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LPA BOARD APPROVES DOG PARK CONCEPT

Cost of dog park plan developed by task force is \$50,000.

**BY SUSAN THOMPSON** *Lake Panorama Times* 

At its Aug. 25 meeting, the Lake Panorama Association board of directors voted unanimously to allow Friends of Lake Panorama to begin raising funds for a dog park.

The idea of a dog park on LPA property has been discussed off and on for nearly a decade. In April 2019, Friends conducted a survey to gather input from LPA members on possible future projects. The Friends board met June 24, 2019, reviewed and discussed the survey results, and approved several action items.

One action item dealt with the possible development of an LPA dog park. While a dog park didn't rank as high in the survey as other projects, there was strong support from a segment of the LPA membership. For that reason, the Friends board decided to recruit volunteers to serve on a dog park task force to study location, design, costs and rules.

By early September 2019, a seven-member task force had been assembled. Julie Tibbles served as chair. Other members were Roger and Mary Hansen, Sherri Miller, Ann Appleseth and Karen Hanson. Representing Friends on the task force was board president Jan Reinicke. Susan Thompson, Friends executive director, assisted the task force. One part of the task force's research included a 15-question online survey conducted in November 2019. About 100 people took the survey, with 75 people saying they and their guests would use a dog park. Another nine said they needed more information before deciding. At its June 22, 2020, meeting, the Friends board received the dog park task force report and voted unanimously to endorse the project and advance the report to the LPA board. The Friends board also agreed to manage donations to this project. The LPA board reviewed the dog park proposal at its July meeting and gave final approval at the August meeting. The cost of the dog park plan developed by the task force is \$50,000. All funds will need to be raised with support from dog park enthusiasts and dog lovers, as LPA will only be partnering with in-kind contributions such as running a water line. If the needed funds are raised, the dog park will be located at the corner of Sage Trail and RV Road, near the east campground and across the road from holes 12 and 13 on the Lake Panorama National golf course. A 6-foot-high chain link fence that is 650 feet long and 155 feet wide will encircle the park. There will be two sections, one for small dogs and one for large dogs, with chain link fence dividing the two areas. The property currently is planted to soybeans, so funds will be needed to improve the seedbed and establish turfgrass.

# RAIN GARDEN AT PANORAMA WEST FLOURISHES

The idea of installing a demonstration rain garden first was discussed at a Friends of Lake Panorama board of directors meeting in 2016.



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The purple-colored flowers on the Prairie Blazing Star attract butterflies, bees and hummingbirds. A bonus is that this plant is deer resistant.

#### **BY SUSAN THOMPSON** *Lake Panorama Times*

It's been more than three years since a rain garden was installed along the east side of the Panorama West clubhouse parking lot. Even though 2020 hasn't brought a lot of rain to Lake Panorama, the native plants in the rain garden have been putting on a show this year.

Some plants bloomed their first year in the garden, but it generally takes two to three years for native plants to hit their stride. That's because natives first establish deep root systems before substantial growth happens above ground.

A rain garden is a perennial flower garden strategically located to capture runoff from rain that falls on parking lots, roofs, driveways and yards. The idea of installing a demonstration rain garden first was discussed at a Friends of Lake Panorama board of directors meeting in 2016.

Derek Namanny, an urban conservationist with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, began working with the group that fall. He visited Lake Panorama to look for possible rain garden locations and found an

RAIN GARDEN, PAGE 4



An informational sign explains how rain gardens help improve water quality. The Panorama West rain garden features 170 native plants in a dozen different varieties. The sign shows the names and photos of eight varieties. Details on all 12 plant varieties are available on the Friends of Lake Panorama website.

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# **ON THE LAKE** So, where do you call home?

#### **By SHANE GOODMAN** Editor and Publisher

We have all been in social settings with others we don't know. These can be awkward, but one of the easiest ice breakers I have found is to find out where people call home. Inevitably, I can find some type of connection from there. And in those discussions with folks at Lake Panorama, I have often heard the following questions: How many property owners have permanent residences here? And where do those who don't call home?

Many have speculated with responses all over the board, but I wanted to do some research and find out the real answers for myself. I thought you might be interested, too.

The database I used is the mailing list that we send Lake Panorama Times out to each month. Since we mail to all property owners on the lake, it should very closely match where people call home. Prior to each and every mailing, we update it with additions, deletions and changes, so it is quite accurate. We also mail to a few businesses and a handful of others, but, by and large, it is sent to lake property owners located in about 220 different communities. It is also important to note that this publication is mailed to the permanent residence that is on record for each property owner. So if your lake property is your designated permanent address, then a copy of this publication is mailed to you there. If you have a home in Des Moines, or Sioux City or Yale listed as your permanent address, then a copy is mailed to that address.

For this current issue, we mailed out 1,703 copies. Of those, the most were mailed to a Panora address, representing 34.1 percent of all copies. So, in theory, about onethird of all property owners live on the lake year round, or at least name their lake address as their permanent residence of record.

The community with the next greatest number of mailings is West Des Moines, with about 6.4 percent of the total. Des Moines follows with 5.5 percent with Urbandale closely behind at 5.0 percent. Clive, Adel, Johnston and Waukee are all next with about 2.5 percent each. After that is Ankeny at 2.3 percent with Guthrie Center following at 2.2 percent.

Jefferson, Grimes, Omaha, Carroll, Ames, Perry and Atlantic are all next and have between 1-2 percent of the mailings each. The remainder are sent to more than 200 various communities, with each totaling less than 1 percent.

Now that's one way to answer this question, but there are seemingly two sides to every coin. And as a former boss of mine used to say, figures lie and liars figure.

Another way to answer the permanent residence question is to use data only on those with actual homes on the lake. According to



Shane Goodman

Lake Panorama Association, there are approximately 1,125 homeowners with the remaining 600 or so members having undeveloped lots. With this in mind, the percent of people who consider their lake home as their primary residence may be closer to 50 percent. And, of course, during the summer almost 100 percent of the homes are in use at some point.

So, where do Lake Panorama property owners call home? Regardless of how you slice or dice the data, the answer is clearly at Lake Panorama, with Des Moines and its western suburbs making up the bulk of the remainder.

Now we know. And this will all make for a great ice breaker at your next social event.

As always, thanks for reading.  $\blacksquare$ 

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Jenny Wood, Associate Director of Iowa Soccer; Kellie Prescott, Secretary & Coach of Panorama Soccer Club; Chris Carlson, Treasurer, Director of Refs & Coach of Panorama Soccer Club; and Brandon Waddle, Registrar & Coach of Panorama Soccer Club.

Iowa Soccer's Share the Love, Powered by Score Sports is a new initiative and partnership designed to help the game be more accessible to communities that can truly benefit from some love. With the support of an equipment partner, the Share the Love, Powered by Score Sports program will help others in a tangible way. The partnership agreement between Iowa Soccer and Score Sports spans three years: 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

The Panorama Soccer Club was named one of nine recipients of the first wave of "Share the Love" initiative.

The program has been established to benefit communities/ groups across Iowa that have little to no means to acquire soccer equipment. Through the program, Iowa Soccer will have a process to identify the areas where

"love" is needed and with local leaders, prioritize needs and make final equipment decisions. Score Sports is the equipment partner providing the equipment through an in-kind partnership with Iowa Soccer.

"We are very fortunate to have opportunities like this, especially during this pandemic," said Jaime Waddle, president of the Panorama Soccer Club. "Not having a spring 2020 season has hurt us financially, like everyone else. So receiving new balls, pumps, cones, bags, flags and pinnies couldn't have come at a better time."

Waddle says Iowa Soccer also played an integral role in the new soccer complex, with funding a \$10,000 grant.

"Our club wouldn't be at the level we are today without Iowa Soccer and their staff," she said. "We are playing our first season at the new complex this fall.  $\blacksquare$ 













# PANORAMA WEST 2-GAL TOURNAME 60 PLAYERS

#### **BY SUSAN THOMPSON** Lake Panorama Times

The Panorama West women's golf league hosted a 2-gal best-shot tournament Tuesday, Aug. 11. A total of 30 teams participated, with players from Panora, Guthrie Center, Jefferson, Audubon and surrounding communities. The tournament theme was "Golf Like an Egyptian."

The theme was carried out with attire worn by committee members, plus three husbands of committee members. A onestroke penalty was assessed to any team hitting the camel on the fourth hole. Amy Lawton of Dallas Center won the longest drive contest, which involved hitting a marshmallow off a tee. Karen Bump won the putting contest on the practice green by putting two balls into the pyramid.

Cash prizes were awarded to the top three teams in five flights. Winners of the championship flight were Carla Fitzgerald and Susan Thompson, with a two-underpar score of 25. Second place went to Karen Bump and Kylee Boettcher with a 27. Connie Hamilton and Nancy Scheffers placed third with a 29.

The tournament was followed by a luncheon at the Panorama West Clubhouse with box lunches catered by Lake Panorama National served to golfers on the clubhouse deck and in the community room.

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



Three husbands of tournament committee members assisted on the course, left to right, Jim Spradling, Mike O'Grady and Tim Rickert. Joining them before the tournament began were teammates Jackie Wellik and Linda Johnson, who took the "Golf Like an Egyptian" theme to heart by wearing gold tops and headdresses.



Carla Fitzgerald and Susan Thompson won the championship flight in the Panorama West 2-gal golf tournament Aug. 11 with a two-under-par score of 25. Shown left to right are Michael Kleinwolterink, LPN pro shop manager; Thompson; Fitzgerald; and Gary Babcock, LPN head golf professional.

# LPN Women's Solheim results



Forty women played in the 2020 Solheim tournament at Lake Panorama National on Aug. 22, with two teams represented by captains Lisa Grossman and Sue Greiner. After 18 holes of competition, each team had earned 15 points, and the event was declared a tie. Captains Grossman and Greiner are shown in the middle holding the event flag, surrounded by their team members. Photo by Michael Kleinwolterink.

The LPN women's Solheim league Aug. 20. tournament was held Aug. 21-22. Team Captains Sue Greiner and Lisa Grossman used the theme "The Good, The Bad, The Lucky" for the event. Team pairings were announced after the regular Thursday women's golf

A team shootout was held Friday evening, with the winning team consisting of Kathy DeLucca, Karen Hanson, Cindy Sanger, Emily Spradling and Susan Thompson. The shootout was followed by appetizers and Blackjack

Prep time: 10 minutes

Total time: 35 minutes

2 tablespoons olive oil, divided

2 scallions, thinly sliced, white

and green parts separated

1 small red pepper, diced

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1 1/4 cups heavy cream

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

1 ounce cream cheese, cubed

1 cup shredded white cheddar

1 small yellow squash, diced

1 cup broccoli florets

1 tablespoon flour

cheese

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Servings: 4

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card games in the conference center.

Forty players participated in the team competition Saturday, with two-person teams competing using three different formats over 18 holes - match play, alternate shot and better ball. Three points

were up for grabs in each foursome, with one point for each six-hole format. When all the teams were in, the two teams were tied at 15 points each. After discussion, the team captains agreed to stick with a tie rather than a sudden-death playoff between

the two captains.

Eight two-person teams chosen based on their scores from Thursday's league play competed in a shootout after the Solheim tournament,

with Danna Krambeer and Shanell Wager winning that event. Dinner followed, and the 2021 captains of Deb Mc-Dermott and Tricia Steffen were introduced.



My husband, publisher of this paper, has been asking me to provide a regular recipe for the Lake Panorma Times for awhile now, so I thought I would share one this issue. Fall is my second favorite season (after summer, of course!) I love watching the leaves change, enjoying a good, easy, hot meal and cozying up to an evening bonfire. Nothing beats mac and cheese with homemade muffins, fresh out of the oven. This recipe is a little different than your traditional mac and cheese and I encourage you to try it. Enjoy!

— Jolene Goodman

#### Directions

Mini pierogy mac 'n' cheese skillet

In large skillet over medium heat, add 1 tablespoon olive oil and saute pierogies until golden brown, about six minutes per side. Remove pierogies from pan.

Add remaining olive oil to skillet. Saute white parts of scallions over mediumhigh heat until fragrant and translucent, about two minutes.

Add broccoli, peppers and squash. Cook 5-8 minutes until tender but still crisp.

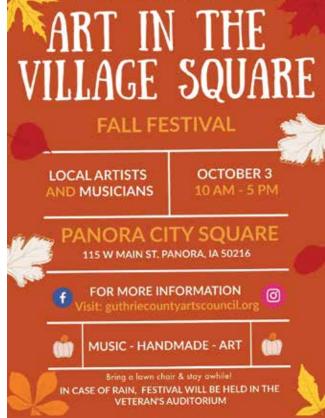
Remove veggies from pan.

In same skillet, whisk flour, salt, pepper and heavy cream. Simmer until thickened, about 2-3 minutes. Add cream cheese, stirring until melted.

Remove skillet from heat. Stir in cheddar cheese until sauce is melted and smooth. Add pierogies and veggies back to pan, gently stirring until coated.

Top with green scallions before serving.





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#### RAIN GARDEN FROM PAGE 1

existing water drain on the east side of the Panorama West parking lot that receives rainfall runoff. Namanny designed a garden that covers 500 square feet surrounding this drain.

"Rain gardens help reduce surface runoff and protect water quality," he said. "Runoff that travels to a rain garden is temporarily ponded, but it doesn't stay ponded for long. Plants in the garden use the water, pollutants are filtered out, and the water percolates down through the soil rather than running off into the lake and nearby streams and rivers."

The cost of this project was about \$2,500. In December 2016, the Guthrie County Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners approved an application from Friends of Lake Panorama for \$1,250 in cost-share funding for the rain garden. These funds were made available through Iowa's Resource Enhancement and Protection program, better known as REAP. The Lake Panorama Association provided site preparation assistance. Excavation was done before layers of rock, sand and soil were covered with a hardwood mulch. A biodegradable erosion blanket was placed over the mulch to keep it from washing away. Holes were cut in the blanket, and the plants placed and watered by volunteers.

In 2018, large rocks were placed around the three elevated sides of the garden to help reduce weeds and protect the garden. Smaller river rock was placed along the west side.

An informational sign installed nearby explains how rain gardens help improve water quality. The Panorama West rain garden features 170 native plants in a dozen different varieties, that bloom at various times from spring to late fall. The sign shows the names and photos of eight varieties. Details on all 12 plant varieties are available on the Friends of Lake Panorama website at friendsoflakepanorama.org. ■



The tall plants with white plumes along the east side of the rain garden are Culver's Root. This plant blooms in July and August, and stands three to six feet tall. Along the rock wall are several volunteer common milkweed plants, that have been left in place to support monarch butterflies.



This Red Milkweed plant in the Panorama West rain garden is popular with pollinators, as well as butterflies like this Painted Lady.



## Auditor Dani Fink announces campaign ahead of November election

Dani Fink of Panora announces her campaign for Guthrie County Auditor in the Nov. 3, 2020 election, and promises to keep the residents and taxpayers of Guthrie County as her first priority.

"I am dedicated to working for the people of Guthrie County and continuing to serve them with integrity and honesty," said Fink. "As Guthrie County Auditor, I have streamlined our election process, updated voting equipment and made the entire process much more voter friendly. Elections are only one portion of my responsibilities as Auditor, although they are the most discussed."

As the current Guthrie County Auditor, Fink has taken on the role as Commissioner of Elections for Guthrie County and is certified as an Iowa State Elections Administrator — a requirement she must maintain with regular continuing education provided by the Secretary of State's office. Beyond elections, Fink is also charged with preparing and certifying tax levies, maintaining accurate financial records county-wide and managing real estate transfer records for Guthrie County.

"Elections are a large part of being County Auditor, but they are not the only important aspect of this role. Since being appointed Auditor on May 12, 2020, I have taken on the responsibility as the County budget director, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, overseeing County payroll and accounts payable," said Fink. "I have a proven track record and am proud to hold the title as



Dani Fink

your Guthrie County Auditor. I look forward to continuing to work for you."

Fink has been employed with the Guthrie County Auditor's office since April 2017 and served as the Elections Deputy until she was appointed as County Auditor by the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

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in May of this year.

Fink resides in rural Guthrie County and is community-centered in her personal life, holding previous positions on the Guthrie County Hospital Board and as a Panorama Community School Booster Club officer. Fink enjoys spending time with family and friends as well as her partner, Jeremy, and their two dogs, Ella and Rip. ■



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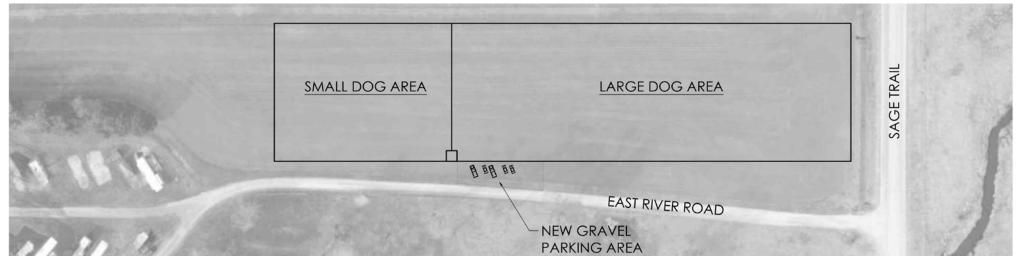


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### **DOG PARK** FROM PAGE 1



This graphic shows the proposed Lake Panorama dog park. If enough funds are raised for the park, it will be located at the corner of Sage Trail and RV Road, near the east campground. The layout plan was donated by Jim Tometich, who lives on Helen's Cove.

### Playgrounds continue to be Friends' priority project

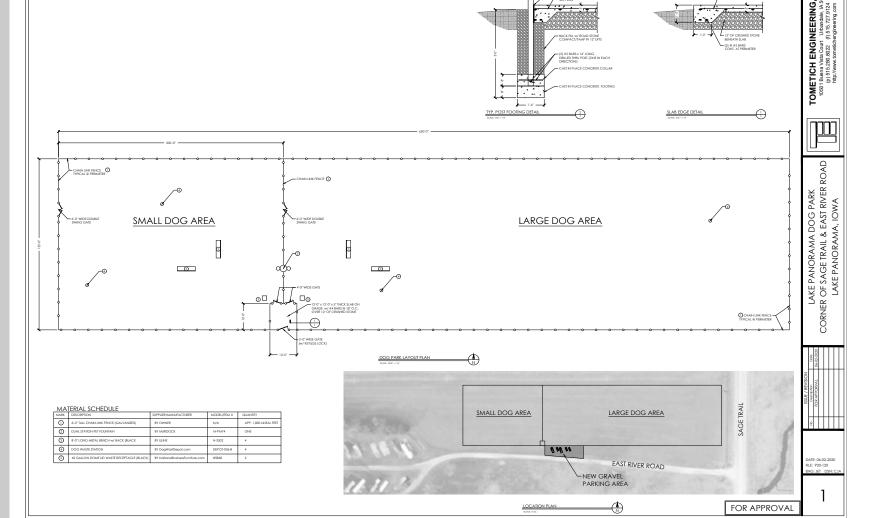
#### **BY SUSAN THOMPSON** Lake Panorama Times

While the LPA board of directors recently approved fundraising for a dog park, the Friends of Lake Panorama's priority project will remain new playground equipment at Boulder and Shady beaches until that \$70,000 goal has been reached.

The Aug. 1 Beach Ball raised nearly \$30,000, which was a huge boost to the playground project. There already was \$25,000 in the bank received from donors since this fundraising effort began in November 2019.

The Beach Ball increased visibility of the playground project, with another \$3,000 in direct donations received since that event. Another \$12,000 is needed.

In late July, the Friends board of directors voted to order the play equipment for Shady Beach. Once the remaining \$12,000 is raised, the Boulder Beach equipment will be ordered. The Friends board hopes to reach this goal before the end of 2020, since a price increase on the playground equipment is scheduled for Jan. 1, 2021. All donations are taxdeductible. Checks made payable to Friends of Lake Panorama can be mailed to P.O. Box 488, Panora, Iowa, 50216. Donors should include a note or designate on the check the funds are to be used for the playgrounds. Donors of \$500 or more will be recognized on signs erected near both playgrounds and on the Friends website. More information about the playgrounds and other ways to donate is available at www.friendsoflakepanorama.org.



A single entrance will be protected by a keyless lock. Once inside this gate, users can choose a gate to either the large dog area or the small dog area. A concrete slab at the entrance will be covered with a steel roof structure.

Crushed rock will be used to create a 5-foot-wide walkdigging. A small gravel parking lot will be adjacent to the park.

Amenities inside the park fence included in the \$50,000 cost estimate are four benches, four stations where bags for dog waste would be available, and two domed waste receptacles. A dual station sible for dogs to access drinking water from either side.

The facility will be open to LPA members and their guests. The entry code will be available to members and guests of members by calling LPA security or the LPA office, and will be changed periodically. Signs will be posted for responsible use, with volunteers helping decide on these rules as fundraising is underway. One rule already determined is all dogs must wear a tag showing they are up to date with state-required rabies vaccinations.

Because Friends of Lake Panorama is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit charity, all donations are tax deductible. Donors of at least \$500 will be recognized on a sign at the dog at www.friendsoflakepanorapark, plus on the Friends

website.

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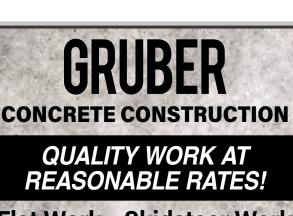
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# New food and beverage manager at LPN

Blake Wenzel brings a wealth of experience in the hospitality industry to the LPN.

#### **BY SUSAN THOMPSON** Lake Panorama Times

That new guy working at Lake Panorama National in the Links and at special events is Blake Wenzel, who joined the staff in late July as the LPN food and beverage manager. A native of Mt. Pleasant, Wenzel is a graduate of the two-year culinary arts program at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa.

Royce Shaffer, LPN operations manager, says he's happy to welcome Wenzel to the LPN staff.

"Blake comes to us with a ton of industry knowledge. Combine that with his energetic personality, and I am excited to see where he can take our food and beverage department," Shaffer says. "I look forward to working with Blake and creating a restaurant that provides consistently good food and service, where Lake Panorama property owners will want to visit again and again."

Wenzel, who reports to Shaffer, now oversees LPN's kitchen and restaurant operations and schedules all front-of-house employees. Brent Gaffney, LPN's head chef since February 2019, schedules the kitchen staff. Gaffney and Kashley Sneller, who has managed the Links for the past year, will work with Wenzel to pursue opportunities for growing LPN's business. This fall Sneller is managing Spikes. During the off-season, she will move into the restaurant as a bartender and server.

Wenzel has worked as a sous chef, chef, front-ofhouse manager and more at a number of well-known restaurants in central Iowa. He worked in the kitchen at the Greenbriar in Johnston before being promoted to the front-of-house manager.

"That's where I started to really learn and enjoy the hospitality aspect of this industry," he says.

The Trostel family, which owns the Greenbriar, opened Chips in Ankeny, with Wenzel helping get it underway. He also helped get Trostel's Dish in West Des Moines established. Later he worked as sous chef at the popular Centro in downtown Des Moines, where he says he learned to place even greater focus on hospitality and a quality experience for diners.

In 2008, Wenzel was recruited by Bruce Gerleman to help launch the first Jethro's BBQ near Drake University.

"That was a neat challenge, being involved in the development of what was a relatively new concept in Des Moines — a sports bar that featured barbecue," he says. "It was fun to see that business grow into a nationally recognized brand."

Next Wenzel spent time in Ames as a personal chef for a company called Greek House Chef. The company signed contracts with fraternities and sororities to provide three meals a day. The meal preparation was done in Greek houses that had larger kitchens, with food delivered to houses with small kitchens.

"This was both a catering operation and an opportunity to really get to know the people eating what I was cooking," Wenzel says. "I was used to being in restaurants where you might get feedback from some diners. But now I was learning the names of my diners, their likes and dislikes, their food allergies. It gave me a whole new respect for home cooking."

Wenzel and a partner opened a restaurant called Guru BBQ in Des Moines, which later closed. His next stop was the Range Grill & Golf in Urbandale. The facility has six golf simulators, plus a restaurant that offers a wide variety of dishes, including some featuring wild game. Wenzel helped develop a mixology bar program, creating an extensive bar menu that includes specialty cocktails, draft beer, wine and dessert.

Most recently he was at Echo Valley Country Club near Norwalk, assisting in all aspects of that operation, including special events and golf outings.

"I was drawn to this position at Lake Panorama National because there are a lot of moving parts," Wenzel says. "There is the restaurant, golf outings for both members and non-members, special events in the banquet room, people at the pool wanting lunch. I like to be active throughout the day, and that's certainly possible here."

In his new position, Wenzel says he's looking for ways to improve the experience of LPN guests.

"I tell the servers our guests chose to come here, so we need to do everything possible to make their experience the best one possible," he says. "We need to take the blinders off and look at all aspects of the operation — see the big picture, have fun and help our guests have a good, consistent experience."

Wenzel says there are challenges, but through his previous jobs he's seen and dealt with many of the same challenges, so he feels prepared to do that here.

"I couldn't be more excited about this opportunity," he says. "I am passionate about my career in the hospitality industry, and the things I'm doing at the LPN are right in my wheelhouse. I like to have fun while I'm working, and I hope that will create a ripple effect."

Wenzel met his wife Shelly on the first day of culinary school in Ottumwa and says they've been together ever since. They live on 10 acres they purchased between Woodward and Bouton. Shelly is the executive chef at Gilroy's in West Des Moines. They have a 2-year-old son, Malcolm Dean.

Wenzel says LPN mem-



Blake Wenzel has joined Lake Panorama National as the operation's food and beverage manager. He says his main goal is to improve the guest experience for LPN members and non-members.

bers have been welcoming to him.

"I really like it here. I can see there is a great group of members, and I love their friendly attitudes. The LPN has alot of great things happening," he says. "I hope to bring a little more professional, yet relaxed and approachable atmosphere to what's already here."

Current restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic make things more difficult for restaurants, yet Wenzel has adopted a positive attitude.

"Out of respect for our guests, it's important we adhere to CDC guidelines," he says. "We're really part of the health care profession now, since we're so involved in helping protect our guests' lives."

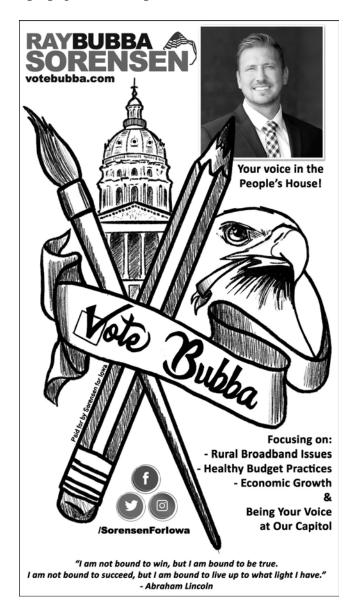
Wenzel says the pandemic

has caused the hospitality industry to take a step back and sharpen its focus.

"This has really shone a light on every action we take," he says. "For instance, how salt and pepper shakers should be handled. What other small details do we need to consider to make everyone's life better?"

Wenzel offers ideas on things he hopes to implement once there are fewer CDC restrictions on how the restaurant can be arranged.

"I really like doing theme dinners, offering foods paired with either beer or wine, so we'll be doing more of those," he says. He also plans to find ways to "bring more energy" to the Links dining room, plus revamp the area behind the bar, reducing clutter and adding more visual interest. ■





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- 1 1/2 cups of water
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup dairy sour cream
- 1 3/4 cup milk

### DIRECTIONS

Brown bacon crisp. Add onion and sautee for 3 minutes. Pour off fat. Add Potatoes, water, salt and pepper. Bring to boil. Cover and simmer 10-15 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Stir in soup, sour cream, and milk. Bring to serving temperature over low heat. Do not boil.

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# **Irv Gerlich Memorial Ryder Cup results**

The 26th annual Irv Gerlich Memorial Ryder Cup was held Aug. 14-16 at Lake Panorama National. This event has been held every year since 1995 when it was started by Gary Soreide and Jim Scherbring.

This year 76 members of LPN participated in the event. Every year two captains are appointed by the previous year's captains. This year Dave Greiner and Teddy Hawley were the two team leaders. They drafted the two teams and established the match-ups for the competition, which took place over a three-day period.

The first day was better ball competition, the second day

was a combination of best shot and alternate shot. There were 38 individual matches the last day. The winning team was led by Captain Hawley with a close score of 39.5 to 36.5.

An employee shootout was held Friday night, with the winning team being Dave Greiner and Corey Welberg. A second shootout Saturday evening featured the best 12 net and gross scores from the Friday competition. The winner of that event was Bill Douglass and Richard Duzenberry.

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### Q. Are there any restrictions at the lake on burning leaves?'

A: This question was addressed in a recent Lake Panorama Prompt email, which stated that burning is not allowed on the streets, in roadside ditches or in drainages. Burning may be done only within the actual lot pins of a resident's property, and only items that grow on a lot can be burned. No construction debris, trash, garbage or other materials are to be burned on one's property.

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# **News briefs**

### GET A FLU SHOT AND GIVE 12 MEALS TO FOOD PANTRY

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Timing of your flu shot does matter. It is important to get the flu shot at the right time to make sure it lasts the entire season. Just recently the CDC reiterated that it is important to get a flu shot by the end of October and receiving one prior to September may be too early, as vaccine immunity may wane before the season is over.

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The Panora Chamber will hold its annual golf tournament Sunday, Sept. 27, at Lake Panorama National. All proceeds will help support Panorama Days 2021. The tournament is a four-person best ball with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$65 for those who are not LPN members, and \$35 for LPN members. Costs cover green fees, golf cart, dinner and prizes. There still is room to enter a team or sponsor a hole. To participate, contact Dave Grove at 757-9956 or Kristen Crouthamel at 757-2737.

#### **ART IN THE VILLAGE SQUARE SET FOR OCT. 3**

Enjoy music and art from local talent on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Panora City Square during Art in the Village Square Fall Festival. Bring a lawn chair and hang around to enjoy the festivities. In case of rain, the festival will be held in the Veteran's Auditorium. This event is sponsored by the Guthrie County Arts Council. For more information, visit guthriecountyartscouncil.org.

## **CHARITABLE GROUP CHOOSES TO HELP FOOD PANTRY**

Each of the 150 members will write a check for \$100 for a total charitable gift of \$15,000.

#### **BY BARRY MONAGHAN**

Ten Squared Plus Men for Guthrie County met Aug. 18 at the Lake Panorama National Conference Center. Due to the influence of COVID related issues, the crowd was small, but the enthusiasm and quality of presentations still was evident.

David Van Ahn presented for the Guthrie County Sheriff's Chaplains

group, Dan Wilhelmi presented for the Bagley Library, and Frank Teale presented for the Guthrie County Food Pantry. Following the presentations, a vote was taken and the winner was the Guthrie County Food Pantry.

Each of the 150 members will write a check for \$100 to the Food Pantry for a total charitable gift of \$15,000. Since the organization began in 2016, 13 Guthrie County entities have been chosen for a total contribution so far of \$178,750.

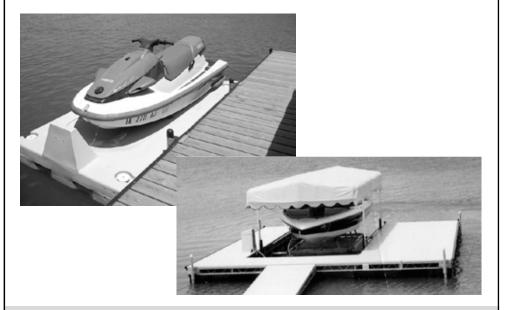
Ten Squared Plus Men for Guthrie County would like to send a special thank you to Guthrie County State Bank for purchasing refreshments and to the LPN Conference Center for opening the facility and allowing its use without charge.

The organization will meet for the final time in 2020 sometime in late November or early December. ■



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#### Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors Meeting

#### July 28, 2020

LPN Conference Center The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met July 28, 2020, at 5 p.m. at the LPN Conference Center. Board members in attendance were Mary Jane Carothers, Emily Donovan, Gary Evans, David Finneseth, Rich Schumacher, and Jim Spradling.

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

President Carothers called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

#### Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the Agenda

Rutledge announced changes to the agenda. Agenda item 4c was withdrawn and agenda item 4i was added. Agenda item 4i was the sale of LPA lot 1124, which was recommended by the Land Sales committee prior to the meeting.

Spradling moved to approve the revised agenda. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item 2 – Open Forum** – No one present for open forum.

#### Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda

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

Consent agenda to include:

a) LPA General Manager's Report

b) Approval of minutes from 06.30.2020 LPA Board Meeting c) Acceptance of

06.30.2020 consolidated financial report – LPA & LPN, LLC

d) Set date for nextboard meetinge) Accept minutes of the

07.13.2020 Building Code Committee meeting

f) Accept minutes from 06.22.2020 LPN LLC Board of Managers meeting

Agenda Item 4a – Vari-

placement. The committee decided no roof should be allowed to be built, as a roof would deem the area underneath as part of the structure, therefore exceeding the square footage requirements. Schumacher made a motion to allow the shed to be built up to 8 feet closer to the side-lot line, (with no roof to be built). Motion seconded by Gary Evans and carried unanimously.

Schumacher moved to approve an eight-foot side lot setback variance for construction of storage shed for lots 582/3755, Terry & Kersten Gebard. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

#### Agenda Item 4b – Sale of lot 2367

The land sales committee reviewed an offer to purchase lot 2367 for \$12,500. The committee collectively decided to counter. An agreement was reached for \$18,000.

Schumacher moved to accept the offer of \$18,000 to sell lot 2367 to Greg & June Anderson, Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

#### Agenda Item 4c – Sale of lot 3079 - Withdrawn Agenda Item 4d – Sale of lot 6503

The land sales committee reviewed an offer to purchase lot 6503 for \$12,500 and recommended offer be accepted.

Spradling moved to accept the offer of \$12,500 to sell lot 6503 to Lawrence Smith, Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

#### Agenda Item 4e – Rule / Building Code changes regarding solar and wind power

This has been an issue of focus for the committee since LPA received a request for freestanding solar power in early 2020. The proposed rules are listed below addition of 2905 Alternative Energy Sources (Solar and Wind)

The entirety of this change is the ADDITION of new language. No existing language is being deleted or modified. Panorama Association's Building Code Supervisor. All structures must abide by the following guidelines:

**2905.111** Member must present to-scale drawings of the installed system.

**2905.112** Photos of the roof-mounted system. **2905.113** Materials,

photos, manufacturer's description of the system. **2905.114** All piping, conduit, wiring, etc. will be concealed where possible and placed incon-

spicuously as possible when viewed from all angles.

**2905.115** No ground or wall mounted systems allowed.

**2905.116** Roof mounted systems must use panels that are parallel to the roof.

**2905.117** Panels must not be visible from the lake unless they are of an architectural design whereas they do not appear as solar panels (example: solar shingles).

**2905.118** System must be commercially produced/manufactured.

**2905.119** Components of the systems must be integrated into the design of the home.

**2905.120** System shall not extend beyond the ridgeline, eaves or gutter line of the roof installed upon.

**2905.121** Installation must be a permanent, non-rotating or non-motorized system.

**2905.122** All systems installed prior to June 30, 2020, pre-date the implementation of this rule and shall be allowed to remain in-place. Replacement of these systems shall be subject to the above rules and regulations.

2905.2 Wind Energy A Wind Energy Device shall be defined as a system, or series of mechanisms, designed to provide heating or cooling or to produce electrical or mechanical power by collecting and transferring wind generated energy. This definition includes, but is not limited to, a mechanical or chemical device that has the ability to store wind-generated energy for use in heating or cooling or in production of power. 2905.21 Wind Energy Devices are prohibited at Lake Panorama. Evans moved to adopt new building code sections 2905.1 (solar) and 2905.2 (wind). Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

surrounding the storage sheds. LPA building codes is recommending the attached rule additions to address this. (LPA is also notifying these members that overnight occupancy is prohibited in storage sheds.)

The entirety of this change is the ADDITION of new language. No existing language is being deleted or modified **2840** Storage Building

Permit and Requirements 2840.11 Decks added on to storage sheds must not exceed the square footage of the shed itself.

**2840.12** Square footage of a shed is to be measured by the foundation.

**2840.13** The overhang of the roof must not exceed 24 inches; no deck shall be covered by a roof.

**2840.14** Permanent skirting is required on the entirety of any deck that has, at any given point, more than 24 inches of distance between the top of the deck and the top of grade. Skirting must be of a fixed nature and materials must be consistent in appearance with the deck.

**2840.141** Approval of skirting material shall be confirmed by LPA prior to installation. LPA has sole discretion to approve materials used for deck skirting.

Spradling moved to adopt new building code sections 2840 regarding storage building permit and requirements, including 2840.11, 2840.12, 2840.13, 2840.14 and 2840.141. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4g – Rule/ Building Code changes regarding roof pitch for minor components/percentages of roof.

Excerpt from Building Codes Minutes:

Lane Rumelhart presented an idea to the committee to allow LPA management to approve roof pitches less than 6:12 if the area of the roof is less than 10 percent of the total roof structure. The committee agreed that roof pitch variance requests of this nature should not need a variance request and could be approved by LPA building codes supervisor. Westercamp made a motion to allow the LPA Building Code Supervisor to approve roof pitches with less than 10 percent of the total roof area not meeting the 6:12 roof pitch guideline. Motion seconded by Schumacher and carried unanimously.

Schumacher moved to approve a motion clarifying the LPA building codes administrator may consider a roof as being compliant with LPA's roof pitch requirements, provided 90% or more of the roof meets the 6:12 roof pitch requirement. It is the intent of the board to avoid variances for minor components of the roof, such as transitional sections, eyebrows, crickets and dormers, which comprise 10% of the roof, or less. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

#### Agenda Item 4h – Approve deer hunting regulations for 2020-21 deer season

One substantive change is proposed for the 2020– 2021 hunting program. The number of guests a member may register will be limited to three. This is different from allowing registering unlimited guests as has been done the past couple of years.

Spradling moved to approve the 2020-21 Deer Hunting Program, to include the change to limit number of guests a member may register to three, all other rules remain the same as the 2019-20 Season. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

#### Agenda Item 4i – Sale of lot 1124

The land sales committee reviewed an offer to purchase lot 1124 for \$12,500. The committee collectively decided to counter at \$15,000, Buyer accepted the counteroffer of \$15,000.

Donovan moved to accept the offer of \$15,000 to sell lot 1124 to Adam Hackfort. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

#### Agenda Item 5 – Old Business

Rutledge informed the board Neil Wright has resigned from the LPA Board of Directors citing health considerations. Wright conveyed his regrets for not being able to finish his term and thanked the LPA board and staff for their support.

Rutledge noted an appointment can be made by the board and will serve until the next election.

Donovan moved to regretfully accept Wright's resignation and appoint Larry Babcock to serve until the next director election. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 6 – Closed Session – The board entered closed session at 6:09 p.m. to discuss legal matters. The board exited closed session at 6:57 p.m.

#### Agenda Item 7a – Dog Park

Friends of Lake Panorama submitted plans for a dog park, to be funded 100 percent by fundraising efforts. Proposed location is along East RV Road by the East Campground. Several questions were raised by the Board regarding who would maintain and police the dog park. After a short discussion which raised several questions, it was decided to ask representatives of Friends to come to the next board meeting to answer questions and provide more details.

Finneseth moved to table the Dog Park discussion until the next meeting. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Adjourn - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. ■

ance Request: Terry & Kersten Gebard, Lot 582/3755, side lot setback for storage shed as recommended by Building Codes committee

Excerpt from Building Codes Minutes:

Terry Gebard (lot 582/3755) at 4822 Castle Point presented plans to the committee asking for a variance to build a storage shed within 8 feet of the side-lot line. Terry also requested a variance for a roofed walkway to extend off the side of his proposed shed. After discussion, the committee decided that the side-lot request was fine, as LPA is the adjacent lot owner and is OK with the **2905** Alternative Energy Sources (Solar and Wind)

**2905.1** Solar Energy A Solar Energy Device shall be defined as a system, or series of mechanisms, designed to provide heating or cooling or to produce electrical or mechanical power by collecting and transferring solar generated energy. This definition includes, but is not limited to, a mechanical or chemical device that has the ability to store solar-generated energy for use in heating or cooling or in production of power.

**2905.11** A Solar Energy Device may only be installed with advanced written approval by Lake

Agenda Item 4f – Rule/ Building Code changes regarding deck size on storage sheds

There have been some storage sheds on undeveloped lots with extensive decking systems





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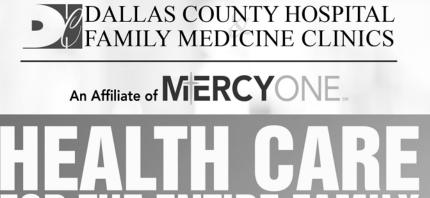
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# John Rutledge, General Manager, Lake Panorama Association

### LPA WATER RATE INCREASE IN OCTOBER BILL

**By SUSAN THOMPSON** Lake Panorama Times

The quarterly rate for Lake Panorama Association water customers will increase with the bills they receive in early October. In this month's Q&A, John Rutledge, LPA general manager, talks about the reason for the increase, plus improvements being made to the LPA water system.

#### Q. Let's start with a review of the history of the water plant upgrades that necessitate this rate increase.

A. For several years, LPA has been exploring longterm options that would allow the association to discontinue reliance on two Dakota Aquifer wells. These wells have served LPA since the 1990s but have been temperamental in recent years. LPA determined the Dakota wells did not represent a reliable source of water for the association's future.

In 2017, a three-month reverse osmosis pilot study was conducted at the water plant. The results showed good finished water quality would be possible using only Jordan water treated by reverse osmosis. LPA began pursuing a project

that includes adding a second Jordan well, along with a reverse osmosis treatment system and concentrate discharge line.

Total cost for the entire project is \$4.7 million. Funding for the project is through the State Revolving Loan Fund for drinking water improvements, at a fixed rate of 2 percent interest for 20 years.

#### Q. When was the decision on this rate increase made?

A. At the LPA board of directors' meeting Nov. 26, 2019, the board voted unanimously to increase the minimum charge for water rates from \$90 per quarter to \$160 per quarter for all residential and commercial members. The increase will take effect with the Oct. 1, 2020, water billing. Money generated from the increase will be used to make the State Revolving Loan Fund payments, and will not be used for operational expenses.

No other changes in LPA's rate structure are being made at this time. The LPA rate structure is subject to periodic adjustment by the LPA board of directors, and LPA does reserve the right to increase or decrease

the operation of LPA's potable water plant and associated distribution system.

#### Q. When the work is complete, what improvements will LPA water customers notice?

A. Water quality will be substantially increased with our new system. Brown and black discoloration caused by iron and manganese will no longer be a concern. And LPA's traditionally "hard water" will be greatly improved.

Water hardness can be described as either parts per million or grains per gallon. LPA water currently has a hardness of 615 parts per million or 36 grains per gallon. The new system is designed to produce water that is 120 parts per million or 7 grains per gallon. This will be consistent with what many municipalities in the Des Moines metro provide to their customers.

Once the new system is in operation, members who have in-home water softeners should have them recalibrated. Recalibration is not an urgent requirement for homeowners but will help them enjoy the cost savings of reduced salt usage. An increased

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rates as needed to support lifespan of water softeners and other appliances is another expected benefit of this system upgrade.

#### Q. What's the timetable for the water plant *improvements to be* complete?

A. LPA is pleased to report all phases of the project are on schedule and progressing as planned. The contractor is experiencing some modestly increased leadtime on pipe orders, but this should only add a few weeks to the job. We hope to be on the new system in late 2020, with some of the disconnection and deconstruction lingering into early 2021. Further information will be provided to water customers when transition to the new system occurs.







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Many retirees buy Medigap policies or enroll in comprehensive Medicare Advantage (Part C) plans for additional coverage. The downside of Part C plans is that you are restricted to the doctors in their networks. Original Medicare allows you to choose any doctor that accepts Medicare.

You can freely switch from one Part C plan to another in the open enrollment period; you can also enroll in one without having to go through underwriting. If you want to move from a Part C plan back into original Medicare, you may not be able to supplement Parts A and B with a Medigap plan right away because underwriting will be required.

It is vital to understand these matters. To read this article in its entirety, visit investgcsb.com

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Friday, Sept. 11 Varsity Football: Panorama vs. Van Meter 7 p.m. Panorama High School www.panoramaschools.org

Monday, Sept. 14 **Panora City Council Meeting** 6:30 p.m. www.cityofpanora.com

Monday, Sept. 14 **School Board Meeting** 6:30 p.m. Board Room www.panoramaschools.org

Tuesday, Sept. 15 Girls HS Swim 6:30 p.m. www.panoramaschools.org

Thursday, Sept. 17 Cross Country: JV/Varsity Invitational 5 p.m. www.panoramaschools.org



Sunday, Sept. 20 **PIRATE OPEN - ENTER IF YE DARR!** 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. 5071 Clover Ridge Road Start: 11 a.m. Shotgun Format: 4-Person Best Shot Cost: Entry includes golf, cart, flag events, contests and prizes. LPN Golf Members - \$140/team Non LPN Golf Members - \$260/team For more information or to register contact the LPN Pro Shop at 641-755-2024. www.lakepanoramanational.com

Thursday, Sept. 24 **Girls HS Swim** 6:30 p.m. www.panoramaschools.org

Friday, Sept. 25 No school

Sunday, Sept. 27 Panora Chamber Golf Tournament Lake Panorama National Four-person best shot 1 p.m. shotgun start \$35 for LPN members; \$65 for non-LPN members All proceeds support Panorama Days 2021 Contact Dave Grove at 757-9956 or

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Monday, Sept. 28 Panora City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. www.cityofpanora.com

Tuesday, Sept. 29 LPA Board Meeting 5 p.m. Lake Panorama National **Conference** Center www.lakepanorama.org

Friday, Oct. 2 Varsity Football: Panorama vs. ACGC 7 p.m. Panorama High School www.panoramaschools.org

Saturday, Oct. 3 Art in the Village Square Fall Festival 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Panora City Square Local artists and musicians. Bring a lawn chair and stay awhile. In case of rain, festival will be held in the Veteran's Auditorium. www.guthriecountyartscouncil.org

Friday, Oct. 9 Varsity Football: Panorama vs. Kuemper Catholic 7 p.m. Panorama High School www.panoramaschools.org

Monday, Oct. 12 **School Board Meeting** 6:30 p.m. Board Room www.panoramaschools.org

Tuesday, Oct. 13 Varsity Volleyball: Panorama vs. Woodward Granger 7 p.m. Panorama High School www.panoramaschools.org

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> Sunday, Oct. 18 **CHILI DIPPER OPEN**

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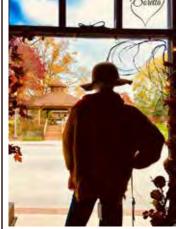
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