



DUREE’S PHOTOGRAPHY HOBBY HAS WORLD WAR II ROOTS

Lake Panorama resident says photography is therapeutic for him.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Chris and Brenda Duree moved from Grinnell to Lake Panorama in the fall of 2018. Brenda had grown up in the area, graduating from Adair-Casey in 1976. Her son, Brandon Monaghan, had recently moved to Lake Panorama, and they enjoyed the area.

Chris was retiring after a long career in education, and Brenda’s job allowed her to work from home much of the time. They found a condo in the Promontory Point development and settled in.

“We don’t need to go on vacations,” Brenda says. “We can do all the things we love right here — biking, kayaking, boating, golfing.”

Besides those activities, Chris adds a few other hobbies to his list — construction, cooking, baking, fishing, hunting, hiking.

“I’ve always been interested in lots of things. The word ‘bored’ has never been in my vocabulary. My problem is narrowing things down.”

The hobby he’s had the longest is photography.

“It’s really therapeutic for me,” he says. “Photographers see things others don’t see. There is so much beauty and color in nature. My favorite subjects are



The annual Fourth of July fireworks display at Lake Panorama gives Chris Duree’s camera a workout. His favorites are shots like this one with multiple colors and strands of light moving downward in a waterfall effect.

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FIRST ORIENTATION SESSION HELD FOR NEW LPA MEMBERS

Topics covered included the Lake Panorama Association, Lake Panorama National, amenities available to LPA members, and resources for learning more and getting involved.

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The first “Lake Panorama 101” session was held June 18, with more than 30 people in attendance. The idea for Lake Panorama 101 came from a group of volunteers who believed there should be an organized, face-to-face opportunity to welcome new property owners to Lake Panorama.

Topics covered during the first

45-minute session were the Lake Panorama Association, Lake Panorama National, amenities available to LPA members, and resources for learning more and getting involved.

The main presentation was given by Julie Wykoff, a Lake Panorama 101 volunteer. Fifteen minutes of audience questions followed.

One audience question was about how the LPA Security Department operates. John Rutledge, LPA general manager, explained this private security department includes several retired law enforcement officers with a breadth of experience.

“They’re here to protect the safety of our members and guests,” Rutledge said. “Both land patrol and water patrol officers work to make sure the LPA rules are understood and followed.”

He said the LPA has a good relationship with the Guthrie County Sheriff’s Department, which is called in for assistance as needed. LPA

Security is available by phone 24/7. Rutledge encourages LPA members to add the LPA Security number, which is 641-757-9035, to their cell phones. In an emergency, LPA members also should dial 911, or call the sheriff’s office directly at 641-747-2214.

During her presentation, Wykoff discussed the Panorama Prompt newsletter, which is distributed each Wednesday via email. She said it is the official avenue for the LPA

to communicate with its members and often features updates on current and new rules and regulations members need to know.

To sign up for the Panorama Prompt, Danna Krambeer, LPA accountant, said members need to go to the LPA website and request a login. Once that has been done, she automatically signs members up for the weekly Prompt.

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A WALK AROUND PANORA AND A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

BY SHANE GOODMAN
Editor and Publisher

Part of what makes living and playing at Lake Panorama so appealing is the fact that we are fortunate to have an attractive community next to the lake. Panora certainly isn't Okoboji or even Clear Lake, but that's OK for most property owners here who prefer less of the traffic congestion and party atmosphere. On the flip side, talk with lake residents at Sun Valley Lake or Diamondhead Lake, and you will certainly hear about how they miss having a city with real amenities. And rightfully so.

This leads me to the results of a recent report from an Iowa Downtown Resource Center Walk Around conducted in Panora. The report offers many observations and recommendations, stating that "Downtown Panora is enticing for visitors driving through town." It says the sidewalks around the square are "well maintained," and "attractive amenities such as plantings, lights, benches, and decorative sculptures enhance the pedestrian experience."

It also says the downtown buildings and architecture are "unique with a combination of one, two and three-story buildings."

The folks from the Iowa Downtown Resource Center say they find the inner square in downtown Panora especially interesting with the historic auditorium building, library, community center and city hall. They point out the green space, gazebo and stamped concrete area in the square as "an excellent event venue."

More on that later.

So what could make Panora even better, according to the report? They suggest more downtown business signage from a "visitor's" point of view including "attractive entrance/welcome signage," bike trail signage to Panora destinations, and in-town signage directing people to the historic business district, schools, library, etc.

The report also says a focus is needed on some of downtown Panora's largest buildings that "need more than just a façade treatment." It also suggests adding awnings to Panora's downtown that can "provide color, vibrancy, and functionality."

In regards to apartment living, the report recommends creating "active upper floors, especially with housing," noting that "half of downtown Panora's upper floors are occupied by apartments - some high quality and some substandard." It also suggests developing a "parking opportunities map" to identify current and potential parking spots for apartment dwellers.

The report recommends sweeping the vacant buildings, repairing broken glass, cleaning the windows and then placing "Business Opportunity" or "This Space would Make a Great Bakery" type signs in them.

Now back to the event venue space I mentioned previously. The report says Panora lacks "entertainment-based businesses and consistent events that would give residents more options for entertainment and enhance quality of life." They recommend developing a "promotional series



Shane Goodman

with a common theme, time, and location (in the existing event space around the gazebo)." They suggest starting small with activities that can draw 100-200 people like a local performer, a car show, an outdoor movie, a pet parade, food/beverage garden, etc.

And after all these recommendations are accomplished, they suggest a longer-term goal in improving "the rears of your downtown buildings" and potential parking areas.

There is no doubt that a look from the outside is helpful, and that's exactly what this report offers, as well as some ideas on how to pay for some of it.

So what do you think? Do you agree with the recommendations? Have some of your own? Think things are fine just the way they are? Shoot me an email and let me know your thoughts.

In the meantime, give thanks for what we have and be sure to support our local businesses.

Thanks for reading. ■

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Brenda and Chris Duree are shown on the deck of their Promontory Point condo overlooking the fifth hole at Lake Panorama National. The couple moved to the condo in October 2018.

wildlife, flowers and plants. I spend a lot of time outdoors, and enjoy taking pictures to record the beauty that’s around us.”

Chris was raised in Ottumwa, where photography was a part of his life from a young age. His father, Bill, was a bombardier in World War II.

“He sat out in that glass nose cone at the front of a B-17 bomber, determining when to drop a bomb. He also had the responsibility of taking pictures as the bomb dropped,” Chris says.

When the bomber planes returned to the airbase — if they made it back, Chris interjects as he tells his father’s story — bombardiers would process their film and judge how effective they had been at hitting their intended targets.

That’s where Bill Duree developed his love of photography. When he was discharged from the military, he attended a one-year program at the New York Institute of Photography. Then he returned home to Ottumwa and opened the Duree Photography Studio, later adding a second studio in Fairfield. “I grew up in the darkroom,”



Chris Duree says it’s rare to snap a photo of a hummingbird when its wings are not fluttering. That’s one of the reasons he likes this photo of a hummingbird on a feeder.



These Asiatic lilies planted outside the Duree home are another favorite subject for Chris Duree to photograph.

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This is an example of the wildlife photos Chris Duree likes to snap. He says this is a favorite photo because of the immature velvet antlers. At this stage of development, the antlers are made of cartilage and covered with velvet-like hair.

Chris says. “My father took mostly portraits, such as weddings, school graduations and families. He talked about how difficult it is to get the perfect shot.”

Chris has three daughters and Brenda has two sons. Their blended family includes 10 grandchildren, ranging in age from a 1-year-old to almost 16. “Everyone enjoys getting together, which we try to do at least twice each year,” Chris says. “When that happens, I take family pictures, and have to work to make sure everyone is smiling and looking at the camera. The kids know I have to get a good photo before the gifts are opened or the Easter egg hunt starts.”

After high school, Chris earned a bachelor’s degree in education at the University of Iowa. He worked as a carpenter in construction to put himself through college. When he graduated, he took some time to learn more about construction and built homes for several years in Iowa City and Ottumwa for two different companies.

New home construction slowed in the 1980s recession, so he turned to a teaching career. He taught and coached for seven years before earning a master’s degree in administration at Drake. That took him to a high school principal’s job in Creston. Later Chris was hired as the vice president of academic affairs at Southwestern

Community College in Creston, where he worked for nine years. He left in 2006 to complete a doctorate in education at Iowa State University.

Brenda attended Iowa Lakes Community College to begin her career as a registered nurse. She later earned both a bachelor’s and master’s degree at the University of Iowa and a master’s and doctorate degree in education at Iowa State University. While pursuing these degrees, she also was a practicing RN for more than 20 years, mostly in emergency rooms in Mason City and Des Moines.

Brenda enjoyed mentoring nursing students who were gaining practical experience at facilities where she worked, so she decided to try teaching. She was hired at Southwestern Community College to teach nursing full-time. She attended graduate school and continued to work as a nurse on weekends at Methodist emergency room in Des Moines. The couple met at Southwestern Community College.

More career moves were in the works for both of them. Chris was named chancellor at Iowa Valley Community College District, which has locations in Marshalltown, Iowa Falls and Grinnell. He served in that position for 10 years.

Brenda taught nursing and served as the nursing director at Iowa Valley until she was recruited to William



When he has a chance, Chris Duree orchestrates family photos. This photo taken last Christmas in Duree’s Lake Panorama condo required him to get everyone positioned, push the timer on his camera, and get into place before the timer went off.

Penn in Oskaloosa to develop a new nursing program. The couple moved to Grinnell to split their commutes.

After Chris retired in July 2019 and the couple was settled at Lake Panorama, he took on a new challenge. He works part-time as an assistant professor of practice in the Iowa State University School of Education, mentoring master’s and doctoral students in educational leadership.

Brenda works full-time for the University of Iowa as faculty in the College of Nursing. She teaches both undergraduate and graduate classes, mostly online. She also manages the student preceptorship program for the southwest quarter of Iowa, which places student nurses in a community health or public health setting for one semester.

While Brenda works full-time, Chris keeps his camera nearby. He currently uses a 35 mm Nikon with a telephoto lens.

“It’s really versatile and has more technology built into it than I have figured out,” he jokes.

Most of Chris’ photos are taken outdoors and shared digitally with friends and family, and an occasional



Chris and Brenda Duree have two cats, Hobie and Popeye. This is Popeye enjoying some outdoor time.

submission to Lake Panorama Times, or a posting on social media.

“I like to share my work with people to illustrate the scenes of nature we have throughout the year within a 5-to-10-mile radius around the lake, and often times right in people’s back-

yards,” Chris says.

The couple says they are loving life at Lake Panorama and enjoy their view overlooking the pond on the fifth hole of Lake Panorama National and a piece of the lake they can see from their deck. ■

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Armstrong retirement party July 16

Jerry Armstrong, who was LPA’s security chief beginning in October 2016, retired March 26. In 1969, he was Lake Panorama’s first security officer for one year, before moving on to selling Lake Panorama lots, then 22 years traveling the country for Harper Brush.

When Armstrong retired from Harper Brush, he agreed to work part-time for LPA security. That soon turned into a full-time position covering the night shift, which he did for 10 years, before stepping into the LPA security chief role.

A retirement party honoring Armstrong is open to all and will be Friday, July 16, 3-6 p.m., in the banquet room at the LPN Conference Center. The room will continue to be available for guests who want to stay later.

Both hot and cold appetizers will be served, including veggies with ranch dip, soft pretzels with pepper jack cheese sauce, BBQ meatballs, spinach and artichoke dip with pita chips, and salsa and queso with chips. There will be cake and a cash bar. Iced tea, lemonade and coffee also will be available.

In retirement, Armstrong is playing more golf, fishing, and spending time with his wife Nancy and their four great-grandchildren. He also continues to be a member of the LPA security department, working some part-time shifts, both land and water patrol. ■

TWO ACES AT PANORAMA WEST

Two golfers had holes-in-one within days of each other at the Panorama West golf course in mid-June. Sherry Miller aced the eighth hole on June 15 during the Tuesday morning women’s league. She used a driver for the 110-yard feat, which was witnessed by Karen Eby.

On June 18, Dick Sheets scored a hole-in-one on the fifth hole, which is 144 yards. This was witnessed by Garrett Young, the Panorama West golf superintendent who was waiting for Sheets to pass before he started to mow the green. This is Sheets’ fourth career hole-in-one.

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. ■

MUSIC ON MAIN BASIN JULY 23

One of the few good things that came out of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 was several lakefront property owners at Lake Panorama hosting live music events from their back decks, yards or docks.

Two such events were scheduled for the Fourth of July weekend. A third has been set for Friday, July 23. A few residents of the Sunset Ridge Condo Association, which is on the main basin south of The Port, have joined together to host this event.

Mike Tiedeman of Des Moines will play guitar and sing for two hours, beginning at 8:45 p.m. Boaters are encouraged to anchor lakeside near the Sunset Ridge Condos. From land, the address is 5447 Chimra Road. ■



PANORAMA DAYS 5K RUN/WALK AND KIDS WARRIOR RUN ITEMS NEEDED

Reshape Fitness Studio will be hosting the Panorama Days 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, Aug. 7 at 8 a.m. There will also be a Kids Warrior Run, which will start at 9:15 a.m. Kids ages 10 years and younger will run obstacles on Main Street in Panora.

Donations are being accepted for the participants for the 5K Run/Walk. Items in need are Gatorade/Powerade, one-gallon water jugs for the two water stations provided during the race, bananas or other fruit, and granola bars for the participants after the race. The kids will receive popsicles/freezer pops after their event.

The Run/Walk had 64 participants in 2019. The goal for this year is 80-90.

Volunteers are also needed to help at registration from 7-7:45 a.m. @ Start Line and for water stations set up at The Port and the Historical Village.

Contact Trudy Hastings at 309-337-1579 or Sue Bump at 515-321-8521 with your donation by Friday, July 23. ■

Panora Citizen of the Year nominations now being accepted

The Panora Chamber of Commerce has recognized an outstanding member of the Panora/Lake Panorama community since 1989. The year 2020 was the only year the recognition did not take place.

Criteria for Citizen of the Year:

- Any service performed for the betterment of Panora that the nominator deems worthy.
- No restrictions on the number of

years a person can be nominated.

- Winners cannot be considered again for 10 years.
- Nominees must be a citizen of Panora or Lake Panorama.
- Nominees must be nominated in writing, signed by nominator.
- Paid city employees are eligible but their nomination must not be for their regular duties.

The following statement applies to all

nominees: *Anyone who works for the promotion and betterment of our community rather than excellence in profession or job.*

Nominations must be received by July 16, 2021. Please mail nomination letters to the Panora Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 73, Panora, IA 50216.

The 2021 Citizen of the Year will be announced at Panorama Days, Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021. ■

DATES SET FOR TWO ‘COFFEE WITH THE GM’ EVENTS

The next coffee is scheduled for July 29.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Since April 2015, “Coffee with the GM” events have been held several times each year in an effort to improve communications between the Lake Panorama Association and LPA members.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, none were held in 2020. Now that in-person meetings are possible, two coffees have been set.

John Rutledge, LPA general manager and LPN director of operations, invites LPA members to join him for coffee and other refreshments at these informal gatherings.

The next two coffees are scheduled for July 29 and Sept. 2. Both dates are on a Thursday. These will be at the Lake Panorama National conference center, begin at 10:30 a.m., and last about an hour.

At these coffees, Rutledge provides an update on current happenings and

takes questions from members in attendance. A third coffee may be added later in the year.

If members have questions or items they would like covered about LPA policies or developments, they can email lpa@lakepanorama.org to give Rutledge an opportunity to prepare in advance. LPA members with questions specific to their own membership or property should call the LPA office during regular business hours at 641-755-2301. ■

PWCF AWARDS \$5,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO GUTHRIE COUNTY STUDENTS

The Prairie Woodland Conservation Foundation (PWCF) proudly awarded 10 Guthrie County students funds to continue their education after high school. The Bennie F. Hall Prairie Woodland Conservation Foundation Scholarships, totaling \$5000, were awarded to AC/GC senior, Jorja Hoover; Pan-rama seniors Wyatt Appleseth, Paige Cmelik, Ruby Hummel, Kinze Labbs, Lauren Soll and Shey Storesund; West Central Valley senior Sabrina Becker; graduating senior Kael Rutledge and college sophomore Brooke Halterman.

The Bennie F. Hall PWCF Scholarship Program aims to provide Guthrie County graduating seniors and existing college undergrads who show an interest in pursuing careers in conservation, agribusiness or a similar field with scholarship money to continue their education at a two or four-year college or vocational school. Each award recipient met the required academic criteria, completed and submitted an application for review and wrote a comprehensive essay about conservation

in Guthrie County.

“The PWCF members were beyond impressed with the number of applicants this year, and the overall caliber of students who applied for this award,” mentioned PWCF Chair, Maggie Armstrong. “The foundation’s hope is that conservation continues to be a top priority in Guthrie County, and this scholarship program helps reinforce these efforts through its award recipients.”

The Bennie F. Hall Prairie Woodland Conservation Scholarship is awarded each spring and students in Guthrie County are encouraged to complete and submit an application. For more information about the scholarship, visit www.gccb.org or speak with your schools’ guidance counselor.

About the Bennie F. Hall Prairie Woodland Conservation Scholarship: In 2001, long-time Guthrie County resident, Bennie Hall, left his estate to the Prairie Woodland Conservation Foundation for conservation purposes. Mr.

Hall was an avid hunter and trapper and had a great respect for wildlife, habitat and conservation in general. The following year, The Prairie Woodland Conservation Foundation created a scholarship program in Mr. Hall’s memory. Each year, the PWCF awards funds to graduating high school seniors and college undergraduate students who qualify through the scholarship application process.

About the Prairie Woodland Conservation Foundation:

Established in 1986, the Prairie Woodland Conservation Foundation is a five-person board appointed by the Guthrie County Conservation Board and maintains a 501 C 3 Iowa non-profit corporation status. The general purpose of the PWCF is to request and accept gifts from people or organizations for the development and enhancement of environmental, educational and conservation projects in partnership with the Guthrie County Conservation Board. ■

LPN LADIES LEAGUE ANNUAL 4-GAL TOURNAMENT HELD

The June 24 morning downpour did not stop 144 women from showing up ready to compete in the LPN Ladies League Annual 4-Gal Tournament. This year’s annual tournament attracted 107 non-LPN members and 37 members to the course and is the largest fundraiser for the LPN Ladies League.

The theme this year was “Live Laugh Love Golf.” And from the players’ reviews, the tournament lived up to its tag line. As usual, the Panora community stepped up in support of the tournament with local businesses willingly providing products for the raffle. In addition, many private residents and league members donated their time

and talents to help plan, decorate and provide in-demand raffle items. The LPN Ladies League is truly indebted to every volunteer and contributor.

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The planning committee already is



looking ahead to the next LPN Ladies League Annual 4-Gal Tournament, scheduled for June 23, 2022. ■

PANORA CHAMBER WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The Panora Chamber of Commerce welcomes new members, Clear Mortgage – Chip Hansen and Carrie Hansen; BHHS First Realty – Rod Robson; Kozy Home – Shanna Jenkins; Rustic

Goddess – Shay Derry; and Lake Pan-orama Pizza. A total of 11 new members have joined in 2021.

In other chamber news, volunteers are needed for the Chamber Informa-

tion booth during Panorama Days, and nominations for Citizen of the Year will be available the first week of July.

The next chamber meeting is Monday, July 19 at Twin Vines. ■

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RECIPE

BY JOLENE GOODMAN



Jolene Goodman

I share a delicious recipe from my friend Cyd Koehn this month. She is one of the best caterers in central Iowa. If you have not had the pleasure to enjoy a tasty spread from Cyd, you are in for a treat as I share her recipe for Maytag's Four-Cheese Mac with Fig-Balsamic Drizzle. This recipe will bring gourmet mac and cheese right to your kitchen, satisfying your family's tastebuds with a dish they will be asking for again. Let me know what you think! ■

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- 2 cups cubed Havarti cheese (8 ounces)
- 1/4 cup Maytag Blue Cheese (1 ounce)

For the panko topping:

- 1/2 cup panko bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter, melted
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- For the Fig-Balsamic Drizzle
- 2 tablespoons fig jam
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar reduction

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Butter a 9 x 9 baking dish. Cook pasta in boiling salted water just until al dente (do not overcook). Drain and set aside.

2. Meanwhile, for the sauce, in a heavy 3-quart saucepan melt the 1/4 cup butter over medium heat.

Whisk in the flour and salt and pepper to taste. Cook and stir until a smooth paste forms, about 30 seconds (do not allow this mixture to brown). Slowly pour in the cream while stirring. Cook and stir until the mixture thickens and bubbles. Add 1 1/2 cups of the Maytag White Cheddar, the Havarti, and the Maytag Blue. Cook and stir until the cheese is melted and the sauce is smooth. Add the cheese sauce to the cooked pasta; stir to coat evenly. Transfer the mixture to the prepared dish. Top with remaining 1/2 cup of Maytag White Cheddar.

3. For the panko topping, in a small bowl, combine the panko crumbs, melted butter, and the 1/4 teaspoon black pepper. Sprinkle panko topping

evenly over macaroni mixture. Bake about 20 minutes or until the mac-and-cheese is bubbling and the crumbs are golden.

4. For the Fig-Balsamic Drizzle, whisk together the fig jam and balsamic vinegar reduction. To serve, divide macaroni and cheese among six shallow bowls. Spoon a little Fig-Balsamic Drizzle over each serving.

Note: To reheat the prepared casserole, cover with foil and bake in a preheated 350°oven about 25 minutes or until heated through (165°F). If the macaroni noodles are dry, to add more moisture, use milk or cream.



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JANET ERICKSON

Janet Lee Erickson, 84, daughter of Sam and Louise (Devine) Monroe, was born March 16, 1937, in Des Moines. She passed away June 20, 2021, in Panora.

Janet graduated from Des Moines Lincoln High School in 1955. In 1958, she married Leslie "Eddie" Dorsett. To this union, two sons were born: Bill and Brian. They later divorced. She started working at Equitable Life Insurance Company and then Preferred

Risk Insurance for about 10-12 years. She also worked at 3M. She married Ted Erickson on Aug. 15, 1970, in Des Moines. They made their home in Des Moines before moving to Lake Panorama in 1973. She was a volunteer at the Guthrie County Hospital in Guthrie Center where she helped with the Hospital Foundation Board for six years with five of those years working with Jody Sutton. She also worked in the Pro Shop at Lake Panorama

National Golf Course.

Janet was very involved in golf. She was past president of the ladies league along with holding various other board member offices for the league. She was tapped as co-chair of the ladies Solheim Cup and volunteered tirelessly for the Iowa Open while it was held at Lake Panorama.

Janet enjoyed traveling, spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and her monthly lunches

with Cindy and Carol, also with Kay and Jeanette. She also volunteered at the 3 C's in Panora for many years.

Janet is survived by her husband, Ted Erickson; sons, Bill (Denise) Dorsett and Brian (Beth) Dorsett both of Panora; step-children, Ted (Cindy) Erickson, Kim (Lynn) Clayton, and Kathy (Mike) Woods all of Des Moines; 6 grandchildren, Bailey (Brody), Abbey (Michael), MacKenzie (Josh), Dalton (Tiffany), Laura (Chad),

and Nate (Heidi); 12 great-grandchildren with 2 more on the way, 1 great-great-granddaughter; 8 step-grandchildren, William (Jacque), Alec, Daniel (Kat), Kyle (Staci), Brandon, Sarah, Eric (Amanda), and Lauren (Chico); and 11 step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister Jeanne Ware.

Funeral services were June 24, 2021, at the Twigg Funeral Home, Panora. Burial was in the Brethren Cemetery, Panora. ■



LOUISE K. BROWN

Louise K. (Gleason) Brown, age 85, of Indianola, passed away Thursday, June 17, 2021, peacefully at home, surrounded by her family. She was born Oct. 1, 1935 in Audubon.

She was raised by her parents Lois and George Gleason to be a strong woman. In 1953, she graduated from Audubon High School with the nickname "Deed," a childhood name given to her by her little brother Richard. She was an accomplished soloist and went to Morningside College, in Sioux City, majoring in music.

Louise worked at Corky's Drive-In as a carhop in Audubon where she met Everett. They were married June 24,

1956, in Audubon.

Throughout the years, Louise worked for AT&T as a switchboard operator and a telephone operator. Her most rewarding job was working as a special education teacher's aide, which she did for many years in Ralston, Nebraska, and Missouri Valley. In life, though, her most cherished moments were raising their three children and caring for her family, (this often came in the form of cookies). Louise was a talented cook and baker, and she loved entertaining family and friends. She was active in church and community activities in the many towns they lived in. Panora and Mesa, Ari-

zona, were two of her favorite communities to live, shop and entertain in. Music and playing cards were always a part of her life. Louise loved to travel. She especially enjoyed family vacations to Galena, Branson and Lake Tahoe. She and Everett traveled with friends to many national parks and presidential libraries. Other special places were Hawaii, Alaska, Belgium, Denmark, Lake Louise in Canada and several cruises.

Louise is survived by her husband, Everett, and their three children: Anthony Brown (Kris Jacob) of Lidderdale; Rachel (René) Engelhardt of Alexandria, Ohio; and Curtis (Cherie) Brown of Belle Plaine.

Her eight grandchildren Timothy (Jordan) Brown of Cedar Rapids; Peter (Jess) Brown of Carroll; Ben (Rebecca) Engelhardt of Columbus, Ohio; Marie Engelhardt of Westerville, Ohio; Heidi Engelhardt of Fort Collins, Colorado; Nolan (Madison) Brown of Tiffin; Holly (Dustin) Kriegel of Hartwick; and Austin Brown of Belle Plaine. Her nine great-grandchildren Titus, Logan, Jensen, Mia, Emma, Lillian, Roosevelt, Cameron, Zoe and one on the way. Her brother Richard (Lela) Gleason of Audubon, and her sister-in-law Margery (Roy) Middaugh of Glidden.

Louise was preceded in death by her parents, George

and Lois Gleason of Audubon; her in-laws Peter and Marie Brown of Brayton; her sister Norma Jean (Tootie) Davis and brother-in-law Marvin Davis of Warrenton, Mississippi; in-laws Marilyn and Frank Smith of Brayton; and in-laws Earl and Jean Brown of Amana.

A Celebration of Life service was held June 26, 2021, at Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Indianola. Graveside committal of cremains was in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Audubon. Memorials may be given to Wesley Life Hospice or the Louise Gleason Brown Scholarship Fund for a scholarship to be awarded at Audubon High School Graduate C/O Audu-



bon State Bank P.O. Box 149 Audubon, IA 50025. To sign an online condolence, visit www.overtfunerals.com. ■

JOHN SEWARD

John Wendell Seward passed to heaven on June 8, 2021. His family lovingly cared for him at the end of his life with the assistance of Wesley Life hospice and staff from Brio of Johnston. Prior to Brio, John and his wife Marilyn had homes in the Glenstone neighborhood of Grimes; Lake Panorama near Panora; Tucson, Arizona; Victoria, Minnesota, and West Branch, Iowa.

John (Jack) was born March 27, 1936, on a farm near New Providence, Iowa, to Wallace Wendell Seward and Verma Lois Whitehead Seward. He had two older brothers, Irwin and Lyle Seward. John was raised on a farm, was active in 4-H, and participated in multiple school activities before graduating from Melbourne High School in 1954. John graduated from Iowa State University where he majored in agricultural education. He held various leadership positions as a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. While at ISU, John participated in ROTC and was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. He received Scabbard & Blade and Alpha Zeta honors. John started his career with Cargill, Inc. in June 1958. He served in the military from September 1958 to August 1960, stationed

at Fort Sill in Oklahoma and then Fort Riley in Kansas. Following his military service, John returned to Cargill. John's career with Cargill spanned 38 years. He started in sales and held multiple positions including general manager for Nutrena Feed Division (West Branch), director of marketing and research for Animal Nutrition Division, area supervisor for businesses in United States, Canada, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan. He retired as a senior vice president in September 1996. He met many of his closest friends through Cargill, and they continued to gather socially to travel, golf, share a meal and catch up with each other long after John retired.

On Aug. 11, 1957, John married Marilyn Kay Smith. Together John and Marilyn raised three daughters: Laurie, Peggy and Jody. John and Marilyn moved frequently throughout their 62 years of marriage. They lived in Oklahoma, Kansas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska and Arizona, but Iowa was always "home." They extended their time in West Branch to allow the girls to finish high school. While in West Branch, John was a member of the West Branch City Council, president

of the chamber of commerce, and taught Sunday School at the W.B. United Methodist Church.

John loved traveling, golf, his dogs, the United Methodist Church, ISU football and basketball, Jack Daniel's, the daily newspaper, a good game of cards or cribbage, and teasing family, friends and strangers. John especially loved his family and spending time with them. He created memories through visits to extended family, family vacations, homes on the lake, touring Green Valley, family holidays, and the annual "Grandchildren's Week," where a new adventure was planned for each day.

John had a keen sense of curiosity and enjoyed both learning and teaching. As the family patriarch, John especially enjoyed teaching his daughters and grandchildren. He taught us the value of education by insisting we read every owner's manual cover to cover. He taught us to make decisions (you can have ketchup or mustard but not both), and that sometimes children just need an answer (even if it's not accurate). He taught us about car maintenance as we rotated his tires while he

watched from the lawn chair with beer in hand. Each grandchild received a certificate for graduating from "manners camp." With a twinkle in his eye, John could be both witty and silly, and he left us with so many stories.

John was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, a son-in-law, and a great-grandchild. He deeply missed his wife and best friend Marilyn, who passed away May 2020.

John leaves behind his children Laurie and Neil Barrick, Peggy and Randy Pierce, Jody and Mark Holmes. He will be missed by his grandchildren Jon (Tanya) Pierce, Megan Woody, Jenna Hoffman, Jennifer (Tom) Spurgin, Rachel (Mikael) Gustafson, Ben (Allyson) Holmes and Andrew (Alizabeth) Holmes, nine great grandchildren, eight nieces and nephews, and many friends. ■



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Fore Fun Friday Couples
Friday, July 9 and July 23
5 p.m.
Panorama West
www.lakepanoramanational.com
This two-couple scramble with fun twists and strategies will be held July 9, July 23, Aug. 13 and Aug. 27. Play begins at 5 p.m. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m., with couples asked to arrive early to learn about that week's event, get hole assignments, and pay the \$1 per couple entry fee. Those who aren't Panorama West annual golf members also will need to pay green fees. No preregistration is necessary, but those who need a cart should call the Panorama West pro shop at 641-755-2250 to reserve. Entry fees are returned as prize money as players gather on the deck after the round. For more information, contact Bill and Karen Eby at 515-480-4633.

LPA Building Codes Meeting
July 12
6 p.m.
Lake Panorama National
www.lakepanorama.org

LPA monthly board meeting
Tuesday, July 27
5 p.m.
Lake Panorama National
www.lakepanorama.org



Beach Ball
Friday, July 30
Lake Panorama National
www.friendsoflakepanorama.org
The 2021 Beach Ball will feature live music, a 50/50 raffle, and both live and silent auctions. Seating is available either in the LPN banquet room or outside under tents between the conference center and the golf course. Registration now is open for those who want to attend this event. There will be 30 round tables available with seating for eight at each. Proceeds from the event support various projects at Lake Panorama, which can be viewed at the Friends website. Friends of Lake Panorama is a public charity organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes, and is separate from the Lake Panorama Association and Lake Panorama National. All contributions to the nonprofit 501(c)(3) charity are tax deductible.



Panorama Days annual cribbage tournament
Friday, Aug. 6
2 p.m. with registration at 1:30 p.m.
Community Center

Panorama Days Selfie Stand
Friday, Aug. 6
4 p.m.
Town Square Park

Farmer's Market
Friday, Aug. 6
4:30-6:30 p.m.
West side of the square



Panorama Days Chalk the Block event
Friday, Aug. 6
4:30 p.m.
Town Square park
all ages

Cruise the Loop
Friday, Aug. 6
6:30-8 p.m.
Starting point at the NAPA store on the west edge of Panora



Panorama Days Cake Walk for Kids
Friday, Aug. 6
7-7:30 p.m.
Ver's Auditorium
www.panorachamber.org

Panorama Days Main Street Dance
Studio presentation, followed by the Bill Riley Talent Show
Friday, Aug. 6
6-7 p.m.
On stage in Town Square Park. Little Miss and Mister Panorama Days will also be announced at 8:30 p.m.

Panorama Days Crue Nation and Villains Dance live music
Friday, Aug. 6
8-11 p.m.
Town Square Park
Villains Dance's goal is to make everyone attending feel like they just attended a real 1980s arena rock concert. Crue Nation will follow with a tribute to Motley Crue. Admission to the shows is free.

Panorama Days Bass Fishing Tournament
Saturday, Aug. 7
Beginning at 5:30 a.m. and running until 1:30 p.m.
Registration begins at the marina at 5 a.m. Lake Panorama



Panorama Days pancake breakfast
Saturday, Aug. 7
7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Community Center



Panorama Days 5K Run
Saturday, Aug. 7
8 a.m. (registration at 7 a.m.)
Begins in front of the library

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

Panorama Days Kid's Warrior Run
Saturday, Aug. 7
9:15 a.m.
For ages 10 and younger, free

Panorama Days Parade
Saturday, Aug. 7
Registration starts at 9 a.m. at the Panorama Elementary School, with the parade at 10 a.m. The Panora Citizen of the Year and parade category winners will be announced in the gazebo following the parade at noon.



Panorama Days local live music
Saturday, Aug. 7
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
The gazebo



Panorama Days cutest baby contest
Saturday, Aug. 7
12:30-1:15 p.m.
The gazebo/stage

Panorama Days Escape Room
Saturday, Aug. 7
noon to 8 p.m.
Cost will be \$15 for a half-hour and \$25 for an hour. Times Vedette office

Panorama Days Kid's Zone
Saturday, Aug. 7
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Town square



Classic car show
Saturday, Aug. 7
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
P.J.'s Drive-In, E. Main Street and 6th

Panorama Days Bags Tournament
Saturday, Aug. 7
1-4 p.m., with registration at 12:30 p.m.
Main Street



Alumni Banquet
Saturday, Aug. 7
5 p.m. social hour
6 p.m. start
Community Building

Lake Panorama Ski Team Show
Saturday, Aug. 7
3 p.m.
South shore



Live music at The Port
Saturday, Aug. 7
9 p.m.
www.experiencetheport.com



Lake Panorama Association annual fireworks display
Saturday, Aug. 7
South shore at dusk

Panorama Days Selfie Stand
Saturday, Aug. 7
9 p.m.
Town Square Park

Non-denominational community church service
Sunday, Aug. 8
7:45 a.m.
South shore. Attend by boat or vehicle.

Panorama Days breakfast
Sunday, Aug. 8
8 a.m. to noon
Community Center

Panorama Days Kid's Fishing Derby
Sunday, Aug. 8
9-11 a.m. with registration at 8:15 a.m.
Lake Panorama Marina



Golf tournament to raise money for the annual alumni banquet
Sunday, Aug. 8
Registration at 12:30 p.m.; golf at 1 p.m.
Panorama West golf course



Gospel Music Festival
Sunday, Aug. 8
5 p.m. followed at 6 p.m. by sandwiches and an ice cream social
Panora Church of the Brethren, 200th Road

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LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS REMAIN FOR JULY 30 BEACH BALL

New this year is the Friends Beach Club.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The Friends of Lake Panorama’s fourth Beach Ball fundraiser is Friday, July 30 at Lake Panorama National with tables available either in the LPN banquet room or outside under tents between the conference center and the golf course.

There will be 30 round tables with seating for eight at each. As of July 1, all 30 tables have sponsors. An estimated 50 tickets for those purchasing only event tickets are available at some of the sponsored tables.

New this year is the Friends Beach Club, with many of the table sponsors joining at either the Premier or Sponsor level. These levels include an additional contribution to the nonprofit charity while getting some tickets in the 50/50 raffle and names in the 2021 Beach Ball program.

Those interested in purchasing some of the remaining 50 tickets have two options. They can join the Friends Beach Club – Couple for \$200, which includes two dinner tickets, five tickets in the 50/50 raffle, and their name in the 2021 Beach Ball program. Individuals also can join the Friends Beach Club for \$100, which includes one dinner ticket, two tickets in the 50/50 raffle, and the person’s name in the program.

Besides the Beach Club options, just dinner tickets can be purchased for \$50 each, with half of that going to Friends, the other half to the LPN. The planned dinner menu includes charcoal-grilled 10-ounce NY strip steaks, chicken kabobs, pasta primavera, fruit bowl, dinner rolls, and desserts of strawberry shortcake cups and triple chocolate Ghirardelli brownies.

The 2021 Beach Ball will feature live music, a 50/50 raffle, and both live and silent auctions. Registration is 4:30-5:30 p.m., with dinner served 6-7 p.m. Cash bars will be available both in the LPN banquet room and outside. The silent auc-



This painting, titled *Midsummer’s Night*, was created by Marcelo Silva. Silva specializes in natural surroundings and rich palettes. The painting is professionally framed, sized 26” x 45”, and will be available on one of the Beach Ball auctions. It was donated by Jim and Dee Tometich.

tion will close at 7 p.m., with the live auction beginning at 7:15 p.m.

A wide variety of items will be offered on both auctions. Kurt Johnson is donating a set of custom bags/cornhole boards. Michael Kleinwolt-erink is donating one of his photos of Fourth of July fireworks over Lake Panorama, printed on metal. Danny Cunningham, Lake Panorama Barge, is donating two dock bumper pads. These are a few of the items that will be offered during the live auction.

The silent auction will include a wide variety of gift cards, home décor items, wine, several gift baskets,

a selection of jewelry items, several golf-related items, and Jody Muench’s Guthrie County Tapestry Afghan. While a good number of items has been donated so far, there is room for more quality donated items for both the live and silent auction.

Anyone interested in purchasing Beach Ball tickets or donating an auction item, can contact Susan Thompson, thomcomm@netins.net, or 515-240-6536.

Three projects will receive funds from this year’s Beach Ball. One is

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This pair of 14K rose gold/diamond dangle earrings was donated by the Youngberg family, who owns Ames Silversmithing and has a home on Koda’s Point in Horseshoe Cove. The earrings have a retail value of \$595 and will be offered in the live auction at this year’s Friends of Lake Panorama Beach Ball.

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PANORAMA WEST 2-GAL TOURNAMENT WELCOMES 72 PLAYERS



A meal of pork tacos, toppings and sides was catered to Panorama West from the Lake Panorama National Resort kitchen. Seating was available both inside the clubhouse and outside on the deck. Two teams enjoying the outdoors seating were, left to right, Amy Lawton of Dallas Center; Joell Herrick of Waukee; Kara Fogarty of Granger; and Gina Cunningham of Perry.



Susan Thompson and Carla Fitzgerald won the championship flight in the Panorama West 2-gal golf tournament June 8 with an even-par 27. Shown left to right are Michael Kleinwoterink, LPN pro shop manager; Thompson; Fitzgerald; and Rob Riggins, LPN head golf professional.

The Panorama West women's golf league hosted a 2-gal best-shot tournament Tuesday, June 8. A total of 36 teams participated with players from Panora, Guthrie Center, Jefferson, Audubon and surrounding communities. The tournament theme was "Prickly Pairs and Pars."

The theme was carried out with attire worn by committee members, plus three husbands of committee members. Twelve centerpieces, which were given away as door prizes, were Talavera style pots filled with colorful paper cacti.

Katie Richardson of Jefferson won the special event, which involved hitting her drive closest to the cardboard cactus in the middle of the ninth fairway.

Cash prizes were awarded to the top three teams in five flights. Winners of the championship flight were Carla Fitzgerald and Susan Thompson, with a score of even par 27. They won a scorecard play-off against Connie Hamilton and Nancy Scheffers, who also shot a 27, for second place. Paula Hansen and Sherry Miller placed third with a score of 29.

The tournament was followed by a buffet luncheon at the Panorama West Clubhouse, catered by Lake Panorama National.

Tournament committee members were Emily Spradling, Mary Kay O'Grady, Coop Rickert and Julie Wykoff. ■



The planning committee for the Panorama West 2-gal tournament June 8 was, left to right, Emily Spradling, Mary Kay O'Grady, Coop Rickert and Julie Wykoff.

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TRISH HART’S NATURE PHOTO OF THE MONTH



BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

It seems there are more red fox living at Lake Panorama this summer, or perhaps residents are simply getting better at seeing them. Trish Hart is a local photographer who specializes in Lake Panorama wildlife and is one of several people sharing their fox photos and videos on social media this year. “I often carry my camera bag with me when I’m driving so I can capture wildlife or scenery while I’m out and about,” Hart says. “On this particular day, I was driving to work at Lake Panorama National Resort and noticed this beautiful fox in a grassy area right off Panorama Drive across from Andrew’s Cove. They’re so photogenic, and many around the lake appear to be fairly tame and curious. I especially love watching the young kits playing.” According to the National Wildlife Fed-

eration, red foxes have long snouts and red fur across the face, back, sides and tail. Their throat, chin and belly are grayish-white. Red foxes have black feet and black-tipped ears that are large and pointy. One of the most noticeable characteristics of the red fox is the fluffy white-tipped tail. Red foxes can be found throughout the continental United States from Alaska to Florida. They prefer rodents and rabbits, but they also will eat birds and fruit. Their ability to find food, even during the winter, is one reason red foxes have a reputation for being cunning and smart. Red foxes mate in winter. Right after mating, the female builds a den. Females can deliver from one to 12 pups per litter. Both parents take care of their offspring until the next fall when the young foxes set out on their own. Hart offers custom prints of her photos on canvas, paper, metal and glass. For more information, visit [NaturesCanvasPhotos](#) on Facebook. ■

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Seating for the tournament luncheon was available both inside the clubhouse and on the deck. This was the first large event where the newly painted metal tables and chairs and new black-and-white umbrellas were used at the Panorama West clubhouse. The \$3,000 cost of repairing and painting the furniture was covered by donations from the three Panorama West golf leagues, a personal donation by Jay and Sue Merryman, and money raised at an April 2019 open house where vintage golf course items were sold. The four umbrellas were purchased by Lake Panorama National.



Three husbands of tournament committee members assisted on the course. Dubbed the Tres Amigos, left to right, are Jim Spradling, Mike O’Grady and Tim Rickert.

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BEACH BALL
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This Iowa State football, signed by head coach Matt Campbell, comes with an enclosed display case. It will be offered in the live auction at the Beach Ball. Also available will be a signed basketball from ISU Head Coach T.J. Otzelberger in an enclosed display case. These two items were donated by Jay and Sue Merryman.

the Lake Panorama Dog Park. The goal is \$50,000 to construct the park and provide all desired amenities, with nearly \$42,000 in donations so far. Another project that will receive Beach Ball funding involves enhancements to an existing trail near the Panorama West golf course, that is estimated to cost \$5,500. Plans include marking a 2.5-mile trail, which will include a 1.5 mile out-and-back section,

and an optional 1-mile loop. A trail map will be on a kiosk at the trail head. Directional signage, distance markers and two benches will be installed. Three swings added to the Sunset Beach playground is the third project that will receive Beach Ball proceeds. These will be the same swings as the ones now at both Boulder and Shady beaches. The budget for this project is \$8,000.

The Friends board of direc-

tors will meet in mid-August to decide how to divide the 2021 Beach Ball proceeds among these three projects. Tax-deductible donations can be made at any time by check payable to Friends of Lake Panorama, and mailed to Friends of Lake Panorama, P.O. Box 488, Panora, Iowa, 50216. Donations also can be made by credit card on the Friends website at friends-of-lakepanorama.org. ■



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52ND LPA ANNUAL MEETING HELD

More than 100 people attended, representing 57 voting members.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The 52nd annual meeting of the Lake Panorama Association was June 26. It was postponed from its usual date in early May to allow for more people to get vaccinated and for concerns about meeting in large groups to ease.

More than 100 people attended, representing 57 voting members. It was announced the LPA currently has a total membership of 1,725, with 21 of those inactive because 2021 dues have not been paid. A total of 419 ballots were cast in the election for three people to serve on the LPA board of directors.

Re-elected for another three-year term were Emily Donovan and Rich Schumacher. Newly elected was Julie Fulton. Fulton will serve until May 2022, completing the final year of the unexpired term of the late Neil Wright, who was elected in 2019 and resigned because of health reasons in July 2020.

Financial and audit report

Gary Evans, LPA board treasurer, provided the 2020 financial and audit report for the LPA and its subsidiary, LPN, LLC. For 2019, Evans said the LPN operation showed an operating loss of \$395,377, with overall revenue down \$462,093 from 2019.

"The LPN was faced with many challenges in 2020 due to COVID-19," Evans said. "In spite of these challenges, LPN management made quick adjustments to capitalize on all available avenues to continue business. Although LPN's financial performance suffered due to COVID-19, LPN did successfully apply for SBA's Payroll Protection Program. This loan of \$229,212 was fully forgiven and was very important in keeping LPN running through 2020."

Turning to the LPA, Evans said the 2020 net income was \$580,488, which included \$264,504 that was the auditors' adjustment for land sales expense.

"This is an accounting adjustment for tax purposes and does not represent new money coming into the organization," he said.

Evans said the LPA board decided a 5-percent dues increase should be applied for 2021.

"The board's budgeting process focuses extensively on cash flow," he said. "Cash balances are targeted for 20 percent, with the possibility these will be in the 17 to 18 percent range if non-budgeted expenditures are approved by the board as a midyear budget amendment."

Evans said it's important to remember the LPA board does not set its annual operating budget with the expectation of selling land. All operating



Elected to the LPA board of directors at the June 26 LPA annual meeting were, left to right, Emily Donovan, Julie Fulton and Rich Schumacher. Donovan and Schumacher will be serving their second, three-year term. Fulton will serve one year, finishing out the unexpired term of the late Neil Wright.

expenses are covered by LPA's recurring operating revenues.

President's remarks

Mary Jane Carothers, completing her second year as LPA board president, chaired the meeting. In her report to the membership, Carothers said 2020 brought many challenges to LPA.

"Just as in your world, COVID outbreaks, quarantines and vaccinations posed new questions and trials as the association staff worked hard to keep all the amenities and services you expect as a member available, even in the midst of one of the longest economic shutdowns that I can recall in my lifetime," she said. "I am proud to report the challenges of 2020 proved we have a strong board, management team, staff and a great deal of membership support."

Carothers talked about the new LPA water plant that came online in the fall of 2020.

"Members have been enjoying a tremendous improvement in water quality," she said. "LPA water previously had a hardness of 615 parts per million or 36 grains per gallon. The new system is providing water that is 120 parts per million or 7 grains per gallon. The DNR completed their final walk-through inspection on June 4 and the project passed with flying colors."

Another point of pride for the LPA is the new maintenance facility, Carothers said.

"I think it is vital we support those who serve the association with such dedication. Being able to give these staff members a great place to work and maintain equipment was the right thing to do."

Carothers thanked the LPN management team and staff for weathering an extremely difficult year.

"Very few industries were hit as hard by the pandemic as food and beverage operations. This challenge has continued into 2021 with widespread staff shortages in the industry," she said. "Despite these challenges, LPN has added new faces to the management team, and they

are positioning the organization for a bright future."

Carothers also expressed her appreciation to the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) board members for their continue efforts to protect and improve water quality in Lake Panorama. And she thanked Friends of Lake Panorama for raising money for additional recreational amenities.

"I am grateful for their continuing effort to improve the quality of life at Lake Panorama and urge you to generously support their fundraising efforts," she said.

Challenges, golf, timeshares

John Rutledge, LPA general manager and LPN, LLC director of operations, began his report with a look at the LPN.

"The LPN, LLC operation continues to be a great benefit to our community. But it also continues to be a challenging business model to perfect," he said. "This was certainly true in 2020, and I'm proud to say our staff and board continues to pursue an improved guest experience and also the best financial outcome possible."

Rutledge said staffing in the food and beverage industry continues to be a challenge.

"The good news is our staff works extremely hard so you don't know how short-staffed we are," he said. "But we're concerned about burnout, and we're working to address this issue."

This year has seen 28 additional golf memberships at Lake Panorama National over 2020, and one additional membership at Panorama West.

"Golf continues to provide a solid foundation for the LPN business model, and key transitions in turf and pro shop staff have gone very well in 2021," Rutledge said.

Rutledge said the Clover Ridge Timeshare dissolution has been completed. All 22 units were sold, and several have entered into lodging agreements with LPN. LPA and all other creditors were paid from the proceeds of the unit sales.

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Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors Meeting May 25, 2021 Lake Panorama Conference Center

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met May 25, 2021, at 5 p.m. at Lake Panorama National Conference Center. Board members in attendance were Larry Babcock, Mary Jane Carothers, Emily Donovan, Gary Evans, David Finneseth, Rich Schumacher and Jim Spradling.

LPA Staff in attendance: Danna Krambeer, Corey Larsen, Lane Rumelhart and John Rutledge.

Visitors in attendance: Dave Thompson and Dean and Linda Whaley, LPA members.

President Carothers 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 – Linda Whaley spoke to the Board regarding the process they had been through to get a boat lift for their dock at 4946 Jule Drive, Lake Panorama. Their lift was destroyed in the Derecho in 2020. They searched for lifts locally and throughout the state of Iowa. They found one at Bob’s Marine in Clear Lake. They purchased the lift and brought to the lake for inspection. The lift had visible signs of Zebra Muscles. Security directed them to clean the lift thoroughly and the lift would be discussed at this Board meeting.

Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda

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

Consent agenda to include:

- a) LPA General Manager’s Report
- b) Approval of minutes from 04.27.2021 LPA Board Meeting
- c) Acceptance of 04.30.2021 consolidated financial report – LPA & LPN, LLC
- d) Set date for next board meeting
- e) Accept minutes from 04.26.2021 LPN LLC Board of Managers meeting
- f) Accept minutes from 05.10.2021 Building Codes Committee Meeting
- g) Approval of ballot counters for 06.26.2021 Annual Meeting
- h) Approval of minutes form 6.27.2020 Annual Meeting
- i) Approval of Annual Meeting Agenda
- j) Accept 12.31.2020 Audit Report from auditors Meriwether, Wilson & Company, PLLC

Carothers moved to item 4b, invasive species rules regarding boat lifts.

Agenda Item 4b – Review rule 5.5(h), invasive species rules regarding boat lifts

LPA Rule 5.5 (h.) No water-related equipment such as boats and lifts previously installed at any other water body shall be moved to or installed at Lake Panorama.

(1.) Water-related equipment shown to have been thoroughly drained, cleaned, dried and treated may be considered for permission to install, but only in the boating season following removal from a previous water body, and only after thorough inspection to confirm clean status.

Rutledge explained the reasoning behind LPA rules on invasive species and how it was determined to best handle boat lifts and docks being brought in from other bodies of water. It was determined that these were very difficult to inspect, and it was possible some of the interior cavities could hold water for an extended period of time without ever being 100% dry. In theory, zebra mussel veliger could survive in these cavities. For this reason, it was suggested that used lifts and docks be prohibited UNLESS LPA could verify the dock/lift

had been “overwintered” at Panorama. The concept was that a member would bring the lift to Lake Panorama in the fall and would then pre-qualify their dock/lift for the subsequent year. (It is worth noting LPA’s rules are substantially stricter than DNR. DNR would be fine if the lift was cleaned and dried for five days.)

Rutledge provided two options to consider for handling this issue: 1. Follow the rule strictly as written, not allowing any water related equipment that is not appropriately documented to be out of the water through one full winter season. 2. Allow water related equipment to be thoroughly cleaned and inspected by security. Once approved inspection is completed, there would be a 30-day quarantine period prior to allowing the water related equipment to be put into Lake Panorama.

Spradling moved to amend the current rule 5.5(h) to add water related equipment may be installed if the equipment receives an approved inspection by LPA staff and a minimum 30-day quarantine period is completed following the successful inspection. LPA staff to draft a rule amendment and route through the water safety committee for review and subsequent adoption by the LPA board of directors. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4a – Request by Marty Derry to use the lake for the demonstration of used boats for sale.

Marty Derry called the office and asked to establish a standing arrangement in which he could demo used boats on Lake Panorama. He indicated that he has a dealer’s license and wants to buy and sell used boats from his home.

Concerns about boat density, boat safety and invasive species were expressed.

Evans moved to decline the request by Marty Derry and Last Outpost, LLC, to use Lake Panorama as a venue for demonstrating used boats for sale, and to also prohibit other members from doing the same. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4c – Variance Request – Lot 817 & 818, Front Lot Setback Variance Request

Excerpt from the Building Code Committee Minutes: Jeff Janes at 4889 Panorama Drive requested a variance to build a detached garage 25 feet away from the front lot line. The committee reviewed the location of Janes’ lot and determined that he is in an untraditional corner lot. Janes’ home sits back from Panorama Drive 115 feet, but only 40 feet from an extended, rock cul-de-sac. The cul-de-sac is an extension off Panorama Drive that is not seal-coated and acts as an extended driveway for several members, including the Janes family. Miller mentioned the front lot line setback is used for road ditch, maintenance, and utility work and the area impacted by Janes’ garage would not affect any of these. Schumacher also noted that the building would not inhibit anyone’s view, as the front of the garage would sit

back further from Panorama Drive than the home. Based on the fact that the lot was not a traditional corner lot, the garage would not limit utility or maintenance work, and would not affect any member’s view, Miller made a motion to grant the request for a detached garage to be built 25 feet back from the front lot line. Evans seconded, and the request was unanimously approved.

Spradling moved to approve a 10-foot front lot setback variance for a garage on lots 817 and 818, 4887 Panorama Drive, Jeff & Sara Janes. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4d – Variance Request – Non-traditional construction variance request, lots 3474-3480 Excerpt from the Building Code Committee Minutes: Steve Foritano, owner of lots 3474-3480, requested a variance to build a home made of insulated concrete forms (ICF). The committee reviewed the plans for the home. Based on the fact the proposed home met all other requirements, the structural integrity of the home would be stronger than traditional stick-built homes, and the final appearance of the home would be similar to other homes at the lake, Schumacher made a motion to grant the request. Miller seconded, and the request was unanimously approved.

Schumacher then made a motion to add language allowing homes to be built by ICF construction in the LPA Building Codes to avoid future requests for the same type of construction. Brown seconded and passed unanimously.

Schumacher moved to approve a variance request for non-traditional construction methods (insulated concrete forms) on lots 3474-3480, 4010 Pecan Lane, Steve & Sherri Foritano, with all LPA building inspection requirements still being applicable to construction. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4e – Offer to purchase lots 2012, 2013 and a 64’ wide parcel immediately to the southwest LPA received an offer from Jacob Allspach to purchase lots 2012, 2013 and adjacent 64’ x 200’ un-platted parcel, for \$40,000. LPA Staff reviewed the lots and the additional un-platted area and has no objections to selling these lots and the additional un-platted area (64’ x 200’). The plat does not show any restrictions to the un-platted lot.

The LSC agreed on a counteroffer of \$75,000. The buyer has declined the counteroffer.

Spradling moved to decline the offer of \$40,000 for Lots 2012, 2013 and the 64’ x 200’ adjacent areas to the southwest. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4f – Offer to purchase lot 3398

LPA received an offer from buyer represented by Sunset Realty to purchase lot 3398 in the amount of \$35,000. The lot is located at 4014 Pinewood Road, at the north end of the Lake.

This is a waterfront lot in the area where there is currently no drinking water distribution service. This will be

a large capital improvement that is not anticipated in the foreseeable future. Any new home construction in this area would require the property owner to dig their own well for a drinking water source. Pinewood Road would require additional investment to become a useable road for construction.

Land sales committee (LSC) reviewed the offer and determined to consider a sale of this lot, would require an offer more than \$120,000. LSC recommends that offers for lots in this area should not be considered for values less than \$120,000 and when there is a solid capital improvement plan in place for water distribution and road upgrades.

LSC is recommending declining the offer of \$35,000.

Finneseth moved to decline the offer of \$35,000 for Lot 3398. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4g – Offer to purchase lot 911

LPA received an offer from Casey Dencklau to purchase lot 911 for \$20,000. Dencklau would combine with existing owned lot 912.

This is a waterfront lot. This lot was marked as “Not for Sale” along with lots 910 and 909 due to cove issues, lot depth and drainage issues. The buyer has indicated the lot would be combined with their existing lot 912 as part of sale. This is the one scenario that LPA staff feels the lot could be sold without increasing future maintenance demands on LPA and causing unmanageable dock and lift congestion in that cove for neighboring members.

Land sales committee (LSC) reviewed the offer. The LSC agreed on a counteroffer amount of \$45,000. Buyer final counter at \$35,000. Buyer was informed this would be taken to the Board for consideration.

Schumacher moved to reject the counteroffer of \$35,000 for sale of Lot 911 to Casey Dencklau. The Board does approve the sale at

\$40,000, if accepted by the buyer. The lot must be combined with currently owned lot 912 as part of the purchase agreement. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4h – Request for under-road-septic easement lots 650 and 6503, Lawrence and Angela Smith. Smiths have a desire to tear down / add on / rebuild the existing home for a larger home. To accommodate this larger home, the septic field will need to be relocated. The Smith’s own lot 6503 across the road. Smiths are requesting LPA approve an easement to run the septic line under the road.

Donovan moved to approve a motion for the execution of an easement for septic to be bored under the road from Lot 650 to Lot 6503, for a cost of \$750, paid by Smith. Document to be drafted by LPA attorney. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4i – Request for lateral field easement on LPN golf course “no mow” for lot 1588, C.J. Country C.J.’s Country (Schoenherrs) are listing lot 1588 for sale. They are requesting an easement to allow for a future lateral system to be placed in the “no mow rough” section of the golf course. The lot is scheduled for perc test in the next 2 weeks. They are looking for a back-up plan to be in-place prior to the future sale. This will ensure a larger system could be built, if required. LPA has issued similar septic easements for other lots in this area.

LPA and LPN staff have signed off on the area, off the Number 5 Back Tee Box. The area is approximately 50’ deep and as wide as lot 1588.

Schumacher moved to approve the execution of an easement for septic to be located on the golf course, with a specific area defined in the agreement. Cost of \$750 shall be paid by C.J.’s Country, Inc. for preparation of the easement documents to be drafted by LPA attorney.

ney. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5a – Intersection of Bean Bend and Panorama Drive

Shive Hattery and LPA staff met on May 20 to review their draft report on the Bean Bend intersection study. LPA Staff felt the review was very productive.

The draft report indicated there are legitimate concerns at the intersection, which warrant some change in strategy. The final report will recommend converting the intersection to a three-way stop. Education, enforcement, and observation by LPA staff will be ongoing, with Shive being available for a return evaluation if problems persist. Additional phases beyond the three stop signs would be substantially more involved and costly. It is hoped the three stop signs will resolve this sufficiently and Shive believes this is a responsible and adequate first step.

Spradling moved to approve the recommendation to install two additional stop signs, making this a three-way stop intersection. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 6 – Closed Session – The board entered closed session at 6:24 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Board exited closed session at 6:59 p.m.

Spradling moved to approve a confidential agreement as discussed in closed session, contingent upon final document review by LPA attorney. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Donovan moved to approve a motion for the execution of an easement for septic to be bored under the road from Lot 681 to Lot 6523. Easement cost \$750, paid by Johansen. Document to be drafted by LPA attorney. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 7 – Other Business – None

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m. ■



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2:00 PM Cribbage Tournament (Sponsored by Stine Seed). Community Center

4:00 PM Selfie Stand (Sponsored by Lake Panorama Realty). Town Square Park

4:30 PM Chalk the Block (All Ages) Town Square Park

4:30-6:30 PM Local Farmer’s Market West Side of Square

6:00-7:00 PM Main Street Dance Studio Performs (Sponsored by Main St Dance). Stage/Town Square Park

6:30-8:00 PM Cruise The Loop (Hosted by RETRO LUX). NAPA - Start Point

8:00-11:00 PM Villans - 80’s Tribute Rock Band (FREE admission) Stage/Town Square Park

8:30 PM Little Miss/Mister Panorama Days Crowned Stage/Town Square Park

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

5:00 AM Bass Fishing Registration. Lake Panorama Marina

5:30 AM-1:30 PM Bass Fishing Tournament Lake Panorama Marina

7:00 AM-12:30 PM Pancake Breakfast Community Center

7:00 AM Panorama Days 5K & Kids Warrior Run Registration Front of Library 1st St

8:00 AM Panorama Days 5 K Run (Sponsored by RESHAPE) Front of Library 1st St

9:15 AM KID’S Warrior Run 10 & Under Free Main Street

9:00 AM Parade Registration Panorama Elementary

10:00 AM Panorama Days Parade Main Street

11:00 AM-4:00 PM Kid Zone \$10 unlimited access to inflatables, jousting arena, mechanical bull, face painting, balloon dude and caricature (sponsored by Panora Telco, Iowa Trenchless and Midwest Vac Professionals and Donovan Construction) Town Square

12:00 PM Citizen of the Year/Parade Winners Announced Gazebo

12:30-1:15 PM Cutest Baby Contest (Sponsored by Lakeside Village). Gazebo

11:00 AM-4:00 PM Classic Car Show (Sponsored by P.J.s). PJs E Main St & 6th

11:00 AM-3:00 PM Live Local Music Gazebo/Stage

12:00-8:00 PM Escape Room 1/2 Hour \$15, 1 Hour \$25 Times Vedette office

1:00-3:00 PM Bingo (Hosted & Sponsored by GCSB). Community Center

12:30 PM Bags Tournament Registration. Main Street

1:00-4:00 PM Bags Tournament Main Street

3:00 PM Lake Panorama Ski Show Lake Panorama, South Shore

5:00 PM Alumni Banquet (Social Hour). Community Building

6:00 PM Alumni Banquet Community Building

9:00 PM Selfie Stand (Sponsored by Lake Panorama Realty). Town Square Park

9:00 PM Port Tiki Bar Live Entertainment. The Port

9:30 PM/Dusk. FIREWORKS (Sponsored by Lake Panorama Association) Lake Panorama, South Shore

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8TH

7:45 AM Boat Church Service (Non-Denominational) South Shore

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Community Breakfast (served by Junior Class) Community Center Building

8:15 AM Registration Kids Fishing Derby. Lake Panorama Marina

9:00-11:00 AM Kids Fishing Derby Lake Panorama Marina

12:30 PM Annual Panorama Alumni Golf Tournament Registration Par 3 West

1:00 PM Annual Panorama Alumni Golf Tournament. Par 3 West

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Q: How many acres is Lake Panorama?

A: Mid Iowa Lakes, the original developer of Lake Panorama, marketed the lake as being 1,400 acres. These initial marketing materials included images that included area above the Fansler Bridge. LPA contracts with Shive Hattery Engineering for a variety of RIZ work, and recent studies have confirmed the area between the Fansler Bridge and the Lake Panorama Dam is 1,160 acres. This 1,160 most accurately represents the true size of Lake Panorama.

Q: I saw a bunch of goats on the loose near the lake a few weeks ago. What's up with that?



A: An LPA member had hired a company that takes goats to places to clear land. The member has a steep, empty lot and thought this would be a good solution to manage vegetation without the use of herbicides. The goat company put up a single-wire electric fence, but the entire herd still got out and started grazing its way toward the 16th hole of the golf course, crossing the road a couple of times. The owner was located and picked up the goats. The lot owner requested permission to bring the goats back to finish their job and asked the LPA board to reconsider this at their June 2021 meeting. After consulting with the LPA attorney, it was confirmed livestock of this nature is strictly prohibited by the LPA Covenants. LPA occasionally receives requests from members who would like to keep chickens or goats on their property. On this subject, neither the LPA board nor LPA management have any discretion, as changes to the LPA covenants are beyond the scope of authority held by the LPA board of directors. Thus, they are strictly prohibited. ■

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ANNUAL MEETING

FROM PAGE 12

Water infrastructure

Shifting gears to the LPA, Rutledge said a highlight of 2020 was the completion of the LPA water infrastructure project.

"When you go into a project of this size, there is always the chance of a surprise," he said. "It was a relief to get through this project without any significant hurdles, and I am pleased to report the finished product met the expectations of all involved."

In addition to the well and reverse osmosis system, LPA has completed a scheduled water main replacement on the west side of the lake, installed a replacement main under Burchfield cove, and completed some planned work on 200th Road.

Beaches

Rutledge said several improvements have occurred at the lake's three beaches. LPA replaced the retaining wall at Boulder Beach with a poured concrete wall, which is a substantial upgrade from the deteriorating landscape timbers that were previously there.

"Friends of Lake Panorama made an outstanding impact at the three beaches, with benches and swinging benches being added at all three locations," Rutledge said. "Playground upgrades at Boulder and Shady beaches are both a marked improvement above what we've previously been able to offer."

Water safety

Water safety and boat density became topics of focus in 2020 due to the surge in lake usage during the pandemic, Rutledge said.

"A water safety poll was conducted in the fall, with buoy readability being the primary concern. In response, LPA invested in 80-inch tall buoys for all SLOW 10 MPH and NO WAKE locations," he said. "The remaining 60-inch tall buoys have been re-stickered to ensure the messaging is as high up on the buoy as possible."

Zebra mussel veliger (larvae) testing was implemented in 2020 and will be conducted annually, Rutledge said. "The 2020 test was negative. We are doing everything we can to prevent zebra mussels from entering Lake Panorama," he said. "If LPA ever discovers the presence of veligers, we will at least have some lead time to prepare."

RIZ

Next Rutledge turned his attention to RIZ. Dredge America was hired in 2020 to remove more than 700,000 cubic yards of silt from the river channel. This sup-

plemented LPA's work and made use of County Basin easements that are set to expire within the 2020 decade.

A new and larger debris skimmer was delivered in 2020. This was a \$400,000 purchase that replaced the skimmer LPA purchased over 20 years ago.

"Debris events have been limited over the past two years, due to drought conditions, but we are ready when the rains return," Rutledge said.

Perhaps the biggest endeavor for RIZ has been land acquisition. Rutledge said land has been acquired for expansion of the CIPCO basin, which will serve the lake once the County Basin is exhausted. Also acquired are the sites for two additional wetlands, as well as a site for a future sediment basin.

Rutledge said RIZ is slated to generate \$2.6 million in the 2021-22 fiscal year.

"These funds are critical to maintaining water quality and sustaining our ongoing effort to ensure Lake Panorama addresses sedimentation," he said.

Property values

"The results of this effort are apparent when you look at Lake Panorama property values. The assessed valuation of the Lake Panorama Subdivision was \$489 million for 2020, based on Jan. 1, 2020 values," Rutledge said. "I expect the Jan. 1, 2021, and Jan. 1, 2022, values to be substantially higher, and our community will pass the half-billion-dollar mark."

For comparison, Rutledge said all cities in Guthrie County have a combined value of \$280 million.

"In other words, Lake Panorama is nearly twice the value of all cities combined," he said. "I see these increases in property valuations as a barometer for our community, which shows we're moving the right direction. The LPA, LPN and RIZ are all pieces of this puzzle, and all point to Lake Panorama being a huge economic driver in Guthrie County."

After a brief question-and-answer session, the 52nd annual LPA meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

Shortly after the LPA annual meeting adjourned, the LPA board of directors convened a special meeting to elect officers for the coming year. A slate of officers was nominated, and elected unanimously to take office upon adjournment of the special meeting. LPA board officers now are Rich Schumacher, president; Emily Donovan, vice president; David Finneseth, secretary; and Gary Evans, treasurer. ■

LAKE PANORAMA ASSOCIATION 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

The Lake Panorama Association's 52nd annual meeting was June 26. The following summary of LPA's 2020 highlights was included in the annual meeting program.

2020 was a unique, yet very busy year for the LPA. Many special projects were completed as well as the regular day-to-day operations. Some key aspects of 2020 were:

LPA Board

David Finneseth and Mary Jane Carothers ran unopposed and were elected to the board at LPA's 2020 annual meeting. Carothers was re-elected and Finneseth replaced Tom Jeschke.

Boat Sticker Numbers

Registered boat numbers for 2020 were: Over 10 hp = 1,298, Jet skis = 411, Under 10 hp = 35, Under 10 hp non-motorized = 1097. Total vessels registered = 2,841.

Boat Inspections

229 boat inspections were performed by LPA Security.

Seal Coat

LPA continued the association's longstanding relationship with Sta-Bilt Construction of Harlan, Iowa. 9.45 miles of roadways were seal-coated for a cost of \$199,808.50. This is a cost of \$21,144 per mile, which is in addition to the preparation work completed by LPA staff.

Transfers

Property transfers for 2020 were 83 homes and 107 lots, totaling 190 properties.

Water Plant

Construction of LPA's new water plant reverse osmosis system, Jordan Aquifer well and outfall line concluded in spring of 2021.

LPA is very pleased with the outcome of this project.

Dam

The LPA dam continues to be inspected regularly, with ongoing maintenance and repair items being a top priority for the association. A minor rip rap project related to the low flow outlet tube was completed in 2020. In 2021 the berm between the primary spillway and emergency spillway will be repaired and graded to a shallower slope.

Lake Flow

The Middle Raccoon River has experienced persistent drought conditions. Currently the lake is sitting about two inches lower than normal pool level. LPA attempts to match outflow at the dam with inflow coming in. As long as these conditions continue, LPA will urge members to reduce amounts of water used to irrigate lawns and other landscaping features.

New Playgrounds

LPA and Friends of Lake Panorama partnered to install new playgrounds at Shady Beach and Boulder Beach. Friends and LPA worked with Boland Recreation to install the playground at Shady Beach in October 2020 and the Boulder Beach Playground April 2021.

Building Codes

72 land disturbing permits were issued. 85 building permits were issued including 25 new homes, 17 decks, 12 additions, two docks, one fence, 17 storage sheds, three demolitions, and eight detached garages.

Rural Improvement Zone

RIZ was able to acquire land for future wetland and sediment basins in the fall/winter of 2020.

Plans are being put together to raise the elevation of the CIPCO Basin to allow more sediment storage. Progress continues on development of another wetland north of the Smith wetland as RIZ tries to obtain the necessary permits from the United States Army Corps of Engineers. RIZ also plans to work on several shore armoring projects, some of which include the north end of Burchfield, the County Basin, and the South Shore.

Veliger Testing

In 2020, LPA started testing for zebra mussel veligers (larvae). No veligers were present, and there have been no indicators showing any evidence of zebra mussels in Lake Panorama. LPA continues to put a large emphasis on invasive species control and will continue to test for veligers every year.

Golf Course Staff Changes

Dan Wollner retired at the end of the year in 2020 after being the course superintendent at Lake Panorama National for over 40 years. Brandon Waddle took over as course superintendent, and Jared Baier was hired as the assistant superintendent. Garrett Young was hired to take over as the course superintendent at Panorama West. The new team is working well together and is already working on some projects for the 2021 season.

Security Supervisor Change

Jerry Armstrong retired in March of 2021. Armstrong was hired as Lake Panorama security supervisor in October of 2016. He had worked for LPA Security for 10 years prior to that. Corey Larsen, from Atlantic, Iowa, took over as the new security supervisor. The transition has been smooth, and both officers have been of great value to LPA. ■

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Q&A: 2021 PANORAMA DAYS IS AUG. 6-8

Event co-chair Dale Hochreiter answers a few of our questions.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The first Lake Panorama Day was Aug. 2, 1969. It was originally scheduled to celebrate the completion of Lake Panorama's dam, but weather and other delays meant that didn't happen until the summer of 1970. Yet the party went on as planned.

Now more than 50 years have passed, and what began as a single day stretches over three days. Panora Chamber board members Marla Hammer and Dale Hochreiter are co-chairs for the 2021 community celebration. In this month's Q&A, Hochreiter talks about plans for this year's event.

Q. Tell us about the theme for the 2021 Panorama Days.

A. This year's theme – "Come Together" – was settled on during a brainstorming session where Chamber members were discussing options. So many of the things we were talking about involved how divided the country has become politically, and the struggles caused by COVID-19. We wanted a theme that would reflect our desire to have a fun weekend together, in Panora and at Lake Panorama, and put aside some of the worries of the past year.

Q. Let's take a look at the events day by day. What's on the schedule for Friday, Aug. 6?

A. The annual cribbage tournament, sponsored by Stine Seed, begins at 2 p.m. in the



Dale Hochreiter

community center, with registration at 1:30 p.m. The usual Friday evening farmer's market will be on the west side of the square, beginning at 4:30 p.m. At the same time, there will be a Chalk the Block event for all ages in the town square park.

Cruise the Loop, with all types of cars welcomed, and hosted by Retro LUX, will run 6:30-8 p.m., with the starting point the NAPA store on the west edge of Panora. A cake walk for kids, sponsored by the Women for Panora's Future, will be in 7-7:30 p.m. in Vet's Auditorium.

Members of the Main Street Dance Studio will perform 6-7 p.m. on a stage in the town square park, followed by the Bill Riley Talent Show. Little Miss and Mister Panoramita Days also be announced.

Crue Nation and Villains

Dance will wrap up the first day with three hours of music from the 1980s, beginning at 8 p.m. Villains Dance's goal is to make everyone attending feel like they just attended a real 1980s arena rock concert. Crue Nation will follow with a tribute to Motley Crue. Admission to this show is free, courtesy of sponsor Crystal Freeze Dry, and will take place in the town square park.

Q. Sounds like a busy start. What's in store for Saturday?

A. Saturday starts early with a bass fishing tournament on Lake Panorama beginning at 5:30 a.m. and running to 1:30 p.m. Registration begins at the marina at 5 a.m. for this event sponsored by Lake Panorama Fin and Feather.

The traditional pancake breakfast will be available in the Community Center from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Panorama Days 5K Run, sponsored by Reshape Fitness Studio, begins in front of the library at 8 a.m. The Kid's Warrior Run for ages 10 and under is at 9 a.m.

Parade registration starts at 9 a.m. at the Panorama Elementary School, with the parade at 10 a.m. One of the features of this year's parade will be a Belgian Horse team.

The Panora Citizen of the Year and parade category winners will be announced in the gazebo following the parade. Local live music will be available in the gazebo 11 a.m. to 3

p.m. The cutest baby contest, sponsored by Lakeside Village, will begin at 12:30 p.m.

An escape room, sponsored by Panora Auto Parts, will be offered from noon to 8 p.m. Cost will be \$15 for a half-hour and \$25 for an hour. Location is yet to be determined.

A kid's zone will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., sponsored by Panora Telco. A classic car show at P.J.'s Drive-In will be open the same hours. A bags tournament, sponsored by Active Health Solutions & Key Mortgage Group, will be on Main Street 1-4 p.m., with registration at 12:30 p.m. Bingo will be in the community center 1-3 p.m., hosted and sponsored by Guthrie County State Bank. The Panorama alumni banquet will begin at 5 p.m. at the community center.

The Lake Panorama ski team show will begin at 2:30 p.m. The Port will offer live music beginning at 9 p.m., and the Lake Panorama Association will present its annual fireworks display from the south shore at dusk.

Q. That leaves us with Sunday. What's on tap to wrap up 2021 Panorama Days?

A. At 7:45 a.m. Sunday, a non-denominational community church service will be conducted on the south shore. Those attending can come by boat or vehicle. A breakfast at the Community Center will be served 8 a.m. to noon.

The kid's fishing derby, spon-

sored by the Lake Panorama Fin and Feather, will be 9-11 a.m. at the Lake Panorama marina, with registration at 8:45 a.m. A golf tournament to raise money for the annual alumni banquet will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Panorama West golf course.

At 5 p.m., there will be a gospel music festival at the Panora Church of the Brethren, followed at 6 p.m. by sandwiches and an ice cream social.

Q. I know the Panora Chamber has been working on fundraising for the 2021 Panorama Days. How has that been going?

A. Our community really has been "coming together" — just as this year's theme says, with individuals contributing money, and businesses stepping up to sponsor many of our planned events. Direct donations to Panorama Days continue to be welcomed. Donations can be sent by check to P.O. Box 73, Panora, Iowa, 50216, and should be marked as a Panorama Days donation. Donations also can be made electronically using Venmo@panora-chamber.

Plans may continue to evolve between now and Aug. 6. Check the Chamber's Facebook page and panorachamber.org website for more details. There also is an ad elsewhere in this publication that lists the current schedule. Anyone with questions can call me at 641-757-0605. ■

NEW EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM IN GUTHRIE COUNTY

Both a desktop and mobile app version are available.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

A new system is in place to alert Guthrie County residents of weather-related watches and warnings, plus other types of emergency notifications. An earlier version of an emergency alert system ended July 1. Those who had signed up for the older system need to enroll in the new system, as do residents who have never been enrolled.

The Adair & Guthrie County Emergency Management Agency is located in Guthrie Center. The agency assists with the coordination of disaster and emergency response activities of local law enforcement, emergency medical services and fire departments. It also assists the county hospitals, public health agencies, schools, nursing homes and private sector with emergency planning, and is affiliated with the Iowa Department of Homeland Security.

Agency officials are urging area residents to sign up for the new emergency notification program system, which is titled "Alert Iowa." So far, 90 counties have joined the Alert Iowa program, including Guthrie and Adair counties.

Alert Iowa is the State of Iowa's official emergency notification system. It allows state and local officials to use a single, statewide notification system that provides local control of how and when to disseminate emergency and public safety messages to residents.

There is both a desktop version and a mobile app version, which is

titled "Smart911." Those interested can choose just one, or sign up for both. Those who use both will sign in with the same Username and password on both platforms.

Jeremy Cooper, deputy coordinator for Adair & Guthrie County Emergency Management, recommends users begin the signup process with the desktop web-based version.

"This way they get all their data and contact information entered, and can set up the account the way they want to receive alerts," Cooper says. "Then download the mobile app and sign in with the same credentials, verify some information, turn on location services, and adjust any alerts they want to receive this way."

Alerts are available via text, voice and email messages. Once signed up, all users will automatically receive civil danger, hazardous materials, law enforcement, shelter in place, and tornado warnings for their location. Users also can choose from an extensive list of other alerts they would like to receive, such as tornado watches, severe thunderstorm watches and warnings, flood watches and warnings, high wind warnings, fire weather warnings, excessive heat warnings, and winter storm and other warnings related to cold weather.

Users also can choose from a list of communities for which they want to receive non-weather-related alerts, such as boil water advisories, local road closures, or local emergency information. Lake Panorama is listed



as a community, along with Panora, Guthrie Center and all other towns within Guthrie and Adair counties.

Finally, users can provide additional information in their profiles. These profiles can include people living in their household; phone numbers associated with family members; pets, service animals and livestock; medical conditions and allergies; medications and medical equipment; property details, layout and utility information; vehicle descriptions; and emergency contacts. In the Alert Iowa preferences, users must choose whether to share their profiles with the Guthrie and Adair counties alert system, and also Smart911.

John Rutledge, LPA general manager, is encouraging Lake Panorama property owners to enroll in the new emergency notification alert system.

"As a matter of personal opinion, I believe the mobile app version is the most reliable option. I recommend users download the mobile app and ensure 'Location Based Alerts' is turned on in their settings," Rutledge says. "This will ensure users receive an alert for their location, assuming they have their cell phone with them."

"The desktop site also is extremely useful. But without location-based alerts on the mobile app, users will



merely be getting an alert for addresses they registered as home or work locations," he says. "This works well if users are at home or work when a storm arrives, but not particularly helpful if they are three miles away on a boat, golf course, bike trail, or at a community event."

Rutledge says the other benefit of activating location-based alerts on the mobile app is that users will receive targeted weather and community alerts wherever they are traveling across most of Iowa and much of the United States.

More than 80 percent of calls made to 911 come from mobile phones. When someone dials 911 from a mobile phone, call takers normally have very little information to help, only a phone number and a general sense of the person's location.

With Smart911, when 911 is dialed, the person's Smart911 Safety Profile displays on the 911 screen and the call taker can view whatever information has been provided by the user, including addresses, medical information, home information, and emergency contacts.

Since Smart911 is a national service, a person's Smart911 profile is visible to any participating 911 center nationwide.

The LPA, in cooperation with Alert Iowa, will promote an option for Lake Panorama visitors to sign up for a three-day period to receive local alerts. Signs with details on how to do this will be posted at the marina, beaches, golf courses and campgrounds. This will be a special enrollment procedure that will only be in effect for three days, so area residents should not choose this option to enroll in the emergency notification system.

Sign up for the desktop version of Adair & Guthrie County Alert Iowa at <https://bit.ly/AdairGuthrieAlertIowa>. The system also offers an app for Android and Apple smartphones. Links to the Smart911 apps are available here: <https://safety.smart911.com/smart911app>

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ORIENTATION

FROM PAGE 1



Julie Wykoff, one of the volunteers who helped develop the Lake Panorama 101 materials, was the main presenter at the June 18 session.

Krambeer said once one person in the membership has established an account, a second person's email can be added to the same account, if desired.

Wykoff contrasted the Lake Panorama Association website with Lake Panorama Nextdoor, which is a social media site limited to the 50216 area code. She said Nextdoor is best suited to sharing photos, publicizing local events, getting advice on contractors and vendors, and buying and selling items.

"If you have questions about an LPA rule or amenity, the best place to go is the LPA website and use the search feature to find the answer you need," she said.

One attendee asked if there is a map that shows the correct name for the larger coves on Lake Panorama. Rutledge responded that would be possible to provide, and the next week's Panorama Prompt provided a link to such a map. Find it here: http://lakepanorama.org/document_view.asp?id=439

Special invitations were mailed to new property owners who purchased at Lake Panorama within the last 18 months. However, the Lake Panorama 101 sessions aren't limited to those who receive invitations, or who are new property owners. Any LPA member interested is welcome to attend.

Such was the case with former Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, who attended the June 18 Lake Panorama 101 session. He and his wife Christine have owned a home on Lake Panorama for eight years. He asked a question about how the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) money is being spent.

Branstad was Iowa's governor in 1997 when the first Iowa law allowing the creation of rural improvement zones related to private lake developments was passed, and he signed it into law. He also was governor in 2015 when needed updates were made to the Iowa code related to RIZ, and he also signed that piece of legislation into law.

At the time the Lake Panorama RIZ was formed in 1997, it was estimated this could mean up to \$75,000 a year coming back to Lake Panorama. Estimated revenue for the current fiscal year is \$2.6 million.

Rutledge thanked Branstad for his long-time support of RIZ, then outlined dredging work that removes sediment coming into the lake from upstream, and upstream wetlands that keep sediment from reaching the lake. Three wetlands have been installed to date, with two more in the planning stages.

Other questions asked and answered were related to

shelter house rentals, road maintenance, and other topics. A handout distributed at the end of the session provided contact information on various groups, activities and volunteer opportunities.

The next Lake Panorama 101 session will be Saturday, Aug. 14, 10-11 a.m., in the dining room at the Lake Panorama National Conference Center. Refreshments will be available.

The book "Lake Panorama – The First 50 Years" also will be available at the Aug. 14 event. The LPA financed the book's production, which was delivered to the LPA office July 19, 2019. Just over 1,000 books were printed, with less than 350 remaining in stock. The book costs \$35.

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

Those planning to attend the Aug. 14 Lake Panorama 101 session are asked to RSVP by calling the LPN front desk during daytime business hours at 641-755-2080. ■

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Create a colorful year-round garden filled with flowers, greenery, colorful fruit, fall color, winter interest and a few surprises. Consider seasonal interest when planning a new garden or landscape. Adding a few key plants to existing gardens can help boost your landscape's seasonal appeal.

Include a variety of plants with multiple seasons of interest as well as bird and pollinator appeal. You will look forward to the change of seasons as your landscape transforms throughout the year.

Use trees and shrubs to provide the framework and longevity in your landscape. Serviceberries, crabapples, dogwoods, and many others have flowers, fruit, pollinator, and bird appeal and add winter interest with their bark or form. Look for those with colorful exfoliating bark like paperbark maple, heptacodium, and river birch for a beautiful statement in the winter garden.

Include a few summer blooming shrubs like St John's wort, buttonbush, panicle hydrangeas and Rose of Sharon. They add an unexpected fresh look to your summer landscape.

Perennials combine nicely with trees, shrubs, and annuals, adding seasons of color and texture. Include those that also attract songbirds, bees, and butterflies by creating a beautiful habitat. Blue star (Amsonia), Siberian iris, sedum, Rudbeckia, coneflower, and grasses are just a few that can brighten any garden with several seasons of color, provide homes for beneficial insects and food for the birds.

End the season with fall bloomers like goldenrod, as-



Include summer blooming shrubs like this Blue Satin Rose of Sharon to brighten up the summer garden. Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

ters, and hardy mums. These provide food for late season pollinators. Leave healthy plants stand, providing homes for many beneficial insects, winter interest in the garden, and food for the songbirds.

Use annuals to fill any voids, add season long color and yearly changes in the landscape. Containers on steps, decks and patios help bring the garden to your front and back door.

Include spring flowering bulbs like tulips, daffodils and hyacinths planted in fall for a colorful welcome to spring. These and many of the earliest bloomers like winter aconites, grape hyacinths, and crocus provide needed nectar for early season pollinators.

Evergreens are always a welcome addition to any landscape. They provide shelter for the birds and year-round greenery. Find new and interesting ways to include them in your landscape.

Use taller evergreens for screening bad views, buffering traffic and other noises, or creating privacy. Use evergreens with interesting form and texture to create a focal point in a garden bed

or landscape. Combine them with perennials and flowering shrubs for added seasonal interest.

Then keep your landscape looking its best by protecting key plants from hungry critters like deer, rabbits and voles. Skip the fencing and scare tactics by applying a rain resistant, organic repellent like Plantskydd (plantskydd.com) at planting. You will need fewer applications and the odor-based repellent sends animals dining elsewhere before taking a bite out of your plants. Apply repellent before animals start feeding and follow the label directions for best results.

Continue to gather ideas with visits to public gardens and partaking in garden tours. Be sure to take notes and pictures that you can reference later. Creating a year-round landscape is an ongoing process that is part of the fun and adventure of gardening. ■

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Zoey: 8 years old
Ella: 1 year old
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Owners: Ken and Stacey Brown

Zoey and Ella are sweet dogs and loyal companions that rarely leave their owners' sides. The lake is their favorite place, and their favorite thing to do is swim. A close second are rides on the boat and golf cart. Their pet peeve is when you have a ball or Frisbee in your hand and aren't throwing it. They also don't like it when they are sitting on the golf cart expecting a ride and don't get to go. ■



Solita, on the left, is a 3-year-old female
Diego, on the right, is a 1-year-old male
They are Ragamuffins
Owners: Dave and Tammy Schwartz

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