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Retirement allows artist to follow his dream

Everywhere you turn in the Badd Bones gallery, you see something unique.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The City of Bagley, located 14 miles north of Lake Panorama, seems an unlikely location for an art gallery. Yet that's exactly where Dan Badding is enjoying every minute, fulfilling his dream of opening a gallery where he can create, display and sell his own art pieces, while providing a creative space for other artists to also sell their work.

The Badd Bones Gallery & Studio is located on Highway 141 on the west edge of town. It's easy to spot. Just watch for the round red signs hanging on metal cables attached to a pole. Or the brightly painted Partridge Family school bus parked in a grassy area with a firepit and chairs nearby.

"The Iowa DOT says 2,500 vehicles pass this building every day," Badding says. "When I was still working, I would drive by this building and think this was the perfect spot, mostly because of those big windows."

Those who know the Badding family know their name is pronounced with a long "a"—

as in the word "babe." But Dan Badding has always signed his artwork with Badd — as in "bad." The family's boat is named "Badd to the Bone." The business logo incorporates a skeletal fish. Badding's favorite holiday is Halloween because it gives him an excuse to decorate with skeletons. Add it all up, and Badd Bones is the obvious name for this new venture.

Badding retired at the end of 2020 from the family construction business, based in Carroll. His father, Robert Badding, started the business in 1954. Eventually, Dan and his three brothers all joined the business as part owners. The company's focus is on commercial construction, but it hasn't always been that way.

"My love for Lake Panorama began when I was just a kid, as Dad was one of the original investors and contractors at the lake," Badding says. "I can point out a few of the homes he built, as well as the 'ski lodge' on the west

side that now is part of the St. Thomas More Center.

"I spent more than 47 years as a finish carpenter and job site superintendent, working side by side with some of the best people I've ever known," Badding says. "I've always had a need to be creative, but with the business now almost exclusively commercial construction, there were fewer times when I had the

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Some of the first art Dan Badding created for his art gallery in Bagley is this unique sign along Highway 141. Metal sledding disks were joined together, painted bright red, and information printed on both sides. Badding then strung these onto metal cables and attached them to wooden beams top and bottom.



This colorful Partridge Family bus is parked in a grassy area just west of the Badd Bones gallery and studio. Sue Badding had long wanted a school bus to renovate and use in some way, although she wasn't sure how. This one was purchased in Wisconsin and barely made it to Iowa. Now it's settled next to the gallery, has a performance deck attached to the back end, and is waiting for an interior makeover.

Armstrong retires, new LPA security chief hired

Corey Larsen has been on the LPA staff in a part-time capacity since 2018, working both days and nights, and on both land and water.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

You might say "there's a new sheriff in town." But in this case, the Lake Panorama Association has a new security chief. Jerry Armstrong, who held that position since October 2016, retired March 26. The new LPA security chief is Corey Larsen.

"Jerry's retirement is bittersweet," says John Rutledge, LPA general manager. "Jerry has provided consistent and steady leadership to the LPA security department, which the LPA staff, membership and board greatly respect. He's always a positive and encouraging person who

will be dearly missed. But I know Jerry is looking forward to playing lots of golf and enjoying his well-deserved retirement.

"I am pleased to welcome Corey to our LPA management team," says Rutledge. "Corey's professional experience and personal demeanor make him the perfect fit for the position of LPA security supervisor. I could not have asked for a smoother transition from Jerry and Corey, and I believe Corey is positioned to be very successful in his new role."

Armstrong was born and raised in the Panorama area. In 1969, he was Lake Panorama's first security officer for one year and still carries the badge he was issued in his wallet.

Soon he began selling Lake Panorama lots.

Then he took a position as national sales manager for Harper Brush in Fairfield. That led to 22 years visiting 165 distributors throughout the country during the week and returning to his wife Nancy and their two children in Panorama each weekend. The couple now has six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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

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Jerry Armstrong, on the right, retired March 26 after working full-time for the LPA security department the past 14 years. His replacement as LPA security department supervisor is Corey Larsen. Armstrong and Larsen are shown with one of the familiar Lake Panorama security department trucks.

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WEATHER... OR NOT

BY SHANE GOODMAN
Editor and Publisher

Ever wish you could predict the weather? I do. It would make editorial planning for monthly publications like this one a lot easier. For example, publishing stories on snowmobiling and snow hiking seemed like a good idea for our March issue when we talked about them in February. We certainly were not anticipating 70 degree days in March, like it was when last month's issue mailed to homes. Meanwhile, as I write this column on March 31, temperatures are below freezing again. It's Iowa, right?

Years ago, I managed a weekly newspaper in Grimes that was delivered to homes on Thursdays. We would publish the weekend weather forecast on the front page. I assigned this task to a young reporter and provided him with sources on where to collect the forecast data. This was at a time when we didn't have weather apps at our fingertips or personal digital assistants to tell us if it was going to rain or not.

After a few weeks of publishing this weekend forecast, I received a call from a reader who asked where we were getting our data, pointing out that we were nowhere close on the forecasted highs and lows. "You were off 20 degrees last week," he shared.

So when I went back to this "reporter" and asked where he was collecting the data from, he told me, "I make it up. I can do it as well as those dopes on TV." I then quickly pointed out how those "dopes on TV" had it correct last week and that he was 20 degrees off. And, of course, I pointed out that I didn't hire him to predict the weather forecast.

Meanwhile, the caller who shared this all with me called back and thanked me for listening and responding, and I thanked him for pointing out the problem. I then learned that he worked for Freese-Notis, a weather forecasting corporation headquartered in Des Moines. He offered to provide the forecast to me, faxing (yes, faxing) me the data each week before press time.

Years went by, and that



Shane Goodman

young reporter caused many additional problems, ultimately ending in an ugly split. Yes, I should have seen that one coming. Our family also moved to a different home about that same time, and I learned that the helpful caller from years prior was now my backyard neighbor. Although we don't publish weather forecasts in monthly publications for obvious reasons, I can't help but wonder if he could have predicted the unusually warm weather we had in early March. Oh, well. In the meantime, you better keep those snowmobiles and snow hiking gear ready — just in case. ■

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opportunity for creative input. Now in retirement, I'm having the time of my life."

Dan's wife Sue grew up on a farm near Templeton, and the pair were high school sweethearts at Carroll Kuemper.

"I was the band nerd, and he was the guy who liked fast cars," Sue says.

They've been married 46 years. As a high school graduation gift, Dan designed and built a cedar chest for Sue. Once they got married, his next gift was bigger. It was a house he designed and built in Carroll at the age of 22, including handmade cabinets, all while working full-time for Badding Construction.

"We raised our three kids in Carroll and had a wonderful life in the house that Dan built," Sue says.

Sue began working part-time at a county Farm Service Agency (FSA) office. She applied for and was accepted into the FSA management program, then hired to manage an office in western Iowa.

"We found a beautiful home on 40 acres out-



Dan and Sue Badding are shown outside their new art gallery and studio in Bagley.

side of Denison," Sue says. "This was a good fit since Badding Construction had a branch office in Denison. We raised miniature horses and hosted many family events and live house concerts there."

Another promotion sent Sue to the Iowa FSA headquarters in Des Moines. The couple discussed getting an apartment to stay in during the week, but Dan suggested they move closer and split the commute. They both always loved Lake Panorama and remembered fun dates they enjoyed there in their youth.

In 2008, they started looking for a house with Dan insisting on a

view and Sue insisting on a yard. They chose a house on a finger of water on the west side of Burchfield Cove that has both. In the yard, Dan displays some of his own art and some he has purchased. They bought an old 16-foot fiberglass boat, which Dan turned into a tree house play area.

As they settled in, they both fell even more in love with Lake Panorama.

"What's not to love," Sue asks. "The boating, the fishing, the skiing and tubing, the beaches. It's a perfect place for our kids and grandkids and other family members and friends to visit us."

Sue retired from the FSA seven years ago. The couple has a son and two daughters. All are married, and each has four children. Tony works for Badding Construction and took over Dan's share of the business when he retired. Robyn and her family live on a farm near Bayard. Keri and her family are in Grimes.

For many years, Badding's art creations often began as a construction project, using items he salvaged from demolition projects.

"I love to start with something that has been salvaged and find a way to repurpose it into something creative," he says.

As with his art, the building that houses Badd Bones

started as a salvage project. It had been empty for years, and Badding wasn't sure what he had until he started renovations.

"There was a dropped ceiling in the west part of the building. Once I started to remove it, I discovered a full-sized garage door had been lifted into place and hidden by the ceiling. It took me quite a while to cut it down from there," he says.

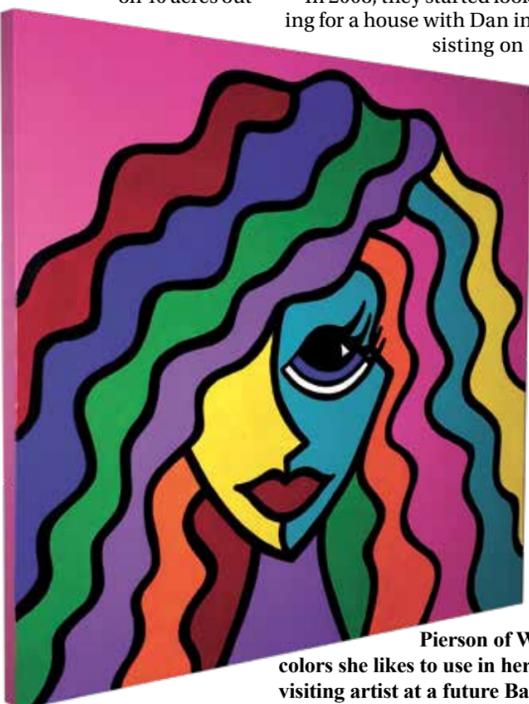
The building got a new roof and more insulation. Badding built a dividing wall to separate the gallery from two studio areas. About one-fourth of the building is a woodworking shop. Cabinets were installed, the concrete floor was polished, and the walls and the exterior were painted.

The gallery is about 700 square feet.

"I love all the windows in the front," Badding says. "I built four revolving art displays, one inside of each window. I can display at least 10 large art pieces there, which are lit up at night."

Everywhere you turn in the Badd Bones gallery, you see something unique. The countertop at the front entrance is made of dry erase material, so the Baddings' 12 grandchildren can draw and leave messages. Underneath are mannequin legs, covered with fluorescent paint to glow in the dark.

Nearby is the Cedar Fridge, which consists of strands of



This canvas painted by Joni Pierson of Waukee shows off the bright colors she likes to use in her creations. Pierson will be the visiting artist at a future Badd Bones Event Night.

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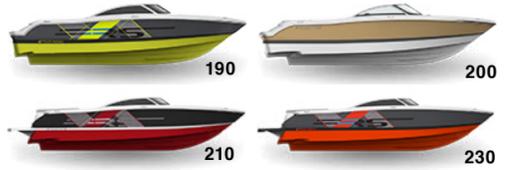


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Pieces created by Dan Badding and several other artists grace the main part of the gallery. A sofa, two swivel chairs, and a round table with four chairs give visitors places to sit and take in the view.

wire on a cedar wall. This is where the 12 Badding grandchildren have their artwork displayed. Other children and grandchildren of featured artists also can display their art.

The main part of the gallery features art on almost every inch of wall, plus on and in display cases. A leather love-seat, two comfy chairs and a colorful round table with four chairs give patrons a place to sit and enjoy the view. Music from the 1970s plays throughout the building.

"It helps the creativity," Badding says.

He is connecting with other artists, and plans to have pieces from several on display. While he says he personally doesn't "get too crazy with colors" and prefers to "do things no one else is doing," his gallery includes colorful paintings and sculptures.

About 20 years ago, and for the first time, Badding displayed a piece of his art in a Valley Junction gallery.

"When the gallery owner called and told me he had sold my piece to the lead singer of the band Slipknot, who was an avid art collector, I was so excited," Badding says. "But when I went to collect my money, I was told the gallery was keeping 40 percent of the \$800 total. I was kind of devastated. Even after all these years I often wish I could buy that piece of art back. That was the last piece I ever displayed in a gallery."

Since then, he's never actively tried to sell his art. Sometimes friends would see something in the Badding house and ask if they could buy it or if he would duplicate it for them.

After his experience with the Valley Junction gallery, Badding decided if he ever had his own gallery, he would cut the sales commission in half.

"I believe if you truly love art and the people who create it, you need to take better care of those people," he says. "I'm not in this for the money; I just love art."

All of Badding's art pieces in the gallery, plus the work of artists he invites to place items in the gallery, will be for sale.

"The problem with most artists is they create more than they can store in their home, so they just stop creating, or they hide their pieces away," Dan says.

"We want to give artists the opportunity to show and sell their work," Sue says. "So far, most of our artists are from central Iowa, but we also have some in Nebraska and Kansas."

"Being a contractor, I've seen a lot of beautiful homes and businesses where I can't help but think there are certain rooms or walls that are crying out for a big piece of art," Badding says. "People spend a lot of money on their homes and businesses, but are a little tight when it comes to their walls. Displaying an original piece of art tells the world you're an original, too."

"The thing I love most about art is that there are no rules," Badding says. "Your imagination and courage are the only things that limit what you can do. There is an endless sup-



The Cedar Fridge is a place for future artists to display their creations. Many of the current pieces are from the 12 Badding grandchildren. Featured artists also can add their children and grandchildren's art to the "fridge."

ply of materials to chose from when someone wants to create art."

"Whenever we travel around the country, I am intrigued by the local art scene in each place we visit. I love seeing what other artists are creating and buying pieces to bring home," he says. "I always get so inspired by what I see, and can't wait to get back to my studio and try to apply different techniques and styles to my work. Art gives me energy, and feeds my soul."

The gallery isn't open regular hours, but the couple is planning to hold monthly Badd Bones Event Nights, starting sometime this spring or summer. Each will feature a visiting artist, or live music, or

a special theme. They have talked with representatives of Tori's Angels, a local non-profit that pays expenses for children with life-threatening illnesses, about that group providing food and drinks during event nights.

Badd Bones Gallery & Studio is on Facebook, and news of upcoming Event Nights will be posted there. Badding says he's happy to set up appointments with people who want to visit the gallery. Call his cell at 712-830-6802. Or if you're driving by, and the "open" flag is stuck in the boulder outside, walk on in. Dan will likely be creating something out of salvage, or just enjoying some 1970s music amongst the art. ■

SECURITY

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did for 10 years, before stepping into the LPA security chief role. Now after nearly 14 years, he's decided to retire from full-time work. The good news is he will continue to work part-time in the security department.

"I'm 77 years old and have been thinking about retirement since last fall," Armstrong says. "But in the past 14-plus years, I've never thought I didn't want to go to work that day. Lake Panorama is a wonderful community, filled with good people who have become my friends."

Larsen has been on the LPA staff in a part-time capacity since 2018, working both days and nights, and on both land and water. He has served as a law enforcement officer for 27 years.

Larsen's father was a police officer for 30 years.

"Growing up in a law enforcement family, I just always knew this is what I wanted to do," he says.

Larsen was raised in the Atlantic area, graduating from Anita High School. He enlisted in the Air Force, where he served four-and-a-half years. He returned to southwest Iowa and was hired as the Fontanelle police chief in the spring of 1997. Next came a stint in the Greenfield police department, before joining the Audubon County Sheriff's department in 2001. He moved to the Cass County Sheriff's office as a deputy in 2009, and recently retired from there.

He and his wife Jessica have two daughters, Faith and Gracelyn. Jessica teaches third grade in the Atlantic school system, and the family lives in Atlantic. In 2016, they purchased a condo at Lake Panorama and began spending much of their summers here, golfing and boating. This past winter, they sold that first condo and purchased a larger one.

"We love the lake," Larsen says. "Jessica and I talked for

"Growing up in a law enforcement family, I just always knew this is what I wanted to do." — Corey Larsen

several years about making this our retirement home. Owing our first condo here made me realize it would be a great place to work, too, so I took the part-time position. When Jerry started to talk about retiring, I told him I'd be interested in the security chief position."

Armstrong says his successor has the right personality for the job.

"He's a good guy," Armstrong says. "He has 27 years of experience in law enforcement, and knows how to relate to people. He is a homeowner here and will fit right into the community."

In retirement, Armstrong plans to enjoy more golf, which will include playing in three men's golf leagues — Wednesday at Lake Panorama National, Tuesday and Thursday at Panorama West. He's also looking forward to more fishing and time with his great-grandchildren. A retirement event for Armstrong will be planned later in the year, when concerns about large gatherings due to COVID-19 ease.

Nancy Armstrong works part-time at the LPN conference center front desk and doesn't have any plans to retire in the near future. Jerry gives Nancy credit for making his work in LPA security possible.

"Sometimes the schedule can get crazy, and you have to have a supportive spouse," he says. "Nancy has always been there for me."

The Larsens will remain in Atlantic until their girls graduate from school, while also enjoying what Corey calls their

"home away from home" at Lake Panorama. "Eventually we will move to Lake Panorama full-time," he says.

The Lake Panorama Association Security Department is a 24/7 operation, providing many valuable services to the LPA community on both land and water. The security chief is a full-time position. The other full-time employee is Randall Rogers, who works the night shift. On both the day and night shifts, there are 27 checkpoints the officers visit twice during each shift.

Another dozen people work part-time shifts, with more in the summer and fewer in the off-season. Three patrol boats are used during the summer months to monitor lake activity.

Larsen says he welcomes interest from qualified individuals who would like to be considered for a part-time role in the security department, especially for water patrol.

Both Armstrong and Larsen say LPA is lucky to have good support from the Guthrie County Sheriff's office, the Panora Police department, and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

"We don't have arrest powers," Larsen says. "But we can write tickets and assess fines if needed. My goal is to make sure Lake Panorama members and guests are safe, and doing what they're supposed to be doing. Safety is always top of mind for me and the other security officers."

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Lake Panorama Times

Entering his third month on the job as LPN's head golf professional, Rob Riggins is making good on his promise to grow the game of golf at Lake Panorama through clinics and lessons.

"Everyone learns differently," Riggins says. "Some people like to get technical and understand every movement of the swing, while others don't want to be overwhelmed with technique. I work to find a happy medium and give each player a unique learning experience." Riggins says he also emphasizes teaching how to "play golf" — not just how to swing a club.

The cost of a 45-minute private lesson for adults is \$60. Riggins is offering a special price of \$90 for those who purchase a package of three private lessons by May 31.

Because Riggins says some players prefer a group setting, this spring he is offering two, three-day clinics, one for women only and one for beginners. The women's clinic dates are April 17, April 24 and May 1. These are all Saturdays, with the one-hour sessions beginning at 2 p.m.

The clinic for beginners also is on Saturdays at 2 p.m. The dates for this clinic, which will cover the fundamentals of golf, are May 15, May 22 and May 29. Both clinics will be held at Lake Panorama National and cost \$60 per person.

Turning to junior golfers, Riggins is continuing the summer junior golf school that has been a fixture at Lake Panorama National for more than 20 years. There are two sessions to choose from, with one hour of instruction beginning at 10 a.m. every Wednesday in either June or July. The cost is \$55 for these



Rob Riggins

junior golf instruction group sessions, which are open to juniors ages 5-16. Riggins also offers private 30-minute lessons for junior golfers at \$20.

To sign up for either of the spring clinics or the junior golf sessions, call the LPN pro shop at 641-755-2024. Payment must be made by the time the first session begins for each clinic. To get the private lesson package at the reduced rate of \$90, call the pro shop no later than April 30 and finalize the purchase before scheduling your first lesson. The private lesson package can be used anytime this year.

More details are available at www.lakepanoramational.com/instruction. ■

Beach Ball planned for July 30 at LPN

Funds from last event made it possible to purchase \$70,000 worth of playground equipment for Shady and Boulder beaches.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Friends of Lake Panorama will host its fourth Beach Ball fundraiser on Friday, July 30 at Lake Panorama National. The format for the event will be similar to the 2020 Beach Ball, with seating available either in the LPN banquet room or outside under tents on the grass between the conference center and the golf course.

The 2020 Beach Ball had a profit of \$30,000. Those funds, along with many direct donations over a year's time, made it possible to purchase \$70,000 worth of playground equipment for Shady and Boulder beaches. The equipment at Shady Beach was installed last fall. The Boulder Beach playground equipment is scheduled to be installed in late April.

A Beach Ball in 2016 raised money for the Sunset Beach playground, while the 2017 Beach Ball helped finance the sports courts at Boulder Beach.

The Friends board of directors discussed plans for the 2021 Beach Ball at their

spring meeting March 15. Rather than having a single project to which funds will be directed, the board plans to offer several options.

The board will make a final decision at its May meeting on what projects to promote at the 2021 fundraiser, but the plan is to have information on a handful of projects available. This will allow donors interested in a particular project to make a direct donation to that project.

The nonprofit charity's current priority is the Lake Panorama dog park, which will be one of the projects those attending can learn more about and to which they can make a direct donation. By the end of March, \$34,000 had been raised toward the park goal of \$50,000.

Other projects being considered by the Friends board are improvements to the trail near Panorama West, a disc golf course, a basketball half-court at Sunset Beach and other beach amenities.

Projects chosen by the Friends board to promote at the Beach Ball will receive a percentage of pooled funds

raised at the event, plus all direct donations designated to a specific project.

The 2021 Beach Ball will feature live music, a 50/50 raffle, both live and silent auctions, and other fun, and fundraising events. Prices for table sponsorships and admission tickets are being finalized with event registration beginning in early May.

Details on all past and current projects are available on the Friends website. Friends of Lake Panorama also has a Facebook page. Those interested in keeping up to date with Friends activities are asked to "like" and "share" the Friends page.

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

Anyone with questions or those interested in donating auction items for the 2021 Beach Ball can email staff@friendsoflakepanorama.org. ■

2021 LPA annual meeting postponed to June 26

Three people are running for three seats on the LPA seven-member board.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The 52nd annual meeting of the Lake Panorama Association will be Saturday, June 26, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Lake Panorama National conference center. The meeting was originally scheduled for May 8 but was postponed due to COVID-19 prevention measures.

The new date was set by the LPA board of directors at its March 23 meeting. LPA bylaws provide the annual meeting shall be held no later than the last Saturday of June. To accommodate this scheduling change, the board also exercised emergency discretion to extend the board terms of Larry Babcock, Emily Donovan and Rich Schumacher by one month.

Newly elected board members normally begin their terms at the May board meeting but will instead begin their terms at the June 29 board meeting, three days after the annual meeting.

Each year, the LPA annual meeting provides a formal statement of the association's financial position, plus reports on activities during the past year and plans for the coming year.

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

The results of the annual election for the LPA board of directors will be announced at the end of the meeting, and there will be time for audience questions and comments.

An official announcement of

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

There are no issues this year that require a special vote. The 2021 ballot is simply for electing three members to the LPA board of directors.

Members will be asked to deliver or mail their completed ballot in the numbered envelope to the LPA office before Friday, June 25. This allows the majority of the ballots to be counted in advance of the annual meeting. Ballots also can be brought to the annual meeting.

Three people are running for three seats on the LPA seven-member board. Both Emily Donovan and Rich Schumacher are completing their first, three-year terms on the board and are running for a second term. Julie Fulton is seeking a first term on the board.

The director elected with the third-most votes will complete the unexpired term of the late Neil Wright, who was elected in 2019 and resigned because of health reasons in July 2020. Wright's seat was temporarily filled by the appointment of Larry Babcock. The remaining year of this term will end in May 2022.

LPA bylaws require each board candidate to provide a 100-word statement. This year's candidate statements are printed here in alphabetical order.



EMILY DONOVAN

Emily Donovan has been a school social worker for Heartland Area Education Agency since 2005 and serves six school districts. She assists districts with developing system-wide social emotional behavioral and mental health services, as well as providing individual support to students with challenging behavior. Donovan has been an active member of the community with 10 Squared Women, Panorama Days 5K committee, helping with her kids' 4H club, and the Lutheran Church of Hope, Panora, local site team leader. She has served one term on the LPA board in the role of secretary and is seeking a second term.



JULIE FULTON

"As a full-time resident of Lake Panorama, I am interested in serving as an LPA board member. Keith and I moved to Panora five years ago after living in the Quad Cities area for over 15 years. We have two sons, Derek and Seth, a daughter-in-law, Lacey, and four grandchildren. Our family loves everything Lake Panorama and this wonderful community of Panora has to offer! Currently, I work with my husband on our business, Heartland Proteins, and I am co-owner of Reshape Fitness Studio, where I share my love of yoga with the Panora community."



RICH SCHUMACHER

"Deb and I have owned a home on Burchfield Cove for 23 years and enjoy lake life. Three years ago, I received the opportunity to serve on the LPA board. My 45 years in the insurance business has helped me in this capacity, and I've served three years on the land sales committee, three on the building codes committee and two as vice-president of the board. It's a pleasure to have worked on the water plant and maintenance facility improvements. With your support, I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving the association members of the LPA." ■

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Thursday, April 8
No school
www.panoramaschools.org

Thursday, April 8
5 p.m.
Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. East Sac County
 Panorama High School
www.panoramaschools.org

Thursday, April 8
5 p.m.
Track & Field: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Van Meter
 Van Meter High School
www.panoramaschools.org

Thursday, April 8
5 p.m.
Track & Field: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Van Meter
 Van Meter High School
www.panoramaschools.org

Thursday, April 8
7 p.m.
Soccer: Boys Varsity Game vs. East Sac County
 Panorama High School
www.panoramaschools.org



Saturday, April 10
9 a.m.
#Emmastrong Run/Walk
 Raccoon Valley Trail (Race begins near PJ's Restaurant). Choose between in-person or virtual participation. \$40 registration (through April 8)
www.getmeregistered.com

Monday, April 12
6:30 p.m.
Panora City Council meeting
www.cityofpanora.com

Monday, April 12
6 p.m.
School Board Meeting
www.panoramaschools.org

Monday, April 12
4 p.m.
Golf: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Des Moines Christian Schools, Interstate 35, West Central Valley
 5 x 80 Golf Course
www.panoramaschools.org

Monday, April 12
4:30 p.m.
Track & Field: Girls JH Meet vs. Adair-Casey/Guthrie Center, Earlham, Martensdale-St Marys, Nodaway Valley, Saydel Community Schools, West Central Valley, Winterset
 Earlham High School
www.panoramaschools.org

Monday, April 12
6 p.m.
LPA Building Codes Meeting

Tuesday, April 13
4:30 p.m.
Track & Field: Boys JH Meet vs. Adair-Casey/Guthrie Center, Earlham, Martensdale-St Marys, Nodaway Valley, Saydel Community Schools, West Central Valley, Winterset
 Earlham High School
www.panoramaschools.org

Tuesday, April 13
4:30 p.m.
Track & Field: Girls JH Invitational vs. Des Moines Christian Schools, Glidden-Ralston, Madrid, Pleasantville, Van Meter, West Central Valley, Woodward Granger
 Panorama High School
www.panoramaschools.org

Tuesday, April 13
4:30 p.m.
Track & Field: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Adair-Casey/Guthrie Center, Colomesco, Coon Rapids Bayard, Des Moines Christian Schools, Earlham, Exira-Elk-Horn-Kimballton, Grand View Christian, Harlan Community, Interstate 35, Iowa Christian Academy, Nodaway Valley, Ogden, Orient-Macksburg Community Schools, Southeast Warren, Van Meter, West Central Valley
 Earlham High School
www.panoramaschools.org

Tuesday, April 13
4:30 p.m.
Track & Field: Boys JH Invitational vs. Des Moines Christian Schools, Glidden-Ralston, Madrid, Pleasantville, Van Meter, West Central Valley, Woodward Granger
 Panorama High School
www.panoramaschools.org

Tuesday, April 13
4:30 p.m.
Track & Field: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Adair-Casey/Guthrie Center, Colomesco, Coon Rapids Bayard, Des Moines Christian Schools, Earlham, Exira-Elk-Horn-Kimballton, Grand View Christian, Harlan Community, Interstate 35, Iowa Christian Academy, Nodaway Valley, Ogden, Orient-Macksburg Community Schools, Southeast Warren, Van Meter, West Central Valley
 Earlham High School
www.panoramaschools.org

Thursday, April 15
4:30 p.m.
Track & Field: Girls JH Meet vs. Van Meter
 Van Meter Junior-Senior High School
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Thursday, April 15
4:30 p.m.
Track & Field: Boys JH Meet vs. Van Meter
 Van Meter Junior-Senior High School
www.panoramaschools.org

Thursday, April 15
5 p.m.
Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. North Polk
 Panorama High School
www.panoramaschools.org

Thursday, April 15
5 p.m.
Track & Field: Girls Varsity Meet vs. AC-GC
 AC/GC High School
www.panoramaschools.org
Saturday, April 17, April 24 and May 1



2 p.m.
LPN Golf Course, Panorama West LADIES 3 DAY GROUP CLINIC
 Location: Lake Panorama National Golf Course
 This clinic is open to Lake Panorama National and Panorama West golf members, and the general public. Clinic may be purchased in the Golf Shop. Call 641-755-2024 with questions. Cost: \$60
www.lakepanoramanational.com

Saturday, April 17
Prom
www.panoramaschools.org

Monday, April 19
4 p.m.
Golf - Boys Panorama JV Invitational
 Lake Panorama National Golf Course
www.panoramaschools.org

Monday, April 19
4:30 p.m.
Track & Field - G/B Varsity Meet
 Van Meter School
www.panoramaschools.org

Tuesday, April 20
4 p.m.
Golf - Boys JV vs Nevada
 Lake Panorama National Golf Course
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Tuesday, April 20
4:30 p.m.
Track & Field - G/B JH Invitational
 West Central Valley High School
www.panoramaschools.org

Tuesday, April 20
5 p.m.
Soccer - Girls Varsity Game
 Logan Magnolia Community Schools
www.panoramaschools.org

Tuesday, April 20
7 p.m.
Soccer - Boys Varsity Game
 Logan Magnolia Community Schools
www.panoramaschools.org

Thursday, April 22 - Saturday, April 24
Track & Field - Boys Varsity Relays
 Drake University
www.panoramaschools.org

Thursday, April 22
Golf - G/B Varsity Meet vs AC-GC & Woodward Granger
 4 p.m.
 Lake Panorama National Golf Course
www.panoramaschools.org

Saturday, April 24
2 p.m.
LPN Golf Course, Panorama West LADIES 3 DAY GROUP CLINIC
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Saturday, April 24
4 p.m.
Golf - Boys JV/Varsity Hal Rossow Invitational
 Lake Panorama National Golf Course
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Saturday, April 24
5-8 p.m.
Middle School Dance
 Lunchroom
www.panoramaschools.org

Monday, April 26
4:30 p.m.
Track & Field - G/B JH Meet
 Guthrie Center High School
www.panoramaschools.org

Monday, April 26
6:30 p.m.
Panora City Council meeting
www.cityofpanora.com

Tuesday, April 27
5 p.m.
LPA Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 27
4 p.m.
Golf - Boys Varsity Meet vs. Pleasantville - Ogden
 Pleasantville Golf & Country
www.panoramaschools.org

Tuesday, April 27
5 p.m.
Soccer - Boys Varsity Game vs Kuemper Catholic
 Panorama Community School,
www.panoramaschools.org

Tuesday, April 27
5 p.m.
Soccer - Girls Varsity Game
 Ballard High School
www.panoramaschools.org

Tuesday, April 27
5 p.m.
Track & Field - G/B Varsity Game
 Audubon High School
www.panoramaschools.org

Thursday, April 29
9 a.m.
Golf - Boys Kuemper JV Invitational
 Carroll Municipal Golf Course
www.panoramaschools.org

Thursday, April 29
4 p.m.
Track & Field - G/B JH Invitational
 Woodward-Granger High School
www.panoramaschools.org

Thursday, April 29
5 p.m.
Soccer - Girls Varsity Game vs Treynor
 Treynor Community School District
www.panoramaschools.org

Thursday, April 29
5 p.m.
Track & Field - G/B Varsity Meet
 Guthrie Center High School,
www.panoramaschools.org

Thursday, April 29
7 p.m.
Soccer - Boys Varsity Games vs Treynor
 Treynor Community School District
www.panoramaschools.org

Saturday, May 1
2 p.m.
LPN Golf Course, Panorama West LADIES 3 DAY GROUP CLINIC
 Location: Lake Panorama National Golf Course
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Saturday, May 1
9 a.m.
Golf - Boys JV/Varsity Coon Rapids Invitational - Possible Time TBD
 Coon Rapids Golf Association
www.panoramaschools.org

Saturday, May 1
10 a.m.
Soccer - Girls Varsity Tournament vs WCV
 West Central Valley High School
www.panoramaschools.org

Saturday, May 1
12 p.m.
Soccer - Boys Varsity Tournament vs WCV
 West Central Valley High School
www.panoramaschools.org

Saturday, May 1
2 p.m.
Des Moines Women's Half Marathon
 1901 Bell Ave., Des Moines
www.panoramaschools.org

Monday, May 3
4 p.m.
Track & Field - G/B JH Meet
 Earlham High School
www.panoramaschools.org



Monday, May 3
4 p.m.
Track & Field - G/B Varsity WCAC Meet
 Van Meter School
www.panoramaschools.org

Tuesday, May 4
5 p.m.
Soccer - Girls Varsity Game vs. Grand View Christian
 Panorama Community School
www.panoramaschools.org

Tuesday, May 4
7 p.m.
Soccer - Boys Varsity Game vs Grand View Christian
 Panorama Community School
www.panoramaschools.org

Wednesday, May 5
9 a.m.
Golf - Boys Varsity Conference Meet
 Lake Panorama National Golf Course
www.panoramaschools.org

Wednesday, May 5
6 p.m.
National Honor Society- Induction Ceremony
 Panorama High School Auditorium
www.panoramaschools.org

Thursday, May 6
4 p.m.
Golf - Boys JV Iron Bowl
 Lake Panorama Par Three Golf Course
www.panoramaschools.org

Thursday, May 6
4:30 p.m.
Track & Field - G/B Varsity Meet
 Panorama Community School
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Friday, May 7
5 p.m.
Soccer - Boys Varsity Game vs Underwood
 Panorama Community School
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Friday, May 7
7 p.m.
Soccer - Girls Varsity Game vs Underwood
 Panorama Community School
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Saturday, May 8
9 a.m.
Golf - Boys Varsity CC-Kuemper Invitational
 Carroll Municipal Golf Course
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Saturday, May 8
9 a.m.
Soccer - G/B Varsity Tournament vs Creston Community
 Creston High School
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Saturday, May 8
Location & Time TBA
Track & Field - G/B JH State Meet
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Monday, May 10
4:30 p.m.
Track & Field - Girls Varsity Meet vs Martensdale-St Marys Community School
 Martensdale-St Marys Community School District
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Monday, May 10
5 p.m.
Soccer - Girls Varsity Game vs DMC
 Panorama Community School
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Monday, May 10
7 p.m.
Soccer - Boys Varsity Game vs DMC
 Panorama Community School
www.panoramaschools.org

Monday, May 10
6 p.m.
School Board Meeting
www.panoramaschools.org

Monday, May 10
6:30 p.m.
Panora City Council meeting
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RECIPE

Vegetarian stuffed peppers

BY JOLENE GOODMAN



Jolene Goodman

Spring is the time to get back into your yard and garden to prepare for the growing season ahead. My mother is the one I thank for nurturing my love for gardening. Her green thumb turned our yard into a patchwork of blooms, color and texture that we all admired and enjoyed. However, she was never interested in a vegetable garden. Although, we did grow strawberries and rhubarb, which explains the sweet tooth I battle today.

A produce garden has always intrigued me, growing and caring for plants that would produce food we can eat. How satisfying! However, it has only been in the last 10 or so years that I have been successful in cultivating plants that produce something my family will enjoy. I just planted butter lettuce and spinach and look forward to adding in larger plants like tomatoes, peppers and herbs in May. This month's recipe caught my eye as I look forward to the peppers we pick in July.

Going back to my sweet tooth, I have two amazing rhubarb crisp recipes that I will share next time. ■

Jolene Goodman is the advertising director for Lake Panorama Times and resides with her husband Shane on Lake Panorama.

VEGETARIAN STUFFED PEPPER

Prep time: 25 minutes
Cook time: about 1 hour
Servings: 4

Ingredients

4 red bell peppers
1/2 cup, plus 1 tablespoon, vegetable oil, divided
1 cup white onion (about 1 medium), 1/4-inch diced
4 cups cremini or brown mushrooms (about 1 pound), 1/4-inch diced
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1 teaspoon black pepper
1 cup Real California Oaxaca cheese, shredded
cooked white rice, for serving

Directions

Preheat oven to 400 F.

Rub bell peppers with 1 tablespoon oil then use grill, broiler or gas stovetop burner to cook peppers, turning occasionally, until well charred, 12-15 minutes. Transfer to bowl, cover and set aside until cool enough to handle, about 10 minutes.

In large skillet over medium heat, warm remaining oil. Add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until starting to brown, 3-5 minutes. Add mushrooms, garlic salt and black pepper; cook, stirring occasionally, until mushrooms are browned and liquid is almost entirely evaporated, 7-10 minutes.



Rub charred skin from bell peppers. Slice off tops and remove seeds. Fill bell peppers with mushroom mixture, top with cheese and arrange in baking dish. Replace bell pepper tops and bake until cheese melts, 8-10 minutes. Serve with cooked rice.

OBITUARY

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STEVE MOLINE

Stephen "Steve" Harold Moline, 60, husband of Kathryn "Kathy" Mary Moline of Panora, passed away on March 14, 2021, surrounded by family in his home after a long, hard-fought battle with cancer.

Born Aug. 23, 1960, in Fort Dodge, along with his twin brother Scott, he was the son of the late James and Margaret Moline.

Steve grew up on the farm in Rolfe, which played a major role in what shaped him during his formative years. Steve would be the first to credit his parents in helping to mold him into the wonderful man, husband, parent, brother and friend that he became. After graduating from Rolfe High School, Steve attended Iowa State University where he left with a degree in Agricultural Economics and went on to earn his law degree from the University of Iowa. Steve spent a short period of his professional career in the private law sector before spending the bulk of his career at the Iowa Attorney General Office's Farm Division as an Assistant Attorney General. Steve spent the last part of his career as the Division Director for the Iowa Department of Agriculture. He took great pride in being a public servant and devoted his career to "helping the good guys." His colleagues will remember his intellect, wit, humor and directness in helping navigate the State of Iowa through many difficult situations.

Steve met the love of his life, Kathy, at the AG's office where they both worked and would go on to be married in 1988. They moved to Dallas Center in 1991 where they would raise their two sons, Jake and Adam, who would go on to be Steve's greatest accomplishments. Steve and Kathy made a great team and will forever be remembered as such. Nothing was more important to Steve than his family and his faith. Steve became a fixture of the community in Dallas Center through coaching his boys and their friends in baseball, basketball and football on countless teams. He served on the DCG school board and helped to move the school district forward during some trying times.

Steve had many passions in life, but few superseded his love for golf and the Iowa State Cyclones, both of which can let you down more often than not, but the good times always keep you coming back. Steve and Kathy moved to Lake Panorama in 2010 where they built their dream home and were able to enjoy 10 years of building new friendships and playing in golf outings together. Steve and Kathy won the last tournament they played in together, the



"Divorce Open" at LPN, while Steve was battling cancer.

Steve was a great example of how a person can be both hardworking and empathetic. His kindness and humor will be missed by everyone who knew him. He had no major regrets in life other than what he will miss. We will miss Steve every day but know that he is already watching over us and will continue to live on through those who knew and loved him.

Steve is survived by his spouse, Kathy of Panora; his sons, Jake (Maddy) of Adel and Adam (Angie) of Minneapolis, Minnesota; his two grandchildren, Hazel Mae and George Stephen of Adel; his brother, Scott (Jayne Tabor) of Indianola; and many nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Margaret, and his infant brother (Baby Moline).

A service for close friends and family was held Saturday, March 20, 2021, at the Dallas Center United Methodist Church in Dallas Center. A private burial will be held later this spring.

To make a contribution in memory of Steve, please visit GiGi's Playhouse at <https://gigisplayhouse.org/desmoines/>. Arrangements by Iles Brandt Chapel - Dallas Center. ■

DOUG HEMPHILL RETIRES AS PRESIDENT OF FARMERS STATE BANK

Doug Hemphill, president and CEO of Farmers State Bank of Yale (FSB), retired as president on March 17. His successor is former vice president, Scott Stanley. Hemphill will continue as the bank's CEO.

Hemphill has been with FSB for more than 46 years. In his time at the bank, he has overseen a number of changes including building updates, regulations and new banking products and services. The biggest changes at the bank have occurred in the area of technology.

"Technology has had such an effect at the bank. When I started, all of the bookkeeping was done manually with posting machines," Hemphill said. "Now the bookkeeping is done with computers in the cloud. It's amazing. Every employee has a computer on their desk."

Hemphill cites his biggest accomplishment as growing FSB from \$5.9 million in 1975 to \$60 million in 2021.

"Helping drive the bank growth over the years has been what I'll be most proud of," he says. "It really has been a wonderful career."

As far as his successor, Hemphill has nothing but positive comments.

"After working with Scott for over 11 years, I know that he has the skills to manage the bank and to continue providing FSB's customers the same high quality, trustworthy service that they have come to expect."

Stanley graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in finance in 2006. He was hired by FSB in 2009 as a loan officer and was

promoted to vice president in 2015. On his promotion to president, Stanley is excited about the future at the bank.

"FSB's foundation has been, and will continue to be, built on customer relationships, trust and community," he states. "We take great pride in providing excellent customer service and supporting our community. Our customer service is how we differentiate ourselves amongst other financial institutions."

On his predecessor, Stanley is thankful and complimentary.

"Doug has been a tremendous leader for this organization. It would be tough to find anyone else who is more professional or knowledgeable in banking. I can't thank him enough for

his 46 years of dedication to FSB. He's taught me many of these traits, and I look forward to utilizing them for the years to come."

Stanley goes on to say, "I want to sincerely thank Doug and the board of directors for giving me the opportunity to lead FSB. I look forward to continuing FSB's legacy, deepening customer relationships and growing the bank. Our customers' financial interest has always been and will always be our first priority."

Farmers State Bank serves customers in Yale and the surrounding communities.

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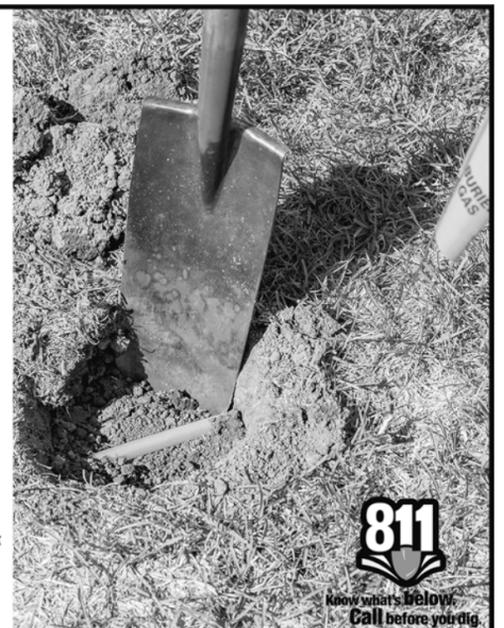
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Trish Hart was featured in a story in the March edition of Lake Panorama Times along with vibrant photos she has taken of Lake Panorama wildlife. Response to that feature led us to ask Hart if she'd

provide a monthly nature photo for this publication, and she heartily agreed. Many of Hart's photos are of birds, which she captures digitally as they sit on feeders on the deck of her home or in nearby

trees. This month's photo is a male American Robin, perched in a tree, enjoying some winter berries. According to the Audubon Society, robins winter as far north as Canada. With the breakup of flocks

prior to the nesting season, when we here in Iowa see our "first robin of spring," it may be a bird that has wintered only a few miles away, not one that just arrived from southern climates.

Hart launched "Nature's Canvas Photography" on Facebook in January 2021, offering custom prints of her photos on canvas, paper, metal and glass. Visit [NaturesCanvasPhotos](https://www.facebook.com/NaturesCanvasPhotos) on Facebook. ■



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LPA BUILDING CODES, BUOYS, WETLANDS AND MORE

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

As LPA project manager, Rumelhart is responsible for managing the LPA building codes. He also has taken over management of some projects financed by the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) and assists with LPA communications, the annual deer hunt program, and campground and beach management. In this month's Q&A, Rumelhart highlights the LPA building codes, plus talks about some upcoming 2021 projects.

Q. How many building permits were issued by the LPA in 2020?

A. In 2020, LPA issued 93 building permits and 70 land disturbing permits. Twenty-six of the building permits were new homes. I am starting to see a trend of members demolishing old homes and building new homes over the existing areas. Members are limited by the size of the lot and the septic field required for the home. More and more lots are maximizing septic and lateral field areas for homes. I work closely with the Guthrie County Sanitarian, Mike Stringham, to ensure all homes have the required space for their lateral field.

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

A. New homes, additions, garages (both attached and detached), storage sheds, decks, gazebos, fences, swimming pools, permanent docks, shoreline shelters and any other structure that would require adequate footings to be built all require building permits. Remodel projects inside the home, redoing a roof, or anything that doesn't change the footprint of the home or structure does not need a permit.

Any kind of excavation that is closer than 100 feet to the lake or disturbs more than 1,000 square feet of land requires a land disturbing permit. If a homeowner wants to pave an existing driveway, they don't need a land disturbing permit. But if a member is creating a new type of walkway or driveway, a permit would be required. Lot clearing, basement repairs, and most new landscaping projects require a land disturbing permit.

Bottom line – if you have questions whether you need a permit for a planned project, it's always best to call me and ask. When in doubt, give LPA a shout.

Q. For those who want to do their own research, how can people view or get a copy of the LPA building codes?

A. We have all the necessary forms on the LPA website — lakepanorama.org. We have a direct link to the codes on the main page. I also can email the codes. Send requests to lrumelhart@lakepanorama.org. During these COVID times, members also can schedule a time to stop by the office and pick up a copy of the codes, rules and regulations, etc. by calling 641-755-2301.

Q. What is the process members should follow if they are thinking about building something?

A. The process is a bit different for each project and depends on both the nature of the project and the permit applicant's level of preparedness. The first step should always be to contact me. I will get members and contractors all the necessary information on what I need to be able to approve a permit.

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

Q. What are the responsibilities of the volunteer building codes committee?

A. The Building Codes Committee (BCC) has an important job. Their two main functions are to recommend any updates to the LPA building codes and to hear variance requests from members. The main goal of the committee is to uphold LPA's aesthetic integrity and protect the quality of the environment around the lake.

I do my best to give the committee a clear interpretation of the LPA codes and rules along with a description of each member's request for a variance. The committee members decide which variances to recommend to the LPA Board of Directors for granting. The BCC meets the second Monday of every month at 6 p.m. to review member requests.

The committee needs a specific reason to grant a variance. For example, the LPA Building Codes state homes shall be built with a roof pitch that is 6/12 or steeper. Lately, many home designs have incorporated a more "modern" look with a shallower pitch, like a 4/12 pitch. These homes are still designed with acceptable aesthetics to LPA. The committee has approved many requests for a shallower roof pitch. If the BCC does not grant a request, the group does their best to offer alternative options that would be acceptable to LPA.

This committee also offers

sound advice on changes made to the building codes and permit forms. Last year, I worked with the members to add language to our codes about renewable energy sources being added to homes. As times change, necessary adjustments are made to keep new ideas in line with LPA's goals. The Building Codes Committee is a great starting point for these modifications.

Q. Last year you guided work on a water safety survey. Has anything happened because of that?

A. The survey showed LPA needed to emphasize two key areas leading into 2021 — buoy readability and water security. I worked with Jerry Armstrong, who has been the LPA security chief the last four years and recently retired, to tackle buoy readability. We ordered new stickers for all buoys that had Hazard, Dam, Keep Right, No Boats, and Ski Area verbiage.

These new stickers now have the wording placed at the top of the buoy. The old verbiage had half of the phrase on top, and the other half below the symbol. This was an issue as summer progressed because algae and other scum would accumulate on these words and make the language unreadable. These stickers are vinyl wraps that have been wrapped around the top of all the older buoys.

LPA also took a hard look at which buoys caused most concern from the membership. The "Slow No Wake" and "10 MPH" buoys were talked about quite often. LPA ordered all new "No Wake" and "10 MPH" buoys that are 20 inches taller than the previous buoys. The previous buoys were 60 inches tall, and these new ones are 80 inches tall. We also added two 80-inch buoys to replace the "Keep Right" buoys in the Narrows. We will be adding signage to these buoys regarding the towing restrictions in the Narrows on weekends and holidays.

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

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

Managing the wetlands is one of my favorite parts of this job. I adjust the pool levels according to the time of year. I try to get a higher pool elevation from March through October to catch more silt during the time period we are likely to receive rain. I lower the level in the winter months to put less stress on the grouted riprap by the wetland overflow structure.

I also look at the vegetation



around each wetland to make sure native flora gets established. Right now I am trying to get a better establishment of native plants on the Smith Wetland, as it is our newest management area. It often takes three to five years for a wetland to get a healthy establishment.

We have plans to add a fourth wetland north of the Smith Wetland in the future. We have encountered some additional regulatory hoops to jump through for this project, so it has set our timeline back a bit. We still plan to get it accomplished.

LPA RIZ's No. 1 goal with these wetlands is to stop silt from entering Lake Panorama. There are secondary benefits, too, such as the reduction of nitrogen and phosphorus in the water. These chemicals are part of the reason blue algae blooms occur in the summer. LPA has previously conducted some sampling of the wetlands to measure nitrogen reduction of the impoundment and had results consistent with other wetlands across Iowa.

Q. As LPA project manager, one of your responsibilities is to oversee and assist with new projects, often at Lake Panorama's three beaches. What will be new in 2021?

A. Members will notice a new retaining wall at Boulder Beach this summer. Whether you are driving by on your boat or playing in the sand, you cannot miss this new addition. The old retaining wall was overgrown and started to fail. During the fall of 2020, LPA decided it was time for an upgrade. Now parents can easily sit behind the wall and see their children playing without being blocked by overgrown shrubs. We have discussed adding some benches behind the wall to make time at the beach more enjoyable. Some planters will be added later this spring to add some color to the area, while remaining easy to maintain.

Some projects I'm involved in are funded by donations to Friends of Lake Panorama. I helped coordinate the new

playground installation at Shady Beach last fall and am doing the same thing now with the new playground at Boulder Beach, with installation planned in late April. As they did at Shady Beach, the LPA maintenance staff will handle the ground preparation by digging out the area for the equipment. Boland Recreation's team then will install the pieces and LPA staff will come back to fill in the area with mulch. I'm also assisting with plans for three new memorial benches this spring.

Fundraising for a dog park continues through Friends and is just starting to take shape. I adjusted our agreement with the tenant on the LPA hay ground that will be used for the park. I have flagged the area so members can see the rough size and shape of the park and will be working to finalize construction estimates soon and hopefully break ground in August. The construction likely will be done in two phases. The first phase will include the fencing installation and turf establishment. More of the amenities like signage and water hookup will take place next spring.

Q. You've described your position as project manager as being a utility player in sports, meaning you handle a variety of things rather than specializing in just one thing. Were you a utility player in high school sports?

A. I played four sports all four years of high school — football, wrestling, golf and baseball. I stuck to just wrestling for four years at Central College. I now help coach wrestling at ACGC High School. When I'm not on the mat, I enjoy pursuing whitetails and helping my family manage our farms for better wildlife. I also have a close group of friends I enjoy spending time with. We usually get together to watch sports, golf or play yard games. I enjoy reading personal development books and am always taking recommendations for some new reading, so feel free to send your ideas my way! ■

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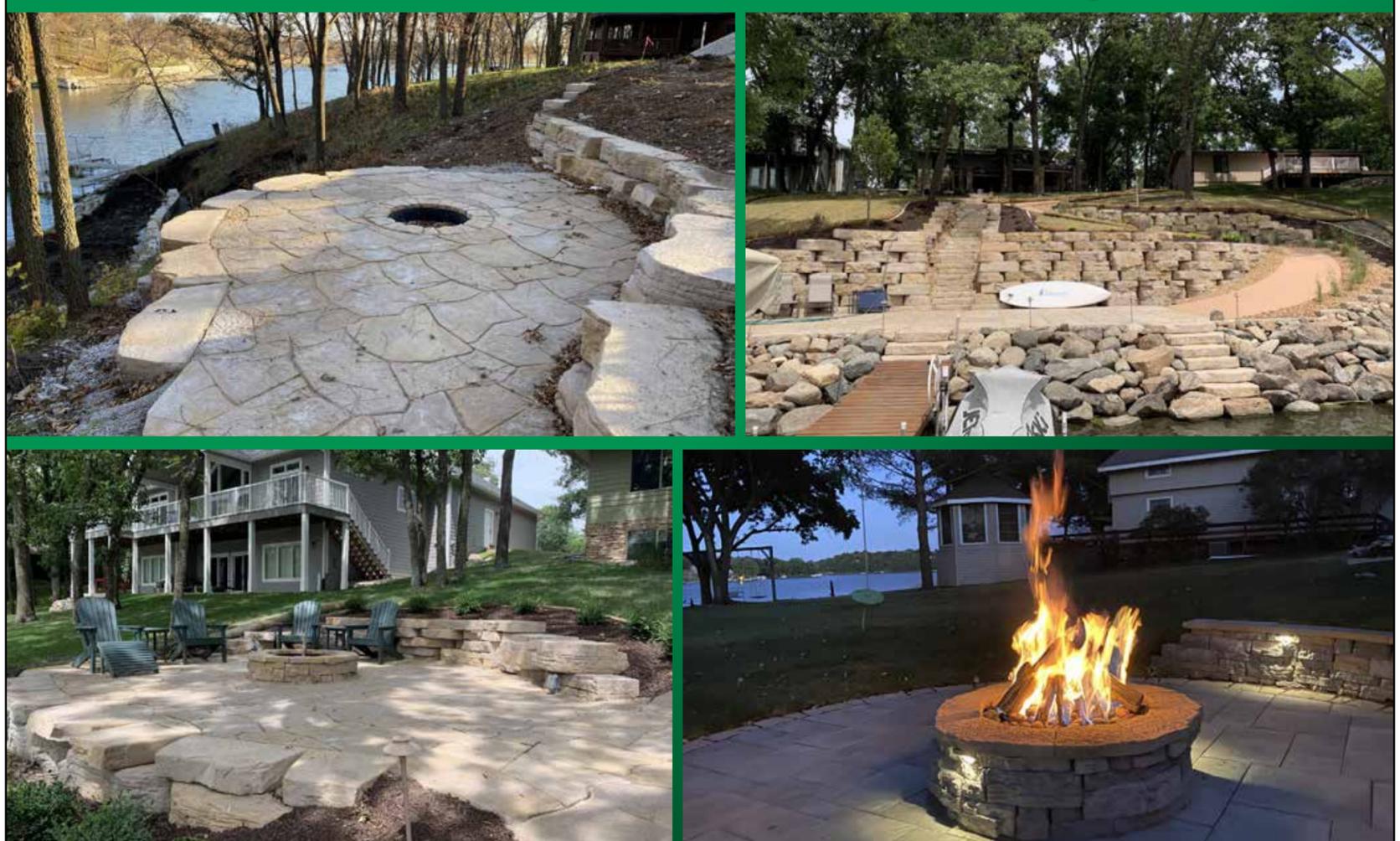


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LAKE DOG & COVE CAT

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LAKE DOG

Name: Rory
Age: 2 years old
Breed: Cavapoo (King Charles Cavalier/poodle)
Owners: Sherri and Scott Miller

Rory enjoys walks and rides in boats, golf carts or cars. Just say “ride,” and her ears perk up. She even has her own car seat in the boat and in the cars so she can find just the right viewing spot. Rory jumps in it herself and waits to be buckled in. She is owner Sherri’s shadow and enjoys spending time with granddaughter Ellie (pictured), too. Rory likes to play fetch but doesn’t appreciate the squirrels or geese so much.



COVE CAT

Name: Hailey Jo
Age: 13 years old
Breed: Mixed Calico
Owners: Joan and Bill Fisher

Hailey Jo, a seven-toed cat, enjoys having her tummy rubbed, sitting on the deck and following the sun around to the west side to look at the lake. When the boats are in, she naps on them under the lift canopy. Hailey Jo is an outdoor kitty, but she has a heated “condo” in the garage and is closed in the garage every night for safety. She does come in the house and has been trained to only lay on strategically placed towels. When she wants to go outside, she comes to find you and walks to the nearest door to be let out. She’s very sweet and seems to love everyone. Even non-cat people can’t resist her sweet charms. ■



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