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Community Building

Vendor Market • 9 AM-2PM

Corner of Main and North Street

Parade Starts at 11AM | Registration 9-10:30 AM

at the school campus

Horse Show • 12 PM Concessions available

Yale Saddle Club

Yale Community Club Lunch

Following the parade in the Yale Community Building

Kickball Tournament and Dunk Tank • 12PM-3PM

Hosted by the Panorama Junior Class

Concessions available. *Baseball Field*

BINGO • 1:30-3:30PM Hosted by Yale Community Club

Yale Community Building

Kid Zone • 12:30PM-5PM

Kids game, bubbles station, arts and crafts, coloring contest, kids pedal pull. *Main Street*

Family Zone • 1PM- Dusk

Games to entertain the whole family. 4 square in the air, bags games, giant connect four, giant Jenga and bucket golf. *School Campus*

3v3 Basketball Tournament • 2PM

There will be a sign up fee and different age brackets, watch for more details. *Historic Round Gym*

Talent Show • 5PM *Stage at the school campus*

Picnic Games After the talent show

3 legged races, potato sack races, egg and spoon races, tug-of-war. *School campus*

Pie Auction/Contest and

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After Picnic Games. Pies will be on display at community building throughout the day
Announcement of contest and tournament winners from the day. *Stage at the school campus*

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Photo op - there will be an American Flag backdrop available for a photo op at the school campus throughout the day. Take your photo and tag our Facebook page!

Any changes or additions to the schedule will be updated on our Facebook page, Annual Yale 4th of July Celebration. Be sure to check our page for additional information on events including vendor information, schedule changes, raffle prizes, and weather updates.

The school campus will only be used for parking for the parade line up. All vehicles will need to be immediately moved from the campus following the parade and you will need to find other places to park during the day including during the Fireworks show. We will be using this space as a place for families to spend the day and a place to enjoy the fireworks show from your lawn chairs or spread out on a blanket.

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FROM THE COVER: Saydee Rutherford shows her patriotism at Michael Mills Park in Panora. Photo by Rich Wicks



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I have learned over the years that people truly love to know who and what are considered “the best.” That is why we search online, scroll through reviews and ask friends for recommendations. The problem? Online ratings can be manipulated by scammers, fake reviews and companies that specialize in polishing reputations. So how do you find out what local residents really think? That’s where our Best of Guthrie County poll comes in.

We are excited to launch the third edition of this community competition, giving Guthrie County residents another opportunity to recognize the people, places, businesses and events that make this county special.

As I have stated before, one point deserves repeating: The winners are not chosen by us. They are chosen by you. The results reflect the votes of our readers,

not the opinions of our staff. That distinction occasionally gets lost in the discussion, but it is an important one.

While the poll will continue to evolve in future years, this year’s version follows a familiar format. You will find 89 categories ranging from serious to spirited. Best pizza. Best pastor. Best park. Best whatever-you-think-deserves-the-title. You can vote in a single category or tackle all 89 if you are feeling ambitious.

We have been promoting the poll through our publications, emails, social media channels and more to encourage participation from every corner of Guthrie County. The more people who vote, the



Shane Goodman

more meaningful the results become.

Last year, 642 votes were cast. That was an incredible showing and a strong increase from 471 the year prior. So far this year, we are at 706, a new record — and the poll is still open.

Voting is simple. Spend 30 seconds voting in one category or settle in with a cup of coffee and complete all 89. The choice is yours. Just remember that once you submit your ballot, it is final. Much like Election Day, there are no do-overs.

And before anyone gets any bright ideas, yes, we monitor for duplicate voting. We catch the cheaters, and those votes are removed. So save yourself the trouble and don’t try to vote multiple times.

If you are ready to participate, scan the QR code or click the banner at www.gctimesnews.com, review the rules and

cast your votes. Then share the poll with your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and anyone else with a connection to Guthrie County.

Thank you in advance for taking part. More importantly, thank you for helping recognize the people and places that make Guthrie County a great place to live, work and visit.

As always, I thank you for reading— and voting! ■

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FAMILY, FLAGS AND FIREWORKS

Learn how area residents celebrate the Fourth of July.

BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

Long ago, our nation's forefathers signed the Declaration of Independence, declaring that the American colonies were no longer part of Great Britain and would become their own nation. Because of that, we are free to celebrate in many ways, including eating grilled meat, getting sunburned, watching parades and setting off fireworks.

In reality, the Fourth of July means much more than that. It is a day to celebrate our freedoms and how they were won. This year's celebrations are expected to be bigger than ever as America marks its 250th birthday.

OLD GLORY

The U.S. flag is the iconic symbol of our country, and there are rules governing how it should be displayed and disposed of. Although most people learn these rules in elementary school, America's 250th anniversary is an appropriate time for a refresher.

If displayed outdoors, the U.S. flag should be flown only from sunrise to sunset. The exception is when the flag is properly illuminated, allowing it to remain on display after dark. The flag should also be taken down during severe weather unless it is an all-weather flag.

Other rules for the U.S. flag include:

- The flag should never touch the ground.
- The flag must always be displayed "right side up." The exception is that displaying the U.S. flag upside down can be used as a distress signal.
- The flag should never be marked with additional designs or wording or otherwise defaced.
- The flag should not be worn as clothing.
- To properly dispose of a worn U.S. flag, it may be taken to the Jamaica Public Library for pickup by the local American Legion, placed in a collection box at the Panora



Saydee and Sawyer Rutherford show their patriotism at Michael Mills Park in Panora.

Library for disposal by the Boy Scouts or placed in the drop box inside Guthrie Center City Hall. Other options include contacting a local American Legion, VFW or Boy Scout group. Worn flags may also be burned if done respectfully and completely.

Many in the Panora community participate in a Panora Lions Club program that makes displaying a U.S. flag easy. For a donation, homeowners and businesses can have a U.S. flag displayed in front of their property on each of the five designated flag holidays. Mike Carey of the Panora Lions Club explained.

"It was started about four or five years ago by Mike Gliem, who was one of our Lions at the time. He came up with the

idea because another community, Adel, was doing it," Carey said. "It's a pretty simple process. We put a PVC pipe in the ground after we bore a hole, and then we basically just stick the flagpole into the PVC assembly."

Carey said the flag program now serves approximately 60 homes and businesses in and around Panora.

"It's \$50 a year, so \$10 for each holiday (Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Veterans Day). Sometimes people want more than one. And some people give more, which we're always appreciative of."

Because three of the five flag holidays occur in early summer, the flags remain on display throughout that period.

"We've come to the conclusion that

people like having their flags up, so we put them up on Memorial Day, and we leave them up through the Fourth of July, because you've got Flag Day right in the middle, so that saves us some time putting them in and taking them out," Carey said.

The flag program is open to anyone, not just homeowners or those living within the city limits.

"It's been growing gradually every year. I think we've got four businesses on the main street now, and the Chamber has been really good about promoting this in Panora," Carey said. "We'll go just about anywhere to put up a flag."

Carey said proceeds from the flag program are not designated for a specific project but instead support the Lions



Camping is a popular Fourth of July activity.

Club's many community service efforts. "If anybody wants to sign up for this, they can go to our Facebook page (Panora Lions), and I can email the PDF form out to them," Carey said. "This is the 250th birthday of our country, so what a great way to continue to support and promote our patriotism and support a local group."

CAMPING

One traditional Fourth of July activity that remains popular in the county is camping. This year, with the Fourth of July falling on a Saturday, campground attendance may be even higher. Two of the main campgrounds near Panora are Lenon Mill Park and Nations Bridge Park.

Guthrie County Conservation Direc-

tor Brad Halterman explained the basics of camping at those locations.

"Lenon Mill Park usually fills up the week before the Fourth of July weekend. Of course, weather and the weather forecast play a big part in it," Halterman said. "All campsites at Lenon Mill Park and Nations Bridge Park are first come, first served; no reservations are accepted."

Camping at Lenon Mill Park, 500 W. South St. in Panora, costs \$20 per night. The campground offers both primitive campsites and RV sites with electricity. Amenities include water, restrooms, a shelter house, a swing set, a horseshoe pit, picnic tables and canoe access. Halterman also noted that fishing at Lenon Mill Park is traditionally excellent.

"Nations Bridge is also available for



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Fireworks are a central part of the celebration of the Fourth of July, and many area communities offer displays around the holiday.

camping; same rules and costs as Lenon Mill Park," Halterman said. "Right now, Wagon Road/P28 is open to Nations Bridge Park from both the north and the south. Park users can watch the Guthrie County webpage, Guthrie County Facebook and Guthrie County Conservation Facebook pages for updates as they occur."

Halterman noted that around the Fourth of July, access to Nations Bridge Park may be available only from the north, depending on the progress of road construction along Wagon Road.

Another popular camping destination in the area is Springbrook State Park, about 6 miles west of Yale. To check availability or reserve a campsite or facility at Springbrook State Park, visit the Iowa Department of Natural Resources campground reservation website at www.iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com.

YALE'S FOURTH OF JULY

In Guthrie County, Yale is the hub of Fourth of July activities. Betty Cooper is leading the planning for this year's celebration, which will run July 3-4. Cooper said many longtime traditions will continue, while other events are new or returning after an absence.

"The fun run and walk is back. The Yale Community Club lunch is back. Yale Community Club is also bringing bingo back," she said. "And we're going to have a kid zone on Main Street, with a bubble station and carnival games. And we're going to have a family zone up at the school grounds, with big games like giant Jenga, giant Connect Four, that

kind of stuff."

For complete details on Yale's Fourth of July celebration, visit the Yale Fourth of July 2026 Facebook page.

FIREWORKS

One of the centerpieces of the Fourth of July is fireworks. Professional fireworks shows will again be held at several locations throughout the area. As usual, the largest and best-attended display is expected to take place at dusk July 4 in Yale.

The annual "Fire in the Sky" fireworks show will once again be presented by the Lake Panorama Association and the Joe Schering family at Shady Beach. This year's event marks the 30th anniversary of the annual tradition. The show is scheduled to begin around 9:45 p.m. July 4.

Several other fireworks displays are also planned. The Shootout Saloon in Dexter will host a fireworks display at dusk July 3. Pattee Park in Perry will hold a fireworks show at dusk July 4. The Aquatic Center in Coon Rapids will host a fireworks display July 4.

For those who enjoy setting off personal fireworks, it is important to be aware of state and local laws governing their use. For decades, nearly all consumer fireworks were illegal in Iowa except sparklers, "snakes" and "poppers." In 2017, Iowa law changed to allow a variety of consumer fireworks, including bottle rockets, firecrackers and fountain-style fireworks. Then, in 2025, Gov. Kim Reynolds signed Iowa Senate File 303 into law. The law prohibits counties and cities from adopting restrictions on



The annual Yale Independence Day Parade will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday July 4. Registration will be before the parade from 9-10:30 a.m.

consumer fireworks that are more restrictive than state law on July 3, July 4 and Dec. 31.

The 2025 law allows adults to use consumer fireworks on private property, with the property owner's consent, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 1 through July 8 and Dec. 10 through Jan. 3. The ending time is extended to 11 p.m. on July 4 and 12:30 a.m. on Jan. 1.

The use of both consumer and professional fireworks is expected to reach record levels this summer as the nation celebrates its 250th anniversary. With that in mind, here are a few reminders and safety tips. Most violations of Iowa's fireworks law are simple misdemeanors and carry a minimum fine of \$250.

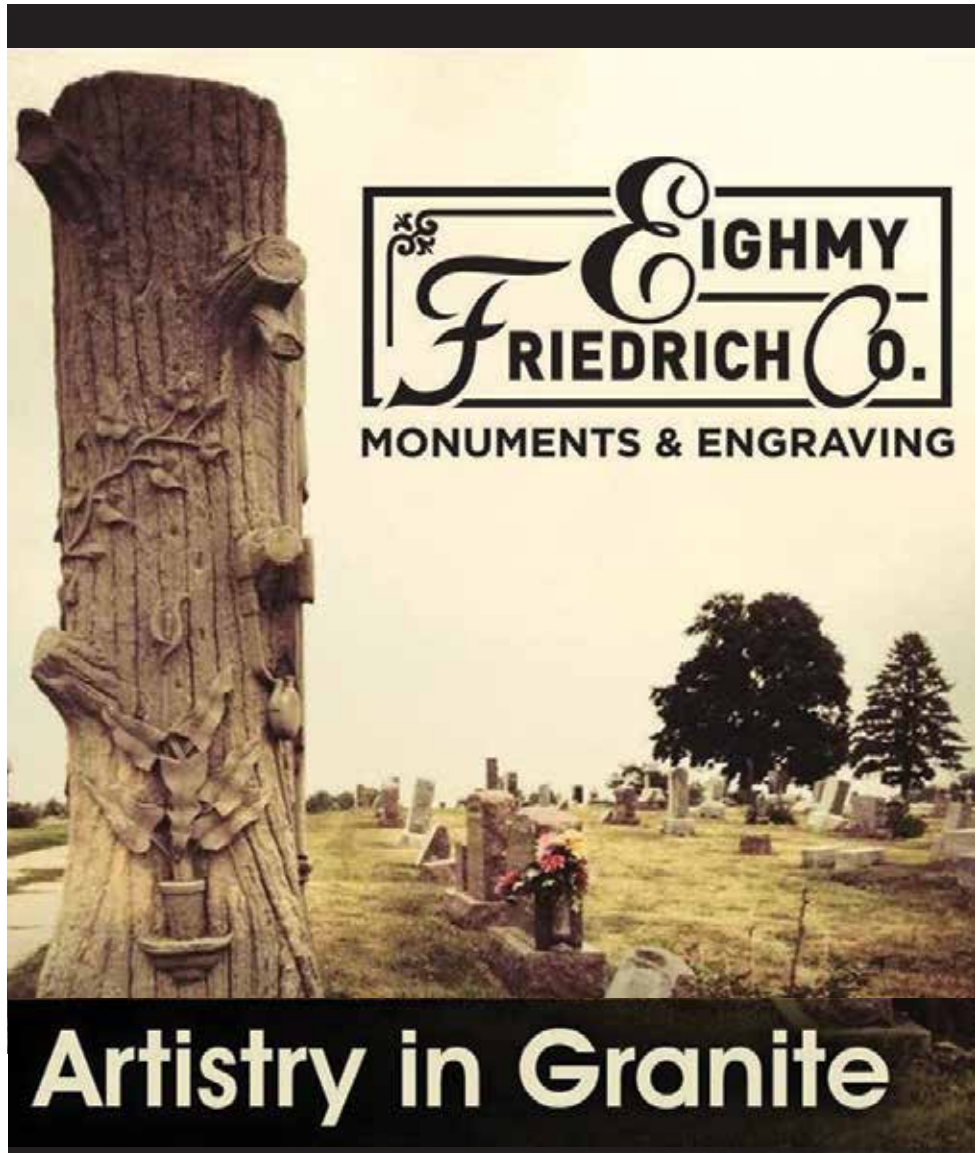
Anyone 18 or older may possess and use consumer fireworks during the dates and times allowed by law. Consumer fireworks include first-class and second-

class fireworks that may be purchased by the public without a permit. Users are responsible for knowing and following any applicable fireworks laws or ordinances where they live.

In addition, several common-sense safety practices should always be followed, even if they are not specifically required by law. Many pets, especially dogs, are frightened by fireworks, so users are encouraged to avoid disturbing animals whenever possible.

Fireworks can also leave debris scattered over a wide area, so users should clean up any debris after use.

Because fireworks can easily start fires during dry or windy conditions, check for burn bans or wildfire warnings before using them. Most importantly, fireworks should be handled only by sober adults. Injuries can and do occur, so take both the law and the risks seriously. ■



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BY MICHAEL C. WOODY
Panora Times

"MICHAEL"

With a title like that, how am I not going to be intrigued? It was a fabulous look at the early career of Michael and his brothers in the Jackson 5. It shows his overbearing father who saw the talent in his sons early and did his best to develop their talents and showmanship, sometimes in demanding ways. As Michael aged, he began to steal the spotlight from his older brothers. By the end of the film, he is a single act and embarking on the career we remember him having. The film does an excellent job focusing on his music career and not the creepiness that haunted his life. The film ends early in his solo career, but I've read that we have to at least one sequel coming, if not two. The sequels will certainly be dark and controversial, so enjoy this look at the



early career of this wonderful performer.
GRADE: A-

"FUZE"

This film, which was touted as being from the director of "Hell or High Water" and written by Taylor Sheridan, was quietly released and did a little business. Those two pieces of information are enough for me to drive across town to see it. What I found was an intense film with almost non-stop action. The action and story are so elaborate that it was sometimes difficult to follow. The dialogue was also difficult at times, and I wished for subtitles. The story is set in Afghanistan and is full of too many flashbacks. If you love action films and don't care so much about the story, this might be perfect for you.



GRADE: B-

"APEX"

This Netflix film stars Charlize Theron,

Taron Edgerton and Eric Bana. We get an action-packed look at a female mountain climber who is dealing with a recent tragedy in Norway but travels to Australia to continue on her travels and hopefully get over her loss. All was going great when a well-intentioned young man turns out to be a not very well-intentioned man. This leads to a cat and mouse chase full of impossible stunts as she tries to escape. The whole time I was watching this, I felt like I had seen this story before and remembered it being more engaging. At the end of the day, it was a waste of great talent.



GRADE: C-

"THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA 2"

Without getting into whole lot of details that would ruin the movie for most people, I can tell you that the title of the film is just the start of a total lack of creativity. The first movie was smart, sassy and entertaining, but this sequel

produced more yawns than smiles for me. At the end of the year, this will be one of the biggest disappointments and wastes of an outstanding cast.

GRADE: C-

"ANIMAL FARM"

I vaguely remember seeing the animated version of this when I was much younger. It didn't make much of an impression on me then, and this new version didn't make much of an impression on me today. The story is familiar, and it does mirror our society today, as it did in the earlier version. This is a tough one to adapt, as you need to instill human tendencies and bad habits into farm animals to successfully make your point. I was more bored than intrigued by this newest version.

GRADE: B-



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"Animal Farm"



"The Sheep Detectives"



"Obsession"



"In the Grey"

"THE SHEEP DETECTIVES"

The trailer for this film made it look fun and maybe one of those quirky comedies which would unexpectedly amuse and entertain you. The film is about a murder, and a group of sheep decide they need to solve this case. This might have been a unique and possibly interesting movie, but I found it to be slow and not nearly as funny as it thought that it was. A missed opportunity. **GRADE: C-**



lent, too stupid and there are too many of them — sometimes three or more per month. With little else to review, I took a chance on "Obsession." In the movie, a distracted young man pines for a beautiful co-worker and finally gets a date with her. To assure that the date goes well, he stops in a store and buys a device that will grant him one wish: for his coworker to love him more than anyone else in the world. The film presents this relationship as horrific, and he cannot escape it. In a nutshell, this film has a fresh but worrying storyline and more than its share of "look away" mo-



ments. It was so, so creepy. With great caution, I give it a grade most horror films never achieve. **GRADE: B+**

"IN THE GREY"

If you see the poster for this movie, it proudly states that it is a Guy Ritchie film. Let me translate that for you: scantily clad women, usually with deadly martial arts skills, plus really handsome men who can also handle guns like they have used them since birth. Ritchie has made a bunch of movies that all seem to be the same with slight moderations to the story. A few of



them — "The Covenant," "Snatch" and "Sherlock Holmes" — have been entertaining. Recently, what would typically be a cause for excitement turns into a boring chase film that comes nowhere close to charming, funny or entertaining. Ritchie still gets great actors to help him, but even that didn't keep me from repeatedly checking my watch.

GRADE: C ■

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



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SUPERVISORS APPOINT ABEL TO FILL COUNTY ATTORNEY VACANCY

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

MAY 26

During the regular meeting of the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors, County Attorney Dana Minter's resignation was discussed. County Auditor Dani Fink shared what she learned in Iowa code about the timing of the county's plans to appoint someone to fill the vacancy. She read aloud a portion of Iowa code that applies in this situation.

"The board may make an appointment to fill a vacancy after the notice is published or after the vacancy occurs, whichever is later," Fink said. "So, since the vacancy doesn't actually occur until May 31, you can't appoint yet."

With the supervisors' decision to cancel the June 2 regular meeting (due to the Primary Election), Fink's recom-

mendation was to schedule a filling of the County Attorney vacancy on June 9. No action was taken at this time.

Information Technology Administrator Brian Hoffman provided an update on happenings in the IT department.

"We have 251 users now in our database, our active directory. Probably a little more than half of those are actually employees," Hoffman said. "And then some of the other half are accounts that we need just to make everything come together. There are 71 groups as well."

County Engineer Josh Sebern performed the bid opening for Bridge Replacement Project L-CA226-73-39, which is near Bays Branch. The only bid received was from Murphy Construction, for \$175,407.11. Sebern said he will go through the bid to check the math and will bring a recommendation to the next meeting of the supervi-

sors.

As part of the consent agenda, a fireworks permit was approved for Joe Chaloupka.

Supervisor Maggie Armstrong noted that postcards have been mailed out to inform residents impacted by the road project on Wagon Road (County Road P-28).

JUNE 2

The June 2 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was canceled due to the Primary Election on that date.

JUNE 9

The supervisors unanimously voted to appoint Charles Abel to fill the vacancy created by Dana Minter's resignation from the role of County Attorney.

County Auditor Dani Fink also read the unofficial results of last week's Pri-

mary election.

"On Election Day, we had a total of 1,693 people vote at the polls. We had 410 absentee ballots that were accepted for counting, so we had a total of 2,103 people who voted," Fink said.

No changes were noted from the unofficial results. The supervisors approved the canvas of the results, which are now considered official.

Health Services Director Jotham Arber discussed a proposed Health Services Agency Vehicle Use policy, which he explained would help standardize the expectation for all employees and the nine vehicles used by the department. The supervisors approved the policy as proposed.

The supervisors approved two recommendations from County Engineer Josh Sebern. The first was the awarding of the contract to Murphy Contracting for the bridge replacement proj-



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ect L-CA226-73-39. The second was to award the contract to Genco Construction for the culvert replacement project on 150th Street.

The supervisors discussed the planning for RAGBRAI, including designating the courthouse as an option to be used in case of dangerous weather so that all bicyclists would have shelter available. EMS and law enforcement personnel will have the ability to open the courthouse as needed during RAGBRAI.

The supervisors also discussed whether or not to have the courthouse open for business on July 20, due to the influx of thousands of bicyclists and others. The consensus was to remain open as usual on that date.

Supervisor Maggie Armstrong shared information on the community survey being rolled out by the EMS Advisory Council to gauge county residents' opinions about EMS services. She said the survey will be roughly 20 questions. She noted that when the survey is opened, communication will be made through a variety of means to inform citizens of the availability of the survey.

"That will be on our county website and will be pushed out. I encourage everybody to take the survey. It's easy;

it takes about 10 minutes," Armstrong said.

JUNE 16

Conservation Director Brad Halterman provided a departmental update.

"Our camping numbers have been steady. We seem to be getting a lot of usage at our shelter houses, as well," he said.

Halterman also looked ahead to what he expects to be a busy Fourth of July camping weekend. He noted that with the road project ongoing along Wagon Road (County Road P28), people interested in visiting Nations Bridge Park will be able to do so, but there may be detours, especially for those coming from Stuart as the holiday weekend approaches.

"At the very least, Nations Bridge campground will be open from the north," Halterman said.

Halterman talked about plans regarding the area between Lenon Mill and the Lake Panorama dam.

"At Lenon Mill, across the city street to the north, there's an area that belongs to the state DNR. That has become an ever-increasing recreational opportunity area. There are a lot of people that fish over there. There is a makeshift area where canoes and

small john boats are putting in," he said.

"We entered into a 28E agreement with the state to manage that stretch. That means 15 minutes of mowing a week, when we're down there mowing at Lenon Mill anyway," Halterman said.

Halterman also noted that he eventually plans to apply for a grant to put in a boat access point in that area. He said it would allow access for emergency equipment if needed.

Supervisor Maggie Armstrong explained that the recent rains some-

what slowed progress on the Wagon Road project. She said there will be a pilot car in one section next week, and later the entire stretch between Mon-teith Road and Stuart will be closed to through traffic. Armstrong encouraged drivers to check the county website for latest updates on the road project.

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

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CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS

UPDATES PRESENTED TO PANORA CITY COUNCIL ON 113 E. MAIN ST., CITYWIDE CLEANUP, RAGBRAI

BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

MAY 26

During the regular meeting of the Panora City Council, the councilmembers reviewed and approved Resolution 26-27, setting the date and fees for citywide cleanup. The official date is June 12, although residents who have signed up to participate may begin placing items on the curb beginning Monday, June 8.

Those wishing to participate must sign up and prepay at City Hall by Friday, June 5. The basic fee is \$30. Additionally, certain items require a specific fee and sticker. Those include appliances, computers, TVs and vehicle tires and rims. Details are available by visiting or calling City Hall at 641-755-2164.

City Administrator Lisa Grossman noted that a ribbon-cutting event will be held on Monday, June 1 at 3 p.m. for the new Adirondack chair in the town square.

Grossman also shared information on the upcoming "pre-ride for RAGBRAI" that will come through Panora on Tuesday, June 2.

"Basically, all of the RAGBRAI committee members and about 20 people will ride the whole route," she said. "They've asked that we kind of display some of the things that we'll be doing when the whole RAGBRAI comes through."

The council approved paying Pay Application No. 1 to Dirt Teck for work on the East Clay Street Sanitary Sewer project in the amount of \$75,723.51. This payment represents approximately the first half of the project.

Following a public hearing on the matter (with no written or oral comments), the council approved the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget amendment as proposed.

Consideration of purchasing a 2019 Cummings diesel truck (approximately 34,000 miles) for just less than \$130,000 will be held at the council's next meeting.

JUNE 8

Councilmembers discussed the status of the apartments and commercial building located at 113 East Main St. Final steps are being taken regarding funding of the upstairs apartments. After all paperwork is submitted, the developer, Tim Schutte, can begin working on the main floor, which is intended for commercial purposes.

"It's going to take approximately six to eight weeks for the final GAX to come through," Karla Janning of Region 12 Council on Government said. "Once that happens, (Schutte's) plan is to concentrate on painting of the storefront, getting some new glass and some tuckpointing on the first level. His hope is that the updates will look like something a commercial entity would want to come in and rent."

City Administrator Lisa Grossman noted the upcoming citywide cleanup is set for June 12.

"We had 33 homes sign up this year, which is pretty good," Grossman said.

Grossman also reported on planning for RAGBRAI, which will come through Panora on July 21.

"We had the RAGBRAI pre-ride, which I think went really well," she said. "We're kind of finalizing all of our vendors."

Approval was given to Resolution 26-32, support for a Workforce Housing tax incentive application by Origin Homes for a housing project that will include three additional single-family homes in the same general area as the previous project of Panora's Dream Acres in the northwest area of town.

As part of the consent agenda items, the council approved Iowa Retail Permits for Casey's and Hometown Foods for cigarettes/tobacco/nicotine/vapor.

The council approved Resolution 26-31 to purchase a 2019 Cummings Freightliner diesel truck (approximately 34,000 miles) for \$134,900.

The next regular meeting is set for Monday, June 22 at 5:30 p.m. The public is welcome. Interested persons may attend in person or electronically by visiting the website <https://meet.goto.com/cityofpanora> or by phone 1-312-757-3121 (Access Code 295-099-701, Audio PIN 220#). ■



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PANORAMA SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES CONTRACTS FOR 2026-27 YEAR

BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

The board of directors of the Panorama Community School District met in regular session on June 8. As part of the consent agenda, the board approved several fundraisers and an overnight trip, including:

- Boys basketball: 3-on-3 Tournament in Yale, July 4
- Track: Yale July 4 5K
- Junior Class: Concessions at California to NY 250th Anniversary Ride, Yale, September 2026
- Junior Class: Concessions at RAGBRAI; Panora and Yale, July 21
- Junior Class: 50/50 Drawing at football and basketball games; Panora, dates TBD
- Junior Class: Concessions at ISU football or basketball games; Ames, date(s) TBD
- Overnight Request: HS boys basketball; Summer Basketball Camp; William Penn University, Oskaloosa, Iowa; July 18-19; 16 students, two chaperones

The board approved contract recommendations/resignations as follows:

2025-2026 CONTRACTS

- Joel Cooper, MS Baseball

2026-2027 CONTRACTS

- Melissa Bahrenfuss, Basketball Scorer
- Whitney Zickefoose, Elementary

Paraeducator

- David Brumley, Route Driver
- Scott Bailey, Assistant HS Football
- Greg Thompson, Teacher Leader
- Steven Hameister, Teacher Leader

The board approved a Heartland AEA Library Consultant Agreement for Teacher Librarian Consultant Services, \$10,000 for 10 days, as presented.

In the Good News portion of the meeting, congratulations were voiced for Kylie Rochholz on setting two school records (breaking her own records from 2025) and placing third in the 1,500-meter run and 4th in the 3,000-meter run at the 2026 State Track and Field Championships. She lowered her 1,500-meter record by 11 seconds and her 3,000-meter record by 6 seconds. Rochholz is also expected to be named All-State Track and Field by the IATC (Iowa Track Coaches Association) in both the 3,000-meter run and the 1,500-meter run.

UPCOMING DATES NOTED INCLUDE:

- July 13: 2026-2027 student registration opens
- Aug. 17: teachers report
- Aug. 19: open house
- Aug. 24: first day of school

The next regularly scheduled meeting the board of directors of the Panorama Community School District is set for Monday, July 13 at 5:30 p.m. The public is welcome. ■

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The Panorama girls soccer team celebrates its 7-2 quarterfinal win over Riverside on May 28.



Panorama's No. 13 Brayden Meinecke makes the play in the infield against Earlham.



Panorama's catcher Bridgete White in a game against Madrid on June 2.



Panorama's No. 12 Nolan Sheehy struck out seven batters in six innings against Ogden on June 9.



Panorama's No. 14 Elah Molloy prepares to swing in a game against Madrid on June 2.

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Panorama's No. 15 Hannah Dishman slides into home plate in a game against Madrid on June 2.



The Panorama softball team welcomes Bridgete White to the plate after her home run against ACGC.



Panorama's No. 25 Mason Cates takes a swing against ACGC on Monday, June 15.



Panorama's No. 12 Nolan Sheehy jumps for a catch against Ogden on June 9.



Panorama's No. 10 Morgan Crees finishes her high school soccer career with 197 goals for the Panthers.



Kylie Rochholz earned two IATC All-State honors for her performances at the 2026 Iowa High School Track and Field Championships. ■

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PUDDLE JUMPERS BRINGS NEW DAYCARE OPTION TO PANORA

Jordan Killian opens home daycare to help meet the community's growing childcare needs.

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

A new daycare center has opened in Panora. Puddle Jumpers Home Daycare is located at 310 W. South St. in Panora, between Lenon Mill Park and the Guthrie County Historical Village.

Owner Jordan Killian explained that she understands daycare options can be scarce in a small town, and when Panorama Schools changes to a four-day week this fall, the need will increase further.

"That was one of the ideas behind opening this. It can be hard for parents to find daycare around here," Killian said.

Killian and her sister, Trinity, are the two staff currently working at Puddle Jumpers. Killian explained that most of her childcare experience came at home.

"Personal experience. I am the oldest of many siblings. Each of my parents had five kids, but I'm the only one they had together. I've been babysitting my whole life," she said. "I also nannied for a set of twins and their sister. That was a few years ago."

Killian expects to provide care for mostly younger kids. But because the business is new and the need for daycare is ever-changing, she intends to flex to the needs of the community.

"We'll do anywhere from newborns to whatever is needed," Killian said. "I don't anticipate we'll get too many older school-age kids, but we expect a lot of younger ones."

Puddle Jumpers operates only on weekdays.

"Our hours are Mondays through Fridays, 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.," Killian said.

Understanding that daycare can become a significant cost for parents, Killian has developed a schedule of rates so parents can pick the specific schedule to meet their needs. Details can be seen



Jordan Killian holds her daughter, Sage.

on the Puddle Jumpers Home Daycare page on Facebook.

"Our rates are based on the age group of the kids and whether it's a half-day or a full-day," she said.

Puddle Jumpers also offers something unique to parents when dropping kids off.

"Not only have I been watching kids my whole life, but my sister and I together have 15 years of coffeemaking experience," Killian said. "So, we also offer coffees to-go in the mornings. That will be a

fun little extra for people. They can put in an order the night before, and then they don't have to make an extra stop for coffee."

Killian noted that the location of Puddle Jumpers provides some nearby fun for the kids.

"We have the big back yard. We're outside quite a bit," she said. "We're also right next to the Historical Village, too, so we're able to walk over there."

Currently, Killian serves an average of five kids each day. She believes in foster-



A beautiful day calls for lunch outdoors.



Clockwise from left: Josiah, Sage, Athena, Scotti and Delilah enjoy coloring.

ing creativity in kids, both her own and those who visit Puddle Jumpers.

"I love to see how kids act and how they figure things out," she said. "We like to let kids explore."

Killian shared that she enjoys being a part of the Panora community and especially enjoys the annual Panorama Days celebration.

"I've been here in Panora for three years now," Killian said. "I lived in Des Moines, but I'm not a city person. I really like it here." ■

HEALTH

GCH PARTICIPATES IN EXTREME HEAT DRILL

BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

During the May 28 meeting of the Guthrie County Hospital Board of Trustees, Clinical Safety and Quality Coordinator Danielle Lauzon shared information about a recently completed "drill."

"We participated in an exercise with Public Health, longterm care and Emergency Management about a month ago. It was for extreme heat," Lauzon said. "We identified some areas for improvement. It was a good exercise."

Lauzon also talked about an upcoming drill.

"June 10 we are going to participate in a big exercise with Adair County Hospital, EMS, Public Health, long-term care and the law enforcement. It's going to be at the school. It's going to be an active threat," Lauzon said. "It will start at 12:30 p.m. and go until about 6:30 p.m."

Chief Human Resources Officer Mary Anderson provided a report on hiring and staffing. She noted that employee retention rate is now 89.2%. She also noted a recent achievement.

"Thanks to our great increase on our employee engagement survey score, we have been named a 'Top Workplace.' It's sponsored by The Des Moines Register," Anderson said. "We scored well enough in six categories to be given that award."

Chief Operations Officer Travis Martin reported on the construction progress at the hospital.

"Tuesday of next week (June 2), we'll start work on some storm sewer, and that will reduce 12th Street to a single lane," he said. "So, they'll be working in the east half of that, and there will only be passage on the west half."

The next regular meeting of the trustees is set for Thursday, June 25 at 4 p.m. The public is welcome. ■

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RUSTIC CREATIONS MAKE THE CUT

Preston Merical of Panora makes gun racks, bow racks, planter boxes, knickknack shelves, holiday decorations and deer mounts, to name a few.

BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

Preston Merical of Panora has discovered a hobby that also brings in a bit of income while giving him a chance to unwind and be creative. For the past several years, he has been crafting unique woodwork items of many varieties.

Merical wasn't new to woodworking but found it to be something he enjoyed spending more time on. His wife, Amber, shared a story of the instance that started it all.

"We saw a welcome sign that was priced at \$70, and he said he could make something like that," she said. From then on, Merical has been spending time creating various wooden items.

"I've always liked it, but I never really got into it until about three or four years ago. I just started cutting some wood up, and now here's all this. It's a couple hours here and there, then on the weekend I'll put in a few more hours," he said. "I enjoy it. It's relaxing and quiet, and then at the end I get to see that I actually put something together."

Some of his creations are for the home he shares with his wife. Other items are created at the request of friends and acquaintances. Recently, Merical started getting the word out about his products via Facebook.

"I do have a Facebook page for it, Roughcut Rustics," he said.

The items Merical creates are greatly varied. He makes gun racks, bow racks, planter boxes, knickknack shelves, holiday decorations and deer mounts, to name a few. The one similarity in all of his work is the rustic appearance. Many of the finished products have a slightly burned appearance.

"I just use a small bottle torch for it," Merical said. "I like to keep everything rustic looking."

Merical pointed out that he does not



Preston and Amber Merical show some of Preston's creations.

need a garage full of tools or equipment to ply his craft.

"Really, I've just got a table saw, a couple hand saws, a miter saw and a sander. It's pretty simple," he said.

Pointing to a deer head mount he created, Merical explained its significance.

"That Euro mount I made is for the first buck I shot," he said.

When asked about a memorable creation, Merical detailed one of his largest projects.

"I made a couple planter boxes for a

lady my dad knows. She said they were beautiful and worked great," he said. "It took a skid loader to put them on the trailer."

Amber talked about a memorable project that her husband took on when a customer had the seat from an old buggy and wanted it repurposed.

"It wasn't functional when he got it, but he refinished it and redid all the wood on it," she said.

Not all of Merical's creations are kept or sold. Amber and Preston also believe in

supporting their community by donating some items for local fundraisers.

For the foreseeable future, Merical plans to keep making items that catch his imagination and/or are requested by customers. He also noted that he is not necessarily done when a customer takes an item home.

"I do tend to check in on people that have bought from me, to ask how they like it and if there's anything they want changed. I will change it if they want," Merical said. ■



A buggy seat turned into a chair.



Christmas décor is a popular item.



Euro mounts of deer skulls.

HEALTH

EFFORTS CONTINUE TO CREATE COUNTYWIDE EMS FRAMEWORK; SURVEY SEEKS INPUT

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Panora Times

During the 2021 Iowa legislative session, a proposal to allow counties to declare emergency medical services (EMS) an essential service was approved, then signed into law. This law allows Iowa counties to ask citizens to vote on a new tax to support EMS, the same way police and fire protection are funded.

In 2022, the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors declared EMS an essential service. This started the process that led to a November 2024 ballot issue.

The measure would have allowed the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors to implement a new tax of 75 cents per \$1,000 of taxable property value to help fund a countywide EMS program. Voters supported the measure with 53.88% saying “yes.” Because the measure required 60% approval, it did not pass.

When the ballot measure failed, it negated the board’s 2022 declaration of EMS as essential. In late 2025, the board again declared EMS as an essential service, and the planning process started again.

Iowa law requires the creation of an advisory council to research, study and make recommendations to the board of supervisors regarding a plan for Emergency Medical Services within the county.

In January 2026, the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors agreed on the basic makeup of a second EMS Advisory Coun-

cil. It includes nine entities with one person appointed to represent each entity.

The Advisory Council has been formed and currently is discussing existing EMS services and researching steps needed to ensure high-quality emergency medical care is accessible to the entire county.

The council has developed a survey to gather input. This survey of Guthrie County voters will help the group gauge the current level of understanding of EMS service delivery and funding in the county, what voters deem as priorities for county EMS service, and what funding they would support to achieve those priorities.

Members of the EMS Advisory Council and the entities they represent are:

- Gina Arnold (city of Bayard)
- Tammy Bireline (Adair Fire and Rescue)
- Angie Capps (city of Stuart)
- Mary Jane Carothers (Guthrie County Hospital)
- Sheyrl Clark (Union Township)
- Jeremy Cooper (Guthrie County EMA & Bagley Fire)
- Brian Dorsett (city of Panora)
- Erica Finster (city of Guthrie Center)
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LONNA MAY NAUMAN

1955-2026

Lonna May Nauman, 71, of Panorama, Iowa, passed away suddenly on May 28, 2026. She was born on May 7, 1955, in Dubuque, Iowa, to Irv and Marilyn Gerlich.

Lonna graduated from Valley High School in West Des Moines and earned her business degree from the American Institute of Business in 1975. She began her career with the State of Iowa as a court reporter in February 1975 and served

in this role for 42 years, working in courthouses across Iowa until her retirement in 2017. She was the youngest court reporter in her profession when she began and the longest-serving when she retired.

She married Kevin Nauman in 1979, and their son, Wyatt, was born in 1986. Lonna and Kevin shared a deep partnership, spending their time together outdoors, in their garden and at Lake Rathbun, where they found joy in fishing and the quiet mornings and evenings they cherished. Over the years, their home was filled with the love of their dogs. At the time of her passing, Nellie and Suzy Creamcheese were her pride and joy. They brought comfort and companionship to Lonna and her family.

Lonna was known for her presence and devotion to family. She was a loving mother to Wyatt and a devoted aunt to her nieces and nephews. She attended countless sports events, always offering

encouragement and support to those she loved.

She is survived by her husband, Kevin Nauman; her son, Wyatt Nauman; her siblings, Jay (Karen) Gerlich and Jule (Ted) Reynolds; and many nieces, nephews, and grandnieces and grandnephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Irv and Marilyn "Molly" Gerlich, and her sisters, Laura Lee Gerlich and Lynn Thornberry.

Services were held on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at Twigg Funeral Home in Panorama. Visitation was at 10 a.m., followed by a service at 11 a.m. Graveside urn burial followed at Brethren Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the following charities: Timber Creek Therapies, 2400 Poplar Ave., Guthrie Center, Iowa 50115.

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DAVID MERRILL STOLP

1940-2026

David Merrill Stolp, 86, passed away on June 4, 2026, at The Bridges in Ankeny. He was born on May 9, 1940, the son of Merrill and Geraldine (Richman) Stolp in Rochester, Minnesota.

When he was 5, David's family moved to Jackson, Minnesota, after his father returned from World War II. As a young man, David (Dave) was active in Boy Scouts where he earned the Eagle Scout award. He enjoyed playing football

and basketball in high school and was a member of DeMolay. He graduated from Jackson High School in 1958. After completing his freshman year at Iowa State University, Dave enrolled at the University of Minnesota.

In 1960, Dave married Janet Nielsen, also from Jackson. After Dave graduated in 1961 with a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Minnesota, he and Jan moved to Jackson where he worked for his father at the Jackson Millwork Company. They raised their four sons in Jackson.

Dave's professional career was in the millwork and building materials industry in Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska. In addition to Jackson Millwork, he worked for Rodman Industries, Moehl Millwork and Millard Lumber. Dave was president of Moehl Millwork and president of the Millwork Division of Millard Lumber. He was a member of Hoo-Hoo, an international fraternal order of lumbermen.

In 1976, Dave and his family left their hometown of Jackson and moved to West Des Moines, where he

worked at Moehl Millwork.

Dave was an active committee member in the Boy Scout troop that his sons attended and enjoyed watching his sons compete in sporting events.

When Dave accepted the position at Millard Lumber, he and Jan moved to Omaha, Nebraska. While living there, they converted their one-story ranch home into a stately two-story home. The Omaha World Herald published a feature article on their renovation.

In 2002, Dave and Jan retired and moved into their custom-built lake-front home on Lake Panorama in Panora. As with all of the places they lived, Dave and Jan enjoyed entertaining family, friends and neighbors, creating many happy memories.

After Jan's death in 2016 as a result of Alzheimer's, Dave moved to Guthrie Center. In 2023 he moved to the Mill Pond retirement community in Ankeny.

For leisure activities throughout his life, Dave enjoyed doing home improvement projects, reading (Westerns and history were favorite subjects) and playing golf.

He served as president of the Jackson Golf Club. He was also active in the Republican party where he served in various volunteer positions in Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa at the county, congressional district and state levels.

Dave became a Mason in 1964 and was a member of the Masonic Lodge 121 in Panora.

Raised as a Presbyterian in Jackson, Dave was a practicing Christian throughout his life. He was a member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Jackson where he was married. He attended worship services at Lutheran or Methodist

churches in West Des Moines, Omaha, Panora, Guthrie Center and Ankeny.

Those left to cherish David's memory include his sons, Greg (Laurie Kusek) Stolp, Tim (Heidi) Stolp, Jon Stolp and Steve (Maura Theisen-Stolp) Stolp; grandchildren, Kathryn (David Hayman) Stolp, Megan (Ben) Steinheimer, Dylan (Sydney Mock) Stolp, Hannah (Theo) Harris, Samantha Stolp and Jack Stolp; great-grandchildren, Noah Steinheimer, Hayes Harris and Jude Hayman; brother, Rich (Holly) Stolp; and many other loving relatives and special friends.

David was preceded in

death by his wife, Janet (Nielsen) Stolp; parents, Merrill and Geraldine (Richman) Stolp; brother, Gary, and sister-in-law, Phyllis (Maguire) Stolp; and daughter-in-law, Lori (Mortenson) Stolp.

No services are planned at this time. Interment will be at the Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Jackson, Minnesota, at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org) in memory of Dave and Jan.

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50 YEARS AGO



From the archives of *The Guthrie Center Times*, June 2, 1976
STATE CHAMPS. This is the Class C state champion 880 relay team of the YJB Raiders, which ran 1:33.0 Saturday at Drake Stadium. The unit also was second in the 440 relay. From left, Dale Mleynek, Rick Vaughn, Chuck Biggart and Marshall Hoyt.

40 YEARS AGO



From the archives of *The Guthrie County Vedette*, June 26, 1986
MOTHER OF THE YEAR. Hannah Phillips, who recently returned from wintering in Texas, was the winner in category, nominating a mother other than your own, during the 1986 Mother of the Year contest sponsored by the Panora Commercial Club last month. Following is the nominating letter, submitted by Mildred Marchant.

30 YEARS AGO



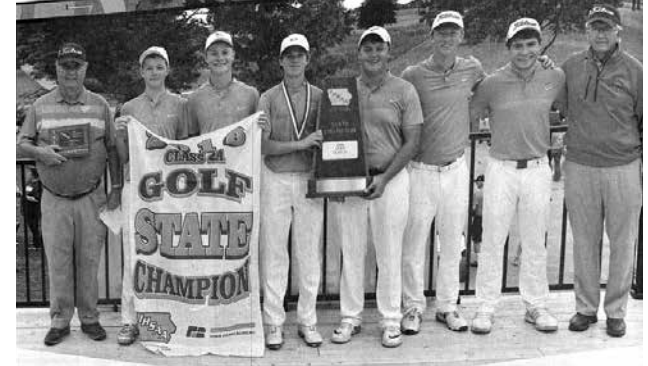
From the archives of *The Guthrie Center Times*, June 27, 1996
BAIT AND WAIT. Chad Paup of the County Conservation Board helps Ashley Wilson bait her hook during the Annual Paul Wagoner Fishing Clinic at Lake Panorama Saturday.

20 YEARS AGO



From the archives of *The Guthrie Center Times*, June 2, 2006
POPPY POSTERS. Panorama third graders made "Poppy Posters" for the May 27 Poppy Day in a contest sponsored by the Jamaica Legion Auxiliary. Winners left to right were Michael Peterson, first place; Marcus Boldy, second place; and Madison Fisher and Veronica Maere, tie for third place.

10 YEARS AGO



From the archives of *The Guthrie County Vedette*, June 9, 2016
STATE CHAMPIONS! Panorama golf team members (from left, coach Hal Rossow, Will Babcock, Aaron Klinge, George Appleseth, Max Monthei, Reid Cobb, Adam Hackfort and Coach David VanAhn) hold a state champion pennant and trophy following a win at the Class 2A boys state golf meet on May 28. The Panthers defended their 2015 title by nine strokes over St. Edmond and Kuemper Catholic.

5 YEARS AGO



Guthrie County Times Vedette, June 3, 2021
IT'S ALL ACADEMIC. Panorama High School senior Emma Johnston was recently recognized by Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds and Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg for outstanding academic achievement at the 19th annual governor's Scholar Recognition ceremony in April in Des Moines. The program, sponsored by the governor's office, Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, honored 424 high school seniors from across the state. ■

Panora ASK TIMES



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Q: THE AMERICAN FLAGS DISPLAY ON THE TOWN SQUARE IN PANORA ON FLAG DAY AND OTHER HOLIDAYS ARE SO BEAUTIFUL AND MAJESTIC. HOW MANY OF THEM ARE PUT UP?

A: We asked this question to Pat Moylan, and he said it varies by the holiday, but approximately 300 flags are rotated through the displays on Memorial Day, Flag Day, the Fourth of July, Lake Panorama Days, Labor Day and Veterans Day. More than 60 were flying on Memorial Day this year. The display is a joint effort of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5510, American Legion Post 372 and Sons of the American Legion Post 372.

Q: DO VOTERS HAVE TO SHOW ID AT THE POLLS? AND IF SO, WHAT ABOUT VOTERS WHO DON'T HAVE AN ID?

A: According to the Iowa Secretary of State, Iowa voters are required to show an Iowa driver's license or non-operator ID, U.S. passport, U.S. military ID or veteran's ID, tribal ID/document or Iowa voter ID card at the polls before they vote. A voter without one of the listed forms of ID may have the voter's identity attested to by another registered voter in the precinct or may prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents. Voters without the necessary ID or an attester will be offered a provisional ballot and can provide ID up until the time of the county canvass of votes (Monday after election day for Primary and General Elections).

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Q: I HEARD THAT THE 20 SQUARED MEN'S GROUP OF GUTHRIE COUNTY HAS NOW DONATED NEARLY \$500,000 TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CAUSES. IS THAT CORRECT? IF SO, THAT IS TRULY AMAZING.

A: It is correct, and it is amazing. The Ten Squared Men for Guthrie County group presented its first 2026 check to the Guthrie County Swim Team. The check totaled \$21,450. This is the 11th year the Ten Squared Men organization has been in place in Guthrie County. Every penny that is donated goes to the selected entity that is chosen at each of their meetings. This donation will bring the grand total given to Guthrie County entities to \$480,100. Ten Squared Men meets three times a year and currently has more than 210 members. If you would like to join, send an email to b.monaghan@gcsbank.com and you can be added to the list. ■

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ONE-PAN TURKEY SAUSAGE AND VEGETABLES MAKES DINNERS EASY

BY JOLENE GOODMAN
Panora Times

Every home cook needs a reliable sheet pan meal in his or her recipe collection, and this one has become a favorite in our family. It checks all the boxes: nutritious, flavorful, easy to prepare and quick enough for a busy weeknight. Best of all, everything cooks together on a single pan, making cleanup almost as simple as the preparation.

The inspiration for this recipe came from my daughter, Sara, who has a talent for creating meals that are both practical, delicious and nutritious. By combining turkey sausage with colorful vegetables like sweet potatoes, broccoli, yellow peppers and red onion, she created a meal packed with flavor, texture and wholesome ingredients. Served over rice, it becomes a hearty dinner that satisfies

everyone at the table.

One of the reasons we make this recipe so often is that it is perfect for meal planning. We typically double the ingredients and roast everything on two sheet pans so we have plenty of leftovers for lunches throughout the week. The flavors hold up beautifully, and it reheats well, making it a convenient option for busy days.

Whether you are feeding a family or preparing meals ahead of time, this simple sheet pan dinner is sure to earn a regular spot in your recipe rotation. ■

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



Jolene Goodman

TURKEY SAUSAGE RING SHEET PAN DINNER WITH RICE

Ingredients:

- 1 turkey sausage ring (12-14 ounces), sliced into ½-inch rounds
- 1 large sweet potato, peeled and cut into half-inch cubes
- 1 large head broccoli, cut into florets
- 1 yellow bell pepper, cut into half inch pieces
- 1 red onion, cut into wedges
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika

- ½ teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper

For the rice:

- 1 cup uncooked rice
- 2 cups chicken broth

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 425 F. Cook rice according to package directions using broth or water. On a large sheet pan, combine sweet potato, broccoli, yellow pepper, red onion and turkey sausage slices. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with garlic powder, smoked paprika, Ital-



- ian seasoning, salt and pepper. Toss well to coat. Spread ingredients into a single layer. Roast for 30-35 minutes, stirring once halfway through, until the sweet potatoes are tender and the vegetables are lightly caramelized.
- Serve the sausage and vegetables over warm rice.

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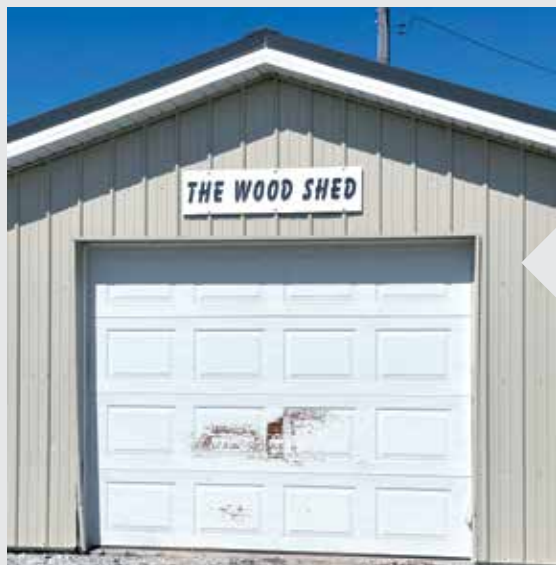


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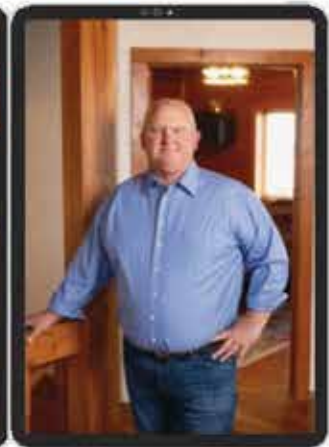
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