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LPA MEMBER’S LOVE OF GOLF LEADS
TO BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Clint Peters acquired Sniper in 2019 and expanded the company with new offerings.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Clint Peters is a self-described “golf fanatic.” He was raised in Aplington, a town of about 1,000 people in northeast Iowa. “Aplington basically had a nine-hole golf course and a Casey’s, so I grew up on a golf cart playing golf since I was young,” Peters says. “I have been a member at Lake Panorama National the last few years and play as many times a week as possible.”

He and his wife, Kristi, own two lots at Lake Panorama where they plan to build a home. Their daughter, Kaitlyn, and her husband, Chase, who were married April 2 and had their reception at Lake Panorama National, already have a home at the lake. Their son, Coby, is a student at Iowa State.

In 2019, Peters decided to turn his love of golf into more than just playing the game. “The opportunity came about to acquire Sniper,” he says. “We took what was a putter company and transitioned to a golf ball, golf glove and accessory company. I’ve never met anyone who has lost two putters during a round of golf, so changing from putters to golf balls made sense.”

The first Sniper brand golf ball was released in 2020. “We expanded with our Tour Series golf balls in May 2021. In 2022, we have three golf ball lines that cater to every level of golfer,” Peters says. “We build our golf balls and recommend them by a golfer’s swing speed to maximize perfor-



mance and align them with the best compression for their game.”

Peters says the Sniper Tour Series golf balls are three-piece balls offering tour-level performance. “Tour Blue is recommended for swing speeds of less than 105 mph and Tour Red for swing speeds higher than 105 mph,” he says. “In testing, our golf balls are performing incredibly well against the major brands and actually better than those balls in many statistics. Plus, ours are much less expensive than the major brands.”

A golf ball for lower swing speeds is being introduced in 2022. “Our SS model golf ball is our low-compression, super-soft golf ball,” Peters says. “Unlike most super-soft golf ball competitors, this ball has the same urethane cover as our Tour Series balls. We believe this ball will be popular with players looking for distance but don’t want to lose greenside control. The manufacturer we chose is one of the best innovators in the industry and helped produce the core for Titleist golf balls for more than 20 years.”

Years of playing golf led Peters to create different packaging for his Sniper brand golf balls.

“I hated trying to put a box of balls into my bag and having empty sleeves in my bag and in every golf cart basket,” he says. “We designed our patent-pending tubes to hold six balls each. For the dozen, we hold them together with two rubber wrist bands. Companies, courses or charities can swap out and use their own bands.”

Peters says the tubes have exceeded his expectations in popularity. “These slip right into the seam of your golf bag pocket, and you never have to toss empty sleeves away again,” he says. “Our tubes are sturdy, and, when empty, are perfect for storing tees and valuables.”

When Peters purchased Sniper in 2019, the former owner was donating a percentage of sales to charity. This practice has continued with a focus on military and first responder charities. “We are fortunate to have one of our ambassadors be Jay Delsing. Jay played on the PGA Tour for 25 years and is a lifetime member of the PGA Tour. After playing our golf balls, he asked to join us, which was an unexpected surprise,” Peters says.

GOLF BALLS, PAGE 5



Clint Peters, president and CEO of Sniper Brand LLC, displays the three golf ball lines his company carries plus a new golf glove introduced this spring. Peters and his wife, Kristi, are finalizing plans to build a home on two Lake Panorama lots they own. Peters has been a member of Lake Panorama National for several years.

DONATIONS BEING SOUGHT FOR SHADE
SAILS PROJECT AT LPN

Both the LPA and LPN board of directors recently approved this project, as long as the \$22,000 needed can be raised with private donations.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

A total of 304 ash trees were removed from the Lake Panorama National (LPN) golf course this winter. Eight of those were big shade trees located around the Spikes snack shop and between the first and 10th tee boxes. Plans are being made to plant about 30 trees on the LPN course this year. These would be planted by tree spade, but it will be many years before the same amount of shade the old trees delivered is available

again around Spikes. Kane Powell is an avid golfer, electrician and builder who owns Lake Panorama Realty with his wife, Dee. While talking with other golfers about the loss of shade around Spikes, he came up with the idea of checking into artificial shade options. That led him to Shade Sails of Iowa, LLC, located in Grimes. Shade Sails are made of a heavy-duty fabric and come in many shapes and colors. A company representative developed a plan that would provide shade in a 40-foot by 80-foot

grassy area east of Spikes. Six metal poles would be installed in concrete footings with two sails attached to the poles at various angles to provide shade throughout the day. The sails would vary between 10 to 16 feet from the ground. The varying heights help the sails shed rain and leaves and provide an architectural dimension to the installation. Both the LPA and LPN board of directors recently approved this project, as long as the \$22,000 needed can be raised with private donations. The

Friends of Lake Panorama board agreed to assist with this fundraising effort, which allows donations to be tax-deductible. LPA officials say they still will plant some trees in the area near Spikes, but those locations won’t be determined until this new artificial shade project is complete. Powell says the sails would be a forest green to match the color of the metal roof on Spikes. If additional funds are raised, electricity could be run to the poles and lights strung. The sails would be taken down

each fall and reinstalled each summer. “Besides giving us back some shade in that area, this will provide a new venue for Lake Panorama National customers to enjoy,” Powell says. “It will be a place where golfers can gather before and after tournaments and should relieve some of the congestion when golf carts park in front of Spikes. The shaded area is designed for golf cart gatherings. For a special event, tables and chairs could be

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ON THE LAKE

SATISFACTION, SIMPLIFICATION AND ONE FEWER LAKE DOG

BY SHANE GOODMAN
Editor and Publisher

Summer is just around the corner at Lake Panorama, and I am ready to put a boat in the water, some sunscreen on my shoulders and a cold drink in my hand. But, like many of you, I still have some work to do to get ready for the season.

Immediate satisfaction

We had a new septic system installed last fall. It was one of those “investments” that we just needed to do. The dirt was left mounded so it would settle some on its own naturally. We will have it all smoothed out soon, and I plan to seed it. That, of course, was a good excuse for me to purchase a new riding lawn mower. And Jolene agreed!

Yes, I am one of those strange guys who actually likes to mow the lawn. It provides a little quiet time to be outdoors and not have to think too much. It also provides one of the few immediate satisfactions in life that allow a person to be able to make something look a lot better in a short amount of time. Painters get that satisfaction. Barbers, too. Most other tasks in life take a great deal of time to see results, which I will face again as I plant grass seed. Ugh.

Simplification

Jolene and I sold our home of 17 years in Johnston this past month. We bought a home at Lake Panorama to have a

place to relax, but owning two homes seemed to create more stress, as many of you already know. So to bring some sanity to our lives, we decided it was time for a change. We hope to spend more time at the lake, but we aren't ready to live here full-time yet. So, with us being empty nesters now, we downsized to a town-home in Grimes. The benefits are many, including the fact that we are 10 minutes closer to the lake now, too. And the move forced us to go through 17 years of “stuff.”

One fewer lake dog

Unfortunately, we also downsized in a sad way. A dog really can be man's best friend, especially when that man has a wife and three daughters. A little male companionship — even from a dog — can prove to be a helpful thing. My buddy was an adopted miniature pinscher named Kobie. You may have seen him with me or heard from him. He traveled with me most everywhere and seemed to enjoy setting off the alarm in my truck. He was a bucket of muscle, able to catapult over a 4-foot fence. This was fun to watch the first time, but chasing him down grew tiresome quickly.

As the years went by, Kobie began to slow down. Some health issues caught up with him, and he began to have seizures. The most recent one proved to be his last. He didn't care for the water much, but he did enjoy boat rides.



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As such, we were looking forward to being with this lake dog all summer. Kobie was our third miniature pinscher that we have had through the years, and he was the one I connected with the most. We may try No. 4 at some point, but we will go dogless for a bit and see what happens.

Lake humor

Let's move on to a chuckle. Here's one you may all appreciate. What do the letters in BOAT stand for?

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LOCAL FILM REVIEWS

FROM STREAMING SERVICES TO THEATERS

BY MICHAEL C. WOODY

Well, the 2021 movie season ended with a bang, or maybe more of a slap from Will Smith to a completely stunned Chris Rock. This was the craziest Oscar event in a long time, and I need to let you know that in our annual family Oscar-picking contest, Sue took the crown this year. It hurt.

This is the time of year when movie fans go from feast to famine. The deluge of holiday and Oscar-worthy movie releases seems to be replaced with end-of-the-year leftovers and horror films. So, we turn to the streaming services.



“The Adam Project” ... Netflix may not give us the best of this bunch but, by far, the most fun. Ryan Reynolds stars as a man who needs to travel to the past to talk to his younger self to stop something cataclysmic from happening. Along the way, he meets his early mom and dad, who both are involved with this event. The movie is great fun for the whole family and gives some talented actors (Mark Ruffalo, Catherine Keener, Jennifer Garner and Zoe Saldana) an opportunity to have fun with these parts. By far the most amazing thing, though, is that I spelled cataclysmic correctly without having to look. **Grade: B**



“The Last Days of Ptolemy Grey” ... On the other end of the fun scale, Samuel Jackson reminds us that he is a very talented actor in this story based on a Walter Mosley book about a man suffering with dementia. I haven't seen all 11 episodes yet, but what I've seen is impressive. Available on Apple TV+. **Early Grade: A-**



“Deep Water” ... Ben Affleck was so good recently in the George Clooney-directed “The Tender Bar.” That makes this effort a real headshaker. A tawdry movie about a super-rich guy who watches as his wife goes from lover to lover right in front of his eyes. Directed by Adrian Lyne, who has given us a few tawdry movies (“Unfaithful,” “Fatal Attraction,” “9 1/2 Weeks” and “Indecent Proposal”), this movie is dead in the water from almost the opening scenes. The story is horrible, the acting is mediocre, and Sue and I sat there wondering why they even made this. Not that it should matter, it is on Hulu. **Grade: D (for dumb)**

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“The Lost City” ... It's tough to argue with a cast that includes Sandra Bullock, Channing Tatum and, wait for it, Brad Pitt. This is a really stupid movie that, at times, is hilarious. It's maybe not as hilarious as my wife found it to be, but it is very well done, and the three stars were all perfect. **Grade: B+**



“The Outfit” ... Mark Rylance is a recognizable actor who few can name. He even has an Oscar to his name for the Spielberg movie, “Bridge of Spies.” Here he plays a man who owns a tailor shop in the mid-1950s in Chicago. The mob are not only good customers, but they seem to be making “drops” at his shop every day. When one of them shows up shot, the movie gets interesting. While not a great movie, it was so well-made and well-acted that I found myself enthralled and entertained. **Grade: B+**



“Morbius” ... Yet another Marvel character hits the big screen with some serious talent behind it. Jared Leto plays the title character, a brilliant scientist who accidentally becomes a vampire-like creature. Leto carries the film, and the special effects are also impressive. We also get to see Michael Keaton return to the Marvel films as Adrian Toomes — better known as The Vulture. There is more than a little foreshadowing coming there. **Grade: B**

Don't worry summer is on its way with the much-anticipated and oft-delayed sequel to “Top Gun” finally about to see the light of day. See you at the movies. ■

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 Lake Panorama.

ASK *Lake Panorama* TIMES

If you've got questions, we'll find the answers.

Q: I heard that the Narrows were going to be dredged. Is that true?
A: Yes, it is true. The LPA advised members that the LPA dredging operation will be moving into the Narrows on, or shortly after, April 1. This message was sent out in an LPA announcement.

LPA plans to dredge this area throughout the spring up until the week of Memorial Day. Boating will not be allowed in the Narrows or the Upper Basin during this time. Members who own property in these locations will be allowed to navigate to and from

their property at no wake speed. Barge companies and marina personnel are also allowed to travel in this area for their work. Boats do not need to adhere to direction of travel rules while in this no wake area. In other words, members who live on the west side of the narrows are encouraged to enter and exit on the west side of the dredge and dredge pipe; members who live on the east side are encouraged to enter and exit on the east side.

The LPA says this protocol is in place to avoid unnecessary crossing of the

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dredge pipe by member boats and is a safe practice while no wake status is in effect. LPA is placing additional signage and markers to help boaters safely navigate the dredge pipe, if necessary. Green markers represent sections of the pipe that are submerged the lowest and are therefore the safest to cross. Orange markers represent sections of the pipe that are closest to the surface and should not be crossed. Members should only cross if necessary and should do so by trimming up their motors up and proceeding slowly at the green markers.

Q: What is the theme for Panorama Days this year?
A: Funny you should ask, as the planning committee is seeking ideas right now. You can submit yours by email to Dale Hochreiter at cyclonepestmgmt@gmail.com or Jessica Hein at jmoandfriends2020@gmail.com. April 18 is the deadline for suggestions. ■

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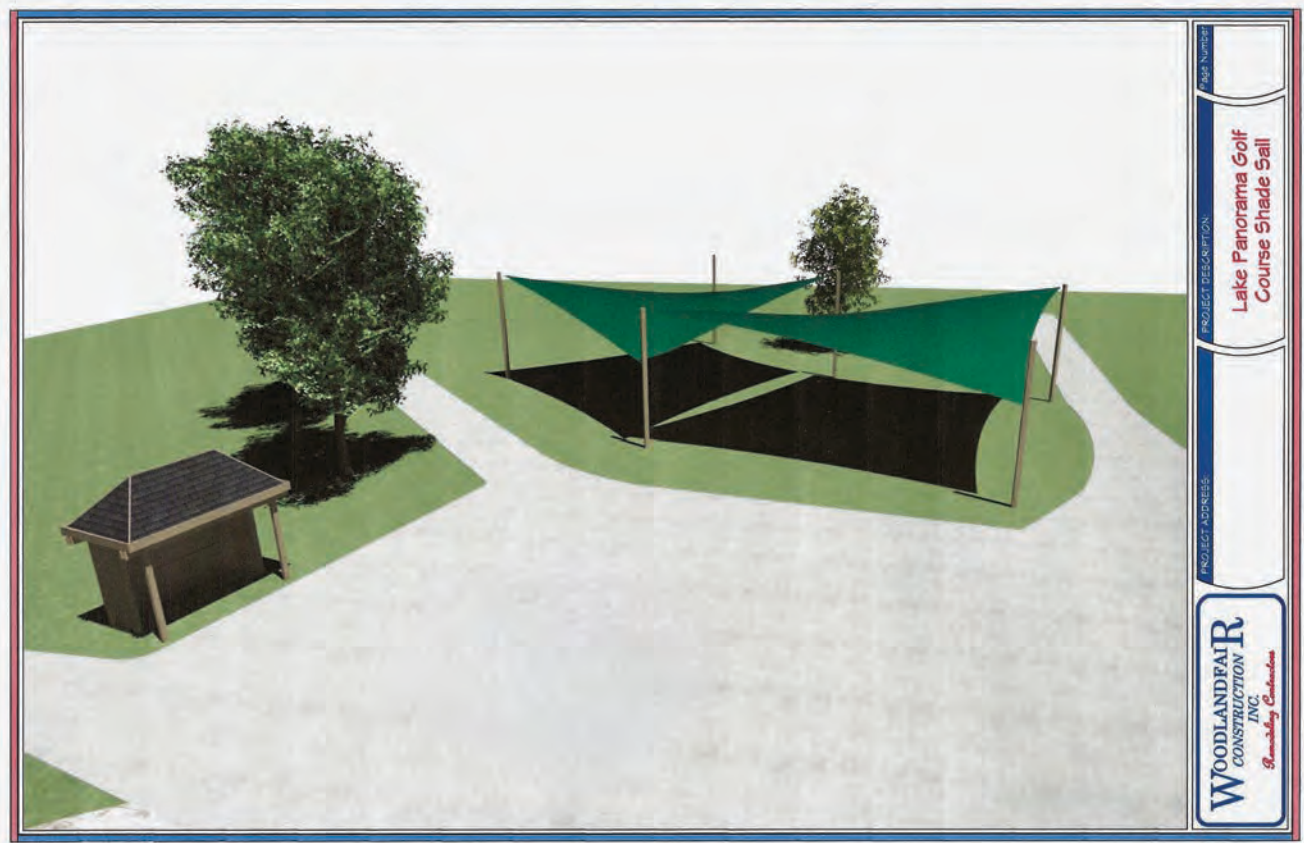
Once the money for this shade project is raised, the order will be placed. Powell says it will take four weeks from the time the order is placed until the poles and sails are installed. It’s hoped the \$22,000 goal can be reached fairly quickly, so the “horseshoe” area in front of Spikes will be shaded by the time hot, sunny weather arrives.

Fundraising is off to a good start because of a \$1,000 donation in memory of Dr. David J. Wang. A former Pan-ora dentist and Lake Panorama resident, Wang died in 2002 at the age of 40. In 2018, his family, including wife, Grace, son, Tony, and daughter, Cassie, donated \$10,000 to Friends of Lake Panorama. Wang was an avid golfer who enjoyed the men’s league and other golf events at the LPN. The bulk of the gift was used for renovations in the LPN dining room.

The family wanted the remaining funds to be used for a project on the golf course. When contacted about this Shade Sails effort, they quickly agreed this would be something their husband and father would have supported.

Donors of \$500 or more will be recognized on a sign placed inside Spikes. All donors will receive a letter recognizing their donation for tax purposes.

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This artist’s rendering shows the Shade Sails installation, which would be in the grassy “horseshoe” area east of Spikes. Friends of Lake Panorama is conducting a campaign to raise \$22,000 for this new project, which would provide some shade for golfers that was lost when eight ash trees were removed from the surrounding area.

LPN ANNOUNCES NEW ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Royce Shaffer will continue to oversee the golf operation, lodging, information technology, accounting and facilities, and David Chubb is now the food and beverage manager.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The management structure of the Lake Panorama National (LPN) Resort is changing to better serve Lake Panorama Association (LPA) members and guests. The new structure will split management responsibilities between two people, one already on staff, and one who accepted a position with the LPN beginning Feb. 28.

The LPA has owned the LPN golf course since 1977 and purchased the LPN conference center in 2005. At that time, the LPA board established the legal corporate entity known as “LPN, LLC” to manage this for-profit, wholly owned subsidiary. The Panorama West golf course and clubhouse was placed under LPN, LLC management in 2013.

As a 501(c)4 nonprofit organization, LPA is required to pay taxes only on gains from land sales. Keeping the LPA and LPN, LLC operations separate protects the nonprofit status of the LPA. To keep this separation, in 2015 the LPA created and appointed an LPN board of managers with oversight provided by the LPA board.

“The LPA and LPN boards have been evaluating the LPN organizational strategy for several years,” says John Rutledge, LPA general manager and LPN, LLC director of operations. “The common theme is there aren’t enough hours in a given week to pursue all of the goals we feel LPN should be pursuing.”

“LPN, LLC is a diverse and complex business with an annual budget of \$2.2 million,” Rutledge says. “Make a list of

all the various components of the LPN, and it gets lengthy — kitchen, restaurant, banquets and special events, Spikes snack shop, the pro shop, swimming pool and fitness center, golf course turf management, lodging, facility maintenance, and information technology. Throw in Panorama West under several of those categories, and it’s a diverse and demanding set of responsibilities.”

Royce Shaffer has been the LPN, LLC operations manager since December 2018, with Rutledge named LPN, LLC director of operations at the same time. Both had served as interims in these positions since the July 2018 departure of John Dinnebier, who was hired by Briarwood Golf Club in Ankeny as general manager. Dinnebier had

been LPN’s general manager since 2002.

Under the new structure, Shaffer will continue to oversee the golf operation, lodging, information technology, accounting and facilities. Shaffer earned a bachelor’s degree at Buena Vista University in 2003, majoring in finance and banking, with concentrations in management and computer science. He has worked at the LPN Resort in various capacities since 2002.

“Royce was integral in proposing and developing a recommendation for this new management strategy,” says Rutledge. “He helped me and the LPA and LPN boards understand the complex issues he has been facing on a daily basis. The truth is this is just too much for one person to handle. Royce has done an

excellent job under difficult conditions, especially the last two years as the LPN navigated its way through COVID. I’m grateful he’s accepted this new role and know this is a win/win for both Royce and for LPA members.”

The new hire is David Chubb. As food and beverage manager, Chubb oversees all aspects of the LPN’s food and beverage operation, including the kitchen, Links Restaurant and Spikes snack shop. Chubb graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in hotel, restaurant and institution management and has 20 years of experience in the hospitality industry.

Rutledge will continue as LPN, LLC director of operations, although he says this new management structure will allow him to take a step

back.

“Royce and David will provide direct, monthly reports to the LPN board of managers. Neither will be subordinate to the other. I will meet with them weekly and provide assistance as needed. But they truly are going to be empowered and responsible to run their respective components of the business,” Rutledge says.

“Segregating the LPN management effort into two components is something both the LPN and LPA boards believe will allow the organization to grow,” Rutledge says. “Improved financial performance and member experiences are the target. Everyone involved is excited about this new management structure, and we believe 2022 is going to be a great year at Lake Panorama National.” ■

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GOLF BALLS

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ters says. “It’s a great asset to have his advice and blessings on our golf ball performance.”

Delsing has been personal friends with David Feherty for more than 30 years and connected Peters to Feherty’s Troops First Foundation. The Sniper website features an image and quote from Feherty.

“When we do not have a specified charity from an order, we donate to Troops First,” Peters says. “We also have done events for the national Salute Military Golf Association and similar groups, both local and national.”

The company’s website is www.snipergolfballs.com. Besides golf balls, the website includes a new Tour Glove line introduced this spring that has exceeded expectations and has two pros looking to wear, a couple of hat designs and some ball markers.

Peters says additional items soon will be available including shot glasses, cigar holders and ball markers, all made from Sniper golf balls. The 2022 Sniper balls will be released in April with the other new products available soon after.

Right now, the majority of Sniper sales are online. But for 2022, Peters says his golf balls will be available in about 20 retail locations and golf shops in five states, with the list where



The Sniper Brand Tour Glove was introduced this spring. The glove is made of Cabretta leather and available in several sizes for men, women and youth.

balls can be purchased in person growing steadily.

Sniper also has become an official partner of the Hurricane Junior Golf Tour, which is the largest multi-day junior tour in the world. And Peters is finalizing plans to become the ball sponsor of the 4,000-player APT Tour.

Starting this year, Sniper will offer logo golf balls for company handouts, golf events or individual personalization. Peters says any businesses or golf events looking for logo golf balls can reach out to him at thesniperbrand@gmail.com for information, plus special pricing for Lake Panorama Association members. ■



Sniper Brand golf balls are sold in tubes rather than traditional boxes. The patent-pending tubes hold six balls each. For a dozen, two tubes are held together with rubber wrist bands.

LPN EASTER BRUNCH APRIL 17

The Lake Panorama National’s annual Easter Brunch will be Sunday, April 17 with reservations available every half hour from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. The Lake Panorama National Resort food and beverage team is offering a wide variety of both breakfast and lunch entrees.

Breakfast items will include such things as an egg casserole, scrambled eggs, an omelet station, bacon and sausage, biscuits and gravy, hash browns and a waffle station.

Lunch offerings will include

herb roasted chicken, sliced pineapple ham, roast beef carving station, pasta bake, herb roasted potatoes and sweet buttered corn. There also will be a mixed green salad bar, macaroni salad, fresh fruit and caprese salad. Top it all off with an assortment of desserts.

Cost is \$24.95 for adults, \$12.95 for kids 4-12, and no cost for kids 3 and younger. The Links regular menu will not be available that day. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the LPN front desk at 641-755-2080. ■

LAKE PANORAMA FIN & FEATHER BANQUET WILL BE MAY 14

The 2022 Lake Panorama Fin and Feather fundraising banquet will be Saturday, May 14, the same day as the LPA annual meeting. The event will be held at the Lake Panorama National Resort, with social hour beginning at 5 p.m. A dinner and silent/live auctions will follow at 6 p.m. All ages are welcome.

Funds raised at the banquet, plus annual memberships and direct donations, are used to stock fish in Lake Panorama. More than \$18,000 worth of fish were added to the lake last fall. Fish stocking totals for 2021 included 2,500 walleye, 1,000 smallmouth bass, 2,000 largemouth bass and 2,085 perch. The group also helps improve fish habitat and sponsors an annual fishing derby for children during Panorama Days.

Dinner tickets to the event are \$35 each, with children 12 and younger \$20. Another option is to join the Big Skipper Club at a cost of \$125. This covers two dinner tickets,

Big Skipper raffle ticket and an annual family membership. The cost of just an annual family membership is \$40.

Supporters can either mail a check or register online with a credit card or PayPal account at the group’s website: panorama-finandfeather.com/banquet/.

If payment is made by check, make it payable to Fin & Feather and mail to Doug Hemphill, Farmers State Bank, P.O. Box 110, Yale, Iowa, 50277, along with a completed membership application, which is available on the website.

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Lake Panorama Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Dec. 14, 2021

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met Dec. 14, 2021, at 5 p.m. at Lake Panorama Association office. Board members in attendance were Mary Jane Carothers, Emily Donovan, Gary Evans, David Finneseth, Julie Fulton, Rich Schumacher and Jim Spradling.

LPA Staff in attendance: John Rutledge.
Visitors in attendance: None
President Schumacher called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the Agenda

Spradling moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 – Open Forum – No one present

Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda

Donovan 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 11.23.2021 LPA board meeting
- c) Acceptance of 11.30.2021 consolidated financial report – LPA & LPN, LLC
- d) Set date for next board meeting 03.22.2022
- e) Accept minutes from 11.22.2021 LPN LLC Board of Managers meeting
- f) Authorization to make 2022 investment in subsidiary LPN, LLC of up to \$250,000 per budget

Agenda Item 4a – Ballot Measure for 2022 LPA Annual Meeting – Declaration of Amended and Substituted Covenants and Restrictions for Lake Panorama Association

Rutledge reviewed the proposed “Declaration of Amended and Substituted Covenants for Lake Panorama Subdivision.” This document must be ratified by the membership every 21 years. There are no material changes to the document from the current version. The revised document represents a “clean up” of presentation and organization of the document and references within the document. A strong representation of passage of the Amended and Substituted Covenants and Restrictions will ensure Lake Panorama Association can continue operating in the manner it is currently operating.

Finneseth moved to approve the ballot measure for approval of the Declaration of Amended and Substituted Covenants and Restrictions for Lake Panorama Association (listed below) be added to the ballot for the May 14, 2022, annual meeting. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

DECLARATION OF AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR LAKE PANORAMA SUBDIVISION

This declaration is made on the date hereinafter set forth by the Lake Panorama Association, an Iowa non-profit corporation, with its principal place of business in Guthrie County, Iowa.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, this amended and substituted declaration amends covenants and restrictions previously filed herein in the office of the Guthrie County Recorder, and

WHEREAS, these covenants and restrictions shall be applicable to and binding upon the lots and parcels of land shown on the plats of Lake Panorama Subdivision recorded in the office of the Guthrie County Recorder, and

WHEREAS, members of Lake Panorama Association at their annual meeting held on May 14, 2022, voted in favor of amending and substituting these covenants and restrictions with an affirmative vote of ____% of the record lot owners voting.

NOW, THEREFORE, Lake Panorama Association does hereby declare that all the property in the Lake Panorama Subdivision shall be subject to the following covenants and restrictions, conditions and easements, all of which shall run with the land and shall be a burden and benefit to any persons owning an interest in such real property, and all of their grantees, successors, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

Covenants and Restrictions

In the following covenants and restrictions whenever the term “LPA” shall ap-

pear or be used herein, it shall be deemed and construed to mean and include “Lake Panorama Association”, its successors and assigns; and whenever the term “Purchaser” shall appear or be used herein, it shall be deemed and construed to mean and include all members which are owners of lots and parcels in Lake Panorama Subdivision and all purchasers of such real property and their respective heirs, legal representatives, administrators, executors, trusts and assigns.

LPA possesses all of the rights, privileges, regulatory authorities, duties and obligations it holds pursuant to and under the terms of the following covenants and restrictions.

The following restrictive covenants and conditions shall be applicable to and binding upon the lots or parcels of land shown on plats of the Lake Panorama Subdivision recorded or to be recorded in the Recorder’s Office of Guthrie County, Iowa, except that LPA may from time to time set aside certain unplatted areas for special usage or future development, which areas may contain special restrictions and/or covenants.

Utilities Covenants

The Purchaser of property understands that sewage disposal is by means of individual disposal systems for certain lots and parcels within Lake Panorama Subdivision and Purchaser specifically agrees to install on such property only sewage disposal systems as are approved by LPA, and/or authorized by applicable state or local governmental officials, and further agrees that after installation, the system shall be kept in satisfactory operating condition and shall be subject to periodic inspections by LPA or applicable governmental regulating authorities.

It is further understood that in the future some form of central sewage system may be required and in such event the Purchaser agrees to pay such charges in connection with said systems.

Purchasers of lots in the Lake Panorama Subdivision agree and authorize LPA to enter upon said lot(s) to make water connection installation, maintain such facilities and measure and record water usage. Billings will occur by LPA following installation and for usage monthly, quarterly or annually.

Membership Covenant

Purchaser, covenants and agrees to maintain membership in good standing with LPA as long as an owner of property in Lake Panorama Subdivision and agrees to abide by the Bylaws and any Rules and Regulations adopted by LPA from time to time and further agrees to pay all membership dues and fees, as described in the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations, regardless of whether or not the privilege of using such areas or facilities are exercised. This covenant concerning real estate and the enjoyment, use and benefit thereof, shall be deemed to run with the land and the non-payment of fees shall, after the respective dates, become a lien thereon in favor of said LPA and shall be enforceable by LPA.

Restrictions

1. The lots shall be used exclusively for residential purposes, except those lots designated as business, commercial, or “special use” areas on the plats in Lake Panorama Subdivision.

2. All building plans and type of materials must be approved by LPA and must comply with any existing local, state or federal building codes in force at the time of construction.

3. No lots may be sub-divided and not more than one single-family dwelling house may be erected or constructed on any one lot. Replatting of an existing plat- ted area which has the effect of creating a smaller number of larger sized lots shall be permitted and will not be considered to violate the present restrictions of ‘sub- dividing’ and existing lot. No building, other than a storage structure of 100 square feet or less, may be erected on any lot prior to the erection of a dwelling house. All storage structures are subject to first receiving approval by the Board of Directors. No accessory, basement or temporary building shall be used or occupied as living quarters. No motor homes, campers, tents or other similar structures shall be erected,

moved onto, or placed upon said premises, except in specific areas designated for such use, prior to a home being erected on the lot. The exterior of all buildings must be completed within 6 months from the date construction commences. Open pier foundation type construction shall not be permitted.

3a. The building of multiple unit housing, which provides for individual ownership of individual units in such multiple occupancy areas, shall be permitted, but only under the following circumstances: all multiple unit housing and their proposed location must be approved by majority vote of the LPA Board of Directors. Before the final approval by the Board of Director of LPA of any such housing, a public hearing must be held by the Board of Directors. Prior to such public hearing, all LPA property owners shall be notified of the public hearing in writing. Such notice to be mailed not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing. The developer of any such proposed multiple unit housing shall submit all information reasonably required by the LPA Board of Directors needed to evaluate the development. The approval or disapproval of any such multiple unit housing by the LPA Board of Directors shall be at their sole discretion.

3b. No more than 1,800 family dwelling units of all kinds shall be permitted to be built in the Lake Panorama Subdivision.

4. Minimum residence living space on ground or first floor, exclusive of porch or deck area, shall be 1,200 square feet. No projection of any building shall extend nearer than thirty-five (35) feet from any road right-of-way; nor nearer than ten (10) feet from the side property line; nor nearer than twenty (20) feet from the rear line of any lot; nor within fifty (50) feet from the normal water line as indicated on Plat or Plats of Lake Panorama Subdivision without written permission of LPA. All conditions must comply with the zoning regulations of Guthrie County, Iowa.

5. No untreated waste shall be permitted to enter Lake Panorama and all sanitary arrangements must comply with specifications and regulations of LPA and local and/or state health officers, and all buildings having plumbing facilities shall be required to connect to central water and sewer systems upon availability of same. No individual drain field or other disposal system shall be allowed nearer than fifty (50) feet from the normal water level (1045 elevation) of Lake Panorama.

6. No noxious or offensive activity shall be permitted on any lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which shall or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood, and LPA shall determine what constitutes noxious or offensive activity and said determination shall be complete and final. No animals or fowl shall be kept or maintained on said lots except customary household pets in reasonable numbers. No signs of any kind shall be displayed on any lot without permission of LPA. Failure to maintain lots in a tidy manner will result in LPA correcting said maintenance, for which a reasonable charge may be levied against the property owner.

7. Use of the lake is limited to members of LPA, and such use shall be in compliance with the Rules and Regulations adopted by LPA from time to time.

8. LPA, for itself and licensees, reserves a perpetual easement twenty (20) feet in width along the entire shoreline of Lake Panorama, together with an easement fifteen (15) feet in width along both sides of all road right-of-way and an easement ten (10) feet in width along the side and rear lines of each and every lot, with the right of ingress and egress thereon for the purpose of installing, operating, maintaining and servicing all types of utilities and drainage ditches and appurtenances thereto, together with the right to trim, cut or remove any trees or brush necessary for the above purposes. Except where an owner of two or more adjoining lots constructs a building, which will cross over or through a common lot sideline, said consolidated lot shall not be subject to the aforementioned side 10-foot easement along the line common to both lots. The owners of lots within the subdivision shall have no cause of action against LPA or its licensees either at law or in equality by reason of any damage caused said lots in the installation, operation or maintenance of above-

mentioned utilities except in cases of gross negligence.

9. As part of the consideration herein the Purchasers, their heirs, devisees or assigns, further agrees not to sell, assign or convey any lot or lots to any person or persons not accepted for membership in LPA. This restriction shall not apply to mortgages given to bona fide lenders or lending institutions but shall apply to all conveyances of the equity of redemption in any lot.

10. These restrictions and covenants run with the land, and shall bind the Purchasers, their heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives and assigns, and if any of them shall violate or attempt to violate any of the covenants or restrictions herein contained, it shall be lawful for any person(s) or corporation(s) owning any such lots in the sub-division to prosecute any proceedings at law or in equity against those violating or attempting to violate any such covenants or restrictions and either to prevent him, them or it from doing so, or to recover damages for such violation. All of the restrictions, conditions, covenants and agreements contained herein shall continue until 2043, except that they may be changed, altered, amended or revoked in whole or in part by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the record lot owners voting, either in person or by ballot, at any special or annual meeting of the lot owners, and that notice of the election on such changes, alteration, amendment or revocation, shall be mailed to each lot owner no more than fifty days nor less than ten days prior to said election. LPA, by and through its Board of Directors, is authorized and enabled to ratify and confirm any existing variance from the restrictions contained in paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the restriction provisions of the Declaration; and LPA, by and through its Board of Directors, is authorized and enabled to grant further variances to paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of these restrictions. LPA is authorized and enabled to promulgate Rules and Regulations for the granting of variances as herein authorized, provided, however, that no changes shall be made which might violate the purposes set forth in restrictions No. 1 and No. 8. Any invalidation of any one of these covenants and restrictions shall in no way affect any other of the provisions thereof, which shall thereafter remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Declaration of Amended and Substituted Covenants and Restrictions for Lake Panorama Subdivision. The undersigned further states that he is President of the Lake Panorama Association and personally verifies that at the annual meeting of Lake Panorama Association held on May 14, 2022, ____% of the record lot owners voting, voted in the affirmative for this Declaration of Amended and Substituted Covenants and Restrictions for Lake Panorama Subdivision.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2022.
LAKE PANORAMA ASSOCIATION
By: _____

Richard Schumacher, President
STATE OF IOWA)
) ss
COUNTY OF GUTHRIE)

On this the ____ day of _____, 2022, before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said state, personally appeared Richard Schumacher, to me personally known, who being by me sworn, did say that he is the President of the corporation executing the within and foregoing instrument, that the instrument was signed on behalf of the corporation by authority of its Board of Directors and that Richard Schumacher, as President of the corporation acknowledges the execution of the foregoing instrument to be a voluntary act and deed of the corporation by it and by them voluntarily executed.

Notary Public
(Seal)

Agenda Item 4b – Building Codes – 3201.6 Firepits and Fireplaces – Define and Clarify Regulations

Rutledge explained additional information is needed from the Building Codes committee to proceed with rule changes regarding Firepits and Fireplaces, this item will be addressed in a future meeting.

Agenda Item 5 – Other Business – None
Agenda Item 6 – Closed Session – None
Adjourn - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m. ■

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RECIPE

EASTER DIP GOODNESS

BY JOLENE GOODMAN

(Culinary.net) Easter is about coming together with loved ones, enjoying beautiful spring weather and eating your family's favorite foods. The kids will be playing, adults will be chatting and all will be patiently waiting for the table to be set.

If you're visiting and making memories with family and friends you haven't seen in a while, there are few things better than diving into a marvelous Easter spread.

While eyeing the table, you notice all the colors popping off the dishes. Fruits and veggies make the feast come to life, but a warm Easter dip paired with rolls for dipping is a perfect way to start the festivities.

These Easter Bunny Rolls with Spinach Dip are as eye-catching as they are delicious. Not only will the kids love its shape, but the layers of taste will wow your Easter crowd.

To make this recipe, start by combining a 16-ounce package of frozen spinach, cream cheese and garlic in a skillet. Once heated, add mayonnaise, salt, onion powder, chili powder and Italian sea-

soning.

Add in Parmesan and mozzarella cheeses then stir until combined.

Next, roll out crescent rolls. Stretch the dough then cut into 24 rolls.

Form the bunny shape and scoop your spinach dip mixture into the center of the bunny and its ears. Sprinkle the spinach dip with mozzarella cheese before baking at 375 F for 18 minutes.

This dish is made for a crowd, served warm and full of cheesy goodness. You can watch as your family dips into the spinach and one-by-one, before you know it, the rolls will have disappeared and the dip will be devoured. Find more Easter recipes at Culinary.net. ■

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



Jolene Goodman

EASTER BUNNY ROLLS WITH SPINACH DIP

Serves: 24

- 16 ounces frozen spinach, thawed
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- 2 crescent roll tubes (8 ounces each)



- Heat oven to 375 F.
- In skillet, over medium heat, cook spinach, cream cheese and garlic 3-4 minutes until cream cheese is melted. Stir in mayonnaise, salt, onion powder, chili powder, pepper and Italian seasoning. Stir in Parmesan cheese and 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese. Cook until cheese is melted. Keep skillet on burner over low heat.
- Remove dough from tubes. Leaving dough intact, roll and stretch into 18-inch ropes. Cut each rope into 12 pieces for 24 total.
- On baking sheet with parchment paper, form bunny head by placing one piece of dough in middle then surrounding it with six more pieces. Use 13 pieces to form round body. Use remaining pieces to form ears on top of head.
- Scoop hot spinach dip into center. Spoon small portions on each ear. Sprinkle ears and belly with remaining mozzarella cheese.
- Bake 18 minutes, or until crescent dough is golden brown and thoroughly cooked.

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If you lack emergency savings, consider taking steps to create a cushion for the future. Visit investgcsb.com to read this article in its entirety. As always, contact our office to discuss your specific situation.

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PANORA STORE CATERS TO COLLECTORS

Most items in Linda Burgess’ Reborn store are for sale, and the inventory changes constantly.



This cabinet near the front of the Reborn store is filled with crocks and pottery pieces, with some created to advertise a business or product.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

A Panora woman who says she has always liked “old stuff” is the owner of Reborn. This June, Linda Burgess will begin her seventh year in the store located at 132 West Main St. Reborn’s Facebook page says the shop “offers quality antiques, vintage, and stained glass at small town prices.”

Burgess has spent most of her life in the Panora area.

“I’ve always had an appreciation for antiques and collectibles,” she says. “When I was a kid, I loved all the old stuff my grandmother had.”

In the 1960s, Burgess worked in three different office locations as Lake Panorama developers sold shares and lots. She’s a history buff who worked for a dozen years at Living History Farms in Urbandale. Much of her time was spent as an on-site interpreter in the 1876 town of Walnut Hill, dressed in clothing of the era. Later, she worked at the Guthrie County Historical Village and Museum on the south side of Panora.

Before Reborn, Burgess rented the basement in the building just west of her current location, where she created stained glass pieces and had some vintage items for sale.

“I signed up for an adult education class, and 45 years later, I’m still doing stained glass,” she says.

When that building sold, she purchased the building where Reborn was born. She moved her stained glass studio to a back room. A wall was removed, remaining walls were painted, and the Reborn sign Burgess created was hung on the front

of the building.

“I’ve been collecting things for many, many years,” Burgess says. “When I first opened the shop, I started mostly with things I already had. As those sold, I started buying things to keep up the inventory. I’m always looking and try to follow trends of what people are collecting.”

Linda and her husband, Marshall, live in a restored Victorian home less than a block from Reborn. “Sometimes I still buy something I like and take it home, then later decide I’m ready to bring it to the shop,” she says.

The couple has two daughters. Heather Robson lives in Waverly. Julie Burgess lives in Panora and works full-time from home. As time allows, she helps her mother by keeping the Reborn Facebook page active. Plus, the two of them “pick” together.

“Julie and I pick a lot,” Linda says. The pair frequents garage sales and estate sales in search of good deals. Sometimes people bring collectibles to Reborn to see if she’s interested in buying.

“We don’t go to auctions or do any online purchasing,” Burgess says. “Part of the fun is seeing what we can find on our own.”

Not everything Burgess has on display is for sale. For instance, there is a half-wall covered with advertising pieces and photos related to long-ago Panora businesses.

“I call this my Panora collection,” Burgess says. “People love to stand here and look at the old photos and advertisements.”

A poster promotes a movie showing at the Star Vu drive-in theater, once located on the west edge of Panora.



Linda Burgess is the owner and operator of Reborn, a store on Panora’s Main Street filled with antiques and collectibles. In June, she’ll begin her seventh year in business.



Reborn is located at 132 West Main St. in Panora. The shop’s Facebook page states it “offers quality antiques, vintage, and stained glass at small town prices.”

There’s a framed newspaper ad for Bokirk’s department store, which was located in the building across the street from Panora Telco.

Most items in Reborn are for sale, and the inventory changes constantly. Pottery, crocks, copper boilers, wooden boxes, AE and Flynn dairy milk bottles and boxes, furniture, toys and games, jewelry, tin cans, framed prints, purses, hats, lamps, baskets, record albums, and so much more.

“We try to buy quality items,” Burgess says. “We focus more on quality than we do on quantity. It’s so neat when someone comes in and discovers something they’ve been looking for a long time. I love seeing the joy on people’s faces.”

Reborn closes each year right before Christmas and reopens by April 1. Once the shop opens for the sea-

son, Burgess is there Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“I love getting here each morning and seeing what the day brings,” she says.

After six years in the business, Burgess says she has a lot of regular, repeat customers.

“But every week I have new people come in,” she says. “We’ve developed a nice following through our Facebook page. Being on a major state highway helps. Sometimes people who travel a distance do a lot of research, and sometimes people just stumble onto us.”

Reborn is a member of the Iowa Antique Network, an online resource that provides information on antique shops across Iowa. Summer brings an uptick in business, but Burgess says being open three days a week

means those three days are almost always busy.

Burgess is a big believer in shopping locally.

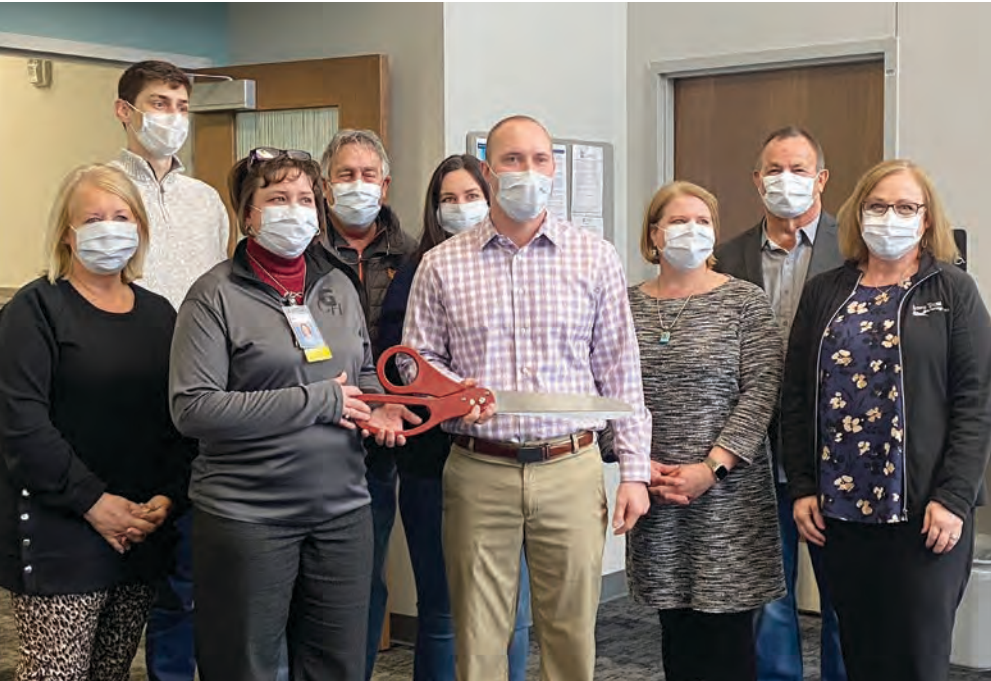
“There aren’t a lot of small antique shops like Reborn open anymore,” she says. “We have unique, one-of-a-kind items, and we enjoy sharing those with customers.”

Messages can be sent to Reborn through the shop’s Facebook page, but Burgess prefers people call the number listed. That’s her cell phone, which allows her to talk directly with potential customers about pieces that interest them. She’s also happy to make appointments, if the regular store hours don’t work for someone.

Give her a call at 641-757-0631. If she doesn’t answer, try again later. She’s probably busy picking another treasure for her store. ■

RIBBON CUTTING

The Guthrie County Hospital Panora Clinic held its ribbon cutting at 103 S.E. 13th St. on March 30.



Julie Wykoff, Peter Johnson, Sara Van Effen, Dale Hochreiter, Kristin Rumelhart, Dr. Josh Strehle, Gayle Shackelford, Randy Walz and Trudy Hastings



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ORIENTATION SESSION WILL BE APRIL 29 FOR NEW LPA MEMBERS

The third Lake Panorama 101 session will be Friday, April 29, 5-6 p.m., in the dining room at the Lake Panorama National Conference Center. Refreshments will be available, and drinks may be brought in from the Links bar.

The idea for Lake Panorama 101 came from a group of volunteers who believed there should be an organized, face-to-face opportunity to welcome new property owners to Lake Panorama. The first two sessions were held in spring and fall of 2021, with more than 30 people in attendance at each.


Topics covered during the presentation portion are the Lake Panorama Association, Lake Panorama National, amenities available to LPA members, and resources for learning more and getting involved. There will be time for questions.

A flyer describing this project, along with the date and time for this upcoming program, is included in the packets new property owners receive from the LPA office. Yet the Lake Panorama 101 sessions aren't limited to those who see the flyer in their new member packet or who are new property owners. Any LPA member is welcome to attend.

The book "Lake Panorama - The First 50 Years" will be available for purchase at a reduced price of \$25. The full-color, hardcover book includes both historic and contemporary photos. Book chapters describe six decades of planning and development. There are special topic chapters on Lake Panorama's two golf courses, infrastructure and water quality efforts.

Those planning to attend the April 29 session are asked to RSVP by calling the LPN front desk during daytime business hours at 641-755-2080. ■

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2022 LPA ANNUAL MEETING UPCOMING

On the ballot this year will be the adoption of LPA's Amended and Substituted Covenants and Restrictions, plus the election of three directors.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The 53rd annual meeting of the Lake Panorama Association (LPA) will be Saturday, May 14, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Lake Panorama National conference center. Each year, the LPA annual meeting provides a formal statement of the association's financial position, plus reports on activities during the past year and plans for the coming year.

Reports will be given by Rich Schumacher, LPA board president; Gary Evans, LPA board treasurer; and John Rutledge, LPA general manager and LPN, LLC director of operations.

An official announcement of the meeting will be sent to all LPA members in mid-April. Included in this mailing will be a ballot, plus a numbered envelope in which to return the ballot. Ballots must be returned in the numbered envelopes to ensure ballot authenticity. If an envelope is lost, contact the LPA office for a replacement.

On the ballot this year will be the adoption of LPA's Amended and Substituted Covenants and Restrictions, plus the election of three directors.

The covenants serve as the foundation of the LPA's gov-

erning documents and are an essential piece of LPA's organizational structure. The covenants were last adopted April 26, 2003, and must be renewed within 21 years. If approved, the updated covenants will be filed in the office of the Guthrie County Recorder and be in place until May 14, 2023.

Two informational meetings were scheduled to give members the opportunity to learn more. The first was Feb. 24. Another will be held Thursday, April 28, 6 p.m., at the LPN.

John Rutledge says the proposed covenants don't contain any substantive changes from the covenants currently in place.

"Some formatting changes were made and some language cleaned up. But what these amended covenants say and do for the LPA hasn't changed," he says. "The LPA by-laws, rules and regulations, and building codes draw authority from the LPA covenants document. It is a concise and to-the-point document that is essential to LPA's continued success."

A copy of the proposed amended and substituted covenants will be included in the mid-April mailing, along with the ballot and information on LPA board candidates.

The question on the ballot will be: "Shall the proposed Amended and Substituted Covenants and Restrictions for Lake Panorama Subdivision be adopted?" Members will be asked to mark "yes" or "no." A simple majority is needed to approve the adoption.

Members are asked to deliver or mail their completed ballot in the numbered envelope to the LPA office before Friday, May 13. This allows the majority of the ballots to be counted in advance of the annual meeting. Ballots also can be brought to the annual meeting.

Three people are running for three seats on the LPA seven-member board. Gary Evans and Jim Spradling both are completing their second term on the board and are ineligible to run this year. Also on the ballot is the seat held for the past year by Julie Fulton. She was elected in 2021 to complete the final year of the unexpired term of the late Neil Wright.

The three candidates for these three open seats are Dennis Flanery, Mark Jorgensen and Dirk Westercamp. LPA by-laws require each board candidate to provide a 100-word statement. This year's candidate statements are printed here in alphabetical order.

DENNIS FLANERY



Dennis Flanery

"Our family has had a home at Lake Panorama since 1985. I've worked at Peoples Bank in Guthrie Center for 28 years and have had the privilege to serve on several economic, civic and community organizations serving Guthrie County. My wife, Diane, is in education, a past teacher and now a principal. Our three children (Ryan, Erin and Sean) all live and work in the Des Moines area. Our family enjoys the amenities Lake Panorama has to offer, and I understand LPA's economic importance to Guthrie County. I look forward to the opportunity to serve you on the LPA Board."

MARK JORGENSEN



Mark Jorgensen

"My wife, Deb, and I bought our town home in July of 2015. Over the years, I've been very involved in holding office in a variety of boards and non-profit entities. With my accounting and business background, I have become very curious how the LPA system works and what are the challenges that we will face in the future. I can promise you that I will be accessible and will bring a constructive positive attitude that still will be able to tackle hard problems and work with board members and staff in a positive way. I would appreciate your vote."

DIRK WESTERCAMP



Dirk Westercamp

"I am an architect, and, together with my wife, Carol, run a business in Sherman Hill, STUDIO192 and CO. We both grew up 'on the water' and purchased a lot on Lean To Point in 2007, and owned a condo on hole five. We enjoy boat rides from Helen's Cove with our three children. I have been fortunate enough to volunteer on boards and committees with Saint Francis of Assisi, Dowling Catholic, AIA, DBIA, USGBC, multiple Rotary, Chamber and Economic Development boards, and, of course, the LPA Building Codes Committee since 2014 with the past two terms as chairperson." ■





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Q&A: LPA BUILDING CODES, WETLANDS AND MORE

LPA Project Manager Lane Rumelhart gives updates on key projects.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Lane Rumelhart is in his third year as project manager for the Lake Panorama Association. He graduated from Central College in Pella in May 2019 with a bachelor's degree in environmental science and minors in biology and business management.

As LPA project manager, Rumelhart is responsible for managing the LPA building codes. He also manages some projects financed by the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) and assists with LPA communications, the annual deer hunt program, and campground and beach management. In this month's Q&A, Rumelhart highlights the LPA building codes, plus talks about some ongoing and upcoming projects.

Q. What projects require a building permit or land disturbing permit?

A. LPA requires permits for new homes, additions, detached and attached garages, storage sheds, gazebos, sun shelters, fences, pools, decks, three-season rooms and permanent docks. LPA also requires a land disturbing permit for any landscaping, new driveways, culverts, clearing, firepits/fireplaces, or any other project that will disturb dirt within 100 feet of the water or over 1,000 square feet of area. Members do not need permits to re-side or re-shingle a home, or to do inside renovations.

If a project does need a permit, the process is a bit different for each project and depends on both the nature of the project and the permit applicant's level of preparedness. The first step should always be to contact me. I will get members and

contractors all the necessary information on what I need to be able to approve a permit.

Between the months of March and October, members should expect a longer wait time. If a member and/or contractor has everything in order, we can process larger permit requests (homes, additions, garages) in 7-10 days. Smaller projects usually take 3-5 days. Once I have everything I need, it doesn't take long to check lot stakes and a few other things to get members approved. The key to a smooth permit process is working well ahead of your planned construction schedule to ensure all paperwork is completed in advance.

If a member has questions on what does or doesn't need permits, they can call me at the LPA office at 641-755-2301 or email me at lrumelhart@lakepanorama.org.

Q. When can we expect the new restrooms at both Shady and Sunset beaches to be open?

A. The exterior of each restroom is complete. Kane Powell will be putting the metal roof on soon and then adding all the interior fixtures once the building is secure. These restrooms are one room and unisex. The previous bathrooms had issues with flooding and deterioration. These new buildings have concrete walls and a tin roof, making them maintenance free. These new restrooms should be completed before Memorial Day and ready for peak summer usage.

Q. The Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) has been instrumental in the construction of three wetlands that help protect Lake Panorama from sediment. What are your responsibilities for the

ongoing operation and management of these wetlands, and are any new ones in the works?

A. The Helen's Cove wetland was built in 2016 and is on the east side of Sage Trail, northeast of the LPA east campground. The Hughes Cove wetland was built in 2017 and is north of 200th Road, near the Fin and Feather building. The Smith wetland was built in 2019 and is on the north side of 180th, north of Burchfield Cove.

In the spring, I watch the weather closely. If we are going to get a lot of rain in a short time frame, I raise the pool level on all three wetlands to catch as much water and silt as possible. I try to hold off on raising the pool level until the exposed perimeter of the pool has a chance to establish some vegetation. Certain plants that are native to wetlands help capture nutrients in the water. Blue Green algae blooms we see in the summer are a result of high concentrations of phosphorus in our lake. More plants to absorb these excess nutrients can really benefit the lake's water quality.

We will be adding a smaller wetland, which will be 3 acres in size, north of the west fork of Burchfield Cove. Our plans are to begin work later this summer or into the fall. This wetland won't be as large as our previous three but still will capture sediment from roughly 584 acres of watershed. The wetland meets requirements for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and should be eligible for CREP funding. We have plans for one other wetland north of the Smith wetland but have had difficulties with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers getting it permitted. We will continue to

work with the Corps in hopes of finding a way to complete this project.

Q. You provide assistance to projects that are led by Friends of Lake Panorama. For instance, what progress is being made on the Lake Panorama dog park?

A. Hopefully, the dog park will be ready to open sometime in June, or perhaps sooner. Right now, our biggest barrier will be to establish a good enough stand of grass to handle the wear and tear from dogs and their owners. Once the soil temperature increases a bit more, Brandon Brehmer will oversee the area in the coming weeks to help establish grass in some of the bare areas. We will need some rain and warm weather after he seeds to get good germination.

LPA will add rock on the east portion of the park just outside the fence to create suitable parking. We also have two picnic tables — one for each side of the park — ordered and on their way. Bryce Arganbright is finishing up the shelter and concrete pads around the park entrance. If Mother Nature is on our side, the park could open in late May. If we have drought conditions, it may be a while longer. We don't want to open the park until the grass is in good enough shape that we don't end up with muddy conditions.

Q. What else are you working on in the coming months?

A. I am leading a replanting effort on the LPN and Panorama West golf courses to make sure trees are put back after taking out more than 350 ash trees. Right now, we are looking at areas critical to play. This will amount to about 30 trees at



Lane Rumelhart

LPN and nine trees at Panorama West. After we get through one playing season, we will reassess and evaluate where other trees may be needed.

I've wrapped up all of LPA and RIZ's farm leases for the 2022 year. As the 180th Trail Basin expansion project gets going again, I will be monitoring progress with Spring Lake Construction, along with Mike Monthei, LPN maintenance supervisor, and the help of our engineers from Shive Hat-tery. The bulk of the work for this project will take place this summer, as the elevation of the basin is raised about 17 feet to retain more sediment discharged from our dredge.

The two campgrounds are open, although water isn't guaranteed until May 1, and the beaches will be utilized soon. I've been seeing more people at the sports courts at Boulder Beach. Our new website is running smoothly and has proven to be a nice upgrade for our community.

Signs of spring are everywhere. I may do 10 different things every day of the week, but that's what I enjoy about working for the Lake Panorama Association. ■

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BEACH BALL SET FOR JULY 22 AT LPN

Event registration will begin in May.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Friends of Lake Panorama will host its fifth Beach Ball fundraiser Friday, July 22 at Lake Panorama National (LPN). The format for the event will be similar to previous years with seating available either in the LPN banquet room or outside under tents between the conference center and the golf course. Plans are being developed including pricing for table sponsorships and admission tickets. Event registration will begin in May. Funds will be raised with a 50/50 raffle, plus both live and silent auctions. Items for the auctions are being accepted now. Anyone interested in donating auction items for the 2022 Beach Ball can email staff@friendsoflakepanorama.org.

The Friends of Lake Panorama seven-member volunteer board will meet April 25 to finalize plans for the 2022 Beach Ball. They also will discuss how profits from the event will be used. Projects chosen by the Friends board to promote at the Beach Ball will receive a percentage of pooled funds raised, plus all direct donations designated to a specific project.

One possible option is a basketball half-court at Sunset Beach. Mark and Karen Einck, who matched donations of \$25,000 for the Boulder Beach basketball court, have pledged to match up to \$20,000 for the Sunset Beach court. A goal of \$40,000 has been set for this project.

A task force made up of both Friends board members and additional volunteers from the community is developing a proposal for recreational

amenities on Lake Panorama's south shore. The proposal will be presented to the LPA board this spring and is expected to include a disc golf course and walking trail, with additional amenities also considered. If approved by the LPA board, projects on the south shore could receive some 2022 Beach Ball profits.

The 2021 Beach Ball had a profit of \$25,000. At that time, donations for the Lake Panorama dog park stood at \$45,000. The Friends board voted to provide another \$5,000 from the Beach Ball proceeds to reach the \$50,000 goal.

Another \$5,000 raised at the 2021 Beach Ball is being used for enhancements to an existing trail near Panorama West, with work planned this spring. Three swings will be added to the Sunset Beach playground this spring using \$8,000 raised at last year's Beach Ball.

The Friends board voted last fall to hold the remaining \$7,000 in reserve until these three projects are complete, in case costs increase beyond what has been budgeted. If the funds are not needed for any of these three projects, the money will be applied to a new project.

Details on all past and current projects are available on the Friends website. Friends of Lake Panorama also has a Facebook page.

Tax-deductible donations can be made at any time by check payable to Friends of Lake Panorama, and mailed to Friends of Lake Panorama, P.O. Box 488, Panora, IA 50216. Donations also can be made using Venmo @Panorama-Friends, or by credit card on the Friends website at friendsoflakepanorama.org. ■

LAKE PANORAMA DOG PARK PROGRESSES

The park is located at the corner of Sage Trail and RV Road.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Fundraising by Friends of Lake Panorama for a dog park kicked off in September 2020 after the Lake Panorama Association (LPA) board unanimously approved the plan at its August 2020 meeting. The park is located at the corner of Sage Trail and RV Road.

Construction on the park is nearly complete. Most of the work was done last fall with Bryce Arganbright of Arganbright Construction installing a 6-foot-high chain link fence 400 feet long and 150 feet wide. There are two sections, one for small dogs that are less than 15 inches at shoulder height, and one for large dogs that are at least 15 inches at shoulder height.

A single entrance is protected by a keyless lock. Once inside this gate, users can choose a second gate to either the large dog or small dog areas. Arganbright was able to get a shelter for this area built last fall before cold weather set in. By the end of April, he plans to finish work on the shelter, pour a concrete pad for the entrance and install the remaining fence and gates.

Crushed rock along the inside perimeter of the fence provides a walking path and a weed barrier and will keep dogs from digging near the fence. The LPA maintenance staff recently installed a gravel parking lot on the east side of the park. Some additional rock may be needed there as the ground firms up.

Last fall, Brandon Brehmer donated his time to seed and fertilize the fenced-in area. Despite the dry fall, seed germination did occur to get a turfgrass base started. Brehmer will be overseeding and fertilizing again this spring as soon as the soil temperature is warm enough for grass seed to germinate. Timely rains will be needed to get a turfgrass stand that can withstand the expected



George and Arlo Hochreiter are anxious for the new Lake Panorama dog park to open.

dog and human traffic. Opening of the park is planned for late May or early June and is dependent on how quickly the turfgrass establishment is complete.

Two sugar maple trees were planted last fall, donated by Larry and Heather Isom, who own Isom Tree Farm. If additional trees are desired, the Isoms have offered to donate one tree for each tree purchased, which could be planted in fall 2022.

The LPA has ordered two picnic tables and will be placing one in each of the two sections of the park. Water lines were run last fall for two dog water fountains that will be mounted on concrete near the park entrance, one on each side.

Four bag dispensers for picking up pet waste will be installed this spring with two near the park entrances and two in the far corners of each section. Two pet waste receptacles will be attached to the concrete pad within each side of the park.

A set of rules for responsible use of the dog park has been adopted and will be posted on a sign at the park entrance. A sign recognizing donors of \$500 or more also will be posted at the dog park. Once a date for the park opening has been set, members will be able to call LPA Security to get the code to the main entrance gate. ■

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CLINT DEARDORFF DECLARES FOR GUTHRIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Clint Deardorff is declaring his nomination for Guthrie County Board of Supervisors District 2. Deardorff will be seeking the Republican nomination for supervisor at the June 7 primary election. Under the newly established boundaries, District 2 will represent Yale, Jamaica, Bagley, the Victory Township portion of Lake Panorama and unincorporated areas north of Guthrie Center. Redistricting has resulted in District 2 being an open seat for the 2022 election.

Deardorff is a Guthrie County native, raised on the family farm near Yale. His wife, Heather, is employed at Farmers State Bank, and their three sons, Corbin, Connor and Carter, attend Panorama Schools. Clint is a fifth-generation family farmer who works closely with his father, Danny Deardorff, and uncle Greg Chaloupka on their farms in rural Yale.

Deardorff says there are several things Guthrie County does very well. It has a first-rate emergency medical service, several exceptional fire departments and a law enforcement community that is second to none. The county has been successful in encouraging new businesses such as the new locker being constructed in Guthrie Center. He hopes to see more businesses choose to make Guthrie County their home.

He is most passionate about the condition of some of the roads in our county, and he says that is one vital area that he would want to focus on.

“One of the biggest

things I'd like to see improved in Guthrie County is the condition of our roads. I've traveled most of the roads in our county between checking pastures, raising crops and working for UPS, and I believe we have the ability to improve their quality for everyone without a huge influx of capital,” Deardorff said.

Deardorff enjoys being involved in varied organizations. He is a member of the BPOE, Calvary Chapel of the Raccoon River Valley, as well as serving on the Yale City Council. He is also passionately involved in the Heartland Highland Cattle Association (HHCA) based in Tunas, Missouri. He served five years on the board of directors, followed by a term as vice president and currently is the president of the association. The HHCA is a national organization that represents more than 600 member farms in 43 states.

“I'm very proud of the HHCA and the growth we have enjoyed as an organization. Through great teamwork with my fellow board members, our membership has grown exponentially during my tenure. These experiences have helped shape who I am today and will be an asset to me as a supervisor,” Deardorff said.

Deardorff also has gained a wide variety of experience and knowledge as an entrepreneur. He and his wife started their business, Deardorff Highland Cattle, 10 years ago. While developing this operation, he became well versed in running a business. He developed the full supply chain, from raising the

Clint Deardorff

cattle, to production of the beef used in their food truck, a true farm-to-table operation.

Deardorff designed their mobile retail operation as well as secured the best lockers to process their meat to ensure a consistent product. He has sales experience from booking a variety of quality events throughout the Midwest and selling directly to consumers.

“My experiences growing our small business from its founding to its success today will be an asset in helping my fellow supervisors prioritize projects that serve the best interests of the citizens of Guthrie County,” he said.

“I'm not just someone seeking a political position to glorify myself. I genuinely care about Guthrie County and the people that live here,” he said. “I believe that all the parts of this county are important to our vitality as a community. Whether you live at Lake Panorama, in one of our small towns, or in the rural areas of the county, your voice matters to me, and you all deserve a great place to call home.” ■

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TRISH HART’S NATURE PHOTO OF THE MONTH



BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Many of Trish Hart’s nature photos are of birds, which she captures with her digital camera as they sit on feeders on the deck of her home or in nearby trees. This month’s photo is a male American Robin, perched in a tree and enjoying winter berries.

According to the Audubon Society, robins winter as far north as Canada. With the breakup of flocks prior to the nesting season, when we Iowans see our “first robin of spring,” it may be a bird that has wintered only a few miles away, not one that just arrived from southern climates.

Robins run and hop on lawns with an upright stance, often nesting on porches and

windowsills. Nests usually contain four pale blue or “robin’s-egg blue” eggs. Incubation by the female is 12-14 days, and fledglings leave the nest 14-16 days after hatching. The male may tend to the fledged young while the female begins a second nesting attempt. Pairs usually raise two broods per season, sometimes three.

The robin’s rich caroling is among the earliest bird songs heard at dawn in spring and summer, often beginning just before first light. In fall and winter, robins gather by the hundreds in roaming flocks, concentrating at sources of food.

Hart launched “Nature’s Canvas Photography” in January 2021, offering custom prints of her photos on canvas, paper, metal and glass. Visit NaturesCanvasPhotos on Facebook. ■

LAKE DOGS & COVE CAT

By CHERYL TEMPLE
Lake Panorama Times

Name: Gus
Age: 6
Breed: English Bulldog
Name: Phoebe
Age: 15
Breed: Shih Tzu/poodle mix
Owners: Kevin and Lisa Wingert

The Wingerts’ oldest son brought Gus home from Stimson Bulldogs in Clarinda. Gus is loved by the entire family. They say he is sweet, gentle and laid back. He has been compared to the lovable donkey, “Eeyore.” The Wingerts have three young grandchildren who visit often. When the house gets too loud, Gus will find a back bedroom or closet to retreat to. Gus is not a fan of water, as he prefers a view of the lake from a shady spot. Phoebe is a typical small dog with a big attitude. She’s always been the boss. She and Gus have become good buddies. Phoebe came from Gina Lloyd (Art on State, Guthrie Center).



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