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Carla Wood's cooking is a Christmas tradition. Photo by Rich Wicks



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MEAT, POTATOES, BREAD AND BUTTER

Like many of you, there are a handful of things in life that I am really good at, a whole bunch of things I am average at, and another handful that I am completely lousy at. Cooking falls into the last category. Don't get me wrong; I like to eat. I am just not patient enough to take more than a few minutes to cook something. In my case, thank goodness for microwaves. In all our cases, thank goodness for other people who truly enjoy cooking and are good at it.

I loved my mom, but she was an awful cook. She is cursing me from her grave right now, but I am just being honest. Truth be told, I didn't know she was a lousy cook until I met my wife. I simply didn't know any different. Mom always

had food on the table, and I was quite happy to eat it. The selection was simple and predictable with a mix of meat and potatoes, and it always included bread and butter.

Then Jolene introduced me to foods other than meat, potatoes, bread and butter. Admittedly, I am still not overly courageous with my food choices. And, admittedly, I still really prefer meat, potatoes, bread and butter. But I am expanding my palate, and I have my wife to thank for that. Sorry, Mom.



Shane Goodman

One of my former bosses used to call me a meat and potatoes Iowa boy. I was not offended. He and others would try to persuade me to eat clams and sushi and the like. To be honest, I have trouble eating mushrooms. If it is slimy or squirms, I am out.

Now, in fairness to Mom, she really didn't like to cook. It stressed her out, and it showed. She did her best. Unfortunately, I can relate.

Meanwhile, I have great respect for people who have mastered kitchen tasks. Those who can cook for dozens at one time. Those who can make amazing food without recipes. Those who don't break a sweat over it. They have my full admiration, and we salute a handful of them in

this month's feature story. In the meantime, if any of you ever need advice on how to make macaroni and cheese, I am your guy.

Now pass the meat, potatoes, bread and butter, please.

Have a great month, and thanks for reading. ■

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MASTERS OF THE KITCHEN

Local cooking experts share their stories.

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

Some people have a knack for making wonderful foods. And, in rural America, these great cooks become local legends. On the following pages, we share a few examples of these outstanding cooks from the area.

CARLA WOOD

For some people, food preparation is a chore. For others, it is a joy. Carla Wood of Panora definitely enjoys cooking, and it shows. She and her husband, Martin, also enjoy welcoming guests to their home. Growing up with six brothers, Carla said, "When I learned to cook, I learned to cook large amounts. In fact, the first time I ever cooked for Martin, when we were dating, he looked around at all the food and said, 'Who else is coming?' I've since learned to cook smaller amounts, but leftovers are always good."

Wood says she is known for her specialties.

"People love to come for my ham



Carla Wood created this campfire cake.

balls," she said. "In fact, when we got married, I made my reception dinner. I also do a tri-tip steak. It's a special recipe that came from Martin's cousin from California. I like theme foods. Another thing is my pineapple cake."

Wood prefers to think of herself as an all-around cook rather than focusing on any one type of food. During warmer months, she enjoys grilling various meats and invites friends to the patio for spontaneous get-togethers. Winter calls for more baking and candies.

Besides creating delicious foods, Wood also focuses on the overall dining experience, including the table setting and the appearance of the food.

"I think a lot of why people remember me is the presentation," she said. "I make a lot of unique things. It kind of makes people feel special when they come here."



Carla Wood making mints with her granddaughters, Leighton and Elle.



Carla Wood serves a holiday treat.

Wood says she likes to make old-fashioned cream cheese mints for special occasions.

"Like wedding receptions, graduations parties and showers," she said. "I've been teaching my granddaughters, Leighton and Elle, how to make them."

One of Wood's most memorable cooking experiences required a trip overseas.

"I went to a cooking school in the Hutongs in Beijing, China, in 2019 to learn how to make dumplings, along with my best friend, Joni Adkins from Cedar Rapids and my sister-in-law Peggy Wood, who was living in Beijing at that time."

Another memorable (and humorous) cooking story that Wood shared involved making a key lime pie for the December birthday of her son, Casey. She set the pie outside to cool while making the next layer, and she later noticed that an animal had taken a sample of the pie.

"I didn't have time to make a new pie, so I just scooped around it, smoothed it and added the next layer, and we never told him," she said. "He lived. We didn't kill him."

When asked what she finds to be the



Carla Wood's table presentation wows her guests.

biggest challenge in cooking, Wood replied, "Pies, because I have my mother and mother-in-law to live up to."

Wood showed the many sets of dishware that she's collected over the years, and she enjoys bringing them out to set a special table for various gatherings at her home, including large family gatherings at the holidays, as well as occasional club meetings she offers to host.

"Our kitchen is the heart of our home," she said. "We love to host and entertain inside and out on our patio, weather permitting."



Lyvia Reising and Cheryl Castile have bonded over cooking.

LYVIA REISING AND CHERYL CASTILE

Cooking can bring the generations together, and that's being proven by Lyvia Reising and Cheryl Castile, both of Panorama. Reising is an 11-year-old fifth-grader at Panorama Schools, while Castile is slightly older. Castile recalled talking with Reising's mother, and when she heard that Lyvia was showing an interest in learning to cook, Castile suggested she could be the tutor. That idea led to wonderful food and friendship. Since September of 2023, Reising and Castile have been meeting for a cooking session generally every other week, as their schedules allow.

Among the items that Castile has helped Reising learn to cook are sugar plum cookies, cutout Christmas cookies, five-hour stew, chicken enchiladas, chili, fiesta salad, and various cakes and cookies.

When asked what career she wants to have as an adult, Reising said, "I want to be a veterinarian," but she admits that now she is also thinking it might be nice to own and operate a restaurant of some sort.

Reising said the most challenging part of cooking is the waiting, but she's learned that patience pays off, as she's started making some of the foods at home, too.

There is no long-range plan for what Reising and Castile will cook in upcoming sessions, as they simply talk about what sounds good. Plans, though, do include eventually making tiramisu, a coffee-flavored Italian dessert, as that's been



Young hands learning to create delicious treats.

requested by a member of Reising's family. The two also plan to make a trip to the meat market to give Reising experience in the various cuts of meat and what they are used for.

The social aspect of the pairing seems to be just as important as the culinary education.

"I'm enjoying having a new young friend," Castile said, "I don't have to teach her much. It's just a matter of us working together."

Asked how long they intend to continue meeting and cooking, both agreed it's something they want to keep going.

"We'll just do it until she doesn't want to do it anymore," Castile said. "Our schedule is pretty flexible."

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LaRayne Deardorff is ready to roll out dough on a large counter.

LARAYNE DEARDORFF

LaRayne Deardorff of rural Yale is locally famous for her cooking, and it's tough to find something she doesn't make. Deardorff believes in cooking from scratch, for that flavor that never seems to come from a store. When asked what her specialties are, she quickly mentioned applesauce, apple butter, noodles, ice cream and lemon cheese-cake.

"One favorite of our family is chicken fried steak, but I don't use beef," she said. "I use pork cutlets. That's one of those things that everybody loves."

When pressed for an item she's best known for, she said, "Cinnamon rolls, probably, because I've shared those more. They have a fundraiser for the library, and I make cinnamon rolls. I

made cinnamon rolls when I worked at the Bee Hive. We have four children and 10 grandchildren, and we have Thanksgiving and Christmas, and we always have big dinners at Easter, and try to do something at the Fourth of July. When the grandkids come, they pretty much count on cinnamon rolls and ham balls and mac and cheese."

Deardorff said she generally makes a batch of cinnamon rolls every month or two, depending on the season and planned gatherings.

Deardorff said she began cooking at age 10.

"On the farm, everybody pitches in and has a job," she said. "I was one of the few people with a mother who worked away from home. And by the time I was 12, in the summer, mom was gone

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to work and dad had hired men, and I would cook lunch for them all. So, my mom would call and check on how it all went. Everybody was always so complimentary, so the pies and baked goods and everything evolved over time. And I had a great home ec teacher."

Another notable thing about Deardorff's cooking is that she prepares large batches. She explained that she often freezes some for later, but she also needs to cook in large batches because so many family members stop in.

"We're out here in the country where there's not a lot of choice," she said.

While rolling out dough for cinnamon rolls, she said, "This will make about 60, but I'll do some of it in braids. The braids are kind of fun, too. The grandkids enjoy those."

Deardorff credits her cooking skills to lots of practice, and she advises anyone trying to cook something new to be patient if the results aren't great on the first try.

Besides the actual cooking, Deardorff also grows her own popcorn and vegetables, and she cans a variety of fresh produce and beef. She also finds time to raise a beautiful flower garden. And, despite her obvious cooking skills, Deardorff



LaRayne Deardorff is ready to slice cinnamon rolls.

downplays her kitchen expertise. "I feel like if you can follow a recipe, you've got it made," she said. "The other thing is, I feel like I'm kind of good at disguising my mistakes." ■

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Tom Schaefer works on a small figure.

**Raccoon River Valley Carving Club meets
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in the Conference Center at Lake Panorama.**

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

A recent meeting of the Raccoon River Valley Carving Club found four of the members present at their workshop in the Conference Center at Lake Panora-

ma. The room included a variety of machinery, tools and books related to wood carving, but the centerpiece was the four artists and friends sitting around the tables. Dennis Shepherd, Terry Sprague, Tom Schaefer and Dave Beidelman each worked on a current carving project as



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Terry Sprague and Dennis Shepherd concentrate on their creations.

they socialized. Members not present were Ted Reeve, Rich Schumacher, Jim Sievers, Mike Halupnick, Tom Loeck, Jerry Armstrong and Frank Teale.

The group meets regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11:30 a.m. and has been doing so for several years.

"Tom Jeschke gets the accolades for the group," Shepherd said. "He started teaching classes in the community a long time ago, and he had a lot of students. This group hasn't been here all that long, as far as meeting in this location."

Dr. Jeschke passed away in March of 2023, and the four carvers agreed that

he was a skilled instructor who helped each of them improve techniques and know-how.

In describing how Jeschke first started carving, Sprague said, "The story was that (Jeschke's wife) Conni saw something that she liked, and Tom wasn't going to pay that price for it, so he just decided to make it himself."

Each of the four shared examples of how carving is a learning process and that mistakes are inevitable, but valuable, moments.

"(Dr. Jeschke) was very patient as a teacher, and meticulous," Shepherd said. "He let you do your own thing, and he kept an eye on how you could improve."

As the members talked, they showed what they are currently working on. Many of the projects are planned to be given to grandchildren or other family members. Figurines and Christmas tree ornaments are first carved, then sanded and painted. Most of the objects are carved from basswood, since it's a soft and tight-knit wood with few cracks in the grain.

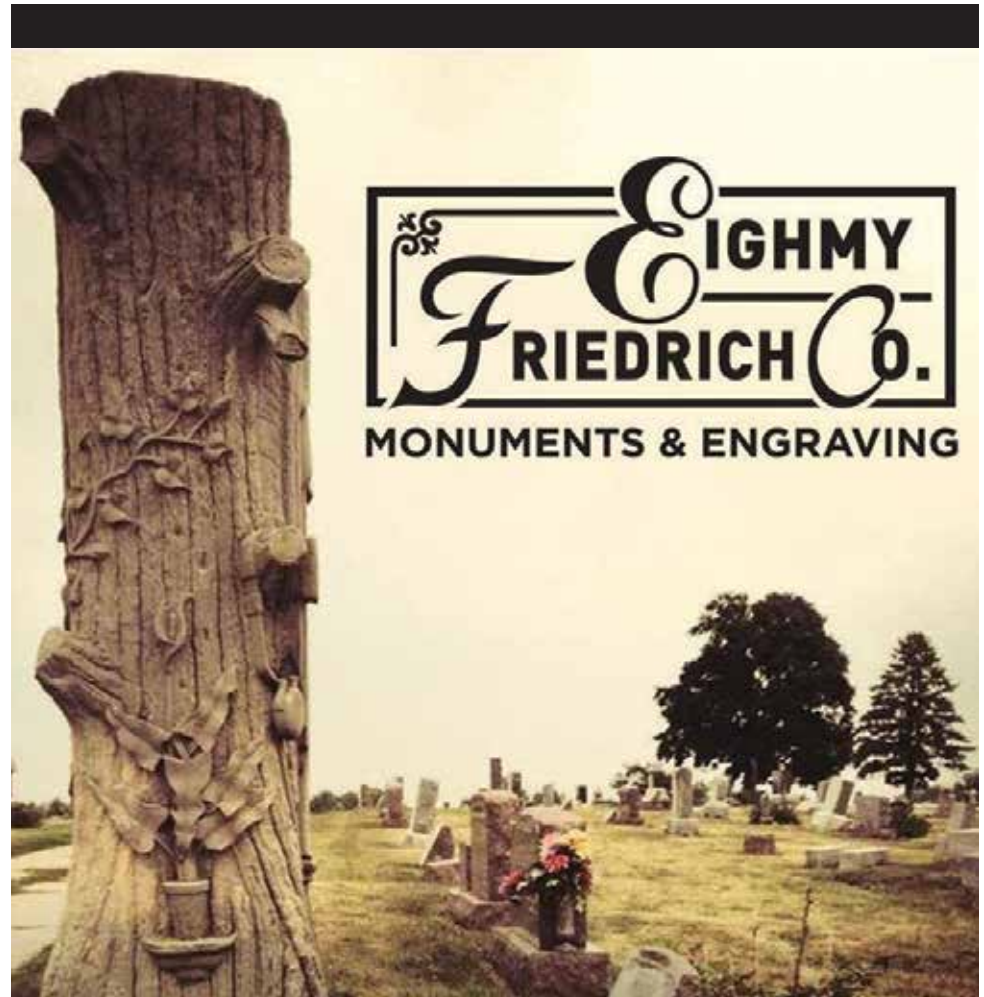
Although each member pointed to Jeschke as his instructor, the four have also become teachers to new carving enthusiasts. Shepherd told of introducing a Girl Scout group to carving.

"I introduced them to carving a yam, as Tom did with us," he said. "It's a lot softer and easier to carve than wood."

The group keeps safety in mind, since the power tools and even the hand tools can easily cut deeply into flesh. The four also said they welcome anyone interested in carving to come visit them for advice and help in getting started.

The four chatted and joked as they worked on their projects and gave each other suggestions when asked. It soon became apparent that the friendship is at least as important as the craft.

"The group is kind of about fellowship," Shepherd said. ■



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MARVELS. MARSH. NAPOLEON. NEXT.

BY MICHAEL C. WOODY
Panora Times

Lots to talk about this month. Be careful because we will swing wildly from horrible to brilliant, embarrassing to charming, and disappointing to epic. Just your typical December!

“PRISCILLA”
(still in theaters)

As much as we know about the magic and mystery that was Elvis Presley, we don’t really know much about his wife, Priscilla, and, more specifically, how they met and fell in love. He was stationed in Germany, and she was still in high school. That was kind of creepy, but it seemed to get less creepy as their relationship developed. The two leads, Caliee Spaeny as Priscilla and Jacob Elordi as Elvis, are really good, and they do their best to hold the movie together. In the end, it is an interesting look at two people who we thought we knew everything about... and didn’t. It’s a sad tale of a love affair falling apart. **Grade: B**



“Priscilla”

“THE MARSH KING’S DAUGHTER”
(heading to streaming)

This is an odd movie about a little girl who grew up in a household of people living both off the land and off the grid. These survivalists eventually divorce, and the family scatters. The only child, a daughter, starts a new life away from her father. When he tracks her down years later, she needs to take him on to save her family. Not a great movie, but it was entertaining. **Grade: B**



“The Marsh King’s Daughter”

“THE MARVELS”
(in theaters but not for long)

Many people will say this release signaled the decline of Marvel’s box office success. I would argue that it happened two to three years ago with the release of “Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings” and EVERY Marvel movie since then. That’s eight bad movies in a row. “The Marvels” gets an average grade, at best. **Grade: C**



“The Killer”

“THE KILLER”
(on Netflix)

When David Fincher directs a new movie, it immediately gets my attention. When the writer is his old buddy, Andrew Kevin Walker, I’m way beyond excited. They made a little movie titled “Seven” years ago, a flick I still consider to be brilliant. In “The Killer,” Michael Fassbender plays an assassin who botches his job and goes on a mission to track down why and who. It’s



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"Next Goal Wins"

a good movie but far from the anticipated greatness. **Grade: B+**

"NEXT GOAL WINS" (in theaters)

Taika Waititi has written and directed two brilliant films, "Jo Jo Rabbit" and "Thor: Ragnarok." "Next Goal Wins" is based on a true story about a small country, American Samoa, that is trying to win one soccer game. Actually, they just want to score a single goal. The team brings in a new coach, played by Michael Fassbender, who has his own issues. It's not a great film, but I laughed often — and loudly. **Grade: B+**

"WHAT HAPPENS LATER" (already out of most theaters)



"What Happens Later"

David Duchovny plays the role of a man who bumps into his ex-wife in an airport in the middle of a nasty storm. The ex-wife, played by, wait for it... Meg Ryan! Ryan also directed the film and had a hand in the writing chores. This is Ryan's tribute to Nora Ephron, who gave her a wonderful career. I wish this one had been better. **Grade: C-**

"WISH" (in theaters)

Disney offers this animated gift for the holiday season. "Wish" is the story of a young girl who lives in a place that celebrates people's wishes, and, once a year, one wish is granted. The young girl has been honored to be part of this year's event, but she finds that the king is not



"Wish"

who everyone thinks he is. "Wish" is a charming, funny and touching movie that will be lost in the Christmas season but still has potential to be another Disney classic. **Grade: A**

"NAPOLEON" (in theaters)

Joaquin Phoenix hooks up with Director Ridley Scott to give us a two-and-a-half-hour look at the life and loves of the legendary French general. It is a well-made movie, and Phoenix is strong. Not for everyone, but you can safely expect lots of Oscar nominations. **Grade: A-**

I hear a lot of very nice compliments about this column each month, and I want to say thanks for all of those kind



"Napoleon"

words. It's a fun gig, and I appreciate Shane letting me fill a little space in this fine publication each month.

Hurry and pass the popcorn because most all of us will be on our New Year diets by the time you read this. Happy holidays, and I will see you next year. ■

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**PHILIP
LESLIE
HESELSTINE**
1944-2023

Philip Leslie Hesselstine, 79, son of Richard and Betty (Smith) Hesselstine, was born Nov. 10, 1944, in Washington. He passed away Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, at his home in Panama.

Phil graduated from Mid-Prairie High School in 1964. He enlisted in the United States Army, serving from September of 1966 until September of 1969. On Aug. 25, 1969, he married Kathy Leigh Wenger in Brooklyn. To this union, two children were born, Lisa and Kyle. He went on to earn his associate degree from Kirkwood Community College, graduating in 1972. Phil and Kathy made their home in Panama in April of 1972. Phil worked at Rose Hill Nursery from 1972 to 1985. He then went on to work at Sunny Fresh Foods in Panama until his retirement in April of 2013.

Phil enjoyed the Chicago Cubs and the Iowa Hawkeyes, but, most of all, he enjoyed watching his granddaughters at their sporting events.

He was a member of the Lighthouse Assembly

of God in Panama.

Phil is survived by his wife, Kathy Hesselstine of Panama; daughter, Lisa (Mark) Knapp of Linden, and son, Kyle (Jacquelyn) Hesselstine of Arvada, Colorado; five grandchildren, Madeline, Lydia and Corrie Knapp and Maddux and Addison Hesselstine; and brothers, Allan Hesselstine of Aurora, Colorado, and Carl Hesselstine of Waterloo. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Larry Hesselstine.

Funeral services were Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023, at the Lighthouse Assembly of God Church, Panama. Burial was Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery, Adel. Visitation was Wednesday, Dec. 13 at the Twigg Funeral Home, Panama.

Memorials may be left to the discretion of the family. ■



**CHRISTOPHER
C. REYNOLDS**
1955-2023

Christopher C. Reynolds, 67, passed away on Nov. 28, 2023, at his home in Panama.

Chris wished to be cremated with a celebration of life for friends and family, which will be planned for a later date.

Chris was born on Dec. 11, 1955, the son of Audrey and Garnet (Hansen) Reynolds. He grew up in Panama and graduated from Panama-Linden High School in 1974. Chris was an outstanding four-sport athlete for the Panama-

Linden Hawks. He was also crowned Homecoming King. After graduation, Chris went to work for Burgess Construction. Shortly after, he started his own business, R & C Construction, with his good friend, Aaron Christofferson. For more than 40 years, Chris and Aaron built many homes and condos at Lake Panorama and the surrounding areas. They had a gift for their trade and were well known for building dreams from the ground up.

In his early years, Chris enjoyed many fun weekends with friends as he played a mean third base for the Panama Merchants fast-pitch softball team and later played slow-pitch with the Branson Decorating team. Chris enjoyed fishing, jeeping, woodworking, and entertaining his friends and family in his shop. He would never let you forget his passion for the Iowa State Cyclones. You never left his place thirsty.

Chris did not know a stranger. He always had an opinion to share. His infectious laughter and heartfelt conversations effortlessly created bonds

that lasted a lifetime. He had a heart of gold, and his fun-loving nature not only touched his family, but everyone who knew him. The last 15 years, his struggles with multiple sclerosis finally took a toll. He had many friends just a phone call away willing to help when his pain required assistance. We will all miss his big smile, his laughter, his jokes and, most of all, his company.

Left to cherish his memory are his brother, Ron (Kristie) Reynolds of Panama; nieces, Ashley (Steve) Schable of Carroll, Chaille (Damon) Crandall of Panama; and nephew, Cole (Emily) Reynolds of Clive. Great nieces and nephews: Cade, Camryn, Chase and Colt Schable, Cruz and Cacen Crandall, and Drake and Ande Reynolds. His special friend, Vickie Kirtley, her son, Cody (Ruth) Hayes of Altoona, and their children, who knew Chris as Papa, Aiden, Emma, Rylen and Kayson; many cousins; and countless good friends.

Chris was preceded in death by his parents, Audrey and Garnet Reynolds, and his son, Reid Carlton (1992). ■

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STEVEN JAY LAIDLEY
1955-2023

Steven Jay Laidley, 68, son of Robert and Patsy (Hastie) Laidley, was born on Nov. 25, 1955, in Perry. He passed away from High-Grade Lymphoma and complications from COVID on Nov. 25, 2023, at UnityPoint Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, surrounded by his family.

Steve was raised around Rippey until his family moved to a farm south of Panorama in 1959. He graduated from Panorama-Linden High School in 1974. He went on to graduate in 1976 from Southwestern Community College, a technical school in Creston. Work on the farm never stopped, and Steve continued to work on the farm alongside of various jobs in Panorama and Stuart. Steve and Kristen Schirm were married in 1976, a year to the day from when

they had met on their blind date. They lived in the Panorama and Adair area. In 1990, Steve became the manager of a new Jacobson Warehouse opening in Phoenix, Arizona. He managed many Jacobson Warehouses in Arizona until his retirement in 2008 and was loved by many of his employees.

Steve's hobbies included cars, riding dirt bikes, jeeping and working in his shop. He loved farming with Bill, traveling with Kris, and going to his kids' and grandkids' concerts and games.

Steve is survived by his wife of 47 years, Kristen Schirm of Adair; son, Suan (Laura) Laidley; and two daughters, Mickell (Ryan) Gerth and Heather (Andrew) Hellman; 11 grandchildren, Kalise, Robert, Kaetlyn, Eric, Oliver, Taelyn, Gunnar, Ava, Hailey, Hannah and Tanner; sister, Linda (Bill) Dahl; uncle, Larry (Mary Jane) Laidley; and a host of remarkable nieces, nephews, neighbors and lifetime friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Patsy Laidley.

Memorial services were Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, at the Panorama United Methodist Church. Visitation was Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023, at Twigg Funeral Home in Panorama.

Memorials may be directed to the Panorama United Methodist Church. ■



LEROY EARL MOORE
1933-2023

LeRoy Earl Moore, eldest son of Earl and Erma Moore, was born on Feb. 18, 1933, in Glendon.

He attended country school through eighth grade and then began working as a farm hand. He continued to farm with his dad. As a young teenager, his family began attending First Baptist Church in Guthrie Center. During this time, LeRoy understood that he was a sinner, and he put his trust in Jesus Christ as his

Lord and Savior.

LeRoy met Lila Taylor at the Baptist church, and they were married on Nov. 28, 1952. They had three children, daughters, Rhonda Sue, Sandra Lynn; and their son, Mark Allen. In May of 1953, LeRoy answered his nation's call and served two years in the U.S. Army at Fort Lewis, Washington. When LeRoy and Lila returned to Iowa after his military service, he resumed farming just north of Panorama. He farmed until his health required him to find a different occupation. In 1961, he moved his family to an acreage on the northwest edge of Panorama and began working as a salesman for several different companies.

In 1963, LeRoy obtained a position with the Iowa Conservation Commission. He worked in public relations and later as a maintenance technician for the Springbrook Education Center. He retired in 1994 from the Iowa DNR after 31 years of employment.

LeRoy enjoyed many outdoor activities, like taking care of his garden and his yard. He

also enjoyed traveling, camping, fishing, riding his motorcycle and photography.

LeRoy was a lifetime member at the First Baptist Church in Guthrie Center. He served faithfully as a deacon, trustee and Sunday School teacher. He performed these services while simultaneously maintaining the church building and surrounding property.

One of LeRoy's greatest joys was his family. His love for Lila was unmistakable. The love, help and encouragement he gave to his family was a blessing to all.

On Aug. 26, 2023, LeRoy and Lila moved to Washington, Iowa, to share a home with their daughter, Sandra, and her husband, Myron.

LeRoy's Savior called him to his eternal home in heaven on Dec. 9, 2023. He was 90 years old and surrounded by loved ones. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Donald; daughter, Rhonda; and granddaughter, Charity Hoffert.

LeRoy is survived by his

loving wife of 71 years, Lila of Washington; as well as his children, Sandra (Myron) Hoffert of Washington, and Mark (Mary Lynn) Moore of Slater; his grandchildren, Nathan (Tenille) Hoffert of Washington, Aaron (Nicole) Hoffert of Stanley, North Dakota, Sarah (Samuel) Smith of Wellman, Elizabeth (Zachariah) Shepherd of Washington, Holly (Benjamin) Funkhouser of Winterset and Benjamin (Kelly) Moore of Latimer; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023, at the First Baptist Church, Guthrie Center. Burial was in the West Cemetery, Panorama. Visitation was Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, from 5-7 p.m. at the church. Services entrusted to Twigg Funeral Home, Panorama.

Memorials can be sent to Hospice of Washington County, Iowa (hospicewc.com) or the Faith Baptist Bible College Scholarship Fund (faith.edu/give/#donateForm or make check payable to FBBC - memo line LeRoy Moore Memorial). ■

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DAVID ROLAN RUTLEDGE

1949-2023

David Rolan Rutledge,

74, passed away peacefully at his Guthrie Center home Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, where he spent his final days in the company of loved ones. David was born July 14, 1949, to Rolan and Mary (Klecker) Rutledge in Dubuque. David grew up in Dubuque and graduated from Wahlert High School in 1967. He attended Loras College, then Iowa State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in design.

While at Iowa State University, David met Trudy Jane Garrett. They married on May 29, 1971. David and Trudy briefly lived in Kansas City, Missouri, before relocating

to Trudy's hometown of Guthrie Center. They moved to Guthrie Center during the April Blizzard of 1973 and began their family shortly thereafter. To their marriage, three sons were born — John, Robert and Thomas.

David spent the majority of his career in construction, first working for his father-in-law, John Garrett, and later working independently. He enjoyed challenging projects and embraced the opportunity to be creative. In retirement, he owned and operated a gun shop in Guthrie Center, where he enjoyed conversations with friends and customers as much

as he enjoyed buying and selling guns. David was an active member in the community, serving on the Guthrie Center Volunteer Fire Department and the city council. He was an elder and deacon at the First Christian Church.

David had a lifelong passion for hunting, fishing and spending time outdoors. A highlight of every spring was his fishing trip to Trout River Lodge in northwest Ontario. He looked forward all year to sharing this annual adventure with family and friends. In autumn, David could be found in the Iowa timber bowhunting for whitetail

deer. He cherished the solace of the wilderness, as well as the camaraderie he enjoyed sharing outdoor pursuits with family and friends.

David was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by Trudy, his wife of 52 years, who lovingly cared for him during the final chapter of his life. Also surviving David are sons John (Tricia) of Panora; Robert (Danelle) of Longmont, Colorado; and Thomas (Amy) of Guthrie Center; grandchildren Kael and Emma (John); Drew and Eden (Robert); Jalen (Thomas); siblings Connie (Earl) Rohr of Clermont, Florida; John Paul (Lynn)

Rutledge of Webster Groves, Missouri; and Gary (Lori) Rutledge of Castle Rock, Washington; plus several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall, Guthrie Center, on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023, from 5-7 p.m. Funeral services were at the First Christian Church, Guthrie Center, at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, 2023, with burial following the service at Union Cemetery, Guthrie Center. Twigg Funeral Home is entrusted with his services.

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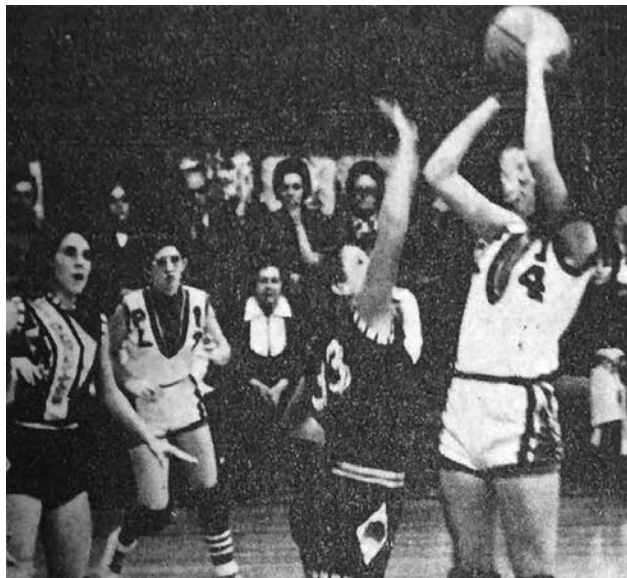
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From the Guthrian, Dec. 19, 1973

HEROINE: Diane Hardenburg, who scored the clinching free throws Tuesday night, picks up two of her 24 points over the reach of Guthrie's Candy McCarty. Others are P-L's Kris Heiland and Guthrie's Michele Dickey.

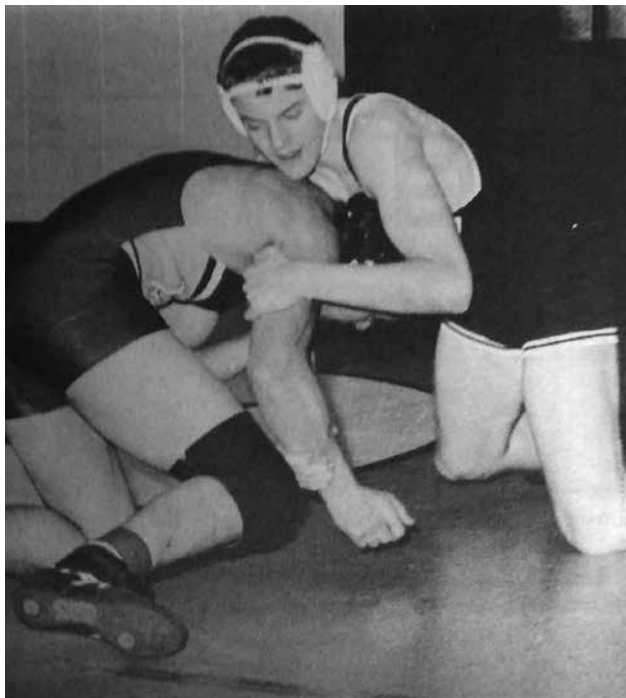
40 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, Dec. 5, 1983

SNOW BALL ROYALTY: Panora-Linden high school's formal Snow Ball dance will be Saturday, Dec. 17 from 8:30 p.m. to midnight in the commons. King and queen candidates seated are: Jeff Burchfield and Susie Kemble, juniors; and Debbie Wooldridge and Brian Harper, seniors. Prince and princess candidates standing are: Brad Wallace and Kim Pawling, freshmen; and Jill Wooldridge and Dennis Perrigo, sophomores.

30 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, Dec. 16, 1993

DEFENSIVE WRESTLING: Panorama freshman Troy Wirt controls the wrist of an opponent before working for a takedown.

20 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, Dec. 11, 2003

PLACING AN ORDER: After exchanging pleasantries with Santa Claus during his annual visit to Panora Saturday, Mark Arganbright got down to business and made his Christmas wishes known.

10 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Vedette, Dec. 12, 2013

LISTEN UP: Savana Simmons looks Santa Claus squarely in the eyes to make sure she has his full attention during their meeting at Camp Candy Cane in Panora Saturday morning.

5 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Times Vedette, Dec. 6, 2018

A SNOWY SATURDAY: These two fought their way through the snow in order to see Santa and friends at Santa's breakfast and workshop at the Community Center in Panora Saturday morning. It stopped snowing in pretty short order, but the big flakes made quite a scene for a couple of hours. ■



THE MONTH IN PANORAMA SPORTS



Kaitlin Kent fights for the rebound against West Central Valley on Dec. 8.

MALLORY QUICK | SPECIAL TO PANORA TIMES



MARK RENO | SPECIAL TO PANORA TIMES

No. 10 Mia Waddle battles with the ACGC defender on Dec. 15



BETTY COOPER | SPECIAL TO PANORA TIMES

Panorama Junior Joel Cooper prepares to take on his opponent from ACGC at the Southeast Valley Dual on Dec. 14.



MARK RENO | SPECIAL TO PANORA TIMES

No. 11 Braylon Dawes gets trapped in the paint against ACGC on Dec. 15.



MALLORY QUICK | SPECIAL TO PANORA TIMES

Morgan Crees helps Kelsey Laabs double the defense against Madrid on Dec. 1.



BETTY COOPER | SPECIAL TO PANORA TIMES

Junior Gabe Wagner works toward a pin on his Ogden opponent during the Southeast Valley Dual on Dec. 14.



BETTY COOPER | SPECIAL TO PANORA TIMES

Landon Kirtley (144, Panorama) over Kaden Holder (Southeast Valley, Gowrie) (Fall 4:41) at Southeast Valley on Nov. 30.



BETTY COOPER | SPECIAL TO PANORA TIMES

Junior Will Knapp after a take down on his opponent from ACGC at the Southeast Valley Dual on Dec. 14.



MALLORY QUICK | SPECIAL TO PANORA TIMES

Ashton Stauffer looks for the basket in the game against Earlham on Dec. 5.



Panorama Girls Wrestling Team: Ella Carico, Bridget White, Natalie Waltz, Georgia Flanery, Raleigh Pierce, Mary Fett, Gracie Recker, Hania Boblett and Cora Fluharty. Not pictured: Natalie Donovan, Keirstyn Egger and Jauclyn Curry.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

GUTHRIE COUNTY SUPERVISORS APPROVE SECURITY MEASURES, SEEK 5-YEAR LEASES FOR COUNTY FARM LAND

Split votes on appropriation of remaining funds for the second half of fiscal year 2024

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

The Nov. 21 meeting of the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors included a discussion about the possibility of switching from three-year to five-year leases on the county farm and transfer station pasture. Supervisor Mike Dickson suggested that five-year leases might bring in more bids. He also said under the current three-year terms, the land may not get lime applied as often as it should.

The supervisors talked in favor of a cost-sharing for the lime application, in which the county and the leaser would split that cost. No formal action was taken, but County Auditor Dani Fink said she would bring documents to the next meeting showing the proposed five-year lease agreement with the cost-sharing wording included.

Discussion about the appropriation of remaining funds for the second half of Fiscal Year 2024 also took place. Dickson said it might be wise to initially only appropriate 40% of the funds rather than the full 50% that is remaining for the second half of the fiscal year. Supervisor Steve Smith voiced that this might create tensions among department heads worried they may need to make cuts. Supervisor Maggie Armstrong said, “I’m not ready to make a decision on this today.” The issue was tabled until the Nov. 28 meeting.

On Nov. 28, the supervisors returned to a previous discussion about how much of the earmarked funding should be appropriated for the second half of the fiscal year. Supervisor Mike Dickson previously suggested appropriating 40% (rather than the full 50% that is remaining) in order to have some control if departments are running over

budget. The item was tabled from the Nov. 21 meeting to this meeting.

Supervisor Steve Smith made a motion to appropriate the full 50%.

“I’m just trying to keep it away from being punitive,” Smith said. “I have faith in that all of us should be thinking and working toward the good of the county and the good of their own departments.” Smith pointed out that the supervisors still have ways to help control spending as needed.

“I agree with that approach,” Supervisor Maggie Armstrong said while suggesting that the supervisors review the departmental budgetary data monthly rather than quarterly to help rein in any problems that could arise. The supervisors approved the 50% appropriation, on a 3-2 vote, with Dickson and Supervisor JD Kuster opposed.

The supervisors returned to a previously tabled agenda item regarding bid notices for the county farm and transfer station leases. After discussion, the supervisors unanimously voted to ask for five-year leases rather than the previous three-year leases.

buttons” that could be attached to each employee’s desk, so that an alert could be sounded immediately if a threat occurs. He described the advantages of the wireless system and said it would eliminate much work anytime rooms are rearranged. Hoffman also outlined a suggested door access system. After discussion, the supervisors unanimously approved the panic button system with a five-year contract. They also approved the door access systems as proposed.

On Dec. 19, Brad Halterman, conservation director, addressed the supervisors with his request to purchase a new pickup truck for the conservation department. Halterman explained that the requested truck is a half-ton truck with four-wheel drive, and he expects the cost to be around \$50,000. He said the truck he has in mind is a basic model, not loaded with features. He said conservation board members were in agreement that it’s time to obtain a new truck.

Halterman explained that his department has been creating a savings that could help cover the cost of the truck.

“When our natural resource manager left, we, as a conservation board, decided to leave that position open throughout the last part of the fall and winter months.”

He said that with the conservation board planning to fill that position as of May 1, the department will see a savings of roughly \$27,000, which could be reallocated toward the truck. He said if the new truck is purchased this fiscal year, it would likely require a budget amendment to cover the remaining cost. The supervisors’ consensus was for Halterman to put in the order for the truck now, since costs will only increase over time.

Supervisor Steve Smith asked if Halterman expects any challenges when it’s time to fill the natural resource manager. Halterman admitted it is a concern, saying, “It seems to be that the hiring pool that’s out there is not a pool anymore; it’s a puddle. Now, with that being said, you just need one.”

The supervisors heard an annual report from Sandra Jackson on the Elderbridge Agency on Aging.

As part of the consent agenda, the supervisors approved two payroll changes. Carly Heckman will be a new hire in the Recorder’s office at \$20 per hour. Kelli Smith (Auditor’s office) will have a wage increase to \$21 hourly. ■

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CITY OF PANORA TO BUY NEW AMBULANCE

Agree to purchase third raw water pump due to recent breakdown that required installation of the spare pump.

BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

The Panora city council met in regular session on Nov. 27. Panora Emergency Medical Services Director John DeLavernge spoke to the council about the need for a new ambulance. He explained that one ambulance ("Truck No. 2") was recently worked on to fix intermittent wiring problems, but the problem persists and could be a serious safety concern. Truck No. 1 has higher mileage and some engine issues, but DeLavernge said, "I'd rather deal with motor issues than electrical wiring issues." He said a new ambulance would cost \$194,682, and he asked the council to consider approving this purchase.

Regarding possible funds to use for purchasing an ambulance, City Administrator Lisa Grossman said, "The other option that may be available to us is we do have that general fund CD that we set aside." She noted that the fund currently has \$266,000 in it, and the city could potentially pay for the vehicle out of that.

The council approved up to \$200,000 for the ambulance purchase.

DeLavernge also asked the council to consider offering an enhanced wage for EMT staff who attain the Advanced EMT certification. Mayor Thornberry asked if the proposal equates to a raise of about \$1.50 hourly for those staff, and DeLavernge said that's correct. The council approved the wage as requested.

Water Plant Superintendent Brent Christofferson addressed the council, requesting approval of the purchase of a third raw water pump. He explained that while only one pump is used at a time, the city recently had a pump breakdown and had to install the spare pump, meaning the city now only has two such pumps. He cautioned that ordering a pump may have a wait time of about three months, and he is concerned about operating for a

long time without a third pump available. Christofferson also said new wiring will be required to keep the warranty in effect. He suggested if the pump arrives early in the next fiscal year, that should be OK.

The council agreed to Christofferson's suggestions.

During the regular meeting of the Panora city council on Dec. 11, the council discussed a proposal to possibly add a "satellite" site for EMS service in the Guthrie Center area.

"The proposal does suggest that the County Advisory Committee would like to look at a satellite location in Guthrie Center. That is possible as well," Mayor Thornberry said, adding that this would decrease response time for anyone on the western side of the county by about 10 minutes. The council unanimously voted to approve the draft contract and send it to the Guthrie County Advisory Council and to the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors.

City Administrator Lisa Grossman informed the council that the planned purchase of a new ambulance could appropriately use funds the city still has remaining in the American Rescue Plan Act allocation.

"Then we're only looking at a gap of roughly \$40,000," she said. "That, I think, we could figure out a way to cover internally, so we didn't have to borrow the money."

The council voted unanimously to use the funds as Grossman suggested.

The council approved Pay Application No. 9 for the Jackson Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$73,655.31. Thornberry asked about the timeline for the contractor to finish the remaining portions of the project in the spring.

"They're shut down (for the winter). They completed everything as of Saturday," Grossman said, noting that a meeting will be held within the next month to lay out the projected spring timeline. ■

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BUSINESS

SHARON NEEL RETIRING FROM LAKE LUMBER

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Panora Times

After 32 years, Sharon Neel's last day on the job at Lake Lumber is Thursday, Dec. 28. Customers and friends are invited to join the Lake Lumber family in wishing Sharon well as she retires. An open house will be held that afternoon, 2-5 p.m., with cake and other refreshments available.

Tom and Sharon Neel sold Lake Lumber to Kelvin Hafner in July 2021, and have continued to work there since the sale. Neel places relationships at the top of her list of things she liked about working at Lake Lumber. "I also enjoyed the creative process of building displays and promoting amazing new merchandise," she says. "Plus helping customers find what they came into the store to buy."

Tom Neel continues to work four days a week, with no set date for his retire-

ment. Sharon's retirement plans are extensive. "First is to enjoy time at home and complete some furnishing and decorative projects. I also plan to unpack boxes to find lost items from our move to Lake Panorama from Panama five years ago," she says.

Next up are travels to visit friends and family, volunteering, organizing years of photos and memories, crafting, watercolor painting, and perhaps picking up her guitar again. Asked for a final comment, Neel returns to her customers. "It was my privilege and a blessing to have met, known and been allowed to help so many awesome customers who chose to shop Lake Lumber," she says. ■



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CITY GOVERNMENT

WHO'S THE MAYOR IN YALE?

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

The Nov. 7 city election for Yale mayor and city council saw an unusual situation. More vacancies needed to be filled than candidates who were on the ballot. Beverly "Buffy" Louk was the only candidate for city council, and there were no candidates on the ballot

for mayor.

When all votes were tabulated, Louk was not only the leading vote-getter for city council, she was also the leading vote-getter for mayor, due to write-ins. When asked how the situation will be resolved, Louk said, "I will be accepting the position of mayor sometime before Jan. 2, and then we'll appoint two citizens to the city council." ■



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PANORAMA SCHOOL BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Board agrees to start the process of designing a new district website starting in July 2024.

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

The Panorama School Board met on Dec. 11 in regular session. Outgoing Board Members Cale Kastner and Lee White were recognized for their service to the district, and recently elected board members — Heidi Clark, Clint Deardorff, Deb Westergaard, and Damon Crandall — were sworn in. Deb Westergaard was selected as the board president and Heidi Clark as vice president.

The board agreed to start the process of designing a new district website starting in July 2024.

“We are trying to make communication a little more efficient and streamlined for all parents,” Superintendent Kasey Huebner said. “A Panorama mobile app will also be refreshed during

this process.”

The board also approved using the company Monkey This to be the content manager to help tell the story of what is happening in the classroom.

In the “Good News” portion of the meeting, it was mentioned that Girls Wrestling is seeing success in the initial season as an independent school after last year’s co-op. The program was able to get new uniforms that meet the new requirements from the IGHS AU. There has been more participation, as well as interest, in younger girls participating in wrestling now that they have seen the opportunity opened for them in the district.

The next regular meeting of the school board will be Monday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. A board work session is also scheduled for Feb. 5 at 5:30 p.m. ■

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DETAILERS EYE FOCUSES ON GROWTH

Shane Gliem's business started with mobile detailing in 2015 and is now located at 108 S.E. Sixth St. in Panora.

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

Shane Gliem's business in Panora is shining. Detailers Eye is the name of his vehicle cleaning service. He started out in his parents' driveway then later worked in his garage. With his recent purchase of the former Panora Service Center building, Gliem now has enough room to expand his services. The building is located at 108 S.E. Sixth St. in Panora, across from Guthrie County State Bank.

"When I originally started was 2015," Gliem explained. "And then when I bought that house, it became what it is now. It grew slowly, and then I was able to purchase this building. Now that I have this location, I can hopefully start growing it a little bit quicker, with employees and stuff."

Over the years since he first started detailing vehicles, Gliem has gradually been buying equipment that would be of use

once he obtained a large shop. Now those items are ready to be put to use. Detailing vehicles means vacuuming and wiping down the interior and washing the exterior, but there's much more to it than that.

"It's extracting the carpets, getting all the dirt out, cleaning under the seats, between the seats," Gliem said. "Some customers might not want all the bells and whistles; some do. So I have different packages to fit as many customers as I can."

Detailers Eye does detailing differently than many of the similar businesses he's seen in urban areas.

"The way they do it is with very harsh chemicals, and very quick," he said. "The goal here is to clean stuff the best you can while maintaining the finish. Everything that's manufactured on a vehicle has protective layers or coating. Even your carpet has protection on it."

Gliem's attention to detail is evident when he talks about washing cars.

"I use different processes to get stuff that is embedded," he said. "It's stuff that you maybe can't see, but you can feel it with your hand. The more stuff that's in the paint and on the paint, the duller it looks. The dust slowly will get into the paint and dull it down over time."

Since every customer has a different preference about how much cleaning is to be done, Gliem's business model is to cater to exactly what the customer wants.

"Most interiors take four to six hours," he said. "Most whole vehicles take six to eight. But it depends on how far the customer wants me to take it."

Another difference between Detailers Eye and other detailers, according to Gliem, is that he also works on boats.

"A lot of people don't realize I do cars and boats," he said. "Originally, when I started, I was mobile, so all I did was cars. And then as more and more people asked me to do boats, I added that on. Occasion-



Shane Gliem makes another car sparkle.

ally, I get a tractor or something, but the main focus is cars and boats."

The busiest seasons for Gliem are spring and fall, as boaters are getting their boats ready for the season or preparing them for the winter. But the demand for detailing cars runs steady throughout the year. As word of mouth has spread that he details boats, that portion of his clientele has grown.

"This year, the No. 1 service was a full boat detail," he said. "This was the first year that the boats surpassed cars, just by a little bit. But it's about 50/50."

Although some customers only come in once in a blue moon, others are regular.

"It's a pretty good split," he said. "Probably about 80% of the boats I do are returning customers. With cars, I do have maintenance customers, monthly or bi-monthly or whatever they want."

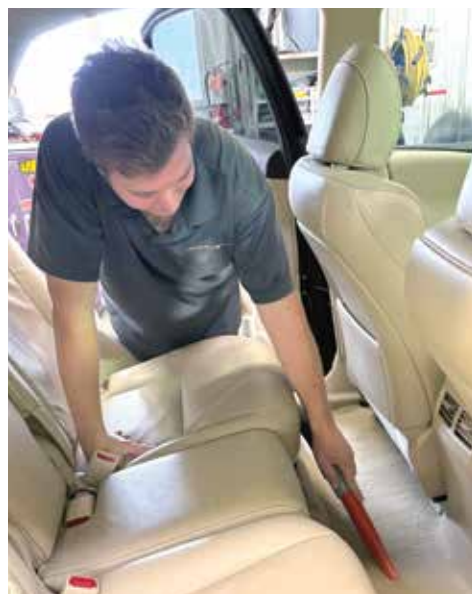
Asked about unusual finds during his cleaning processes, Gliem said, in cars, he occasionally discovers documents or money that the owner is glad to have back. With boats, he encounters a different type of surprise.

"The craziest stuff on boats is animals," he said. "Tons of mice — and raccoons, every once in a while."

Gliem's plan for the future of his business is to add employees and services to meet the needs of the community.

"The goal right now is to start hiring next spring, a little bit before boat season, get them trained," he said. "Maybe one or two people, and see how that goes. I'll probably end up selling some cars here, too, but I want to see how all of this goes first. I don't want to spread everything too thin."

Gliem said his immediate plan is to of-



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fer Paint Protection Film, or PPF.

"I couldn't do it at my prior location because the film is clear, and it has to be really clean, and doing it in a really small garage wasn't ideal," he said. "But now that I have more space, the goal is to try to get that going. That's my first big push, to try to grow that."

When asked about a favorite moment in his work, Gliem said, "I've had a lot of older people who have had their car for a while. They're used to just the quick vacuum and wipe down, and they can't clean it themselves. The joy when they see it. A lot of them maybe didn't realize just how far I can take it." ■

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Kandi Meinecke signs the lease for the new location of her business.

BY RICH WICKS

Panora Times

For many years, Kandi Meinecke has operated Britches N Bows Country Store and Boutique from her home in rural Panora. With the recent closing of the Quinnebago/Lexie Lou's store, Meinecke saw this as an opportunity to move her business into a downtown lot that will provide the space she needs as she works to expand her offerings.

Meinecke was the winning bidder when the Quinnebago building was recently auctioned.

"We just want to expand our business," she said. "We've been out here for 25 years. We're going to offer some additional services that we don't offer now."

Meinecke said the business will be a

full-blown floral shop, providing florals for every occasion, and making deliveries.

"And we're going to have a coffee bar with specialty coffee drinks and treats," she said. "We will be selling home décor, gifts, cards, a variety of items like that."

She also stated that the business will set up displays in the basement area, as they also decorate for weddings and have wedding rentals.

Meinecke said the official opening day for the new location is uncertain, but she said she hopes by March 1. She currently employs a few part-time employees but said, "I will have to have way more staff in there. Three full-time and probably three part-time."

Some type of grand opening event will be held, but Meinecke said she does not yet have an official date or details. ■

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A MAN AND HIS DINOSAUR

Roger Dorr of Panora has an eclectic collection of vintage car signs and related items.

BY RICH WICKS
Panora Times

Roger Dorr of Panora has an eye for items from the good old days. If he finds something quirky or weird, even better. A tour of Dorr's yard and garage yields an eclectic collection of vintage car signs and related items — and a few things that are difficult to classify.

In explaining why there is an eight-foot-long green dinosaur in his yard, Dorr said, "I used to own a convenience store 22 years ago out in Council Bluffs. It was a Texaco station, so then I started getting into the vintage gas pumps and all that stuff. The house we used to live in, I had it all set up in Texaco stuff from the 1940s and 1950s. So, here, I decided to do the Sinclair ones."

Dorr says he has been into cars his en-

tire life.

"Classic cars, restoring cars, I probably got that from my dad," Dorr explained. "I'm really big into the AMC stuff. I always liked cars that were different than everybody else had. A lot of AMX's and Javelins, and I had a Pro Street Gremlin. It's just stuff that nobody else had."

One of the most notable items in Dorr's garage is a bright yellow 2004 Chevrolet SSR. SSR stands for Super Sport Roadster and is a retro-styled retractable hardtop convertible pickup that was produced from 2003 to 2006. Dorr said many of the major car manufacturers sold quirky vehicles around that time due to the brief popularity of the PT Cruiser.

When asked if he takes his vehicles out and about, Dorr answered, "All the time. I do mostly parades and auto shows." He



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Roger Dorr's garage is full of vintage car items.

participated in a recent fundraiser ride to benefit the Dallas County Sheriff's Department, driving from Adel to Perry.

Dorr recalled an incident that was painful at the time but said he can laugh about it now.

Pointing to his large AMC sign, he said, "That's an original AMC dealership sign. It was on my sister's building when I took it down. I dropped it, and it broke, and I just about had a heart attack."

Dorr said he was up on a ladder on the side of a building that faced the high-

way, and the wind caught the ladder and he fell to the ground.

"But I was more worried about the sign," he said, noting that he hobbled over to the sign and saw that it had broken, but he was able to patch it up.

Dorr says he started collecting his unique array of items around the mid-1990s and has no plans to stop. He often spots items at small shops as he travels.

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GRILLED HONEY-HERB PORK LOIN

BY JOLENE GOODMAN
Panora Times

We like to surround ourselves with good friends who are also good cooks.
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 Recently, Paula and Lyle Hansen invited us over for dinner. Paula keeps food simple with incredible flavors. Her menu included pork tenderloin, roasted vegetables and homemade bread (a recipe for a later column). There is nothing quite as easy or delicious as grilled pork tenderloin. This dry rub and glaze is simple enough for a week-end meal or fancy enough for company.
 Thanks for sharing your recipe, Paula. ■

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



Jolene Goodman

GRILLED HONEY-HERB PORK LOIN

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- 1/2 tsp. dried thyme
- pepper
- Honey glaze
- 4 cloves garlic minced
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- 1 TBSP olive oil

Pat pork dry with a paper towel. Mix together sweet paprika, garlic powder, onion powder, dried thyme and pepper. Rub mixture all over pork tenderloin. Place pork in a zip lock bag and place in refrigerator for several hours, up to overnight. Preheat grill to medium-high heat or 425 degrees using half of the burners. Prepare honey glaze by mixing ingredients. Sear the tenderloin on the lit grill side for 5-6 minutes on one side with the grill lid closed. Turn it over and sear



the other side for 4-5 minutes with the grill lid closed. Then, move the tenderloin to the unlit side (using indirect heat). Baste with honey glaze every so often. Continue cooking until the tenderloin reaches an internal temperature of 145 degrees. Continue basting throughout the cooking time. Let meat rest on a plate covered loosely with an aluminum foil tent for 10-15 minutes before slicing. Enjoy! ■

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The answer to last month's photo is a cat seen getting some exercise from the storefront window at Panora Pets at 114 W. Main St. Have a guess on where the object in this month's photo is? Have one to submit for future issues? Send to shane@dmcityview.com. ■

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