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CONTINUE FOR
BEACH BALL
FUNDRAISER
AUG. 1

Online auction results in \$1,225 raised for playground fund.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON | Lake Panorama Times

The Friends of Lake Panorama board continues to plan its third Beach Ball, to be held Aug. 1. The event was postponed from April 18, because of restrictions caused by COVID-19. Friends continues to monitor the situation and will adjust plans again, if needed.

The Friends board is pleased with the support shown for the 2020 Beach Ball, which will raise money for new playground equipment at Boulder and Shady beaches. So far, about 100 items have been donated for auctions and a raffle. There also will be other fundraising activities that evening.

When the Beach Ball was scheduled for April 18, the 30 tables available all had sponsors and decorators, and most seats had been sold. Contacts have been made with table sponsors and ticket holders, and most have said the new date works for them.

Seats or tables that do become available will be offered to those on a waiting list. Anyone interested in attending who isn't on the waiting list can do so by contacting Susan Thompson, 515-240-6536, or staff@friendsoflakepanorama.org.

Those who have paid for a table sponsorship or tickets and can't attend can either leave the money with Friends as a donation for the playground project or ask for a refund.

Direct donations for these new playgrounds are at \$14,500 — a good start toward the \$70,000 goal. Two recent developments will boost that total.

An online auction April 16-20 raised money for the playground project. Mike and Austin Hayden, the father/son team behind ParadisePad watersports products, offered six items to Friends to help raise money for new playground equipment.

When the April 18 Beach Ball was postponed, the Friends board decided to hold an online auction so buyers could enjoy their new water toys this summer. The result was \$1,225 raised for Friends to add to its playground fund.

Also, Friends of Lake Panorama has been notified it will receive a \$2,000 grant from the Guthrie County Community Foundation. The Foundation had a total of \$143,902 to give in grants from the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines and Grow Greene County Gaming Corporation. Friends of Lake Panorama is one of the 35 recipients of a 2020 grant.

Donations for the playground project are accepted at any time. Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 488, Panora, IA 50216 with checks payable to Friends of Lake Panorama. All donations are tax-deductible, and donors receive a thank-you letter acknowledging their donations. Donors of \$500 or more will be recognized on signs erected near both playgrounds, and on the donor page of the Friends website.

More information about the playgrounds and donation options is available at www.friendsoflakepanorama.org. ■

PARADISEPAD WATERSPORTS
COMPANY GROWS, GIVES BACK

The Haydens sold their first ParadisePads off their dock at Lake Panorama.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON | Lake Panorama Times

A watersports company that got its start at Lake Panorama continues to grow, while also giving back to the local community.

Mike and Colette Hayden moved their family, including daughter Allison and son Austin, from Wisconsin to West Des Moines 30 years ago. After a few years, they decided to purchase lake property. They checked several places before choosing Lake Panorama, where they've owned property for 22 years. Their current home is recognized by boaters as the one with the two-story metal dock built into a rock wall.

Austin was a college student, spending a summer day on Lake Panorama with family and friends, when he spotted a large floating piece of foam behind a boat in Horseshoe Cove. He swam over to check it out, wondering how he could get one. But he also wondered if there were better products in existence, since the raft didn't seem to hold many people up at one time.

Austin and Mike began their research. Mike Hayden, a 30-year manufacturing representative, put a team of engineers together.

"We got samples of competitors and brought them to the engineers," Mike says. "We asked them to share their opinions on what they would do different."

What they came up with was an American-made, two-ply, thermally bonded water pad the Haydens have manufactured in the Midwest. They offered their first foam water rafts for sale in 2011.

The Haydens sold their first ParadisePads right off their dock at Lake Panorama.

"That first summer people would come up and say, 'Are you the guys with the pads?,' " Austin says. "We'd tell them we'd be right back, walk up the hill and bring one down."

They started contacting marinas, including Coulter Panorama Marine, who agreed to sell their floating pads. The business plan includes selling wholesale to marinas and boat dealers. More recently, the Haydens have been selling directly from their website.

The foam pads now come in a variety of sizes and range in weight from 23 to 56 pounds.

The pads hold between 900 and 3,000 pounds, depending on the size, and range in price from \$450 to \$750 per pad. Each year since 2016, ParadisePad has been recognized as "America's Premium WaterPad."

In the last few years, the Haydens have added additional items to their portfolio, including inflatable waterpads, standup paddleboards and yoga mats.

Nearly five years ago, Mike left his full-time job to focus more on the growing ParadisePad business.

"Our business philosophy is simple: offer a premium watersport product to enhance our customers' time on the water for many years," he says. "We will continue with this simple

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In 2011, Austin Hayden (left) and his father Mike Hayden created ParadisePad, a foam water pad designed for people looking for a perfect raft on the water. Since then, the company has grown significantly, marketing its products across the United States and in Europe.



In recent years, the company has created smaller inflatables, such as a standup paddleboard and this yoga mat.

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Restaurants, relaxation,
lake dogs and a new website

By SHANE GOODMAN
Editor and Publisher

I am hungry. How about you?
Restaurants in Guthrie County officially re-opened on April 21, and I am glad. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused financial anguish for many industries, but the restaurant industry has been hit especially hard. Take-out delivery helped but could not replace the dine-in revenue that restaurants relied on to survive in what is traditionally a low-profit-margin industry. Gov. Reynolds re-opened this segment (with many restrictions), and I hope that our local restaurants see a huge surge in sales. Please join me in doing all you can to support them and all



Shane Goodman

local businesses. ...
With the COVID-19 pandemic forcing the suspension of publishing of many of our publications, I have had some spare time lately. This time off has given me the opportunity to reflect. At 51 years old, I suddenly realized what I have been missing for the past four decades — and I have Lake Panorama to thank for it.
Do you remember being a kid, laying on the grass and looking up in the sky? Admiring the beauty of the clouds, the birds in the air and the smells of the changing seasons? Do you recall the fascination of seeing the squirrels scampering, the bunnies hopping and the deer doing all they could to avoid you? Or even watching the simplest of insects doing very extraordinary things? For most of my adult life, I have gone to great lengths to avoid these things, and I missed out on much of what this earth offers. Spending time at the lake

has brought me back to nature and made me smile as I thought about my carefree childhood days. We could all use a bit more of that these days, and I am looking forward to it as I spend more time around the lake.
Like many of you, we have been doing a great deal of work around the house. And at the end of hard day's work, I enjoy few things more than kicking back on the deck with a beverage of choice and simply viewing all that is in front of me in silence. Most of you already know this, as it is likely one of the main reasons you bought property at Lake Panorama. For those of you who have been caught up in the stresses of these uncertain times, I hope you can join me in this simple appreciation of nature. ...
With this extra time, I have been brainstorming on some new features to add to Lake Panorama Times, and we added one new one this month — Lake Dogs and Cove

Cats. I noticed that many property owners have their faithful companions with them on the lake, and we want to introduce each of you to these folks and their dogs. My thanks to Cheryl Temple for helping to put this together.
I hope that you will also take the time to view our newly designed website at www.lakepanoramatimes.com. I believe that a strong website should complement a strong publication, and that's exactly what we will be working to do with new content, photos and opportunities for interaction with each of you. We also launched a Facebook page to help in our efforts to push readers to the publication and website. Please take the time to check out these efforts and let me know what you think.
I look forward to the days of seeing many of you in person, hopefully soon. In the meantime, thanks for reading. ■

NEW LAKE OWNER ORIENTATION SESSIONS POSTPONED

Lake Panorama 101 sessions won't be limited just to those who receive invitations or who are new property owners.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Plans for orientation sessions for new Lake Panorama property owners are on hold while COVID-19 restrictions are in place. New property owners often have lots of questions and sometimes don't get fully acclimated until they've been at the lake for a couple of years.

That has led to a group of volunteers developing a program titled "Lake Panorama 101," which will be presented during one-hour meetings held at Lake Panorama National.
Two initial sessions were planned and publicized, one April 24, another June 6, but both have been canceled. Once it is safe to reschedule a Lake Panorama 101

program, invitations will be sent to new owners who have purchased lake property within the last 18-24 months.
Topics covered will be the Lake Panorama Association, Lake Panorama National, perks and amenities available to LPA members, and ways to learn more. There will be time for questions, and refreshments will be

available.
Lake Panorama 101 sessions won't be limited just to those who receive invitations or who are new property owners. Any LPA member interested will be welcome to attend. Organizers hope an initial session can be offered in August or September, with additional sessions offered a couple of times, if there is interest. ■



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idea for all new products, making them unique with higher quality and more features and benefits.”

Not only do they promote fun things on the water, the Haydens give back to many good causes. This spring, they offered six items to Friends of Lake Panorama to help raise money for new playground equipment at Shady and Boulder beaches.

When the April 18 Beach Ball was postponed to Aug. 1, the Friends board decided to do an online auction so buyers could enjoy their new water toys this summer. The result was \$1,225 raised for Friends of Lake Panorama to add to its playground fund.

During the month of May, the Haydens are having a pre-season sale, with 15 percent off on all products. To continue their giving ways, a percentage of proceeds from these sales will go to each buyer’s favorite lake charity — Friends of Lake Panorama, Lake Panorama Ski Team, Fin & Feather, or the Fourth of July fireworks.

To participate, use the discount code LP15 and place an order at www.ParadisePad.com. ■



Above: The rolled foam pad, which was the original ParadisePad offering, comes in five sizes.

Left: Besides the rolled foam pads, the Haydens have ventured into inflatable items. For instance, these inflatable pads come in two sizes.

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LAKE DOGS AND COVE CATS

We are implementing a new feature in Lake Panorama Times that will feature local residents and their pets. Once social distancing rules are minimized, we will publish photos of owners and their pets with their stories. In the meantime, here are two featured pets:

Lake Dog: Lenny, Australian Shepherd
Family: Ashley and Derek Temple
Favorite Lake Activity: Playing tug of war with Cousin Leo and golf cart rides around the lake
Pet Peeve: Bath time and being on a leash
Naughtiest Deed: Playing in the mud



Cove Cat: Gigi, 4 years old, found by the grandkids on a rainy night as a kitten
Family: Brian and JoAnn Johnson
Favorite Lake Activity: Bird watching from the deck or the windows
Pet Peeve: Being ejected from the bedroom at night
Naughtiest Deed: Jumping up on the table and knocking off a cup of coffee



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2020 GOLF LEAGUE PLANS ALTERED

New dates, rules for leagues and general play.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Covid-19 restrictions are having an impact on when and how golf leagues are being handled at both Panorama West and Lake Panorama National.

At Lake Panorama National, the May 6 stag for men's leagues was cancelled, and the start of league play moved to June 3 rather than May 13. During May, Wednesday afternoons are reserved for play by men's league members. Membership and league fees must be paid, and tee times made by calling the LPN pro shop.

The LPN May 7 women's league kickoff was cancelled, and the start of league play moved to June 4 rather than May 14. During May, Thursday afternoons beginning at 2:30 p.m. are reserved for play by women's league members. Membership and league fees must be paid, and tee times made.

Also, the LPN women's league sponsors an annual four-gal tournament, which is open to the public. This tournament has been postponed from June 25 to July 23.

The Panorama West Tuesday morning women's league cancelled its April 28 kickoff luncheon. League play will begin May 12, rather than May 5, with three shotgun starts available. These are 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 10:45 a.m. League members are asked to form a group of 2-4 players, choose a time, and contact Sue Merryman at suemerryman@gmail.com, or (641) 751-5956, who will assign starting holes for each group.

The Panorama West clubhouse will be closed except for the bathrooms, although rental carts will be available. There will be no treats in May, and scorecards can be left outside the clubhouse. This format will be reevaluated for June.



The coronavirus pandemic has caused schedule changes for all golf leagues and some tournaments at both Lake Panorama National and Panorama West. Guidelines about social distancing and ways to reduce exposure have made it possible for play to continue on the two courses. Shown is the fifth hole on Lake Panorama National. Those who golf are finding excellent course conditions and a great stress reliever.

Also, the Panorama West women's league sponsors an annual two-gal tournament, which is open to the public. This event has been moved from June 9 to Aug. 11.

The Panorama West Tuesday evening men's league will begin May 5 with a shotgun start at 5:30 p.m. The Thursday morning men's league began April 30, with members teeing off beginning at 7 a.m. and play con-

tinuing until noon.

Until things get back to normal, these two men's leagues will "play for fun," with no fees, no prizes, no scorecards to turn in. Social distancing rules mean everyone must have their own cart, and rental carts will be available for those who need them.

For all leagues, and for general play on both golf courses, the following rules

are in place. No more than four golfers to a group. This means no more than four golfers together on tees, greens or gathering areas. Golfers shall maintain a 6-foot separation between themselves and others at all times, except for members of the same household. Leave the flagstick in. Cups are installed upside down so balls can be retrieved easily. Minimize touching of common surfaces. Collect your own trash and take it home with you. One person per cart, except for members of the same household.

Because leagues at Lake

Panorama National operate on the World Handicap System, some local rules will apply until further notice. These temporary measures are in effect until advised otherwise by the USGA.

First, a code of conduct rule prohibits players from touching or removing the flagstick, but a local rule says there is no penalty for players removing the flagstick by accident.

Bunker rakes have been removed from the course, and players are encouraged to smooth the disturbed area with a foot or club. A local rule will allow players who are in a bunker to

take relief by placing the ball within one club length without penalty. The ball must be placed no closer to the hole and it must remain in the bunker. All scores are considered acceptable for handicap purposes.

The hole cup cutting has been modified by placing cups upside down. This keeps the ball from going all the way to the bottom and allows players to easily retrieve their ball to minimize exposure. This local rule will consider the ball to be holed under the most likely score guidelines and also is an acceptable score for handicap purposes. ■

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Lake Panorama Times launches new website and email service

Fresh look implemented, new content to be added.

There is simply no better way to reach property owners at Lake Panorama than through Lake Panorama Times. By being mailed to the permanent residence of all property owners, it gets in the homes and hands of all of the lake area residents. Up until recently, the content on the newspaper's website was simply the same information that was in the paper, leaving little reason for readers to visit the site. That is about to change.

"We are excited to launch the all new lakepanoramatimes.com website," said Shane Goodman, the paper's editor and publisher. "It has a new look and a new feel, and it will soon have a variety of content that was not previously available."

The most noticeable change is the look of the site, which is updated with a modern design. Individual pages include the news feed, a subscription page, advertising information and a "contact us" page. In addition, the full digital version of the most recent issue is posted for anyone to access for free at any time. Past issues are also archived and available to view and download.

"We made this so the site can be viewed easily on a phone, a tablet or a computer," said Goodman, who also owns a website development company that builds and hosts sites for central Iowa businesses. Information on that company can be found at www.biggreen-webdesign.com.



Goodman said redesigning the website was something he knew needed done but wasn't on the top of the initial priority list.

"It was kind of like the plumber who has a leaky faucet at his home. Sometimes we don't fix our own things when we are in the business of doing those same things for others," said Goodman. "As such, we want to show the quality of work we can do so that others can trust us to build their websites, too."

Goodman said Lake Panorama Times also has an email blast sign-up that will allow subscribers to receive content via electronic mail for free. It will provide links to the website's various stories and additional content that will be posted. Users can subscribe or unsubscribe at any time at www.lakepanoramatimes.com.

"And we don't collect or sell your personal data like the big tech companies are doing," said Goodman. "I take those privacy issues very seriously, and everyone else should, too."

A Facebook page was also launched for Lake Panorama Times, which Goodman says will be used to promote and attract more readers to the website.

"A Facebook page should be used to promote a business' website, never to replace it," said Goodman. "A business owns its website. It does not own its Facebook page and should not trust (Facebook CEO) Mark Zuckerberg and company with its content or data."

In time, Goodman hopes to add additional features like a local buy/sell/trade marketplace, timely news updates, local press releases, online-only blogs and reader forums. Readers will also have the ability to submit news and photos and participate in various reader contests.

"It is a process, and one that we will be continually improving," said Goodman. "Most importantly, we want to develop the communication structure so that all Lake Panorama property owners — and everyone else — can receive Lake Panorama news when they want it and where they want it."

Goodman welcomes feedback on the site and ideas, which readers can do through the "Get In Touch" form at the bottom of the home page.

"Lake Panorama Times is clearly the go-to publication for property owners," said Goodman. "We now need to make the website and email blast the go-to options for those avenues as well." ■

30-YEAR LAKE PANORAMA RESIDENT PUBLISHES FIRST BOOK

"Legend of the White Lion" took 20 years to write.

By SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Kathy Coons was born and raised in Guthrie Center. It was in the Guthrie Center school where a teacher presented her a future challenge — to write and publish a book. That challenge came to fruition Dec. 23, when her 196-page book titled "Legend of the White Lion" was published.

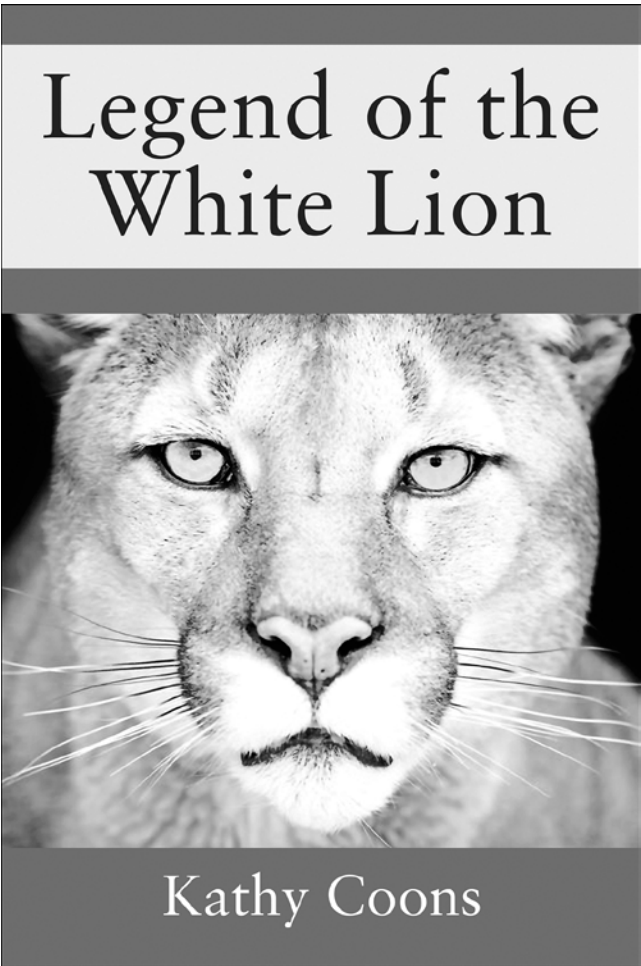
"Publishing this book has been my life goal," Coons says. "One day this teacher handed out a paper with a paragraph on it and told us to write a short story from the paragraph. The next day she read mine in class. After class she gave it back to me and told me some day I would write a book. She encouraged me several times when I was still in school, and even once I was grown and out of school."

Coons and her husband John have lived at Lake Panorama for more than 30 years.

"We like the water, our neighbors, and the beauty and security of the lake," she says. The couple has two daughters, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, all living in the area.

"I love fictional books," Coons says. "The idea for my book came to me because I am fascinated with large cats, most animals, the Northern states, and with Native Indian legends."

"The book took me 20 years to write. I started writing in a notebook,"



This is the cover of Kathy Coons' first book. The book was published in December and currently is available online and from Coons.

Coons says. "Next I had someone type up the first few chapters. When I got a computer, it was so much easier to change, add or correct. I retired a couple of years ago, which gave me the time to finish it. I changed the story line many times. I finally had to quit and be happy with what I had or it would never get published."

Here's a portion of the promotional description of the book: "Mariah Brooke knows she's in the wrong place. All her life, she has dreamed of flying over snow-covered mountains and green trees, only to be abruptly awakened by an image of glowing yellow eyes leap-

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ing out at her. Now, standing at her mother’s grave, she must choose whether to stay in the small Kansas town where she has never belonged, or take a chance on the life she feels calling to her.”

Coons says she read many articles on how to write a novel, and found each author is different.



Kathy Coons

“I wanted the book to be an easy read that would entertain readers. And I wanted to keep them on the edge of their seat, fully engrossed so they could not put it down until the end,” she says.

Experts suggest an author first establish an audience and market.

“Anyone who likes animals, adventure, mystery and romance should find it in my book,” Coons says. “I may be prejudiced, but I think it would make a great movie. Imagine a white mountain lion on the big screen.”

Before she started the process of finding a publisher, she had no idea there were so many books published every year.

“There are thousands of them. The vast number almost stopped me from publishing, but I kept remembering my teacher’s encouragement and her telling me I could do it. That kept me going, plus the encouragement from family and friends,” Coons says.

One reviewer on Goodreads, an online service that states its mission as “helping people find and share books they love,” called the book an “awesome read” and said she hoped there will be a sequel. According to Coons, that reader won’t be disappointed.

“I have a couple other books in the works, one of them being a sequel to ‘The Legend of the White Lion.’ I think my readers will really like it. But when I get stuck on one book, I jump over and work on the other. They are completely different story lines,” she says.

Coons says her goal with her first book was to capture the reader in the first few pages, and it seems she succeeded.

“Many tell me it is an exciting, quick and easy read without the writer fluff,” she says.

One of the reviewers on Goodreads agreed: “Make sure to schedule a whole day to read this book because you will NOT want to put it down! I was captivated with the story of Mariah and what her purpose was going to be throughout the book and how her story ended. I loved watching her relationships with the residents of the small town grow. And I enjoyed how the author switched back and forth telling Mariah’s story and the white lion’s perspective.”

The book can be ordered on Amazon, Kindle, Barnes and Noble, and Nook. Coons donated a copy to the Panora Public Library for checkout, and the book is available for sale at the library. The book also can be purchased directly from Coons.

Because of the restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 situation, sales at the library and in-person have been on hold.

“When things get back to normal again, where we can be around each other, I will have a book signing and give away a T-shirt or a cup with the white lion on them,” Coons says.

To purchase the book from Coons, call her at 641-755-2673, or email kcoons@netins.net. ■

2019 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR

LAKE PANORAMA WATER COMPANY

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)	Compliance		Date	Violation	Source
		Type	Value & (Range)			
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	0.002(<0.001-.003)	08/13/2019	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.34(0.07 - 0.47)	08/13/2019	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	1.34 (.87 – 1.95)	12/31/2019	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) [TTHM]	80 (N/A)	LRAA	5497 Chimra Rd. .043	7/17/2019	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb) [HAA5]	60 (N/A)	LRAA	5497 Chimra Rd. <.006	7/17/2019	No	By-products of drinking water disinfection
03 - WELLS 2 OR 3; & 4 @ CLUB HOUSE						
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5 (0)	RAA	<1.0	07/17/2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium (ppb)	30 (0)	RAA	3.6	07/17/2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Alpha Emitters (pCi/L)	15 (0)	SGL	3.6	07/19/2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	SGL	1.77	10/18/2011	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	279	11/13/2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	.940	05/8/2019	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb -- parts per billion.
- ppm -- parts per million.
- pCi/L – picocuries per liter
- N/A – Not applicable
- ND -- Not detected
- RAA – Running Annual Average
- IDSE – Initial Distribution System Evaluation
- Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- SGL – Single Sample Result
- TCR – Total Coliform Rule
- LRAA -- Locational Running Annual Average

GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. LAKE PANORAMA WATER COMPANY is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

CONTAMINANT VIOLATIONS

No violations in 2019

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

The Lake Panorama Association water supply obtains a portion of its water from the Cretaceous (Dakota Sandstone) aquifer. The Cretaceous (Dakota Sandstone) aquifer was determined to be not susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials prevent easy access of contaminant to the aquifer. The Lake Panorama Association Cretaceous (Dakota Sandstone) aquifer wells will not be susceptible to most contaminant sources except through pathways to the aquifer such as abandoned or poorly maintained wells. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the IDNR, and is available from Lake Panorama Association at 641-755-2301.

The Lake Panorama Association water supply obtains a portion of its water from the Cambrian (Jordan Sandstone) aquifer. The Cambrian (Jordan Sandstone) aquifer was determined to be not susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials prevent easy access of contaminant to the aquifer. The Lake Panorama Association Cambrian (Jordan Sandstone) aquifer wells will not be susceptible to most contaminant sources except through pathways to the aquifer such as abandoned or poorly maintained wells. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Lake Panorama Association at 641-755-2301.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact LAKE PANORAMA WATER COMPANY at 641-755-2101.

Decisions regarding the water system are made at the Lake Panorama Association Board meetings held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Lake Panorama office and are open to the public.

Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors Meeting

March 24, 2020
Lake Panorama Association Office - Via Web Conference

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met March 24, 2020, at 5 p.m., via Web Conference. Board members in attendance were Mary Jane Carothers, Emily Donovan, Gary Evans, Tom Jeschke, Rich Schumacher, Jim Spradling and Neil Wright.

LPA Staff in attendance: Danna Krambeer and John Rutledge. Visitor in attendance: Dave Finneseth, LPA Member President Carothers called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the Agenda – Rutledge added discussion of the Meriwether 2020 - 2021 Audit Contract will be discussed under Other Business. Spradling moved to approve the agenda, as amended. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 – Open Forum - No one requested to participate.

Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda

Spradling 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 12.17.2019 LPA Board Meeting.

c) Acceptance of 01.31.2020 consolidated financial report – LPA & LPN, LLC

d) Acceptance of 02.29.2020 consolidated financial report – LPA & LPN, LLC

e) Update banking resolutions with Iowa Trust and Savings Bank to reflect staffing changes

f) Resolution to update FSA and NRCS authorized signatory to reflect staffing changes

g) Confirm discontinuation of quarterly newsletter and designate weekly email as official means of communications to LPA members

h) Accept 03.9.2020 Building Code Committee Minutes

i) Approve date of the next LPA board of directors meeting

Agenda Item 4a – Approve 2020 notice of annual meeting and annual meeting ballot. Discuss contingency plan for scenario where in-person annual meeting cannot be held on 5.9.2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Rutledge discussed the necessity of moving the annual meeting to June 27, the last Saturday in June, due to COVID-19 pandemic. Jeschke's term will continue until a successor is elected. Recommend the June Board meeting be moved to June 30, after the annual

meeting has been held. Attorney Joel Williams confirmed the date of June 27 would meet the by-laws.

Donovan moved to reschedule the annual meeting to June 27, 2020, due to COVID-19 restrictions and the June Board meeting to June 30, 2020, and approve the notice and ballot of the annual meeting to reflect these dates. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4b – LPA water main replacement across Burchfield Cove

i) Review bids and authorize general manager to award contract

In December 2019, LPA experienced tremendous water loss. After extensive visual search for the leak did not produce the cause, the process of isolating lake crossings was done. One of the lake crossings was found to be the source of the leak, and it was shut down. It has been determined that repairing the existing line was not the best option, and replacement of the line has been pursued in lieu of repair. Tom Madden of SEH has applied for permits with the DNR. Specifications were developed and bids were requested. Two bids were received. The lower bid is for \$341,300. This includes a \$154,216 crossing and two associated main extensions to relocate the line. The closest, feasible location has been chosen, and property rights have been secured.

ii) Review proposed adjustments to 2020 LPA capital budget

Rutledge explained how the addition of the Lake crossing to the 2020 capital budget has been reviewed and adjustments have been made to some 2020 capital items to offset \$225,000 of this expense. These adjusted items will be moved to the 2021 capital budget discussions.

iii) Approve purchase of lot 6015 to accommodate construction

Rutledge outlined the plan to purchase Lot 6015 to accommodate construction and preserve the road. An agreement for fair market value has been reached with Donald & Joyce White for \$12,000.

Schumacher moved the following items:

1. To authorize the general manager to proceed with the emergency replacement of the water main under Burchfield Cove by contracting with LaGrange, Inc. for a cost of \$341,300, subject to any change orders that might be deemed necessary and also subject to legal review of contract documents.

2. Adjust the 2020 previously approved capital budget expenditures by postponement of \$225,000 of non-emergency improvements as a means of offsetting a majority of the unanticipated expenses related

to the Burchfield Cove water main replacement project.

3. To authorize the purchase of lot 6015 from Donald & Joyce White for \$12,000, plus the cost of abstracting

Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4c – Approve sale of lots 4059 and 4060 as recommended by land sales task force

LPA received an offer from Jacqueline DeMaria and Kevin Wellik for lots 4059 & 4060 in the amount of \$15,000. Land Sales Committee reviewed the offer and countered back with \$25,000, \$12,500 for each lot, holding firm with the current minimum lot sales price policy. The buyer has accepted the counter of \$25,000 for the two lots. LPA staff has no objection to the sale of this property. Land Sales Committee is recommending the offer of \$25,000 be accepted. Offer states lots 4059 & 4060 to be combined with currently owned lots 4061 & 4062 at closing.

Schumacher moved to approve the sale of lots 4059 and 4060 to Jacqueline DeMaria and Kevin Wellik for \$25,000, lots to be combined with 4061 and 4062 at closing. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4d – Variance Request: Hellman, Lot 1458. One foot side lot variance recommended by Building Codes committee

Excerpt from Building Codes Minutes:

Andrew Hellman, on behalf of Edwin and Cherie Hellman, owners of lot 1458 at 5058 Panorama Drive, presented a full set of building plans to ask for a variance of up to one foot from the side-lot variance. The lot being built on varied from published dimensions. All other aspects of the house plans comply with LPA building codes. The committee felt that because the initial dimensions of the lot were misconstrued, the variance was acceptable. Motion by Evans to approve variance for up to one foot on side-lot easement on lot 1458 at 5058 Panorama Drive, Second by Brown. Motion carried.

Jeschke moved to approve the one-foot variance on side lot line for new home construction for Edwin and Cherie Hellman on lot 1458, 5058 Panorama Drive, per the plans presented. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4e – Variance Request: Strand, Lot 339. 15 foot front lot variance recommended by Building Codes committee

Excerpt from Building Codes Minutes:

Alan Strand (lot 339 at

6390 Panorama Drive) presented site plans for a 15-foot front-lot variance for a detached garage. Due to the topography of the lot, it is too steep to build back to the 35-foot easement. The building codes committee felt that due to the topography and secluded development, the garage could be built. Motion by Markkres to approve 15-foot front-lot variance on lot 339 at 6390 Panorama Drive, second by Brown. Motion carried.

Jeschke moved to approve the 15-foot front lot variance for detached garage, per the plans submitted, for Alan and Sharon Strand, on lot 339, 6390 Panorama Drive. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4f – Variance Request: Lange, Lot 488. Roof pitch variance recommended by Building Codes committee

Excerpt from Building Codes Minutes:

Deb Lange (lot 488 at 4587 Panorama Drive) presented building plans to ask the committee for a variance of a 4/12 roof pitch rather than the 6/12 roof pitch required by LPA Building Codes. Lange's home is of the Contemporary Style. The roof is a hip style and meets the three-roof plane rule. The Building Codes Committee felt that, along with the roof pitch and window choice, Lange's home was architecturally attractive and would fit in very well at Lake Panorama. Motion by Westercamp to approve 4/12 pitch roof for 4587 Panorama Drive, second by Brown. Motion carried.

Jeschke moved to approve variance for a Contemporary Style 4/12 roof pitch for Deb Lange new home construction, per the plans submitted, lot 488, 4587 Panorama Drive. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4g – Variance Request: Nielsen, Lots 106 & 107. Roof pitch variance recommended by Building Codes committee

Excerpt from the Building Codes Minutes:

Jared Nielsen (lots 106 and 107) presented a full set of building plans to ask the committee for a variance of a 3/12 roof pitch and 2/12 roof pitch. The home has decorative dormers that don't meet the LPA's pitch requirements but are still aesthetically pleasing. The Nielsen's home is of the Contemporary Style. The roof is a hip style and meets the three-roof plane rule. The Building Codes Committee felt that, along with the roof pitch and dormer choice, the Nielsen's home was architecturally attractive and would fit in very well at Lake Panorama. Motion by Evans to approve 3/12

and 2/12 pitch for lots 106 and 107, second by Brown. Motion carried.

Jeschke moved to approve variance for Contemporary Style roof pitch of 3/12 and 2/12 dormers for Jared and Hilary Nielsen new home construction, per the plans submitted, lots 106 & 107, 7067 Andrews Terrace. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4h – Boat Ramp Change as recommended by Building Codes committee, LPA attorney and LPA GM

Rutledge explained there are two factors to consider with privately owned boat ramps at Lake Panorama. The unmonitored boat ramps increase the potential of invasive species at Lake Panorama and unmonitored boat ramps increase the potential of non-member use of Lake Panorama. This creates a number of concerns, foremost of which is boater safety. The following is proposed rule addition.

NEW SECTION

3201.5 New Boat Ramps Prohibited.

3201.51 No member shall construct or install a boat ramp without applying for a permit from LPA and receiving written permission for the installation of such boat ramp. LPA shall retain the sole discretion to deny any application for a boat ramp. Generally, boat ramps shall be strictly prohibited unless a member can show that access to the lake from such boat ramp will be controlled to avoid invasive species and unauthorized access to the lake. In the event a boat ramp is installed without receiving a permit, LPA shall have the right to cause such member to remove such boat ramp.

3201.52 All boat ramps that were installed prior to January 1, 2020, shall be permitted and allowed to remain provided that the member maintains such boat ramp in good repair and condition. The replacement or major repair of any such boat ramp shall require a permit from LPA as set forth in 3201.51 above.

3201.53 Any member with an authorized boat ramp shall strictly prohibit access to the lake and shall only allow boats that are registered with LPA and have a current LPA sticker to utilize such boat ramp. In the event a member allows access for an unregistered boat or a boat without a current LPA sticker, then such member shall be in violation of this rule and subject to a fine of \$2,500 per occurrence.

Schumacher moved to adopt the addition of the new rules regarding Boat Ramps at Lake Panorama as detailed above. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5a – Old Business – No old business

Agenda Item 6a – Other Business – 2020 Audit Contract with Meriwether

Rutledge explained the current contract with Meriwether ended with the 2019 audit. Meriwether provided a fair priced extension of the audit agreement for 2020 and 2021.

Jeschke moved to accept the extension of the audit contract with Meriwether for 2020 and 2021 audit years. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Carothers commended Rutledge and the entire LPA and LPN staff. They have been proactive in dealing with the pandemic issues and have done a great job in protecting the members and the employees.

Agenda Item 7 – Closed Session – The board entered closed session at 5:45 p.m. to discuss legal matters. The board exited closed session at 6 p.m.

Donovan moved to approve a confidential legal agreement, as discussed in closed session, contingent upon final document review by LPA attorney and execution by LPA general manager. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Adjourn - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. ■

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Volunteers needed for golf course landscapes

If you appreciate having flowers on many of the golf holes, consider volunteering.

By SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

During this time of social distancing, it is a blessing as the weather gets nicer and more time can be spent outside enjoying the fresh air. For those looking for more excuses to get outside, Lake Panorama's two golf courses are the perfect excuse — and not just to play golf, but also to help add more beauty.

Lake Panorama National and Panorama West boast flowers throughout the golf season on tee boxes and other locations. Most of these colorful displays are the result of dedicated volunteers who not only purchase and plant flowers but also weed, water and decorate.

Lake Panorama National has some volunteers who help clean flower beds and add flowers on many of the golf holes, around Spikes and

areas near the conference center. If you appreciate having this added touch to the LPN, consider volunteering.

Many of the landscaped areas near tee boxes already have been adopted, but there are some openings, or some holes where an additional volunteer or two is needed. There also are general areas that need a spring cleanup, plus some attention throughout the year. For instance, around Spikes, the swimming pool fence, and several areas near the conference center need attention.

Kathy Moline and Shanell Wagler coordinate volunteers interested in helping around the LPN golf course. If you are interested in volunteering for a summer commitment to a tee box or other specific area, or even a one-time commitment with others to do a spring cleaning, contact Wagler at shanell.wagler@gmail.com or 515-371-0505.

At Panorama West, raised brick planters are located on each tee box. For many years, volunteers have planted and maintained these planters throughout the golf season. Most are already spoken for, but there may be some openings for 2020.

Other volunteers could help with landscaped areas around the clubhouse, flowers near the pro shop and kiosk, and maintaining the nearby rain garden. Maureen Lubeck, Panorama West clubhouse manager, coordinates volunteers at Panorama West. Those interested in learning about 2020 opportunities to help can email her at mlubeck@lakepanorama.org or call the pro shop at 641-755-2250. ■



This landscaped area along the pond dam on the fifth hole at Lake Panorama National has been adopted by Linda Reis. It currently features daffodils, but soon peonies, daylilies, coneflowers, daisies, mums and a Rose of Sharon will join the show.

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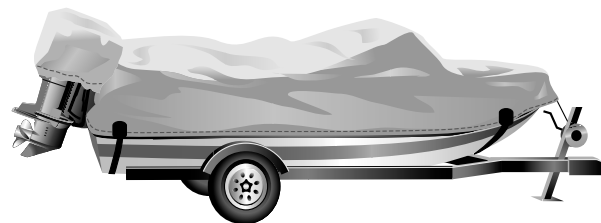
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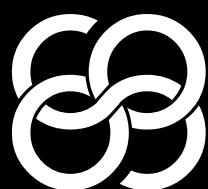
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Retirement Planning Mistakes

What we need to be aware of as we plan for and enter retirement.

Leaving work too early.

As Social Security benefits rise about 8% for every year you delay receiving them, waiting a few years to apply for benefits can position you for higher retirement income.

Underestimating medical

bills. The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College says that the average retiree will need at least \$4,300 per year for future health care costs. Medicare will not pay for everything. That \$4,300 represents out-of-pocket costs, which includes dental, vision, and long-term care.

Avoiding market risk. Equity investment does invite risk, but the reward may be worth it. In contrast, many fixed-rate investments offer comparatively small yields these days.

Underestimating longevity.

The prospect of a 20- or 30-year retirement is not unreasonable, yet there is still a lingering cultural assumption that our retirements might duplicate the relatively brief ones of our parents.

Other common mistakes:

- Withdrawing too much each year
- Ignoring tax efficiency & fees
- Retiring with heavier debts
- Putting college costs before retirement costs

Retiring with no plan or investment strategy. An unplanned retirement may bring terrible financial surprises; the absence of a strategy can leave people prone to market timing and day trading.

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LPA SECURITY CHIEF TALKS WATER ISSUES

Buoys, boat capacity, fire extinguishers and more

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**
Lake Panorama Times

In 1969, Jerry Armstrong was Lake Panorama's first security officer for one year before taking other jobs for many years. He then worked the LPA security night shift full-time for 10 years, before stepping into the LPA security chief role in October 2016. In this month's Q&A, Armstrong talks about boating on Lake Panorama.

Q: What's new this year for boaters at Lake Panorama?

A: LPA and DNR rules for boating remain largely unchanged for 2020. However, we've been asked if LPA has any special policies in place for COVID-19 prevention. At this time, LPA has NOT implemented any special COVID-19 regulations for lake usage. But boaters are encouraged to remain mindful of proclamations from Gov. Reynolds. Residents are required by Iowa Law to adhere to these proclamations. They apply not only to activities on land but also on the water. Social distancing and social gathering proclamations evolve regularly, so stay up to date on these and use the same common sense on the water as you would on land. One key item LPA has discussed is rafting of boats. LPA strongly discourages members from rafting together, as we believe this would be a violation of Gov. Reynolds' social distancing proclamation.

Q: What impact will the Iowa Supreme Court Ruling have on lake use?

A. As discussed in previous articles, LPA has reviewed the Iowa Supreme Court ruling and does not believe this will have any measurable change at Lake Panorama. All lake access points remain private property, which will exclude non-members from launching at our ramp. We believe Lake Panorama will continue to be a lake used by LPA members and their guests.

It is, however, important to remind members that boating while intoxicated is a crime in the State of Iowa. One interesting aspect of the Iowa Supreme Court ruling was that it clarified boating while intoxicated is illegal on BOTH public and private water. So regardless of how this court case would've turned out, it is illegal and dangerous to operate a boat under the influence of drugs and alcohol. We appreciate the fact most people view their time at Lake Panorama as a vacation from the stress of their normal lives. But please enjoy your time at the lake responsibly. LPA security encourages safe and responsible enjoyment of the lake.

Q: Please explain the navigational buoys and hazard buoys on Lake Panorama.

A: Centerline buoys mark the channel of the lake, with boaters travelling on the right-hand side of

the buoys. This is easy to remember because it is the same as driving on the highway. Centerline buoys are marked with a flashing white light so they are visible at night. Hazard buoys are placed in areas that are known to be shallow or hazardous. Be aware these buoys are not a guarantee of exact hazard location but rather a warning to steer clear of that general area. Some hazard buoys are marked with a flashing amber light to ensure boaters steer clear of these areas.

So remember, when boating at night, avoid amber lights, and stay immediately to the right of white lights.

In 2018, a new buoy map was proposed by the water safety committee and approved by the LPA board. Buoys have been placed according to that map for the 2020 season. LPA members should be aware no changes to the map will be made this year unless there is a correction of a hazard buoy. Call the LPA office at 641-755-2301 with questions.

Also in-place is a rule adopted by the LPA board concerning the moving of buoys by members. The rule reads: "Intentional vandalism or unauthorized relocation of buoys shall result in an automatic 3rd offense under LPA rules 5.1(f)(3). In the case of vandalism, the offending member shall pay both the stated fine and damages."

A 3rd offense fine is \$250 and loss of the member's boating privileges for the season.

Q: What are some common mistakes made by boaters?

A: One common mistake is the misunderstanding about boat capacity. Most boats are rated for a maximum number of persons and a maximum total weight. Boaters must remember they are not allowed to exceed either of these numbers. This is especially relevant with young people who weigh less than adults. Regardless of how small the passenger is, everyone counts as one passenger in the boat capacity limit.

Q: What items should boat owners have in place before they launch their boat this spring?

A. Fire extinguishers and floatation devices are both priorities for DNR and LPA, as both are key safety items. Boats with greater than 10 horsepower are required by Iowa law to have at least one Type B-I fire extinguisher onboard the vessel. Some larger boats are required to have one B-II fire extinguisher, or two B-I fire extinguishers, onboard the vessel. Boat owners should check the extinguishers periodically to ensure they remain in a good, useable condition. All vessels are required to have at least one United States Coast Guard

(USCG) approved life jacket for each person on board. In addition, vessels over 16 feet in length must have a throwable floatation device (excluding kayaks and canoes). Iowa Law requires children under 13 years of age wear their life jacket while the vessel is underway. Boaters are ultimately responsible to comply with all Iowa State Law and can find more information at the DNR's boating website: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Things-to-Do/Boating>

Q: Final thoughts for the 2020 boating season?

A: The Iowa DNR has an online licensing system for hunting and fishing license needs. This can be found at the website GoOutdoorsIowa. It is easy to purchase, store and renew your licenses, view hunting and fishing regulations, and report harvests. The GoOutdoorsIowa app can be downloaded via the AppStore or Google Play. Please plan on using this app in 2020, as the LPA office has temporarily suspended the sale of licenses due to COVID-19 restrictions regarding walk-in traffic at the LPA office.

It's always good to be mindful about invasive species. Any boat leaving any lake (including canoes, kayaks, etc.)



Jerry Armstrong

should be cleaned, all compartments drained, and the vessel should dry at least five days prior to re-entering Lake Panorama or show they have not been on an infested lake, have no water in compartments, no plant debris or mud, or any other sign of potential contamination. This is an Iowa law and is enforceable with a \$500 fine. The LPA also has set fines for violators and for falsified information on questionnaires.


LPA Security's phone number is 641-757-9035. Please double check your mobile phone contacts to make sure you are using this number. Contact LPA security with any questions or concerns related to LPA's rules and regulations. Members are reminded to call 911 in the event of a fire, medical or police emergency. Be safe and enjoy your 2020 season at Lake Panorama. ■

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PANORA GARDEN CLUB HELPS BEAUTIFY CITY SQUARE

A dozen new pots installed around Panora's town square.

By SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The Panora Garden Club has a history that dates back more than a century. It was a "department" of the larger Political Equality Club, which was organized in May of 1893. When women finally received the right to vote, the club name changed to The Panora Women's Club. In 1929, club minutes show the garden club department would receive an annual allocation of \$10, with additional funds raised by the group for projects when needed.

Fast forward to 2020, with the Panora Garden Club continuing to raise money for projects. Its latest effort led to the installation of 12 new pots around Panora's town square. The bright blue pots, filled with colorful spring flowers of pansies and snapdragons, were installed April 21. That was just in time to be recognized as an April 22 Earth Day project and garnered a story on the KCCI-TV evening news.

Paulette Chambers and Jean Weisz are entering their second year as co-chairs of the Panora Garden Club.

"Being a Panora Garden Club member means I care about the appearance of our city and hope visitors and our local community notice the attention our club members give to enhance its beauty," says Weisz, who lives south of Panora.

"Our Garden Club is a group of gals who enjoy the beauty in flowers, garden plots and getting to know people who are interested in the same thing," says Chambers, who lives at Lake Panorama. "We volunteer to help maintain several areas in and around Panora, including Heritage Park by Lake Lumber, the Michael Mills Memorial Park, entrance to the Raccoon River Valley Trail near PJ's, and the entrance signs as you enter Panora from three directions."

The new pots were made possible by a \$4,000 grant through the Guthrie County Community Foundation (GCCF). Previous donations and grants, plus the value of in-kind volunteer hours, provided the match required to receive a GCCF grant.

Members of the garden club worked with Ron Eike of Wood Duck Landscapes



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This is one of 12 new planters recently installed throughout the Panora Town Square. Five of the pots are located near donated benches in the area surrounded by the Panora Library, Veterans Auditorium and the Panora Community Center. This pot filled with pansies and snapdragons is beside a bench donated by Hugh and Merna Teale and family. The plaque includes this phrase: Panora-Best Little Town by a Dam Site.

to develop a plan to beautify Panora's main business area with this new project. Grant funds were used to purchase the 12 pots, plus will cover flowers being switched out four times throughout the year to match the four seasons. Eike is volunteering his time to keep the pots watered.

The club currently has 37 members.

"We meet at member homes or visit Iowa's bountiful gardens and attractions from April through December on the second Monday of the month," says Weisz. "We have ladies from Panora, Lake Panorama and the country surrounding Panora as members."

Members pay \$20 annual dues.

"We welcome all ladies, even those with no green thumb," Weisz says.

Club members aren't always getting dirt under their fingernails. Sometimes they take a day trip instead of their monthly meeting. They've toured gardens in Des Moines. Two years ago, they chartered a bus for a trip to the Pella Tulip Festival. Last year, they took a bus to Missouri Valley to visit the Loess Hills area, including a goat farm, lavender farm and an Aronia berry farm. Each year they have one craft day and create a float for the Panorama Days parade.

For many years, the club has maintained 13 large pots scattered around Panora.



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Ron Eike of Wood Duck Landscapes helped the Panora Garden Club choose the new pots, and filled each with spring flowers. He'll change the floral displays three times this year to match the changing seasons. He is volunteering his time to keep the plants watered.

These planters still are in good shape, so club members are looking for annual sponsors. A message has been sent to members of the Panora Chamber of Commerce outlining the program.

For \$150, a pot filled with flowers would be delivered to the business, with a sign showing the sponsor's name attached to the pot. Sponsors would be responsible for keeping the flowers watered. Anyone interested in sponsoring one of these pots, or learning more about the Panora Garden Club, can contact Chambers at 712-304-0077 or Weisz at 515-480-0866.

A Facebook page for the Panora Garden Club was

launched recently. It includes photos of the new flower pot project, plus more details on the club and how to donate, including through a new Venmo account. ■

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Panorama West bunker renovations complete

Bunker renovation paid for with \$15,000 from the McLuen gift, \$1,835 raised in a 2018 golf tournament, and up to \$15,000 from the Lake Panorama Association.

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**
Lake Panorama Times

Renovation of the six sand bunkers on the Panorama West golf course began April 27 and were finished in early May.

Many improvements have been made at the Panorama West golf course over the last three years, thanks to a \$473,000 estate gift from James and Joyce

McLuen. That gift made it possible to install a new irrigation system, add new sections of concrete cart paths, improve turf conditions over a three-year period, landscape around the clubhouse, and add new tee signs, trash receptacles, ball washers and directional signs.

The bunker renovation is being paid for with \$15,000 that re-

mains from the McLuen gift, \$1,835 raised in a 2018 golf tournament at Panorama West organized by volunteers, and up to \$15,000 from the Lake Panorama Association.

The project involved removing existing sand and gravel, flushing drainage tubes and drains, and installing new drains, as needed. Minor reshaping of the traps was done,

followed by new gravel and a 2-inch layer of capillary concrete.

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James and Joyce McLuen, who both

died in 2016, directed 20 percent of their estate to Friends of Lake Panorama to be used at Panorama West. The McLuens were some of the first homesteaders at Lake Panorama. Their home was located near Sunset Beach, and they enjoyed boating, fishing and golfing.

A bench, plaque and sign honoring the McLuens is near the Panorama West pro shop door. ■



This photo shows the bunker near the eighth green at Panorama West after all existing sand and gravel was removed, and the perimeter outlined with a straight cut. This was before new drainage was installed, followed by new gravel, a 2-inch layer of capillary concrete, and new sand.

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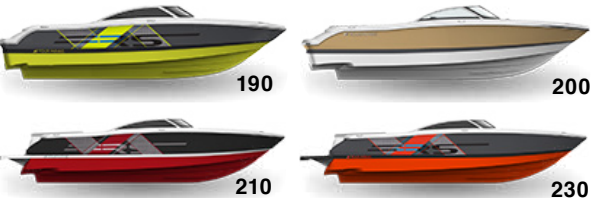


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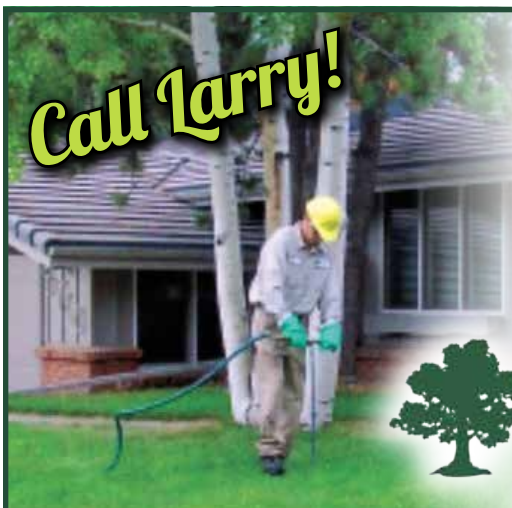
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