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First, I want to thank our small but growing staff who are committed to publishing their best work each and every month. A special thanks to Rich Wicks, who writes much of the editorial copy in *Panora Times*, and Kerry Jacobsen, who sells most of the advertis-

ing. I also want to thank Cheryl Castile, who assists customers in our front office and handles many of the behind-the-scenes tasks. These three are the heart, mind and soul of this publication. I also want to thank our many editorial contributors, which include Susan Thompson, Darren Tromblay, Betty Cooper, Mallory Quick, Michael Woody, Jolene Goodman and Kevin Fister. And I am pleased to announce that we will be adding a new employee in our *Panora* office soon to help with graphic design.

I also want to thank our staff at our Johnston office who have been instrumental in the launch and the ongoing work in creating this publication, in-



Shane Goodman

cluding Beckham Miller, who does the editorial design, Jayde Vogeler and Celeste Tilton, who have designed most of the advertisements, Tammy Pearson and Cyote Williams, who assist in editing copy and proofing pages, Brent Antisdell, who makes sure our advertising customers are billed and payments are processed, Mike Chiston, who delivers *Panora Times* to the newsstand locations, and all of our other advertising sales reps who sell into *Panora Times* as well.

Most importantly, I want to thank the local businesses and organizations who have given us the opportunity to promote their goods and services to each of you in the pages of this publication. *Panora Times* wouldn't exist without them. I hope you support them and tell them that you saw their advertisements here.

Personally, I want to thank the many

of you who have welcomed me into the community. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting involved, and I look forward to meeting more of you in the months ahead.

And finally, I want to thank all of you who are reading this for welcoming our new style of publishing into your homes, as well as those of you who have allowed us to write about you.

I wish the happiest of Thanksgivings to all of you, and I thank you for reading. ■

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# HOME IMPROVEMENT SUCCESSES

## Residents share stories of tackling their remodeling projects.

BY RICH WICKS

*Panora Times*

A family's home is its castle, and there is no such thing as one size (or style, or layout) fits all. Members of each family choose what works for them. And, from time to time, homeowners decide it is time to remodel, or add on, or do both. The changes might be due to a growing (or shrinking) family, changing needs, or realizing a longtime dream. Below are a few stories about local families who have made impactful changes to their homes.

### KEVIN AND KATY WIRT

Kevin and Katy Wirt live a couple miles east of Panora, and they agreed to share their experiences in updating their kitchen for the first time in 40 years.

"We did the remodel," Katy said. "It'll be two years ago in February."

Katy said they had a budget and were using some money she inherited from her father.

"I called Woodharbor in Urbandale because (owners) Cheryl and Greg Arganbright are Kevin's first cousins, so knowing them, I knew they'd do a good job. And I'm really pleased with it."

Katy said the idea of the project had been "on the back burner" for many years, but now that it's done, she and Kevin like it.

"We replaced the cabinets," Katy said. "I told her it didn't have to be the most expensive thing out there, but I wanted good quality. We've been really pleased."

One of the main improvements, according to Katy, is more useable space in the cabinets. "The older cabinets had all the dead corners, where you have a bunch of space," she said. "You had to literally crawl in there with a flashlight."

The new cabinets make use of a lazy susan and other design features to use the available space more efficiently.

Katy said the project had a six-week preliminary timeline.

"They got it done in less than six weeks. I was impressed," she said, adding that even though the project was going on



Katy Wirt says she enjoys her new kitchen. Even the microwave matches.

during the pandemic, there were no significant issues with product availability.

"I had said, I'm not just stuck on a certain brand," which allowed the contractor some flexibility in finding products that were readily available.

"We could have come up with a really fancy kitchen," Katy said. "But I wanted something that blended in, because this is an old farmhouse. And she found the tile for the backsplash, and it just pulled the whole thing together. It was perfect."

Katy's favorite aspect of the project involved the old barnboards that previously lined the kitchen walls. She said everyone in the family was disappointed that the barnboards had to be removed, but the contractor found a way to incorporate some of the boards onto a chicken decoration that now hangs on the kitchen

wall. Katy said the grandkids were happy that the barnboards have again found a home in the kitchen.

Katy says the look of the finished kitchen is just what she hoped for. She says she is pleased that it still looks like a farmhouse and that the colors of the flooring, cabinets and counter coordinate well.

Regarding the flooring, she said, "It's not wood; it's that luxury tile stuff. It's so much easier on my legs, and I am so glad I switched it. If you're cooking for a big group — and we've got 13 grandkids — you're in here for quite a while. And it makes quite a difference."

### RHONDA AND JIM STAHL

Nowadays, more and more Americans are working from home. Rhonda Stahl, who runs Attitudz Family Hair Care, had a



Old barn boards were repurposed in the Wirt home.





Rhonda Stahl is pleased with her new workspace.

shop in downtown Panora for 20 years but recently realized she had an opportunity to move her shop into her home.

"It was the perfect time," Stahl said. "I came down here because I just couldn't keep up with the shop uptown. It was just too big. My sister-in-law bartered with me. She'd clean a little bit, and I'd clean a little bit, and then I'd do her hair for free. And this place is perfect."

Standing in her new salon while watching her Green Bay Packers attempt a fourth-quarter comeback, Stahl said, "This used to be a two-and-a-half car garage, and my husband said, 'This is where my

convertible used to be parked.' But now he loves it out here, too. I moved out here Oct. 1."

Stahl originally hoped to add a Morton building onto the property and have the shop there, but she found out that would have required more time and expense than she desired. Her husband, Jim, then came up with the idea of using a portion of the garage space to create room for her shop.

"This was the one-and-a-half-car part of the garage," she pointed out.

The work started in May, and Stahl recalled going to the hardware store every



Rhonda Stahl's former garage was taking shape as her hair salon.



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Ron and Kristie Reynolds frequently use the large island next to the kitchen.

week. “Sometimes two and three times a week, But we got it done,” she said.

Stahl says she is pleased with how the shop worked out, and she loves the convenience of working from home.

“It turned out perfect. It’s so convenient,” she said. “During downtime, I can go in the house and throw something in the crockpot or start some laundry. And when someone texts me at night for an appointment, I’ll walk out here in my pajamas to check my book.”

Although no changes were made to the living quarters yet, Stahl added, “We’re going to do the deck next year.”

### RON AND KRISTIE REYNOLDS

There’s a famous saying, “If you want a job done right, do it yourself.” When it comes to home improvement projects, that saying should also include the caveat, “If you know what you’re doing.”

Ron and Kristie Reynolds of Panora knew what they wanted out of their recent home remodeling project, and luckily, there is plenty of know-how amongst their family and friends.

“We bought this house in 2000, and it was just a little farmhouse, and we added on to it,” said Ron.

The main improvements they’ve made over those years include adding a living



Stainless steel appliances coordinate perfectly with the granite countertops and white cabinetry in the Reynolds’ kitchen.





Ron Reynolds says the man cave is a great place to watch a Hawkeyes game.

room on the main floor, creating a weightlifting room, a “man cave” in the basement, and, roughly two years ago, an entire remake of the kitchen area.

Even though Ron and Kristie are empty nesters, they found their old kitchen was becoming too crowded, especially during family get-togethers.

“When everybody is here, there’s 16 of us,” Kristie said.

Ron said the kitchen layout allows him to have room to do the cooking for a large family gathering without getting in the way of his kids and grandkids, or vice versa.

Ron and Kristie laughed while telling how they came to start on the remodeling of the kitchen.

“I retired in 2015, and I was going to buy a Camaro. So, I got that,” he said. “And a

year or two later, I kind of felt guilty, so we decided to do the kitchen.”

To get the kitchen project started, a significant amount of tear-down work was needed. Luckily, there were plenty of willing hands among the Reynolds grandkids.

“Oh, yeah. The kids had a great time,” Kristie said. “They just kept pounding. We’ve got eight of them, and six are boys, from 21 down to 7, and they used sledgehammers to knock everything out.”

Ron explained that, although the kitchen project cost significantly more than he originally planned, he and Kristie understand this is a reality in many home projects. Ron, his friend Dave Clawson and several members of the Reynolds family all have remodeling and/or carpentry experience and were willing to help out. As



The Reynolds’ wood stove keeps the game room toasty in the winter months.

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a result, no construction or carpentry contractors were used. Kristie pointed out that the countertops came from Fox Countertops in Panora.

Regarding the improvements made in the lower level, Kristie said, "It was just a little dirt basement."

While showing the basement, Ron explained, "I brought a tiller down here and tilled it and carried the dirt out in five-gallon buckets. I wanted to get it lower."

Ron recalled that, during the basement project, Mother Nature delivered an unexpected challenge. Following a two-inch rain, a dividing wall fell between the weightlifting room and the man cave.

"We went down to the lumberyard and got shoring, and we shored it up," Ron said.

The man cave now displays a number of items including several mounted buck heads from Ron's successful deer hunts. Now that the basement is complete, Ron said they enjoy it, even in the cold winter months.

"If it's zero degrees out, we've got the wood stove," he said.

When asked about their satisfaction with the various home improvements, Ron and Kristie agree they ultimately achieved what they had in mind.

Ron says his favorite morning spot is sitting at the large island next to the kitchen

where he sips his coffee. He also enjoys the natural light and visibility afforded by the patio door and large window.

"I watch the hummingbirds and cardinals," Ron said. "And we've got two big bucks in the area lately."

And he might just have room in the man cave for them. ■



Young hands helping with demolition for the Reynolds' remodel project.

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# HOLIDAY TOUR OF HOMES DEC. 3

Tickets purchased in advance cost \$10;  
tickets purchased the day of the tour will be \$15.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
*Panora Times*

The annual holiday tour of homes sponsored by Women for Panora's Future (WFPF) will be Sunday, Dec. 3. One home is in Panora, three of the homes are at Lake Panorama, and one is the Twin Vines vineyard west of Panora on Highway 44. Ticket holders will choose their own route to each of the five locations from 1-4:30 p.m.

The home tour usually raises enough money to award \$500 scholarships each spring to two graduating Panorama Com-

munity School students. The tour is the group's largest annual fundraiser; other key fundraisers are an annual raffle for a monthly plate of cookies or a pie and a can collection drive in May and June.

Tickets purchased in advance cost \$10; tickets purchased the day of the tour will be \$15. Advance tickets can be purchased from WFPF club members, Crafty's Coffee, Panora Library or by calling 712-249-2142.

Tickets the day of the tour will be available at the Panora Community Center from 1-4:30 p.m. Holiday refreshments will be available, and club members will be selling raffle tickets for \$1. There also will

be a door prize drawing.

Tickets must be presented at the door of each home the day of the event. Homes on the tour are owned by Paula Wachholtz, Troy and Stephanie Reinhart, James and Julie Tibbles, Kenny and Sonya Pierce, and twins Brad and Ben Hayes, owners of Twin Vines. Addresses will be printed on the tickets.

The WFPF club is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The first Christmas home tour was in 1978 with 70 people attending at a ticket price of \$3.

WFPF members help decorate the Panora town square for Christmas and run the candy cane walk and cake walk during community events. They donate cookies for Memorial Day activities and the Haunted Village; clean the roadside ditches on Highway 4 north of Panora twice a year; hold two annual blood drives; donate money to several local organizations; and purchase Christmas presents for Panora Specialty Care residents. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month and welcomes new members. ■



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# SWIFTY AND SCORSESE. BEGEEBERS. BURR, BENING AND BURIAL.

BY MICHAEL C. WOODY  
*Panora Times*

As the big holiday movies lay in wait, there were more surprises than I expected in October.

**“EXORCIST: BELIEVER”**  
*(still in theaters)*

Most of us of a certain age will tell you that the original movie “The Exorcist” is the scariest movie we’ve ever seen. Ellen Burstyn, Linda Blair, etc. scared the bejeebers out of us in the early 1970s. Sue and I watched the original a few months ago and, for the most part, it still holds up. I am happy to report, so does this sequel. **Grade: B**

**“TAYLOR SWIFT: THE ERAS TOUR”**  
*(in theaters)*

I think it won’t surprise you that I’m not a big Swifty, but a guy’s gotta do what a guy’s gotta do. So off Sue and I trudged to



“Exorcist: Believer”

The Palm Theatres in Waukee to see this concert film. As we walked into a packed IMAX theater, I saw a mass of prepubescent girls and their parents on their feet dancing in anticipation of the start of the film. One girl brought a flashing light-saber type device. So you want to guess who was right in front of me when I sat down? Aarghh. The only thing worse was her dad who sang every song along with Taylor. So, did I like



“Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour”

it? Not really, but it was great to see a concert in IMAX, and I do appreciate the talent Taylor Swift has and the work she obviously put in. In my book, she gets an A for effort but an A- for the overall movie grade. **Grade: A-**

**“KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON”**  
*(in theaters but headed for streaming)*

When you get to Martin Scorsese’s age



“Killers of the Flower Moon”

and with his resume, you can make a 3.5-hour movie and get it released in theaters. The guy has directed some of the greatest films in the history of cinema. This, by the way, is not one of them. It is dreadfully long and very, very sad. DeNiro and DiCaprio are excellent, but the young woman (Lily Gladstone) who plays the lead in the film steals the show. Ultimately, it depicts not one of our proudest chapters

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"Old Dads"



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as Americans. Still, it is a good film and worth seeing in the theater if you've got half a day. **Grade: B+**

### "OLD DADS" (on Netflix)

Comedian Bill Burr writes, directs and stars in "Old Dads," a very funny and very raunchy comedy on Netflix about three men who are fired from their careers by a snot-nosed, new-age boss. The humor is sure to offend many, but you will find yourself laughing and cringing at the same time. **Grade: B+**

### "THE BURIAL" (on Apple TV)

If you have Apple TV, you should check

out this new movie starring Jamie Foxx and Tommy Lee Jones. It is based on a true story about a huge conglomerate trying to take over a locally owned funeral home. Jones is the owner of the home, and Foxx plays the attorney he hires to help save his family business. Jones and Foxx are still at the top of their games, and the story is fun to watch unfold. **Grade: B+**

### "THE CONTINENTAL" (on Peacock Network)

Of course, I had to get the Peacock Network for Iowa football and women's basketball. The commercials for "The Continental" looked interesting, and then I hear the phrase "from the world of John Wick." I watched the first episode but have not

made it back for the last two, as I keep forgetting to watch. It stars Mel Gibson as a bad guy, so that was kind of fun. **Grade (for episode 1): B**

### "FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S" (in theaters and also on Peacock)

This is a horror comedy of sorts about a young man raising his little sister and dealing with the trauma of a lost little brother. When he gets an overnight job at the closed local kid's playhouse (read, Chucky Cheese), the truth about his little brother's disappearance starts to become much clearer. My expectations for this movie were low, and I was pleasantly surprised. A touch of humor always helps a scary movie, and this one worked for me.

### Grade: B

In December, we will see the big holiday releases and, probably, a good share of Oscar contenders. 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.*



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Dorothy Marchant, age 95 of Panorama, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023, at Panorama Specialty Care in Panorama. Funeral services were held on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Carris Family Funeral Home & Cremation Care in Perry. Burial was in the Violet Hill Cemetery in Perry. Memorials will be given to Lifehouse Assembly of God in Panorama and may be left at Carris Family Funeral Home & Cremation Care. Online condolences

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Dorothy Maye Marchant was born on Nov. 15, 1927, at Perry to Laurence V. and Freda B. (Alborn) Mills. She attended country school between Linden and Panorama and graduated from Panorama Community High School. She was united in marriage to LaVerne Knapp on Oct. 20, 1944, and to this union three children were born: Connie, David and Raymond. She later married Carroll L. Marchant on Aug. 9, 1976. Dorothy cooked for the Yale Community School and then worked as head cook for Springbrook Conservation Camp. While living in Arizona, she also worked for a jewelry store.

She enjoyed camping, playing cards, playing bingo, and, when her sons had a band, she loved going and enjoying them.

In death, she rejoins her husband, Carroll L. Marchant; parents, Laurence and Freda; and her first husband, LaVerne.

Left to cherish Dorothy's memory are her children, Connie (Bob) Safley, Linden; David (Peggy) Knapp, Florida; Raymond (Dawn) Knapp, North Carolina; 11 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; and 14 great great grandchildren. ■



**RICHARD FREDRICK PETERS**  
1939-2023

Richard Fredrick Peters, age 83, of Lincoln, Nebraska, formerly of Yale, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023, at Havelock Manor in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Richard was born on Nov. 22, 1939, in Jefferson, the son of Raymond and Charlotte (Smith) Peters. Richard grew up on a farm in rural Guthrie County and attended YJB schools. In 1962, he enlisted into the United States Army, serving a two-year term, then on reserves for a few years following.

After being discharged from the service, Richard was an accountant for Rosen-Novak Cadillac in Omaha, Nebraska, for many years. Following working at the car dealership, he went on to work for Nashua Paper Corporation in Omaha as a logistics manager for 20-plus

years. Richard also farmed part-time back home, raising several animals. Richard loved animals, especially his horses: Rocket, Duchess and Stuart. Richard was a member of the Yale Saddle Club, where he was known as the "Gate Guy" for all the shows. He was also a 20-year member of the Guthrie Center American Legion. Richard also enjoyed cars; he had a Hot-Rod car — a 1939 Plymouth Coupe called "Mayflower."

Richard is survived by his daughter, Peggie Hoeft of Council Bluffs; granddaughter, Samara Hoeft of Council Bluffs; and one brother, Roy Peters of Des Moines. Preceding him in death are his parents, Raymond and Charlotte.

Funeral service was Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023, at the Schmidt Family Funeral Home in Adair. Interment with military honors were held following the funeral at the Dodge Township Cemetery, just south of Bagley.

Visitation with family was on Friday, Nov. 17, 2023, at the Schmidt Family Funeral Home in Adair.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Yale Saddle Club in memory of Richard. They may be mailed to the Schmidt Family Funeral Home, P.O. Box 523, Atlantic, IA 50022.

Schmidt Family Funeral Home of Adair is handling the arrangements. ■



**LILA J. KASTNER**  
1930-2023

Lila Jean Kastner, 93, daughter of Ray and Iona (Stratton) Dillavou, was born Feb. 25, 1930, near Bagley. She passed away Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023, at the New Homestead in Guthrie Center.

Lila grew up on a farm 2.5 miles south of Bagley. Her mother died when Lila was 5 years old. At the age of 9, she had a fever that left her partially deaf. She graduated from Bagley High School in 1947 and worked at an insurance company for two years.

Francis and Lila were married on April 22, 1950, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jamaica. They lived on a farm southwest of Yale and had four children, Elizabeth, Frank, Rosemary and Steven. When they retired from farming, they lived at Lake Panorama then Yale.

The last few years were spent at Lakeside Village in Panorama and then the New Homestead in Guthrie Center, where they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in April 2020. They were lifelong members of St. Cecilia's Catholic Church in Panorama.

Lila worked many years as a nurse's aide and CNA in nursing homes in Panorama, Guthrie Center and Jefferson, as well as in private homes.

Lila is survived by her children, Elizabeth Kastner of Altoona, Frank (Linda) Kastner of Bagley and Steve (Rose) Kastner of Yale; four grandchildren, Colleen (Matt) Smith of Perry, Casey Hameister of West Des Moines, Stacey (Brian) Simmons of Yale and James (Kristi) Kastner of Bayard; and five great-grandchildren, Riley Smith, Molly, Keira, and Sawyer Simmons, and Abraham Kastner. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Francis; daughter, Rosemary; and three sisters who died in infancy.

Funeral services were Saturday, Nov. 11, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Panorama. Burial was in Dodge Center Cemetery, rural Bagley. Visitation was Nov. 10 with a wake service at 7 p.m. at the Twigg Funeral Home, Panorama. ■

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## 50 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, Nov. 19, 1973

**MEMORIES AND A STEEPLE, ALL THAT'S LEFT:** A workman who is helping tear down the old Presbyterian Church in Panora stands inside the entrance way and points upward as he and two companions try to decide how to bring down the last visible evidence of the church, which has been vacant for years. The church is being torn down for salvage.

## 40 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, Nov. 24, 1983

**HAWK VARSITY:** Members of the Panora-Linden varsity basketball team, which begins its season Friday at Jefferson, are, front row, Doug Pittman, Darrin England, John Holbrook, Matt Knapp and Bryan Richey. Back row: Kip Janvrin, Kent Patterson, Steve Bell, Brad Pote, Mike Donahey and Bruce Lundberg.

## 30 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, Nov. 25, 1993

**M & M CARDINALS REVIVED:** After learning an M & M Cardinal baseball uniform was stolen from the Turn of the Century Museum the week of Sept. 3-9, Evelyn Jean Stewart of Guthrie Center offered to replace the stolen item with an original uniform belonging to her late husband, Hubert. Mrs. Stewart also made a donation toward a display for the Cardinals, comprised mostly of farmers, who played in the 1930s and 1940s on a diamond 10 miles west of Guthrie Center along the M & M (Mississippi and Missouri) Divide. Mrs. Stewart, left, is shown presenting the full uniform to Cheryl Castile of Panora, president of the museum guild. Mrs. Castile's mother and Hubert Stewart were cousins. The display should be ready next spring.

## 20 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, Nov. 20, 2003

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!:** Panorama elementary students have been collecting personal necessities and other items for local service men and women. Monday those packages were shipped overseas from the Panora post office. The 35 packages weighed more than 800 pounds. Students, from left, are Kolton Louk, Kelsey Keith, Lucas Dooley, Kyle Muyskens and Alli Stanley. In back is postmaster Pam Newbrough.

## 10 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, Nov. 28, 2013

**TALKIN' TURKEY:** Students in Amy Tunink's Panorama kindergarten class Wednesday morning were sporting turkey headbands in anticipation of an early out for the Thanksgiving holiday. ■





# TOWER OF TISSUE RISING AT BANK

GCSB program is striving for 500 tissue boxes for ACGC and Panorama schools this year.

BY RICH WICKS  
*Panora Times*

Again this year, Guthrie County State Bank is holding a Tower of Tissue drive to benefit students and staff at ACGC and Panorama school districts. Sonya Pierce, who works at the Panora branch of the bank, is heading up the program this year and provided some information about the effort.

“Tower of Tissue began in 2018 after researching what the biggest need for our school districts were system-wide,” Pierce said. “Both ACGC and Panorama indicated tissues are hard to come by, especially during the second half of the school year when students and staff need them most. Since 2018, our community and matching donations have contributed a few thousand boxes of tissue between both school districts. Guthrie County State Bank has always been a big supporter of giving back to our community and thought this

is a good way for our customers and outside patrons to be involved and keep our kids healthy. Little did we know COVID was coming, and this donation campaign was a large stepping stone in protecting the children and staff.”

Looking back over the years since the program’s beginning, Pierce said, “The program has significantly grown over the years. We have changed the collection timeframe over the years, but it has always been received very well by our community. The first year was a total of 220 boxes and has grown to 420 boxes last year. We are striving for 500 boxes this year.”

Guthrie County State Bank will be drawing for \$50 in Chamber Bucks (either Panora or Guthrie Center). Each person who donates four-plus boxes will be entered for a chance to win. The collections will run through Nov. 30 at both GCSB locations. The drawing and winner will be announced Dec. 1 via social media.

“We would like to thank everyone for the generous donations past and present,” Pierce said. “Without your support throughout the years, it would not continue to grow like it has. On behalf of the Guthrie County State Bank Board of Directors and team members, we appreciate your contributions and value your business.” ■

# NOV. 7 ELECTION RESULTS

BY RICH WICKS  
*Panora Times*

Per the Iowa Secretary of State website, here are the unofficial results for the area from the Nov. 7 election (asterisks by candidate names indicate unofficial winners):

**BAGLEY**

**MAYOR**

Ruth Ann Riley .....	15
*Glen Foresman .....	50
<b>COUNCIL AT LARGE (3)</b>	
*Kylie Carmichael .....	50
John Scott Richardson .....	28
*Daphne Clark .....	47
*Emily Chapman-Olesen .....	35
Write In .....	5
<b>COUNCIL AT LARGE TO FILL VACANCY</b>	
Amy L Chapman .....	29
*Lexee Bonus .....	31
Write In .....	1

**JAMAICA**

**MAYOR**

*Dennis Meinecke .....	29
Write In .....	2
<b>COUNCIL AT LARGE (2)</b>	
*Matthew Meinecke .....	28
Write In .....	13
*Mike Heyland .....	9

**PANORA**

**MAYOR**

Ryan Ketelsen .....	133
*Curt Thornberry .....	145
Write In .....	4
<b>COUNCIL AT LARGE (2)</b>	
*Tom Flanery .....	143
*Mark Sheeder .....	167
Shane Gliem .....	138
Write In .....	9
Shannon Barber .....	41
<b>COUNCIL AT LARGE TO FILL VACANCY</b>	
Justin Rockwell .....	107

*Roger L Dorr .....	224
*Blake Michelsen .....	151
Shannon Barber .....	39
Write In .....	3

**PANORAMA SCHOOLS**

(for Districts 1 and 3, applicable votes from Greene and/or Dallas counties will be combined with votes from Guthrie County on Nov. 21)

**DISTRICT 1**

Heidi Clark .....	106
Cale Kastner .....	52

**DISTRICT 2**

*Clinton Deardorff .....	48
Andrew Knorr .....	38
Andrew Harrelson .....	16

**DISTRICT 3**

Deborah Westergaard .....	51
Shane Jensen .....	14

**DISTRICT 5**

*Damon Crandall .....	86
Write In .....	6

**YALE**

**MAYOR**

Write In .....	22
*Buffy Louk .....	11

**COUNCIL AT LARGE (2)**

*Beverly Louk .....	33
Write In .....	25
*Scott Van Gundy .....	5

**COUNCIL AT LARGE TO FILL VACANCY**

Write In .....	18
*Gerald McComb .....	3

**LINDEN**

**COUNCIL AT LARGE (3)**

*Chris Davenport .....	28
*Dale Parker .....	26
*Timothy Paul Hays .....	16
Write In .....	35

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*Yes .....	32
No .....	11

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# TEN SQUARED WOMEN OF GUTHRIE COUNTY GROWS TO MORE THAN 135 MEMBERS

**Group formed in 2017 after accepting a challenge by 10 Squared Men of Guthrie County organizer Barry Monaghan.**

BY RICH WICKS  
*Panora Times*

The 10 Squared Women of Guthrie County group proves that whatever men can do, women can also do.

Member Kristen Crouthamel shared details on how the group formed and how it functions.

She said both the men's and women's groups share the same basic gameplan. Members meet several times per year, donating \$100 each at each meeting, and vote on a local charitable group to be the recipient of the funds raised. The name "Ten Squared" indicates the goal to have at least 100 members and the \$100 donation each member gives per meeting.

Crouthamel recalled that shortly after the Ten Squared men's group began, Barry Monaghan put out a local challenge, asking area women to form a similar group.

"I think we started in 2017," she said. "The ringleader was originally Shannon Neff-Muell. She worked at the bank, and she came to a few of us and asked us to accept Barry's challenge."

Describing the functioning of the group, Crouthamel said, "We've always kind of hovered around 100 members, but in the last two or three quarters, we've gained at least 35 new members. We meet four times a year, and the men meet three times a year, so it ends up being about an equal amount of money being given out over the year."

Crouthamel says another difference is the women's group allows members to join the meetings via Zoom. She said this is helpful for members who are busy with

other commitments such as work and childcare.

According to Crouthamel, each member is welcome to nominate local charitable groups to be considered as a recipient of funds. Currently, the women's group has more than 20 community groups "in the hat," and three are randomly drawn at each meeting to be voted on. The top vote-getter then receives the entire amount raised at that meeting.

"If a group has gotten money from Ten Squared Women, they have to wait two years to be eligible again," she noted.

As with the men's group, Ten Squared Women gives 100% of the funds directly to the recipients. Crouthamel said the only "overhead" was when the group formed and purchased the large novelty check that is used in photos of the funds being given to recipients.

Crouthamel welcomes any women in the area to join Ten Squared if interested. To learn more, individuals can visit their Facebook page or email them at 10squaredgc@gmail.com. ■



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Freshman Kylie Rochholz finished ninth with a personal best time of 19 minutes, 24.7 seconds at the 2023 Iowa High School State Cross Country Meet at Lakeside Municipal Golf Course in Fort Dodge.



KEVIN FISTER | SPECIAL TO PANORA TIMES

Junior Noah Poldberg clocked a personal best, finishing with a time of 17:06.8 at the State Cross Country Meet Oct. 27.



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Freshman Laicey Lutz came through with a personal best time at the State Cross Country Meet Oct. 27, crossing the tape in 52nd place in 20:51.7.



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# PANORAMA ATHLETES SIGN LETTERS OF INTENT



BY MALLORY QUICK  
*Panora Times*

Two student athletes from Panorama signed their letters of intent to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level.

Jaidyn Sellers, outfielder, will go to the University of Iowa to play for Coach Gil-

ispie and the Iowa Hawkeye Softball team. Jaidyn plans on majoring in criminal justice and criminology.

Tyme Boettcher, forward, is going to play for the Northwestern women's basketball team in Orange City for Coach Kristin Rotert. Tyme will be majoring in communications and

sports marketing.

"It's exciting for both the softball and basketball programs at Panorama to have two young women reach their goals as student athletes. As a coach, I'm excited to see them at the next level and see what they can accomplish," said Coach Boettcher.



BETTY COOPER | SPECIAL TO PANORA TIMES

**PANTHERS TOP WCV IN FIRST-ROUND REGIONAL PLAY:** Senior Zoey Hambleton bumps the ball while teammates Hallie Arganbright (12) and Nerea Gimeno Perez (23) look on. The Panthers beat WCV 3-2 on Oct. 16.



BETTY COOPER | SPECIAL TO PANORA TIMES

**RIVERSIDE TOPS PANORAMA:** Ryan Cogil attempts to break away from the Riverside defense in a game Oct. 13. ■

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## CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS

# PANORA CITY COUNCIL IS TOLD JACKSON STREET WILL BE FULLY USEABLE FOR WINTER MONTHS

**Council approves preventative maintenance agreement for the city's three generators at an annual cost of \$19,057.**

BY RICH WICKS  
*Panora Times*

During a brief regular meeting of the Panora City Council on Oct. 23, Deputy City Clerk Joyce Calmer provided an update on the city's initial use of the new gWorks software.

"We had an introduction to 'Front Desk,' which will be like our area to go for customers, but also we can access internally. They can sign up for autopay and all sorts of things that they can look at on their account," Calmer said they will have utility billing on there as well at some point.

During the council meeting on Nov. 13, Jeremy Schlee, project coordinator for

the Jackson Street improvement project, gave an update on the project. He said by the end of Thanksgiving week, all of the concrete is expected to be poured, asphalt finished, and spray seeding done, although additional seeding is expected in the spring. Additional work is expected to wait until the spring. Plans are to make the street fully useable for the winter months.

Schlee said the contract for the project included penalties for running beyond the targeted completion date (originally Oct. 27), and those penalty amounts will continue to accrue into 2024 but will be paused during the winter months while weather makes progress unfeasible.

Council members discussed the idea of entering into a preventative maintenance agreement for the city's three generators. The quote from Interstate Power Systems was for a three-year agreement at an annual cost of \$19,057. When asked about the cost of replacing a generator, City Administrator Lisa Grossman said each of the city's three generators would cost around \$1 million. The proposal was approved.

The council voted to approve Tom Arganbright as a member of the airport board.

As part of the consent agenda, the council approved a Class C liquor license for the Owl's Nest for outdoor service, Sunday sales.

The council's next regular meeting will be Monday, Nov. 27 at 5:30 p.m. ■

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COUNTY GOVERNMENT NEWS

SUPERVISORS SELL GRADER SHED, APPROVE SMITH ACRES SUBDIVISION, PAY INCREASES

Hear concerns about dumping unacceptable materials at or near the transfer station

BY RICH WICKS  
Panora Times

The Oct. 17 meeting of the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors included a public hearing regarding the proposed sale of the county's grader shed to the City of Bayard for \$1,000. A public hearing was held, during which County Engineer Josh Sebern explained the reasons for the proposed sale. The board voted unanimously to approve the sale of the shed, located at 105 Prairie St. in Bayard.

During the regular meeting on Oct. 24, the supervisors considered Resolution 24-11, to approve the final plat of the Smith Acres Minor Subdivision. County Auditor Dani Fink read the resolution aloud. The supervisors then voted 3-1 in favor of the resolution, with JD Kuster voting against (Mike Dickson was absent).

On Oct. 31, the supervisors heard from Facilities Department Head Brandon Thompson, who advocated for a \$1.50 hourly pay increase for his staff. Thompson explained his request is due to the increased workload that has resulted from the new Law Enforcement Center (LEC), and from the fact that it has seen high occupancy as the county houses inmates from outside the county. Thompson said the square footage that his staff maintains has roughly doubled since the LEC opened.

Supervisors Dickson and Kuster voiced opposition to giving mid-year pay increases. Supervisor Smith said he has faced similar situations in the past, and he has seen the long-term costs in staff turnover and difficulties in attracting applicants.

"I've made this mistake before, and it's been a bad mistake over time," Smith said.

Smith made a motion for a \$1 hourly pay increase, and it passed on a 3-2 vote, with Kuster and Dickson in opposition.

Citizen Larry Glade voiced a complaint to the supervisors regarding the work recently done on the road where he lives, which is 180<sup>th</sup> Trail. He said the county engineer and staff were attempting to seal coat the roadway but admitted to not knowing how to do so. Glade said the attempt resulted in two inches of rock on top of an oiled surface, and he said the rock will simply wash into the ditch. Steve Smith said the county will look into the situation.

A brief meeting was held on Nov. 7. The only new items on the agenda were payroll change notices. The first was regarding a new hire Charles Abel, as assistant county attorney. Supervisor Mike Dickson asked County Attorney Dana Minter, who was participating in the meeting via remote technology, whether Abel would be full-time or part-time. Minter said Abel would be full-time. Supervisor Steve Smith then asked if the hiring would necessitate a budget amendment in that department, and Minter said it's too soon to know. The supervisors approved the payroll change notice unanimously.

The Nov. 14 meeting included departmental updates from Brad Halterman (Conservation Department) and Jotham Arber (Public Health). Halterman said the recreational trail that runs from Jefferson to Yale is in need of some repair work, and since it includes areas in Greene and Guthrie counties, there has been interest in working together. He said if it's one larger project instead of two small projects, additional grants and funding options are likely available. The supervisors' consensus was that this is a good plan.

Jotham Arber gave the supervisors an update regarding Public Health/Environmental Health, including immunizations. Chair Brian Johnson asked, "Do you see COVID staying around forever, just like the flu, and there's just going to be variations every year?" Arber replied, "Yes, the problem is it mutates too quickly."

Arber also spoke about the status of the county's transfer station, saying that if citizens continue to dump unacceptable materials at or near the transfer station, the county may need to take steps to prevent that. ■



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# REBORN MAKES OLD THINGS NEW AGAIN

**Linda Burgess has been operating her antiques store on Main Street in Panora for more than seven years.**

BY RICH WICKS

*Panora Times*

Reborn is the name of a shop at 132 W. Main St. in downtown Panora. The store's motto is "Old things made new again," and that's a fitting line, since the store sells antiques, stained glass and repurposed items. Owner Linda Burgess operates the store Thursdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at other times by appointment.

Burgess worked many years at the phone company, then retired and opened the Reborn store seven years ago. Asked about how she obtained enough inventory for her store, Burgess said she believes divine intervention helped out.

"When it started, I had pretty much nothing," Burgess said. "I had a few antique things up over my garage at home. I had previously had my stained glass stuff that I had to move. I just bought a few

things to get started, but it was amazing how fast it filled up. God was so good. People would pull up, not every day, but occasionally, open up their trunk and say, 'Do you want to see what I've got in my trunk? You can have anything you want.'"

With that help, Burgess quickly amassed enough items to keep her shelves full and appealing.

Burgess said she has loved old things and antiques ever since she was a kid.

"I used to listen to my grandma and her stories," she said. "I think she had birthed that love of antiques in me."

After retiring from the phone company, Burgess found herself with free time.

"I turned 70 and was at that stage of 'What am I going to do?' I don't want to just sit and do nothing. We had a chance to come into the store here and buy the building and open up an antique store."

Burgess is also a stained glass artist who has been working the trade for almost 50



Linda Burgess, owner of Reborn, shows her Christmas items.

years.

"The studio's in the back part of the store," she said. "I don't do that as much as I used to, but it's still available."

Meanwhile, Burgess still has a passion for stained glass.

"I do stained glass from the very beginning, and stained glass is an ancient art that goes back centuries and centuries," she said.

"I hand-cut every piece of glass, and when you start, you have to have a pattern," she said. "And you build on top of that. It's very labor intensive."

Although she no longer chooses to work on large stained glass projects, Burgess said she simply makes what she wants and puts it out for sale.

"But if a customer asks me to make something small, I would custom make that for them," she said.

Burgess says she is continually searching for items to keep her antique inventory full and fresh.

"My daughter and I try to go out picking once a week," she said. "People bring us stuff sometimes to sell, but I don't do consignment."

Asked where they do their "picking," Burgess answered, "We go to garage sales, flea markets, other shops, malls, individuals — wherever the stuff is at."

Burgess said she sometimes gains inventory when someone is downsizing or has inherited items they don't want.

Burgess is an unofficial historian as well, knowing a great deal of the local history, including about her store.

"This building's been a jewelry store, it's been a chiropractor's office, it's been an office for Brokers International. It's been a hatchery," she said.

She remembered that, when she first bought the building, chicken butchering equipment was still in the basement.

"I couldn't get rid of it fast enough," she said.

Burgess displays many items that are



Many of the antiques for sale were everyday items just a few decades ago.



Memories can be found in every direction at Reborn in Panora.





A 19th century quilt and other assorted items from Reborn.



A 1947 calendar from Bokirk's store in Panora.

not only antiques but are of local interest including calendars, clocks and photos from decades of Panora's history.

The store currently displays much of Burgess' holiday-themed items. She said other than seasonal items, there isn't a pattern to what her customers are seeking. As a result, her inventory is truly eclectic, and customers often browse randomly until a particular item catches their attention.

"We were on a pick a couple weeks ago, looking for Christmas stuff, and there was this really neat snowman planter, and on the bottom it had 'McCoy,' which is a good name, and the price was right, so I picked it up," she said. "I didn't have that a week, and a couple came in, and before I knew it, she had that planter sitting on the counter. And she said, 'I have been looking for this planter for a very long time.' It just made me feel really good that someone had been looking for something for so long and found it here. It just makes picking all the richer."

Burgess doesn't have significant plans to expand her store or change the status quo. She said, with her store being open just three days a week, it's just the right balance to keep busy without overburdening herself.

"I always look forward to opening on Thursday, and I always look forward to closing on Saturday," she said.

Asked how long she wants to stay in business, Burgess said, "I started with a 10-year plan. I'll probably be here until I'm just tired of it."

For now, she's still having fun.

"I enjoy meeting new people," Burgess said. "And I've always enjoyed living in this community. I love what I'm doing. I love to go out and pick and find new things. My oldest daughter, Julie, helps me in the store. She does all of the Facebook and online stuff for me. And my husband, Marshall, he does anything mechanical and the lifting. I depend on both of them a lot. And then the good Lord is right in the middle of all of it." ■

# Welcome to the team, Lila Lutz!

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**Lila Lutz joined the Guthrie County State Bank team on September 1, 2023, as a Personal Banker in the Guthrie Center location.**

She brings expertise to GCSB with customer service and accounting experience as a previous senior accountant at UHY Advisors. Lila's long work history includes bookkeeping and preparing financial statements, 1099's and W2's, financial analysis and relationship building. Her education includes a Bachelor's in Accounting, Business Administration and Finance through Grand View University.

Lila has been a long time resident of Panora and still resides there! In her spare time, she enjoys reading and often you can find her curled up with a good book and a cup of hot tea. In those warmer months, she spends most of her time gardening her herb garden. Lila has three children: Levi, Maddy and Laicey.

When asked what drew her to Guthrie County State Bank, Lila said "I have banked at GCSB for many years as well as served on a board or been in organizations with team members of Guthrie County State Bank. Over the years I have appreciated the friendly service and dedication that GCSB has not only given to me personally but also the communities they serve! GCSB is truly "connecting communities" and I am proud to be a part of this team. I look forward to the face-to-face connections as well as serving the communities of Panora and Guthrie Center."

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# A SOCCER HAVEN IN PANORA

**Panorama Soccer Club  
helps area youth develop  
a love for the game.**

BY DARREN TROMBLAY  
*Panora Times*

With 185 players, 25 coaches and 40 volunteers each season, the Panorama Soccer Club isn't your typical little Saturday get-together for the tikes. On one hand, it's much more. But on another, it's not.

While the numbers are impressively large, the attitude behind the scenes remains the same: Keep things simple with the goal of helping kids learn about, and develop, a passion for the sport of soccer.

So far, so good.

Club President Jaime Waddle, along with Chris Carlson (treasurer, director of referees, coach), Kellie Prescott (secretary, director of fields, coach), Jill White (director of coaches, equipment, coach), Emily Albers (director, coach), Jaime Knorr (director of referees, coach) and husband Brandon Waddle (registrar) are leading the charge.

The group, which is governed by the Iowa Soccer Association and the U.S. Youth Soccer Association, features multiple age brackets beginning with U4 on up to U19.

In the Panorama Soccer Club, U5 and U6 (Under 5 and Under 6) are combined, as are U7 and U8. The teams are co-ed, and every attempt is made to assure that each team has an equal number of boys



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Theo Grossman and Everly Knorr

and girls. There's also a U4 bracket consisting of 2- and 3-year-olds.

In other words, a ton of fun. Patience, however, is required.

There are teams for the older kids as well. In addition to the U4 this fall, the club also had U5/U6, U7/U8, U9 girls, U10 girls and U12 girls, U10 boys, U11 boys, U15 (co-ed) and U19 (co-ed) teams.

At the lower levels, teams typically practice once per week with games on Saturday mornings. Interest level has been good enough over the years, Waddle said, that the club has the luxury of not having to travel to compete.

"This season we had six U6 teams and eight U8 teams, so there's a lot of interest here," she said.

Although its name is Panorama Soccer Club, children from ACGC also participate, as do some from West Central Valley and even Perry in the past.

The club has both fall and spring sea-

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Lenox Matthies, Miles Jones, Noah Nunn, Theo Grossman (with the ball) and Everly Knorr

sons. In the fall, games begin in the middle of September and run through October. The U6 and U8 teams typically have six games each season, Waddle said, while U9 and up have around seven or eight games.

Developing a love and knowledge of



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Remy Wambold

the sport — not winning and losing — is the main goal at the lower levels, Waddle said. No league standings are kept and no scores. Sort of.

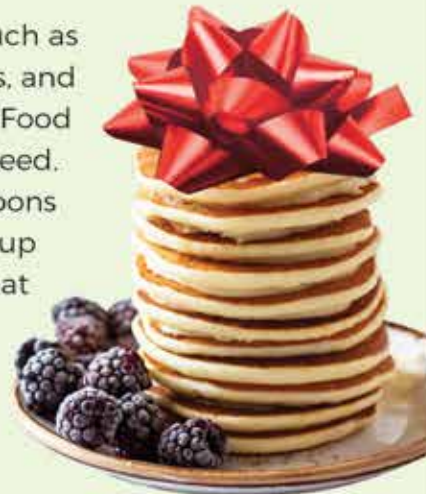
“We don’t keep track of anything — the kids and parents do that,” Waddle said with a laugh. “We want them to get the basics, have fun, see if they’re interested. At U9 and up, we do keep scores, though.”

One of the stumbling blocks in so many communities with clubs and leagues such as these is finding volunteer coaches. But not Panorama, and Waddle counts her blessings.

“We have been very successful at getting coaches,” she said. “They may not sign up in the beginning to be an assistant coach or a coach, but if we reach out and say, ‘OK, we have this many kids, we need this many teams, we need this many more coaches.’ The response has been great. People might be afraid because they don’t know anything about soccer. But you don’t have to. All of our coaches are so willing to bring new coaches in along side them, and it’s been good.”

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"It's not who's the best player, or who is going to be the greatest in two years. We have no clue," she said. "We just want the kids to get the basics down, have fun, and alongside that, educate the parents. A lot of them haven't played soccer, either."

The club has a strict rule that all kids play 50% of each game, which are typically in three-on-three or four-on-four formats, depending on numbers. Players are constantly being rotated in and out and moved to differing positions to get a feel for the sport. Even as the kids get older and might be a little more hesitant to try something new, it's encouraged that they do so.

"They need to," Waddle said simply. "They need to know the entire game and how it works."

It's a labor of love at times for Waddle but one she enjoys and has for a long time. She has three children of her own who came up through the club program in Jaelyn, a senior at Iowa State University; Ella, a junior at Drake University; and Mia, now a senior at Panorama High School. Each of them has an affinity with sports, thanks to their humble beginnings with the Panorama Soccer Club.

Waddle said opportunities are available for adults who might be interested in helping the club continue its successful ways, beginning with referees. The club will pay for any individual's referee certification, and on top of that, the person will be paid to referee games. Not a bad deal.

"You don't have to be a part of the soccer club or even have kids in the club," she said. "Anyone is welcome."

The club will have registration for the Spring 2024 season in January, use Facebook for promotion, and send home fliers with the elementary kids at Panorama and ACGC. Waddle said they hope to get a simple website up before then for those who don't use the social media



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Team on 3! Coaches Ethan Lensch and Taylor Morris with their U8 team.

giant. Again, keeping it simple — and inexpensive. Association fees, referees, field care and equipment can add up quickly.

"We are self-funded, not a part of the parks and recreation programs," Waddle said. "We haven't done a fundraiser since COVID hit, so our margins are shrinking."

Donations, obviously, are much appreciated. For those who feel inclined to help, donations can be mailed to Panorama Soccer Club, P.O. Box 584, Panora, IA 50216.

Board members are something that are, and will be, in need, too. Waddle and her husband, Brandon, won't be there forever. Neither will Chris Carlson, the club's director of referees and its treasurer, who has kids who will be graduating from high school as well.

Once that does happen, you can bank on the Waddles still being there in some shape or form. They've put too much time, energy and love invested in it to simply disappear.

"It's not going to be a case where when our kids are done, we're out. What would I do with myself?" she joked. "But, eventually, we'd like to pass the baton." ■



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Minister Casey Brown and Ellen Campbell lead the room in music and celebration.

# STITCH & CHATTER DOES IT AGAIN

BY RICH WICKS  
*Panora Times*

The local Stitch & Chatter group met on Nov. 1 at the First Christian Church in Panora, 102 East Church St., for an annual celebration of giving to the community. On hand were the fruits of their labor, which included more than 100 quilts. All of the handiwork will be given to the Children’s Clothing Closet (known as the 3C’s), a local organization that provides help for families in need. So far in 2023, 3C’s has served 683 children and 358 adults, and the holiday season is generally their busiest time.

This marked the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the group donating quilts to CCC. Ellen Campbell spoke to the approximately 60 quilters gathered in the church, saying, “Each Wednesday, we gather in the church basement for fellowship. We sew, have coffee, sew, have lunch and sew again. We have been blessed to have Candi Thompson and Cindi Shook bring wonderful desserts for coffee time. Others also bring treats, so we never go hungry. Anyone is welcome to join us, as we meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each week. This year we will be giving 100 quilts of all sizes, plus 17 doll blankets. Twenty-four dolls have been redressed, and extra clothing made also.” ■



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**Galen Carter owned more than 180 cars as a teenager.**

BY RICH WICKS

*Panora Times*

Galen Carter is a car guy, to put it mildly.

"I've been around cars since I was knee-high to a grasshopper," he said. "My dad was a mechanic and had a car lot right up until the time he passed away. So, for me, I've been around cars my entire life."

Carter said, from age 15 to age 18, he owned 180 cars.

"I bought and sold them all myself," he said. "And then the next three years, I stopped counting, but you could probably double that number."

Carter admitted he has since slowed down his pace of "flipping" vehicles. He pointed out that the pickup truck he has driven for the past five years is the longest he's ever owned any vehicle.

"My dad had the car lot and worked

on cars and painted them and restored them," he said. "I've always been a Dodge fan — Mopars and stuff like that. But my dad always kept a Corvette on the lot. So, after he passed away, I wanted to have something in memory of him. I saw this Corvette, and it was such a smoking deal, I couldn't pass it up."

Carter's 1994 Chevy Corvette, which he's had for about 18 months, sits low, and he found it has offered him a new perspective while driving around.

"There's this certain Dodge van that I never would have guessed was front wheel drive until I pulled up behind it at a stop sign, and I could see that it didn't have a differential under there." He plans to paint racing stripes and make a few other cosmetic changes to the car, but he intends to keep it — at least for the time being.

The most enjoyable part of working on cars, according to Carter, is "bringing them back to life."

"It's always fun to take a motor apart, and you see 100 parts laying there, and then putting it back together," he said.

Carter says he enjoys driving his Cor-



Galen Carter and his 1994 Chevy Corvette

vette, even during nice days in the winter. Occasionally, he participates in car shows and local parades. He was involved in starting the local "Cars and Coffee" group that includes classic car enthusiasts from across the county.

According to Carter, the Corvette has impressed him not only with its speed but also with its fuel economy. He said it gets about 28 miles to the gallon.

"It's just been an enjoyable thing to have," he said. ■

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## EVENTS

# 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WSO HOLIDAY LUNCHEON DEC. 1

**This year's luncheon will be at a new location, moving from St. Cecelia Catholic Church to Faith Bible Church.**

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

*Panora Times*

The Panora Women's Service Organization (WSO) will celebrate a significant milestone in December with its annual holiday luncheon. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> year for this fundraising event, which will be Friday, Dec. 1.

"We're planning a special celebration for our golden anniversary," says Toni Wright, current WSO president. "Photos and memorabilia will be on display, and early members and long-time members will be honored."

This year's luncheon also will be at a new location, moving from St. Cecelia Catholic Church to Faith Bible Church, which is north of Panora on Highway 4.

"We're excited about the new location, which is larger and better designed for this event," Wright says. "In the past, we've been limited to a maximum of 125 guests, but this year we can comfortably seat more."

The WSO luncheon begins serving at noon. As guests arrive, they can purchase raffle tickets and sign up for door prizes. The meal includes ham balls, dinner rolls and a large variety of

salads made by WSO members. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from any WSO member, at the Panora Library, or by contacting Wright at 641-757-0886 or btwright44@gmail.com.

Proceeds from the WSO holiday luncheon help fund local projects and make it possible to provide a \$500 scholarship to one Panorama High School graduating senior each year, which can be renewed annually for up to three years. In most years, WSO is providing \$2,000 in scholarship money to four Panorama graduates.

Another major fundraising event for WSO is an annual home tour each June, which this year will be Friday, June 7. This will be the 48<sup>th</sup> WSO home tour. Tickets for this event will be limited, so those interested will want to contact their usual ticket seller in early May.

The holiday luncheon and home tour will secure this year's scholarships plus make it possible to donate to other local causes. Some of those include Tori's Angels, Panora Library, Heritage Park, Guthrie County Historical Village, Guthrie County Food Pantry, and the Panora Garden Club Main Street petunia trees and flower pots. ■

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- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
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- 1 block of cream cheese (8 ounces)
- 14.5 ounce can fire-roasted tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons cilantro
- blue cheese crumbles

Brown the chicken. Add buffalo sauce (1/4 cup



for more mild or up to 1/2 cup for more heat), chicken broth, navy beans, corn, ranch packet and other seasonings to pan. Stir and simmer. Add cream cheese and fire-roasted tomatoes. Continue stirring to blend cream cheese into mixture. Add 2 tablespoons of cilantro and stir. Place blue cheese

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## Q: WHO ARE SOME OF THE MOST NOTABLE PEOPLE FROM PANORA?

**A:** Here are a few: **William L. Carberry** was a college football player and coach. He served as the head football coach at Yankton College in Yankton, South Dakota, in 1914 and at Southern State Normal School — now known as the University of South Dakota — Springfield — in 1923 and from 1926 to 1932. He also served as the head football coach at Northern State Normal School — now known as Northern State University — in Aberdeen, South Dakota, from 1933 to 1939 and 1942 to 1945.

**Aubrey W. Dirlam** was a Minnesota politician and served as speaker, majority leader, and minority leader in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

**Kip Janvrin** was an American decathlete and is now a track and field coach at the University of Central Missouri. He set the World Masters Athletics (M40) decath-

lon world record in 2005. Janvrin is a 1988 graduate of Simpson College. He won three NCAA Division III titles in the decathlon, as well as individual titles in the pole vault and 400 meter hurdles.

## Q: I HAVE HEARD PEOPLE SAY THAT PANORA USED TO BE THE COUNTY SEAT OF GUTHRIE COUNTY. IS THAT ACTUALLY TRUE?

**A:** Yes, Panora was the county seat until 1876 when Guthrie Center was named.

## Q: WHAT DID THE NAME PANORA DERIVE FROM?

**A:** The naming of Panora is discussed in an Iowa Guide created by the Federal Writers' Project in the 1930s. The guide notes that pioneers viewing the site of the present town from a hillside exclaimed, "What a beautiful panorama!" Later, when the town was platted, the word "panorama" was contracted to Panora. ■

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