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# FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS!

## Memories of high school football

BY RICH WICKS

For Guthrie Center Times

In America, Friday nights in the fall mean high school football. Guthrie Center definitely has a rich football history to be told and remembered. Some things change over the years. The Guthrie Center Tigers are now the ACGC Chargers, but if nostalgic fans accidentally shout out “Go Tigers!” during an emotional moment, that’s to be expected. The rules of Iowa high school football have also changed, as has the equipment, but the tradition and memories remain.

Years ago, the country band Sawyer Brown had a hit song titled “The Boys and Me.” Included in the lyrics is the line, “We got some tall tales that we love to tell, they may not be true, but we sure do remember them well.” Over the decades, facts don’t matter as much as the memories, but we hope some of the facts shared here will help rekindle memories of the glory days from years past.

### THE 1972 TIGERS

One particular season to remember was 1972. The team had an outstanding defense, as the black and gold surrendered only 24 points during the regular season enroute to an 8-0 record and Coon Valley Conference championship. The Tigers out-



The 1972 Guthrie Center Tigers team

scored their regular season opponents by a combined score of 280-24, including five shutouts. In the first round of the playoffs, they were bested by a strong Sioux Center team, losing 26-8. Sioux Center went on to become state champions.

Led by coaches Larry Brandt and Robert Smith, the 1972 Tigers who earned conference and/or state honors included Gary Rosenbeck, Kevin Frohling, Dan Webb, Doug Kent, Randy Hansen, Steve Sorensen, Randy Vonnahme, Jim Calvert and Jerry Sebert.

Cindy Dickey Chidester, who was a senior student and class president during that season, recalled, “I can remember how hard they worked. I remember the football team having two-a-day practices, and how hard those kids worked, and how devoted they were, and how connected they were. They had that relationship, that team building.”

### AN NFL PLAYER FROM GUTHRIE CENTER

One of Guthrie Center’s most well-known football stars is Merv Krakau, who graduated from Guthrie Center in 1969 and went on to play for the Iowa State Cyclones. He then was a linebacker in the NFL from 1973-1978 for the Buffalo Bills.

Recalling his high school football days, Krakau said, “I started out as an offensive tackle, and on defense I was defen-

sive tackle, nose guard. And as I got older, I played kind of like a middle linebacker sometimes, and then my senior year, they moved me to fullback. Our running back got hurt, and Coach Larry Brandt moved me from my line position, and I ended up playing all season at fullback.”

Regarding the unexpected position change, Krakau said, “I loved it! It’s fun. I like defense because you basically get to deliver the hit, but as a running back, you can also lower your head a little bit and try to run over them, too. So, I did enjoy both sides of the ball at that time.”

Asked about the team’s success during his high school days, Krakau said, “My early years were around .500 and a little above. My senior year, we ended up 7-2.” He recalled the only losses were to two schools from larger classes, Jefferson and Greenfield.

Asked about his individual football honors in high school, Krakau said, “I was All-Conference, and then, for All-State, I was just Honorable Mention.”

As high school ended, colleges were showing interest in having Krakau play for them. He said many Iowa small colleges showed interest, but he initially signed to go to UNI.

“I actually had my room assignment and was planning to go to UNI before Iowa State came into the picture,” he said. “Iowa State came in during the spring, during

track.”

Krakau recalled his high school coach, Larry Brandt, who was also the track coach, telling the story of Iowa State’s assistant football coach Jimmy Johnson asking about him.

“He said, ‘That Krakau kid that runs the 800 and 400, and the Krakau kid that throws the shotput, are they brothers?’ When Brandt explained it was the same kid, Johnson replied, ‘I want to meet him, I’ll be out tomorrow to talk to him.’”

That resulted in a tough decision for Krakau on whether to play for UNI or Iowa State.

“Coach Brandt said, ‘If you go to UNI, you’ll always wonder if you were good enough to play Division I football.’”

So Krakau went to Iowa State, and he later found out that he got the very last football scholarship that the Cyclones had available that year.

Krakau recalled that, when he first arrived at Iowa State for training camp, the freshmen practiced completely separate from the rest of the team (because at that time, freshmen were automatically red-shirted, meaning they couldn’t play until their sophomore year.) Krakau said he overheard other freshmen telling of their high football honors, such as All-State, High School All-American, etc. When someone asked Krakau, he said he sheepishly replied, “All-State, Honorable Men-



Merv Krakau in a 1973 newspaper story





Gary Rosenbeck holds the State Consolation trophy.

tion.” He said that it only made him more determined to prove he belonged there.

During Krakau’s years as a Cyclone, he played on the defensive line.

“My junior year, 1971, we lost three games that year. We lost to Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado. And that year, they were No. 1, 2 and 3 in the nation. We went to the first bowl game ever in Iowa State history. We went to the Sun Bowl. And then, in 1972, we started off really good. We were 5-1, and then we ended up tying Nebraska 23-23.”

Krakau said the team let three winnable games slip away late in the season, but they still went to the Liberty Bowl at the end of the 1972.

Krakau was drafted by the Buffalo Bills in the 14th round as a middle linebacker.

“I ended up playing six years in the NFL,” he said, recalling that he saw many players who were sent away the same day they arrived.

Krakau said the average NFL player ca-

reer is 3.5 years, so he feels fortunate that he played as long as he did. He also had the pleasure of watching his teammate, OJ Simpson, set an NFL rushing record during Krakau’s rookie season.

### THE 1996 TIGERS CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

1996 is a proud year for Guthrie Center football fans, as the team won the only football state championship (Class A) in school history. Coached by Brent Meyer, the team won their four playoff games by a combined score of 131-35. After a first-round 35-8 rout over Adair-Casey, the team next steamrolled Woodbine 25-7, then defeated Van Meter 28-12 in the semifinals.

The season culminated with a 42-8 rout of West Bend-Mallard in the championship game. West Bend-Mallard had a superstar, Kyle Auten, who had scored 35 touchdowns and single-handedly scored 236 points during that 1996 season. Holding that team to 8 points was truly exceptional. The 1996 team featured six all-state players: Greg Betts, Jimmy Terwilliger, Eric Friedrich, Brett Smith, Brian Krakau and Russ Love.

Steve Smith served as superintendent at Guthrie Center from 1993-2019, during some of the football glory days.

“I look at Guthrie Center football, ACGC football now, as being traditionally strong,” Smith said. “Two school districts that come away with a lot of championships and state appearances. Guthrie Center, and now ACGC football, is in a good spot. Typically, over the years, Guthrie Center and Adair-Casey were schools that were looked at as football schools.”

Regarding the 1996 state championship season, Smith said, “That coaching staff really shaped that team, because four or five years prior to that, they hadn’t won a game. So they came on board and reshaped the program. Coach Meyer was committed to what he was doing.”

Smith remembered the weather was un-



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In this photo from the Aug. 28, 1970 Guthrie, Adair-Casey Coach Steve Horning with Dallas Dinkla (11), Todd Kirkpatrick (64), Perry Leeper (73) and John Reha (60).

usual in the 1996 season.

"We played in a lot of games that were very cold," he said. "Winter clothes, winter boots, that was a very cold year. We had a lot of great kids and athletes on that team. Not only did they participate and do well in football, they also did it in track and baseball and basketball. So it was comparable to back in the late 1960s. I have two sons that played on that team (1996), so I'm familiar with all those kids. They were just a lot of down-to-earth, hard-working kids who wanted to get things done and win championships. I can tell you, on that day that they played in the Dome for the championship, there was little activity in town. They were all pretty much in Cedar Falls."

In addition to the 1996 State Championship team, Guthrie Center football made appearances in the State playoffs in 1972, 1976, 1986, 1988, 1997, 2000, 2004, 2005, 2010, 2013 and 2014.

#### GUTHRIE CENTER ALL-STATE PLAYERS:

Ned Brown (1939)  
Ernie Gilson and John Beach (1947)  
Ernie Gilson (1948)  
Kenneth Rasmussen (1949 and 1950)  
Mark Artist (1976)  
Randy Calvery (1979)  
Chad Sheley (1985)  
Lance Ridgely (1986)  
Mark Densmore (1987)  
Mike Underwood, Mike Patera, Rod Bohlender and Greg Krakau (1988)  
Justin Conrad (1991)  
Cory Parker and Stacy Harwood (1994)  
Greg Betts (1995)  
Greg Betts, Jimmy Terwilliger, Eric Friedrich, Brett Smith, Brian Krakau and Russ Love (1996)

Jimmy Terwilliger, Troy Steensen, Bart Smith and Adam Franzen (1997)  
Justin Sheeder (1998)  
Brian Weigel and Alex York (2000)  
Marcus Lewis, Jorge Chlink and Nick Crowder (2003)  
Matthew Booth, Kyle Cheney, Kody Nielsen and Andrew Meier (2004)  
Andrew Meier and Kyle Cheney (2005)  
Andrew Meier (2006)  
Travis Clark (2008)  
Cole Larsen, Dustin Clark and Brandon Clark (2010)  
Austin Laabs (2014)

#### THE EARLY YEARS

Looking way back, Guthrie Center enjoyed four undefeated seasons back in the pre-playoff era. In those days, the season simply ended with no state championship determined. Those unblemished seasons were 1933, 1939, 1947 and 1948.

#### ADAIR-CASEY FOOTBALL

Prior to the merger that created ACGC, Adair-Casey football celebrated State Championships in 8-player football in 2000 and 2001 with a rich history. They also had playoff appearances in 1995, 1996, 1997, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

#### ADAIR-CASEY ALL-STATE PLAYERS:

Don Cahall (1975)  
Jeff Rochholz, Darrin Plowman (1987)  
Ryan Wheatley (1992)  
Tony Richter (1993)  
Ryan Kiemish (1994)  
Landon Rochholz, Wade Anderson (1995)  
Dax Wedemeyer (1996)  
Lon McQueen, Wes Mackrill (1997)

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In this photo from the Oct. 9, 1996 Guthrie Center Times, Guthrie Center's Troy Steensen tackles Adair-Casey's Chris Richter.

Chris Rzewnicki (1998)  
 Jeremy Christofferson (1999)  
 Andy Littler, Jon Richter, Brian Petty,  
 Neal Siedelmann, Beau Reha (2000)  
 Jesse Clarke, Jon Richter, Brady Carney,  
 Neal Siedelmann (2001)

Marcus Fagan, Jared Uhlman, Zak Sheeder, Connor Moore (2002)  
 Marcus Fagan, Connor Moore, Chris Bireline, Andrew Gettler, Eli Stanley, Andy Richter, John Kesselring (2003)  
 Andrew Gettler, Justin Rumble, Nick Richter, Chris Bireline, Brody Moore (2004)  
 Kevin Richter, Andrew Leeper (2006)  
 Seth Comly (2007)  
 Seth Comly, Alex Bireline (2008)  
 Austin Ayers, Tyler McCorkle (2009)  
 Taylor Wheatley, Stephen Smiley (2010)  
 Clayton Plowman, Jordan Wheatley, Cole Palmer (2011)  
 Jordan Wheatley, Dillon Suhr, Clayton Plowman, Emmitt Wheatley (2012)  
 Clayton Plowman, Chris Draman, Emmitt Wheatley (2013)  
 Emmitt Wheatley, Charlie Terry (2014)

### CHEER FOR THE CHARGERS

So maybe you played on a playoff team or even a state championship team. Maybe you were a bench-warmer on a winless squad. Maybe you cheered on a team from the sidelines or the stands, or you just remember how a small town would focus on high school football every Friday night in the fall. In any case, few things are as American as this tradition. So browse through your yearbook, call an old teammate or friend, and get down to the stadium to cheer on this year's heroes. ■

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

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

**Grade: B+**



Why was I seeing a movie called “Meg 2”? Let’s just say it’s been a rough patch for new movies. I will assume that Jason Statham was paid well to come back for this joke of a movie. I’m now completely convinced that there are prehistoric sharks in the ocean, and they have other prehistoric friends who, from time to time, terrorize anyone and everyone in their path. **Grade: C+**



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



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

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### "STRAYS"

(in theaters, but not for long)

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

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

### "RETRIBUTION"

(in theaters)

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

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

### "THE HILL"

(in theaters)

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

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



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# OBITUARIES

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**FLOYD M. KRAKAU**  
1931-2023

Floyd Mervin Krakau, 92, of Guthrie Center, son of John and Clara (Alff) Krakau, was born June 30, 1931, in Council Bluffs. He passed away Friday, Sept. 8, 2023, at The New Homestead in Guthrie Center.

Floyd attended country schools and then helped his father on the farm. In 1949, he moved to Grand Junction and went into the produce business with his father and his brother, Orville. On Oct. 22, 1950, he was united in marriage to Ruby Iola Clausen in Brayton. To this union, five

children were born. Floyd remained in that business until 1959 when he moved to Guthrie Center and operated his own hog buying station. After retiring, Floyd sold Belarus tractors for several years and then started selling modular homes with his wife, Ruby, under the business name F & R Homes. He was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Guthrie Center and served in several roles. He also served on the board of directors at Panora State Bank for numerous years.

Floyd enjoyed visiting and sharing stories, playing cards, slow rides through Springbrook State Park, gardening, bird watching, the Christmas displays at the City Park, hunting (especially deer hunting with his sons and sons-in-law) and the Guthrie County World's Fair. One of his greatest joys was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Floyd is survived by his wife, Ruby Krakau; children, Merv (Barb) Krakau, Teresa (Doug) Kent, Tamela (Jeff) Booth; all of Guthrie Center; Bill (Mary) Krakau of

Roland; and Tonya (Brad) Messner of Springfield, Missouri; 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; brother, Larry (Mary) Krakau of Clive; sister, Kathie Hrubsky of Omaha; and brother-in-law, Jack Large of Des Moines. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Orville Krakau; and sister, Gerry Petersen.

Funeral services were 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Guthrie Center. Burial is in Union Cemetery, Guthrie Center. Visitation was Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, from 5-7 p.m. at the Twigg Funeral Home in Panora.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Kid Cancer Crushers. This is a nonprofit established to support pediatric cancer. It was founded by Floyd's nephew and his wife, Mark and Amber Krakau, after their son Ethan's diagnosis. Checks can be made payable to Kid Cancer Crushers or online memorials through PayPal @KidCancerCrushers or Venmo @kidcancercrushers. ■



**LOIS TWIDT**  
1928-2023

Lois Twidt, age 95, a lifelong town and country resident of the Adair area, passed away on Aug. 29, 2023, at the Community Care Center in Stuart.

Lois Jean was born Feb. 9, 1928, in rural Adair to Edward and Edna (Vokt) Wedemeyer. She attended and graduated from Adair High School in 1946 and was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and, later, Holy Cross Lutheran of Anita.

On March 22, 1949, she married her high school sweetheart, Kenneth Twidt.

Together, they farmed and raised their three children near Adair until their retirement in 1998, at which time she and Kenneth moved to Adair.

Lois had unmatched homemaking and family life abilities. In addition to raising children, gardening and canning became part of her daily life. She raised chickens and eggs for sale to local restaurants and families. Lois was an excellent seamstress, making everything from baby and doll clothing to bridesmaid dresses and business suits for her daughters as they graduated from college. Lois loved to embroider, making many quilts and wall hangings. Her art is easy to find when you visit her children's homes.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Edna Wedemeyer; her husband, Kenneth Twidt; brothers-in-law Leonard, Harold, Norman and Howard Twidt; sisters-in-law, Doris and Geraldine Twidt; and niece, Marilyn Wolfe.

Lois is survived by her son, Del (Jo Ann) Twidt of Fountain City, Wisconsin; two daughters, Marcene (David) Oberholtz of Adel and Marcia Spangler (David White)

of Johnston; a grandson, Erik (Ella Rippley) Twidt of Cochrane, Wisconsin; great-grandchildren Eli and Evie Twidt; brother Gary Wedemeyer of Adair; and numerous nieces, a nephew and several cousins.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023, at Schmidt Family Funeral Home in Adair, with burial in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, just north of Adair. Visitation with family started at noon prior to the funeral services. Guests joined the family at the Adair Community Building following the committal service to help celebrate Lois' love of the best part of a meal — dessert!

The family would like to thank Pastor Weishaupt and Lois' many friends who regularly visited her. A special thanks to the staff at The Willows Assisted Living and the Community Care Center in Stuart and St. Croix Hospice for their loving and caring support.

Lois will be well-remembered by her family and friends for her unwavering love and support. In heaven, there is rest.

Services were handled with the Schmidt Family Funeral Home in Adair. ■

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## RONALD L. BAIER

1948-2023

Ronald Leonard Baier, 75, son of Alfred and Helen Lucille (Hutchins) Baier, was born June 9, 1948, in Carroll. He passed away Monday, Aug. 28, 2023, at his home in Guthrie Center.

Ron attended schools in Exira. In June of 1966, he en-

listed into the United States Army. On Aug. 21, 1966, he married Raynette Sheley at the Methodist Church in Guthrie Center. Ron served in the Vietnam War and was decorated with four Bronze Service Stars. Prior to his honorable discharge, Ron and Raynette lived briefly in Baltimore and Texas. Following his discharge from the Army, they made their home in Guthrie Center. Ron worked for a short time at the gas station before working for Steensen Gas and Electric for 27 years. He then went to work for Guthrie Center High School as head custodian, working 20 years until he retired in 2014. Ron then did various repair work for those in the community who needed something repaired.

He was a member of the First Christian Church, Guthrie Center, Omar B. Shearer Post No. 124, Guthrie Center, and the Sons of the American Legion. Ron started the Avenue

of Flags at Union Cemetery, Guthrie Center, and continued this for the next 44 years. Ron enjoyed golfing, the Kansas City Chiefs, and was a two-time family fantasy football winner.

Ron is survived by his wife, Raynette Baier of Guthrie Center; son, Rick (Renee) Baier of Guthrie Center; two grandchildren, Jared Baier and Kena Baier; brothers, Greg (Lois) Baier and Mark (Joni) Baier, both of Audubon; along with many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Rodney Baier.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023, at the First Christian Church, Guthrie Center. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, rural Guthrie Center. Visitation was Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023, from 5-7 p.m. at the Twigg Funeral Home, Guthrie Center.

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



## DARLENE SCHNOBRICH

1924-2023

Darlene Grace Hick was

born to Gertrude and George Hick on March 15, 1924, at Wichita, Iowa, in Seely Township. She graduated from Guthrie High School in 1943. She met Wayne Holmes and they were married Dec. 30, 1944. From this union, three children were born: Shirley, Sandra and Darwin. They farmed south of Monteith until Wayne's death in 1991. Darlene then moved to Guthrie Center. Darlene met Everall Schnobrich and married in 1993. After Everall's death in 1994, Darlene stayed active in the community, serving as president of the Activities Center and as a member of the royal neighbors. She met Duane Bandy, and they

enjoyed many years traveling and spending winters in Texas.

Darlene is survived by Sandra Hutchins (Marvin Carroll) of Norwalk and Darwin (Terry) Holmes of Guthrie Center; seven grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, and 12 great-great grandchildren.

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents, Gertrude and George Heck; five siblings: George, Walker, Lola, Jean and Joe; daughter, Shirley Russell; Steven Russell, Wayne Holmes, Everall Schnobrich and Duane Bandy.

Services were Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 10 a.m. at The First Christian Church in Guthrie Center. ■

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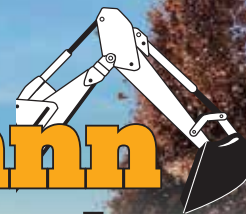
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## 50 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, Sept. 24, 1973

**NUMBER 106:** Guthrie Center's oldest resident, Charles Nelson, Friday celebrated his 106th birthday at his home with a pre-party taste of his cake's frosting. On hand for the occasion were Nelson's son, Robert, and daughter-in-law from Texas.

## 40 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, Sept. 14, 1983

**MASONIC AUCTION:** Darwin Hughes of Hughes Men's Wear displayed a wall-mounted pistol, one of the many items to be auctioned 1 p.m. Saturday at the Guthrie County Bank parking lot to raise funds for a Masonic building.

## 30 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, Sept. 22, 1993

**NO MORE SCHOOL:** Monica Tunnink, food service employee at Guthrie Center schools the past 15 years, last week received a retirement recognition plaque from Superintendent Len Snyder.

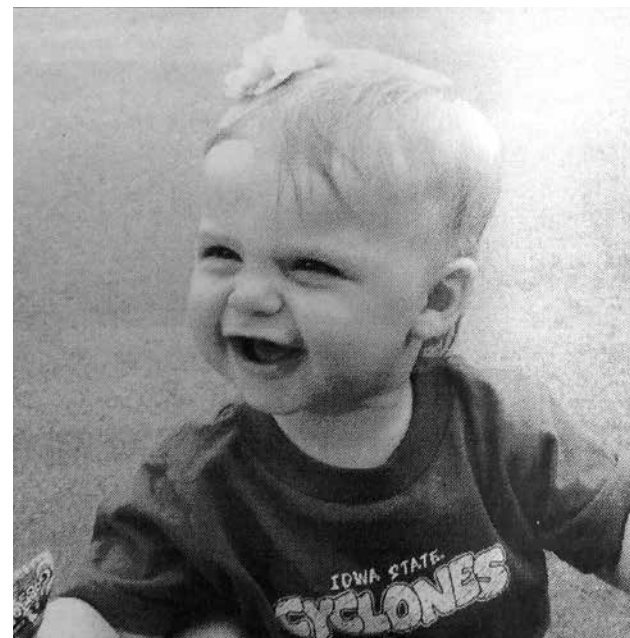
## 20 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, Sept. 3, 2003

**THEME MAN:** Like the fair parade theme, WW II vet Paul Foglesong of Guthrie Center was "Hats Off to the Red, White and Blue" Saturday morning.

## 10 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie Center Times, Sept. 4, 2013

**ALL SMILES:** Blair Robson was all smiles during Saturday's Guthrie County Fair parade.

## 5 YEARS AGO



From the Guthrie County Times Vedette, July 19, 2018

**FARM BUREAU, GUTHRIE COUNTY EXTENSION CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARIES:** The Iowa Farm Bureau and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach: Guthrie County each celebrated their 100th anniversaries in Guthrie County during the 2018 Guthrie County Fair. The two groups teamed up to throw a celebration, which included free food and a couple of guest speakers. Above, Vice President of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach John Lawrence presents the Guthrie County Extension council with a framed picture marking the group's 100th year in Guthrie County. ■



# GUTHRIE COUNTY FAIR

## GIBSON CROWNED FAIR QUEEN



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Emma Rutledge, Isabelle Rouse, 2023 Queen Kiersten Knobbe, 2024 Queen Riley Gibson and Zoey Hambleton following the coronation of Gibson as the 2024 Guthrie County Fair Queen.



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Kay and C.W. Thomas were the Grand Marshals for the 2023 Guthrie County Fair Parade.



MALLORY QUICK | SPECIAL TO GUTHRIE CENTER TIMES

The ACGC band participated in the Guthrie County Fair parade on Saturday, Sept. 2.



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The rodeo, a free evening grandstand event, was held Friday, Sept. 1, at the Guthrie County Fair. ■

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# THE MONTH IN ACGC SPORTS



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The ACGC football team had a scrimmage against Des Moines Christian on Aug. 18 in preparation for the season opener against Ogden at home on Aug. 25. No. 4 Joe Crawford is pictured.



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ACGC Chargers No. 6 RB/LB Nate Chance (senior) outruns a number of Panthers to pick up 30-plus yards in a 55-44 win over Panorama on Sept. 8.



BARB SOUTH | SPECIAL TO GUTHRIE CENTER TIMES

The 2023 ACGC volleyball team: Front row, from left: Mersadez Richter, Hayden Coffman and Jenna Rowley. Second row: Allie Dewitt, Montana Douglas, Virginia Sheeder, Shyann Young, Caydence Boals, Ilana Baumert, Rylee Robson, Karli Kautzky and Olivia Mahaffey. Back row: Megan Kirkham (manager), Nora Langgard, Savannah Akers, Addison Laughery, Stella Largent, Cam Richter, Shay Lemke and Becca Littler.



KEVIN FISTER | SPECIAL TO GUTHRIE CENTER TIMES

ACGC cheerleaders at the "Pink Out Night" football game against Panorama on Sept. 8.



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Gavin Sloss placed 23rd in 17:06.30 for the Chargers at the Gilbert Invite on Sept. 7.



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The Chargers march onto the home field in the first game of the season against Ogden on Aug. 25. ACGC won, 20-19.



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The ACGC Girls Cross Country team placed ninth overall at the Gilbert Invite on Sept. 7.



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Andrew Mahaffey was the lone medalist for the Chargers at the Gilbert Invite on Sept. 7, finishing in 16 minutes, 23.60 seconds for eighth place overall.



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Junior Ava Campbell finished fifth in 19 minutes, 33.90 seconds, at the Gilbert Invite on Sept. 7.



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No. 23 K/DB Oliver Wetzel (sophomore) kicks the ball for the PAT in a win over Earlham on Sept. 1. ■

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# HAMBLETON'S BUSINESS IS 'PICKING UP'

## PS Manufacturing is "very attractive" in Guthrie Center.

BY RICH WICKS

For Guthrie Center Times

Todd Hambleton runs a business in Guthrie Center that has been around for nearly three decades. Located at 202 S. Second St., just a block south of Home-town Foods grocery, PS Manufacturing has been making specialty products for 30 years.

"We've been in town 28 years, and we were on the farm two years before that," Hambleton said.

Hambleton's father invented a tool called the Attractor, which is a long-handled magnetic retrieval tool.

"It kind of looks like a golf club with a long, wooden handle," Hambleton said. "The magnet is round, and the magnetism is concentrated on the edge of the magnet. So, when you lay it flat on the ground and sweep through the grass and dirt, as soon as you find what you're looking for, it jumps up on the edge. He wanted you to be able to see it right away."

Besides the original Attractor, Hambleton also offers a 12-inch and 24-inch wide "sweeper" style on wheels.

### THE EARLY DAYS

Hambleton recalled the early days of PS Manufacturing, when his father, John, started the company and worked on perfecting his products.

"He put years of thought into these products. I kept telling him, 'It's good enough, just start selling them!' But the reason he went with wood instead of a cheap metal handle is he could envision someone using it in a shop. So you're reaching underneath the bench and you get it too close to a metal outlet box. Well, with the magnet, it's going to be attracted to that box. And wood is a natural insulator."

Hambleton recalled that Lake Lumber



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Todd Hambleton shows the production area of PS Manufacturing.

was the first account for PS Manufacturing.

Visiting with Hambleton, it's obvious he inherited a healthy dose of brainstorming from his dad. The various products offered by PS Manufacturing have been carefully researched and tested to truly meet the needs of the user, rather than just being a basic, mass-produced item.

"Also, in the 1980s, Dad started Iowa Trophy Hunting because nobody was making money farming," he said. "So we bring people in from out of the state to

come and hunt whitetail deer. And then he used the money from that to start PS Manufacturing, which is his magnetic retrieval tool. And the first product he ever got a patent on was called the Porta-Stump, which was a ground portable hunting blind that went on the back like a backpack."

When unfolded, The Porta-Stump makes the hunter appear to be a tree stump.

Hambleton has continued to run the businesses that his father began, including Iowa Trophy Hunting.

### AVAILABILITY

Currently, Attractor products are available at many area hardware outlets, including Orscheln's, Theisen's Farm and Home, Bomgaar's, Ace Hardware, Do It Best, and True Value.

Hambleton said while corporations are good for mass distribution and sales of his products, "We built the business on small hardware and farming stores, mom-and-pop type stores," he said.

Hambleton estimates that, over the past 30 years, they have probably sold several million tools.

According to Hambleton, 100% of PS Manufacturing's products are made in Guthrie Center. He currently has four subcontractors who come in when orders need to be filled, and they make and assemble the products.

### THE BRAND

"What we've been trying to do from the beginning is build a brand," Hambleton said. "I want people to come in and say, 'I want an Attractor magnetic retrieval tool.' So, that brand awareness is what I've been trying to build all these years."

For this reason, Hambleton has designed his own display racks so that his products are easily found in the stores and so store personnel will easily see when more need to be ordered.

Hambleton stressed that his products quickly pay for themselves by saving the consumer time and money.

"The first nail you pick up with the green Attractor just saved you at least a \$30 flat tire repair fee," he said. "So, like farmers going to the field, the last thing they want is a flat tire on any of their equipment, because a lot of times, it's time sensitive. And it works the same way on construction sites."

Hambleton said some ranchers also use an Attractor to pick up stray wire, nails and other items so they don't end up in a cow's stomach, which can be an expensive problem.

### BEST GIFT EVER

One of Hambleton's favorite stories deals with a direct call from a customer.



"I had a guy call me not too long ago," he said. "He had just had a birthday, turned 80. Someone gave him one of the Attractors, and he called the 800 number on the handle and wanted to know what it was. So I explained it to him, and there was a pause... and he said, 'I want you to know this is the best gift I've ever received in my life.'" Hambleton said the man planned to use the Attractor to pick up items that had fallen on the floor, because his aging back made bending over challenging.

Attractors have been popular in industrial and farming operations, but Hambleton said there are also a number of personal and recreational uses. He heard from customers who use the Attractor when playing the outdoor "washer toss" game, because the washers can be hard to see in tall grass. The magnet quickly solves that problem.

"I have a product called The Amazing Plumbing and Electrical Tape. We distribute that to Bomgaar's, Orscheln's, we have them in all of Ace Hardware's warehouses around the country. If they don't have it in stock, they can order it. And it works the same for the Attractors, too."

Hambleton said his products are sold "coast to coast and border to border."

Some of Hambleton's main duties are marketing and staying in touch with stores that stock his products.

"What happens is, they get a case in, and all of the sudden, they sell out," he said. "Well, one of the workers throws the display in the garbage because it's empty, and now it's out of sight, out of mind." So then Hambleton calls to follow up when a store hasn't ordered lately.

#### OTHER PRODUCTS

Another PS Manufacturing product is pocket hitch products.

"A lot of guys wear a tape measure on the pocket of their blue jeans. Over time, that tape clip will fray the pocket and tear it off the jeans. So the jeans are fine,



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The Attractor lives up to its name.

but you can't wear them for work anymore because the pocket's torn off. Well, this is a leather-bound product that goes onto your pocket, and it has a tape clip attached to it, so you put the tape onto it and not onto the pocket. So now, it's kind of like holstering a pistol."

Hambleton said the design helps avoid the common problem of setting a tape measure down somewhere and then having to backtrack to find it later. Since it's so easily holstered, the motion becomes almost automatic.

Besides offering products specifically designed to save time and money, Hambleton also asked, "Do you want to give an American a job, or do you want to give someone working in a Chinese sweat shop a job?"

He stressed that he isn't bothered by competition and encourages stores that stock cheap, low-end products to also stock the products from PS Manufacturing, so the consumer truly has a choice.

Hambleton shared his favorite piece of humor about his business, saying, "For years, friends and people would say 'How's the magnet business, and I would jokingly say, 'Well, it's very attractive and always picking up.'" ■

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# JOHN D. TWILLMANN

John D. Twillmann recently joined the law firm of Bump & Bump, LLP of Panora, after serving as a prosecutor in the Guthrie County Attorney's office. A graduate of the University of Iowa Law School, John is a trial lawyer who specializes in the areas of criminal defense and civil litigation. Outside the courtroom, he assists clients with their corporate, business, tax, and estate planning matters. John and his wife, Emily, reside in Panora with their young son, Mark.

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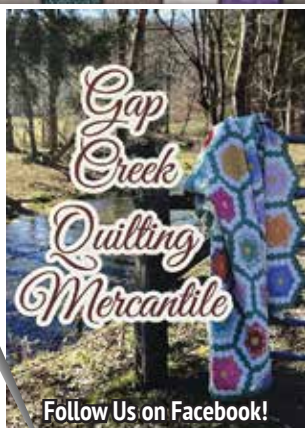
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## Q: WHEN WAS GUTHRIE CENTER FOUNDED, AND WHO WAS IT NAMED AFTER?

**A:** Guthrie Center was platted in 1856. Guthrie Center (and Guthrie County) were named by Theophilus Bryan, sheriff and later judge of the county. He named it in honor of his friend Captain Edwin B. Guthrie, a commanding officer of a company of Iowa volunteers in the Mexican War.

## Q: WHEN WAS THE FIRST GUTHRIE COUNTY FAIR, AND WHAT WAS IT LIKE?

**A:** According to the Guthrie County Fair website, a few settlers gathered in the home of E.B. Newton on Oct. 15, 1858, to organize the Guthrie County Agricultural Society. Along with that organiza-

tion came the first fair, which was held in Guthrie Center east of the City Park. With the outstanding attendance at the annual fair, a tract of land just west of the river was purchased from William Tracy. This is still the current location of the fairgrounds. Fences, buildings, and a half-mile track were built just in time for the spectacular 1885 fair. Entertainment consisted of acrobatic acts, patriotic fire-works, horse and mule races, foot races, healthy baby contests, displays from the rural schools, and baseball.

## Q: HOW MANY BOOKS ARE ON THE SHELVES AT THE MARY J. BARNETT LIBRARY?

**A:** According to library staff, more than 28,000 books are currently stocked in the facility. ■

## CITY GOVERNMENT

# STORAGE CONTAINER USAGE DISCUSSED IN GUTHRIE CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

BY RICH WICKS  
*For Guthrie Center Times*

Over the past few meetings of the Guthrie Center City Council, a recurring topic has been the large storage containers that are sometimes used on commercial and/or residential properties. Often, such containers are used for temporary storage, such as during demolition or remodeling. These containers are significantly less costly than erecting a storage shed, so some residential property owners have considered them for long-term or permanent placement.

Several council members said they've received questions and concerns from citizens stating that the containers can be an eyesore. This can be partly mitigated if containers are painted to match or complement the primary structure on the lot, but the council noted this would be difficult to enforce. City Clerk Kris Arrasmith researched and found that most cities do not allow such containers on residential properties. Currently, there is one such container on

a residential lot in Guthrie Center, and another citizen has already bought a container and expects it to be delivered this fall.

The council consensus was that storage containers on commercial lots are not a significant concern, but containers on residential lots could become a growing problem, especially if long-term. The council discussed the concept of "grandfathering in" residential properties that already have a container present or set for delivery.

The council approved a process in which permit applications can be submitted to the city asking to be allowed to bring in a storage container. If approved, a storage container could be on a commercial property permanently. However, for residential properties, the permit would be for three months at a time but could be reapproved by the council.

The council regularly meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. ■



## COUNTY GOVERNMENT

# GUTHRIE COUNTY SUPERVISORS APPROVE SUBDIVISION, HEAR UPDATES ON COVID VACCINE

**Board also hears update on programs and services offered through New Opportunities.**

**BY RICH WICKS**

*For Guthrie Center Times*

Recent issues discussed at the weekly meetings of the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors include approval of a request for a housing subdivision, a summary of services offered through New Opportunities, and an update from the county's Public Health department.

During the Aug. 15 meeting, the board returned to the issue they had tabled one week prior, regarding the request for a four-unit Smith Acres minor subdivision. Some board members voiced their reluctance to go against the Planning and Zoning Commission, which recommended denying the request.

Board Chair Brian Johnson said he planned to vote to approve the request, primarily because the county needs to grow and expand the tax base. The board discussed that if the project were for three or fewer homes, it would not need any approval from the board. Johnson added that although the Planning and Zoning Commission makes recommendations, the Supervisors are the elected officials who are tasked with making the final decision. The board voted to approve the request, by a 3-2 vote.

The board heard an update from Chad Jensen and Christy Jenkins regarding the various programs and services offered through New Opportunities, which serves a

seven-county area including Guthrie County. Jensen summarized that the programs are meant to help individuals and families get out of bad patterns and implement more effective processes, and he said, "We would love to go out of business" by helping families to no longer need such programs.

Jensen and Jenkins described many of the programs offered, including LIHEAP energy assistance, weatherization, WIC, Head Start and Early Head Start, substance abuse and gambling treatment, financial literacy programs, and Love and Logic parenting instruction.

On Sept. 12, Jotham Arber gave the board an update on Public Health, Environmental Health and the county's waste transfer station. He said much of the information will be available on the county's website once it has been approved.

Arber spoke about immunizations and said individuals are able to receive the flu shot and COVID immunization at the same visit, since the vaccines are of different types. Arber also explained that the county is going to initially order a smaller batch of COVID vaccines to make sure that the county receives full reimbursement. When that process and details are verified, the county will then begin ordering COVID vaccines in larger batches. Arber said, because COVID has mutated into various strains, it now is treated much like other respiratory illnesses, and he encouraged citizens to follow the "five day rule of thumb." He encouraged anyone experiencing respiratory illness symptoms to stay home for the first five days of symptoms.

The Board of Supervisors regularly meets at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Guthrie County Courthouse. The public is welcome to attend in person or via remote technology. ■



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RECIPE

POWER WEEKNIGHT FAMILY MEALS WITH PECANS

BY JOLENE GOODMAN  
*Guthrie Center Times*

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

With new routines and jam-packed calendars, quick and easy recipes can be the solutions you need. Swapping out complicated dishes for simple dinners and make-ahead snacks allows you to make your loved ones' health a priority while also managing hectic schedules.

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

For more back-to-school recipe inspiration, visit [EatPecans.com](http://EatPecans.com). ■

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



Jolene Goodman

MAC AND CHEESE WITH PECAN BREADCRUMBS

Cook time: 50 minutes  
Servings: 6

INGREDIENTS:

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

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 375 F.  
Cook cavatappi in salted boiling water. Drain, reserving 1/2 cup pasta cooking water. Return pasta to pot and stir in butter.  
Using box grater, shred cheddar cheese.  
Using food processor, combine 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese with pecans. Process to coarse breadcrumb consistency.



Add remaining cheddar cheese, ricotta, sour cream, 1 teaspoon salt and pepper to warm pasta. Stir until thoroughly combined. Add egg; stir. Add 2-4 tablespoons reserved pasta water to loosen mixture; stir until smooth.  
Pour into buttered 9-inch square or round casserole dish and top evenly with pecan topping.  
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HEALTH

# HOSPITAL NURSING ISSUES DISCUSSED

Vacancies are a concern as approximately 4,000 nursing positions are open statewide.

BY RICH WICKS  
For Guthrie Center Times

During the regular meeting of the Guthrie County Hospital's Board of Trustees, the board members heard updates from various departments including a note that the hospital has seen an increase in the number of medication errors but has already put mitigation efforts in place to address it. Reports noted that the nursing staff has been reminded to avoid any type of multi-tasking while performing crucial services such as medication administration.

Nursing vacancies were also discussed, and it was pointed out that, statewide, approximately 4,000 nursing positions are open. Temp services continue to be a necessary option, even though the hospital would prefer to fill the vacancies permanently.

OTHER NEWS

Treasurer Cheryl Marks reported on income and expenses for the month of July. She summarized, "We have a total operating net loss of \$208,000. And then we have other non-operating revenue of \$218,000, for a total net income for the month of \$9,700."

Danielle Lauzon, safety and quality coordinator, provided an update on the Community Health Needs Assessment. "Jotham (Arber) at Public Health does the majority of the work, but we do have a part in it," she shared. The Community Health Needs Assessment resulted in the development of a list of 10 top needs identified by the hospital staff, which Lauzon said will be paired with the overall list of needs.

The board went into a special closed meeting to discuss an undisclosed matter. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Sept. 21 at 4 p.m. ■

## GUTHRIE COUNTY FAIR BERRY WINS GUTHRIE COUNTY FAIR CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

Special to Guthrie Center Times

The 2024 Guthrie County Fair Cribbage Tournament was held Sept. 1 at the Event Center at the Guthrie County Fairgrounds. The sponsor was the Milo Rees family in memory of Milo and his love for the game. A total of 54 players competed. The winners were: first - Jason Berry; second - Chris Angish; third - David Coffman; fourth - Lyle Laughery; fifth - Lillian Gilson; sixth - Larry Coffman; seventh - Alan O'Neal; eighth - Jake Nickell; ninth - Jim Wickland; 10th - Janet Lawson.

The hands of 24 scored were Bill Sheeder and Maxwell Owen.

Prize money donors included Hummels Auto Body - Panora; Lake Panorama Realty - Panora; Guthrie County State Bank

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A special cribbage board was awarded to the youngest player, Maxwell Owen, by Ron Rees, Milo's son, in memory of him and his dad going to cribbage tournaments when he was a youngster. Another special cribbage board made and donated by Jim Wickland was won by Roy Carl.

Refreshments were prepared by Cabbage Rose and a special thanks to volunteers Bill Eby and Jimmy Hummel and all who came this year to make it such a success. ■

# SHOWING HER COLORS



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Natalie Kent, a senior at ACGC High School, painted a parking spot in the school parking lot with a design that shows her love of swimming. Seniors have the option of paying \$20 for the privilege of painting their own parking spot for the year. Funds raised are added to the class of 2024's class fund. ■

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# YARD OF THE MONTH



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO GUTHRIE CENTER TIMES

Lori Hix, 407 N. Second St. in Guthrie Center, was the winner of \$100 in chamber bucks from the Guthrie Center Lions Club and the Guthrie Center Chamber of Commerce for the Yard of the Month contest for August. These two organizations have teamed up to award citizens who maintain and take pride in their yard with this monthly contest that runs through October. ■





## EVENTS

# RELAY FOR LIFE JOINS MAIN STREET FALL FEST

BY RICH WICKS

For Guthrie Center Times

Relay For Life of Guthrie County is holding its annual event on Saturday, Oct. 14 at Christian Church Fellowship Hall in Guthrie Center. Breakfast will be served 9-10:30 a.m., and lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registered survivors eat free. There will be luminaria, raffles, a cake walk and kids' games, as well as a farmers market and the Main Street Fall Fest.

"The 2023 Relay For Life of Guthrie County is excited to be joining forces

with the Guthrie Center Main Street's Fall Fest this year on Saturday, Oct. 14," said Kim Durst, one of the Relay For Life organizers. "It's a great way to show support for cancer survivors...Funds raised are used to support lifesaving research at the University of Iowa, funds the Hope Lodges in Iowa City, Omaha and at the Mayo Hospitals in Rochester, where cancer patients and family can stay at no cost while they go through treatments. A heartfelt thank you to the businesses and everyone who continue to support us in this fight." ■

## CLUBS

# TEN SQUARED PLUS MEN GIVE \$19,600 TO GIVING, INC.

Special to Guthrie Center Times

The Ten Squared Plus Men of Guthrie County held their summer meeting on July 27 at Lake Panorama National Conference Center. Three Guthrie County entities were presented for consideration, and the in-person membership voted for Giving, Inc.

Giving, Inc. was presented by Corey Welberg. Also given for consideration were the Guthrie Center Library by Wes Policky and Main Street Stuart by Nate Westre.

Giving, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization that began as Giving Christmas to replace

the Secret Santa program that had previously been present in Panorama. Since then, the organization has expanded to Guthrie Center and hopes with this donation to expand throughout the county. They have also added Giving Utilities to help families in the winter months and Giving Schools to assist with school programs when possible throughout the county.

The gift from Ten Squared Plus Men of \$19,600 brings the total giving in the county to more than \$335,000.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of Ten Squared Men can do so by contacting Barry Monaghan at b.monaghan@gcsbank.com or 641-757-0720. ■

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## HEALTH



SPECIAL TO GUTHRIE CENTER TIMES

Pictured from left: Chelsie Kopaska, Brie Franzeen, Kassie Cline, Stephaney Brondum and Danielle Lauzon, GCH Auxiliary president. Front row: Karen Hawley, GCH Auxiliary treasurer.

## GCH AUXILIARY DONATES TO SURGERY DEPARTMENT

Special to Guthrie Center Times

The Guthrie County Hospital Auxiliary recently donated funds to the GCH Surgery Department to purchase a new heavy duty utility cart. This utility cart is used for transporting and storage of clean and/or sterile instruments.

“We are so grateful to the GCH Auxiliary for the funds to purchase a new utility cart to transport our heavy instruments

for surgical cases. Our previous cart had seen better days and, unfortunately, took frequent trips to our plant operations department for wheel repairs. Now, with our new, more reliable cart, we’ll be able to keep rolling through our busy days. Thank you, GCH Auxiliary, for your support to our hospital, staff, and patients,” noted Kassie Cline, surgical services manager.

“The GCH Auxiliary

is excited to purchase a utility cart for the GCH Surgery Department. Our goal is to support the hospital departments in a way that directly impacts patient experience and improves daily workflows for employees. The Auxiliary is thankful for the generous donations received during our annual fundraising events that make these purchases possible,” commented Danielle Lauzon, GCH Auxiliary president. ■

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HEALTH

# GCH PURCHASES NEARBY PROPERTY

BY RICH WICKS  
*For Guthrie Center Times*

The Guthrie County Hospital Board of Trustees held a special closed meeting on Aug. 3 to discuss the possibility

of purchasing a nearby property that's listed for sale. After discussion, a motion was made to purchase the property, and it passed unanimously. No further details were made public at this time. ■

EVENTS

# ANOTHER RIVER RUCKUS IS IN THE BOOKS

Approximately 8,000 in attendance for country music festival.

BY RICH WICKS  
*For Guthrie Center Times*

Three days of temperatures well into the 90s only heated up the excitement for this year's Guthrie's River Ruckus as performers, audience and event staff dealt with the sweltering conditions.

"It was a warm one, but it was a good weekend," said Organizer Grant Sheeder. "It was probably the hottest Ruckus to date. It sounds like most people kept their wits about them and stayed hydrated on Friday, so that was good."

Sheeder said they hired a number of off-duty law enforcement officers to provide security for the event this year as well.

"Security-wise was way better than what we've had in the past," he said. "So, we were very happy with the safety and security they brought to our event this year, along with the State Troopers and local Guthrie County Sheriff's office."

Sheeder said attendance was approximately 8,000, and although that was not a sellout, it was still a strong showing.

"A lot of people came and stayed," he said. "No major issues so far. As far as I know, there's been nothing too crazy or out of the norm."

Sheeder said, all in all, they were very happy.

"We appreciate Guthrie County for letting us host it here for 15 years so far. Not many festivals can say they could do that, let alone in a town or county our size. So, we're very blessed to be able to keep doing it." ■

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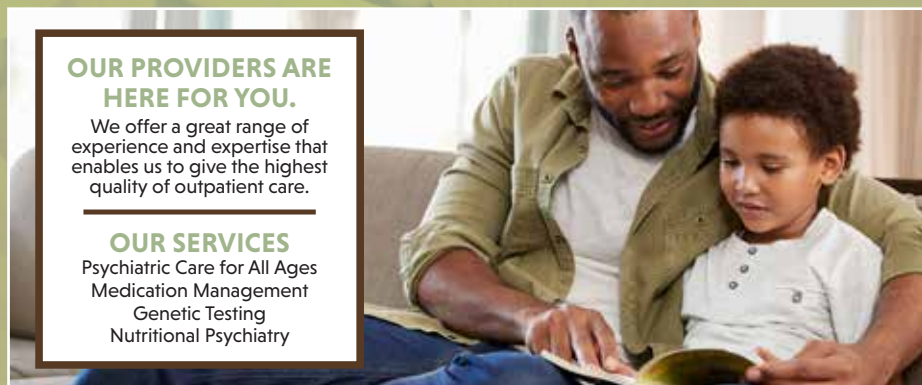
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