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## 2022 BEACH BALL RAISES \$30,000

Board will meet in mid-September to discuss how to allocate the funds.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
*Lake Panorama Times*

An estimated 175 people attended the Friends of Lake Panorama 2022 Beach Ball July 22 at the Lake Panorama National Conference Center. After expenses, the event had a profit of more than \$30,000.

The Friends board will meet in mid-September to discuss how to allocate the funds. Publicity in advance of the Beach Ball said profits would be used to support a basketball half-court at Sunset Beach and recreational projects on the south shore, such as walking trails and a disc golf course.

Both outdoor and indoor spaces were used for the Beach Ball. Outside tables were under tents, located on the grass between the conference center and the golf course. Little Joe McCarthy, a singer and songwriter who lives in Omaha, provided live music under an outdoor tent.

For the second year in a row, individuals and businesses became Friends Beach Club members to support this event. Those who joined at one of these levels paid a little extra to get a little extra, while also making an extra donation to Friends of Lake Panorama. Friends Beach Club members were listed in the program.

There were 11 businesses and groups of individuals that spent \$700 to join the Premier level of the Beach Club. Fifteen couples spent \$250 to be in the Couples Beach Club, with 12 businesses or individuals donating \$150 to sponsor a table.

Seventy-six items were donated for



Rick Langel, Bob Nevitt and Jim Tibbles managed the 50/50 raffle at the Beach Ball. For \$100, buyers could get a “wingspan” of tickets, and were given the chance to use Nevitt’s wingspan, rather than their own.

the silent auction, which brought in \$7,500, up \$2,500 from 2021. The live auction of 11 items raised \$17,650, up from \$8,000 last year. Two items in particular gave a big boost to this year’s live auction total.

One was the Iowa State University Cyclone football package, offered by Jamie Pollard, ISU athletic director, who owns a Lake Panorama

home with his wife, Ellen. It included four tickets in the athletic director’s suite in the Jacobsen Building in the north end zone for the Sept. 24 ISU versus Baylor football game. This package also included a parking pass, plus food and soft drinks during the game. Several bidders were interested and drove the price steadily higher. In the end,

Tom and Rodie Gibson were the winning bidders at \$4,250.

Another live auction item that generated spirited bidding was the six-course gourmet dinner for six, with a different wine paired with each course. This is the second year this has been offered by LPA members Bill and Karen Fitzgerald. The dinner is served in the win-

ning bidder’s home, prepared and served by the Fitzgeralds. At the 2021 Beach Ball, this dinner sold at live auction for \$2,000. This year, the dinner went for \$4,000. Because of strong interest from bidders, the Fitzgeralds offered a second gourmet dinner, which sold for \$3,500.

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## LAKE PANORAMA CAMPGROUNDS DATE BACK TO EARLY 1970S

Pat and Denny Daniel have served as hosts at Lake Panorama’s west campground for 12 years.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
*Lake Panorama Times*

Beginning in the early 1970s, the Lake Panorama Association prohibited camping on private lots. But there was a small campground on the west side in the timber along the road that now leads to the LPA yard waste site. It was primitive, no showers, just outhouses.

That early campground was replaced by another primitive site west of the water plant. It became less primitive when a new restroom facility was completed in spring 1980.

Rock was added to the roads, and the grounds were mowed and maintained by LPA staff.

For many years, there was talk of creating a second campground for the east side. In spring 1981, an area north of Lake Panorama National where an airstrip had been planned was turned into a campground designed for self-contained units only. Water and electric hookups were available, with a nightly fee of \$4.

Fast forward to 2022. Both campgrounds remain in the same locations. One thing that sets the two campgrounds apart is the west side

has campground hosts. For the past 12 years, Denny and Pat Daniel have filled that role.

Denny worked for many years for Hy-Vee, moving around Iowa. When he retired, the couple wanted to live in a small community and settled on Atlantic. They purchased and renovated a home they still own. But because they have been camping since they were married in 1989, they wanted to find a nearby campground they could enjoy during the summer months.

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Pat and Denny Daniel serve as hosts at Lake Panorama’s west campground. They have been the hosts for 12 years and have had a camper on this same space for 14 years. They planted trees, shrubs, grass and flower beds that surround their camper. A block patio, swing, picnic table, outdoor grill and lots of birdfeeders complete the outdoor experience.

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**ON THE LAKE**

**DANCING IN THE STREET!**

**BY SHANE GOODMAN**  
*Editor and Publisher*



**Shane Goodman**

Summer is here, and the time is right — for dancing in the street! Martha Reeves and The Vandellas first introduced us to this song in 1964. The Mamas and the Papas brought us their version in 1966. Van Halen's rendition caught my ear in 1982. And then David Bowie and Mick Jagger even gave us yet another remake in 1985. Regardless of what generation you are in, or what version of the song you prefer, dancing in the street is something most all of us can relate to — especially at Lake Panoram. If dancing isn't your thing, that's OK. You can still celebrate, and we have had many examples of this recently.

**Panoram Days rocks**

At the top of the list was Panoram Days, with live music, a parade, food and fun. It is everything a community festival should be, and I am thankful to all the folks — especially those with the Panoram Chamber of Commerce — who volunteered their time to make this happen.

**Beach Ball impresses**

Many of you also attended the Friends of Lake Panoram annual Beach Ball event. It has become the gala of the year with the "who's who" of Lake Panoram bidding on a variety of auction items while enjoying great food and listening to live music. Susan Thompson, who writes the majority of the content in this newspaper, spearheads this amazing event with great success, and we all owe her a big thank you. See details on the results of the Beach Ball, along with event photos, on the following pages.

**Angels abound**

And finally, I continue to be amazed at the generosity of so many Lake residents, which is apparent yet again with the recent contributions to Tori's Angels by the Lake Panoram National Resort women's golf league. We provide details on their donation in this issue of the Lake Panoram Times. The Tori's Angels effort is just one of many examples of people helping people not only here at Lake Panoram but everywhere.

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Speaking of helping, I want to say thank you to those of you who reached out with positive comments about what we have done with the Times Vedette newspaper. And, even more so, I want to thank those of you who sent in checks for your \$34 subscriptions. Those paid subscriptions are essential to the newspaper's success, which also helps us invest more in the Lake Panoram Times. If you are not yet a subscriber, I ask that you consider writing a check for \$34 and mailing it to Big Green Umbrella Media, 8101 Birchwood Court, Suite D, Johnston, Iowa 50131 or visiting [www.guthriecountynewspapers.com](http://www.guthriecountynewspapers.com) and ordering online.

**Lake humor returns**

Some of you noticed that I skipped my lake humor last month. No worries. I have a few more for you.

Three men are on a boat with four cigarettes, but they don't have any way to light up their smokes. So what do they do? They throw one in the water, and their boat instantly becomes a cigarette lighter.

That was a joke. Don't throw cigarettes in the lake.

Here's another joke. If you need a custom boat built, let me know. I Noah guy who can help.

And finally, what does a pirate do when there's too much junk in his boat? He has a yaaarrd sale.

Have a lake joke better than these that I should share? Send it on over to me.

Have a great month, and thanks for reading. ■

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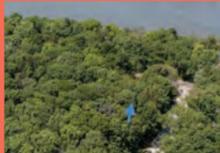
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LOCAL FILM REVIEWS

# HAWKE, THOR, MINIONS, CRAWDADS AND MORE

A mix of summer film reviews from the big screen and streaming services

BY MICHAEL C. WOODY

The summer slowdown has hit. Most, maybe all, of the biggest releases have hit the theaters, and now we go into a period of fewer new releases and smaller movies.

Late summer just doesn't have the number of releases (or theater-goers) to justify more releases. This might also be exacerbated, to an extent, by the streaming services buying content that could/would have run in theaters. Regardless, you'll get a little of both here this month.

**"The Black Phone"** (waiting for a run on the streaming services)

And now for the long-delayed and much anticipated review of the Ethan Hawke film "The Black Phone."



Creepy it is; great it ain't! Kids are disappearing mysteriously in a small town, and one finally finds a way to maybe escape the clutches of the evil man. While the film has a few moments, they are too few and too far between. I hate to be so negative, so to end the review on a high note... the movie poster was really disturbing. **Grade: C-**

**"Minions: The Rise of Gru"** (STILL in theaters)



This super popular and consistently funny animated series started with Steve Carell playing an evil genius, or a guy who wanted to be an evil genius, in "Despicable Me." Carell was great fun, but these little yellow minion things took over the film, and, finally, the new movie is titled, simply "Minions." I saw this with a theater full of kids and families, and they loved it... and so did I. This is the story of Carell's character and how he came to be such an evil genius. The plot is good enough to support a lean 90 minutes, and these minions are an absolute hoot. This is the best family movie of the summer. **Grade: A**

**"Thor: Love and Thunder"** (in theaters)



The last movie, "Thor: Ragnarok," took a complete U-turn from the previous two movies and turned in a flat-out hilarious comedy. In spite of the odd title, "Ragnarok" brought in audiences from far and wide and entertained them well. This sequel tries to take it one more step and fails miserably. The characters don't work. Bringing Natalie Portman back was an error but, offering a cameo to a very fat and out of shape Russell Crowe was the fatal flaw. It was laughably bad, and he should have known better. **Grade: D**

**"Where the Crawdads Sing"** (in theaters)

The early reviews of this film adaptation of a beloved book were unkind, to say the least. That being said, when you are married to a librarian, as I am, you go to see every "film adaptation of a beloved book." I'm in a quandary over those early reviews. OK, it is not "To Kill A Mockingbird," but both of us found it to be an entertaining and enjoyable movie. Daisy Edgar Jones plays the young woman accused of a heinous crime, and David Strathairn, as her southern gentleman attorney, is fabulous. **Grade: B+/A-**



**"The Gray Man"** (in theaters and Netflix)

Ryan Gosling plays a CIA agent who is brought in to kill a bad man. Things go awry, and they lead to one of the most entertaining over-the-top action movies I have seen in a while. I would have given it a higher grade if Chris Evans (Captain



America, for God's sake) wasn't such a bad, bad guy. Billy Bob Thornton has a key role, and it is great to see him on screen again. **Grade: A-**

**"Nope"** (in theaters)



Writer/director Jordan Peele gave us a much heralded debut several years ago in a film titled "Get Out." I found the film to be racist and didn't love it. His next film, "US," made more sense... until it didn't. "Nope" is his third film, and he has still not clicked on all cylinders. There is something in the sky above a Western horse-training ranch. That story is intertwined with one about a tragedy in a TV studio, plus a couple more. "Nope" offers a few truly horror-filled scenes, but it lacks the cohesive storyline to pull them together and raise the movie to possible greatness. **Grade: B-**

**"Vengeance"** (in theaters)



Sue and I never watched "The Office" (either version), so I have no knowledge of BJ Novak. What I can tell you is that he has turned in one hell of a great first movie. He writes, directs and stars in the story about a big-city womanizer who gets the call from the family of his "girlfriend" letting him know she has died. He has to ask for a picture since he has no remembrance of her at all. He is pushed and pulled and finally agrees to attend the Texas funeral, and that's where the mystery begins. In the screening I attended, the film was greeted with raucous applause at the end. "Vengeance" is a real sleeper. **Grade: A-**

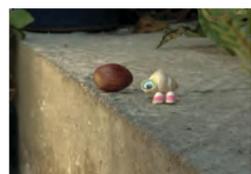
**"DC's League of Super Pets"** (in theaters)



With great family films like "Minions" in the theaters, I have no idea how this got a theatrical release. This should have ended up on Netflix or some other service where people don't have to drag a family to a movie theater. My recommendation is to wait for it to hit those services and save yourself the mental drain of seeing it in a theater. I would say it is a waste of talent, but from what I could tell, there wasn't any talent involved. **Grade: C**

**"Marcel the Shell with Shoes On"** (in theaters, but not for long)

This is a sweet and charming tale about a creature in a shell named Marcel who is accidentally left behind in a house when the rest of his family leaves. A young man with a camera moves in and begins to film Marcel in a documentary. While far from the best movie I've seen this month, "Marcel" grows on you in a pleasing way. **Grade: B**



I'll be back next month with a new Brad Pitt film titled "Bullet Train," Idris Elba in "Beast" and a handful of other films that didn't quite make the summer schedule and weren't good enough to hold for fall. Hey, it's August. I should be boating at the lake anyway! ■

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## BEACH BALL

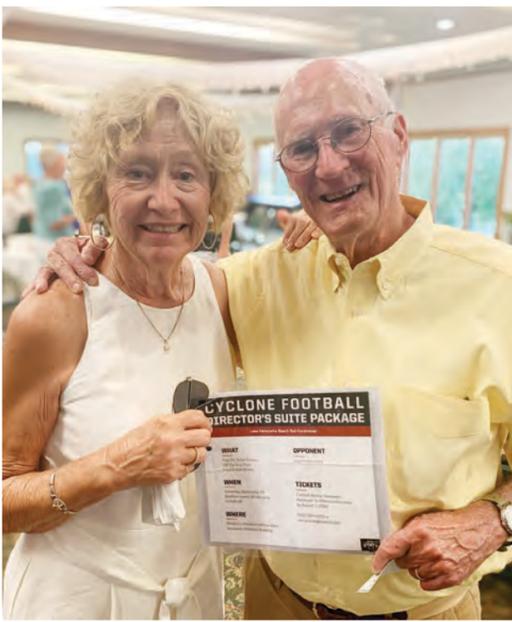
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Laura Kemble won the 50/50 raffle, then donated her winnings back to Friends. That led to the raffle bringing in \$2,450, up \$200 from last year.

Donations to Friends of Lake Panorama are accepted at any time and can be designated for a current or future project, or for the general fund to be allocated by the Friends board. Checks can be made payable to Friends of Lake Panorama and mailed to P.O. Box 488, Panora, IA 50216.

Direct donations also can be sent via Venmo @Panorama-Friends. Credit cards are accepted on the Friends website, although Friends is charged a 2.9% processing fee on these donations. Donors are asked to consider increasing their donation to help cover this additional cost.

All donations are tax-deductible. Donors of \$500 or more are recognized on signs erected near specific projects they designate, and on the donor page of the Friends website. More information is available at [www.friendsoflakepanorama.org](http://www.friendsoflakepanorama.org). ■



Rodie Gibson and Tom Gibson were the high bidders for the Cyclone Football Director's Suite package at the Friends of Lake Panorama's Beach Ball fundraising event at the LPN Conference Center on July 22.

## LPA SURVEY TO GATHER MEMBER OPINIONS ON SOUTH SHORE PROPOSALS

Friends of Lake Panorama was formed in 2013 with a goal of improving recreational amenities at Lake Panorama. The non-profit public charity has raised money for playgrounds, sports courts, the dog park, benches at beaches, improvements to the Panorama West trail and other projects.

In 2020, the Friends board decided to ask the LPA board if the charity could develop a recreational concept for the south shore of the main basin. The South Shore is the area located directly west of the ski team practice area that wraps around to the lake's dam.

At its June 2021 meeting, the LPA board approved a motion to allow Friends to work on a plan. At its May 2022 meeting, the LPA board approved the plan presented by Friends, with the caveat Friends would work with LPA staff on items within the proposal to make sure each is low maintenance.

This survey is designed to gather LPA member input on key items included in the plan. Projects within the plan are dependent both on successful fundraising, and on designs that will fit the landscape of the south shore, once the shoreline rip rap project is complete. It is important to know LPA has no intention of developing the South Shore for residential or commercial use. The area will remain a green space with or without the proposed amenities.

The online survey is now open and will continue through Aug. 21. Survey results will be tabulated and analyzed, then reviewed by the LPA board at its Aug. 30 meeting. The survey is available at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HZW-WLZX> or use the QR code provided here. ■



April Imming and Julie Wykoff at the Friends of Lake Panorama's Beach Ball fundraising event at the LPN Conference Center on July 22.



Lyle Stutzman and Monica Stutzman at the Friends of Lake Panorama's Beach Ball fundraising event at the LPN Conference Center on July 22.



Nancy Peters and Barry Monaghan at the Friends of Lake Panorama's Beach Ball fundraising event at the LPN Conference Center on July 22.



Scott Politte and Lisa Politte at the Friends of Lake Panorama's Beach Ball fundraising event at the LPN Conference Center on July 22.



Garret Armstrong and Maggie Armstrong at the Friends of Lake Panorama's Beach Ball fundraising event at the LPN Conference Center on July 22.



Jim Tometich and Dee Tometich at the Friends of Lake Panorama's Beach Ball fundraising event at the LPN Conference Center on July 22.



Angie Worth and Laura Kemble at the Friends of Lake Panorama's Beach Ball fundraising event at the LPN Conference Center on July 22.



Evan Varley and Annette Varley at the Friends of Lake Panorama's Beach Ball fundraising event at the LPN Conference Center on July 22.

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# CAMPGROUND

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Nearly 40 people who live part-time at Lake Panorama's west campground gathered July 2 at Shady Beach for a group photo. Campground hosts Pat and Denny Daniel organized the get-together to show off the matching shirts the campers purchased. The T-shirts feature a lighthouse and the words "West Campground Lake Panorama."

The first place they tried was Sun Valley Lake in Ringgold County. They bid on a lot and didn't get it, so they kept looking. When they came to Lake Panorama, a realtor showed them the two campgrounds.

"When he brought us to the west campground, we fell in love with it," Pat says.

They purchased a C lot, then chose the spot in the west campground they wanted to call home. "It was in the middle of things, so we liked the location," Denny says. "We leveled it out, planted grass and trees and shrubs and flowers, and made it really nice." After settling in for a couple of years, they became the campground hosts.

The couple is at the campground five days a week. They generally spend Monday and Tuesday at their home in Atlantic, doing laundry and mowing their yard. But if Monday is a holiday, they know things will be busy at the campground, and they stick around in case they are needed.

"We are here to help," Pat says. "We always tell our campers if there is something they need, to just ask. We're always open to suggestions on ways we can improve the campground. We've made it into a park, with nice landscaping and flower beds. There are good people here who are always willing to help with a project, like painting picnic tables."

The Daniels have taken on several projects themselves. They added flagpoles at the entrance, installed a basketball hoop and renovated the bathrooms. A few years ago, Denny received permission from the LPA to create five new camping sites. He had a friend with a truck who hauled 80 tons of rock the LPA had piled on the east side of the lake to help make the new sites possible.

Most of the campers are like the Daniels; they own a Lake Panorama lot and keep a camper at the west campground. They come and go through the summer months, sometimes bringing grandchildren and other family

and friends to visit. Some people stay at the campground while they are having a house built on the lot they own. Some are there full-time through the camping season.

The Daniels' official duties are to clean the bathrooms and make sure needed supplies are available. Denny cleans the bathrooms each morning around 5 a.m., then usually three more times each day. The couple also helps answer questions and coordinate work tasks with LPA.

The couple keeps a pile of firewood along the edge of their lot for people who don't bring in their own.

"If someone builds a fire, generally some neighbors join them," Pat says. "There are lots of groups here gathering around firepits in the evenings."

Pat maintains a notebook with names and phone numbers of all the campers, in case they see a problem while a camper is empty. Sometimes they organize a group meal.

The couple enjoys camping

so much they bought a second camper and keep it at a resort in Donna, Texas. That's where they live from Oct. 1 to April 1. They also are in volunteer mode there, as they work shifts at the guard house and help plan social activities.

This spring, Pat came up with the idea of asking all the West Campground campers if they'd like to purchase matching T-shirts. The shirts were designed by, and purchased from, a woman who lives in their same resort in Texas. The bright blue shirts feature a lighthouse and the words West Campground Lake Panorama.

About 100 shirts were purchased. The Daniels organized a get-together at Shady Beach July 2 and asked everyone to attend and wear their shirts. About 40 members of the group showed up for a group photo.

"It was a lot of work but really fun to do," Pat says. "We enjoy being a part of the Lake Panorama West Campground family." ■

## LAKE PANORAMA CAMPGROUND FACTS

The west campground has 33 spaces, and the east campground has 24. Sixteen of the spots in the east campground have sewer hookup, plus water and electricity. In the west campground, all spaces have water and electricity. There are no sewer hookups, but there is a sewer dump station available.

Both campgrounds have a restroom and shower facility, plus a storm shelter. Electricity is available March 1 through Oct. 31. Water is guaranteed May 1 to Sept. 30 every year, with decisions on when to turn water on and off dependent on when temperatures could get low enough to freeze pipes.

The LPA currently does not offer weekly or daily camping. Spaces are rented on an annual basis. For 2022, the cost is \$750 for the season, which includes water, electric and tax. Those in the east campground who have sewer hookups pay \$80 more. Another \$250 allows campers to leave their units at the campgrounds year-round. Campers must either be Lake Panorama property owners or be sponsored by an owner.

For more information on the campgrounds, or to get on a waiting list for the 2023 season, contact Lane Rumelhart, LPA project manager, 641-755-2301, lpa@lakepanorama.org. ■

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# ASH TREE STUMP REMOVAL UNDERWAY

Treated ash trees have a 70-80% survival rate.



Mike Monthei, LPA maintenance supervisor, operates a stump grinder attached to a skid loader to remove one of 304 stumps left behind when ash trees on the Lake Panorama National course were removed. Work on this long-term project began July 20 on the first hole of the LPN golf course. In the background, mounds of mulch residue can be seen where three other stumps had already been removed.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Panorama Times

From mid-January through February, 355 ash trees were removed from the Lake Panorama National and Panorama West golf courses. This was done because some ash trees already were showing signs of emerald ash borer (EAB) infestation, and it was inevitable the borers would continue to spread and tree death would be the result.

Also, about 100 of the trees deemed to be in “critical locations” were chosen a few years ago to receive a chemical treatment that has proven effective, in some cases, in fighting off EAB infestations. Treated ash trees have a 70-80% survival rate. Removing untreated trees increases the chances trees being treated will survive.

There were 304 trees removed at the LPN and 51 at Panorama West. While the tree removal was done by a commercial company, removing the stumps and restoring the ground where trees had stood is being handled by

maintenance staff for both the Lake Panorama Association and the LPN.

A stump grinder that could be attached to a skid loader was ordered last fall and arrived late this spring. Work on stumps at the LPN course began July 20. LPA maintenance staff operate the grinder. It takes an average of 15 minutes to grind one stump, with 10 minutes for smaller stumps and 30 minutes for the largest ones.

The grinder leaves a pile of wood chips and mulch. LPN maintenance staff use a tractor bucket to scoop away as much of the mulch residue as possible. Another crew comes behind with black dirt and fills in the hole, packing it slightly above grade to allow for some settling. Some former stump areas that are close enough to the fairway to receive irrigation water are seeded at the same time. Others will be seeded this fall.

The hope is that all stumps at the LPN course can be removed by the end of August, although some in no-mow areas may be delayed until after the Panorama West course is completed. ■

# LAKE PANORAMA'S FIRE IN THE SKY

Every year, the Lake Panorama Association receives a number of questions about the date of the Independence Day Fireworks. The family of the late Joe Scheiring still coordinates this annual “Fire in the Sky” event in his memory. They have confirmed the Independence Day fireworks is always the first Saturday in July.

This means the 2023 fireworks will be Saturday, July 1. Many Lake Panorama families plan their events a year in advance, and choose this holiday weekend, and its annual fireworks display, to schedule reunions and vacations.

This photo of the July 2, 2022 Lake Panorama Fire in the Sky was taken by Michael Kleinwolverink, an amateur photographer who offers prints of his photos on metal and canvas. Kleinwolverink donated this photo, printed on metal, as a live auction item for the July 22 Friends of Lake Panorama Beach Ball. When he's not taking pictures, Kleinwolverink is the pro shop manager at Lake Panorama National Resort. Learn more online at michaelk.photography. ■



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# RUTLEDGE PROVIDES ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES AT GM COFFEE

Substantial changes have taken place at the Lake Panorama National Resort.

At an informational meeting July 15, John Rutledge, LPA general manager, provided updates to the membership on current activities for three entities — Lake Panorama National, Lake Panorama Association and the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ).

Rutledge started his report by saying substantial changes have taken place at the Lake Panorama National Resort.

“The kitchen is now closed, and the operation is working with food vendors who will cater events,” he said. “Making sure the events already on the LPN calendar can continue is the priority. The team has been in contact with all event coordinators, and strategies are being put in place to ensure these will happen as planned.”

A task force made up of three members of the LPN board, three members of the LPA board, and three others has been working for several months to evaluate options for food and beverage service at the LPN conference center. After many discussions, the task force recommended leasing the food and beverage operation to a third-party vendor, while maintaining control over the golf and lodging departments.

“We were very transparent with existing staff about this plan, which led the executive chef and the rest of the kitchen staff to resign for other jobs in early July,” Rutledge said. “Three potential tenants have been interviewed so far, but after review, none were interested. One concern has been whether they could find enough staff to fill needed positions.”

While the LPN golf operation and Spikes snack shop are profitable, the food and beverage department has been losing money for years. This means the LPA has had to provide an annual subsidy to its subsidiary, the LPN, LLC.

Rutledge said the plan is to continue to manage scheduled events with LPN staff and outside cater-

ers, while the search for someone to lease the food and beverage operation continues. The hope is to have someone in place by March 1, 2023.

“The specific details of any lease would be worked out with the tenant,” he said. “The LPA would have some requirements, such as the number of days the bar and restaurant must be open for walk in guests. We probably would allow them to be closed January and February. We would guarantee the tenant would be the exclusive vendor for all events LPN books on the main level of the conference center. They also could plan their own events, and use the kitchen to cater events elsewhere.”

The vendor would have the use of all existing kitchen equipment and supplies, and would be responsible for expenses such as utilities. Rutledge said a market study of similar operations shows what LPN has to offer should be worth about \$60,000 annually to a tenant.

“But we would want our tenant to get well established before talking about that kind of money,” he said. “The LPA is willing to lease the first year for \$1, and probably the same the second year. By the third year, if things are going well, we might ask for an increase. For now, we’re not looking to make money off of a lease, just get someone in here to provide good service to our members and guests.”

Rutledge noted leasing the LPN food and beverage operation would be similar to what the LPA has done for many years with the marina, which is leased to Lyn Coulter.

Rutledge has stepped back from his day-to-day role at LPN, after working in an interim role there for four years. Rutledge said he requested this change in order to refocus his efforts on his primary role as LPA general manager and advisor to the Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) board. LPN board member Barry Monaghan has stepped into Rutledge’s LPN role as a volunteer, overseeing the food and beverage team and provid-

ing support to operations manager Royce Shaffer. Shaffer continues to manage the non-food and beverage portions of the LPN operation.

Turning to the LPA, Rutledge reported a total of 7.65 miles of roads received seal-coat treatment this year, with 3.97 miles on the east side of the lake, and 3.68 miles on the west side. The cost was more than \$215,000, which reflects a 23.5% increase in cost from 2021. Because of the higher cost, less miles of road were treated than has been the case for the past 15 years.

The LPA water safety committee recently recommended and the board approved a limit on personal marker buoys. Rutledge said members now can have just one marker, which must be high visibility, not larger than 18 inches in diameter, and no farther from shore than the end of the owner’s dock.

“The committee had a long discussion on this topic,” Rutledge said. “I think this decision was a reasonable, middle-ground approach. The increasing number of personal buoys had the potential to narrow the channel, while also causing boaters to begin to ignore official LPA hazard buoys.”

Rutledge said a shortage of available boat lifts has caused some members to look for used lifts.

“If you plan to purchase a lift that has been in another lake, remember the LPA requires a 30-day quarantine and the lift must be inspected before it can be installed here,” he said. “It is absolutely critical to the health of Lake Panorama for everyone to abide by our invasive species rules.”

A bid of \$295,000 has been accepted to bore a new water main under the lake from Sunset Beach to the east side. Rutledge said the total cost of this project could reach \$400,000. The old water line that was installed before the lake existed will be abandoned once the new line is in place. Completion is expected this fall.

Rutledge said LPA continues to field complaints about lack of communication from the two barge vendors that currently have permission to operate on Lake Panorama.

“As a reminder, LPA does not govern the barge companies. We have an implied length variance, and horsepower variance, if needed,” he said. “We also rent space at the marina for each.”

(Note: At the LPA board meeting July 26, the board agreed to allow Tyler Rupp, Deluxe Docks, to operate beginning in 2023. Rupp was provided a length and horsepower variance, equivalent to what is in place for the two existing barges. Rupp also was provided a guarantee LPA would not approve a fourth competitor for three years to allow him to establish his business. Rupp will be stationed above the debris trap, as LPA did not believe the marina had space to house a third company.)

On another topic, Rutledge said boat trailers currently are the only thing allowed on private undeveloped lots.

“We will continue to strictly prohibit camping, but there is some gray area on small utility and cargo trailers that is being reviewed by two board members and LPA Security,” he said. “A recommendation will be made to the LPA board.”

Turning to RIZ, Rutledge said the fiscal year 2022-23 RIZ budget includes about \$3 million of annual tax increment financing (TIF) revenue.

“This TIF program continues to be an extremely important piece of our funding model for water quality work,” he said.

Rutledge reviewed some ongoing projects being funded by RIZ. Expansion of the old CIPCO basin, which has been renamed the 180th Trail Basin, is underway. Spring Lake Construction was awarded a \$3.2 million contract in August 2021. RIZ expects the project to exceed \$4 million in total cost. This expanded sediment basin is where dredging spoils will go once the current ba-

sin being used is full.

Land trades and acquisitions were completed in the past two years to position RIZ for additional wetlands and sediment basins.

“RIZ continues to pursue a two-pronged approach by investing in both sediment removal and storage, and the prevention of sediment entering the lake,” Rutledge said.

Two additional wetlands are planned, with the one that will protect the west fork of Burchfield being a 2022 project. The second one has been held up due to changing regulations with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, but negotiations will continue.

RIZ is in the process of developing plans to fund substantial rip rap repairs along the south shore of the main basin. It is hoped work can begin late this year, although material acquisition may be a challenge. The LPA will sign a contract that no commercial or residential development will occur on the south shore for at least the next 15 years. If the land were developed with businesses or housing, the LPA would be required to refund the cost of the rip rap project to RIZ.

Rutledge said Friends of Lake Panorama has developed some potential plans for a multi-use recreation area on the south shore, which was approved by the LPA Board in May.

“The LPA will be working cooperatively with Friends to keep the south shore a green space, while making it more available to walkers and perhaps other recreational options,” he said.

Note: At the LPA board meeting July 26, it was decided a membership survey regarding recreational options on the south shore will be conducted. Additional information will be provided in the near future in the LPA Prompt e-newsletter.

Two more GM coffees are scheduled for 2022. These will be held on Friday, Sept. 2 and Friday, Dec. 2. Both will begin at 10:30 a.m. and be held at the LPN conference center. ■

# GRANITE CLUB MEMBERS PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO LPN

Just two holes remain available for sponsorship.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Panorama Times

In 2008, 12 businesses made monetary or in-kind contributions to Lake Panorama National to support the construction of Spikes, the snack and restroom facility located near the first tee. In exchange, the businesses received a granite sponsorship sign on an LPN tee box. Several have maintained their annual sponsorship since.

Five original Granite Club members who renewed for 2022 now are in their 14th year supporting LPN. These are Panora Telco on the third hole; Guthrie County State Bank and GCSB Investment Center on hole five; Exterior Sheet Metal on the eighth hole; Bryton Insurance on the ninth hole; and Total Financial Solutions on the 15th hole.

New members in 2021 who renewed in 2022 are the Kluster Klub, which is made up of a group of LPN supporters, and is on the second hole; Lake Panorama Realty on the 11th hole; and The Trash Man-Neil Wright on No. 14.

Lake Panorama Barge joined the Granite Club in 2020, is featured on the seventh hole, and now is in its third year in the club.

Minnesota Cabinets is on the 18th hole, and has been a member for four years. Five members joined in 2018 and are in their fifth years.

These are R&K Bristle Farms on the first hole; Iowa Trust and Savings Bank on No. 4; Hawley Insurance on the sixth hole; and Robert Carr Insurance Agency-State Farm on No. 16.

Two members joined in 2017 and have renewed annually. These are Jensen Sanitation on No. 13, and Tometich Engineering on the 17th hole.

Just two holes remain available for sponsorship — 10 and 12. Annual sponsorships are \$500. New sponsors also are asked to pay the cost of the sign.

Granite Club members receive a free round of golf for a foursome, including carts, when they purchase or renew their annual membership. Club members also are recognized on the LPN website and in the LPN Resort Weekly e-newsletter.

Details of the Granite Club, along with a request form for more information, can be found on the LPN website at lakepanoramana-tional.com. Or call Royce Shaffer, LPN operations manager, at 641-755-2080. ■

Five of the original Granite Club members now are in their 14th year of providing annual financial support to the LPN. One of those is Guthrie County State Bank and the GCSB Investment Center, which is located on the fifth tee box.



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# JUNIORS ATTEND GOLF SCHOOL

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Panorama Times

Fifty young golfers participated in the 2022 Lake Panorama National Junior Golf School. Two sessions with three weeks each were offered in June and July, with a final event held at Panorama West. The juniors played a few holes before being treated to a pizza party and gift bag. Young people ages 5 to 14 are eligible to attend the annual school.

The juniors learn full swing, pitching, chipping and putting fundamentals along with golf etiquette and rules of golf. Participants are divided into age groups, and rotate between the putting green, chipping area and driving range. At the end of the hour-and-a-half sessions, the juniors head to Spikes to choose a free drink. Those who won a contest during the school each week also got to pick out candy bars at Spikes.

Rob Riggins, LPN head golf professional, and Michael Kleinwolverink, LPN pro shop manager, led the golf school. Assisting with the school were David Van Ahn, Joe Foote, assistant golf professional, Dylan Douglass and Kolby Shackelford.

The Junior School has two sponsors that have supported the school for many years — the Lake Panorama Association and Guthrie County State Bank. Sponsor funds made it possible to give each junior golfer a gift bag on the final day of each session, filled with a \$15 LPN gift card, a free round of golf at Panorama West, two sleeves of golf balls and a bag of golf tees. Sponsor funds also were used this year to purchase chipping and putting targets, plus emoji golf balls that were given out to the kids for contests and prizes. ■



Mike Kleinwolverink, LPN pro shop manager, works with junior golfers at the pitching and chipping station. Here he watches the swing of one of the girls in this year's golf school, before offering suggestions and encouragement.



David Van Ahn talks with a group of junior golfers about how to use a pitching wedge to hit shorter shots into a green. The next step was to let the golfers practice by chipping to targets purchased this year specifically for use in the junior golf school.



Kolby Shackelford analyzes a junior golfer's swing on the driving range. Interestingly, there were three left-handed juniors in this group of young boys on the range.



Rob Riggins, LPN head golf pro, worked with junior golfers on the putting green during each session of the 2022 LPN Junior Golf School.

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BY JOLENE GOODMAN

As summer gardens yield their plentiful crops, I enjoy including my local vegetable finds in this cherished, healthy treat. The original Black Bean Salsa recipe I use came from a former employee of ours, Daniel Davis. I'm not sure Daniel was much of a cook, but he did love this salsa and shared it at our company potlucks. I still have the original emailed recipe that I printed out on Feb. 7, 2009. I have adapted this to include more fresh vegetables rather than canned, but I will include both options. Leftover corn on the cob is perfect for this dish (be sure to cut corn off the cob before storing it for the freshest taste). This is another crowd pleaser. Enjoy this with tortilla chips, in rice bowls and with eggs! ■



Jolene Goodman

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

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# Q&A: PROJECT UPDATES AND BLUE GREEN ALGAE INFORMATION

Lane Rumelhart is in his third year as project manager for the Lake Panorama Association. His duties include managing the LPA building codes, projects financed by the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ), LPA communications, the annual deer hunt program, and the campgrounds and beaches. In this month's Q&A, Rumelhart highlights blue green algae, plus three current and future projects financed by RIZ.

**Q. Late summer and fall are when the most concern about blue green algae begins. Give us an update on what causes this and what to watch for on the lake?**

A. Blue green algae can live in freshwater, salt water, or in mixed "brackish" water. Most people know this as "pond scum." These blue green algae can be many colors, including green, white, red, orange or brown. The appearance of blooms also may be described as fine grass clippings or small clumps. Blue green algae also have been found to share many characteristics of bacteria, which has led to them being known as "cyanobacteria."

Blue green algae, or cyanobacteria, can multiply quickly in lakes with high nutrient levels, particularly when the water is warm and the weather is calm. Luckily, this year we have experienced higher river flows due to more rainfall than the previous two summers. While the water may be murkier, the lack of sunlight and increased turbidity has kept blooms to a minimum. Our lake-to-watershed ratio is 234:1 acres, so we can receive high levels of nutrients from ag runoff upstream that leads to algal blooms.

When blooms do occur, LPA

tests areas with the highest concentrations of algae to determine what level of microcystin is in the water. These levels vary around the lake. Members should always avoid stagnant, foul-smelling and discolored water. Places with better flow and better depth are usually safer options for water recreation. We also recommend members do not let their pets swim in the water when blue green algae is present, as most dogs are very susceptible to negative effects of microcystin. LPA sends out test results via email as soon as these are received. If you would like to receive these notifications, please sign up at LPA's website at [www.lakepanorama.org](http://www.lakepanorama.org).

**Q. We know dredging is an ongoing project at Lake Panorama, and the dredged materials need to go somewhere. Talk about the expansion of an old sediment basin that will someday provide new storage.**

A. Spring Lake Construction LLC continues to work on expanding the 180th Trail Basin, which is located just north of the debris trap and the lake's upper basin on the east side. As of July 19, the company has removed 238,417 cubic yards of material. This material is being used to build up the embankment around the inside perimeter of the existing basin, and will allow for more storage from RIZ's dredge operation.

Rain has set the company back some, but the work still is expected to be completed in 2023. Phase one of the project should be completed by December, and 600,000 cubic yards of material should be moved over the entirety of the embankment. This expanded basin will be used for dredged

material once the existing active basin on the west side of the lake is full.

**Q. Currently, Lake Panorama has three wetlands in place, with two more in the planning stages. Give us an update.**

A. The RIZ has two wetland designs on hold. One of these wetlands is on hold because of current permit requirements dictated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). We have been waiting for the new USACE regional permit to be released. Once this permit is released, we will be able to determine if we can apply for permittee responsible mitigation, or if mitigation credits will need to be purchased to continue development.

Currently, the USACE is requiring Lake Panorama RIZ to purchase about \$140,000 of mitigation credits to offset the development of a wetland over a perennial stream. RIZ has argued the stream is intermittent, not perennial, but the USACE stands firm on its belief the stream is perennial. We are hoping this new permit will give some exceptions to water quality projects, and eliminate some hoops we currently are being told we need to jump through. Mitigation often is required for big companies like Amazon, Microsoft or Facebook for facilities being built around streams and rivers. RIZ believes our water quality projects are not the same as these urban developments, and that by building wetlands we are improving water quality, whereas the urban projects often channelize streams and jeopardize water quality.

The second wetland in the planning stages is going directly west of the west fork in Burchfield Cove. We are cur-



Lane Rumelhart

rently in the design phase with Shive Hattery Engineers and finalizing a survey. We hope to bid this wetland later this fall, pending no roadblocks with USACE.

**Q. Another RIZ project that has been in the planning stages for a while is repairing the rip rap along the south shore of the lake's main basin. What's happening with this?**

A. A total of 7,500 feet of shoreline is about to get armored along the south shore. Bid information will be released in a few weeks, a pre-bid meeting held in early September, and a contractor awarded the project Sept. 30.

The project specifications require dolomite rip rap to be placed below the water level. The contractor then will use the existing field stone along

the shore to place above the water line. Dolomite is less expensive and easier to obtain, so this requires less field stone to complete the project. Work is expected to begin later this fall and the project should be fully wrapped up by May 2023.

LPA wants the membership to know there are no plans to develop the south shore for residential or commercial use. In fact, LPA signed an agreement with RIZ that no development may take place along the shore for 15 years following the completion of the project. This was part of the agreement for RIZ to sponsor the armoring effort. Even then, LPA has no intention of developing this area beyond a greenspace used for walking trails or light recreation. The rip rap is being placed to eliminate erosion and help stabilize the bank. ■

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## LIVING AND WORKING WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS

For every loan Carrie Hansen and her team closes with Clear Mortgage, she donates \$200 to the Iowa chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Panorama Times

Cystic fibrosis is a progressive, genetic disease that causes persistent lung infections and limits a person's ability to breathe over time. Carrie Hansen was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis (CF) when she was 3 months old. Now an adult, Hansen is continually looking for opportunities to educate others about the disease and also to raise money to help find a cure.

"I am 39 years old now," Hansen says. "When I was born, the average age of a CF patient was 18; now, that number is close to 50. There have been such incredible medical advancements in my lifetime, with only more to come."

In people with CF, mutations in the cystic fibrosis transmembrane regulator (CFTR) gene cause the CFTR protein to become dysfunctional. When the protein is not working correctly, it's unable to help move chloride, a component of salt, to the cell surface. Without chloride to attract water to the cell surface, mucus in various organs becomes thick and sticky. In the lungs, the mucus clogs airways and traps germs, leading to infections, inflammation, respiratory failure and other complications.

Hansen is the daughter of Lyle and Paula Hansen. Their primary residence is in Audubon. They owned a home in Horseshoe Cove from 1980 to 1985, then were drawn back to Lake Panorama in 2012. Brother Chip is a full-time Lake Panorama resident, perhaps best known as the man behind the large American flag that is painted on the lawn of his parents' lakeside home each Fourth of July. Carrie has a home in Norwalk that she shares with her boyfriend of three years. They enjoy being at the lake as much as possible.

Carrie Hansen says she is thankful that while she was growing up, and still today, she is able to be active and is surrounded by family and friends who support her.

"My parents established a routine with my meds and treatments that I am still abiding by," she says. "I spend about two hours a day doing breathing treatments and take a handful of pills in the morning and evening."

Hansen says cystic fibrosis patients need a diet of protein and high fats.

"My mother is a wonderful cook, and always made sure I had the right foods," she says. "I remember my father waking me up early, day after day, to do my treatments before school. I learned to play Solitaire and many other games during this time, which was followed by nightly treatments where I did homework or played games. Now I typically work or find memes during morning and evening treatment hours. I don't know anything different."

Hansen graduated from Audubon High School before earning a degree in finance at Iowa State University.

"Since graduating from Iowa State, I have always been in financial services. I love helping people with their finances and building relationships

with referral partners. Simply put, I enjoy people, their stories and learning how I can help them, whether it be a loan, or an introduction or a referral," she says.

Hansen is a loan originator and branch manager for Clear Mortgage, a nationwide company with a presence in 38 states.

"I also have an ownership percentage," Hansen says. "I have a couple loan officers who work for me and a gentleman in Des Moines, Jason Parkin, who is director of business development for our team," she says.

Hansen's team is licensed in nine states.

"The single-family residential mortgage market is a \$12.8 trillion dollar industry, up 8% year over year," she says. "The U.S. housing market is the largest asset class in the world."

For every loan Hansen and her team closes with Clear Mortgage, she donates \$200 to the Iowa chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. She calls this effort "Loans for a Cure."

"Our team is very community focused with giving back and involvement. I believe we are close to donating over \$30,000 to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Iowa. My dream is to be able to give more than \$100,000 annually to fight cystic fibrosis," Hansen says. "I'm hustling to make that dream a reality. I am trying to get with some local hospitals and clinics to match my donations, or provide something in value to become their networks' preferred mortgage solution."

Hansen also is the lead sponsor this year for an annual fundraising event called Corks and Kegs. It is Friday, Sept. 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the River Center, located at 304 S.W. Third St. in downtown Des Moines. Hansen also sponsored, and was the keynote speaker, at the last Corks & Kegs in December 2019. All funds raised go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Iowa.

Promotional material for the 2022 event includes this statement: "Corks & Kegs presented by Clear Mortgage promises to be a distinctive evening of aromatic wines, craft-brewed beers from local vendors, and delicious cuisine provided by The River Center - all for an incredible cause: to help find a cure for cystic fibrosis." More information is available at <https://events.cff.org/corksandkegsia>.

More information about Carrie Hansen's Clear Mortgage Team, and her Loans for a Cure program, is available at <https://clearmortgage.com/carrie-hansen>. ■

**"I am 39 years old now. When I was born, the average age of a CF patient was 18; now, that number is close to 50. There have been such incredible medical advancements in my lifetime, with only more to come."**



Shown left to right on the deck of the Hansen family home at Lake Panorama are Carrie Hansen, Lyle Hansen, Paula Hansen, Chip Hansen and Chip's girlfriend, Stephanie Becker.



Carrie Hansen is shown with her boyfriend, Mike. This photo was taken in March when the couple attended a mortgage conference in Las Vegas.



The first lake Carrie Hansen and her brother Chip ever experienced was Lake Panorama, from their parents' home in Horseshoe Cove 1980-1985. Carrie was a 1-year-old in this photo of her enjoying a dip in Lake Panorama.

**Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors Meeting June 28, 2022**

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met June 28, 2022, at 5 p.m. at Lake Panorama Association Board Room. Board members in attendance were Mary Jane Carothers, Emily Donovan, David Finneseth, Dennis Flanery, Mark Jorgensen, Rich Schumacher and Dirk Westercamp.

LPA Staff in attendance: Danna Krambeer, Lane Rumelhart, John Rutledge

Visitors in attendance: Mark Parker, Tyler Rupp, LPA Members

Philip Carico, Barge Variance Request

President Schumacher called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

**Agenda Item 1 - Approval of the Agenda**

Schumacher requested to add item to Other Business, Land Disturbing Permit Fees

Carothers moved to approve the agenda as amended. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Dennis Flannery disclosed he will abstain from voting on agenda item 4f, regarding financing of Water Crossing.

**Agenda Item 2 - Open Forum**

Mark Parker spoke to the board requesting an exception for approval to allow sticker of a Chrysler Marine 330, Engine Size is over the current liter regulations.

Board declined to make a motion on Parker's request. The recommendation would have to come from the Water Safety Committee. Board representatives on the Water Safety Committee and Rutledge all expressed the Water Safety Committee would likely deny this request, based on previous discussions of similar nature.

Tyler Rupp, Deluxe Docks and Lifts, spoke to the board to request exemption for length and hp of boat for a work barge to operate on Lake Panorama along with a place to park the barge. Rupp is a Shore Master dealer and handles Rhino Docks, stationary aluminum, etc. Rupp explained his plan for handling customer service. Rupp is looking to purchase a new 12' x 35' size barge and would be in operation Spring 2023.

Schumacher explained the board will take the request for exemption and parking space under consideration

at the July 26 board meeting. Rutledge will contact Rupp if additional information is required to make a decision, which would include proof of commercial insurance and ability to fund and operate business.

Philip Carico spoke to the board requesting exemption of length for barge length and parking spot for a construction barge to be used to ferry materials in and out and work on docks, rip rap and landscapes. The barge is 52' long x 14' wide.

To consider this request, a DNR registration for the barge will be required, as well as pictures, along with insurance and financial information for business plan. Request must come from a member.

**Agenda Item 3 - Consent Agenda**

Carothers moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Consent agenda to include:

- a) LPA General Manager's Report
- b) Approval of minutes from 05.24.2022 LPA Board Meeting
- c) Acceptance of 05.31.2022 consolidated financial report - LPA & LPN, LLC
- d) Set date for next board meeting 07.26.2022
- e) Accept minutes from 05.23.2022 LPN LLC Board of Managers Meeting
- f) Accept minutes from the 06.13.2022 LPA Building Codes Committee
- g) Accept minutes from the 06.20.2022 LPA Water Safety Committee
- h) Special Warranty Deed for lot 4657 to correct for missing Mid IA Lakes Deed

**Agenda Item 4a - Offer to purchase LPA lots 4224 & 4225**

LPA received an offer, presented by LP Realty, from buyers - Jeffrey and Theresa Ebert, for purchase of lots 4224 & 4225. Offer was in the amount of \$35,000 for the two lots together. Offer is contingent on an acceptable perc test. The lots are C lots on the West side of the lake.

Land sales committee (LSC) reviewed the offer. The LSC agreed on a counteroffer of \$60,000 for the two lots together. Buyer has responded to the counter of \$60,000 with a counter of \$40,000 for the two lots together.

Donovan moved to reject the counter from Jeffrey and Theresa Ebert (buyers) in the amount of \$40,000 for the two lots 4224 & 4225 to-

gether and confirm a price of \$60,000 for the two lots together is approved, if buyers chose to move forward at this price. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4b - Offer to purchase LPA lot 3187**

LPA received an offer, from LaDon and Sonja Johnson, for purchase of lot 3187. Offer was in the amount of \$20,000. Offer also includes request for septic easement for under road septic line between lot 3187 and lot 891, waterfront lot to be developed. This lot is a B lot on the West side of the lake.

Land sales committee (LSC) reviewed the offer. The LSC agreed on a counteroffer of \$40,000.

Buyer responded to the counter of \$40,000 with a counter of \$28,000. If price agreement is made, the offer would include board approved septic easement for under the road septic line to run from lot 891 to lot 3187. Cost of easement preparation, etc. to be paid by buyer in the amount of \$750.

Carothers moved to reject the counter from Ladon and Sonya Johnson (buyers) in the amount of \$28,000 for lot 3187 and confirm a current price of \$40,000 for lot 3187 is approved for sale, if buyers chose to move forward at this price. Septic Easement for under the road septic line to run between lot 891 and 3187, with cost to be \$750 paid by buyer, document to be prepared by LPA attorney. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4c - Variance Request - Roof Pitch on Lots 6283 & 6284 combined lots**

Building Codes Committee Guidance follows -

*Luke Wanninger, JRL Builders, LLC, requested a variance to build a home with a 4/12 roof pitch on lot 6283/6284 at 4501 Sommars Point. Based on the fact that the committee has granted many similar requests this year and the home meets all other requirements, Westercamp made a motion to approve the 4/12 roof pitch. Brown seconded and carried unanimously.*

Donovan moved to approve variance for 4/12 pitch roof, per proposed plans, on new home construction on combined lots 6283 & 6284, 4501 Sommars Point, JRL Builders, LLC owners. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4d - Variance Request - Roof Pitch**

**and number of roof planes on Lot 894**

Building Codes Committee Guidance follows -

*Mike Morlock requested a variance to allow a 2/12 roof pitch, and a variance to allow 2 roof planes on a proposed home on lot 894 at 6036 Fairmount Drive. The committee addressed the 2/12 pitch request first. Based on the fact that the committee has granted similar requests in the past, Brown made a motion to approve the 2/12 roof pitch. Westercamp seconded and carried unanimously. Brown then asked if any homes would be built on the opposite side of the road from this home, and Rumelhart informed the committee that LPA is not selling lots on the other side of Fairmount Drive. Miller recognized that the committee granted a very similar request for a home at 6257 Panorama Drive earlier this year and saw no difference between this request and the other. Based on the fact that a similar request for a singular roof plane had been granted previously, the home would not obstruct any other views, and the home was agreed upon to be aesthetically pleasing, Harrelson made a motion to accept the 2-roof plane design. Howe seconded and carried unanimously.*

Finneseth moved to approve variance for 2/12 pitch roof and two (2) roof planes, per proposed plans, on new home construction on lot 894, 6036 Fairmount Drive, Michael and Lisa Morlock owners. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4e - Rule to allow not more than one personal marker buoy per waterfront property**

Excerpt from the 6.20.22 Water Safety Committee Minutes:

*Rutledge relayed member input regarding the growing occurrence of private marker buoys on Lake Panorama. Rutledge noted LPA does not currently govern these.*

McConeghey informed the committee that she has placed two personal buoys at her residence for safety concerns. Appleseth noted that he does not want to see every waterfront property have personal buoys in front of their property. York added that if there are too many buoys on the lake, members will eventually disregard LPA's regulatory buoys. Donovan mentioned it may be acceptable to limit the num-

ber of buoys each member may place at their property.

Rutledge reminded the committee private marker buoys serve as an option for members who would like an LPA hazard buoy by their dock but are not allowed one. Rutledge noted LPA hazard buoys are not deployed to mark swimming or dock areas, but rather to mark underwater hazard and shallow areas. Private marker buoys do serve as a "heads up" to boaters regarding docks and swimming areas that may be prone to encroachment by boats.

Committee discussion centered on allowing private marker buoys but limiting them. Coulter and York believed that any personal buoy should be colored appropriately so that they are highly visible. Size and number of buoys per waterfront property were discussed. Following a lengthy discussion, Nevenhoven made a motion to allow one personal buoy per waterfront property, provided the buoy extends no further than the member's dock, has a diameter of not more than 18 inches, and is of a high visibility color. Appleseth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Donovan moved to approve the following section to the LPA rules under 5.6 Lake Usage / Property rights issues:

5.6(d) LPA members shall be allowed not more than one personal marker buoy per waterfront property. Personal marker buoys shall not extend further from shoreline than the member's dock, shall not have a horizontal diameter of more than 18 inches, and shall be of a high visibility color.

The motion further directs LPA staff to defer monetary fines for violation of this rule until 2023. The remainder of 2022 shall be used for member education and notification. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4f - Sunset Beach Potable Water Crossing - Authorize LPA management to proceed with project**

Bids were received for the water crossing project at Sunset Beach, with low bid submitted from Timco Blasting and Coatings, Inc. Due diligence has been completed on the bid and company; LPA staff and Tom Madden, SEH are prepared to move forward with this agree-

ment. Financing options have been researched and Guthrie County State Bank has presented a solid financing option which is similar to previous loans, sharing loan with Farmers State Bank, Iowa Trust and Savings Bank and Peoples Bank.

Westercamp moved to authorize LPA general manager to proceed with the Sunset Beach Potable Water Crossing Project by executing all necessary contract documents with Timco Blasting and Coatings, Inc., contingent upon all necessary legal and insurance review. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Carothers moved to authorize general manager to secure a \$300,000 loan for financing Sunset water crossing project. Guthrie County State Bank to take lead on loan with a shared loan with four banks. Motion seconded, carried. Flanery abstained from vote.

Schumacher moved to agenda item 6

**Agenda Item 6 - Other Business**

a) Review LPA Rule 8.02(a)3. Consider potential storage of non-enclosed utility-style trailers on undeveloped lots

Rutledge asked for a couple board members to review the rules of trailers and what is allowed on undeveloped lots, specifically looking at utility trailers. Jorgensen and Westercamp will review current trailers with security supervisor Corey Larsen and bring possible recommendations for rule change to next meeting.

b) Fees or deposits required for land disturbing permits

Large landscaping projects, rip rap projects etc. are causing damage to roads. Board discussed how to determine what the fees schedule would be for land disturbing projects and ended with the Board asking Building committee to evaluate the feasibility of adding land disturbing permit fees for roads.

**Agenda Item 5 - Closed Session**

The board entered closed session at 6:46 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Board exited closed session at 7:23 p.m.

Donovan moved to approve motion as discussed in closed session. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

**Adjourn** - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. ■

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## DEWAYNE 'DUFF' BROWN

DeWayne "Duff" Brown, 94, son of George and Lillian (Eggleston) Brown, was born July 29, 1927, in Schaller. He passed away July 28, 2022, under hospice care at Sunny View Care Center in Ankeny.

Duff started working at age of 14, driving trucks for his dad until he served in the United States Army from 1945 to 1947. He married Arlene "Cookie" Wandrey on Feb. 25, 1950. He worked on road construction until 1961 when he had an opportunity to move to Des Moines and work for Macmillan Oil Company, later becoming president. Duff came out of retirement to help oversee the construction of Casey's office facility in Ankeny. His favorite job was a hobby, buying lots at Lake Panorama to upgrade the shoreline. Duff and Cookie made their home at Lake Panorama for 32 years before moving back to Ankeny in 2010.

Duff survived by his wife of 72 years, Arlene "Cookie" Brown; daughter, Denise Burroughs; son, Hal, and his wife, Paula; two granddaughters, two great-granddaughters; and his extended Burroughs family in Wisconsin.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son-in-law, Dick Burroughs; brother, Don, and sister, Dorothy Wendell.

Duff will be remembered as a man of integrity who was kindhearted, thoughtful and one who loved to give "big bear hugs."

Memorial services were Aug. 4, 2022, at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Panora. Burial of his cremains were in Richland Township Cemetery, near Yale. Arrangements entrusted to Twigg Funeral Home, Panora. ■



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**A:** According to event organizers, about 175 people were in attendance at the July 22 event at the Lake Panorama National Conference Center. The event had a net profit of more than \$30,000, which averages to about \$171 per attendee.

**Q:** What year was the first Panorama Days?

**A:** The first event was called Lake Panorama Day, and it was held Aug. 2, 1969. It was originally scheduled to celebrate the completion of Lake Panorama's dam, but weather and other delays meant that didn't happen until the summer of 1970. Still, the party went on as planned. More than 50 years have since passed, and what began as a single day now stretches over three days.

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## TRISH HART'S NATURE PHOTO OF THE MONTH



## SPOTTED FAWNS

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Panorama Times

Even though Lake Panorama homeowners may curse the adult whitetail deer that live among us, there's no denying the summer crop of spotted fawns are fun to watch. Trish Hart recently captured several fawn photos, including many twins and triplets, on an evening Ranger ride with her husband Scott.

Fawns are born about six months after mating, in late May to early June. Yearling does usually give birth to one fawn. Older does often will have twins and sometimes triplets. Fawns average about six to eight pounds at birth, and will weigh 60 to 70 pounds by their first winter.

Does nurse their fawns about four times a day as newborns and will continue nursing about four months. At about two weeks of age, a fawn will start browsing vegetation and learn from its mother what plants to eat.

Fawns are born with a reddish-brown coat covered with white spots, which help them blend in with the sun-flecked ground. Fawns lose their spots between 90 and 120 days of age.

Newborn fawns spend most of their time bedded down, laying still, so predators can't find them. A mother will leave her fawn alone for many hours at a time for a few weeks so her scent does not rub off on it. She will return every few hours to nurse and move the fawn to a new bedding area.

Hart launched "Nature's Canvas Photography" in January 2021. She offers custom prints of her photos on canvas, paper, metal and glass. Visit NaturesCanvasPhotos on Facebook. ■

## PANORA TELCO AND GUTHRIE CENTER COMMUNICATIONS CHANGE TO PANORA FIBER

Effective Aug. 1, Panora Telco and Guthrie Center Communications became Panora Fiber, as did the providers' TV services and the Solutions store. Panora Fiber will continue to operate from the current locations in Panora and Guthrie Center, and the same team of employees will continue to serve customers.

Andrew Randol, CEO and general manager, said, "We wanted our family of companies to unify under one name to streamline our marketing and create efficiencies. After much research and discussion, our board of directors chose Panora Fiber. The second word in our new name was the first priority. Fiber is our current focus and

will remain our focus in the future. Only fiber is capable of providing the ultra-fast and reliable Internet and related services that our residential and business customers require. What's more, by moving forward with the name Panora Fiber, we can strengthen our position as the fiber leader in Iowa."

Panora Telco, founded in 1919, was a pioneer in deploying Fiber to the Home in Iowa and lit up its first fiber customer in December 2001.

"That was quite a few years before other providers began installing Fiber to the Home. Since then, we've continued to expand our fiber network to connect more of

our customers to it. Fiber will be essential to helping our local economies grow and thrive in the years to come, and Panora Fiber remains deeply committed to our communities," said Randol.

The new logo for Panora Fiber will appear on the website at panorafiber.com and on signage, vehicles, branded clothing and other customer materials. Underneath the logo are three words: Fast, Reliable and Local.

Randol noted, "When customers think of Panora Fiber, we want them to think of those three things. We provide fast and reliable Internet service, and we're the local provider." ■



New signage was installed Aug. 1 at the former Panora Telco office, located at 114 E. Main St. in Panora. Troy Fenn and Bill Kness of Kness Signs are shown here installing the new signage for what is now called Panora Fiber.

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# LPN SHADE SAILS PROJECT COMPLETE

The \$22,000 fundraising goal was reached in early June.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Panorama Times

Some artificial shade now is in place at the Lake Panorama National golf course. A total of 304 ash trees were removed from the golf course this past winter, with eight of those being large shade trees located around the Spikes snack shop, and between the first and 10th tee boxes.

Research on artificial shade options led to Shade Sails of Iowa and a planned project that would cost \$22,000. Fundraising by Friends of Lake Panorama began in early April, and the \$22,000 goal was reached in early June.

Soon after the goal was met, six metal poles were installed in concrete footings in the 40'x80' grassy "horseshoe" area in front of the Spikes snack shop. On July 7, two heavy-duty fabric sails were attached to the poles at angles, 10 to 16 feet from the ground. The shade sails will be removed each fall, and reinstalled each spring.

The main use of this area is for golfers in carts before and after tournaments and league play. Yet to make the shade sails project more versatile, electrical power was trenched in from Spikes. Lights that turn on automatically after dark are mounted on each pole and provide up-lighting to the sails. The length of time the sails are lighted can be adjusted.

In addition to the lights, power outlets are available on one of the poles. This will make the area more versatile, with power available for speakers, electric grills or other electrical items that might be needed for a special event.

Donations to this project exceeded the \$22,000 goal, and helped finance the electrical installations. The remaining cost of the electrical was donated by Kane and Dee Powell, who own Lake Panorama Realty. A sign recognizing all donors of \$500 or more will be installed this fall inside of Spikes. ■



Installation of the two fabric sails took about two hours. On July 7, the sails were attached to the six poles that had been installed earlier in concrete footings.



Sam Pieczynski, owner of Shade Sails of Iowa, watches as the first sail that had been attached to two poles is stretched to reach a third.



The first sail is attached to a third pole by Sam Pieczynski, who owns Shade Sails of Iowa. A fourth corner was later attached to a fourth pole.



On Aug. 1, couples who play in the Lake Panorama National Resort's Nine and Wine series gathered under the shade sails while waiting for their hole assignments and team pairings.

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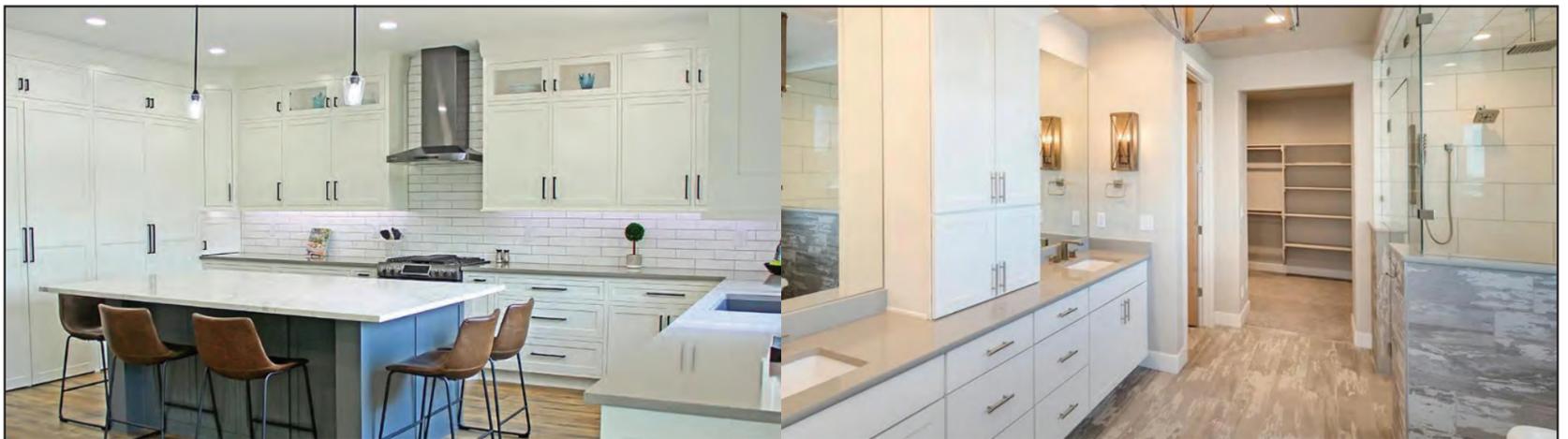
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# LPN WOMEN'S LEAGUE RAISES \$7,020 FOR TORI'S ANGELS

Tori's Angels Foundation helps Iowa families who have children with life-threatening medical conditions.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Panorama Times

For the fifth year in a row, the Lake Panorama National Resort women's league rallied in support of the Tori's Angels Foundation. This fundraising event was July 14, in place of league play, with a total of \$7,020 raised.

Money was raised on the golf course during the four-person best-shot tournament, with games, treats

or surprises on every hole. There were 76 golfers, including a foursome with a mother and grandmother of a child assisted by the Tori's Angels Foundation. Once inside the conference center, raffle tickets were sold for gift baskets and centerpieces donated by league members and others.

After a meal catered by Crafty's Coffee, Bill Ridgley, Tori's Angels Founda-

tion chair, talked about the children and families helped by the Foundation. He said the Foundation had recently accepted its 100th child, and he had three applications he thought would be approved in the near future.

Gretchen Wilhelmi, chair of the LPN women's league, presented a check to Ridgley for \$2,000. This was money that was raised during the league's four-golf tournament in June through the sale of raffle tickets.

The additional \$5,020 was delivered to Ridgley the following day by Becky Rolfes, who chaired the Rally for Tori's Angels event. That included money spent on raffle tickets, funds raised on the golf course during the tournament, and direct donations from those in attendance and some who couldn't attend.

Rolfes says guiding this fundraiser is always a heartwarming and inspiring experience for her.

"Each year, I come away with a special memory of



Bill Ridgley, Tori's Angels Foundation chair, accepts \$5,020 in cash and checks from Becky Rolfes. The money was raised July 14 at a special fundraising event hosted by the LPN women's league and chaired by Rolfes.

someone, or of some child's selflessness, resilience and courage," she says. "Also, I am so proud of and wish to thank the ladies of Lake Panorama National for their generosity during this event."

Tori's Angels Foundation helps Iowa families who have children with life-threatening medical conditions. The Foundation pays for all medical expenses not covered by insurance. Tori's Angels is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization, with all overhead and benefit expenses paid by the foundation board members and friends. ■



Gretchen Wilhelmi, chair of the LPN women's league for 2022, presents a \$2,000 check to Bill Ridgley, chair of the Tori's Angels Foundation. The money came from raffle ticket sales at the June women's golf tournament organized by the LPN women's league.

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# LAKE DOG & COVE CAT

By **CHERYL TEMPLE**  
Lake Panorama Times

## LAKE DOG

**Name:** Lily  
**Age:** 3 years old  
**Breed:** mini golden doodle  
**Owners:** Granddog of Jim and Janice Vandevanter Family, Lucas and Jane Clausen, Ronan and Logan

Lily and her family enjoy visiting grandparents Jim and Janice at the lake. Lily likes the wind blowing through her fur on boat rides, going for walks around the neighborhood and barking at everything. She also enjoys watching the boats in Party Cove and her family jumping off the lily pad from the screened-in porch.



## COVE CAT

**Name:** Twinkie  
**Age:** 2 years old  
**Breed:** red tabby

Twinkie arrived at Panora Pets with lots of wounds and was very thin. He has been at the shelter so long that he believes he is in charge and likes to boss around the other kitties. He takes his job as the greeter at the shelter very seriously. Walmart even wanted to hire him. Stop in to meet Twinkie, and he will be sure to entertain you on the kitty wheel. Twinkie is a little like the grumpy neighbor that you discover a sweetness in once you get to know him. ■



# IMAGES FROM PANORAMA DAYS 2022

PHOTOS BY KEVIN FISTER AND PETER FREYMARK

Panorama Days was another rousing success with three days of activities from Aug. 5-7 including a parade, car show, live music, talent show, fishing tournament, 5K run, ski show and much more. ■



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