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NEVER TOO COLD TO FISH

Lake Panorama provides year-round outdoor opportunities.

BY DARREN TROMBLAY
Lake Panorama Times

Tired of being cooped up indoors? Just because the cold winter months are here doesn't mean one can't enjoy the great outdoors at Lake Panorama. Old Man Winter's arrival means cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, skating and, of course, ice fishing.

Ask any true fisherman (or woman), and he or she will tell you the pandemic may have canceled a lot of things over the last year, but fishing isn't one of them. In the winter, a number of ice fishing shacks dot the lake, as well as a few enthusiasts who prefer the more primitive "ice bucket, pole and manual auger" experience.

To each their own, but the one thing they all share is a love of dropping a line into the water and patiently waiting for that first bite.

Brian Peppmeier owns a "getaway" home on the west side of Lake Panorama, a place he and his wife bought last November. They've spent the last year upgrading it to the point where it's habitable. Unfortunately, that meant little time for fun. But over the course of those months, Peppmeier has noticed how much he enjoyed the simplicity of just being there.

"I think I like it out there in the winter almost as much as the summer," he says. "It's so quiet; there's wildlife out there."

And fishing. Despite being a relative newbie to the sport,

Peppmeier is all in on the enthusiasm front. He's learning.

"Ice fishing is different than regular fishing," he says. "They (fish) don't hit your lures the way they would during normal fishing, so it definitely takes a feel."

Peppmeier has been honing his skills, which were helped along greatly when he received a fishing tent for Christmas.

"I like to be comfortable and don't like to be cold, so that was pretty nice," he says. "You can put a heater in there and probably be in a T-shirt in there if you wanted to. It's pretty comfortable, with a padded bench in it, and a sled under it where you can put all your stuff to carry around. A little heater will warm it up in a couple minutes."

Peppmeier bought a used gas-powered auger to drill holes in the ice and invested in around 10 ice fishing poles so, if family members or friends want to go out, they can. He also bought a Vexilar fish finder. Once his friend, Dan, showed him how to use it, it's become an invaluable tool.

"Now that I know how to use it, I don't think I'd go fishing without it," Peppmeier admits. "You can literally see your lure on the screen, the depth, and watch fish follow your lure if they're there."

Peppmeier has just begun to figure out the lake's intricacies — where the "hot spots" are. A cove that he fishes frequently has yielded good results, primarily at 7-8 feet of depth near a main channel and

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Brian Peppmeier (right) and his friend Dan Gilliatt fishing on Lake Panorama.

Friends of Lake Panorama projects move forward

Additional donations in the last two months of 2020 made it possible to add one bench and a second spring rider to the Boulder Beach playground.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Progress continues on two Friends of Lake Panorama projects.

For the past 14 months, the charity focused on raising \$70,000 for new playground equipment at both Shady and Boulder Beaches. New play equipment and a bench were installed at Shady Beach last October, the same month the \$70,000 goal was reached.

Additional donations of \$1,700 in

the last two months of 2020 made it possible to add one bench and a second spring rider to the Boulder Beach playground. The Boulder Beach play equipment was ordered in January for spring delivery.

The new spring rider is a bright green frog. Both it and the yellow bumble bee spring rider already planned will be installed in the existing playground. All other equipment will be located in a second playground south of the existing one.

The new bench also will be located in this second playground.

In the existing playground, a swinging bench donated by Marcia Priestley in memory of Bill Priestley will be installed. The timing of the delivery and installation of these benches and playground equipment will be dependent on spring weather conditions.

A sign recognizing all donors of \$500 or more will be installed near both playgrounds.

The latest priority project for Friends is the Lake Panorama Dog Park. Fundraising for this project began in September 2020. The goal is \$50,000 to construct the park and provide all desired amenities. On Feb. 1, the total raised for the dog park stood at \$33,000.

The park will be located at the corner of Sage Trail and RV Road, near the east campground.

Plans include a 6-foot-high chain link fence 650 feet long and 155 feet

wide. There will be two sections, one for small dogs and one for large dogs. A single entrance will be protected by a keyless lock and overhead roof. Once inside this gate, users can choose a gate to either the large dog or small dog area.

The facility will be open to LPA members and their guests. A sign recognizing donors of \$500 or more will be posted at the dog park.

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LAKE PANORAMA 2021 GOLF LEAGUE PLANS

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

There are several options to participate in golf leagues in 2021 at the two courses owned by the Lake Panorama Association. Both courses are operated by the LPN, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the LPA.

At the 18-hole Lake Panorama National, all league players must have an LPN annual membership and an established USGA handicap. The cost of the handicap is \$30 plus tax per person per year. With questions about LPN memberships or the USGA handicap, call the LPN pro shop at 641-755-2024.

Men's leagues are on Wednesdays. For the 18-hole noon league, members can play from the white, yellow or red tees. This is individual play, using the Stableford scoring system. Nine-hole, match play leagues begin at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Players in the 3 p.m. league can play from either red or white tees. Players in the 6 p.m. league can play from either yellow or white tees. Cost of all men's leagues is \$75.

The Men's Stag on May 5 will kick off the league season. Members or potential members are invited to attend compliments of the LPN. Cocktails and munchies begin at 5:30 p.m. with a brief program and raffle drawing at 6 p.m. League play begins May 12.

For women, Lake Panorama National offers both a 9-hole and an 18-hole league on Thursdays. The 9-hole league uses a two-person, match-play format. It begins with announcements at 5 p.m. and a shotgun start at 5:15 p.m.

The 18-hole league begins at 2:15 p.m., with assigned tee times and individual play using the Stableford point system. The 18-hole league is limited to 24 players and is close to being full. To become a member of this league, or join a waiting list once it is full, contact Kathy DeLuca, 641-757-2844, larryba@netins.net; or Linda Reis, 515-490-1454,

linda.reis@gmail.com.

Both women's leagues gather in The Links after play for weekly food and drink specials and to recognize special event winners. Annual league dues are \$75, which covers the kickoff dinner, post-season party and league prizes. A kickoff dinner planned for May 6 begins at 5:30 p.m. League competition gets underway May 13.

The Nine & Wine Series involves nine holes of golf at the LPN on seven Monday afternoons, June 7 and 21; July 12 and 26; and Aug. 9, 23 and 30. Cost is \$75 for LPN members and \$180 for Panorama West members. Check in at 3 p.m. with a 3:30 p.m. tee off. The format is a 4-person, 2-couple best shot, with teams assigned each week by a blind draw. There are weekly prizes and season-ending champions. After play, the couples enjoy wine and food specials in The Links.

At Panorama West, there is a Tuesday morning women's league, a Tuesday evening men's league, and a Thursday morning men's league. League members must either purchase an annual Panorama West membership, or pay the \$16 daily green fee.

The women's league is individual play with weekly prizes and special events. Dues for the year are \$30. A kickoff luncheon is planned for Tuesday, April 27 at the LPN conference center. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at noon. The cost is \$15. Make reservations with Nini VonBon, vonbonjk@hotmail.com or 515-321-4000.

League play begins May 4 with a two-gal mixer at 9 a.m. The first day of regular play will be May 11 utilizing a shotgun start format. Players will choose their desired tee times in advance, with options being 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., or 11 a.m. The last day of regular play will be Aug. 24. A four-gal best-shot and awards luncheon will be Aug. 31. For more information, contact Sue Merryman, 641-751-5956 or suemerryman@gmail.com.

The Tuesday evening men's league begins April 27 and runs through Aug. 31. Dues are \$20 to cover weekly prizes, plus individual scores are turned in for prizes at the end of the year. Play begins at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Jay Merryman at 641-751-5957 or jaymerryman1@gmail.com; or Bill Eby at 515-240-7652 or wheby@stineseed.com.

The Thursday morning men's league begins May 6 with an 8 a.m. shotgun start, something that began last season in response to the pandemic. The 8 a.m. shotgun starts for regular league play, followed by an optional scramble for \$1, will continue for 18 weeks. A tournament and banquet will follow. Dues of \$25 covers regular play with weekly cash prizes and individual awards at the end of the season. For more information, contact Virgil Hoehne at 641-757-0962.

There is one more opportunity for competitive golf at Panorama West in 2021 as couples are invited to participate in six "Fore Fun Friday Couples" competitions.

This two-couple scramble with fun twists and strategies will be held June 4, June 18, 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.

Annual membership forms for both LPN and Panorama West, plus LPN golf league forms, are available at lakepanoramana-national.com. ■

ON THE LAKE

Home improvements, winter activities, photos and the best

BY SHANE GOODMAN
Editor and Publisher

Inside this issue of Lake Panorama Times, you will find our second effort at a local Home Improvement Guide. The section is full of local stories with before-and-after photos of various projects that Lake Panorama residents have taken on and completed. With COVID-19 limiting much of what most of us can do, many residents have decided to tackle those home projects that have been on their lists. We hope that this section will inspire you to do the same and that you will use the many local businesses that are advertising their goods and services to make your home improvement dreams become reality.



Shane Goodman

Who goes to a lake home in Iowa in the winter?

Actually, you might be surprised. Of course, many Lake Panorama residents live on the lake year round and stay active, but even those who typically stay in their permanent homes in the colder months have found ways to enjoy the lake all year round. We feature a handful who are ice fishing in a feature story this month, and we hope to share more stories of lake residents and their wintertime activities. We understand if you have your hands full this year with work, family and other undertakings at home, but maybe this will inspire you to come out to Lake Panorama and enjoy the outdoors — or put a puzzle together by the fire with a cup of coffee, if that's more your thing. Either way, Lake Panorama offers something for everyone, even in the winter.

Have wintertime photos to share?

Nature shots? Snow-shoeing? Ice skating? Snowmen (or snowwomen)? We would like to publish them in Lake Panorama Times. Simply email them to me at shane@dmcityview.com for consideration.

Best of Lake Panorama?

Those of you who read the other publications we publish may be familiar with CITYVIEW magazine and our Best of Des Moines Readers' Poll. It has become the most popular and respected poll of its kind with approximately 14,000 votes cast this year. In compiling the results, I began to wonder if something like this could work for Lake Panorama, on a smaller scale. The poll questions could be a mix of serious and fun, and we could have an event of some sort this summer to announce the winners. I would appreciate hearing your thoughts on this. Shoot me a note on the "Get In Touch" form at www.lakepanoramatimes.com or email me at shane@dmcityview.com. And check out www.dmcityview.com this month to see how we have done it there.

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additional drop offs. Where a structure is nearby, there may be fish, he says.

The majority of the other people Peppmeier has seen this fishing season have been dropping their lures in the vicinity of the marina, he says, which has rendered good results as well.

The ice isn't consistently thick across the lake, so safety is a top priority for Peppmeier. In rendering a verdict as to whether or not an area is safe and thick enough to bear weight, remember: Good ice is clear. Milky-looking is not. The stronger, the better, Peppmeier says. At least 4 inches of ice is a good starting point.

"I'm probably overly cautious," he says. "There are probably people who would go out on 2 inches of ice, but I wouldn't do that. Because even with 2 inches, your next step could be a half an inch. It's been a good, consistent 6

inches since we started going out this year, and I feel pretty confident in that."

A bad day fishing is better than a good day at work, though. Even if Peppmeier isn't having the best of luck reeling in the gilled ones, he's still doing something he enjoys.

"It's not even as much about fishing for me, as it is about being out there and relaxing," he says. "I feel like, as soon as we drive there and turn down that road where it starts to get wooded, there's a big sense of relaxation. We've seen quite a bit of deer, a fox, an eagle that flies over quite a bit.

"You can either sit in the house all day or find something to do outside. My wife has done some snowshoeing, and we take our dogs for walks quite a bit, too. Fishing is just one more thing to do that is relaxing and gets you outside. Obviously, it's more fun if you're catching fish, but

it's just about being there."

ON THE MOVE

Scott Stanley lives just off the water in the main basin near the marina of Lake Panorama.

Come late October to early November, he's getting primed and ready for ice fishing. The first step is to do that initial ice strength test.

"I always have an ice chisel with me, and, generally, if you pound that out in front of you, if it's 3 inches or less in depth, the chisel will go right through," he says. "Clear ice is the best ice. Cloudy, white ice is not the safest, and it's the hardest to judge just because you can't see the cracks to judge the depth. Four-plus inches is the safe spot."

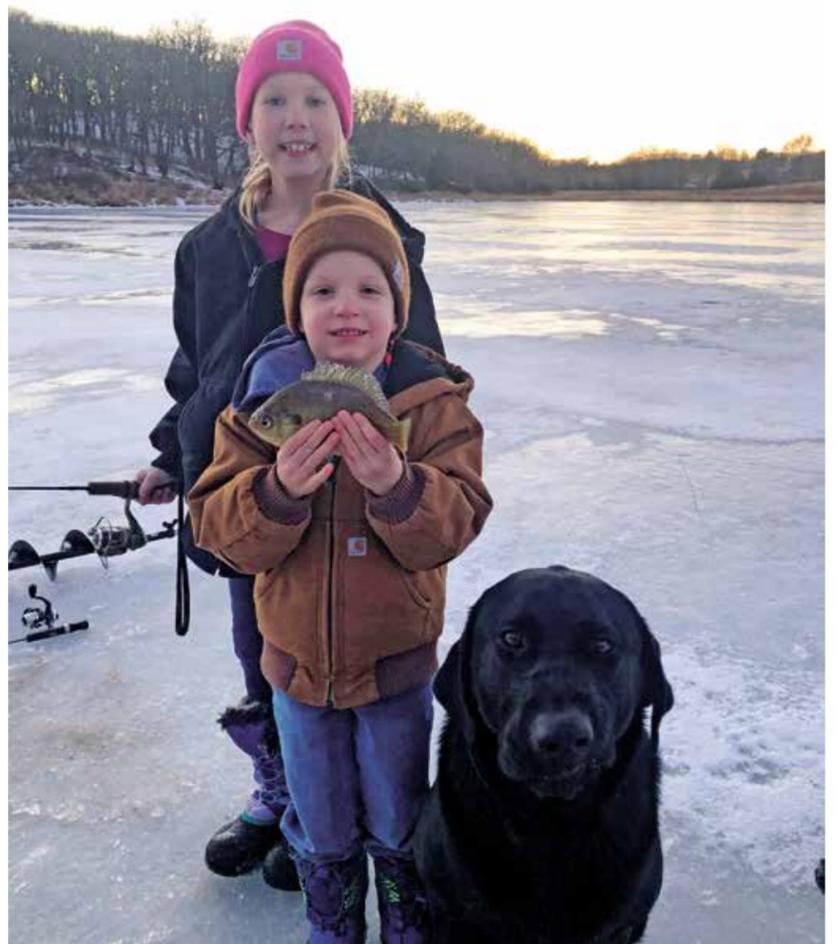
Even then, though, it's best to err on the side of caution, he says.

"One spot will be 7 inches, and the next might be completely unsafe," he says.

This fishing season has been an odd one thus far, with Stanley not being able to drop a lure through the ice until around Christmas time, he says. It was too warm. The arrival of more consistently cold temperatures recently has solved that. But it hasn't made the success rate any better. Fishing on Lake Panorama can be tough.

"The lack of cover being the primary reason," he says. There are a few spots with cover, however, including one of his favorite spots, the jetty near the marina. On a good day, one might find four or five shacks in that area alone. "It's a good spot because you can catch all different kinds of species, from walleyes to catfish, bass, bluegills. You can catch them all there."

The jetty can also be a difficult fishing spot due to its popularity and ease of accessibility, Stanley says. For those seeking a less-trafficked spot, he recommends the Shady Beach area, where there's an underwater rock point that



Alyssa Stanley, 9, and Blake Stanley, 5, enjoy going with their dad, Scott Stanley, on the lake for some ice fishing.

juts out, complete with a river channel flowing next to it. The transition from shallow water to a sudden drop off of anywhere from 12 to 20 feet provides the fish a good cover and structure area. Trees in the area make it another prime locale for a good fishing experience, he says.

"If you can find the bait, you're going to find the fish," he says. "The old saying is that 90 percent of the fish in a body of water are located in 10 percent of it. You have to cover a lot of water when you ice fish and punch a bunch of holes.

My biggest advice would be to find a main lake point, or if you know where some trees are in water — anything with structure in the bottom — it's going to be an added benefit, just because the lake is pretty much barren the way it is. If you can find some sort of structure at the mouth of coves, that might also be a good spot because generally there's a stream or creek that's feeding in that has the forage for the bigger fish to go prey on."

Crappies, bluegills and walleyes can be hooked if you know how to get after them. But the

latter is by far the hardest to pull out of the lake, he says, noting that his biggest walleye catch was a 27 1/4-inch through the ice. Despite the fishing conditions being "a bit tricky" this season, he says, if you can find the fish, they've been willing to bite.

Stanley has been ice fishing more than 20 years, and, much like Peppmeier, says it's more than just about the fishing.

"It's definitely a social event," he says. "You want to take someone new, or it's

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Tips for safely enjoying outdoor activities

Protecting yourself from the elements is incredibly important. Here are some safety tips to keep in mind as you venture out into the cold.

- **Dress appropriately.** Since your body loses heat faster than you can produce it in the cold weather, make sure you dress appropriately. Wear a hat, boots, gloves and layers of loose-fitting, water-resistant clothing. Pay special attention to vulnerable areas such as the nose, ears, toes, cheeks, chin and fingers.

- **Stay hydrated.** Drinking plenty of fluids is just as important during the winter season as it is in the summertime. Since the cold air is dryer, it's easier to become dehydrated. If you plan to be outside for an hour or more, make sure to bring fluids with you.

- **Use sunblock.** Yes, even in the wintertime, you need to protect your skin. Use broad spectrum SPF 30 sunscreen daily (even on cloudy and snowy days), and make sure your skin is covered.

- **Monitor weather conditions.** Always check the weather forecast before heading out for your winter run, hike, or snowshoeing excursion. Inclement weather may force you to alter your plans, but it'll be better than getting stranded in a snowstorm.

- **Tell someone where you're going.** Outdoor winter adventures are fun, but the risks may be higher, depending on the activity you choose. A good rule of thumb for safety is to always tell someone where you're going and when you plan to return. ■

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Brian Peppmeier recently caught an 18.5-inch walleye.



Scott Stanley has caught many crappies while ice fishing on Lake Panorama.

a great family event. You can get in the shack with a heater, bring all the snacks and goodies you want, and camp out for a couple of hours. This year's been a lot different due to COVID, so there hasn't been the get-togethers with the friends, so we're looking forward to next fishing season and getting back on a regular pattern there."

It's also a family affair. The Stanley children — Alyssa, 9, and Blake, 5, — are hooked, too. Both began ice fishing with their dad when they were

4. For Stanley, their excitement at discovering a new sport was equally as gratifying for him. Many kids are followers of their parents' footsteps, he says, and when asked if they wanted to go, they immediately said "Yes!"

Mission accomplished. Now if only the fish will bite.

"At this age, you need to keep them entertained if the fish aren't biting, so you need to bring plenty of snacks," he admits. "Thankfully, every time we've gone, the fish have cooperated, and they have

had a blast. My son always says, 'I love feeling that classic 'tink' when a fish bites. Once I feel it, I set the hook!'"

The sheer excitement on the kids' faces is enough to keep them coming back for years to come.

"Nothing beats getting the kids outdoors and being active," Stanley says. "My kids agree that it's way better than being cooped up inside. The joy and excitement they have when they do catch the big one is my pure joy. I know one day they will do the same

with their kids."

Technological advances have made it easier to ice fish, too, Stanley says. Gas-powered ice augers have been a huge help, for starters.

"Twenty-five years ago, I went out with a hand-held auger and no other electronics," he says. "I'd basically go to a spot blind, punch holes, and have to find the depth to the bottom on my own. There was nothing efficient about it. Now there's all the technology and the fish maps. I'll look at maps of lakes be-

fore I go there just to find any hot spots. Once I do, I'll walk right there and start punching holes."

A lot of people go with live bait for lures, he says, but he prefers artificial lures.

"They stay on the hook a lot better, you can keep your gloves on more, and it's just a faster, more efficient approach," he says. "But, a lot of times, winter fish can be stubborn. They like that live bait. When that happens, my go-to are minnow heads on any type of jig."

In the state of Iowa, you are allowed two lines per license, with the option of buying a bonus line for an additional fee. Stanley usually has two, punching a hole for his "deadstick rod," as he calls it, which he places on a bucket while holding and jiggling his other pole.

"It's all about moving," he says. "If you punch a few holes in a general area, and you're not marking fish for 15 minutes, you need to get up and move and go somewhere else and find them." ■



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2020 IRA Deadlines Are Approaching

Here is what you need to know.

Many of us associate April with taxes – but we should also associate April with important IRA deadlines. April 15, 2021 is the deadline for making annual contributions to a traditional IRA, Roth IRA, and certain other retirement accounts.

You can make a yearly IRA contribution between January 1 of the current year and April 15 of the next year. Accordingly, you can make your IRA contribution for 2020 any time from January 1, 2020 to April 15, 2021.

Thanks to the SECURE Act, both traditional and Roth IRA owners can contribute to their IRAs past age 72 as long as they have taxable compensation (and in the case of Roth IRAs, MAGI below a certain level).

If you are making a 2020 IRA contribution in 2021, you must tell the custodian for which year you are contributing. If you fail to indicate the tax year that the contribution applies to, the custodian may make a default assumption that the contribution is for the current year.

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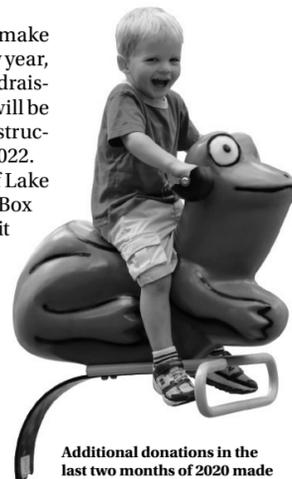
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End-of-year donations generally are higher as people make charitable contributions for tax purposes. But in this new year, dog park supporters who donated in 2020 can keep the fundraising momentum going by making a second donation that will be deductible on their 2021 tax returns. Organizers hope construction can begin in fall 2021 and the park open in spring 2022.

Donations can be made 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.

Currently, donations to Friends can be designated to the Lake Panorama Dog Park, the Friends general fund, any of the three beaches, or golf course beautification at either Lake Panorama National or Panorama West.

Details on all past and current projects are available on the Friends website. Friends of Lake Panorama also has a Facebook page. To keep up to date about Friends activities, "like" and "share" the Friends page. Questions or comments? Send an email to staff@friendsoflakepanorama.org. ■



Additional donations in the last two months of 2020 made it possible to add a bench and this green frog spring rider to the order for the Boulder Beach playgrounds.

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JEWELRY BUSINESS GOING STRONG AFTER 44 YEARS AND COUNTING

The Youngbergs have been Lake Panorama residents since December 2016.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The story of how two high school sweethearts from Davenport started and have maintained a retail jewelry store in Ames for nearly 45 years is an interesting one. What makes it even more interesting is they have a second home at Lake Panorama.

Gary Youngberg and Karen Mensing both made the Davenport varsity golf teams as sophomores.

"We played a lot of golf together and fell in love," says Gary.

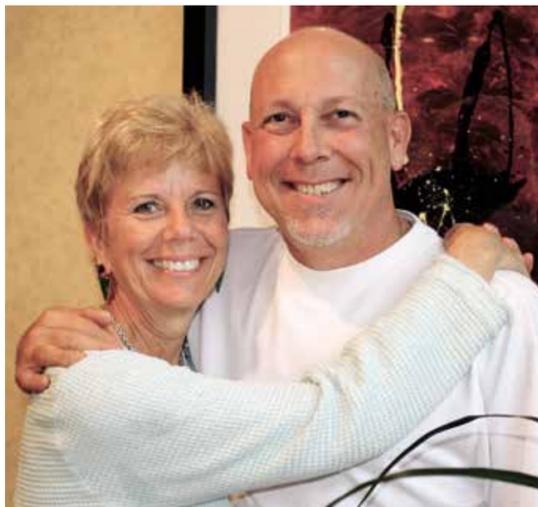
Gary attended the University of Iowa for his first year of college while Karen went to Iowa State.

"I hated college and considered quitting and becoming a policeman in Davenport," says Gary. "Karen encouraged me to finish the year in Iowa City and try Iowa State the next year, so I did. I liked Ames much better but still saw little value for me in college. My scholarships were running out, and I didn't want to borrow money to do something I didn't like, so I ended my college career."

Gary had always loved rocks and gems and had taught himself how to make jewelry from two books he checked out of the library while in college.

"Karen and I were 20 years old and had been doing some art shows with a modicum of success," he says. "I knew I loved what I was doing, so we started Ames Silversmithing in August of 1976 with \$1,500 from my savings account. I ran out of funds by the time we opened and was fortunate I was a waiter at a sorority so I could eat."

The couple married in June



Karen and Gary Youngberg, who purchased a house at Lake Panorama four years ago, have owned Ames Silversmithing for nearly 45 years.

of 1977. The same year, they moved Ames Silversmithing to a larger location at 220 Main in downtown Ames, where it remains today.

Originally working in silver and semi-precious stones, Gary continued producing his one-of-a-kind jewelry creations. As business grew, both Gary and Karen received their diamond training through the Gemological Institute of America, the leading gemological laboratory in the world. Soon, Gary was working in gold, platinum and diamonds, as well as an extensive selection of precious and semi-precious colored gemstones.

Gary says when he and Karen started the business in 1976, they didn't think about long-term success, yet the business continued to grow. In 1990, they more than doubled the size of the business by building a new facility on their old

site. In 2000, another expansion made room for two more workbenches, allowing four full-time artists to design and create jewelry.

In 2002, the couple's two sons joined the business. Kyle attended the University of Kansas for three years before returning home to graduate from Iowa State University in business. Kyle works in sales and customer relations, plus inventory management and administration. Kyle's wife, Katie Youngberg, has been a part of the business for more than a decade, and helps with sales, marketing, purchasing and inventory management.

The couple's younger son, Kirk, attended college for two years before joining the team. Gary says Kirk "brings an exciting and refreshing perspective to the bench in his jewelry designs." Kyle, Kirk and Katie all received their diamond train-



Ames Silversmithing has been at its location on Main Street in Ames since 1977.

ing and degrees from the Gemological Institute of America. Kirk's wife, Lori, works at Iowa State University as an ISU Extension program coordinator.

In 2004, Ames Silversmithing expanded again. The purchase of a property adjacent to the store allowed for expansion of both the retail and work areas.

"The extra space made it possible for us to completely redesign the retail area with all new showcases and interior displays," Gary says. "The extra space has been a benefit to not only the staff, but also for our customers."

Most customers come from a 60-mile radius around Ames, but the business has had customers from nearly every state in the country.

"We have a broad range of customers," Gary says. "The young couple looking for an engagement ring, the high schooler looking for a \$45 pair

of earrings for his girlfriend, the guy wanting to surprise his wife with an anniversary gift after 30 years of marriage, and the self-purchasers who want what they want."

Their busiest time is the last six weeks of the year, with spikes around Valentine's Day and spring wedding engagements.

The Youngbergs bought their Lake Panorama home in December 2016.

"Karen had been looking off and on at both Clear Lake and Lake Panorama," Gary says. "She worked with a realtor a few times, but we found out about the house through friends who live directly across Horseshoe Cove. They had looked at the property before buying where they did, called one of our sons and told him it had come on the market, and suggested Karen and I might like it."

The house is a cedar cabin

and features a point of land that sticks out into the cove.

"That is where our yellow lab named Koda and I love to sit and fish," Gary says. "I had a 'Koda's Point' marker made for the point."

The Youngbergs use their Lake Panorama home year-round.

"Our time there can range from a simple overnight to perhaps a week, but typically it is just one or two days at a time," says Gary.

The family enjoys Lake Panorama for many reasons.

"Being on the water is always fun, and the ability to fish when and for as long as I want is a real plus," says Gary. "With our two sons, their wives and six grandchildren all in Ames, the lake is a wonderful getaway that is very easy and convenient to get to. We

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FLOYD SAYLES

Floyd Linus Sayles, 97, passed away peacefully, Jan. 6, 2021, in his home overlooking Lake Panorama. He was surrounded by his loving family while comforted by the ambiance of a crackling fire.

Floyd, affectionately known as “Nobby,” was an active and long-time member of St. Cecelia Catholic Church in Panora. He was a member of the 1942 class of Dowling High School. Additionally, he was a former president of the Izaak Walton League and a member of Pheasants Forever

and Ducks Unlimited.

Floyd, a WWII veteran, served his country as a PBY Bombardier with the Navy. He often said he lived a lifetime before he was 20. Upon returning home from military service, Floyd married Patricia Ann Bloomberg. Together they raised their family of five children in a home lovingly referred to as “601.”

Floyd’s childhood passion for hunting and shooting led to a successful career, 10-X Manufacturing Company in Des Moines, specializing

in hunting and shooting apparel.

Retiring to Lake Panorama, Floyd spent countless hours with friends and family. Whether golfing, boating, water skiing or fishing, a good time was sure to be had. Special memories were made around summer camp fires. Floyd enjoyed his winter months in warmer climates and was a frequent visitor to see his son, Bill, and wife, Lorena, in Maui, where he enjoyed blowing a conch shell at sunset.

Floyd is survived by his

children, William Floyd Sayles (Lorena), Richard Alan Sayles (JoAnne), James Howard Sayles (fiancé Barbara Worrell) and Sheryl Mary Sayles-Begolka; son-in-law, Dr. Michael Friedman; 11 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Burton and Elsie (Fangman) Sayles; brother, Chester Sayles; his wife, Patricia Ann (Bloomberg) Sayles and daughter, Cynthia Ann (Sayles) Friedman.

Funeral services were held Jan. 12, 2021, at Sacred

Heart Catholic Church, West Des Moines. Interment with military honors was at Glendale Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Meals on Wheels of Stuart, Iowa, and Kindred Spirits Hospice, Panora.

Floyd will be greatly missed. Special thank you to Kindred Hospice of Panora, Iowa.

Love, prayers and thanks to friends who knew Floyd and made his life full. Arrangements by Iles Westover Chapel. ■



FRANK OSTBY

A Facebook livestreamed visitation was held for Franklin E. “Frank” Ostby, 78, of Winfield, Iowa, formerly of Panora, from 10 a.m. till 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 22 from the Kimzey Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant (<https://www.facebook.com/KimzeyFuneralHome>). Due to COVID, a family-only funeral service was livestreamed on the Kimzey Funeral Facebook page at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Pastor Jeff McPherson officiated. Burial will be at a later date. Online condolences may be directed to the funeral home website, <http://www.kimzeyfuneralhome.com>. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family for charities to be determined later.

Frank was born on Dec. 5, 1942, in Albert Lea, Minnesota, the son of Frida (Bakken) and P. Eugene Ostby. He was baptized and confirmed at First Lutheran Church of Albert Lea, Minnesota. Frank graduated from Albert Lea High School, earned his bachelor of arts degree in math education from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in 1966 and his master’s degree in math education from Drake University in 1974. He left this earth on Dec. 17, 2020, in Winfield, Iowa, after a short battle with lung cancer with his children by his side.

Frank married the love of his life, JoAnn Baasen, on June 8, 1968, at Rock Prairie Lutheran Church in rural Elbow Lake, Minnesota. They were married

52 years. They set a great example of how to love your spouse in good times and bad. Frank and JoAnn had three children, Cheryl, Kris and Paul.

Frank was a junior high math instructor for 14 years in West Union, Ioes, where he met several life-long friends. After teaching, Frank joined Heying Foods (West Union, Iowa) as the Production Manager and was transferred to Panora, Iowa. He finished his career with Gold Oval Eggs as Production Manager first in Renville, Minnesota, and finally Thompson, Iowa. Once retired, Frank and JoAnn spent time in Mesa, Arizona, in the winter. Wherever Frank lived, he made good friends.

Frank was highly active in the various churches where

he was member. He served as treasurer and was involved in choir and junior league. Frank loved to sing, play golf, bowl, play pool and card games. He also loved camping and family trips. Frank and JoAnn enjoyed traveling in the U.S. and on cruises. They traveled to Norway twice, as Frank held great pride in his Norwegian heritage. In Mesa, he loved to play pool volleyball; followed by “Happy Hour.” He was very proud of his three kids, and his grandchildren brought him great joy.

Frank is known for his kindness, compassion, friendship and his boisterous laugh, AKA “the Ostby” laugh. The three most important things that mattered to Frank were his family, church and

being a decent, respected person. He will be greatly missed.

Frank is survived by his wife, JoAnn, children Cheryl (Travis) Crawmer of Urbandale, Kris Davis (Mike Scheidt) of Van Meter, and Paul (Julie) Ostby of Mount Pleasant; sister Eldora (Jack) Kelly of Annadale, Virginia. There are eight grandchildren: Justin and Madison Crawmer, Jacob and Emma Davis, Brittan, Zach, Anna and Kolbein Ostby; sister-in-law, Carlyn (Ron) Nordby of Wilmar, Minnesota, and brother-in-law Gene Baasen of Hutchinson, Minnesota, and several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents and various other relatives. ■



GENE R. HARDY

Gene R. Hardy, 93, of Panora passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Jan. 21, 2021. Gene was born Sept. 23, 1927, to Harry Wm. and Nettie H. Larsen Hardy of Hampton, Iowa. He graduated from Hampton High School in 1945 and immediately enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 17, serving from 1945 to 1948.

Following his honorable discharge from the service Gene attended Ellsworth College in Iowa Falls and Iowa State University, graduating in 1953 with a degree in civil engineering. He started his engineering career as assistant county engineer for Madison County in Winterset, Iowa, until 1962, when he assumed the role as Dallas County Engineer in Adel, Iowa. On Jan. 12, 1973, Gene married Janet Jones Brehmer. They

continued living in Adel until Gene’s retirement in 1989, after his 27 years of service as Dallas County Engineer.

After retirement, Gene and his wife Jan moved to Lake Panorama, where he continued to use his expertise as a private property surveyor, a consultant for the Guthrie County Secondary Roads Department, and for Iowa Concrete Paving Association. Throughout his career, Gene was recognized for many professional achievements: most notably the 1973 Greene County Overlay Project, which was the most comprehensive study ever undertaken of fibrous concrete as an overlay in Federal Highway construction history.

Gene was community and civic minded, serving on numerous boards, including terms on both the Adel Community School board

and the Adel City Council. He was also a member of several organizations, including Lions Club International, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as well as many professional associations.

Gene was a popular and gregarious man with a big heart, a ready smile and a delightfully witty sense of humor. He dearly loved his family and his beloved dog, Steve. He loved living at the lake, playing cribbage and cheering on the Iowa State Cyclones. He was an avid golfer, having accomplished the amazing feat of 5 holes-in-one in his lifetime.

Gene is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Jan; his four children from his first marriage to Jean Ann: Steve (Kate) Hardy of Ames, Nancy Hardy Jennings of West Des Moines, Jim (Ryan) Hardy of West Des Moines,

and Ann (Dr. Tom) Wodniak of West Des Moines; and his stepchildren: Deborah (Mitch) Christensen of Humboldt and Julie Brehmer Schroeder of Coon Rapids.

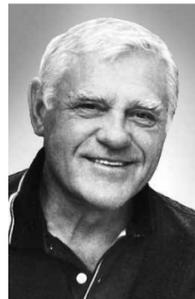
He is also survived by his grandchildren: Kurt (Dawn) Luther of Arizona, Kari Luther of Arizona, Amanda Hardy of Ames, Debi (Mike) Mills of Ames, Chrissy (Trent) Michalski of Earlham, Andrea (Mike) Petro of Delaware, Taylor (Rebekah) Jennings of Missouri, Christopher Wodniak of California, Natalie Wodniak of Virginia, Daly Hardy of West Des Moines, and Reese Hardy of West Des Moines; step-grandchildren: Justin (Abby) James of Bayard, Cheyne (Sarah) Christensen of Manson, Aaron (Larry) Christensen of Ankeny, Michelle (Jeremy) Smith of Dexter, Brandon (Kalea) Brehmer of Ankeny, Zach

(Claire) Brehmer of Waukee, Brady (Amanda) Brehmer of Carroll, and Trevor (Taylor) Brehmer of Breda; as well as twenty-eight great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Virgie Belle, Betty and Fern; daughter Cindy Hardy Luther Cash of Arizona; and stepson Michael Brehmer of Panora.

The family would like to express a special thank you to the staff at Hospice of the Midwest for their wonderful care and compassion for Gene and our family after he suffered complications from a fall.

At Gene’s request, no service will be held at this time. Cremated remains will be interred at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery. The family is planning a celebration of life at a later date. ■



MARY JONES

Mary Jones, 83, daughter of Joe and Grace (Seiberling) Barrer, was born Oct. 29, 1937, in Mitchellville, Iowa. She passed away Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021, at Glen Oaks Alzheimer Special Care Center in Urbandale.

Mary grew up and attended school in the Voorhies/Reinbeck area and graduated from Reinbeck High School in 1955. She attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls for two years.

Mary married Jim Jones on April 26, 1958. They made

their home in the Linden/Panora area where she was a homemaker and a wonderful mom to Julie, Teresa and Jackie. In the early 1970s, she attended Drake University during the summer to obtain her teaching degree, graduating in 1973.

For the next 24 years, she touched many lives in the Panora Linden School District, first as a 2nd grade teacher and ending her career as a kindergarten teacher.

Mary was an active member in the Panora community. You could find her volunteering

at the Panora library, 3C’s, Panora Care Center, or at WSO service events. She was also a very active member of St. Cecilia Church. Mary and Jim were also very involved in the Panoram School District, attending many athletic events, concerts, drama events and so on. Mary was named Citizen of the Year in 1993.

After retirement, Mary and Jim were frequently seen riding around town and on the bike trail on their tandem recumbent bike. They also took many bus trips visiting all

50 states, and also Scotland, Ireland and Canada. Going to Iowa State football and basketball games was also another retirement activity.

Mary is survived by daughters, Julie Tull of Clive and Jackie Teague (Bruce) of Stoughton, Wisconsin. Granddaughters, Erin Teague (Rod Schier) of Marshfield, Wisconsin, and Kelsie Teague of Stoughton, Wisconsin; great-grandson, Trytin Schier; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Tom and Deanna Jones of Sheldahl, Iowa, and many

nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by spouse Jim Jones, daughter Teresa Jones, parents Joe and Grace Barrer, brother Arnold (Mary Margaret) Barrer, sister Alice (Francis) Babinat, and in-laws Jim and Loretta Jones.

Funeral services were Jan. 30, 2021, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Panora. Burial was in St. John’s Catholic Cemetery, Ogden. Memorial contributions can be directed to 3C’s, Panora Library, Panoram Boosters, or St. Cecilia Catholic Church. ■



PAUL BIERLY

Paul Eugene Bierly, 77, son of Emmett Iverson and Vera Mae (Cook) Bierly, was born Sept. 16, 1943, in Horton, Kansas. He passed away Jan. 23, 2021, at his home.

Paul was raised in Omaha, Nebraska, by his mother and step-father, Clyde Bierly. Paul graduated from Benson High School in 1961 and then enlisted in the United States Navy. Paul served during the Vietnam War, and following his honorable discharge from the Navy, he attended Career

Academy Radio School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

While living in Milwaukee, Paul married his sweetheart, Maureen Farris, on Nov. 20, 1966. The couple returned to Omaha, Nebraska, where two daughters were born: Shelly and Melisa. The family remained in Omaha until 1978.

Paul loved his career as a radio announcer, working in Hiawatha, Kansas, from 1979-2004. He graduated from Rhema Bible Training Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma,

as an ordained minister in 1997, and he worked in both radio and preaching the Word of God until 2004. In late 2005, he and Maureen made Lake Panorama their home. Paul cherished being able to minister at local nursing homes.

Throughout his life, Paul enjoyed spending time with his daughters, his grandchildren and his other family members. He had a keen sense of humor and loved to make people laugh, especially during a

card game of Rummy. Paul showed his red muscle car across the Midwest. He was also an avid collector of die cast model cars. Paul’s other hobbies included canvas painting, home improvements, and he was quite a craftsman.

He was a member of Fountain of Life Church, Panora.

Paul is survived by his wife, Maureen Bierly of Panora; daughters, Shelly (Jim) Theim of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Melisa (Jeff)

Jamvold of Troy, Kansas; five grandchildren, Molly, Morgan, Alanda, Jimmy, and Lizzy; brother, Vern Iverson of Omaha, Nebraska; step-brothers, Mark Iverson and Ernie Iverson of Hiawatha, Kansas; step-sister, Kathy Iverson of Union Star, Missouri; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements handled by Twigg Funeral Home, Panora. ■



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Thursday, Feb. 11
4 p.m.
Wrestling: JH Meet vs. Southwest Valley
 Corning High School
www.panoramaschools.org

Thursday, Feb. 11
6 p.m.
Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Exira-Elk-Horn-Kimballton
 Panorama High School
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Thursday, Feb. 11
7:30 p.m.
Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Exira-Elk-Horn-Kimballton
 Panorama High School
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Feb. 12
Be Local "Panora Golden Ticket Chocolate Walk"
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Saturday, Feb. 13
Creston High School Wrestling: Varsity District
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Saturday, Feb. 13
7:30 p.m.
Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Martensdale-St. Marys
 Martensdale-St. Marys Jr Sr High School
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Wednesday, Feb. 17
7 a.m.
Shop Iowa Region XII Small Business Webinar Series
 Cherie Edilson will present on the Shop Iowa platform which is offered by the Iowa Economic Development Authority for small retail businesses in Iowa to sell together online. This presentation will address both the changing landscape of retail in the digital age and shopping patterns in the current COVID-19 pandemic. Register for this webinar at <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eve>

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Feb. 18-20
Wrestling: Varsity State Wells Fargo Arena - Des Moines
www.panoramaschools.org

Friday, Feb. 19
No school
www.panoramaschools.org

Saturday, Feb. 22
6:30 p.m.
Panora City Council meeting
www.cityofpanora.com

Wednesday, Feb. 24
7:30 a.m.
Understanding Iowa Sales Tax webinar
 Region XII Small Business Webinar Series
 During this workshop learn about online sales, when Iowa tax is required, local option tax requirements, and who is considered a marketplace facilitator and their tax obligations. Register for this webinar

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Wednesday, March 3
7:30 a.m.
Why You Need a Website and Tips to Building a Solid One
 Region XII Small Business Webinar Series
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Monday, March 8
6 p.m.
LPA Building Codes Meeting
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Monday, March 8
6:30 p.m.
School board meeting
www.panoramaschools.org

Monday, March 8
6:30 p.m.
Panora City Council meeting
www.cityofpanora.com

Wednesday, March 10
7:30 a.m.
Website Platforms and How to Integrate Ecommerce
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Tuesday, March 23
5 p.m.
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Edward Jones Financial Advisor Dave Grove Receives Spirit of Caring Award

Dave Grove of the financial services firm Edward Jones in Panora recently received the firm's exclusive Spirit of Caring Award designed to recognize those financial advisors who exemplify the values, culture and spirit of giving back.

Grove is a leader in the firm and an example of what a dedicated Edward Jones financial advisor can achieve. He has demonstrated unyielding dedication to giving back to his clients, community, other financial advisors, branch teams and their regional network.

Grove said he is honored to receive the award. "Edward Jones is a partnership. That structure is not just financial, it's a philosophy," Grove said. "We work together, help each other and all share in the rewards of working with long-term individual investors. That brings out the best in everyone."

Dave was one of only 295 of the firm's more than 19,000 financial advisors to receive the award.

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Guthrie County Community Foundation 2021 Grant Applications

The Guthrie County Community Foundation wants to inform all Guthrie county non-profit organizations of the upcoming deadline for 2021 grant applications. Organizations must be a 501(c)3 or have the same tax-exempt qualifying status. These must be located within Guthrie County or provide services to residents of Guthrie County.

Starting this year, there are two revised applications. One is a simple grant application for requests up to \$10,000. The second is the standard application for requests of more than \$10,000. Pay special attention to the grant instructions on each application because of the changes that have been made.

Applications must be submitted, via email as one PDF file, no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2021. Late or incom-

plete applications, or applications that do not follow directions, will not be considered. Please take note of the list of items that the foundation is not able to fund and should not be asked for when submitting a grant application.

The Guthrie County Community Foundation has more than \$114,000 from the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines and Grow Greene County funds available for the current grant cycle. Applications and instructions are available at www.desmoinesfoundation.org/guthrie.

Applications must be emailed to GCCFoundation@gmail.com with all of the required documentation attached as a single PDF file. Questions about the application process can be sent to the same email address. ■

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Slow Cooker Beef Stew

BY JOLENE GOODMAN

Watching the snow fall over the lake as I work on my winter projects in the house, I access my slow cooker recipes for those yummy, time saving meals most everyone enjoys. Beef stew is a cold weather essential. I love vegetables and beef together for a simple, one-dish meal. The red wine in this recipe adds a rich, complex flavor. If you don't have any leftover wine, don't worry. Just add more beef stock. Also, this stew freezes well. Why not make a double batch? Double batches are routine in our house for easy meals later. Frozen stew will last up to 3 months. Pull it out for a quick meal or, if you package it in single servings, you can pack it for lunch. However you decide to make this, one batch or two, enjoy the time you'll be saving with little prep work so you can still get a project or two done. Enjoy! ■



Jolene Goodman

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SLOW COOKER BEEF STEW



- 2 ½ pounds stew meat, or a Chuck roast, cubed
- ¼ cup flour
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 1 tsp garlic salt
- 6 tsp olive oil
- 3 tbsp cold butter, separated
- 2 cups yellow onion, diced
- ½ cup celery, diced small
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup red wine
- 4 cups beef broth
- 2 tsp beef bouillon or 2 beef bouillon cubes
- 2 tbsps Worcestershire Sauce
- 3 tbsps tomato paste
- 4 medium carrots, diced
- 1 lb. baby Yukon gold potatoes, cubed
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 tsp rosemary
- ¼ cup cold water + 3 tablespoons flour

Combine pepper and garlic salt and sprinkle on beef. Mix well to coat meat. Sprinkle flour over the meat and toss again. Heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Sear all sides of the meat in batches for 45 seconds per. Place meat in slow cooker. Melt 1 TBSP of butter in the meat pan and sautee onions, garlic, and celery. If more liquid is needed, add some wine. Transfer to the slow cooker. Add wine, beef broth, bouillon, Worcestershire sauce, tomato paste, carrots, potatoes, bay leaves and rosemary to slow cooker. Heat on low for 8 hours or high for 4 hours, until the vegetables are softened and the potatoes are fork tender. Add the peas during the last 15 minutes of cooking. Combine cold water and 3 tbsp of flour and slowly add to broth to thicken. Turn off heat and remove the bay leaf.

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Q: What is an effective way to keep deer from eating my shrubs in the winter?
A: According to various sources, an adult deer can eat about six pounds of plant material daily. Deer are lazy, and they will feed on shrubs that are the easiest to access. If they spot stuff they really like, they will go to great lengths to get to those plants and devour them until most are destroyed. Experts say the trick to keeping deer from eating your shrubs is to make them taste terrible by treating the foliage with repellent sprays. Discouraged deer will move on to the next tasty plant in the area (usually your neighbor's). Experts say you should also wrap your shrubs in burlap or temporary netting for the season to encourage deer to seek easier food sources. Check with your local nursery or an arborist for repellent sprays or additional tips.

Q: How many deer were harvested this season at Lake Panorama?
A: According to the LPA, 116 antlerless and nine antlered deer were harvested this year, which are typical counts. In the three prior seasons, hunters harvested 106, 125 and 140 antlerless deer. Interested in hunting on Lake Panorama for the 2021-22 season? Contact the LPA office at 641-755-2301. ■

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JEWELRY

FROM PAGE 6



Gary Youngberg created this one-of-a-kind ring in 14K gold and centered the design around a natural color black cultured pearl from Tahiti. He highlighted the pearl with a blue and a pink sapphire, as well as white diamonds.



Crafted in 14K white gold, this beautiful ring contains nearly a carat of diamonds and could be an anniversary or a right-hand ring.



This pendant was handcrafted by Dave Anderson, a long-time designer at Ames Silversmithing. Anderson crafted this piece in sterling silver and 14K gold, to surround a stone from Arizona called shattuckite.



In 2004, the purchase of a property adjacent to the store allowed for the expansion of both the retail and work areas. The extra space made it possible to completely redesign the retail area with all new showcases and interior displays.

all look forward to our family gatherings there, but the other families get their alone time as well."

Both Karen and Gary are accomplished amateur golfers. Gary has won the Ames City golf championship eight times in the Open division and twice in the Senior division. That means the couple also appreciates Lake Panorama because of its two golf courses.

"The 18-hole course is challenging for all levels and always in fine shape," Gary says. "But the gem, at least for me, is Panorama West, which is literally a two-minute golf cart ride away. We never tire of playing the par-3 course. In 2019, I had my third hole-in-one there on the eighth hole."

Over the last 10 years, Gary has taken up an interest in hickory golf.

"Hickory golf is played with pre-1935 hickory shaft golf clubs and is rapidly expanding across the country," he says. "It speaks to the soul of golf and lets people see how the game was played 100 years ago."

Gary has about 200 hickory clubs and is always looking for more. He does club refurbishing in his work area at the lake, and he and Karen talk about organizing and hosting a hickory event at Panorama West someday.

The Youngbergs have donated a piece of jewelry for the Fin & Feather annual auction three times.

"Karen and I have developed a truly special feeling for Lake Panorama after just this short time," Gary says. "We appreciate the work Fin and Feather does and are always happy to support their efforts in con-

servation."

Gary says the success of Ames Silversmithing has allowed the couple's philanthropic efforts to grow through the years.

"We support every high school post prom in the area, every grade school carnival, multiple fundraisers for the American Heart Association, the American Diabetic Association, Canine Companions for Independence, Search Dog Foundation, and Tunnel to Towers, to name a few," he says.

The couple also routinely donates jewelry pieces to help those in need of kidney transplants or other health issues.

Ames Silversmithing offers a wide variety of jewelry.

"We carry everything from moderately priced silver jewelry in the \$50 to \$500 range, up to larger diamonds and fine quality colored gemstones such as rubies, emeralds and sapphires," Gary says. "We also carry perhaps the largest selection of semi-precious stones in Iowa, including tourmaline, garnets in multiple varieties, tanzanite, aquamarine, opals in a wide range and cultured pearls in classic white to black South Seas Tahitian pearls."

Gary says the Ames Silversmithing story truly is one of the American dream.

"Karen and I started the business with little more than a thought," he says. "And while we still are a small business from a technical viewpoint, our business supports eight different families. Our success over the last 40-plus years is based on an attention to detail one seldom sees in today's world."

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Karen and Gary Youngberg, on the right, are shown with their two sons and their families on the deck of their Lake Panorama home.

jewelry and gems," Gary says. "We have six people in the store, myself included, who not only design but create many of our pieces. We work in not only silver as our name suggests, but gold and platinum as well. As manufacturers, we are able to offer

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Q&A: LOOKING AHEAD FOR LAKE PANORAMA NATIONAL

New roles and events with updates on golfing and swimming

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

This month's Q&A is with Royce Shaffer, who has worked in a variety of positions for the Lake Panorama National Resort since 2002. Shaffer is entering his third year as operations manager for LPN, overseeing the Links Restaurant, LPN golf shop, Panorama West clubhouse, front desk/lodging and the conference center.

Q. Lake Panorama has new employees in three key positions for the 2021 golfing season, and some existing employees in new roles on the golf courses. Give us a snapshot of the new faces LPA members and guests will see this year.

A. Our latest hire is Rob Riggs as Lake Panorama National's head golf professional. Rob has extensive experience in various aspects of the golf industry. He has a passion for growing the game of golf with both juniors and adults, and I believe he will be a significant asset to the LPN operation.

Rob comes to us from Des Moines Golf and Country Club, where he has been a golf professional, tournament director and golf instructor for nearly three years. Prior to that, he spent four years as the general manager and director of golf instruction at Jester Park. Rob's first day on the job is scheduled for Feb. 3.

Joshua McCurbin began work Dec. 1 as the LPN executive chef. He has more than 17 years of experience in the food industry and most recently worked at Edgewater in West Des Moines. McCurbin also has worked at Wobbly Boots, Des Moines Golf & Country Club, Sysco, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and 801 Chophouse. Josh's past experience makes me excited for the future of the Links restaurant.

Blake Wenzel has been with us since August 2020 as the LPN food and beverage manager, but this will be his first full season here. I am pleased with the teamwork that already has developed between Josh and Blake. They have lots of ideas to create events our members and guests will love.

Beyond these new hires, we've had some changes in the personnel maintaining our two golf courses. Dan Wollner retired the end of December after 40 seasons as the LPN grounds superintendent. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, we haven't yet had a retirement party for Dan but look forward to doing

that sometime this summer.

Brandon Waddle will be the new LPN superintendent. He was hired as Dan's assistant in 1998. In 2013, he was named Panorama West grounds superintendent, where he has been the past eight seasons.

Jared Baier worked the 2020 golf season as Dan's assistant superintendent and now will be Brandon's assistant. Garrett Young will be the Panorama West course superintendent when he graduates in May from DMACC, majoring in horticulture-landscape and turf management. Garrett has worked five summers at the LPN.

Q. The Links has been offering more special events and trying some new things to get more people in the door. Give us details on some of the new things that have been happening, plus a look ahead to February special events.

This past January, our food and beverage team created two special events to increase traffic in the Links restaurant. First was a wings and whiskey sampler where four whiskeys/bourbons and four wing flavors were sampled. Next was a three-course wine and hors d'oeuvre tasting. Feedback on these events was positive, and our team looks forward to creating more special events like these in the future.

February brings Valentine's Day and Lent. Since Valentine's Day falls on Sunday this year, we have our Valentine's dinner menu available for four evenings in the Links restaurant in advance of the holiday. This special menu will be available Feb. 10 to 13 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The menu is available online at <https://lpnresort.com/36aK7jf>. Our regular Links menu also will be available those evenings.

Mark your calendar for our Easter brunch on April 4. Leading up to Easter, our culinary staff has developed a special Lenten menu. Options include eight meals that offer fish and chips, walleye, salmon and shrimp, plus sides. This menu will be available beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17, and run daily for both lunch and dinner until Easter. Besides dine in, all items are available to-go. The menu can be found at <https://lpnresort.com/3cvavlp>.

We continue to serve prime rib every Friday and Saturday evening and have happy hour Wednesday through Saturday

from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Our team has created some new happy hour appetizers, which are half-price for the month of February. In addition, CK Mondavi Pinot Grigio, Red Blend and Cabernet Sauvignon all are \$5 a glass for February happy hours.

Q. How are 2021 golf memberships stacking up so far this year?

A. By the end of December, there were 156 individuals, couples or families who purchased a 2021 golf membership at either Lake Panorama National or Panorama West and were entered into a drawing for six prizes. Winners were:

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2021 Single Pool Membership – Donna Daniels

By the end of January, 201 memberships had been purchased, with 126 at the LPN and 75 at Panorama West.

If you have not purchased your 2021 membership yet, there still is plenty of time to do so. Consider taking advantage of our payment program. This program withdraws your membership and other golf services from your bank account in six equal installments starting March 1, and ending Aug. 1. A convenience fee of \$100 is charged for this service. Take advantage by completing the authorization agreement, found on our website, and return it with your membership form.

If you have purchased your 2021 golf membership at either Lake Panorama National or Panorama West golf course, you are invited to join us for our third annual Member Mixer on Saturday, Feb. 27, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the LPN conference center.

At this event, gift cards for anyone who joined by Jan. 31 will be distributed, and information about the upcoming golf season at both courses will be available. This mixer is a chance to shake off those winter blues, catch up with fellow golf members you haven't seen since your last round, and meet some new ones.

If you haven't paid your 2021 golf membership dues yet, now is a great time to get those in, so you can join the fun. Con-



tact the LPN pro shop, 641-755-2024, or find membership forms on our website, www.lakepanoramanational.com/membership.

Q. When the snow melts and the temperatures rise, people will start to think about spending time at the LPN swimming pool. Anything new for 2021?

A. Just like last year, all members and guests of the swimming pool must check in at the pro shop counter where they will sign in and pay their daily fee, if they do not have an annual pool membership. After checking in, everyone will be given a wristband to wear in the pool area.

As in years past, we are targeting a Memorial Day weekend opening, and will continue to be open until Sept. 30. Once open, public swimming will be available starting at 10:30 a.m. seven days a week.

We encourage everyone to purchase an annual membership. By purchasing an annual membership, you can help ensure this amenity continues to be available. Memberships are available to LPA property owners starting at \$125 for a single, \$150 for a couple or \$175 for a family. A fourth membership category is available to adults 55 and older with grandchildren up to the age of 12. Grandparent memberships are \$225.

The pool membership form can be found at <https://lpnresort.com/36kV7e5>.

Q. Any closing thoughts?

A. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lake Panorama Association membership for their support during 2020. As a wholly owned subsidiary of LPA, your support of Lake Panorama National Resort benefits Lake Panorama. We have made significant changes for 2021 and are ready to serve you. I am optimistic we are in a good position for a great 2021.

I would also like to mention we are looking for part-time and seasonal help in all departments. All available positions are available on our website www.lakepanoramanational.com/employment. Apply online or stop by our employment fair on Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the LPN banquet room where you can talk with our department managers.

To stay up to date on what's happening at Lake Panorama National Resort, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LPNResort, or keep an eye on our website www.lakepanoramanational.com. If you don't already receive the LPN Resort Weekly newsletter, you can subscribe by visiting our website, then scroll to the footer and sign up under the "Stay Informed" section. ■

MARCH 9 DEADLINE TO FILE FOR LPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

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BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The deadline to file nomination papers for the 2021 election for a seat on the Lake Panorama Association board of directors is March 9.

The board consists of seven members. Board terms are three years, and members are allowed to serve not more than two consecutive three-year terms. Terms are staggered so the number of seats on the annual ballot varies each year.

For 2021, there will be three seats on the ballot. Rich Schumacher and Emily Donovan are both completing their first term on the board

and have confirmed their intent to seek a second term. Schumacher currently serves as vice president and Donovan as secretary.

Also on the ballot is the unexpired term of Neil Wright. Wright was elected in 2019 and resigned because of health reasons in July 2020. Wright's seat was temporarily filled by Larry Babcock, who was appointed by the board of directors at the July 28, 2020, board meeting. The remaining year of Wright's unexpired term will be up for election in May 2021, and end in May 2022. The director elected with the third-most votes will take this spot on the board.

Nomination papers are available at the LPA office, or will be emailed on request. Candidates must collect a minimum of 18 signatures, representing 18 separate active memberships.

Along with the nomination form, candidates are asked to submit a signed statement of willingness to serve and a 100-word statement of qualifications. Also needed is a signed conflict-of-interest form listing any businesses or financial interests the candidate has with the LPA. These items will be included in the ballot mailing.

A mailing that includes the ballot, numbered envelope and the

official announcement of the annual meeting will be sent to all LPA members in advance of the annual meeting.

The 2021 annual meeting is scheduled for May 8 with the mailing planned for late-April. In the event of a COVID-19 delay, LPA can postpone the annual meeting until the last Saturday in June. If that is necessary, advance notice will be provided to the membership and the corresponding ballot mailing will occur in early-June. This year will mark the LPA's 52nd annual meeting.

LPA members must return their completed ballot in the numbered

envelope. Members are urged to return their ballots in advance of the annual meeting to speed up the tabulation process, although ballots also can be brought to the annual meeting.

Board meetings are generally held the fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning with open forum at 5 p.m., although the day and time can be adjusted. The board does not meet in January or February unless a special meeting is necessary.

Anyone with questions about the board election process, or details of serving on the LPA board, can contact the LPA office at 641-755-2301 or lpa@lakepanorama.org. ■

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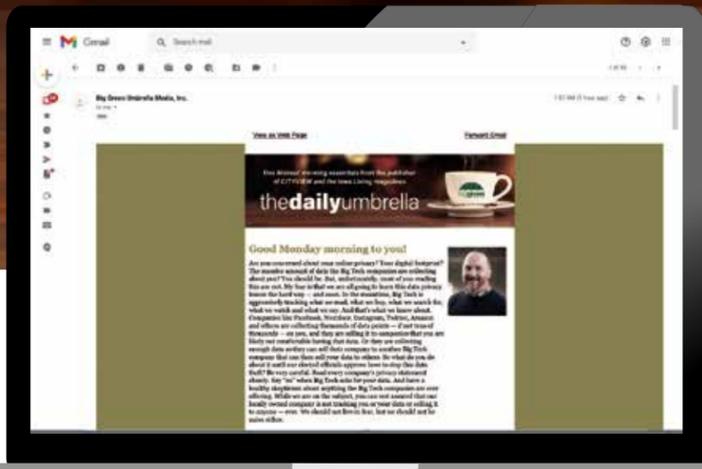


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LAKE DOGS & COVE CAT

By **CHERYL TEMPLE**
Lake Panorama Times



Cove Cat
Houdini, age 5
Owners are Justin and Andrea Rishel.

Houdini got his name from popping out of a bag or a blanket when he was very tiny — just like magic! He was rescued from a hoarding situation when he was a baby. Houdini enjoys snuggling, napping and hunting. His best friends are their dog Tanner and the other kitty, Lucky. Houdini likes chasing Lucky around the house and playing fetch with his squeaky mouse.

Lake Dogs
Chloe, tri-color, age 3; and Mady, ruby color, age 1. Both are Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. Owners are Julie Maddux and son Wyatt Hall.

Chloe and Mady enjoy sunbathing on their deck, playing tug of war with each other and going to “work” with mom Julie in her home office. Chloe’s pet peeve is when there is a dog on TV, and Mady is too easy-going to have any pet peeves.

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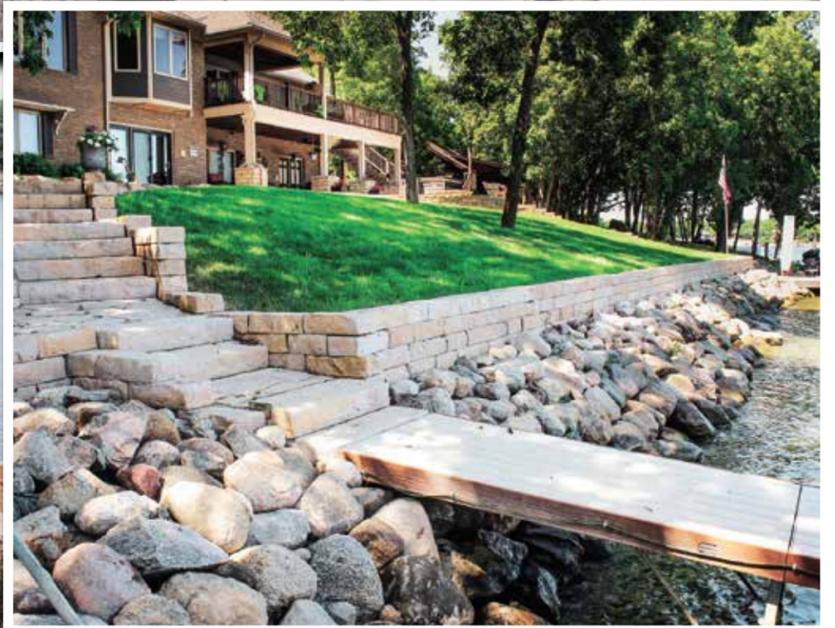
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