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ANOTHER HALL OF FAME HONOR FOR LAKE PANORAMA DRUMMER

Drumming for the Pulsating Pilgrims earned Reuben Hanson his second Iowa Rock ‘n Roll Music Association Hall of Fame induction this year.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Lake Panorama resident Reuben Hanson and his wife, Karen, spent Labor Day weekend at Okoboji. The trip wasn't to escape from this lake to that lake, but rather for Reuben to be inducted, for the second time, into the Iowa Rock ‘n Roll Music Association Hall of Fame.

The Iowa Rock ‘n Roll Music Association Hall of Fame & Museum is located at Arnold's Park in Okoboji. The association annually inducts musicians, bands, DJs, ballrooms and others who have significantly contributed to rock and roll music in Iowa. More than 300 entities have been inducted since 1997 when the nonprofit was established.

Inductees must have a minimum of 25 years of experience in the music industry, criteria which Hanson easily meets. As a young child, he turned his mother's pots and pans into drums. By the time he was 5, he was playing the real thing.

In the fall of 1960, Hanson, his cousin Jim Shea, and friends Mike Erskine and Rick Van Haitsma formed a rock and roll band. They were in

the eighth grade in the Sioux City school system and called themselves the Rockets. To better reflect their music, they soon changed their name to The Rockers.

It was Hanson's role as a founder and performer for The Rockers that first landed him in the Iowa Rock ‘n Roll Music Association Hall of Fame in August 2003.

After high school graduation, Hanson left Sioux City to attend Augustana University in Sioux Falls, where he found a home with another band. The Fabulous Jadesmen began performing in 1964 and played through 1966, when the other three band members graduated, leaving Hanson behind.

He spent his final year of college and several months after college playing with The Pulsating Pilgrims.

"We were what was known then as a 'show' band, because we had horns," Hanson says. "And our front guys had choreographed moves for each song."

Another thing that set the Pilgrims apart was their costumes.

"We had three costume changes for each show," Hanson says. "Our first outfits included blue silk paisley dinner jackets, white ruffled shirts and black pants. Next came brown

business suits with ties. The final set had us in blue satin knickers, shirts and capes, like the Pilgrims wore, plus black buckled shoes and stovepipe hats, knee-high white leggings and big white collars."

The Pilgrims toured throughout the upper Midwest, including many appearances in Iowa, such as the Val-Air Ballroom in Des Moines, Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, and other ballrooms in Cedar Rapids, Storm Lake, Fort Dodge, Carroll and Rock Rapids.

Hanson says one criteria for induction into the Hall of Fame is how often someone was the opening act for better known talent.

"Whenever a big act came to town, the venue would hire local talent," Hanson says. "We opened for many groups, including the Everly Brothers several times, the Beach Boys and others."

It was his time drumming for the Pulsating Pilgrims that earned Hanson his second Iowa Rock ‘n Roll Music Association Hall of Fame induction this year. The Labor Day weekend affair included a meet-and-greet, autograph sessions, a formal induction ceremony with plaque presentations, and a concert at the

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Reuben Hanson stands near the Iowa Rock ‘n Roll Music Association Museum sign. The museum is located at Arnold's Park in Okoboji.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S EXCEEDS GOAL

More than 80 walkers on 10 teams raised more than \$20,000.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The Raccoon River Valley Walk to End Alzheimer's held in Panorama Sept. 11 exceeded its fundraising goal. More than 80 walkers on 10 teams raised more than \$20,000, well above the \$12,500 goal set for the event.

These Alzheimer's Association fundraising walks are held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide. There are 18 walks scheduled in Iowa this fall, with Panorama being the smallest town to host one.

The walk began at the Michael Mills Memorial Park. Prior to the walk, Sue Bump and Traci Kauffman of Reshape Fitness Studio led the walkers in warmup exercises.

Barry Monaghan was the emcee for the opening ceremony. He said more than six million

Americans are living with Alzheimer's, and 11 million unpaid caregivers are helping loved ones who suffer from the disease.

Spinning flowers in four colors were available for walk participants to place in a Promise Garden. Monaghan showed each flower and explained its meaning. Blue — someone living with Alzheimer's or another dementia. Purple — someone who has lost someone to the disease. Yellow — a person currently supporting or caring for someone living with Alzheimer's. Orange — a person who supports the cause and the Alzheimer's Association's vision of a world without the disease.

Monaghan also displayed a white flower, which will represent the first survivor of Alzheimer's, once a cure is found.

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The Lakeside Village team had 35 members and raised \$6,256, making it the top team for both funds raised and number of team members.

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ON THE LAKE

MOE RUSSELL, SCOTT GONZALES AND SOME MORE LAKE HUMOR

BY SHANE GOODMAN
Editor and Publisher

I had the privilege of meeting two of the many wonderful people from Lake Panorama recently — both with experiences in the written word — and I wanted to share my experiences.

Taking the high road

The first was Moe Russell, who told me that he had written a paperback entitled, “Take The High Road to Personal Accountability.” I told him I would buy a copy and check it out, and I did. At 46 pages, it is a short read but packed with personal stories from Moe about self-responsibility, character and integrity.

Moe is a cofounder of Russell Consulting Group, a provider of marketing and financial advice to crop and livestock producers. He has been a frequent business speaker on motivation, planning and entrepreneurship and has authored more than 200 articles for agricultural publications.

Here is a great nugget from his self-improvement book: “A very human tendency as a reaction to the problem is to have the attitude, ‘Who can I blame for this problem?’ When the first two people on earth got in trouble, what happened? The man blamed the woman and the woman blamed the serpent!”

And here is another: “Jay, a West Point Academy graduate, says there are only four responses a lower-classman cadet can give to an upper

classman. They are: ‘Yes, Sir’; ‘No, Sir’; ‘I don’t understand, Sir’; and ‘No excuse, Sir.’ ”

And one more: “I always ask myself, ‘What is right?’ rather than ‘Who is right?’ I have noticed that when I answer that question and act on the answer, people around me begin to change their behavior.”

“Take The High Road to Personal Accountability” is available for purchase on Amazon.com, barnesandnoble and target.com, among other places.

The family business

The second was the former publisher of this newspaper, Scott Gonzales. I had seen his name for years but never had the privilege of meeting him. We spent a few minutes together after the last 10-Squared Plus meeting at Lake Panorama National Conference Center, and I look forward to more conversations. He offered several compliments on what we have done with the newspaper, as well as his take on some of my opinions about the industry. I appreciated hearing it all, as the input means a lot coming from him.

Like any good newspaperman, Scott asked me a lot of questions and listened attentively. I tried to do the same, and he shared some of the difficulties in seeing parts of his company, its employees and even its presses go away. Selling a family business is rarely an easy thing to do, especially when you continue to live in the area and see the changes



Shane Goodman

others make to something you created.

I have often been called an “old school” publisher, and I take pride in that. I certainly am adept to change and seek it out, but I have a soft spot for history and a deep respect for the people who dedicated much of their lives to this newspaper, the lake community, Panora and all of Guthrie County.

Scott, I look forward to more conversations and sharing the history of this publication with all the residents and property owners of Lake Panorama.

A chuckle

And finally, another round of lake humor. Did you hear about the math teacher who took off all her clothes and went swimming in the lake? She came out with an algae-bra.

Have a great October, and thanks for reading. ■

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HALL OF FAME
FROM PAGE 1



Each of the 2021 inductees into the Iowa Rock ‘n Roll Music Association Hall of Fame had a display created for them. Reuben Hanson stands in front of the Pulsating Pilgrims display.



This photo of the Pulsating Pilgrims, taken in 1967, shows the band members dressed in one of three costumes they wore during each performance. Reuben Hanson is laying on the ground. At the time, he was recovering from a car accident that left him with a leg that was broken in 12 places. He had to use crutches for more than two years during his recovery.

Arnold’s Park Roof Garden.
There were 30 bands and individuals inducted for 2021. Several of the bands performed during the concert, including the Pulsating Pilgrims.
“We played six songs,” Hanson says. “We never had a chance to practice, and it had been 10 years since we last played together. But I thought we sounded pretty good.”
A video taken of their performance at the Roof Garden shows the crowd agreed, with cheers and applause, plus a standing ovation.
Hanson also has been inducted twice into the South Dakota Rock

and Roll Music Association Hall of Fame. The Fabulous Jadesmen were honored in 2009 and the Pulsating Pilgrims in 2011.
The Hansons have lived at Lake Panorama for nearly 20 years. Reuben had a long career in the financial services industry, and the family moved from Colorado to Iowa because of his position with Wells Fargo. Now retired, and 76 years old, Hanson jokes that is 186 in “drummer years.”
Hanson continues to play his drums. The Fabulous Jadesmen met for a “band camp” in Omaha

in 1999. Several similar get-togethers fostered the idea of a reunion tour that took them to Omaha, the Twin Cities and Sioux Falls. In 2003, they played at the Sioux Falls Blues and Jazz Festival, which was headlined by Tower of Power and the Neville Brothers.
Hanson’s current band is the Four Shades of Grey. It was formed at the request of Ray Johnson, a former Lake Panorama resident who was the entertainment chairman for the 2013 Panorama Days. Johnson had lined up several musical acts but was looking for a rock-and-roll band, and asked

Hanson if he could help.
Hanson talked with Bill Labath, who had played guitar and sang with the Overboard Band. Labath agreed to recruit some others with experience in bands to join him and Hanson. Mike Bowles from Yale, on keyboard, plus Kim Jackson of Perry and Earl Turner of Bagley, both on guitar, filled out the band.
The group tried a session in Hanson’s basement and decided they could make this work. They learned and practiced eight songs to perform at that year’s Panorama Days. Several Panorama Days performances

followed. Bowles and Turner eventually left the band and were replaced by Joel Ambrose and Dennis Trammel, both of Dallas Center.
The band continues to perform, with gigs at the Owl’s Nest, the Port, Lake Panorama National, PJ’s Drive-in for the Bacocon Ride, Kenny’s Garage in Waukee and many more.
The band recently played at the annual Dallas Center Days celebration and a private party in Minburn.
“We like to play,” Hanson says. “We say we would play for nothing, we just need paid enough to make it worth hauling all our equipment.” ■

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ALZHEIMER’S
FROM PAGE 1



More than 80 people participated in the Raccoon River Valley Walk to End Alzheimer’s on Sept. 11. Given the walk’s name, it was fitting much of the 2-mile walk took place on the Raccoon River Valley Trail.

The 2-mile route for the walk involved heading east from the park, north to PJ’s Drive-In, then south on the Raccoon River Valley Trail, before looping back to the park. Edwards Jones is a national presenting sponsor of the Walk to End Alzheimer’s. Dave Grove, an Edward Jones financial advisor based in Panora, and Melissa Loest, an Edward Jones financial advisor in Guthrie Center, were instrumental in getting the local walk scheduled. “Alzheimer’s is a disease that affects almost every family,” said Grove. “We lost my grandmother, Kay, to Alzheimer’s in early 2019, and my family walked in her memory as Team Kay Grove. The walk was a great opportunity to show support

for families impacted by the disease.” In addition to Edward Jones, sponsors of the local walk included the Lakeside Village, the New Homestead, Guthrie County State Bank, Panora Specialty Care, Iowa Trust & Savings Bank, Wesley Life at Home, Panora Telco, Dowd Drug and St. Croix Hospice. Crafty’s Coffee and Hometown Foods of Panora provided coffee and bottled water at registration. Nancy Wells, Melissa Borgeson and Jaime Waddle also served on the planning committee and gave many hours of their time to make the walk a success. Plans are in the works to hold a second Raccoon River Valley Walk to End Alzheimer’s in late summer of 2022. ■



Dave Grove, on the right, and his family walked in memory of their grandmother and great-grandmother, Kay Grove. Dave Grove, Edward Jones financial advisor in Panora, and Melissa Loest, his counterpart in Guthrie Center, were instrumental in getting the Sept. 11 walk scheduled in Panora.



Walk participants could choose from one of four colors of spinning flowers to place in a Promise Garden, with each color representing the relationship the person has with Alzheimer’s. Here Coop Rickert and Diane Pieper place their flowers in the garden.

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Panora Chamber Shop Local, Be Local events
Friday, Oct. 8, Saturday, Oct. 9
Shop Local, Be Local Events the second Friday and Saturday of every month.
www.panorachamber.org

Columbus Day
Monday, Oct. 11

Hydrant Flushing
Oct. 18-25
The semi-annual hydrant flushing will take place during these weekdays. Hydrants in the LPA water system are flushed to stir up and remove sediments that have accumulated over the past few months.

LPA Building Codes Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 11 6 p.m.
Lake Panorama National
www.lakepanorama.org

Panora City Council meeting
Monday, Oct. 11 6:30 p.m.
www.cityofpanora.com

LPA Water Safety Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 12 6 p.m.
Lake Panorama National
www.lakepanorama.org



The Chili Dipper Open
Sunday, Oct. 17 11 a.m. - SHOTGUN START
Format: 2-Person Best Shot 8" Cups
Entry Fee: Non-LPN Members: \$120 per team; LPN Golf Members: \$60 per team
Entry includes golf with cart, chili buffet and prizes. Direct any questions to the Pro Shop at 641-755-2024.
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Panora City Council meeting
Monday, Oct. 25 6:30 p.m.
www.cityofpanora.com

LPA monthly board meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 26 5 p.m.
Lake Panorama National
www.lakepanorama.org

No school
Friday, Oct. 29
www.panoramaschools.org



Main Street Trick or Treat (trick or treating at Main Street businesses ahead of regular Beggar's night hours)
Saturday, Oct. 30 5-6 p.m.

Beggars Night
Saturday, Oct. 30 6-8 p.m.
City of Panora



Halloween
Sunday, Oct. 31



Election Day
Tuesday, Nov. 2

Heart of Guthrie County Holiday Showcase
Nov. 4, 5, 6
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Panora Town Square Holiday Lighting and Carriage Rides
Friday, Nov. 5 5-8 p.m.
on the Square



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Sunday, Nov. 7 11 a.m. - SHOTGUN START
Format: 4-Person Best Shot
Join the enduring spirit of the last great round!
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Veterans Day
Thursday, Nov. 11

ASK

Lake Panorama TIMES

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

Q: How do I winterize my boat?

A: If you are new to boating, you may want to have it done professionally, and the folks at Coulter's Panorama Marine can help you out. Seemingly everyone has his or her own opinion on how to best complete various maintenance tasks on your own, but here is a website that covers many of the basics: www.boats.com/how-to/how-to-winterize-a-boat.

to be winterized on the lift. If the boat is stranded on the lift in the main channel, he suggests that the owner make sure the boat's insurance policy is paid, as the ice will likely destroy the boat lift and boat over the winter/early spring timeframe.

Contact the Coulter's Panorama Marine or your barge service provider for further guidance.

Q: My water pressure seems lower than normal for quite some time now. Should I be concerned? Who should I contact?

A: You can start by contacting the LPA office to see if any work is being completed in the area that may impact your water pressure. The LPA does send out emails notifying the membership of water repairs, and these often cause low pressure for short periods of time. If that is not the issue, and when only one fixture has low water pressure, it's likely that the problem can be resolved if you focus on fixing that one fixture or the pipes serving it, according to spruce.com. Widespread water pressure issues affecting the entire house indicate different problems. If your home water pressure seems low, then the first thing to do is to narrow down the cause. You should check to see if the water meter valve is fully open, and then see if the main house shutoff valve is open. If you happen to have old water pipes, the problem could be a buildup of corrosion. If all this sounds foreign to you, contact a licensed plumber for advice. ■

Q: If I can't get my boat out of the lift now due to low water levels, what do I do?

A: In late September, the LPA estimated that the lake water levels were down 7 inches and warned lake residents that the situation could worsen in coming weeks. As such, the LPA strongly recommended that members remove their vessels from their docks, especially those at the end of coves or those using an older style lift. The marina had reported that several vessels were already stranded on their lifts. Sounds like you may be one of them. Unfortunately, stranded vessels may require a tow to extract them.

According to Lyn Coulter of Coulter's Panorama Marine, they might be able to attach ropes to the transom of the boat and attempt to drag the boat from the lift. If it's a pontoon, a barge might be able to pick it up off the lift. He says if either of those fail, then the boat would have

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Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors Meeting Aug. 24, 2021 Lake Panorama Conference Center

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met Aug. 24, 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: 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

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

Consent agenda to in-

clude:

a) LPA General Manager's Report

b) Approval of minutes from 07.27.2021 LPA Board Meeting

c) Acceptance of 07.31.2021 consolidated financial report – LPA & LPN, LLC

d) Set date for next board meeting, 09.28.21

e) Accept minutes from 07.26.2021 LPN LLC Board of Managers meeting

f) Accept minutes from 08.09.2021 Building Codes Committee Meeting

Agenda Item 4a – Sale of LPA Lots 3170 & 3171

LPA received an offer, through Sunset Realty, buyers – Tyler & Emma Westerberg, for purchase of lots 3170 & 3171 in the amount of \$40,000. Buyer intends to combine the lots as part of closing agreement, offer is contingent on acceptable perc.

Land sales committee (LSC) reviewed the offer. The LSC agreed on a counteroffer of \$50,000. Buyer accepted the counter of \$50,000. LSC recommends the Board accept the offer of \$50,000.

Donovan moved to accept offer by Tyler & Emma Westerberg of \$50,000 for lots 3170 & 3171, lots to be combined at purchase.

Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4b – Roof pitch variance Lot 741

From Building Codes Minutes:

Luke Wanninger represented James and Kristen Peterson of 5279 Panorama Drive on lot 741 and requested a variance for a 4/12 roof pitch on their proposed home. 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 requests in 2021, all members voted unanimously to approve the request.

Finneseth moved to approve the variance request for 4/12 roof pitch on lot 741, 5279 Panorama Drive for James & Kristen Peterson as presented by plans provided. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4c – Roof pitch variance Lot 6733

From Building Codes Minutes:

Kurt Kesteloot of 6009 Daisy Lane on lot 6733 requested a variance for a 3/12, 4/12, and 5/12 roof pitch on his proposed home. The committee reviewed the plans for the home. Based on the fact that the proposed home met all other require-

ments, held aesthetic integrity of LPA, and was similar to many requests in 2021, all members voted unanimously to approve the request.

Donovan moved to approve the variance request for 3/12, 4/12 and 5/12 roof pitch on lot 6733, 6009 Daisy Lane for Kurt & Lauren Kesteloot as presented by plans provided. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Old Business

Agenda Item 5a – Marty Derry – Request for demonstrating boats on Lake Panorama

Marty Derry has a dealer's license for used boats. LPA understands this to mean Derry does not need to register boats with the DNR while he is holding them for sale.

Derry would like to have an arrangement with LPA in which he demonstrates boats without having to purchase an LPA boat sticker. Derry noted he maintains a membership under his business name, "Last Outpost LLC" and seeks to achieve some commercial benefit from this membership.

At the July Board meeting, the Board tabled this request and asked for additional research to be completed by LPA staff.

Rutledge reported the following items:

Marina lease states exclusive option for commercial dealership at Lake Panorama

LPA insurance agent voiced some concerns with the type of insurance that would be required for proper LPA protection.

Invasive Species inspections would be time consuming for administrative and LPA Security Staff

Boat density remains a concern and this would seem to open the door to future requests.

Board discussion focused on the precedent that could be set by allowing a commercial entity to put boats on Lake Panorama (other than the marina). The board's most notable concerns were boat density (safety) and invasive species (water quality). The board believed approval of Derry's request would inevitably invite additional, subsequent requests from other members. Although Derry's proposed commercial endeavor would be modest in size, the precedent it would set was judged to have substantial and detrimental potential impact. The board did not believe setting this precedent was in the best long-

term interest of the broader LPA membership.

Carothers moved to decline Marty Derry's request to demonstrate unregistered boats for sale on Lake Panorama, due to concerns regarding increased competition with LPA's marina tenant, insurance liability, invasive species, and boat density. The motion noted the policy would extend not only to Derry, but also to similar requests made to LPA management by other entities or LPA members. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 6 – Other Business – None

Agenda Item 7 – Closed Session

- The board entered closed session at 5:45 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Board exited closed session at 6:12 p.m.

Donovan moved to allow septic system to be installed on Lake Panorama Association Community Area for lots 2914 & 2915, combined lots. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Carothers moved to allow confidential agreement as discussed in closed session. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Adjourn - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m. ■

FALL PROJECT UPDATES AT GM COFFEE

Inflation is having an impact on budgets for the coming year with increases in the cost of materials and labor.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

At the Sept. 2 "Coffee with the GM," John Rutledge, LPA general manager and LPN, LLC director of operations, said the annual budgeting process for both the Lake Panorama Association and Lake Panorama National is underway.

"We start working on budgets each September by determining what capital projects and purchases we need to make in the coming year to continue improving both the LPA and LPN, LLC," Rutledge said. "In October, our staff works on operating budgets. The goal is to get LPA board approval of all 2022 budgets at its November meeting."

Rutledge said this timeline makes it possible to get LPA dues statements and LPN golf membership forms out in December.

Inflation is having some impact on budgets for the coming year, with increases in the cost of materials and labor. Rutledge used fuel as an example.

"We purchase between 75,000 and 80,000 gallons of fuel each year," he said. "Most of that goes to the dredging operation, but we need fuel all across our operations. We're constantly looking at fuel prices and try to make purchases at times when we can get the best deal."

Rutledge said staff in-

corporates biofuels and environmentally friendly lubricants into Lake Panorama's strategy.

"We're trying to be as environmentally conscious as possible," he said.

Monitoring blue-green algae in the lake this year has been challenging.

"Drought, low flow and clear water have created ideal conditions for a 'bloom' of blue-green algae," Rutledge said. "This has happened earlier than normal, and it's happening across Iowa, not just at Lake Panorama."

Rutledge said LPA has done testing for microcystin concentrations in blue-green algae blooms in previous years.

"This is the first year that test results have led us to issue safety warnings to not swim in the lake," he said. "We don't like sounding the alarm bell, and we don't say the entire lake is dangerous. These tests take time to be processed, so conditions may have changed since a sample was taken."

He encouraged the use of common sense, such as keeping dogs from drinking lake water in areas of heavy bloom. If conditions look scummy or the water has a colored film on top, swimming and water recreation should be avoided. Testing for the 2021 season has ended, but will resume in 2022 when conditions warrant.

Seal coating on Lake Panorama's roads is complete. Because of issues with oil bleeding through in hot weather, the seal coat vendor recommended an alternative product that costs more but is less prone to bleed-through and tar splatter. Rutledge said the LPA is pleased with this new product and thinks this adjustment will help get the tar splatter issue under control.

Some earthwork is being done at the dam this fall between the concrete spillway and the auxiliary spillway, where water can go during a flood. Rutledge said this is a proactive step to ensure water going over the auxiliary spillway doesn't impact the dam's concrete spillway.

Rutledge said, as the 2021 boating season winds down, LPA staff and the water safety committee welcomes feedback on the current buoy map and any safety concerns.

"I think most people are happy with current buoy placements, but if you aren't, get in touch to let us know what changes you'd like to see made," he said. "We are hearing concerns about the waves that wake boats cause. The water safety committee this fall will be discussing this issue. One option that has been suggested is to set limits on the times these boats could be operated on the lake."

Turning to the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ), Rutledge said it has been three years since the RIZ board approved \$11 million in debt certificates for future projects.

"The RIZ program requires debt to be incurred for payments to be received, so we are always looking to 'front load' projects," he said.

That previous funding commitment is being used this year to riprap the west side of the Burchfield stream, and create a "bench" that will allow an excavator to dredge sediment in that area. This project cost \$300,000.

RIZ also is financing \$375,000 in erosion repair work along the road near the county basin. A new fuel tank and cold storage shed at the dredge dock is another project being completed this fall.

Rutledge said the cold storage shed is needed because more parts of the dredge need to be kept on hand.

"Getting needed parts and supplies has become more difficult, with longer wait times," he said. "With this new building, we'll be able to store more items we know we'll need in the future."

Plans to raise the sides of the old CIPCO sediment basin at a cost of \$4 million are in the works. The basin is located next to the dredge boat dock, above

the debris trap.

"The LPA has owned this basin since the association made a broader purchase from CIPCO. We still tend to call it the 'CIPCO Basin' internally, but felt it was best to rename it the 180th Trail Basin for public bid documents. After all, CIPCO hasn't had any involvement in the basin for decades," Rutledge said. "We'll continue to use the County Basin for sediment storage through the rest of this decade. We're looking 10 years down the road to a time when we'll need additional silt storage."

Rutledge said emerald ash borers have reached the area, and LPA soon will need to budget for the removal of dead ash trees. The LPA is having about 100 trees in "critical locations" treated, in an attempt to save these.

"Removing trees not being treated will give those that are treated a better chance to survive," he said. "Our staff will be able to remove some trees, but we will most likely need to hire contractors to take some trees out."

At Lake Panorama National, Rutledge said Country Landscapes has been hired to build a wall this fall along the north end of the pond on LPN's fifth hole. The approach area between the green and the pond has been deteriorating. "This is a big project for us," he said. "We believe a vertical

wall will be more effective than the usual rock riprap."

In response to an audience question, it was reported new restrooms for Shady and Sunset beaches are in the works. The goal is to have these completed before the 2022 season.

Another question for Rutledge was whether dredging coves would help reduce the blue-green algae issue.

"We try to dredge coves when we can," he said. "But dredging requires everyone in the cove to remove their lifts and docks earlier than some want. If I were building this lake today, I would eliminate two or three lots at the back of every cove, because it's tough to keep those areas from silting in."

In response to another audience question, Rutledge reported hunting is allowed at two of the three wetlands funded by RIZ. The Helen's Cove and Burchfield Cove wetlands are both open to the public for wetland and upland game bird hunting. The Hughes Cove wetland is not open for hunting because of its proximity to the Fin & Feather Shooters range and nearby buildings.

The next GM coffee date hasn't yet been set, but Rutledge said he will hold another one before the holidays and after the 2022 budgets have been approved. ■



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ACES CONTINUE AT PANORAMA WEST

Paul Brewster had a hole-in-one at Panorama West on the 144-yard fifth hole in a practice round before men's league Aug. 24. Witnesses were Jerry Pieper, Ron Wells, Scott Kurtz and Kevin Wellik.

On Sept. 10, Rick Strawn from Ankeny scored an ace using a pitching wedge on the 148-yard fourth hole. Witnesses were David Olberding, Ron Koppes, Mark Taylor and Brian Byrnes.

Each year, those who get a hole-in-one at Panorama West have their name added to a sign in the pro shop and receive a handmade plaque in recognition of their achievement. ■

Dr. Ash awarded Hospital Hero Award

Dallas County Hospital and Family Medicine Clinics is pleased to announce Medical Director Dr. Eric Ash has been awarded a IHA (Iowa Hospital Association) Hospital Hero Award.

Dr. Eric Ash, MD, is a Family Medicine Specialist in Perry and has been with Dallas County Hospital since 1998. He also practices in Panora. He graduated from The University of Iowa College of Medicine.

Since 2007, IHA's Hospital Heroes program has celebrated employees who have acted courageously in a moment's crisis or who have selflessly served their hospitals and communities throughout their careers. Last year, IHA recognized all hospital employees for their heroic efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic and in response to the derecho windstorm in August 2020. For 2021, IHA will return to recognizing 10 hospital employees, including Dr. Ash, at the Annual Meeting who exemplify the passion and purpose of the community hospital mission every day.

Cards for Dr. Eric Ash may be directed to Dallas County Hospital, 610 10th St., Perry, IA 50220. ■



RECIPE

POP UP A CELEBRATORY SNACK

BY JOLENE GOODMAN

(Family Features) Popcorn lovers rejoice: October is National Popcorn Poppin' Month, a seasonal celebration of one of America's oldest and most beloved snack foods.

As farmers head into the fields to harvest crops, families and friends gather to enjoy this ever-popular treat. Whether it's prepared on the stovetop, in the microwave or ready to eat from the bag, Americans consume 15 billion quarts of this whole grain each year.

Celebrated for its seed-to-snack simplicity, popcorn is also non-GMO, vegan,

gluten-free, sugar-free and naturally low in fat and calories, which makes it an easy fit for dietary preferences – and it's budget-friendly.

Add in popcorn's irresistible smell, taste and versatility, and it's easy to understand its popularity. With so many different ways to eat it – plain, buttery or loaded with goodies like Toffee Almond Chocolate Popcorn – popcorn fits many moods and occasions.

Pop up a bowl and join the Popcorn Poppin' Month celebration with more recipes at popcorn.org. ■

Jolene Goodman is the advertising director for Lake Panorama Times.



Jolene Goodman

Toffee Almond Chocolate Popcorn

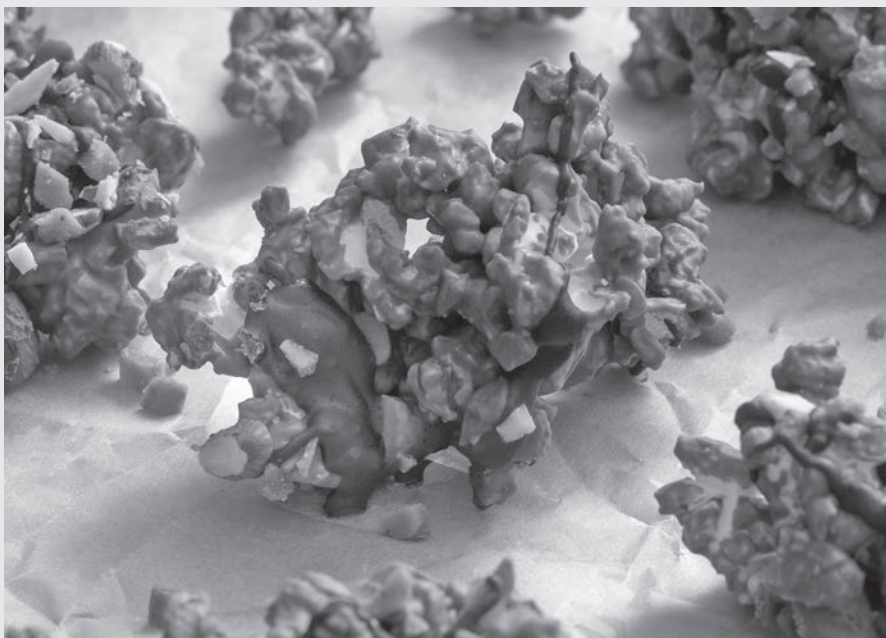
Total time: 15 minutes, plus 30 minutes

chilling time

Servings: 4

- 4 cups popped popcorn
- 3/4 cup chopped toasted almonds, divided
- 6 tablespoons toffee bits, divided
- 6 ounces milk chocolate, melted
- 1 ounce dark chocolate, melted

- In large bowl, toss popcorn, 1/2 cup almonds and 4 tablespoons toffee bits. Drizzle with melted milk chocolate; toss until well coated.
- Transfer to parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Drizzle with dark chocolate; sprinkle with remaining almonds and toffee bits. Refrigerate about 30 minutes, or until set; break into clusters.
- Substitution: Use dark chocolate for milk chocolate, if preferred.



OBITUARIES

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Jeanne McDermott

Jeanne McDermott of Panora, passed away Aug. 31, 2021, at the Guthrie County Hospital after a long and caring life. She was the mother of seven: Virginia (Jim) Rasmussen of Manilla; Roberta (Allen) Mittelsted of West Union; Patricia McDermott of West Des Moines; John (Marsha) McDermott of Panora; Tim (Carol) McDermott of Jamaica; Mike (Jackie) McDermott of Tinley Park, IL; and Bill (Deb) McDermott of Panora.

Margaret Jeanne Gannon McDermott was born on July 9, 1924, in Greene County, Iowa. Jeanne, as she was called, was the second child in the family of Francis and Neoma (Garland) Gannon and had a soft spot for second children. She lived the early years of her life in the Grand Junction area with the family moving to Jamaica where she graduated from high school in 1942.

Following graduation, she enrolled in the nursing program at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines where she attained the status of registered nurse. She was first employed at Mercy Hospital and later worked at the Greene County Hospital in Jefferson and the clinic of Dr. William Seidler in Jamaica. She also did private duty nursing.

She married James Edward McDermott on Nov. 9, 1946, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jamaica after Ed returned from WWII, and they made their home in Jamaica. Following his death in 1972, Jeanne later moved to the Lake Panorama area where she most recently was a resident of Lakeside Village.

She was an active member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church, and her family could usually find her in her prayer corner reciting the Rosary on one of her many sets of Rosary beads or the Divine Word Chaplet, a very special prayer for her.

Jeanne loved playing bridge with the women of Panora and continued to play well into her nineties. She was both an Iowa and Iowa State fan following the football and basketball teams. Her greatest joy was that of following the activities of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She will be remembered by her family for the Snickers in the freezer, the pop or beer in the refrigerator and her insatiable taste for sweets, especially fine chocolates and fudge. She had her money ready for the annual Christmas card game, and Casey's pizza was on the menu



at family gatherings.

Survivors include her seven children and spouses, sister-in-law Phyllis Gannon of Rippey, and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother Eugene Gannon, sister Marie Gannon, brother-in-law Art McDermott and his wife Rita.

Funeral services were held Sept. 4, 2021, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Panora. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Jamaica. Memorials may be made to St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Guthrie County Hospital, and the Jamaica Community Building. ■

Joseph P. Roth

Joseph "Joe" Patrick Roth passed away Sept. 22, 2021, at his home at Lakeside Village at the age of 85 of natural causes. He was born Sept. 4, 1936, in Audubon, Iowa, to John and Ida (Winters) Roth. Family and friends loved his stories of growing up in this small town with his dog Chub, cars that used as much oil as gasoline, town baseball games and town rivalries.

He graduated from Audubon High School in 1954. On July 21, 1956, he married Mary Lou Redfern at her parents' home in Guthrie Center, Iowa. His love of storytelling, sports and photography led him to his first newspaper job at the Audubon newspaper and a lifelong career. Joe was well known within the newspaper business throughout Iowa during his 45-year career. He worked in various capacities as a reporter, editor and business manager for newspapers in Audubon, Ames, Charles City, Clear Lake and Hampton before becoming the CEO of the Mid America Publishing media company (Des Moines) from his office

at Hampton Publishing. The Iowa Newspaper Association presented him with its Distinguished Service Award for outstanding contributions to the Iowa newspaper industry in 1995. He also served in the Iowa National Guard in the 1960s, was active in Rotary Club, and served on many boards and other civic organizations throughout the years.

Joe retired in 2001, and he and his long-time love and wife of 65 years, Mary Lou Roth (Redfern), chose to live full time at Lake Panorama, where they'd had a second home since the mid-1980s. Joe being from Audubon and Mary Lou from Guthrie Center meant they were surrounded by many family members. They loved hosting, playing cards and enjoying lake life. Joe also was able to spend more time pursuing his passions: golfing, hunting, reading and rooting for and attending ISU Cyclone games.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou; son, Chuck (Diane) Roth; daughter, Becky (Scott) Rolfes; son-in-law, Kevin Jacobs; seven grandsons and



nine great-grandchildren. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Teresa Jacobs and his 10 older siblings. (He was the youngest of 11.)

Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life gathering with free food and drinks will be held Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021, from 4-6 p.m. at the Lake Panorama National Conference Center. Memorials may be left to the discretion of the family. Twigg Funeral Home, Panora, was entrusted with his services. ■

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BEN’S FIVE AND DIME OWNERS RETIRING

Jay and Jan Pattee thank everyone for their patronage over the years, and they hope there will be another variety store in Panora in the near future.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

It was 1998 when Jay and Jan Pattee opened a Ben Franklin store in Panora. They had owned the Perry Ben Franklin since 1983 and decided having a second store would be a wise business decision. They sold the Perry store in 2019 and soon will close the Panora location to retire after more than 40 years of working together in the “dime” store industry.

“Jay is 69 years old, and I’m 67,” Jan says. “We can’t do this forever. Although we still feel young, the best thing for us to do is retire and enjoy more family time.”

The Pattees have been looking for a buyer since November 2020. Several people have expressed interest, but to date no contracts have been signed. Liquidation will begin Oct. 14, and the store will close Dec. 22.

The family legacy of owning and working in Ben Franklin stores began with Jan’s grandparents, Walt and Blanche Soll. In the 1930s, they started buying and fixing up buildings across Iowa and opening Ben Franklin stores. They did this in Cherokee, Britt, Northwood, Belmond and Adel.

In 1952, their daughter, Betty Soll, met and married Philip “Chick” Schwarzkopf. The couple bought the Adel Ben Franklin in 1954, two weeks after their daughter Jan was born. They bought the Perry Ben Franklin in 1968. The Perry store operated under hired managers, while they focused on the Adel location.

Jay and Jan met in Dubuque. She was attending Clarke College and he was at Loras College. She was planning a career teaching music. He majored in German, while also taking some business classes.

“After growing up in the Ben Franklin stores in Adel and Perry, I told my dad when I left for college I would never work in a dime store again,” Jan says.

They had been married two years and were expecting their first child when Chick Schwarzkopf asked the couple in 1980 if they would take over management of the Perry store.

“We were just out of college and decided we’d give it a try for a little while,” Jay says.

They bought the store in 1983 from Jan’s parents.



The building that houses Ben’s Five and Dime was originally two buildings. The center wall on the upper level was eliminated many years ago. When the Pattees purchased the building in 1998, they bored through the brick wall in the cellar in two places and created arches so customers could move throughout the lower level.

Jay and Jan Pattee are shown in the Ben’s Five and Dime in Panora, which they opened in 1998. The couple is retiring the end of this year, and the merchandise will be liquidated. They hope to sell the building and have someone younger open a new store that will provide the same types of items they offered the past 23 years.



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BEN'S
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"This was during the farm crisis, and local retail businesses were beginning to decline," Jay says. "But we took a leap of faith and made it work."

Jay says so-called "variety" stores like Ben Franklin peaked in 1979 and have been on a downward trend since. But the Pattees kept their two stores thriving by offering a wide selection of merchandise.

"We like to say, if you can't find it here, you probably don't need it," Jay jokes.

The couple believes the future remains bright for a variety store in Panora, where shoppers can pick up a spontaneous birthday gift, buy a card for a friend, or get swim suits, life jackets and other summer items for lake living, without having to drive to the metro area or shop online.

Besides the wide variety, nostalgia is part of the appeal.

"Customers often talk about having shopped in a similar store with their grandmother," Jay says.

Ben Franklin Retail Stores Inc., which was a full-line wholesale distributor, filed for bankruptcy in 1996. It closed company-owned stores, but franchises like the Perry Ben Franklin remained open. A company in Wisconsin purchased the name and continued to collect a franchise fee, without offering merchandise.

That led the Pattees to rename their Perry store Ben's Five and Dime, and they used the same name for the Panora store.

"We copyrighted this name in Iowa, and it has served us well," Jay says.

Dennis Jorgensen, a retired pharmacist now living in Kansas City, gets much of the credit for bringing the Pattees to Panora. He owned the building where their business is located.

"He wanted to build a new Medicap pharmacy on the east edge of town and was relentless about finding a new business to fill the building," Jay says. "He didn't want to have it sitting empty. He kept talking to us about the possibility of opening a Ben Franklin here and finally made us an offer we just couldn't refuse."

The center wall between what had been two buildings had already been removed, but the lower level of each side was unused cellar space. To accommodate the amount of merchandise the couple planned to carry, they knocked through the lower walls in two places. Two arches created in the brick walls allow customers to move throughout the lower level.

In 2009, a two-story addition was added to the south side of the building.

"We had to dig out behind the existing building, which gave us the chance to add parking and a back entrance," Jay says. "We have customers who don't like to use the stairs, so they shop upstairs, then drive around to the back to park and shop downstairs."

The couple's main supplier since the Ben Franklin bankruptcy has been Variety Distributors in Harlan. It is a buying cooperative, and both Jay and Jan have served on the cooperative's board of directors. About half of their merchandise comes from Variety Distributors. The other half is purchased through up to 80 dif-

ferent vendors.

Merchandise offered in the Panora store has changed over time, with more home décor, apparel and items that appeal to Lake Panorama property owners added. Yet many favorites remain, including a large selection of fabric and crafting supplies, children's books and toys, batteries, kitchen supplies and much more that fill every nook and cranny of the store.

The Pattees give credit to their employees for much of the success of the Panora business.

"We've had many great employees who have worked so hard for many years for us," Jan says. "Some are retired now and some will be with us until closing day. They've had the same sense of pride in this business that we have, and we're going to miss them."

Jay says he's enjoyed helping young people in their first work experience.

"It's fun to help them learn the ropes in the retail business, while they also provide the labor we need," he says.

Through the years, the Pattees have used a single word to help new employees.

"We ask them to think about getting the 'GIST' of what we do. The G stands for 'greet' the customer. The I is to 'inquire' if you can help. The S is to 'suggest' an item that might substitute for something they want if we don't have it. And the T is to 'thank' the customer with a smile as they leave," Jay says.

Jan says it's going to be difficult to say goodbye.

"The people of Panora, Lake Panorama and many surrounding communities have been so supportive," she says. "Though Jay has run this store for more than 20 years, I've really only been working here about three years, since we sold the Perry store. But I've met so many amazing people and have loved hearing the stories they share."

Both Jan and Jay say they want to thank everyone for their patronage over the years, and they hope there will be another variety store in Panora in the near future.

"In the meantime, Andrea Tunink, who purchased the Perry Ben's Five and Dime from us in 2019, is running a full-line variety store and would love to get to know you," says Jan.

The Pattees say even though liquidation of the current merchandise will begin soon, new items will continue to arrive to keep the shelves stocked.

"We have Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas items coming," Jan says.

The couple has three children and six grandchildren, all living in Minnesota. Jay also has a sister in Minnesota, and the couple owns a lake cabin there.

"The cabin is a grandkid magnet, so we'll spend more time there in the summers," Jay says.

Home base will continue to be Perry. They raised their children in a house there, and, since 2015, have lived in a loft over their former store. They also hope to travel.

"Although unlike some people, we'll be traveling on a 'dime store' retirement budget," Jay says with a smile. "We'll have to wait and see how far that takes us." ■



Over the years Jan and Jay Pattee have operated Ben's Five and Dime in Panora, there have been changes in the type of merchandise offered. One trend the last few years has been the addition of more home décor items.



The Ben's Five and Dime in Panora became well-known for its fabric and craft supplies. Recently someone called from Omaha to ask about the store's hours, to make sure she could get there to purchase fabric before closing time.



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DOG PARK CONSTRUCTION NEARING COMPLETION

The facility will be open to LPA members and their guests.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The physical features of the Lake Panorama dog park are nearly complete including the fencing, gates and entrance. The ground within the park has been seeded and fertilized. Now rain is needed for the grass seed to germinate and establish a solid turfgrass base before winter.

Bryce Arganbright, Arganbright Construction of Panora, is the contractor handling the fencing, gates and covered entrance.

The park is located on the east side of Lake Panorama at the corner of Sage Trail and RV Road. A 6-foot-tall chain link fence 400 feet long and 150 feet wide surrounds the park. There are two sections, one for small dogs and one for large dogs. A single entrance will be protected by a keyless lock. Once inside this gate, users can choose a gate to either the large dog or small dog areas.

Crushed rock has been used to create a 4-foot-wide walking path along the inside of the fence and extends another 1-foot under and outside the fence to provide a weed barrier and keep dogs from digging.

The Lake Panorama Association

has provided some in-kind contributions to the park. LPA staff used a skid loader with a soil conditioning attachment to prepare the ground for grass seed. The LPA also will install a driveway and gravel parking lot adjacent to the park to the east.

The LPA maintenance staff trenched a water line from the golf course to the main entrance of the dog park, which will supply two water fountains for dogs, one in each section of the park.

Because the LPA will be providing ongoing maintenance once the park is complete, the association is donating two picnic tables, one for each section. These will be the same types of tables used at the lake's three beaches, which can be moved by the mower to different locations as needed.

Two red maple trees, donated by the Isom Tree Farm, will be planted in November, with one in the center of each of the two sections.

Amenities inside the park fence yet to be added are four stations where bags for dog waste will be available and a waste receptacle near the entrance gate. Signs will be posted for responsible use.

The facility will be open to LPA members and their guests. Once



A dog park task force made up of volunteers helped with planning and fundraising for the park. Members of the task force gathered recently for a champagne toast at the park. Shown left to right are Roger Hansen, Gretchen Wilhelmi, Jackie and Jon Marckres, Conni and Tom Jeschke, Karen Hanson, Janis Hochreiter, Sherri Miller, Traci Kauffman, Julie Tibbles and Mary Hansen. Not shown, Dale Hochreiter and Jan Reinicke.

the park is ready to open, members will need to contact the LPA office to receive the key code. Opening of the park is expected for spring/summer 2022 and will depend on how quickly the turfgrass gets established and all amenities are in place.

At the time of the July 30 Beach Ball, private donations for the 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.

A sign recognizing donors of \$500 or more will be posted at the dog park. Donations continue to be accepted to help with final construction expenses, plus future needs such as turfgrass fertilizer, weed control and dog waste bags.

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

TWO DOG PARK FUNDRAISING EVENTS PLANNED

The committee that helped plan and raise funds for the Lake Panorama dog park will hold two fundraising events this fall, one in October and one in November.

First up is the Going to the Dogs Walk/Run, which will be Saturday, Oct. 16 at Lake Panorama National. Participants will use the cart paths on the back nine of the LPN golf course to walk or run, with or without a dog.

No advance registration is required. Participants are asked to sign in at Spikes between the first and 10th tee boxes between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Freewill donations will be appreciated and used by Friends of Lake Panorama for future costs of the dog park.

A similar event was held a year ago, which gave those interested the opportunity to donate money to Friends for the dog park and see the park's planned location mid-way through the walk/run. This year, participants will see the park as it nears completion. Members of the dog park committee will be at the dog park to talk with those who stop to view the progress.

The second event is Furry Family Photos on Sunday, Nov. 21 at Twin Vines, 2821 Highway 44, west of Panora. Families can bring their pets for photos to be taken at 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 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 and volunteers present. Times will be available between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Call Julie Tibbles, 515-480-9816. ■



The first step in the dog park construction was to set the four corners, then drill holes for fence posts. Shown prepping for fence posts is Bryce Arganbright, of Arganbright Construction, Panora.

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Recent funds will be used to add more pedestals and poles for additional areas to plug in the Christmas displays and strings of lights in Guthrie Center.

The 10 Squared Women of Guthrie County held its third quarter 2021 meeting both live and with the option of virtual attendance and voting. Three organizations were presented to the group.

First, Laura Stetzel spoke on the Guthrie Center Christmas Lights project, which is the annual Christmas lights that run all through Mitchell Park in Guthrie Center.

Next, Melanie Parker presented for the Guthrie Center and Panora Fire Departments. The Guthrie Center fire department is in need of several sets of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including (but not limited to) boots, helmets, coats, pants, and self-contained breathing apparatus, or SCBA.

Last but not least, Paulette Chambers spoke on behalf of the Panora Garden Club. The women learned a lot more about what this club does, and several current goals include updating Heritage Park which is located near Lake Lumber along the bike trail. They would like to update the water fountain here as well for the biking traffic.

After hearing all three presentations, the group announced a lump sum of \$10,500 was presented to Guthrie Center Christmas Lights project. This consists of 10 Squared Women member donations and several employer matches.

The Christmas Park Lighting representatives Pam Kunkle and Mary Jo Laughery were thrilled with the monetary donation received from 10 Squared Women of Guthrie County. The funds will be used to add more pedestals and poles for additional areas to plug in the Christmas displays and strings of lights. The committee will also be replacing the C-9 bulbs used in the milk jugs that light the path of the entire park along with new commercial drop cords. They hope to purchase at least one new display as well for this holiday season. Many Guthrie County businesses, civic groups, non-for-profit organizations, family memorials, youth groups, etc. set up displays at Mitchell Park every year. Any business, family or group is welcome to snag a spot at the park to put up a display as well. For more information about how to do this, or if you would like to volunteer with the set-up of the lights, displays, milk-jugs, etc., contact Pam Kunkle or Mary Jo Laughery.

Mitchell Park is located on the west end of Guthrie Center, just off Highway 44 (near the City's swimming pool). The attraction brings visitors to Guthrie County from all over the state of Iowa and has gained state-wide media attention from The Des Moines Register and KCCI Channel 8 in the past. The Park is lit nightly beginning Thanksgiving evening and remains lit through mid-January. Every evening a line of cars can be seen slowly enjoying the displays at the park, and your family is encouraged to spend an evening or two doing the same.

"It really sunk in when we received the big check that 'we DID win the vote.' " said co-organizer, Mary Jo Laughery. "With this donation, we hope to keep the Christmas charm alive in our small town for many more years to come. Thank you all so much. You make a difference to so many."

10 Squared Women is focused on helping and donating to local organizations that vow to put those funds to work locally. The funds are used in various projects to benefit Guthrie County community's projects and residents. This donation takes the 10 Squared Women's donations since inception to \$207,050.

The 10 Squared Women's group holds meetings quarterly at Lake Panorma Conference Center the fourth Tuesday in February, May, August and November, subject to change. The last meeting for 2021 will be on Tuesday, Nov. 16 (held a week earlier due to Thanksgiving). Members in attendance hear from three nominated organizations, drawn from "the hat" of member-nominated organizations at random, and vote on the winning cause that night.

The group currently has approximately 95 members with 20 organizations nominated. They strongly encourage additional philanthropic organizations and new members to come forward. These have included Cities of Yale and Jamaica park improvements; City of Bagley (Library project); Daycare & Preschool programs in

Adair and Guthrie Center (KidZone) and Panora (Little Panther); Guthrie Center and Panora Fire Departments; School Backpack programs a AC/GC, West Central Valley and Panorma; as well as programs that benefit residents from all corners of Guthrie County: Guthrie County Helping Hands (Habitat for Humanity projects in Stuart, Casey, Guthrie Center, Adair, Panora, Yale, Menlo, Jamaica, and Bagley), New Opportunities, Panora P.E.T.S., Guthrie Activity Center, Tori's Angels Foundation, Guthrie County Sheriff's Chaplains, Guthrie County Historical Village Foundation, Guthrie County Hospital Foundation, Guthrie County Arts Council, St. Thomas More Center, and now, the Guthrie Center Christmas Lights project.

10 Squared Women members are encouraged to talk to their friends, neighbors and family about the group and to share the group within their social circles. Members are not required to attend meetings, however, in order for their vote to count, must be in attendance at the live meeting or virtually. All members are expected to write their

donation checks whether they can attend the meeting and vote or not.

The group is continuously looking for new members who are excited about helping their communities and Guthrie County. To learn how to get involved, visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/10squaredwomengc or email 10squaredgc@gmail.com. Membership Forms and Frequently Asked Questions can be found on their Facebook page or by contacting them through Facebook or email. ■



From left to right: Laura Stetzel (10 Squared Women co-organizer and nominator), Mary Jo Laughery (Guthrie Center Christmas Lights co-chair), Pam Kunkle (Guthrie Center Christmas Lights co-chair) and Kristen Crouthamel (10 Squared Women co-organizer)

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LEARNING ABOUT PRIDE

BY CURT THORNBERRY

PRIDE President

As the oldest community in Guthrie County, Panorama has a long history of being a commercial center in the region. Today, the Panorama and Lake Panorama Area Economic Development group, referred to locally as PRIDE, serves as the principal economic development group in the Panorama and Lake Panorama area. PRIDE traces its roots in Panorama to the 1980s and even earlier, beginning as an informal group of business leaders looking to attract, support and grow area businesses and promote housing.

In 1987 the corporation was formed called Panorama Economic Development Corporation. It was initially formed as a for-profit corporation. After agreeing that the organization should be a non-profit, in 2000 the Panorama Economic Development Corporation created the new corporation as a non-profit. Prior to 1987 the group was an unincorporated entity known as “Panora Regional Industrial Development Enterprise” which is where the name PRIDE was derived.

Today, the organization is comprised of business and community leaders from Panorama, Lake Panorama and surrounding areas. PRIDE also partners with other development groups, including Midwest Partnership and the Greater Des Moines Partnership, to gain greater access to development resources and the reach of larger organizations.

Our Board of Directors is made up of Chris Arganbright (Bryton Insurance Agency), Dave Beidelman, Jeff Bump (Bump & Bump Law Offices), Mark Cates (Guthrie County State Bank), Julie Dent-Zajicek (Iowa Trust & Savings Bank), Leo Etcheto (Nutriom), Dennis Flanery (Peoples Bank), Lisa Grossman (City of Panorama), Dave Grove (Edward Jones Company), Shawn Holloway (Panorama Community Schools), Tom Neel (Lake Lumber Company), Andy Randol (Panora Telco), John Rutledge (Lake Panorama Association), Steve Roe (Raccoon River Watershed), Dave Ryan, Frank Teale and myself.

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We typically meet the first Wednesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. at Lake Panorama National Conference Center. If you are interested in joining PRIDE or learning more, please reach out to me at 641-755-2424 or via email at curthornberry@panoratelco.com. ■



Curt Thornberry

NEW FITNESS STUDIO LOCATION LEADS TO SECOND BUSINESS

A building purchased and renovated by Keith and Julie Fulton now houses two businesses.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

In April 2018, Reshape Fitness Studio opened its doors on the east side of Panora’s town square, in a space that was about 1,600 square feet. A little more than three years later, the business settled in late July into a new 4,000-square-foot location on the east edge of Panora.

Sue Bump and Julie Fulton are co-owners of Reshape Fitness Studio. Fulton and her husband, Keith, moved to Lake Panorama five years ago and work together in their family business, Heartland Proteins. Bump and her husband, Neil, and family have lived in Panora for 11 years. Bump works as a dental assistant at Lakeshore Family Dentistry.

Sue and Julie built a friendship five years ago discussing health, fitness and wellness. Bump previously taught local fitness classes, and Fulton was completing her yoga certification.

“We started talking about creating a place where families and friends in our community could actively work together to reach their fitness needs and goals,” Bump says. “People like to be around other people, inspiring each other and helping keep each other accountable.”

In their first location, the pair was able to create the cozy studio feel they were after.

“As we got busier, more clients joined us, class sizes increased, and we decided we needed a bigger space,” Bump says.

Keith and Julie Fulton purchased an existing building on the east side of Panora that had been part of the Brokers International campus.

They did extensive remodeling, both inside and out, with new paint, lighting and signage. Four large windows were added to the west side of the building to let in light, and two existing garage doors on the east were made functional again.

The new studio has a dedicated yoga room, new equipment that includes two treadmills, elliptical trainer and rowing machine, and a sauna. The larger space made it possible to offer 24/7 access memberships, plus more classes. Now two to three classes are held most mornings and afternoons, seven days a week. While both Bump and Fulton teach some classes, they also have seven other instructors — Sandy Leiferman, Brittany Harney, Janie Kokakis, Kellie Lewis, Traci Kauffman, Kari Sebern and Kim Kent.

Looking to the future, Bump and Fulton say they would love to create and provide class options for seniors and male clients. Currently, Kim Kent and Bump visit Lakeside Village to instruct a senior fitness class weekly.

With the Reshape Fitness Studio space determined, the Fultons turned their attention to the north side of the building.

“Keith and I love looking in consignment shops when we travel, and I’ve often thought something like that might be fun to try in Panora,” Julie says.

Once again, a friend of Julie’s is now her business partner, this time in Restyle Décor & Consigned Furniture.

Carol VanKirk and Fulton met a year ago through a mutual friend. They both are retired school counselors, so they quickly found plenty of common ground.



Sue Bump and Julie Fulton are co-owners of the Reshape Fitness Studio, which moved to a new location on the east side of Panora in late July of this year.



Carol VanKirk and Julie Fulton are co-owners of Restyle Décor & Consigned Furniture. This new business started in June and is housed in the north half of the building that also houses Reshape Fitness Studio.

“Carol’s niche is home décor, and I like the consignment furniture aspect,” Fulton says. “The idea of opening this business together evolved, and we decided to combine our interests and give it a try.”

“People are always moving in and out of the area,” VanKirk says. “We’ve had many customers who have stopped in to shop and said Panora needs something like this.”

All the home décor in the store — including pillows, throws, rugs and wall art — is new. There also is a wide selection of new gift items, including candles, kitchenware, lanterns, seasonal decor and lake-related pieces.

Most of the furniture is consigned, although sometimes they will purchase something directly for resale. They advertise all furniture in the store as “clean, gently used, affordable and finer quality.”

There is a special “sale” room, with items that have

been marked down, or items a customer might consider refurbishing. This room includes a special Abigail Annie’s Corner, with décor that remained after that store closed in 2017.

“We keep our prices competitive,” VanKirk says. “I think we’re filling a need in western Iowa and have a place people can shop for home décor and furniture without having to drive to Des Moines. We hope they will stop in and take a look, because we think we’re offering something different and unique.”

A grand opening for both businesses was August 29. Restyle’s fall hours include a special “sip and shop” event each Wednesday 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Thursday-Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. To view the Reshape Fitness Studio schedule and pricing options, download the app MIND-BODY, or go to clients.mind-bodyonline.com. ■



GUTHRIE COUNTY K-9 PROGRAM IS RECIPIENT OF 10 SQUARED PLUS MEN DONATION OF \$16,000

The Guthrie County K-9 Program was chosen as the recipient of the most recent 10 Squared Plus Men donation for \$16,000. Pictured from left is Deputy Jeremy Bennet, Sheriff Marty Arganbright, Dennis Flanery (who nominated them) and Deputy Shane Jones, along with K-9 Urs in the front row.

This was the second \$16,000 donation by Ten Squared Men in 2021. The group will meet again on Nov. 18, and anyone interested in bettering Guthrie County is welcome to join the group by emailing b.monaghan@gcsbank.com. Ten Squared Men is closing in on gifts exceeding \$250,000 since its inception. Combining with Ten Squared Women, the two Guthrie County entities will exceed \$500,000 of gifts in 2022. Your cost to be a member is less than \$1 per day, and that will allow you to be a part of one of the most influential groups in Guthrie County. Ten Squared Men has a goal of 200 members. ■



Q&A: 3 CURRENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY RIZ

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) is a local government body formed in 1998 under Iowa Code Chapter 357H. RIZ works to improve Lake Panorama and its watershed through funding of erosion control, sediment removal and water quality improvements.

The tax increment financing district allows tax growth dollars to stay within the Lake Panorama development for water quality purposes. At the time the Lake Panorama RIZ was formed, it was estimated this could mean up to \$75,000 a year coming back to Lake Panorama. Today, estimated revenue for the current fiscal year is \$2.6 million.

The Lake Panorama RIZ is managed by a five-member Board of Trustees who are elected to three-year terms by residents of the Rural Improvement Zone.

A key focus of RIZ is the dredging of sediment from Lake Panorama. This ensures lake depth remains suitable for safe enjoyment by LPA members and their guests. But in addition to the dredging, RIZ has financed a number of water quality improvement projects.

Lane Rumelhart is project manager for the Lake Panorama Association and oversees projects financed by RIZ. In this month's Q&A, Rumelhart talks about three current projects.

Q. Tell us about the three RIZ projects underway in 2021.

A. These projects are the Burchfield Shore Armoring Project, the County Basin Shore Armoring Project, and the 180th Trail Basin expansion project.

Work on the Burchfield Shoreline Project began the first week of August. JNC Construction from Clearfield was awarded the contract in June. This project is finishing up on the west side of the Burchfield channel, just south of the bridge along Sage Trail.

The contractor placed limestone rip rap along the entire west side from the bridge all the way south to the end of LPA property, which amounted to about 1,700 feet of shoreline. The contractor also created a bench for future long-reach excavator work with a pit on the backside for future sediment storage. This will allow better access for LPA crews in the future and create a convenient location for dredge material coming out of the channel.

Work on the County Basin Shore Armoring Project will begin soon. JNC Construction also was awarded this bid, and will shift their operation to this project as the Burchfield project wraps up. The County Basin is located northwest of Lake Panorama along the west side of Poplar Avenue and south side of 190th Street.

This basin is where our dredge sediment currently is being stored. Since this basin is our active storage location, we raised the water level to its maximum height to maximize the amount of storage space available. With high water levels, strong winds from the south

and west caused large waves to eat into the embankment of the basin.

In addition, this past spring, large amounts of broken up ice pushed into the embankment and cut out more soil than anticipated. The bank now needs to be protected and will be ripped with the same material as the Burchfield shoreline. About 2,300 feet of rip rap will be placed along the shore's most vulnerable area.

There also will be several yards of concrete poured around the walkway that leads to the outlet structure. If members travel this direction, expect some travel restrictions and one lane traffic control in mid-to-late fall. The contractor will be using the west half of the road to place rip rap along the edge.

Our next and by far the largest project is the expansion of the 180th Trail Basin. Some refer to this as the CIPCO basin, as CIPCO developed it back in the 1980s. The basin is located just south of 180th Trail on the northeast end of the lake. You can see the south edge of the basin if you are in the Upper Basin portion of the lake and look directly north beyond the debris trap.

For this project, Spring Lake Construction of Polk City will raise the dam elevation of the basin by about 17 feet. This basin has been expanded before, so will require a two-phase approach to be fully complete.

The contractor will first borrow dirt from surrounding areas to add and compact on top of the existing dam. Geotechnical engineers require the newly

compacted dirt to sit for at least six months before adding a new layer on top, so contractors will work over a two-year period to add, compact and repeat the process to get the embankment up to 17 feet high.

The current dam has two outlet structures that can raise or lower the water level in the basin by adding or removing stop logs. These structures will be abandoned at the end of this project, and a new outlet structure will be built in the center of the new dam embankment.

Shive Hattery engineers expect the contractor to move more than 750,000 yards of dirt to build up this embankment. RIZ has spent a lot of time and resources over the past couple years to make this project happen. Spring Lake Construction should have most of their equipment on site and begin excavating in October.

Q. All of these projects involve sediment storage. Why is sediment storage so important for Lake Panorama?

A. You are right, these projects all deal with sediment storage either directly or indirectly. The future of Lake Panorama relies heavily on the ability to store dredge spoils. Without a place to store sediment, the lake would eventually fill up with silt and become a very glamorous wetland.

RIZ will always encourage




Lane Rumelhart

eco-friendly farming tactics and silt control projects upstream, but until the lake receives less silt runoff, projects like expansion of basins and creation of wetlands and new basins will be a priority.

Q. Does RIZ have future plans to build more basins and wetlands?

A. Yes, RIZ recently acquired some land on the west side of Burchfield Cove that will eventually be built into a wetland and silt basin. RIZ also plans to try and build another wetland north of the Smith wetland, which was installed to help protect water flowing into Burchfield Cove. This project is still up in the air, as permit requirements with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers have slowed progress.

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LAKE DOGS

By **CHERYL TEMPLE**
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Leia
Chocolate Lab
2 years old

Addie
Blood Hound
6.5 years old

Maizie
Golden Retriever
6 months old

Owners: Marc and Dana Miller

The Millers have had a home at the lake for 11 years and have lived here full-time for two years. They enjoy spending warm summer days on the boat wake-boarding and wake surfing. The dogs like the boat, but only Maizie, the Golden, likes the water. The other two prefer to enjoy the lake from the comfort of the dock or in the boat. The Millers have four grown daughters as well. ■



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TRISH HART'S NATURE PHOTO OF THE MONTH COLORFUL LAKE PANORAMA SUNSET



BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Sunsets over Lake Panorama are popular photographic subjects. This one snapped by local photographer Trish Hart is a great example as a sunset reflects in the waves made by her and her husband's boat. As the days shorten, these colorful sunsets are cherished more than ever as the 2021 boating season draws to a close. Hart offers custom prints of her photos on canvas, paper, metal and glass. For more information, visit [NaturesCanvasPhotos](http://NaturesCanvasPhotos.com)

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