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Herald Publishing Company co-owner Tom Burns, Big Green Umbrella Media owner Shane Goodman and Herald Publishing Company co-owner Doug Burns.

Lake Panorama Times sold to Big Green Umbrella Media

Herald Publishing Company of Carroll, Iowa, announced the sale of the Lake Panorama Times and the lakepanoramatimes.com website to Big Green Umbrella Media of Johnston, Iowa, on March 2. Both companies are locally owned media companies.

Herald Publishing Company's co-owner Tom Burns stated that the transaction made operational sense for both companies.

"We had sold our newspapers in Guthrie County a few years ago, but we held on to the monthly Lake Panorama Times," said Burns. "As we focus more on our newspapers in Carroll and Greene counties, the timing of this made sense. And we didn't want to sell it to a large corporation. We have known Shane and Jolene Goodman and many of their staff for years, and we wanted to make sure the publication would be in good hands."

"We will be proud to publish the Lake Panorama Times," said Shane Goodman. "It is a great fit for what we do with our group of monthlies in our company, and it will help us expand further west from the Des Moines metro area. The Burns family did a wonderful job with this publication, and we plan to continue with that tradition of excellence."

Goodman said the company plans to continue with the writing and photography services of Susan Thompson, and Stormy Baker will continue as the publication's advertising sales representative. Shane Goodman will serve as the editor and publisher. Jolene Goodman will manage the advertising processes.

The Goodmans have recently become property owners on the lake as well.

SALE, PAGE 10

TICKETS REMAIN FOR APRIL 18 BEACH BALL; DONATIONS WELCOMED

BY SUSAN THOMPSON | *Lake Panorama Times*

All 30 tables for the Beach Ball fundraising event on Saturday, April 18 now have sponsors, but some tickets remain for those interested in attending. Friends of Lake Panorama is holding the event to raise \$70,000 for new playground equipment at Boulder and Shady beaches.

The Beach Ball will be in the Lake Panorama National banquet room, with registration and social hour beginning at 5 p.m.

Each table accommodates eight guests, with tickets costing \$40. Half of each ticket goes directly to the playground fund. Many table sponsors are filling their tables, but some empty seats remain for those interested in buying tickets. Attendance is limited to 240 people.

Additional fundraising activities will include a raffle, silent and live auctions, buy-a-dessert auction, buy-a-bottomless-beer cup, a 50/50 raffle, and a mini-beach ball drawing for gift cards.

All funds for table sponsorships and meal tickets will be collected in advance of the event, and tickets will be distributed. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets or donating an item can contact Susan Thompson at thomcomm@netins.net or 515-240-6536.

Many valuable items have been donated so far for the live and silent auctions. Kurt Johnson is donating a 14-foot shuffleboard table. The legs and sides are made of reclaimed barn boards, with the playing surface a southern

yellow pine. An outline of Lake Panorama will be incorporated into the table. Included in the purchase price will be eight pucks, plus free delivery and setup. Johnson has built about 15 of these tables, which sell for \$3,500.

Gary and Karen Youngberg, along with sons, Kyle and Kirk, have donated a unique pendant that was hand-crafted in 14K white and yellow gold by Gary at their store, Ames Silversmithing in Ames. The pendant centers on a rhodolite garnet from east Africa and is accented with a round brilliant cut diamond weighing .08 ct. The pendant is finished with an 18-inch 14K white gold wheat chain from the gold factories of Italy. The necklace is valued at \$975. The Youngbergs have been part-time residents on Horseshoe Cove for the last four years.

Items representing both Iowa State University and the University of Iowa will be available. Jay and Sue Merryman have donated a football signed by ISU coach Matt Campbell, while Kent and Shirley Stephenson have donated a football signed by Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz.

BALL, PAGE 3



Paradise Pads, owned by Mike Hayden, is providing four products at cost to Friends of Lake Panorama for the Beach Ball. One item will be this inflatable standup paddleboard.

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ON THE LAKE

Happy to be here

By SHANE GOODMAN
Editor and Publisher

At the time of writing this column, I have been the editor and publisher of The Lake Panorama Times for three days. Yes, three days. I bought the paper on March 2 from Herald Publishing Company in Carroll, good folks whom I have known for a number of years. Since then, we have been gathering content, editing copy, proofing advertisements and getting the paper ready for publication, which is all in a day's work at a newspaper office. But we are not a typical newspaper company, and I am not a typical publisher. In fact, this is the only "newspaper" we publish.

Our company is called Big Green Umbrella Media, and we operate a family of magazines in central Iowa. The one with the most name recognition is CITYVIEW, a 30,000-circulation magazine distributed to nearly 700 locations in central Iowa that covers local arts, entertainment, dining, politics and much more. The others include our 19 individual Iowa Living magazines, providing local news and information for each community in a magazine format and mailed to every household free of charge with a total circulation of approximately 160,000. In addition, we publish five weekly community newsletter publications called Advisers with a heavy print/digital combination. And not to be forgotten are the many annual niche publications we do, too.

My background includes more than 30 years in the business, as I served as the publisher of newspapers, shoppers and specialty guides in Iowa and Nebraska during that time. Like many industries, the newspaper industry has changed. And like most industries, if you don't change, you get left behind. As such, we abandoned the paid circulation approach years ago, along with the reliance on legal advertising from cities, schools and counties. Everything we do is free to readers, and we focus our efforts on convincing our readers to become our advertisers' customers so that we can pay our bills and show a profit. That approach has worked for us, so I thought a free monthly newspaper at Lake Panorama would, too.

You should also know that I own this publication. There are no corporate offices or out-of-state shareholders pulling the strings here, which is unique in the media industry today. If you like what we will be doing, I will take the credit. And if you don't like it, well, I will have to take the blame, too. And that's just the way I like it.

Maybe most importantly, I want you to know that we are also your neighbors, as my wife, Jolene, and I purchased a home on the lake this past year. We are Iowans, as I am a native of Algona and earned college degrees at Waldorf College in Forest City and Buena Vista College in Storm Lake. Jolene grew up in Ames and is a graduate of Iowa State University. Jolene also spent a great deal of her youth on Lake Panorama, as her parents, Dean and Lois Porath, owned properties here in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

When we drove to our lake home last week, Jolene smiled and told me, "This place makes me happy." I couldn't agree more. Thank you for welcoming our publication into your homes and allowing us to be part of your lives. I look forward to getting to know you and sharing your stories. Much more to come.

Thanks for reading. ■



Shane Goodman

PANORA RETIREMENT HOMES CORPORATION LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS



There are 10 apartments in the two Panora Retirement Homes buildings. This shady outdoor area with picnic tables is shared by apartment residents.

By SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Fifty-five years ago, federal government officials recognized the need for more housing options in rural America for elderly and disabled residents. To meet this need, a federal program was developed that allowed local nonprofit corporations to be formed, which would build and operate small apartment complexes.

On March 30, 1970, a group of people in the Panora area filed incorporation papers for Panora Retirement Homes Inc. Low interest loans made it possible for the nonprofit to build two apartment complexes. One was a four-plex near the current post office, which was sold a few years ago as lack of demand reduced the need for them.

The other is a two-building complex that includes 10 apartments just north of the 44 Drive-In. It was originally intended to provide accessible rental housing for elderly rural residents of low to moderate income. Today, there aren't any age restrictions, but most tenants qualify for rental assistance based on their income. The apartments are full.

There are six one-bedroom and four two-bedroom apartments. A hired property manager handles day-to-day



The Panora Retirement Homes board of directors includes, left to right, Betty Whitehead, Dave Olson, Pat Parker and Tammy Deal. On the far right is Gary Rees, the corporation's property manager. Directors not present are Darrell Shook and Brian Johnson.

needs. A six-member board of directors oversees the project. Current board members are Darrell Shook, president; Pat Parker, vice president; Tammy Deal, secretary-treasurer; Brian Johnson; Dave Olson; and Betty Whitehead.

Board members all are volunteers who don't receive compensation for their service, beyond the reward of doing something good for their community. Most have some sort of personal connection to the project. For instance, Deal's grandmother lived there for a while.

"After my grandfather passed away, their large Victorian house in Panora was too much for her," Deal says. "She didn't have any health problems but needed to be somewhere without so many stairs. My father, Bill Deal, was involved in helping get a similar project started in Bagley through their Lions Club, so he was familiar with this one. Grandmother Heiland loved living there,

close to the 44 Drive-In so she could get ice cream. And she enjoyed visiting with her neighbors."

Dave Olson's father was one of the original people who helped get the nonprofit corporation formed.

"This was near and dear to him," Olson says. "The need continues to be there, even 50 years later. Another benefit is that, when someone moves from a home into one of these apartments, it opens up housing that can be purchased and rehabbed by someone else in the community."

Betty Whitehead's husband, Dean, is in poor health and now lives in the Panora Specialty Care facility. Dean also was an original member of the corporation, having gotten involved through his Panora Lions Club membership.

"He saw the need for this then, and I think there is even more need for this type of housing today," Betty says. Pat Parker also came to the

corporation because of the Panora Lions. The club has three memberships in Panora Retirement Homes, and members of the club have taken turns representing those three memberships at annual meetings and on the board.

Parker, who also is the mayor of Panora, admits he doesn't know how many years he's served on the board, but guesses it's been at least 10.

"Our motto has always been we need to do what's right and be a good landlord," Parker says. "These apartments provide a quality, affordable and safe place for our senior citizens."

Regular updates to the 10 apartments are ongoing. Beginning about seven years ago, the first project was to replace all kitchen cupboards. Next came bathroom remodels, with walk-in showers replacing tubs, and the installation of taller toilets. Doorknobs are being replaced to meet today's standards.

Over time, many corporation members have moved or passed away. The current corporation now is down to just 10 members. But to be in compliance with the corporation's bylaws, the board would like to add at least another 15 members.

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FROM PAGE 1

Merlin and Jody Muench are donating a basketball signed by ISU coach Steve Prohm. Iowa and Iowa State cast iron skillets, created at Progressive Foundry in Perry, are being donated by Darek and Carol VanKirk.

For something on the quirky side, a case of Busch Light, autographed by Carson King, the Iowa State student who raised \$3 million for the University of Iowa's children's hospital, will be part of the live auction. Carrie Hansen is the donor and says a similar item recently raised \$875 at a fundraiser in Audubon.

Mike Hayden, owner of Paradise Pads, is providing four items at cost to Friends of Lake Panorama. Minimum bids will be established, and Friends will receive the difference between the final bid and Hayden's cost. The four items in the live auction will be a rolled foam pad, an inflatable standup paddleboard, a 6'x8' inflatable pad, and a 6'x13' inflatable pad. Bidding will begin at \$500 for the first three items, and \$600 for the fourth item.

Other items in either the live or silent auction will be a Lake Panorama National stay-and-play package; a monthly box of fresh summer garden produce from Bill Eby's garden; and both a two-hour pontoon boat ride and youth skiing lessons, donated by Marc and Julie Clausen.

Also, handmade quilts created by Bette Donahey and JoAnn Johnson; a sunset photo of Lake Panorama's main basin printed on metal from Michael Kleinwolterink; a golf lesson with LPN head pro Gary Babcock; and a Utah Jazz jersey signed by Georges Niang, donated by Doug and Deb Hemphill. There also will be a wide variety of gift baskets and gift certificates up for grabs throughout the evening.

In keeping with the Beach Ball concept, casual attire is encouraged. All tables will be decorated with a differ-



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During the live auction, Paradise Pads will offer two inflatable pads like this one, in two different sizes.

ent theme. The fundraiser will begin at 5 p.m. with a social hour and time to view decorated tables, purchase 50/50 game tickets, raffle tickets, and mini-beachballs, and place bids on silent auction items. There will be a buffet dinner at 6 p.m., featuring grilled chicken breasts, pasta with Alfredo sauce, sautéed vegetables, dinner salad and breadsticks.

Since the buffet doesn't include dessert, volunteers are donating some sweet treats. These will be available on a silent auction table, with some perhaps being sold via live

auction. Bidding for the desserts will end as the buffet begins, so winning bidders can pick up their desserts to share at their table.

Dinner will be followed by a live auction, final bidding on silent auction items, raffle and mini-beach ball drawings, and announcing the winner of the 50/50 drawing.

When ticket holders arrive at registration that evening, they will receive a number specific to them and can use that number throughout the evening to purchase 50/50 game tickets, raffle tickets, and mini-beachballs, place

auction bids, and buy Beach Ball bottomless beer cups. This will allow patrons to pay for everything with one transaction at the end of the evening.

Since the use of credit cards would mean losing a percentage of the Beach Ball profit, only cash and checks will be accepted.

Those who can't participate in the Beach Ball still can help. So far, direct donations of nearly \$13,000 have come to Friends for the playground project. Donations can be made in someone's memo-

BALL, PAGE 4



SUSAN THOMPSON | LAKE PANORAMA TIMES

A football signed by Iowa State University football coach Matt Campbell will be offered during the Beach Ball's live auction. The football and display case are being donated by Jay and Sue Merryman. Also on the live auction that night will be a football signed by University of Iowa football coach Kirk Ferentz, donated by Kent and Shirley Stephenson.




SUSAN THOMPSON | LAKE PANORAMA TIMES

Bidding on a 14-foot shuffleboard table, built by Kurt Johnson and donated by he and his wife, Joyce, will take place during the live auction. The table is similar to the one pictured here, made of reclaimed barn boards. The playing surface is southern yellow pine. Rather than a Hawkeye emblem, this table will feature an outline of Lake Panorama. The table will include eight playing pucks, and Johnson will deliver the table to the winning bidder's home at no additional cost. Johnson has built 15 of these tables, which sell for \$3,500.

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Donations to Friends of Lake Panorama are tax-deductible. Donors receive a confirmation letter for tax purposes, both for direct donations at any time and contributions made as part of the April 18 Beach Ball.

A sign recognizing all donors of \$500 or more will be installed near both playgrounds, with these donors also recognized on the Friends website.

Here's a description of the playground improvements planned. At Shady Beach, existing swings and teeter-totter will be removed to make way for a multi-faceted play set, three swings, and a freestanding "spring rider" designed to accommodate a physically challenged child. The spring rider also has room for two children.

At Boulder Beach, the gray mountain and play set currently there will remain. The spring horses and tire swing will be removed. A freestanding spring rider similar to the one planned for Shady Beach will be added. A new playground nearby will include a



SUSAN THOMPSON | LAKE PANORAMA TIMES

This afghan, donated by Merlin and Jody Muench, will be offered on the silent auction. Originally designed by Jody in 2003, it was recently updated with the addition of the Fansler bridge and recognition of Yale's round gym being added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2019.

play set with features geared to both older and younger kids, plus three swings.

More details about Friends of Lake Panorama, the playground projects, and ways to donate are available online at friendsoflakepanorama.org. ■



SUSAN THOMPSON | LAKE PANORAMA TIMES

This unique pendant was hand-crafted in 14K white and yellow gold by Gary Youngberg at Ames Silversmithing, which is owned by he and his wife, Karen. The pendant centers on a rhodolite garnet from east Africa and is accented with a round brilliant cut diamond weighing .08 ct. It is finished with an 18-inch 14K white gold wheat chain from the gold factories of Italy and valued at \$975.

COME SEE THE TABLES!

The 2020 Beach Ball is the third one sponsored by Friends of Lake Panorama, a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity. Others were held in 2016, with funds going to the Sunset Beach playground, and in 2017, with funds supporting the sports courts at Boulder Beach.

A unique feature of these Beach Ball events is each sponsored table is decorated with a different theme. In the past, only those buying tickets to the events were able to enjoy the displays.

This year, table decorators are being asked to wrap up their work by 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, so the general public can view the tables. The banquet room will be open 1-4 p.m. so those interested can walk through the room and see the variety of table themes. A freewill donation will be requested from participants.

This will allow those who can't attend the Beach Ball, or are interested in learning about Friends of Lake Panorama and the playground project, to show their support. Drinks and food will be available in the Links restaurant and lounge. ■

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LAKE PANORAMA AUTHOR HAS SIXTH BOOK PUBLISHED

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**
Lake Panorama Times

Cheryl Mullenbach, who has previously written five nonfiction books for young people, had her sixth book released March 1. Mullenbach and her husband, Dick Wohlgamuth, have lived on Lake Panorama's Jones Cove for 18 years. Titled "Stagecoach Women: Brave and Daring Women of the Wild West," Mullenbach's latest book also is nonfiction but targeted to an adult audience.



Cheryl Mullenbach

The paperback book is more than 200 pages and includes seven chapters, plus extensive notes, a bibliography and index. It's worth noting Mullenbach is a former history teacher, and no stone is left unturned as she writes about the importance of women during the many decades Americans traveled by stagecoach.

The book features the personal stories of the women who contributed to the evolution and success of a captivating facet of American history.

The back cover of the book offers this: "As pervasive as stagecoaches (popularly known as shake-guts) were in the early years of America, it shouldn't be surprising that women who possessed a significant dose of grit and an ounce of entrepreneurial spirit engaged in one way or another in stagecoach enterprises.

"Though their contributions to stagecoach history were often overlooked,



This is a photo of Kitty Wilkins, an Idaho horse dealer featured in the book. Photo credit: Mountain Home Idaho Historical Society

women drove stagecoaches, groomed and shod the stage horses, hoisted mailbags and boxes of gold bullion, negotiated contracts, bought and managed stage lines, defended (with their six-shooters) their cargo from bandits, and robbed stages in addition to fulfill-

ing their traditional roles as housekeepers, cooks, and laundresses — and, oh yes, mothers to multiple children.

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Mullenbach has written five other books: "The Great Depression for Kids"; "The Industrial Revolution for Kids"; "Double Victory: How African American Women Broke Race and Gender Barriers to Help Win World War II"; "Women in Blue: 16 Brave Officers, Forensics Experts, Police Chiefs, and More"; and "Torpedoed!," a recounting of a World War II attack on a passenger liner.

These earlier books have been recognized by the American Library Association, National Council for Social Studies, and the International Literacy Association. The FDR Presidential Library and Museum honored Mullenbach as one of 10 authors at its Roosevelt Reading Festi-

val in 2013. She also is a former newspaper editor and public television project manager.

Mullenbach currently is working on her next book, "Women of That Splendid Little War," which will release in 2022. Also adult nonfiction, it's about the female journalists, activists, spies, nurses, volunteers and fighters of the Spanish American War — referred to by the secretary of state at the time as "a splendid little war" because it lasted only four months in 1898.

All of Mullenbach's books, including her latest, are available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble. ■



This is the cover of author Cheryl Mullenbach's latest book. Mullenbach and her husband, Dick Wohlgamuth, live at Lake Panorama.

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LPA GENERAL MANAGER TALKS ABOUT RECENT SUPREME COURT RULING

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**
Lake Panorama Times

On Jan. 31, 2020, the Supreme Court of Iowa issued a 4-2 ruling that confirmed the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has the authority to enforce Iowa boating laws on Lake Panorama. This month's Q&A focuses on this ruling with John Rutledge, LPA general manager.

Q: What can you tell us about the case itself?

A: The Independence Day weekend marks a peak in the LPA boating season, and a corresponding level of enforcement from Iowa DNR. Lake Panorama was a key area of DNR focus on July 7, 2018, as flooding stifled boating at both Saylorville and the Iowa Great Lakes (Okoboji). DNR officers patrolled Lake Panorama and made a number of stops, one of which is the focus of this case. This case involved an LPA member whose boat displayed blue lights. Iowa Law states only emergency vessels may display blue lights on public water. DNR pulled over this member

and subsequently cited him for boating while intoxicated. The member's attorney argued DNR had no probable cause to stop the member for blue lights, because Lake Panorama waters are not subject to the jurisdiction of the State of Iowa. The attorney argued all charges should therefore be dismissed. The court found 4-2 that Lake Panorama waters are technically under the jurisdiction of the State of Iowa, as Lake Panorama is accessible from the upstream portion of the Middle Raccoon River. Thus, DNR had the authority to stop the member for displaying a blue light, and all charges stemming from this stop were upheld.

Q: Is this case about blue lights or boating while intoxicated?

A: I think it is worth understanding the court's position on both issues. The LPA member's defense argued their case based upon Iowa's law regarding blue lights. The court was divided on whether the blue light

rule applied, with the majority determining in favor of DNR. However, the Court was NOT divided on DNR's authority to cite Iowa boaters for operating while intoxicated. Section 462A.14 provides that a person commits the offense of boating while intoxicated if that person operates a boat while intoxicated "on the navigable waters of this state." "Navigable Waters" is defined in Iowa Code Chapter 462A as "all lakes, rivers, and streams, which can support a vessel capable of carrying one or more persons during a total of six months in one out of every 10 years." DNR's authority to enforce boating while intoxicated law applies to Lake Panorama despite any question about its public/private status.

Q: Does this mean Lake Panorama now is going to be widely used by non-LPA members?

A: LPA does NOT expect this court ruling to change lake usage. LPA continues to control all access points to Lake Panorama, with the minor exception of

the upstream Middle Raccoon River channel. Boat access from upstream is not practical for vessels of measurable size and those small vessels that occasionally enter from upstream are few and far between. The occasional kayak or canoe visitor to Lake Panorama is a reality LPA has understood and accepted for many years. It is worth noting the majority opinion in the Iowa Supreme Court ruling made an intentional effort to clarify this point as follows: "*Of course, we do not suggest that the LPA or any individual property owner has any obligation to permit public access to Lake Panorama over their land.*" LPA is confident Lake Panorama will continue to be a lake used by LPA members, because it isn't practical for non-members to access the lake without trespassing on property controlled by LPA and its governing documents.

Q: How does this change LPA's boating regulations?

A: This Supreme Court ruling represents

NO CHANGE in LPA's boating regulations. LPA rule 5.1(a)(1) currently states: "All vessels operated on Lake Panorama must comply with the State of Iowa Boating Regulations approved by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources except where superseded by the regulations of the Lake Panorama Association." The expectation for safe, responsible and legal boating has been a longstanding goal of LPA. This ruling only reinforces a rule LPA already has in place for the safe enjoyment of Lake Panorama.

Q: What measures will LPA be taking to ensure non-members aren't trespassing over LPA-controlled property to access Lake Panorama.

A: LPA is reviewing all of our signage to ensure the private nature of lake access is clearly

communicated. LPA security will focus efforts on educating non-members that accessing Lake Panorama via LPA-controlled property is trespassing, despite any news stories they read or heard about the status of Lake Panorama's waters.

Q: Any final thoughts?

A: Lake Panorama should be fun, but it should also be safe. There's no shame in admitting you need a designated boat driver. Look out for each other. Don't be afraid to turn over the wheel if you've had one too many. And if you're a passenger, don't hesitate to ask for the boat keys if your driver is impaired. Our culture has become comfortable having these types of conversations before impaired friends jump in a car or truck. We should treat boating with an equal level of priority and concern. ■



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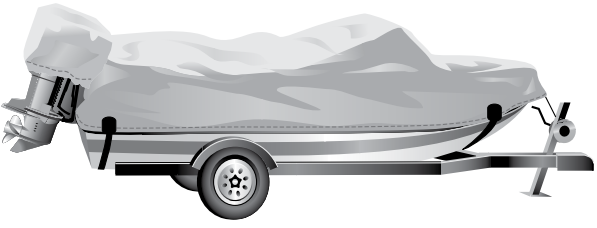
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By **SUSAN THOMPSON**
Lake Panorama Times

The Lake Panorama community changes each month, with people who have been here for a few years, or a few decades, selling their property. New people buy that property and then find themselves with lots of questions.

Last year, a few people who have been through this process started to think there should be an organized way to welcome new property owners to Lake Panorama. The result is a new program titled "Lake Panorama 101."

Two initial sessions are planned. The first will be Friday, April 24, 5-6 p.m.

The second will be Saturday, June 6, 10-11 a.m. Both meetings will last one hour and be held in the dining room at the Lake Panorama National Conference Center, 5071 Clover Ridge Road.

Topics covered will be the Lake Panorama Association, Lake Panorama National, perks and amenities available to LPA members, and resources for learning more and making connections. There will be time for questions at the end of the presentation.

Refreshments will be available. Special invitations will be sent to new property owners who have purchased at Lake Panorama within the last 18-24

months. But the Lake Panorama 101 sessions aren't limited just to those who receive invitations, or who are new property owners. Any LPA member interested is welcome to attend.

One of the organizers is Sue Merryman, who moved to Lake Panorama with her husband, Jay, more than five years ago.

"We did not know one person here," Merryman says. "We just wanted a large private lake, big enough for skiing, and within an hour of Des Moines and Ames. We had no idea what the Lake Panorama Association had to offer. I like to exercise and play bridge, but I had to search that out. After that, it was a domino effect for me, and I was lucky to have a good neighbor who gave me some information. I would have loved attending one of these meetings."

Julie Wykoff, who served on the Lake Panorama National board of managers for a time, and also has provided marketing assistance to the LPN, will be the main presenter at the orientation sessions.

"We were part-timers when we first bought here," Wykoff says. "It took us a long time to figure out how things worked. I continue to meet people who feel the same way or don't know about some great feature of our community. It's my hope that anyone who attends this session will have a better understanding of what a great decision they made when they chose Lake Panorama."

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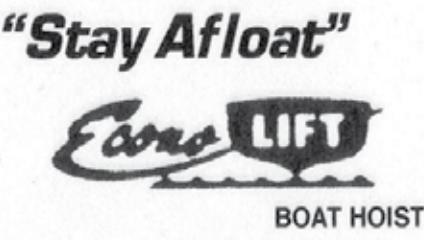
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DATES SET FOR THREE 2020 ‘COFFEE WITH THE GM’ EVENTS

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**
Lake Panorama Times

Three “Coffee with the GM” events are scheduled for this spring and summer. Since April 2015, these events, held several times each year, have provided LPA members the opportunity to improve communications between the Lake Panorama Association and LPA members.

John Rutledge, LPA general manager and LPN director of operations, invites LPA mem-

bers to join him for coffee and other refreshments at these informal gatherings.

The next three coffees are scheduled for April 3, June 26 and Aug. 28. All dates are on a Friday. These events will be at the Lake Panorama National Conference Center, begin at 10:30 a.m., and last about an hour.

At these coffees, Rutledge provides an update on current happenings and takes questions from members in

attendance. A fourth coffee for 2020 will be scheduled sometime in the fall.

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

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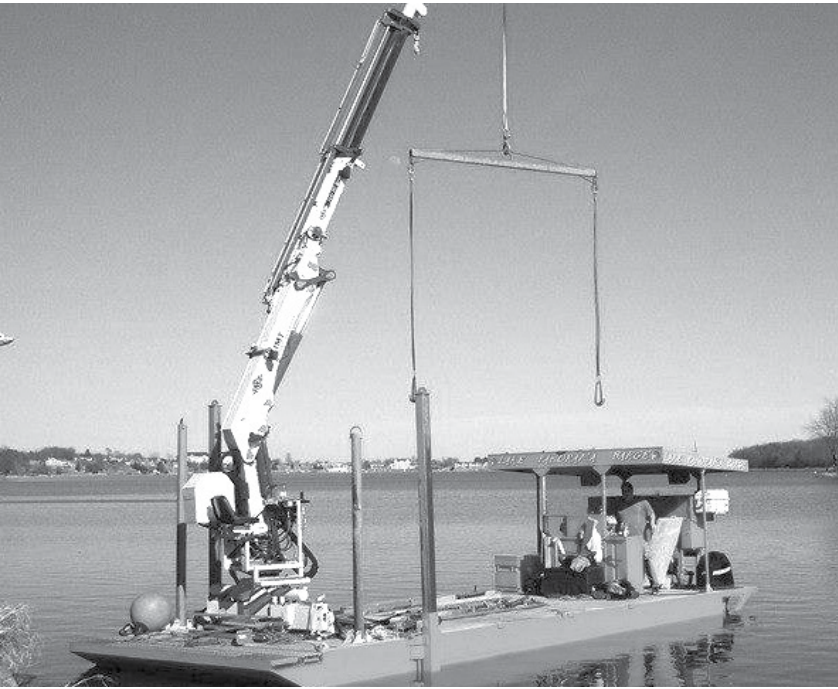
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By SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

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Preliminary results shortly after the polls closed showed 80.6 percent approval of the proposal, which needed 60 percent to pass. There were 2,067 voters, with 1,666 voting in favor of the bond referendum and 401 voting against it.

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The Lake Panorama National's annual Easter Brunch will be Sunday, April 12 with reservations available every half hour from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Executive Chef Brent Gaffney is planning to prepare a wide variety of both breakfast and lunch entrees.

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HOMES
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surrounding area. Organizations can purchase multiple memberships, as the Panorama Lions Club has done. There is a one-time \$25 membership fee. The corporation is composed of members, not shareholders. Members are asked to attend an annual meeting, and the six board members are drawn from the overall membership. Board members serve three-year terms, and meetings are held bi-monthly. Many of these apartment complexes built in the early days of the federal program have been sold, generally to companies or individuals who want to make a profit. But board members say, with more people involved, the corporation should be

able to maintain and operate Panorama Retirement Homes for many years to come. Darrell Shook first represented the JayCees in the 1970s, then the Panorama Lions, then bought his own membership. He’s been on the corporation board for about 30 years and is in his first term as board president. “With community support, Panorama Retirement Homes Inc. could continue to operate these apartments for many years. Financially, we are sound and see no need to sell to a for-profit group,” Shook says. “We feel we can maintain quality and affordable apartments for our tenants, which was the original intent 50 years ago.” Anyone interested in supporting the Panorama Retirement Homes by becoming a member, or who would like more details, can contact any of the officers — Darrell Shook (515-709-1365); Pat Parker (757-7961); or Tammy Deal (757-9017). ■



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