She shared that Chuckwagon Days has been around for decades and has evolved over that time.

"Our town celebration started a long time ago, and it used to be called Jesse James Days," Smith said. "There used to be two celebrations, Chuckwagon Days in June and Jesse James Days in July. Due to lack of attendance, the two celebrations were combined in the last decade and settled on calling the celebration Chuckwagon Days."

Smith explained that each year's event has a theme, and she shared the reasoning behind the "CandyLand" theme for the 2024 event.

"We choose a different theme every year for our town's celebration. Last year was Old Town Road, more of a western theme, so we wanted to switch it up a bit for this year," Smith said. "It's fun to see families' interpretations of the theme through their kids' floats in the kids' parade Friday evening or in our big parade Saturday morning."

Each year's schedule is designed to offer fun for all ages. Smith described what's new and different at this year's Chuckwagon Days.

"This year, we are offering a kids' kickball game Friday night while parents participate in the bags tournament. On Saturday, we have more vendors in and outside of the community center, also scattered throughout the park," Smith said. "Our tractor and car show are back this year."

The car and tractor show will award trophies and have drawings for prizes. There will also be a kids' car class up to age 8.

Anyone wanting to help at the show, or with questions, is invited to call 918-853-1328.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, June 21

- 2-4 p.m.: Old fashioned games in the park
- 3 p.m.: ACGC MS Warriors Bake Sale
- 5 p.m.: Presbyterian Pie and Ice Cream

Social

- Blue Penguin Shaved Ice
- Fire Department dinner and Beer Garden
- Triple B's Tenderloins
- 6 p.m.: Kids parade on Main Street
- Little Miss/Mister Adair after the parade
- Baby Crawl
- 6:30 p.m.: Face painting
- Bags registration
- Adair Dance Academy dancing
- 7 p.m.: Bags Tournament
- Kids' kickball in the park
- 7-10 p.m.: Ben Puttmann music on Main Street

Saturday, June 22

- 7 a.m.: Registration for 5K/Mile race
- 7-9:30 a.m.: Pancake Breakfast
- 7:30 a.m.: 5K starts
- 8 a.m.: Mile race starts
- 8-9:30 a.m.: Beer and mimosas
- 8-10 a.m.: Casey Creamery in the park
- 8:30 a.m.: Kid foot races in the park
- 9 a.m.: Vendors set up in Community Building
- 10 a.m.: Lineup for parade
- 10:30 a.m.: Parade
- 10:30 a.m.: Fire Department Beer Garden and BBQ
- 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.: Vendors in Community Building
- 11 a.m.: Kickball Tournament
- 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Blue Penguin Shaved Ice
- 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Wine Slushies
- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Corndog Caravan on Main Street
- 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Casey Creamery in the park
- 11 a.m.: Methodist Church lunch
- 11 a.m.: Boys and Girls Club in Community Center
- Noon - 3 p.m.: Snack Shack in the park
- 11 a.m. - noon: Poker Run registration at Fire Department
- 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Car and Tractor Show
- Noon: Poker Run starts
- 1-3 p.m.: Inflatables, carnival games, balloon guy, fire truck rides
- 1-2:30 p.m.: Bingo
- 5-11 p.m.: Triple B's Tenderloins
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MONAGHAN NAMED TO MOUNT AYR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS HALL OF FAME

Special to Guthrie Center Times

The Mount Ayr Community School Hall of Fame Committee recently announced that Barry Monaghan will be named as a member, the highest honor bestowed by Mount Ayr Community Schools.

Monaghan is a 1965 graduate of Mount Ayr Community Schools. He was a stand-out athlete in football, basketball, track and baseball. He also played football at Northwest Missouri State University and majored in education.

Monaghan began his teaching career at Adair Casey High School as an English teacher and coach before being drafted into the United State Army for the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in 1971 and bestowed with the Meritorious Service Award.

After returning to Adair Casey from 1972-1975 to teach and coach, Monaghan moved to Jesup Community Schools to serve as vice principal before landing in Guthrie Center as the principal and athletic director.

During his time in education, Monaghan served on the Iowa High School Speech Association Executive Board, including as president in 1984.

In 1984, Monaghan was recruited out of education into the banking industry. He worked his way up the ranks at Guthrie County State Bank, eventually serving as president. He continues to serve as CEO, as well as president of the board of directors and Guthrie County Bancshares, Inc. During his leadership, the bank expanded its services to the communities it serves.

Monaghan has been well known for giving back to his community, being a mem-

ber of the local American Legion and Lions Clubs. He also started and continues to lead the 10 Squared Men of Guthrie County group.

He has been the voice of Guthrie Center, announcing for high school baseball since 1996 and the football and track teams since 1998. He has also announced track meets at Panora for the last four years.

"As our committee reviewed nominations and worked through the selection process, we were awed by the outstanding accomplishments and tremendous success of all those who were nominated," said Shaun Kniep, chair of the Hall of Fame Committee. "Our task was arduous, but we feel privileged to have a role in recognizing people who have had such an exceptional impact on the school and community."

Kniep says the Hall of Fame was established to create a lasting tribute to those who have brought honor to themselves, the Mount Ayr Community Schools and the community, noting that selection to the Hall of Fame recognizes individuals and groups who have accomplished extraordinary feats in extracurricular activities, individuals who have made significant contributions to the school, and graduates who have distinguished themselves in life after high school.

Hall of Fame weekend will be part of the annual Mount Ayr Community Schools homecoming festivities with the Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction ceremony set for Saturday, Sept. 28. ■



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KLEMISH RECEIVES TOP LIONS STATE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Special to Guthrie Center Times

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A Lion for 38 years, Klemish has served in numerous leadership positions in the Adair Club as president, secretary, treasurer and LCIF chair. At the district level, he served as district governor, zone chair, membership chair, LCIF chair, Leader Dog chair, Guiding Lion, and New Club Extension chair, helping to start four new clubs. He has been instructor for district officers more than 20 years. Klemish received the District Lion of the Year and the District Outstanding Service Award. At the state level, he served as Iowa Lions Foundation trustee. On the international level, he served on the Midwest Leadership Conference leadership team, on the USA/Canada Lions Forum Planning and Host committees, and presented many Lions seminars across the U.S. at district/state Lions conventions. He helped raise the funds for Leader Dogs for the Blind Canine Center. He has received many International Presidential, Leadership and LCIF medals.



Ken Klemish with Past International Director Judy Hankom, chair of the Klise Award Committee.

Local community leadership by the individual is included in the Klise award consideration. Klemish has served in Adair as a Cub Scout leader, city zoning commissioner, local church board, and was Adair Citizen of the Year in 1994. He co-chaired Adair's 125th anniversary celebration, and he worked at a local John Deere store for 53 years. ■

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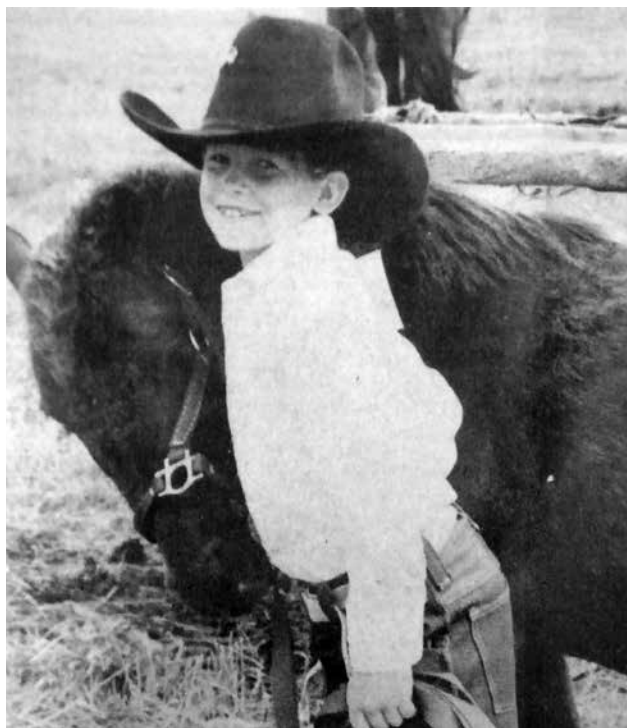
50 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, June 26, 1974

IT'S A TOUGH JOB: But 12-year-old John Stringer can handle it. At each home game, he runs the score board. John is the son of Jack and Bev Stringer of Guthrie Center.

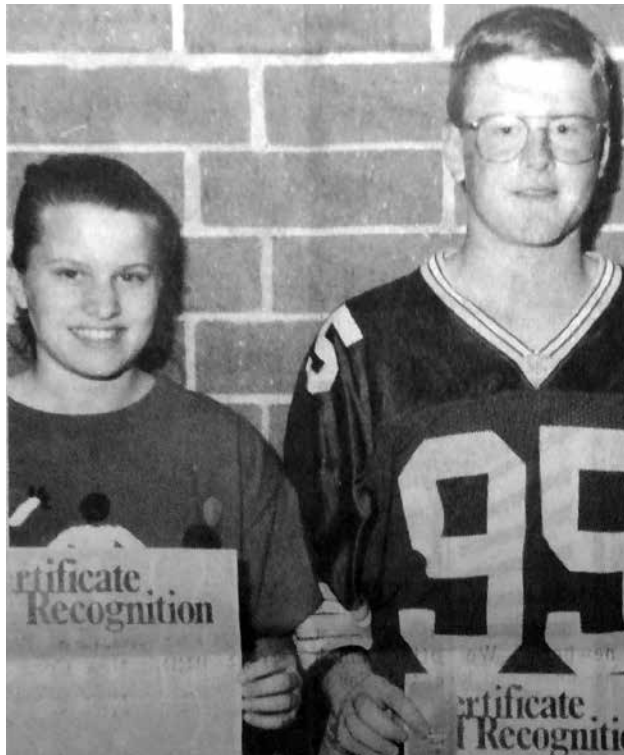
40 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, June 27, 1984

WHO'S BIGGER?: The horse, the hat or the rider? Jerry Hoover of Guthrie Center is ready to compete in the 4-H horse show Saturday at the county fairgrounds.

30 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, June 8, 1994

OUTSTANDING SOLOISTS: Abbey Brown and Adam Franzeen were named as outstanding performers at solo contest for band students.

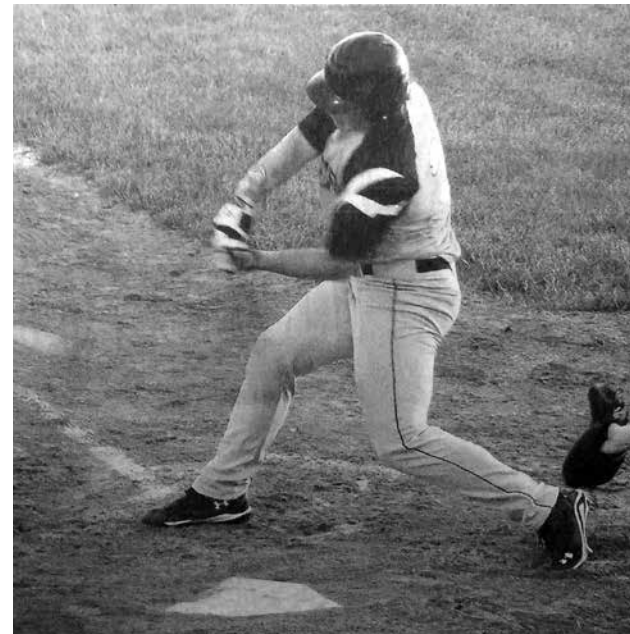
20 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, June 2, 2004

STATE QUALIFIERS: Representing Guthrie Center at the state meet were Dave Finster, Kody Nielsen, Marcus Lewis, Heath Sheeder and Ben Smith. Photo by Mike Ketelsen

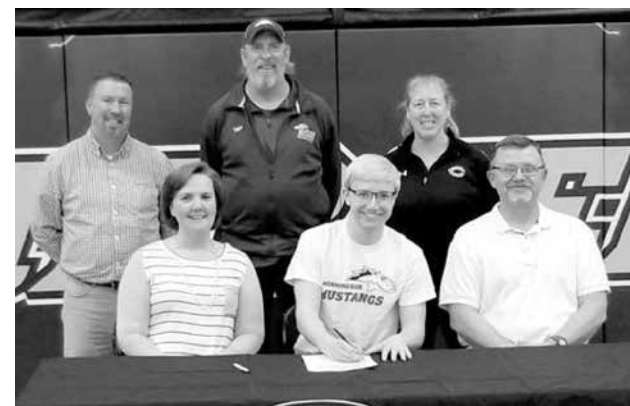
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From the Guthrie Center Times, June 25, 2014

SMACK!: Cale Crowder from Guthrie Center smacks a bases loaded double for three RBIs against West Central Valley Monday night.

20 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Times Vedette, June 6, 2019

HANNER TO SWIM FOR MORNINGSIDE: Matt Hanner, son of Joe and Michele Hanner of Guthrie Center, signs a letter of intent to swim for Morningside College in Sioux City. Matt is the first ACGC student to swim at the college level. Matt will be pursuing a Business Administration degree at Morningside. Pictured in the back row: Dana Stein, Guthrie County Swim Club coach, Coach Bryan Farris, Morningside College, Deb Danner, Carroll High School swim coach. Front row Michele, Matt, and Joe Hanner. ■



Guthrie Center ASK TIMES

Submit your questions at
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Q: WHEN ARE CHUCKWAGON DAYS IN ADAIR THIS YEAR?

A: Chuckwagon Days are Friday, June 21 and Saturday, June 22, and the theme is "CandyLand." Look for details in a story in this issue of Guthrie Center Times.

Q: HOW DOES SOMEONE APPLY TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE GUTHRIE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN?

A: The search is on right now for the 2025 Guthrie County Fair Queen. On Sunday, Sept. 3, the 2024 Guthrie County Fair Queen, Riley Gibson, will pass the crown to her successor. Each contestant must be at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on the first day of the 2024 Iowa State Fair. Contestants must never have been married or have had children. The Queen must reside within Guthrie County or an adjoining county if the majority of her activities are within Guthrie County. The contestants must be part of at least one service organization in her community such as a church group, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc. Eligibility is NOT limited to 4-H membership. Candidates will be judged on personality, leadership and beauty. Full rules and the entry form are available at www.guthriecountyfair.com/fair-queen.

Q: I REALLY LIKE MY DOCTOR. HOW DO I NOMINATE HER FOR IOWA'S FAVORITE PHYSICIAN?

A: The Iowa Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) is seeking nominations for the 2024 Family Physician of the Year. Each year, the IAFP awards one family physician the title "Family Physician of the Year" based on outstanding service to patients and community and devotion to Family Medicine. Nominate your family physician

online at: <https://iaafp.org/awards/> or send letters of nomination to the Iowa Academy describing why your family physician should receive the Family Physician of the Year Award to the Iowa Academy of Family Physicians, 6500 University Ave., Suite 100, PMB 123, Windsor Heights, IA 50324 or email to kcox@iaafp.org. Nomination deadline is Sept. 3. The 2024 Iowa Family Physician of Year will be honored during the IAFP Annual Conference on Nov. 7 at the Meadows Event Center in Altoona.

Q: MY DAD IS A WWII VETERAN. HOW DO I SUBMIT A PHOTO OF HIM FOR YOUR VETERANS SALUTE? AND WHEN WILL THAT PUBLISH?

A: We now have more than 100 veteran photos submitted, and we welcome more. You can submit the information and a photo online at <https://gctimesnews.com/veterans> or you can stop by our Panorama office with the photo, and we will scan it and return it to you immediately. The veterans salute special pages will publish in this publication in November. All the photos are also viewable online at the aforementioned website.

Q: WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR CASEY FUN DAYS THIS YEAR?

A: Fun Days are Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 with a theme of "Larger Than Life." Events and activities include a bags tournament and live music on Friday evening. On Saturday, look for a fun run, pancake breakfast, bake sale, parades, car and tractor show, antique show, cake walk, 3-on-3 basketball tournament and even a magician. See the story in this month's issue of Guthrie Center Times. ■



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The Adair Yard of the Month for June 2024 is Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 1107 Broad St. Pictured are Bill Nelson, Connie Littler and Pastor Kyle Fever.

BY RICH WICKS
Guthrie Center Times

The Adair Chamber of Commerce is awarding a "Yard of the Month" award each month, June through August of 2024. The recipient of the Adair Chamber of Commerce's Yard of the Month for June is Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

at 1107 Broad St. Bill Nelson, Connie Littler and Pastor Kyle Fever are among the Good Shepherd members who landscape and maintain the lawn. Nominations for the July Yard of the Month are due no later than Friday, June 28 and may be emailed to dawopharmd@outlook.com or submitted to the Adair City Clerk during normal business hours. ■

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BY JOLENE GOODMAN
Guthrie Center Times

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

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

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

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

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



Jolene Goodman

RHUBARB COFFEE CAKE MUFFINS

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

Directions

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



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The answer for the location of last month's photo can be seen when looking upward on the north side of State Street in Guthrie Center. The reference is to Ed Dosh, who was a druggist in Guthrie Center starting in 1880. He came to town with his wife, Minta, and was an enterprising and successful businessman. Have a guess on where this month's photographed image is? Have a photo to submit for future issues? Send to shane@dmcityview.com. ■

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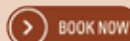
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