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FRIENDS OF LAKE PANORAMA RAISE
FUNDS FOR NEW PROJECTS



Danielle and Steve Navarro and their dog Cash participated in the 2021 Going to the Dogs Walk at Lake Panorama National.



Galen Redshaw and his dog Rocky getting ready to walk from Spikes to the Lake Panorama Dog Park Oct. 16.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

As 2021 draws to a close, Friends of Lake Panorama is on track to complete three projects in 2022. At the same time, planning and fundraising for two new projects has begun.

Lake Panorama Dog Park

Fundraising for a dog park at Lake Panorama began in September 2020 with a goal of \$50,000 to build the park and provide needed amenities. By July of this year, the total stood at \$45,000. A successful July 30 Beach Ball raised \$25,000, and the Friends

board voted to complete the dog park fundraising effort by directing \$5,000 there.

Construction is nearing completion. Grass has been seeded, and two dog water fountains purchased. Two sugar maples donated by Isom Tree Farms were planted. Bryce Argan-

bright, Arganbright Construction of Panora, has completed the fence and rock work. A shelter at the entrance will be completed as soon as the materials arrive. The park will open in spring/summer 2022 once the turfgrass is strong enough to handle the expected traffic.

There will be ongoing maintenance costs at least for the first couple of years, as additional seed, fertilizer and weed control are needed to support the turfgrass. Amenities such as trees or benches also may be added.

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GOV. REYNOLDS VISITS LAKESIDE VILLAGE

Members of the Lakeside team described the certifications and support they received using Future Ready Iowa grants.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The Lakeside Village hosted Gov. Kim Reynolds Oct. 26 as a part of Reynolds’ 99 County Tour. The focus of the visit was how Lakeside used Future Ready Iowa grant funds over the last two years to provide education and training for good paying jobs and careers.

In 2020, Lakeside Village was awarded two Future Ready Iowa Grants totaling \$246,800. The funds were used to assist Iowans obtain certifications within long-term care career paths. More than 200 people took CNA classes, 50 people became ServSafe certified, and 15

took the Iowa assisted living manager course.

This year, Lakeside Village was awarded \$48,000 through Future Ready Iowa for a summer youth internship pilot program. The grant allowed the senior living facility to offer a six-week paid internship to local youth. Internships were offered in management/marketing, maintenance, nursing and culinary.

During Reynolds’ visit, members of the Lakeside team described the certifications and support they received using Future Ready Iowa grants. Reynolds also toured the classroom made possible by grant funds and met with staff and residents. ■

Gov. Kim Reynolds visited Lakeside Village Oct. 26 to meet with staff and residents. Pictured left to right are Carolyn Carstens, Marla Hammer, Julie Hathaway, Gov. Reynolds, Amanda Creen, Kristine Marlow, Lee Ann Wilkinson and Jeff Oliver.

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A FOUND WALLET, SOME TOWN SQUARE KUDOS AND A WET FRIEND

BY SHANE GOODMAN
Editor and Publisher

If you subscribe to our Daily Umbrella newsletter, you may recall a column I wrote in recent weeks about losing my keys and the related insanity that ensued. What I did not share is that I did find the keys — about a week later inside a duffle bag of clothes. So I got my keys back — and my sanity, or what little I had.

Lake resident Rick Jacobsen shared a similar but much more interesting story with me recently. During the demolition process of the bathroom facilities on Sunset Beach, LPA staff found a wallet in one of the structures that had been there since at least 1994. They contacted the owner of the wallet, who happened to be Jacobsen's sister.

"We owned a C lot back in 1994," Jacobsen told me. "And we used to have family outings at the beaches with our family, including my sister. She must have left it in the bathroom."

After at least 27 years, the wallet was in "great shape" and still had family photos, phone cards, a calendar and even a recipe from a family friend — all intact. The only thing missing? Money.

"Someone must have grabbed the cash and stuffed the wallet in the wall," Jacobsen said.

And how did Jacobsen's sister respond after learning that her wallet was found?

"She doesn't even recall losing it," Jacobsen shared.

Town square kudos

Panora City Administrator Lisa Grossman shared a fun piece about Panora from the Iowa Economic Development Authority. The article discussed how Iowa is blessed with many town squares that serve as community parks, sometimes with a courthouse, a city hall or a gazebo in the center. It then goes on to describe Downtown Panora and the square where the high school was built and the gymnasium that still stands.

For those of you who don't know, the Panora High School gymnasium was built in 1936 as an addition to the school as WPA Project No. H-1276. The WPA, or Works Progress Administration, was founded in 1935 to provide work for needy persons on public works projects like building bridges, roads, public buildings, public parks and airports. While the school has been torn down, the gymnasium and many other WPA projects still stand today.

Here are two interesting facts from the article. First, in order to dig the footings in the cold January weather, builders had to bust through the frozen ground with dynamite. Second, the first home game played at the gym was Dec. 11, 1936. Ronald "Dutch" Reagan, WHO sports announcer and future U.S. president, was at the high school to cover the new facility and stayed for the evening game.

Of course, the facility is now known as Veteran's Auditorium. The article shared how youth basketball is held there and pickle ballers have a



Shane Goodman

weekly league, as well as how the auditorium holds important veteran events, parties, fundraisers, political events and community celebrations. Thank you, Lisa, for passing that along.

Another lake chuckle attempt

And finally, some lake humor with a post-Halloween twist.

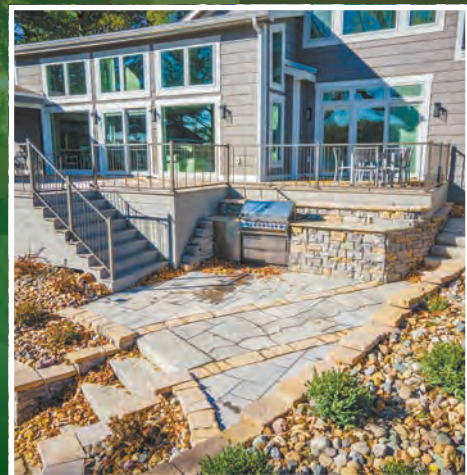
I saw my friend Bill recently. He could see that I was clearly shaken, and I could see that he was clearly wet. Bill said, "Shane, why are you so scared?" I replied, "I was driving my truck yesterday, and I accidentally hit a deer. I thought it was dead, so I threw it in the lake. By the way, Bill, why are you so wet?" Bill replied, "I was going to a Halloween costume party dressed like a deer. Then someone hit me and threw me in the lake."

Have a great November, and thanks for reading. ■

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FRIENDS
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For these reasons, donations continue to be accepted for the dog park. All donors of \$500 or more by Jan. 1, 2022, will be recognized on a sign at the park.

Donations of \$325 were received from the 25 people and their 15 dogs participating in the Going to the Dogs Walk at Lake Panorama National Oct. 16. Participants used the cart paths on the back nine of the golf course to walk to and from the dog park. A similar event a year ago gave participants the chance to see the park's planned location. This year, they saw the park as it nears completion.

Panorama West Trail Enhancements

An existing trail near the Panorama West golf course will be improved in this new project funded by \$700 in private donations and \$5,000 from the 2021 Beach Ball proceeds.

The existing trail is used by the Panorama School District as a cross-country track site and covers a variety of terrain including timber pathways, golf fairways and roadways. A task force of volunteers has developed plans that include marking a portion of this trail and designating it as the "official" multi-use trail.

The newly marked 2.5-mile trail, which includes a 1.5 mile out-and-back section, and an optional 1-mile loop, will wind its way through grassy open areas and timber but will not cross any portion of the golf course or roadways. A trail map will be developed and placed on an informational kiosk that will double as a trail head sign. The trail head, with limited



This is an example of the type of trail markers that will be used to designate an "official" 2.5 mile trail near Panorama West.



Plans for a nine-hole disc golf course will be part of a South Shore Recreational Concept report presented to the LPA board of directors in 2022 for their consideration.

parking, will be located at the end of the Nicholl Drive cul-de-sac just east of the Panorama West clubhouse.

Low-profile 4x4 recycled plastic lumber posts with directional signage, recreational symbols and distance markers will be installed along the multi-use portion of the trail. To avoid confusion, these park-style, recreational markers will be different from the cross-country signage. Two recycled plastic benches will be placed along the trail. Product orders are being placed, with installation and project completion planned for spring 2022.

Sunset Beach Swings

Three new swings will be added to the Sunset Beach playground. These will be the same swings as the ones now at both Boulder and Shady beaches and will be placed directly west of the existing playground. There will be one toddler swing and two bench swings. The budget for this project is \$8,000, and the Friends board voted to provide the full amount for this project from 2021 Beach Ball proceeds.

The swings were ordered Aug. 20, 2021, from Boland Recreation of Marshalltown, the same vendor that now has provided new play equipment at all three of Lake Panorama's beaches. The swings will be delivered and installed in spring 2022.

Sunset Beach Half-Court Basketball

Of the three types of courts at the Boulder Beach sports courts complex, the basketball court gets more use than all other courts combined. It's believed a basketball half-court on

the west side of the lake also would be popular. The LPA board approved this project for Sunset Beach at its June 2021 meeting, and fundraising is underway.

An area south of the bathroom, between two rows of trees, has been identified as a good location. This would require a concrete pad 40-feet wide by 50-feet long. Sport Construction Midwest, headquartered in Adel, is the vendor for the Boulder Beach sports courts. Company employees will install a new Goalsetter MVP hoop, place tile on the concrete, and paint half-court lines. A 10-foot-high fence and one gate will finish off this project.

A goal of \$40,000 has been set for this new basketball court. 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. It is hoped the \$40,000 goal can be reached in time for construction in spring 2022. Donors of \$500 or more will be recognized on a sign at the court.

South Shore Recreational Concept

The Friends board wants to get walkers off the narrow, winding LPA roads, and on to safer, more enjoyable trails. The Panorama West trail enhancement is the first phase of this effort. It's believed a trail on the south shore near the main basin would be an ideal location for another walking/hiking trail, where the beginnings of a trail structure already are in place.

In addition, Friends is interested in construction of a disc golf course

BEACH BENCHES ANOTHER
DONATION OPTION

A survey conducted by Friends of Lake Panorama in April 2019 showed LPA member interest in additional amenities at Lake Panorama's beaches. This led to Friends promoting high quality benches at beaches to some families looking for options to memorialize a loved one.

In 2019, a metal bench on a concrete slab was installed at Boulder Beach, in memory of Kim Lubeck. This year, a metal swinging bench was installed at the Boulder Beach playground, in memory of Bill Priestley. Another metal swinging bench was installed at Sunset Beach, on concrete, in memory of Lois and Dean Porath. A stationary metal bench also was installed on concrete at Sunset Beach, in memory of Courtney Allen Sr.

Now locations at all three beaches for these heavier metal benches, either stationary or swinging, have been identified. Each would be placed on a concrete pad. For instance, the area behind the new Boulder Beach wall is suitable for four or five concrete pads with a bench on each.

The current cost of either a stationary or swinging bench on a concrete slab is \$3,200. Bench colors available are blue and green.

These benches can be purchased either as a memorial for a loved one, or by those who want to leave their mark on Lake Panorama while they are alive. The benches include signs that can be engraved with up to four lines of text.

Friends is not conducting a general fundraising campaign for benches. Instead, this "Benches at Beaches" project targets individuals, couples and families interested in sponsoring a single bench. The goal is to find sponsors for several benches before installation would occur, which would mean a cost savings on concrete pours, and possibly reduced shipping costs.

Those interested in discussing the sponsorship of a bench at one of Lake Panorama's three beaches can email staff@friendsoflakepanorama.org, or call Susan Thompson at 515-240-6536. ■

that would be in the same vicinity. These would be two separate trails but could use the same parking area, have combined signage, and operate under the same usage guidelines.

John Worth, an LPA member involved in disc golf, has volunteered to design a nine-hole course and help guide its construction. Each hole would include a concrete tee pad and a chained basket target. Participants would bring their own discs, and no motorized carts would be allowed. A course sign, map and scorecards would be located near the first tee.

At its June 2021 meeting, the LPA board of directors unanimously approved a motion to allow Friends to develop a "recreational concept" for the south shore. These two projects are the most likely recreational use there, but additional amenities will be considered. A recreational concept report is in the works, and Friends officials will return to the LPA board in spring 2022 to present it.

Friends currently is accepting donations for the construction of a disc golf course and walking/hiking trail on the south shore. However, final approval of these projects by the LPA board will be required before construction could begin.

A coupon to complete and send with a 2021 tax-deductible donation is available in an ad on page 9. The coupon lists donation options as basketball half-court at Sunset Beach, South Shore future recreational amenities, dog park, and the Friends general fund. Donations by check can be mailed to Friends at P.O. Box 488, Panora, Iowa, 50216.

Direct donations can be sent via Venmo @Friends-Panorama. Donations also can be made by credit card online at www.friendsoflakepanorama.org. Details about other ways to donate, plus all past, present and future Friends projects also are on the Friends website. ■

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NEW WALL ON LPN FIFTH HOLE COMPLETE

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

A project on the Lake Panorama National golf course that has been on the drawing board for many years was completed in October. Work on a wall between the LPN No. 5 pond and the green took about five days. An old wall made of railroad ties had been deteriorating for several years, and the ground slope between the pond and the green was unstable. Country Landscapes of Ames was hired to build a new wall between the pond and the approach area to the green. This project involved stripping the bent grass around the green to reinstall once the work was done. Metal sheets were placed over the water sprinklers, and the pond

was partially drained. The contractor removed the old railroad ties. A trench was dug, and a solid base created. Next came a 36-inch-tall retaining wall made of pre-cast modular concrete blocks installed on the south side of the pond. Rock and fill dirt were added between the wall edge and the green to ensure the slope stays relatively flat and golf balls no longer run off the green and into the pond. The bent grass near the green that was stripped before construction was reinstalled, and additional seeding was done in areas disturbed. The hole is closed for the remainder of the 2021 season. Golfers should bypass this hole and avoid stepping in or around the freshly laid sod near the new wall. This will allow the area to stabilize in time for play in 2022. ■



Once the old railroad ties were removed, a wide trench was created.



A pump was used to partially drain water from the pond before construction could begin.



A retaining wall was built using pre-cast modular concrete blocks that “lock” together. The area between the block wall and the green was backfilled with dirt and gravel.



An old wall made of railroad ties had been deteriorating for several years.



Once the wall was complete, the pond was refilled. Sod was replaced, and other areas seeded. The fifth hole is closed for the remainder of 2021 to allow the area to stabilize.

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PLAYGROUND DONATION BY GUTHRIE COUNTY FOUNDATION RECOGNIZED

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

In April 2020, Friends of Lake Panorama received a \$2,000 check from the Guthrie County Community Foundation (GCCF). This was in response to a grant application from Friends for help with a \$70,000 project to install new playground equipment at both Boulder and Shady beaches. Fund-raising began in November 2019, and the \$70,000 goal was reached in October 2020. The play equipment at Shady Beach was installed that fall, with the Boulder Beach equipment in place by April 2021.

In the past, the foundation held annual receptions to recognize grant recipients. The COVID-19 pandemic led the GCCF board to look for new ways to connect with those receiving grants in 2020 and 2021. The result has been visits by members of the GCCF board to project sites, plus photos taken with the GCCF “Live Here...Give

Here” signs and local grant recipients.

In 2020, Friends of Lake Panorama was one of 35 grant recipients. That year, the Guthrie County Community Foundation had \$143,902 to give in grants to Guthrie County charitable organizations and projects. In 2021, 23 grant recipients in Guthrie County received a total of \$118,632.

Funding for GCCF grants is provided by local donors, the County Endowment Fund Program, and Grow Greene County Gaming Corporation. Through Iowa’s County Endowment Fund Program and Grow Greene County Gaming, a percentage of gaming tax revenue is distributed to community foundations that do not hold a state-issued gaming license. GCCF is an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, a nationally accredited Community Foundation that provides GCCF access to the Endow Iowa tax credit and the County Endowment Fund Program. ■



Members of the Guthrie County Community Foundation (GCCF) board of directors and the Friends of Lake Panorama board gathered recently for a photo at the new playground at Boulder Beach. GCCF board members are visiting project sites where grant funds were used. Friends of Lake Panorama received a \$2,000 grant in 2020 to help install new playground equipment at Shady and Boulder beaches. Shown at the Boulder Beach playground, left to right, back row, Kirby Klinge, Tammy Deal and JoAnn Johnson, GCCF board members. Front row, Jan Reinicke, Jody Muench, Jim Tibbles and Emily Spradling, Friends board members.

RECIPE

PUT FISH ON THE FAMILY MENU

BY JOLENE GOODMAN

(Family Features) When meals at home get stale and boring, adding some excitement back to family dinners can be as simple as a protein swap. Despite fish being a no-go for picky eaters in some families, there’s a flavorful solution for adding it to the menu in your home.

If you’re hoping to introduce kids (or a picky spouse) to fish for an at-home shake-up, try wrapping it with a flavorful favorite. This Bacon-Wrapped Halibut recipe calls for lightly seasoned fillets wrapped with all-natural bacon served alongside your favorite grains and vegetables — an easy yet tasty way to put seafood on the table.

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mones, the Coleman Natural bacon in this 20-minute dish contains no artificial ingredients or preservatives so you can feel good about feeding your family better. Plus, with no sugar, it’s paleo-friendly and perfect for those looking to reduce sugar intake.

To find more family-friendly recipes, visit ColemanNatural.com/Recipes. ■

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



Jolene Goodman

Bacon-Wrapped Halibut

- Prep time:** 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 4
- 4 halibut fillets (6 ounces each), skin removed
 - salt, to taste
 - pepper, to taste
 - 8 slices Coleman Natural Bacon
 - 1 tablespoon canola oil
 - cooked rice or other grain (optional)
 - salad or other vegetable (optional)
 - Season halibut with salt and pepper, to taste, then wrap each fillet along shorter side with two bacon slices, tucking ends underneath to hold in place.
 - In large, nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add fish and cook, turning once, until bacon is crisp, about 5 minutes on each side.
 - Serve fish with rice or salad.





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In October, we were honored to host Gov. Kim Reynolds and show her how we’ve used the Future Ready Iowa grants over the last year.

**Lake Panorama Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Sept. 28, 2021
Lake Panorama Conference Center**

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met Sept. 28, 2021, at 5 p.m. at Lake Panorama National Conference Center. 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: Danna Krambeer, Lane Rumelhart and John Rutledge.

Visitors in attendance: Therese Davis, LPA Member

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

Therese Davis, lot 3053, spoke to the Board regarding drainage concerns from current land disturbing and new construction proposed on the lot next to them, lot 3054. Mark Lester is current owner of lot 3054 and has plans to construct a new home. Lester has done some work on the lot, including moving some trees on his lot to an area where the current water runs during heavy rains. Davises have experienced water issues with run off coming onto their lot and causing damage to their lower level, multiple times over the last 20 years. They have installed measures to protect this from recurring on their property, based on the current drainage pattern. Davises are now con-

cerned the changes on lot 3054 will cause more water to be routed to their property. Davises are requesting to see an engineered plan for the site to understand how the drainage issues will be handled with the new construction.

Rutledge and the Board explained LPA does have a number of permit requirements regarding the structure and its placement on the lot. However, LPA does not require civil engineering plans regarding grading and soil elevations. Rutledge and the Board explained that Iowa Law and SUDAS regulations prohibit members from changing drainage in a manner that negatively impacts a neighboring property. But enforcement of these issues falls outside LPA's authority as a property owners' association. For this reason, neighboring landowners are strongly advised to document their concerns and work cooperatively to avoid any issues. If cooperative resolution cannot be achieved, members are free to pursue civil action. It was recommended Davises notify Lester of their concerns, both verbally and written, and to work with Lester to come to a mutual agreement of how the drainage will be handled. This will benefit Lester as well as Davises. Davis thanked the board for their time and input.

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 08.24.2021 LPA Board Meeting
- c) Acceptance of 08.31.2021 consolidated financial report – LPA & LPN,

LLC

d) Set date for next board meeting, 10.26.21

e) Accept minutes from 08.23.2021 LPN, LLC Board of Managers meeting

f) Accept minutes from 09.20.2021 Building Codes Committee Meeting

Agenda Item 4a – Roof pitch variance Lot 681

From Building Codes Minutes:

Jeff Johannesen requested a variance for a 3/12 roof pitch on a new home at 4343 Panorama Drive (lot 681). The committee reviewed the plans for the home. Based on the fact that the proposed home met all other requirements, held aesthetic integrity of LPA, and was similar to many previous requests, Fulton made a motion to grant the request. Evans seconded, and the request was unanimously approved.

Spradling moved to approve the variance request for 3/12 roof pitch for new home to be constructed on lot 681, 4343 Panorama Drive for Jeffrey & Janet Johannesen as presented by plans provided. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4b –Roof pitch and roof plane variance Lot 3054

From Building Codes Minutes:

Mark Lester at 6257 Panorama Dr (lot 3054) requested a variance to allow a 4/12 roof pitch for a proposed home, and a variance to allow the proposed home to have less than three roof planes. Based on the fact that the first request was similar to many previous requests and held aesthetic integrity of LPA, Westercamp made a motion to grant the request. Brown seconded, and the request to allow the 4/12 pitch was unanimously approved.

The committee then took a closer look at the home design. Lester brought a colored elevation sketch

showing the windows and color of the home at this time. Westercamp commented that the home design clearly avoided the gable-roof design that the rule intended to discourage. Powell added that a home directly across the street had a very similar design but did have three roof planes. Miller contemplated whether the deck could be built to be considered a roof, and if the top of the home could be extended horizontally to add another plane. Lester mentioned the final plans would have two planes, with a portion of roof coming over to cover the cantilevered deck. Rumelhart informed the committee that a deck had never been considered a roof plane previously and discouraged the committee from considering it to be a plane. With no further discuss, Gebard made a motion to grant the request to allow the proposed home to be built with less than three roof planes as the home still met aesthetic requirements of LPA and was similar to a home across the street. Powell seconded, and the request was unanimously approved.

Spradling moved to approve the variance request for 4/12 roof pitch and variance for less than three roof planes, for new home construction on lot 3054, 6257 Panorama Drive for Mark & Katherine Lester as presented by plans provided. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4c – Storage shed glass variance Lot 3764

From Building Codes Minutes:

Emily Donovan requested a variance to build storage shed with 42 square feet of glass, 18 square feet more than the maximum (24 sq. ft.) allowed at 4826 Lean To Point (lot 3764). Donovan

felt that the current code restricted her to smaller windows and would prefer more natural light for work. Rumelhart mentioned that the committee granted a similar request in 2019 for 33 square feet of glass. Westercamp thought the point of the rule was to discourage greenhouses at the lake, and said this design was clearly not a greenhouse. Based on the fact that the proposed shed met all other code requirements, a previous request was granted for a similar amount of glass, and was not being used as a greenhouse, Brown made a motion to grant the request to allow an extra 18 sq. ft. of glass to Donovan's shed. Miller seconded, and the request was unanimously approved.

Finneseth moved to approve the variance request for 42 square feet of glass in a 200 sq ft storage shed to be constructed on lot 3754, 4826 Lean To Point for William and Emily Donovan as presented by plans provided. Motion seconded; motion carried. Donovan abstained.

Schumacher moved to Agenda Item 6 – Other Business

Agenda Item 6 – Other Business

A member has requested permission to place a sign in their yard requesting dog owners refrain from allowing the dogs to use their property. The board discussed the request and collectively agreed the sign does not meet the rules and will not be allowed.

Spradling moved to deny the sign exemption request and to direct staff to publish reminders to members on rules and etiquette regarding pets and pet waste. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Schumacher moved to Agenda Item 7 - Closed Session

Agenda Item 7 – Closed

Session – The board entered closed session at 5:46 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Board exited closed session at 6:05 p.m.

Agenda Item 4d – LPA Capital Budget for 2022 and review of LPA's five-year capital budget projection 2022 – 2026

Rutledge reviewed the proposed 2022 LPA Capital Budget and the five-year projected capital budget. The Board discussed the budget and, after review of specific items, supported the overall capital budget. LPA Staff will do a final review of the Capital Budget and present for approval at the October board meeting. Rutledge asked for approval to move forward in 2021 with the purchase of security truck and maintenance truck, both slated for replacement in the 2022 budget. Availability of vehicles in the current marketplace is tight and moving forward with the purchase now will assure a timely acquisition of the vehicles. The security truck being replaced will be sold to LPN and will fill an immediate need they have for a vehicle to share between departments. The maintenance pickup will be a trade-in purchase.

Spradling moved to approve the purchase of a new security pickup and maintenance pickup in 2021, as proposed in the 2022 capital budget, with the balance of the budget to be tabled to a future meeting. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 – Old Business - None

Agenda Item 7 – Closed Session

The board entered closed session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Board exited closed session at 7:32 p.m.

Adjourn - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m. ■

WSO ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON RETURNS

Event will be held this year on Friday, Dec. 3.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The Panora Women's Service Organization (WSO) annual salad luncheon has been part of the local holiday season for more than 30 years. It had to be canceled last December because of COVID-19 but returns this year on Friday, Dec. 3.

The WSO luncheon begins serving at noon and is held in the St. Cecelia Catholic Church basement. As guests arrive, they can purchase raffle tickets and sign up for door prizes. New this year will be a WSO Salad Luncheon Recipe pamphlet, which can be purchased for \$5 or three for \$10.

Tickets are \$15 with only 125 available. The meal includes ham balls, rolls, and a large variety of salads made by WSO members. Tickets can be purchased from any WSO member, at the Panora Library, or by calling Sue Merryman, 641-751-5956.


Proceeds from the WSO holiday luncheon help fund local projects and make it possible to provide a \$500 scholarship to

one Panora High School graduating senior each year, which can be renewed annually for up to three years. In most years, WSO is providing \$2,000 in scholarship money to four Panora graduates.

Because last year's salad luncheon was canceled, the group had to put donations to many local projects on hold. The group was able to continue to pay the student scholarship commitments with member donations and funds held in savings.

Holding the salad luncheon again will secure this year's scholarships plus make it possible to again donate to other local causes. Some of those include Tori's Angels, the Panora Library, Heritage Park, the Guthrie County Historical Village, the Guthrie County Food Pantry, and the Panora Garden Club to support the flower pots on Main Street.

Another big fundraising event for WSO has been an annual home tour each June, which was canceled both in 2020 and this year. WSO is planning its next home tour for Friday, June 3, 2022. ■



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Review tax deductions: The standard deduction for 2021 has risen to \$12,550 for single filers and \$25,100 for joint. If you think it might be better for you to itemize, now would be a good time to get the receipts and assorted paperwork together.

Gift or donate to qualified charities or non-profit organizations: Your gift may qualify as a tax deduction. For some gifts, you may be required to itemize deductions.




Review your estate strategy: Review your beneficiary designations to see that these assets are structured to go where you want them to go, should you pass away. Also look at your will or Trust to see that it remains valid and up-to-date.

Check the amount you have withheld: If you have withheld too little on your W-4 form so far, you may need to adjust your withholding before the year ends.

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Q&A:

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Docks on Lake Panorama are governed by a State of Iowa law passed in 2008. Management of the program falls under the jurisdiction of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Jeremy King is the Iowa DNR conservation officer for Guthrie and Audubon counties. King grew up in Guthrie County. While King was in high school, he worked for the DNR at Springbrook State Park for four summers. After high school, he attended Upper Iowa University. Later he worked seasonal jobs for the DNR such as fisheries technician, natural resource educator, and water patrol officer. He was hired full-time by the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks as a park manager stationed in Mobridge before being hired by the Iowa DNR as a conservation officer in 2004.

In this month's Q&A, King reviews the rules and regulations for dock permits as these impact Lake Panorama owners.

Q. Tell us about your duties as a conservation officer for the Iowa DNR.

A. My job duties are very diverse. I primarily focus on people who hunt, fish, trap, ATV, snowmobile, and boat. However, I am a state-certified officer and have statewide jurisdiction to enforce all state laws. Each year during my primary enforcement, I arrest people for drugs, assist with domestic violence complaints, speeding, and other various law infractions I come across. I am also federally deputized to enforce certain fish and game laws.

Q. Explain the reasons for the state law regarding dock permits and how this applies to Lake Panorama.

A. The intent of this law passed in 2008 was to have a numbering system on the water like there is on land. This law also provides guidance on distance from property lines, how big docks can be, how many slips are allowed, and other things. Lake Panorama is a unique lake that provides private access to public water. Since the water is public, docks need to be registered. This is to help locate houses or to provide an E911 address in case of an emergency,

should it happen on land or on the water, so emergency crews can respond to the location faster.

Q. What are the various classes of docks, and which are most common on Lake Panorama?

A. There are four classes of docks. Generally, the only ones that affect residents of Lake Panorama are Class I and Class III. Class I docks are standard private docks that can have one dock with up to two hoists. There are additional restrictions on the size and configurations that can be used. There is no cost for a Class I permit, but it must be renewed every five years.

Class III docks typically are docks that don't fall under Class I. The Class III permit application fee is \$125 for one or more individual private docks. Each dock permit is issued for a term of five years unless a shorter term is needed due to specified circumstances. Here is an online link to the exact language regarding docks and how it may apply to your situation: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/iac/chapter/03-18-2015.571.16.pdf>

Q. If someone is new to Lake Panorama and putting in a new dock/lift, what do they need to do to get their first permit?

A. The best way is to go to <https://www.iowadnr.gov/boatdocks>. You will have to create a user name and password. Once you have done that and are logged in, it will walk you through the process of renewing, updating, or initially registering a dock.

If someone purchases a home or lot and the dock/lift comes with the purchase, the dock permit is automatically transferable to the new owner of the shoreline property upon request of the new owner.

Q. What about Lake Panorama property owners who may have had a dock for quite a while but never gotten the necessary permit?

A. They need to go to the DNR online link provided in the last answer and get the dock registered. Failure to comply could result in being cited to court and a fine. I have been patrolling Lake Panorama for more than 14 years, and since

PERMITS REQUIRED FOR LAKE PANORAMA DOCK OWNERS

Docks must be in compliance by July 1, 2022, to avoid citations.

DOCK SIGNS MUST BE PURCHASED FROM LPA

Once a permit is received from the Iowa DNR, Lake Panorama dock and swim platform owners need to use that information to order a sign through the LPA office to attach to their dock. This is an LPA program that exists in addition to the DNR regulations.

After the dock permit law was passed in 2008, the LPA board wanted to ensure uniform signage for aesthetic and safety reasons. Calling an ambulance from the water is confusing, and these signs ensure addresses are easily identified by everyone.

The sign order form can be found on the LPA website or picked up in person at the LPA office. Some general information is needed, including your 911 address and the DNR permit number. There is a \$50 fee to cover the cost of the sign. The LPA office will let the member know when the dock sign arrives, and can be picked up from the office. ■

the inception of the dock laws, unregistered docks have been a growing problem. With over 800 docks on the lake, and new construction going up daily, it is hard for me to keep up with all unregistered docks.

There are enough docks now that are not in compliance that action is needed. For property owners who have docks that are not in compliance, they have until July 1, 2022, to get everything that way. After that date, citations may be issued.

Q. Do dock owners receive notification when their dock permit is about to expire?

A. Dock permits are to be renewed every five years, which goes off of the date it was originally permitted, so the dates differ for each dock owner. If an email is on file for the dock owner, an email reminder is sent out. If there is no email, then a letter is mailed. Dock owners can begin renewing their permits on Dec. 15 of their renewal year.

Q When it is time to renew, what should the dock owner do?

A. To renew permits, dock owners need to log on to <https://www.iowadnr.gov/boatdocks> to access their account and renew their permit. They will need their A&A Account ID (or user name) and password to access their account. If they don't remember their information, they will have to follow the prompts on the screen to recover it, or call the help desk at 515-281-5703 for assistance.

Once in the system, users can renew their

permit from the account home page. Users can always call the DNR district office and ask for Holly at 712-769-2400 and she can assist in renewing their permit, once they are in the system. Holly cannot help them with IT or login issues. Holly can help most people over the phone if they are having trouble accessing or renewing their permit.

Q. Any final thoughts?

A. Swim platforms also need to be registered and can be done in the same manner as docks. Here is what Chapter 16 says about permit criteria for rafts, platforms, or other structures: "A raft, platform, or other structure maintained on a public water body requires authorization in a permit. The raft, platform, or other structure may not be placed more than 250 feet from the shoreline, shall be equipped with reflectors that are visible from approaching boats,



Jeremy King

and shall be subject to the winter removal requirement unless specifically exempted by the permit."

So, these need their own registration and signage, along with reflectors on all sides. This would also include inflatable rafts people leave in the water. Some of the common ones we see at lakes are giant flamingos and swans. Those technically would have to be permitted if they are left in the water overnight. We have had people leave these in the middle of lakes, and boats run into them when it is dark. That is why there are distance and reflector requirements.

Dock and swim platform signs with the address must face out

toward the middle of the body of water. There are a number of them that are facing down the bank and are hard to find or see.

It's important to make sure you are getting the correct dock permit based on the number of slips, size of your dock, and other things. There are some docks that have a Class I permit, but should be a Class III because they have too many slips. Those will need to be brought into the correct class.

I recommend reviewing the DNR website link provided earlier to get caught up on all the dock rules and regulations. Anyone with questions can contact me either by phone at 712-250-0061 or email at Jeremy.king@dnr.iowa.gov. ■

HOLIDAY PHOTOS AT TWIN VINES TO BENEFIT DOG PARK

If you're looking for a unique location for a holiday family photo, consider an event planned for Sunday, Nov. 21 at Twin Vines, west of Panorama.

The committee that helped plan and raise funds for the Lake Panorama dog park is organizing this Furry Family Photos event. Families can bring their pets for photos to be taken

at three decorated areas perfect for holiday photos. Families without pets also are welcome. Volunteers will assist with the photos, using a camera or smartphone provided by a family member.

Twin Vines, located at 2821 Highway 44, is donating the use of their venue for this fundraiser. Free-will donations will be accepted with all funds

going to Friends of Lake Panorama to support the dog park.

Reservations are recommended to provide separation between pets and families, and to ensure there is adequate parking. Times will be available between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. To make a reservation or get more details, call Julie Tibbles, 515-480-9816. ■

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2021 was a great year filled with good news for Friends of Lake Panorama and the many donors who support the efforts of this non-profit charity!

PLAYGROUNDS COMPLETED

An effort to raise \$70,000 was launched in November 2019 to purchase new playground equipment for Boulder and Shady beaches. The goal was reached in late October 2020, and the Shady Beach playground was installed that fall. The Boulder Beach play equipment was installed in April 2021.



BEACH BALL FUNDS TWO NEW PROJECTS

Two new projects will be completed in spring 2022 using funds raised at the 2021 Beach Ball. One is improvements to an existing trail near the Panorama West golf course that is used as a cross-country track site. A portion of this trail will be designated as the “official” multi-use trail.

The 2.5-mile trail includes a 1.5 mile out-and-back section, and an optional 1-mile loop. The newly marked trail will wind through grassy open areas and timber. A trail map will be placed on an informational kiosk that will double as a trail head sign. Directional signage and one or two benches will be placed along the trail.



The second project made possible with Beach Ball funding is the addition of three swings to the Sunset Beach playground. These will be the same swings as those now at Boulder and Shady beaches, and will be placed west of the existing playground. There will be one toddler swing and two bench swings.

FUNDRAISING BEGINS FOR BASKETBALL COURT

Of the three sport courts at Boulder Beach, the basketball court gets the most use. It's believed a court on the west side of the lake also would be popular. Space for a basketball half-court has been identified at Sunset Beach. A concrete pad 40-feet wide by 50-feet deep would be covered by the same tile used at Boulder Beach. A new Goalsetter MVP hoop and fencing would be included.



Estimated cost for this project is \$40,000. 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. It is hoped the \$40,000 goal can be reached in time for construction in spring 2022. Donors of \$500 or more will be recognized on a sign at the court.

BENCHES AT BEACHES

In 2021, three high-quality metal benches were added at Lake Panorama's beaches. Locations at all three beaches for these heavier metal benches, either stationary or swinging, have been identified. Each would be placed on a concrete pad. These benches can be purchased either as a memorial for a loved one, or by those who want to leave their mark on Lake Panorama while they are alive. Friends is not conducting a general fundraising campaign for benches. Instead, this project targets individuals, couples and families who want to sponsor a bench. Interested? Email staff@friendsoflakepanorama.org, or call Susan Thompson, 515-240-6536.



DOG PARK UNDERWAY

Fundraising for a dog park at Lake Panorama began in September 2020, with a goal of \$50,000 to build the park and provide needed amenities. By July of this year, the total stood at \$45,000. A successful Beach Ball raised \$25,000, and the Friends board voted to complete the dog park fundraising effort by directing \$5,000 there.

Construction is nearing completion. Grass has been seeded, and two dog water fountains purchased. Two sugar maples donated by Isom Tree Farms have been planted. Additional items will be completed over the winter. The park will open in spring/summer 2022, once the turfgrass is strong enough to handle expected traffic.



SOUTH SHORE RECREATIONAL CONCEPT

At its June 2021 meeting, the LPA board of directors unanimously approved a motion to allow Friends to develop a “recreational concept” for the south shore. The main focus is a disc golf course and a walking trail. These two projects are the most likely recreational use there, but additional amenities will be considered.

A recreational concept report is in the works, and Friends officials will return to the LPA board in spring 2022 to present it. Friends is accepting donations for a disc golf course and walking/hiking trail on the south shore. However, final approval of these projects by the LPA board will be required before construction could begin.



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Questions or suggestions? Contact Susan Thompson, 515-240-6536, or staff@friendsoflakepanorama.org.

MORE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED FOR GUTHRIE COUNTY HOSPITAL VANS

Four current drivers typically drive a scheduled day every week.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The Guthrie County Hospital in Guthrie Center opened in 1951 and has been serving residents of Guthrie and neighboring counties ever since. One reason for the hospital's ongoing success is the Guthrie County Hospital Foundation, which was formed in 1995. The foundation was organized to generate and manage donations to the Guthrie County Hospital (GCH). It is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity, which allows donors to receive tax benefits. The Foundation's mission is to provide financial support to the Guthrie County Hospital so it can offer quality healthcare close to home. One way it helps reach that mission is by providing free transportation to medical appointments. In 2004, the Foundation launched the Guthrie County Hospital Courtesy Van. Besides purchasing the vans, all maintenance and operating costs are covered by the Foundation. One cost the Foundation doesn't have for the van program is drivers, because volunteers do the driving. There currently are four regular drivers, who typically drive a scheduled day every week. These volunteers include Reuben Hanson, JoAnn Johnson, Bill Sparks and Bob Sub-



Three current volunteer drivers for the GCH Foundation courtesy van are, left to right, Reuben Hanson, JoAnn Johnson and Stan Landon. More volunteer drivers are needed, both those willing to drive on a regular basis one day a week and also substitute drivers to fill in when the regular drivers aren't available.

bert. There also are three substitute drivers, including Stan Landon, Ron Eike and Bruce Roenfeld. Officials say there is a need for additional drivers. All drivers are required to pass a background check. Volunteer drivers can have a free lunch at Sneakers Café located in the hospital's Healthy Living Center

on their driving day, and can use the fitness center at no cost on days they aren't driving. "Driving the courtesy van is a wonderful, fulfilling opportunity to serve the community," says JoAnn Johnson. "I can guarantee it will give you a feel-good day." Stan Landon has been a volunteer

driver since November 2013. "I have met many folks who have taken advantage of the shuttle service, and I am honored to be able to give back to my community in this way," he says. "Without this program and volunteer staff, many patients would be hard-pressed to make it to appointments necessary to main-

tain their health." The shuttle service was placed on hold in 2020 because of the COVID pandemic. "As a volunteer driver, I found myself missing the interaction and conversations with the clients and

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worried about the health of many,” Landon says. “Once the service was restored this year, it’s been nice seeing familiar faces. I believe the shuttle service has made a huge difference in the overall mental and physical health of the residents of Guthrie County.”

The clients who use the courtesy van service are equally pleased. Jackie Kilcoin of Adair recently used the van service to get to and from physical therapy appointments.

“It’s wonderful, since I wasn’t able to drive myself. All the drivers are very courteous and helpful. This is a service that is much appreciated in our community,” Kilcoin says.

Another client, Carol Seela of Casey, calls the courtesy van “one of the best services a small rural hospital can offer. More hospitals should offer this service.”

Annette Kent of Guthrie Center says the drivers are timely and professional. “They’re also very accommodating if I have last minute appointments,” she says.

Patrick Peters is the CEO of Guthrie County Hospital. “When I interviewed for this position, the fact that the hospital had a volunteer van driving service left a large and pleasant impression on me,” he says. “On my flight back to Arizona I was thinking about what a great community this must be to take such great good care of its people.”

Peters says the service is a symbol of pride for the hospital and the community it serves.

“On behalf of the employees of Guthrie County Hospital and the hospital’s board of trustees, I want to send out a huge thank you to our drivers who volunteer to perform this selfless and generous service to the people we serve,” Peters says.

In the beginning there was just one van, and it was only available to senior citizens 60 and older. Now there are two courtesy vans available for anyone living in Guthrie County who doesn’t have access to a car and is 18 years or older.

Anyone who fits these criteria can request a ride to and from an appointment at the Guthrie County Hospital, one of the GCH Clinics in Adair, Panora and Stuart, the Guthrie Family Medicine Center in Guthrie Center, or to congregate meals at Sneakers Café.

The vans operate Monday through Friday during regular business hours. Those needing a ride should contact Melissa at 641-332-3810 to submit a request. Those interested in volunteering as a van driver can call the same phone number to learn more.

Donations can be designated to the van program to help with operating expenses. Donations can be made by cash, check, wills, stocks, bonds, real estate, and many other charitable instruments. The Guthrie County Hospital Foundation mailing address is 710 N. 12th Street, Guthrie Center, IA 50115. For more information, call 641-332-2201 or stop by the front office of the hospital. ■

Consider Lake Panorama history book for gift giving

Looking for a holiday gift for family members or friends? Consider purchasing one or more copies of “Lake Panorama – The First 50 Years.” The book, authored by Susan Thompson, arrived at the Lake Panorama Association office July 19, 2019.

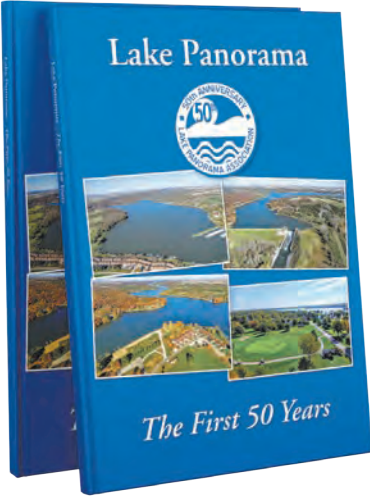
The full-color, hardcover 112-page book includes both historic and contemporary photos. Chapters in the book describe six decades of planning and development. There also are special topic chapters on Lake Panorama’s golf courses, infrastructure, and water quality efforts. Sidebar stories highlight various groups and activities such as HALO, Lake Panorama ski team, Fin and Feather, Fourth of July fireworks and more.

The LPA financed the book’s production. About 1,000 books were printed with 350 purchased online in advance, and another 325 purchased since the book’s arrival. About 325 remain in stock.

The book’s cost is \$35, which includes tax. LPA will ship at an additional cost of \$5 per book. Once ordered online, books will be shipped from Panora in seven to 10 business days.

Books are available for direct purchase at the front desk of the LPA Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The book also is available at the Lake Panorama National front desk during daily business hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Purchases can be made at the LPA and LPN via cash, check, or credit card. The book also is available at the Panora Library with purchases cash or check only.

Here is the link to order online and have one or more books shipped: <https://lakepanorama.formstack.com/forms/order> or scan the QR code here. ■



Copies of “Lake Panorama – The First 50 Years” remain available for purchase and cost \$35. The LPA will ship online purchases for an additional \$5 per book.



LPN HOLIDAY BRUNCH DEC. 19

The annual LPN Holiday Brunch at Lake Panorama National Resort will be Sunday, Dec. 19. Service will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with reservations taken every half hour. The cost is \$24 for adults, \$11 for children ages 5 to 12, with children ages 4 and younger free.

The brunch will offer both breakfast and lunch items. Breakfast items will include scrambled eggs, egg casserole, biscuits and gravy, bacon, sausage, cheesy potatoes, hash browns, a waffle bar, and displays of both Danishes and fresh fruit.

Lunch items will include herb roasted chicken, seared pork loin with sage sauce, a poached salmon display, roast beef carving station, baked pasta, shrimp cocktail, roasted new potatoes, green bean casserole, sweet corn, dinner rolls, mixed green salad with dressings and toppings, caprese salad and pasta salad.

Desserts offered will include pumpkin pie, apple pie, assorted cream pies and brownies. The Links regular menu will not be available the day of the brunch. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the LPN front desk at 641-755-2080. ■

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New LPA website to launch

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The first website for the Lake Panorama Association (LPA) came online in 2001. It underwent a major revision with a new host in 2009, which made it possible to send email to all registered members of the site. That LPA site still is in use today and provides information weekly through the Panorama Prompt e-bulletin to about 1,400 LPA members.

Over the years, the current website has become more difficult to navigate, as additional information and features were added. Now work is underway to launch a new LPA website that will be simpler to use, while continuing to provide the ability for LPA staff to communicate directly with members and provide the important documents they need.

LPA staff chose FRONTSTEPS to help develop and host the new website. FRONTSTEPS is a software and website hosting provider designed specifically for associations made up of property owners. Work began in late 2019 but was put on hold in early 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Our current website has fallen behind,” says Lane Rumelhart, LPA project manager. “I often receive comments from members who struggle to navigate our current site, whether it be searching for a document, or trying to find information on our amenities, rules, codes and other things. The new website will be much more intuitive, and will help members and non-members find all the information they need.”

As with the current site, there will be both public and private sides. The home page on the public site will include information about Lake Panorama and the LPA. Tabs will take visitors to the lake’s history and Frequently Asked Questions.

A “Documents” tab will make it possible for those wanting to learn more about the LPA

to choose from a list of governing documents, including the association’s bylaws, covenants, rules and regulations, boating regulations, building codes and more.

A “Helpful Links” tab will provide direct links to Coulter’s Panorama Marine, the LPA Water Safety Video, Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ), Lake Panorama National Resort, Friends of Lake Panorama, Fin and Feather, and Lake Panorama Times. Contact information for the LPA is easily found on the public site.

The LPA home page will have tabs for “Resident Sign-Up” and “Resident Sign-In.” The private side of the website will be restricted to Lake Panorama property owners.

Once the website has been launched, emails will be sent to all property owners who currently have an email address registered with the LPA office. This will provide details on how to use the “Resident Sign-Up” button to request access. Once an LPA staff person has verified the login request came from a property owner, access to the private side of the website will be approved.

LPA members who have not registered for the current website won’t receive an email invitation. Yet they also will be able to set-up an account through the “Resident Sign-Up” option and gain access to the private side of the website once they are verified as an LPA member.

The private side is simple to navigate, with the primary focus on information sharing. A “Documents” tab will take the member to a list of folders. Each one is named to easily see what can be found inside by clicking on the folder. For instance, the “Boating” folder contains a map of Lake Panorama coves, a map showing buoy placements, boating regulations, and documents related to invasive species, guest boaters, and vessel size and horsepower limits.

Other folders are related to

LPA board meetings and minutes, building codes, LPA forms, governing documents, annual drinking water quality reports, hunting, yard waste locations and more. Those who register for the website will be signed up to receive the Panorama Prompt. One of the folders will hold a one-year archive of this weekly e-newsletter.

Special bulletins, such as notifications of water line repairs or road work, will be created using the new website, distributed via email, and posted on the website. Community FAQs also will be available. Some of these will be similar to the FAQs on the public side, while some will be specific just to LPA members, such as hunting regulations and maps.

Advance notice of the launch date will be publicized in the Panorama Prompt, and members can expect to receive an email shortly after the launch with details on how to create their account and gain access to the website. This will be necessary for members to continue to receive the Panorama Prompt and other LPA bulletins, plus access LPA documents that will only be available on the private side of the website.

“This new website will not only make things easier and simpler for members, but it also will allow members to check and see if their current contact information is up to date with LPA,” Rumelhart says.

John Rutledge, LPA general manager, says it will be important for members to opt-in to the new website by registering.

“Members will be prompted to register via email, but they must complete the final step to ensure their information is up to date and they are in our system to receive weekly email bulletins and special announcements,” he says.

A date has not yet been set for the launch of the new website. Those with questions will be asked to call the LPA office at 641-755-2301 once the new website is online. ■

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ISOM FAMILY OFFERS TREES FOR TODAY AND FOR THE FUTURE

Isom Tree Farm is located on Highway 25 north of Guthrie Center near Springbrook State Park.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Larry and Heather Isom grew up in California, her on the coast and him near Death Valley. They met as employees at a local pizzeria in San Luis Obispo where he was attending Cal Poly University. They married in 1998 and moved to the Midwest two years later.

Sixteen years ago, they settled into a home on Lake Panorama's Burchfield Cove. Larry is director of engineering at Power Lift in Jefferson. Heather is trained in interior design but "retired" in 2009 when their daughter was born. The couple now has two children. Danica is 12 years old, and Clint is 8.

Larry's father's retirement plan was to own and operate a tree farm. Roland and Laura Isom learned to love Iowa when they visited Larry and Heather from their home in California.

"His retirement plan was planting 1,200 sugar maple trees," says Larry. "Dad worked civil service as a programmer for the Navy for most of his career. My mom was a school teacher. In 2010, they bought the 'Glades old place' and started the tree farm."

The tree farm is on Highway 25 north of Guthrie Center near Springbrook State Park. Larry and his father planted 1,200 sugar maples in 2010.

"He wanted to grow sugar maples because they are a nice, fast-growing hardwood tree, and because he wanted to produce maple syrup," Larry says.

The 13 acres of land where the trees were planted was a pasture surrounded by mature trees on the east and west. The Middle Raccoon River, which flows into Lake Panorama, borders the south side of the tree farm. A

house and large metal shed are on the north.

Although they had a tree farm in Iowa, Roland and Laura continued to live in California. Within a couple of years, Laura retired from teaching and made the tree farm her semi-permanent location. Larry's sister also moved to Iowa and lives in the Cedar Falls area.

Roland continued to work and make frequent trips to Iowa. He retired in 2017 and moved to the tree farm. But he didn't get to enjoy his retirement plan for long; he passed away just short of one year after retirement.

"I helped Dad lay out and plant those first 1,200 trees," Larry says. "We had been helping him on the farm since then and started doing all the work after he passed." Last year, Larry and Heather purchased the farm from his mother, who still lives in the house there.

One part of Roland Isom's retirement plan was to make maple syrup, and he was able to do that for about five years with his son's help. Larry and Heather have continued the process.

"The sap flows in sugar maple trees when the temperature is above freezing in the days and below freezing at night," Larry says. "We start in mid-February and go to mid-March. We stop when the trees start to flower, because the sap turns very dark and has a bitter taste."

It takes between 40 and 60 gallons of sap to produce one gallon of maple syrup. The sap is reduced over a wood-burning firepit, then moved to a cooktop in the shed. When it reaches 66 percent sugar, it is maple syrup, ready to be bottled and labeled. The Isoms maintain a list of previous customers, plus friends and family.

"We sell what we have on a first-come, first-serve basis,"



Members of the Isom Tree Farm family are shown in front of one of their sugar maples along with an example of Christmas wreaths they offer. Pictured left to right are Heather, Danica, Laura, Larry and Clint Isom. Heather and Larry purchased the tree farm last year from Larry's mother, Laura.

Heather says. "It doesn't last long."

In 2017, the Isoms started tree planting again.

"We had lost about 50 percent of the original trees, many to flooding from the Raccoon River that left half of the tree field under water," Larry says. "Since we had to replant, we added red, amur flame and silver maples."

Tree planting now is an annual event with 18" tall, bare root trees shipped to them in boxes each spring and fall. Conifers are planted in the spring, and deciduous trees in the fall. The family

plants 400 to 600 trees per year and has about 2,000 trees in the field now.

Four years ago, the Isoms planted their first Christmas trees, adding Scotch pine, white pine and fir.

"It was always part of the plan to grow our own Christmas trees," Heather says. "Christmas is an important holiday in our family."

Eventually the family will offer a "choose and cut" Christmas tree operation. Customers will stop in the heated shop to check in before going to the field to choose their tree. They will be able to either take a saw to cut down the tree themselves, or find what they want and have it cut for them.

"We should be able to start selling pine trees in three years," says Larry. "Our goal is to get to a place where we can sell about 200 Christmas trees each year."

Also in the shop will be a variety of wreaths, something that was sold for the first time last year. Heather and Danica are the wreath-makers in the family. Larry created a special corner in the heated shop for them.

"Last year we sold 15. This year we are aiming for 50 wreaths," Heather says. "We love doing it together. Danica has quite a talent for decorating them. For now we buy 'Charlie Brown' trees from other tree farms, but once we get going we will have enough greenery on our farm for wreaths." The pair already has several preorders and will have a booth at the Holiday Craft Fair in Panora the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Another part of the Isom Tree Farm business is transplanting trees people want moved on their property, plus selling and planting trees from their farm.

"We have 100 sugar maples available for sale now to plant for landscaping," Larry says. "We move these with a tree spade. The cost is \$300 for the tree and planting it within a 30-mile radius of the farm. Eventually, some of our Christmas trees also will be sold as windbreak trees."

Tree transplanting is only done in the fall or spring and is most successful when done in the fall, Isom says. Spring is usually wetter, and that makes the process more challenging. He is taking orders now and expects to move trees from mid-October into December.

In addition to the farm, work and keeping up with their two children, Heather and Larry are active in the Iowa Christmas Tree Association where Larry serves on the board of directors. The family has both a ski boat and a pontoon on Lake Panorama and enjoy time on both. Larry, Danica and Clint all are members of the Lake Panorama ski team.

While Larry and Heather say running a tree farm wasn't in their long-term plans, they both enjoy it. Larry says he just likes to "do stuff, and there's always plenty to do here."

"It's good family time for us," Heather says. "Bringing the kids to the farm gets them away from their screens and outside to enjoy the fresh air. They've turned into good helpers when we're working in the field."

For more information about purchasing trees, or having current trees moved, the Isoms say phone calls or texts are best. Larry can be reached at 641-757-9817, with Heather at 641-757-7882. The Isom Tree Farm also is on Facebook, plus has a website at IsomTreeFarm.com. Email is isomtreefarm@gmail.com. ■



The Isom Tree Farm is located along Highway 25 north of Guthrie Center near Springbrook State Park. Dry weather the last two years has forced the family to set up and operate an extensive watering system for the 2,000 trees currently planted on the farm.

OUT & ABOUT

AFTER HOURS

The Panora Chamber held a Business After Hours event at Twin Vines on Oct. 18.



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Tracy Welberg and Trudy Hastings

MAKE NEW YEAR'S EVE PLANS NOW

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

It's never too soon to start planning a great party. That's what Lake Panorama National Resort staff are doing, planning a great party to help ring in 2022.

Dec. 31 will bring events for both children and adults. A Noon Year's Eve party for kids will involve cookie decorating, crafts, activities, and a milk and cookie toast at noon. This party will be 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with a cost of \$10 per child.

An adult New Year's Eve party in the banquet room will begin with a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. Buffet dinner stations will be set up around the room from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. A chocolate fountain buffet will remain open until 11 p.m. and feature brownies, poundcake, fruit, pretzels and marshmallows.

A disc jockey will provide music throughout the evening with dancing starting at 8 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person or \$90 per couple. Ticket prices include social hour appetizers, buffet, chocolate fountain, party favors, dancing, and a champagne toast at midnight.

Room packages are available that combine overnight lodging and admission tickets. Attendance is being capped at 200. Dress code is anywhere from business casual to formal dress. To purchase tickets or reserve a room package, contact the LPN front desk at 641-755-2080. ■

ASK *Lake Panorama* TIMES

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

Q: I heard that boats can be inspected any time by the LPA. Is that true?

A: That is correct, according to 5.1(e) in the LPA Rules and Regulations handbook, which states: "Private vessels may be inspected at any time by the Lake Panorama Association. Inspection may be for vessel specifications, vessel safety equipment, for evidence of invasive species regulation compliance and/or any other purpose regarding legal operation and usage of the vessel or its contents on Lake Panorama waters."

Q: We saw boats pulling skiers very close to our shoreline this summer. How close is too close, and how do I report a concern?

A: That's a great question, and the LPA Rules and Regulation handbook does address it in 5.1(n), stating: "No person shall be towed on skis or any other device within 100 feet of the shoreline, nor shall any person be towed in such a fashion on water skis so as to land or depart from the shore or dock area." Violations of this should be reported to LPA security at 641-757-9035.

Q: I appreciate receiving a copy of the Lake Panorama Times each month. Can I get my kids a copy, too?

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Submit items for UPCOMING EVENTS calendar at www.lakepanoramatimes.com. Event dates and times are subject to change. Contact hosts for updated details.

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Free Breakfast for Veterans Thursday, Nov. 11 8-11 a.m. Lake Panorama National Resort is offering a free breakfast in the LPN conference center free to all veterans. Families and friends of veterans, or those who simply want to take this chance to thank veterans for their service, can purchase the buffet for \$8. No reservations are needed. 641-755-2080 www.lakepanoramanational.com	LPA monthly board meeting Tuesday, Nov. 23 5 p.m. Lake Panorama National www.lakepanorama.org	No school Friday, Dec. 10 www.panoramaschools.org
No school Thursday, Nov. 12 www.panoramaschools.org	No school Wednesday, Nov. 24 through Friday, Nov. 26 www.panoramaschools.org	Panora City Council meeting Monday, Dec. 13 6:30 p.m. www.cityofpanora.com
Furry Family Photos Sunday, Nov. 21 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Twin Vines 515-480-9816	Thanksgiving Day Thursday, Nov. 25	Annual LPN Holiday Brunch Sunday, Dec. 19 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with reservations taken every half hour. Reservations are required. Adults, \$24; kids ages 5 to 12, \$11; ages 4 and younger, free Lake Panorama National Resort 641-755-2080 www.lakepanoramanational.com
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Isom Tree Farm - Live Christmas Wreaths & maple syrup

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Twisted Sisters Design - Vinyl decals on cars, clothes, signs, etc. Ink infused items.

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The Lakeside Village - Baked goods for Alzheimer's and information for the assisted living.

Taylor and Stone Creations - Decorated table trays, wood decorated boxes, upscale decor

Teresa Smith Pink Zebra - Soy based fragrance sprinkle designed to give your home fragrance variety you can create and blend unique recipes

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TRISH HART’S NATURE PHOTO OF THE MONTH
SQUIRRELS AND BIRDFEEDERS



BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

There are 280 different species in the squirrel family that live throughout the world, 40 of which are tree squirrels. The most common tree squirrel in the Lake Panorama area are fox squirrels, named because of their coloration similar to red foxes that also inhabit the area. Local photographer Trish Hart snapped this photo of a fox squirrel on one of her birdfeeders. “Our squirrels are little acrobats that climb up and down the pole to get to the feeder,” she says.

According to the Iowa DNR, squirrel paws are hand-like, with little, primitive thumbs and strong claws for grasping at tree bark. These features, combined with a squirrel’s ability to rotate its hind feet 180 degrees, allow the animal to descend head-first from a tree. These same nimble hands also make it easy for squirrels to steal from birdfeeders. To prevent a squirrel from getting to a hanging bird feeder like the one pictured here, try making the cord slick by coating it with vegetable oil.

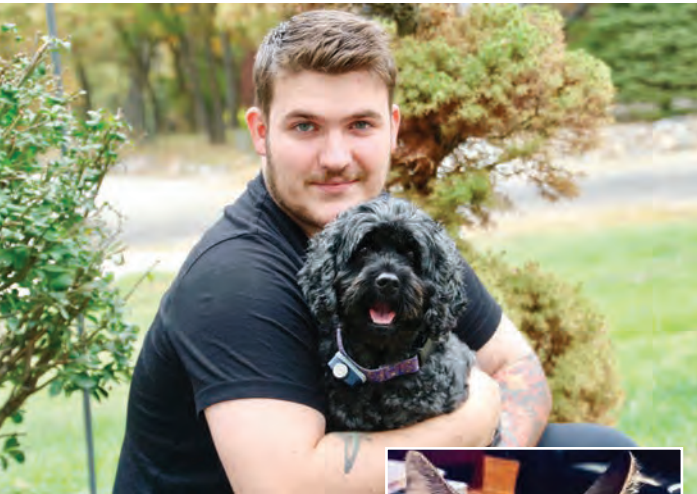
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LAKE DOG AND COVE CAT

By CHERYL TEMPLE
Lake Panorama Times

LAKE DOG
Name: Monet
Age: 5
Breed: Cockapoo
Owners: Melissa and Milo Merical

Monet and her family have lived many years at the lake. The last 15 have been full-time. Monet enjoys swimming in the family pool and chasing turkey, deer, fox and even rodents, but her favorite activity is playing ball. Monet makes a great watch dog but eventually warms up to people.



COVE CAT
Name: Archie
Age: 2
Breed: Tabby
Owners: Carol and Gerry Frank

Adopted from Panora Pets, Archie is a male Tabby that loves to play, run around on the wood floors and hang out on the deck. Archie enjoys treats but is still not trusting enough to eat out of anyone’s hand. According to Archie, dinner time begins around 1:30 p.m. Archie and Gerry are best buds, maybe because they are both guys and sport whiskers. ■



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