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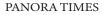
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Whether you played football in high school or not, you can't help but catch Friday night fever when the players take the field and the

lights put the competition on display. In this month's issue, we look back at the history of high school football as it relates to Panorama High School and its predecessors.

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WHAT'S IN YOUR GARAGE?

I am a believer that you can learn a lot about a person by spending a few minutes in his or her garage. The vehicles. The tools. The games. The stuff. There are dozens of stories in everyone's garage, and we share another one this month. Know someone we should cover? Send me a note and let me know.

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FEATURE STORY FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Memories of high school football

BY RICH WICKS Panora Times

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Few things are more American than Friday night football at high schools across the country. It's an annual tradition that brings pride, good-natured rivalries and hope to every town, small and large. High school football in the Panorama School District has changed over the years in many ways. Not only has the game evolved, but the equipment and rules have made major changes in the name of safety, too. And, all across the Midwest, small-town schools have merged, resulting in new school names and mascots. But whether it's Panora, Panora-Linden, or Panorama, this community has a rich football heritage.

MEMORIES FROM COACH TEALE

Former coach Frank Teale was at the helm of the Panora-Linden Hawks from 1972 through 1975 and compiled a record of 24 wins versus 12 losses during his tenure. Recalling how he ended up coaching at Panora, Teale said, "I'm a Panora native, and I coached in northeast Iowa for five years as an assistant coach. And then the position opened up here as a head coach. So, we moved back to Panora, and I started coaching in 1972. The first year, I think we had a 4-5 record." Asked about his coaching style, Teale responded, "The underlying philosophy was, be positive."

The following years saw more wins, as Teale's system took root.

"We never made the playoffs, but at that time, only four teams made the playoffs," he said. "Since then, they've expanded the playoffs. Dexfield, which was in our conference, won the state tournament in the year that we only had one loss, and that was to them. We had some really good players. Steve Richey was the quarterback, Dave Davis was running back, Tim Walz, Mark Vogel, Rodney Savage, Tom Vogel, the Van Pelt boys, Martin Wood, Kevin Wood, Rodney Atkinson. We were fortunate that we had a good group of boys in high school."

Asked if he coached like a drill sergeant,



Friday nights in the fall mean high school football, and just the mention of it brings back thoughts of glory days for many players, coaches, cheerleaders, fans and just about anyone who ever rooted for the home team.

Teale chuckled and said, "I imagine some of them thought I was. But, generally, I tried to treat each kid as an individual. And maybe they weren't really talented, but if they were doing the best they could, that was OK. I tried to play a lot of kids. They come out for football to play, and so I tried to get as many in as possible. I tried to involve a lot of kids."

Teale's teams had good turnout. A newspaper clipping from that time showed that 46 boys had joined the team for a particular year.

"I think it was probably because we played a lot of people, and we won, that makes a difference," he said.

Teale acknowledged that the game has changed in many ways since the 1970s.

"We had a guidance counselor, Mark Owen was his name, and he served as a trainer," Teale said. He recalled the tenacity of one player who was injured and came off the field. "Mark tended to him, and we thought he had a concussion, and so we put somebody else in, and had him sit. And the next thing I knew, he was back on the field. So we got him off there, and we had to take his helmet away so he wouldn't go back on the field."

Another example of a player not wanting to come off the field came to mind for Teale.

"I remember Rodney Savage broke a bone in his foot, and he played the whole game. And then the next day, he went to the doctor and got it X-rayed and found out he had a broken bone in his foot."

VOGEL RECALLS PLAYING DEXFIELD

Mark Vogel played for the Hawks in the 1970s.

"That's a long time ago," he said. "It seems like yesterday, but, man, time flies. We're getting older, but I've got a lot of memories from being on the team. We had some good times. I played right tackle on offense and defensive end."

In the 1970s, Dexfield was Panora-Linden's main rival and a perennial power.

"When I was a senior, we were 8-1," Vogel said. "We had a good chance of going to state, but we had to play Dexfield, and they were tough. I remember we scored on them, but they just beat us. I think in all the four years that I played, we had never scored against Dexfield, and in the first or second quarter, I was playing defensive end, and their quarterback threw a pass, and it came right to me, and I grabbed it and ran it in for a touchdown. The only time we ever scored against Dexfield. So, we thought we were going to win, but we got our pants handed to us!"

Coach Teale recalled that the Iowa High School Football rules at that time stipulated that the defending state championship team could not participate in the playoffs the following year. So even though the 1976 Dexfield team was undefeated, they were ineligible for the postseason.

"The following team was probably a better team than the one that won the state championship," Teale said.

"I sure thought a lot of Frank Teale," Vogel said. "He took over just at my freshman year and was a heck of a coach. We got better and better. He was a drill sergeant when he needed to be, and he'd work your pants off. But he was a nice guy to know and to go talk to."

Vogel said he occasionally gets to talk with some of his teammates from those glory days and enjoys reliving the good old days.

Vogel recalled another notable game, saying, "I face-masked a guy. Being an offensive lineman, I reached out, and I split my two fingers on his facemask, and it split my hand. Well, I didn't tell the coach about it. I just wrapped my hand and kept playing. It bled a little bit, and I went to the doctor the next day, and he said, 'Well, you should have had stitches last night, but it's too late now.' So I just toughed it out."

RECOLLECTIONS FROM RICHEY

Steve Richey, who played fullback until late in his junior season and then switched to quarterback, said, "Frank was really a good coach. He had a really good offensive scheme. We could develop pass routes



Greg Van Pelt, Mark Vogel, Tom Hotle, Tim Stotts and Rodney Savage of the Panora-Linden Hawks

based on what the defense was doing to us, and we could go to the weak parts of the defense. We always had pretty good adjustments. We were just the smartest team, it seemed like. I think we maybe had a smarter team and not as talented, but we always had the best plays. And we had some fast guys."

Richey laughed as he told a favorite funny story.

"We had a junior, Randy Leiv. He played inside linebacker on defense and guard on offense. And, during the home games, he was the lead trumpet player. Well, you can't just have the marching band without your lead trumpet player in a small school. It doesn't sound that good. So, at halftime, he had to run off real quick, put a band uniform on, and go march in the marching band. It made us all mad at the time, because at halftime, the coaches were really busy adjusting to what the other team was doing, and that's what we talked about all through halftime, and Randy had to go march. I imagine he was really tired after all that."

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Darrell Hughes, who played on the Panora squad in 1974, recalled another memorable game.

"The game against Stuart-Menlo had been rained out, so we then played it on a Monday night," Hughes said. "The stands were really packed on both sides, including players from other teams in the conference. And Stuart-Menlo, at that time, I believe, had the longest winning streak, possibly in the state. And the final score, I believe, was 42-41, and we beat them at Panora. It was really a nail-biter."

OVER THE BAR

Coach Teale recalled a humorous story regarding the team's placekicker, Chris Nirode.

"Kevin Wood was one of my players, and the family hosted a German exchange student." Teale said. "Kevin and his brother. Kendall, came in all excited because they had this German exchange student that was a soccer player, and he could kick." Coach Teale said he decided to give him





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From The Guthrie County Vedette, Sept. 24, 1981: Panora-Linden's Jason Brooker (62) looks for running room and a block from Jeff Nolan (73) in a 1981 game against S-M.

a tryout and took the kicker to the field. They lined up some distance from the goalposts, and Teale asked Nirode to show what he could do.

"He was kicking one after another, and not having any luck at all, bouncing them off the ground, and I knew this kid wasn't going to work out at all," Teale said. "And then one of the Woods boys said something about 'over the bar.' and Chris said, 'Oh, over the bar? That's easy!' He had been trying to kick under the bar, like a soccer goal. And he was a great kicker. He kicked all our extra points and kickoffs. And he kicked it to the goal line, which was a big advantage for us."

YJB AND JORDAN CARSTENS

Yale-Jamaica-Bagley School (YJB) consolidated with Panora-Linden in 1989 to form the Panorama School District. Al-

though YJB did not field a football team prior to the consolidation, Panorama's football traditions and glory days have been bolstered by the addition of these communities.

One of the most notable standouts through the years was Bagley native Jordan Carstens. After high school, Carstens went on to star as one of



Jordan Carstens

Iowa State University's most decorated defensive linemen, both athletically and academically. After college, Carstens was then signed as an undrafted free agent by the NFL's Carolina Panthers. He played for the Panthers 2004-2006, totaling 50 tackles (35 solo) four sacks and two forced fumbles. His NFL career was unfortunately shortened due to injury.

STATISTICAL ODDITIES

Another notable Panorama team was the 1994 squad, for the statistical oddities they achieved. The team looked like a powerhouse as they started the season 3-0, then lost their next four games, but won the final two to finish the season at 5-4. The oddity is that even though the team's record looks average, they never played a close game the whole season. The four losses were by deficits of 13, 35, 21 and 55 points, while the five victories were by spreads of 23, 32, 18, 41 and 55 points. There was no need for nail-biting in the stands that season.

ALL-STATE TEAMS AND PLAYERS

Panorama has participated in the State playoffs 10 times: 1995, 1996, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2019. Over the past 17 seasons, Panorama football has compiled a record of 105 wins, 58 losses and two ties.

The Panthers have had 46 All-State players including:

Brian Frantum (1986) TJ McDermott (1991 and 1992) Thad Stanley (1995) Travis Geopfert, Brad Klinkefus and



From The Guthrie County Vedette, Oct. 2, 1980: Fullback Scott Clouse appears to be looking for an official signal just after barely crossing the goal line in a 1980 game. Clouse scored the first two Panora-Linden touchdowns of the game. Here he follows the blocks of Brian Castile and Dee Clark.

Shaun Moylan (1996)

Jordan Carstens (1998) Chad Brittain (1999) Scott Stanley and Derek Breitbach (2001) BJ Alumbaugh (2002) Ryan Ratcliff and Mike Harris (2004) Jacob Breitback (2007) Jordan Marks, Joseph Atwell and Ryan Grolmus (2008) Logan Christofferson (2009)

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South, Drew Taylor and Evan Taylor (2019) Panora-Linden had All-State players Rod Savage (1975) and Rich Van Pelt (1976).

THE MODERN ERA

Current Panorama football coach Mike Kauzlarich began coaching the Panthers in 2018.

"During my time, the Panorama Panthers' offensive philosophy has changed the most," Kauzlarich said. "We are a



PANORA TIMES FILE PHOTO

From The Guthrie Center Times, Sept. 21, 1977: Starting the 1977 season, Panora-Linden coach Kim Whiton had just three seniors on his roster: Pictured with Whiton are, from left, Tim Holloway, Don Mobley and Bill Dorsett.

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From The Guthrie County Vedette, Sept. 17, 1981: Panora-Linden guarterback Keith Hamilton is mobbed by fans after he scored the tying touchdown and winning extra points in the Hawks 14-12 overtime victory over Dexfield at Redfield. It marked the second straight year Panora-Linden beat Dexfield in an overtime contest.

instead of hoping the other team makes mistakes."

Some of Coach Kauzlarich's favorite memories at Panorama include the 2019 victory over I-35 by a score of 15-13, being county champions in the years 2018-2020, Ryan Cogil's six rushing touchdowns against Colfax-Mingo in 2022, and Domonic Walker passing for more than 2,000

yards and 21 touchdowns in 2020.

CHEER ON THE HOME TEAM

Each fall, football teams across the country capture the local community's imagination. And regardless of how the scoreboard ends up, it's purely American and just plain fun to root on the home team heroes. Go Panthers!

HEALTH **AUXILIARY DONATES TO GCH CLINICS IN PANORA**

Special to Panora Times

The Guthrie County Hospital Auxiliary recently donated funds to GCH Clinics in Panora to purchase a new picnic table. This picnic table will be used for breaks and lunches for the staff.

"We are grateful to the GCH Auxiliary for the funds to purchase a new picnic table for the Panora Clinic. Their support is greatly appreciated as this will allow staff the opportunity to enjoy the outside more often. A big thank you goes to their group for all they do to make

the hospital and clinics a great place to work," noted Tina Nourse, chief clinic administrator.

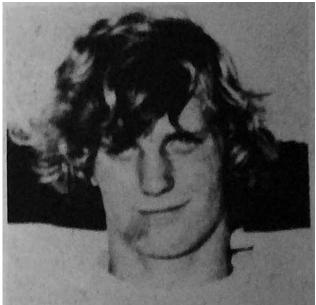
"The Auxiliary is excited to purchase a picnic table for the GCH Panora Clinic. Our goal is to support the hospital departments in a way that directly impacts patient experience but also contributes to the staff's wellbeing. The GCH Auxiliary is thankful for the generous donations received during our annual fundraising events that make these purchases possible," commented Danielle Lauzon, GCH Auxiliary president.

YESTER YEARS

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40 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrian, Sept. 17, 1973 **REYNOLDS SCORES 5 TOUCHDOWNS:** Panora-Linden overcame first-half mistakes by the trunkful, and paced by Chris Reynolds' five touchdowns for the night, humiliated Orient-Macksburg in a Little 8 conference game Friday night. The Hawks won, 40-0.

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From the Guthrie County Vedette, Sept. 23, 1993 **FALL ARTISTRY:** David Olson took advantage of warm temperatures Tuesday to paint his greenhouse at Panorama Gardens. Near dusk, Olson commented he needed a flak jacket for protection against monster mosquitos.

20 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, Sept. 8, 1983 **TOP EXHIBITORS:** Several area 4-Hers earned purple ribbons for home economics and science, arts and mechanics exhibits at the Guthrie County Fair. Front row, Heidi Wirt, Michelle Turner and Melissa Evens. Second row, Darnell Shook, Lisa Burchfield and Rachel Pote. Back row, Heather Burnham, Karla Downing and Susan Tonnesen.



From the Guthrie County Vedette, Sept. 4, 2003 **CAN'T LOOK:** Perhaps feeling a bit dizzy, Jessica Tucker covers her eyes as she and Taylor Moore ride the swings at the Guthrie County Fair Monday afternoon. Both girls are from Panora.

10 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, Sept. 19, 2013 **PEE WEE CHAMP:** Kolby Shackelford is shown at the Grinnell State Pee Wee Tournament where he won both first place in his age division (11 year old) and the Mitchell Cup, which is the trophy for best score in the 11-12 year old division.

5 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Times Vedette, Sept. 27, 2018 PANORAMA SCHOOLS CELEBRATE HOMECOMING 2018: Members of the 2018 Panorama Homecoming Court pose for a picture during coronation. Those pictured include: Bryn Steffen, Noah Kirtley, Bailey Beckman, Spencer Hunt, Morgan Johnk, Trey Cobb, Kennedy Kuta, Levi Richey, Jaelyn Waddle, Dylan Douglass. ■

LOCAL FILM REVIEWS TURTLES, SHARKS, A BEETLE, DOGS AND MORE

BY MICHAEL C. WOODY Panora Times

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Another slow month in the theaters as the summer wanes and the actors'/ writers' strike continues. Many of the big movies of the fall have moved a few months or more...including "Dune 2." Aaarrgggh! But "Barbie" and "Oppenheimer" are still plugging away.

Here's what I've got for you this month...

"TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: MUTANT MAYHEM" (in theaters)

My two boys were raised in the sweet spot of TMNT craziness. Did I think we would still be seeing these guys? I did not, but this one manages to put together a fresh version of these creatures. The animation is edgy and fun, and the voice work is better than expected. The box office for this one has been strong, so we've probably not seen the last of these green guys. **Grade: B+**



'TMNT: Mutant Mayhem'

"MEG 2: THE TRENCH"

(in theaters, but not for long) Why was I seeing a movie called "Meg 2"? Let's just say it's been a rough patch for new movies. I will assume that Jason Statham was paid well to come back for this joke of a movie. I'm now completely convinced that there are prehistoric sharks in the ocean, and they have other prehistoric friends who, from time to time, terrorize anyone and everyone in their path. **Grade:** C+



"Meg 2: The Trench"

"GRAN TURISMO" (in theaters)

This movie claims to be based on a true story, which is difficult to believe. A video game company creates a competition for their auto racing game. The grand prize for the winner of that competition is actually allowed to race a car in a real race event. Seems like there would have been more attorneys involved than we see. Amazingly, the movie is really good and is a fun time in the theater. It is currently playing in



"Gran Turismo

the Waukee IMAX. Wow. Grade: B+

"BLUE BEETLE"

(in theaters)

I'm not familiar with this comicbased character, but I found the movie kind of fun... for a while. A young man graduates from college and comes back to his small town to help his family, which is having severe money issues. He applies for a job at a company (run by Susan Sarandon) that developed military-style weapons. He is acciden-

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"Blue Beetle"

tally attacked and then attached to a blue scarab that grants him great powers. The movie has a fresh look and feel until it ultimately ends with the now requisite 30-minute special effects mess of an ending. Still, it was fun for a while. **Grade: B+**

"STRAYS"

(in theaters, but not for long)

This is a movie about talking dogs. Very profane talking dogs. Really profane, and also inane, talking dogs. This felt like something two sophomores in high school would have written as a joke. A really bad joke. Somehow, Will Ferrell and Jamie Foxx got involved in



"Strays"

this horrible mistake of a movie, and the rest of us just have to suffer through it. **Grade: D**

"RETRIBUTION"

(in theaters)

Liam Neeson, an accomplished actor, makes one (sometimes two) of these type of movies a year. A man is put in a horrible situation, but he has "a particular set of skills" that no one knows about, and he always manages to save the day. This is the latest (and far from the greatest) where a man driving his children to school finds there's a bomb in the car and if he stops, or the kids get out, the whole car will be blown to



"Retribution"

smithereens. Yawn. There's not a believable moment in this movie. Or any reason to see it, for that matter. **Grade: D**

"THE HILL"

(in theaters)

Based on a true story (aren't they all?) about a young man who loves baseball but was born with some serious health issues. He refuses to give up and perseveres to get his shot at professional baseball. It's a worthy effort and has some wonderful moments, but Dennis Quaid as his father was a mistake in the casting office. It's not a great movie, but there was a smattering of applause at the screening I attended. **Grade: C+**



"The Hill"

That's all I've got this month. It's not the best month of the year for movies, but there are a few movies worth watching. Here's to a better group next month. Until then, pass the popcorn.

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. You can also follow him on Twitter @MrMovieDSM. He and his wife, Susan, are residents of Guthrie County.



WHAT'S IN YOUR GARAGE? **HUMPHREYS HAS BEEN A 'CAR GUY' SINCE HE WAS 16**

His garage currently stores two classics a 1966 Impala and a 1965 Nova.

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BY RICH WICKS Panora Times

Panora resident Mark Humphreys keeps three cars in his garage. One is a former State Trooper vehicle, which he uses as his everyday "driver" car. The other two are classic cars he's worked on and takes to car shows occasionally. He recently sat down with Panora Times to discuss his hobby and passion for classic cars.

Humphreys described how he first became a "car guy."

"When I was 16, I started working for a few service stations around, and one of them really stood out. I worked for Wilbur Bates, and he's got a small shop just north of town here. He was a very good employer to work for, and I learned a lot from him. Then, Kim Lubeck here when I was older. He was a very good mentor as far as working on vehicles. It gave me a hobby to do, and I enjoyed it, and I've been doing it most of my life."

Humphreys pointed to one of his cars and said, "This blue 1966 Impala, I've owned it since roughly 1975. And through the years, a little money here and there brought it to where it is now."



Mark Humphreys' 1965 Chevy II, also known as a Nova



He gestured to another vehicle and said, "The Chevy II Nova, that was kind of a retirement project. The previous owner had started doing some of the work to it, but he lost interest, and it took me probably eight months to bring it into the condition it is now."

Humphreys said he has had numerous cars through the years.

"I don't golf, so cars are kind of my thing," he said. "So that's my money pit. Mine are probably not perfect, by no means, but they are top-quality drivers."

He said he occasionally enters his vehicles in car shows.

"I don't trailer them to car shows," he said. Instead, Humphreys drives them, even though that may result in minor scratches on the car body.

"I have won some awards with them," he said. "Maybe not as many as I would have liked, but probably more than I should have."

Asked if these cars have nostalgic meaning to him, Humphreys replied, "When I was 24 or 23 or something, I did buy a 1964 Chevy II Nova. I remember I gave \$100 for it. It had a six-cylinder motor in it and automatic transmission. Those were the first things to go. I put a

V-8 in it, with a four-speed. And the Impala, I had one of those years ago, too."

The hobby is expensive and time-consuming, but Humphreys doesn't mind.

"The Chevy II, I've got more in it than I'll probably ever get out of it, and I don't even have any hours figured in," he said. "But it was something I enjoyed doing. I'm 71 years old, and I've been working with cars since I was 16 years old. My mother told me, 'You'd better learn how to work on them, because you're going to have to pay for them.' "

Humphreys said he enjoys when one of his cars reminds someone at a show of a car they remember from decades prior.

"It doesn't bother me if I get an award or not. It's more just about going and hanging out with people," he said.

Asked if he has driven in parades, he said, "No, I have not, mainly because I'm the type of person, I'd rather be on the sideline watching the parade go by."

Does Humphreys have a next project in mind?

"I would like to have a station wagon," he said, recalling that he temporarily owned a sedan delivery, which he described as "like a panel truck."

Chances are good that Humphreys'



Mark Humphreys and his 1966 Chevy Impala

garage will be home again to yet another classic car that he'll restore to car show condition. And if they don't quite

get finished, that's OK, too. "It's a great hobby, but it's a lot of money," he said. "It adds up pretty good."



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THE MONTH IN PANORAMA SPORTS



JAIME WADDLE | SPECIAL TO PANORA TIMES

No. 625 Kylie Rochholz placed fourth at the Madrid Invitational on Aug. 31. Behind her is No. 624 Laicey Lutz.



Panorama players celebrate a score in an Aug. 24 match-up against Coon Rapids-Bayard.



Junior running back Sawyer Simmons looks for an opening as Panorama picks up the season-opening win on Aug. 25.



No. 626 Mia Waddle crossed the line in 26th place for the Panthers at the Madrid Invite.



Junior Faith Recker prepares to serve the ball in a match against ACGC Sept. 12.



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MARK RENO | SPECIAL TO PANORA TIMES

Panorama Panthers No. 6 QB/LB Cayden VanMeer moves to the right to find an open man and pass the ball against ACGC Sept. 8.

Offensive lineman Joel Cooper clears a path for running back Ryan Cogil in Panorama's homecoming 35-6 win against Wayne of Corydon Sept. 15.



The Panorama football cheer squad catches freshman cheerleader Natalie Waltz during a football game against WCV on Aug. 25.



Freshman Jessica Randol returns the ball against Van Meter Sept. 5.



Running back Ryan Cogil makes a cut-back to avoid a tackle in his impressive four-touchdown performance against Wayne of Corydon September 15. ■

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PANORAMA HOMECOMING 2023 PANORAMA HOMECOMING QUEEN AND KING



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ABOVE: Mia Waddle and Braylon Dawes were named the 2023 Panorama Homecoming Queen and King Friday during halftime of the football game. BELOW: The homecoming court included Meredith Woodworth, Michael Martinez, Taylor Kunze, Cayden VanMeer, Mia Waddle, Braylon Dawes, Zoey Hambleton, Ryan Cogil, Tyme Boettcher and Weston Ploeger. ■



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PANORAMA HOMECOMING

The Panorama High School Iron Games were held on Sept. 10 to kick off Homecoming Week.



Sophomore and senior girls warm up for the big match up.



Junior Faith Recker with the quarterback keeper.



Back-up freshman quarterback Gracie Recker with the quarterback keeper.



Sophomore Morgan Crees makes the run downfield.



Junior Arilyn Steenblock makes the catch and attempts to evade her opponent sophomore Morgan Crees.



Senior Jaidyn Sellers with the catch.



Sophomore Bryce Dawes after the serve. ■



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BUSINESS

PETE'S PUMPKIN PATCH: GROWING AND LEARNING

Young entrepreneurs Landon and Colton Peterson grow and sell gourds and pumpkins.

BY RICH WICKS Panora Times

Panora 11mes

In rural Linden, two brothers have a side hustle that's earning them money to pay for some of their globe-trotting dream trips. But they also need to allow time for their day job — attending elementary school.

Young entrepreneurs Landon, 9, and Colton, 5, Peterson operate Pete's Pumpkin Patch on the Peterson family homestead at 24926 Amarillo Ave. north of Linden. The boys' father, Nick, is a deputy with the Dallas County Sheriff's Department while their mother, Donise, works for a hunting business.

The boys grow gourds and pumpkins, offering them for sale on a self-serve basis, although they are also happy to interact with customers after school or on weekends. Landon and Colton buy and plant the seeds for their crop and then water and tend the plants until harvest time. At this time of year, they are busy loading the gourds and pumpkins onto their fourwheeler and bringing them to the sale display area just north of their home. Gourds and pumpkins are available ranging from 25 cents to \$7, with a wide variety of pumpkin sizes and colors to choose from. In this second year of operation, Pete's

Pumpkin Patch has caught on in the local community.

"It's bigger than last year," Colton said. "We grow a lot more."

Several local retailers now sell Pete's Pumpkins on consignment, but most customers seem to enjoy coming out to see the operations and talk with these two tycoons. When asked how much profit the business has brought in, the boys wisely chose not to disclose their net worth, dodging the question by responding, "I don't know." But when asked what they are working to fund, they had answers ready.

"What I want to do is, I want to go to California and visit my cousins," Landon said.

"I want to go to Hawaii," Colton said. When asked what the hardest part of their venture is, Landon said, "It's probably going to be lifting up the pumpkins. Some of them are really big."

Colton agreed with this comment, adding that the most fun part of the job is, "Everything."

As with any small business, owners must strive to keep up with current technology. Although many customers pay with cash, Pete's Pumpkins doesn't want to be seen as behind the times. So, Colton



Colton and Landon Peterson proudly share their business model.

and Landon have avoided getting bogged down in "how we've always done it." They have modernized by offering customers the option to pay with cash or Venmo.

When asked what they want to be when they grow up, both boys said they want to follow in their father's footsteps, aiming for a career in law enforcement. And they have already followed their parents' lead in developing a love for hunting and outdoor life, when they can get away from their home-based business.

The posted motto of Pete's Pumpkin Patch is: "Two brothers working to fund awesome adventures." Along the way, the boys are also learning math and money skills, customer relations, communication, teamwork, patience, gardening and using a variety of hand tools and equipment.

RICH WICKS | PANORA TIMES

In addition to buying pumpkins and/ or gourds, and having the opportunity to meet two young marketing moguls, there is a third reason to visit Pete's Pumpkins. Customers are invited to enter a drawing for a Christmas metal art sign, with the winner to be drawn on Halloween.

To visit Pete's Pumpkins, take Highway 44 east out of Panora, and after crossing into Dallas County, watch for the sign to turn south. ■

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COMMUNITY NEWS TEN SQUARED GIVES 100%

Barry Monaghan shares details on the creation of the group and how it helps local nonprofit organizations.

BY RICH WICKS Panora Times

What is Ten Squared? The short answer is one hundred. The longer answer follows.

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Ten Squared is the name of two groups in Guthrie County that have made local charitable giving simple and fun. Barry Monaghan serves as the head of the local men's Ten Squared group, and he agreed to share a little about the group and his involvement. Look for a similar story on the women's group in weeks ahead.

Monaghan, who works at Guthrie County State Bank, said, "Back in 2016, I had seen a report on a TV station in Des Moines that there was a group of 100plus men that had been organized in Des Moines, and they had purchased football equipment for Des Moines North High School. It kind of intrigued me."

Monaghan wasn't sure he could find 100 or more to join in one town, so he expanded it to membership from throughout the county.

"I picked out 10 men in the county that I knew fairly well and asked them if they would each invite 10 men, and that's kind of how we got started," Monaghan said. "We had an informational meeting and looked at the format of how we wanted to do it. I have no idea where this concept began, but the following summer we were in the Cayman Islands, and there was a 100-plus men's group in the Cayman Islands."

Regarding the lo-

cal group's boundaries, Monaghan said, "We made a determination that our geographical locale would be based on the school districts, rather than just on the borders

Monaghan of Guthrie County. For example, Panorama

Barry

has Linden as part of their school district, and that streams over into Dallas County."

The group initially discussed whether or not to allow women in the group, but the members chose not no.

"So later on," Monaghan said, "I did a radio interview shortly after we got started, and I kind of threw a challenge out to the women in Guthrie County, and that came together. So now we have a men's group and a women's group."

The basic design of the meetings is that each member pitches in \$100 at each meeting, and members are welcome to nominate a nonprofit in the area. The members who nominated the three finalists are allowed up to five minutes to explain why their nominated organization should receive the funds. No audio-visual equipment or handouts are allowed. After three pitches have been made (one for each of the three nominated finalists, which are randomly drawn from among all causes nominated by members for that particular meeting), the members vote on which cause they prefer. The cause that gets the most votes receives all of the money raised via member contributions.

"The whole idea is for people within

the organization to nominate nonprofits, charities, whatever. It can't be anything national," Monaghan said. "The money all has to be spent in Guthrie County. It can't be political."

The Guthrie County Ten Squared Men's group holds three meetings per year. Monaghan said the meetings are usually in or around April, July and November. He also stressed that there is no overhead, so 100% of the dues goes to the winning cause.

The group initially was formed with a goal of 100 members, but Monaghan said, "I just try to constantly encourage people to bring a friend, because the only qualification is that you pay \$100 each time. And you don't have to live in Guthrie County. We have several people who don't, but they have ties to Guthrie County."

The local group has grown to roughly 200 members, which means the winning cause now receives nearly \$20,000. Monaghan explained that the group strives to never split the gift among multiple recipients, so that the check will make a truly significant impact.

Regarding the layout of an average meeting, Monaghan said he or a member provide a keg of beer, and members spend the first 30 minutes socializing. Immediately after that, the group hears a brief (five minutes or less) appeal from whoever nominated each of the three cause finalists, followed by a brief opportunity for members to ask questions about each cause. Then, votes are cast and counted.

Because Monaghan is a banker, he says he is in an ideal position to handle the financial dealing of the Ten Squared group. He said some members pay their \$100 dues via check, some by cash, and some



The Guthrie County 10 Squared Plus Men presented a check for \$19,600 to Giving, Inc. Pictured are Corey Welberg, Deborah Douglass, Kellie Flanery and Ammy Webster. The next 10 Squared Men meeting will be Nov. 15 at Lake Panorama National and newcomers are welcome to attend. For additional information, contact Barry Monaghan at B.Monaghan@gcsbank.com.

through Venmo or other electronic means. He uses an oversized novelty "check" for publicity purposes and sends the funds to the recipient organization as they are received from members.

Monaghan said he likes the simplicity of Ten Squared.

"It's just a group of men coming together to make significant donations to help local charitable groups, without red tape or cumbersome rules."

Based on the growth of the group, others feel the same. 🔳





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GUTHRIE COUNTY SUPERVISORS UPDATES

BY RICH WICKS Panora Times

The meetings of the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors from Aug. 22 through Sept. 19 included several departmental and other reports to the board. All of the meetings were held on Tuesday mornings, per the usual schedule.

The Aug. 22 meeting included approval of payment for some remaining bills from the new Law Enforcement Center (LEC). The board also approved a request for tinted glass to be installed in an area of the LEC, for enhanced security. Approval was formalized for the board's decision to have a section of highway designated in honor of Lance Corporal Benjamin Carman.

On Aug. 29, the Supervisors heard a presentation from Chad Jensen and Christy Jenkins regarding New Opportunities and the resources available from that agency throughout the county.

The board had a discussion during the Sept. 5 meeting about potential payouts of large amounts of accrued "comp time" to county employees and the reasons why such comp time builds up. The board chose to table the issue for now until more data and options are known.

On Sept. 12, Jotham Arber addressed the board regarding county health department issues. He explained that the county will be able to offer both flu and COVID shots to residents during the same visit. Arber also explained the county will initially order a smaller batch of COVID vaccines, to be sure payment works as expected.

The Sept. 19 board meeting included a report on conservation, which included notification that the Bays Branch shooting range is being closed due to concerns from the state. The board also heard a report from the county treasurer. ■



CITY GOVERNMENT THORNBERRY APPOINTED AS PANORA MAYOR

Dorr and Michelsen chosen to fill council vacancies

BY RICH WICKS Panora Times

The meetings of the Panora City council on Aug. 14, Aug. 28 and Sept. 11 centered on filling vacancies. A summary of these three meetings follows.

On Aug. 14, the council discussed options on how to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mayor Pat Parker and the upcoming resignation of council member Stan Landon. After discussion, the council decided to accept letters of interest through Aug. 25 from any citizens interested in being appointed mayor and to appoint a new mayor during the meeting on Aug. 28.

The council also heard a report on the accumulating "sludge" in the city's wastewater treatment ponds, which is decreasing capacity by roughly 33%. The council voted to approve buying "bugs" to add to the ponds that are to eat much of the sludge. At the Aug. 28 meeting, City Administrator Lisa Grossman reported that only one letter of interest was received regarding the mayor vacancy. Council member Curt Thornberry was the sole applicant and was appointed to take over as mayor. He said he intends to run for mayor in the November election as well. The city of Panora agreed to accept letters from citizens to fill two council vacancies and planned to fill them by appointment at the Sept. 11 meeting.

The council discussed a letter from the Iowa DNR regarding a large oil tank partially filled with road oil from 30 years ago. The DNR recommended disposing of the tank before it leaked and became a hazard. The city was to investigate options.

Roger Dorr and Blake Michelsen were the only two applicants for the two council vacancies, and they were appointed during the Sept. 11 council meeting. Brian Dorsett was appointed Mayor Pro Tem to fill in when Mayor Thornberry is absent. The council also heard that all of the city's ambulances are back in service. ■

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Q: WHAT HAPPENED TO THE

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on various Friday evenings in the sum-

mer, but according to multiple sources,

there simply wasn't enough interest from

it. Meanwhile, there are some discussions

vendors or attendees to continue doing

about reinventing this, and we hope to

be able to report on this more in months

A: The Panora Farmers Market was held

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RECIPE POWER WEEKNIGHT FAMILY MEALS WITH PECANS

BY JOLENE GOODMAN Panora Times

(Family Features) Back-to-school season means many families are busier than ever, leaving less time to plan weeknight meals. While a new school year brings plenty of exciting moments, it also adds up to early mornings, long days and late evenings, making it tough to keep nutrition top-of-mind.

With new routines and jam-packed calendars, . quick and easy recipes can be the solutions you

need. Swapping out complicated dishes for simple dinners and make-ahead snacks allows you to make your loved ones' health a priority while also managing hectic schedules.

Jolene

Goodman

To help make those simple yet tasty menu additions a reality, look to a flavor favorite and nutrition powerhouse like pecans. They're the ideal nut to keep on hand to incorporate into favorite meals and after-school snacks.

Taste is just the beginning when it comes to pecans. Their nutritious punch provides a unique mix of health-promoting nutrients. Plus, they're a versatile ingredient that can shine in a wide range of flavor profiles from sweet or spicy to salty, smoky and savory.

For more back-to-school recipe inspiration, visit EatPecans.com.

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

MAC AND CHEESE WITH PECAN BREADCRUMBS

Cook time: 50 minutes **Servings:** 6

INGREDIENTS:

- 8 ounces cavatappi pasta
- 1 teaspoon salt, plus additional for salting pasta water, to taste
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 block (8 ounces) cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup raw pecan pieces
- 15 ounces part-skim ricotta cheese
- 4 tablespoons sour cream
- 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 375 F.

Cook cavatappi in salted boiling water. Drain, reserving 1/2 cup pasta cooking water. Return pasta to pot and stir in butter.

Using box grater, shred cheddar cheese.

Using food processor, combine 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese with pecans. Process to coarse breadcrumb consistency.



Add remaining cheddar cheese, ricotta, sour cream, 1 teaspoon salt and pepper to warm pasta. Stir until thoroughly combined. Add egg; stir. Add 2-4 tablespoons reserved pasta water to loosen mixture; stir until smooth.

Pour into buttered 9-inch square or round casserole dish and top evenly with pecan topping. Bake 30 minutes.

SUBSTITUTIONS:

Use pre-shredded cheese in place of cheddar cheese block. Use pasta of choice in place of cavatappi.



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60-YEAR REUNION FOR PANORA-LINDEN CLASS OF 1963



SPECIAL TO PANORA TIMES

The Panora-Linden class of 1963 celebrated its 60-year anniversary on Aug. 5 at the Frank and Sandi Teale home on Lake Panorama. Of 49 class members, 11 were present for this special occasion. Twenty class members are deceased. The afternoon was spent renewing friendships and remembering those good old days. Present were, front row: Sandy Kemble Jorgensen, Charleen George Harris, Sharon Benner Allen, Jeanette Bennink Wolfe, Sandi Reynolds Teale, Marlene Wood Griffee and Jeri Jean Downing Motsick. Back row: Bill Janssen, Frank Teale, Dennis Davies and Chuck Keltner. ■



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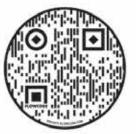
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