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As you enter Elsie on main street, your eyes will probably catch the berm on the corner of Perkins Avenue and Railway Street.

Although the berm has been on the corner for several years, it is currently getting an update. Jordan Giesbrecht, Elsie resident, noticed the area, originally called "Gloria's Garden," was becoming overgrown and shapeless. Giesbrecht mentioned to Michele Cutler, also of Elsie, that he would like to do a makeover on the corner. She agreed and the work began.

The duo removed some out of control weeds and flowers. They also took out a few railroad ties. They then reshaped the area slightly and surrounded it with landscaping stones. Cutler Grain financed the stones for the project.

The original berm was put in when Gloria Schultz was postmaster at Elsie. She put in many hours working and cultivating the area over her lunch hour and after work. Hence the name, "Gloria's Garden."

When Billie Shaw took over as postmaster, she too, put in timeless amounts of work on the flower garden. Cutler continued watering the flowers after Shaw left.

Since the work has begun, Giesbrecht and Cutler have coined a nickname for the project. They call it "Coyote Corner" because of the coyote whirly-gig placed there by Ron Cutler a few years ago.

The hard work of Geisbrecht and Cutler is much appreciated by the residents of Elsie who have the privilege of passing by the floral attraction each day.