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Rescue dog wins first agility championship

By SUSAN THOMPSON
Times staff

I admit it — I'm a dog lover. So when a dog I've featured twice in the Lake Panorama Times achieves something great, I assume there are other dog lovers who want to read about it. I first introduced you to Jenni in February 2015, with an update in November 2016.

Wayne and Deb Russell built a house on Lake Panorama's Burchfield Cove nearly 20 years ago. It's been seven years since they discovered Jenni abandoned at the dog park in Perry, and adopted her. Jenni has the face of a Black Lab, but is smaller and leaner. A veterinarian said she probably is part whippet, which are extremely fast dogs, capable of reaching speeds

up to 35 miles per hour. While attending obedience classes with Jenni, Deb watched a nearby dog agility training session and decided she'd like to try it. Deb and Jenni took a foundation agility training class, which launched the duo into national competition. Agility training takes place on an obstacle course where the owner directs the dog off-leash. There

are a variety of obstacles including weave poles, A-frames, tunnels and jumps. The goal is to complete the obstacles in the shortest time without making a mistake. Each event is unique, with different course elements and time limits. A course map is posted a few minutes before competition begins. Deb walks the course, which is laid out with numbered cones.

She must memorize the order of the cones, and develop a strategy on how to guide Jenni. Jenni and Deb compete at trials sanctioned by the North American Dog Agility Council (NADAC). Since Jenni has advanced to the elite category, her points count towards earning the NADAC Agility CHAMP, PAGE 13

Remembering Kim

Loss of longtime resident brings outpouring of community support

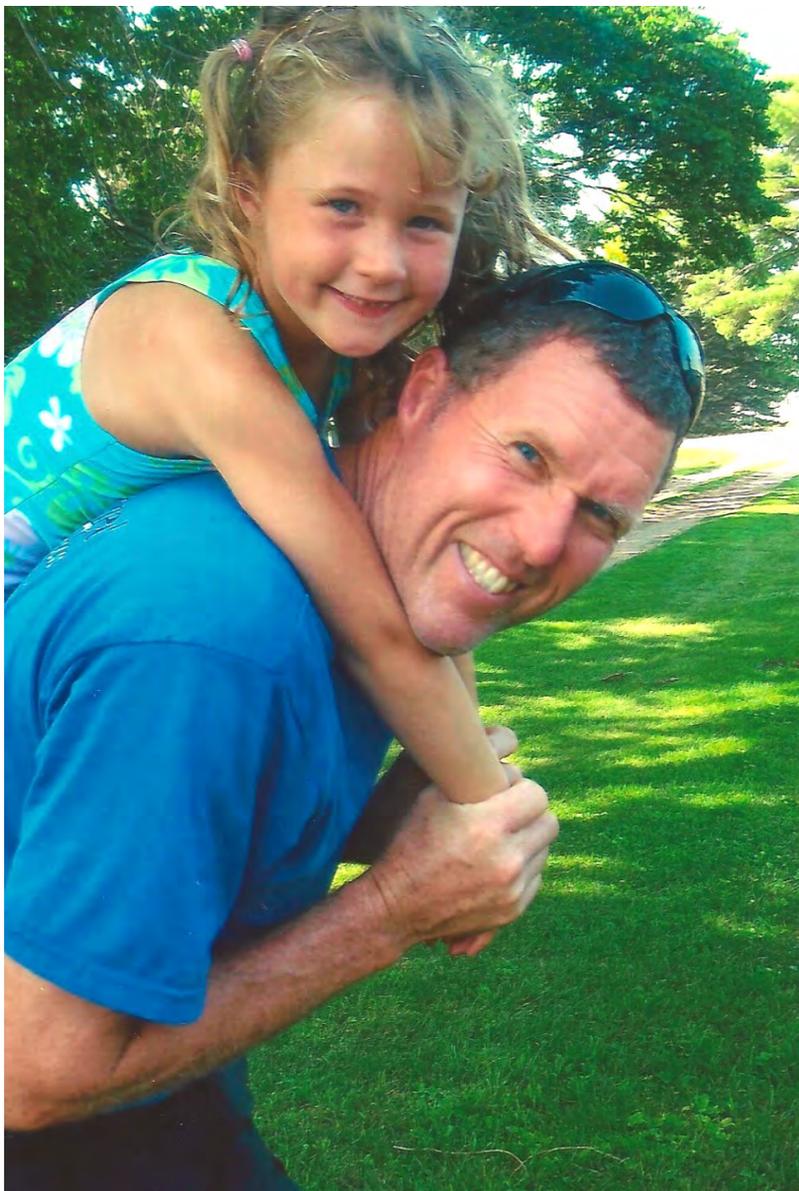
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It's been more than eight months since Kim Lubeck died while waterskiing on Lake Panorama. Lubeck had been diagnosed with Lyme disease, after being bitten by a deer tick in his Lake Panorama backyard earlier in the year. An autopsy stated his death was caused by a sudden cardiac event, with a likely link to Lyme disease.

Kim and his wife, Maureen, were married in November 1974. During their years together as a part of the Panora and Lake Panorama community, they've had an impact on many people and organizations, in many ways. Family, friends and former customers of Panora Oil Company were devastated by Kim's sudden death. He owned and operated the service station on Panora's main drag for 42 years before retiring in 2016. Even then, he continued his towing business until the last few months, mainly because he felt obligated to help people in need.

At visitation, people lined up at Twigg Funeral Home, some standing in line for up to three hours to pay their respects. Twigg officials told Maureen it was the most people ever to attend a visitation there. The following morning, St. Cecilia Catholic Church was filled to overflowing for Lubeck's funeral service. Many people gave generous memorial gifts to demonstrate their love and respect for Kim. The way those funds are being used will not only keep his memory alive, but serve as reminders of the many ways he

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Panora Telco celebrates 100 years

By SUSAN THOMPSON
Times staff

In 1919, Panora Mutual Telephone was authorized to do business by the State of Iowa. Andrew Randol has been general manager and CEO of the Panora Communications Cooperative and its family of companies since 1999. A University of Iowa graduate and licensed CPA, Randol worked as Panora Telco's accountant for three years before advancing to the top job. He and his wife Amy have three children. In this month's Q&A, Randol takes a look back, and a look ahead:



Andrew Randol

Q. This year marks the 100th anniversary of Panora Telco. Share some key points from that 100-year history.

A. The first telephone lines in the area were installed in the 1890s, but it was 1919 before Panora Mutual Telephone was formalized. The company was converted to a cooperative in 1963, the same year the transition from operators to dial calling was made. In 1969, the first phone lines were extended to Lake Panoram, and Dale Grotjohn was hired as manager, where he served for 30 years. A year later, lines were extended to both the east and west sides of the lake. From 1971 to 1973, lines in rural areas were upgraded to single party lines. Advanced technology led to steady upgrades, with dial-up internet in 1994 and

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Lake Panorama fireworks reminders

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The Fourth of July holiday brings two types of fireworks to Lake Panorama.

The annual "Fire in the Sky" fireworks display sanctioned by the Lake Panorama Association, and put on by the Scheiring family, will be at dusk on Saturday, July 6. The fireworks will be set off from the traditional spot at Shady Beach. For safety reasons, the LPA Lake Patrol and the Iowa DNR require boats anchored during the display to have running lights on during the show.

With the passage of a bill in the 2017 Iowa legislative session, consumer fireworks now can be legally sold in Iowa. In May 2017, the LPA Board of Directors

passed a motion that states the LPA does not consent to the use of fireworks on LPA-owned property, such as beaches, campgrounds, parking lots, roads, the marina, golf courses and community areas.

Guests of Lake Panorama National Resort are being notified of this action. Both LPA members and guests can be found in violation of LPA rules if they use fireworks on LPA property, and could be subject to a monetary fine.

LPA members also are reminded they are responsible to avoid any activity that could be declared a nuisance to their neighbors, and they are liable for any damage or injury they or their guests cause to neighbors and their property.



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Panorama West 2-gal tourney welcomes 72 players



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Carla Fitzgerald and Susan Thompson won the championship flight in the Panorama West 2-gal golf tournament June 5 with a one-under-par score of 26. Shown left to right are Michael Kleinwolterink, Lake Panorama National pro shop manager; Fitzgerald; Thompson; and Gary Babcock, LPN head golf professional.

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The Panorama West women's golf league hosted a 2-gal best-shot tournament Tuesday, June 4, with a full field of golfers. A total of 36 teams participated, with players from Panora, Guthrie Center, Jefferson, Audubon, and surrounding communities.

The tournament theme was "Birdies & Bees" with personal gifts, decorations and door prizes featuring honeybees and sunflowers.

Cash prizes were awarded to the top three teams in six flights. Winners of the championship flight were Carla Fitzgerald and Susan Thompson, with a one-under-par score of 26. Second place

went to Rocky Barth and Paula Hansen with a 28. Julie Clausen and Kim Kent placed third with a 29. Special event winners were Julie Clausen, Sharon Scherbring, and Sharon Wedemeyer.

The tournament was followed by a luncheon in the Panorama West Clubhouse community room, catered by Lake Panorama National.

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DSL internet in 1998. Fiber optic lines were installed in Guthrie Center in 2000, and in Panora and the Lake Panorama community in 2010. The Yale exchange was purchased in 2015 from Prairie Telephone, and fiber optic cable installed there two years later. Panora Communications Cooperative, commonly called Panora Telco, and its family of companies—Panora Coop Cablevision, Panora Telecommunications, Inc, Guthrie Telecommunications, Inc—has customers at Lake Panorama, Panora, Yale, Linden, Bagley, Jamaica and the rural areas surrounding. This means

we reach most of Guthrie county, and parts of Audubon, Greene and Dallas counties.

Q. What plans are in place to celebrate this 100-year achievement?

A. We started our celebration in March at our annual meeting, which included a history recap of Panora Telco. On June 29, Curtis Thornberry, our technology and business development specialist, will present a historical talk at the Guthrie County Historical Village and Museum in Panora. During Panorama Days, we'll be hosting a free barbecue and open house 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, August 2. We'll sponsor a live band the next evening, with more details to come.

Q. How is the cooperative governed?

A. There is a seven-member board of directors, with elections held each year in conjunction with our annual meeting.

Directors serve three-year terms, with no term limits. Current directors are Ron Reynolds, LeRoy Oxley, Kelvin Hafner, Lynnea Andersen, Dale Grotjohn, Chris Arganbright, and Dave Ryan.

Longevity of staff is a huge asset in our industry. We have accumulated 233 years of Telco experience with our 13 employees. The company has had two managers in the last 50 years, but any company is no better than its staff and I think Telco has some of the best. Employees include Jaime Waddle, Pam Klinkefus, Cheryl Castile, Geri Thompson, Bill Dorsett, Curtis Thornberry, Paul Brewster, Kevin Baldwin, Andrew Carson, Mike Moore, Zach Davis, and David Garland.

Q. What impact has Lake Panorama had on Panora Telco?

A. With Lake Panorama as part of our service area, it allows us to leverage numbers when we look at projects and decision-making. Lake Panorama essentially doubles our base size and allows much more scale and scope when we look at opportunities. Lake Panorama's management team is excellent to work with when it comes to planning for the future

needs of the Association and how Telco can be a player in that future. We value that relationship dearly.

Having Lake Panorama in our area also gives us opportunities to explore offering services that we would not necessarily be able to do otherwise, based upon their needs. Coupling the lake development's needs with the rest of our service territory gives us an advantage over other communications companies our size.

Q. Detail the range of services offered by Panora Telco and its family of companies.

A. Our family of companies offers a full suite of communication products and services that are aimed at making our members lives efficient and comfortable. We were created to address a specific need 100 years ago—provide plain old telephone service—and that continued to be our core product up until the late 1980s.

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had an impact in the community.

Kim was active in many area groups. One was the Friends of Lake Panorama. At the time of his death, he was in his second year as a member of the Friends board.

A few days before his death, a group of volunteers installed rocks on a boulder wall surrounding a rain garden at Panorama West. The rain garden is a Friends of Lake Panorama project established in June 2017. Kim and the other volunteers made quick work of the rock installation, then joined around a clubhouse table for refreshments, good conversation, and plenty of laughs.

The Lubeck family designated Friends of Lake Panorama as one of the places memorial gifts could be given. At the family's request, funds received were used to purchase and place an eight-foot metal bench at Boulder Beach. The bench is attached to a large concrete pad, and positioned with a perfect view of the lake and Boulder Beach.

The family chose a bright blue color for the bench. They also chose the wording for a memorial plaque on the bench — "In Memory of Kim Lubeck, A Life Well Lived."

LIONS CLUB PROJECTS

Lubeck was an active Panorama Lions Club member for many years, and the club was another organization the family suggested as a place for memorial gifts. About \$1,000 was given to the club in Kim's memory.

A few years ago, club member and treasurer Gary Freeland started a golf tourna-



Maureen Lubeck, daughter Courtney Rogne, and grandsons Leif and Knute are shown on a new bench at Boulder Beach. The bench was purchased with funds donated to Friends of Lake Panorama in memory of Kim Lubeck.

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ment at Panorama West, held each Memorial Day weekend to raise money for the Guthrie County Veterans Memorial. Once that project was complete, Freeland and Lubeck decided to move the tournament to the fall, with proceeds used for projects the Panorama Lions support. That first fall tournament was held in 2018.

"Kim did a great job helping with the tournament," Freeland says. "He was the first person to get hole sponsors,

and really helped promote it. Kim loved the Lions organization, and was a very active member. His death just a couple of weeks later was very hard on all of us."

Freeland said when options for a 2019 tournament were discussed, it was an easy decision to name it the Kim Lubeck Memorial golf tournament.

Held May 4, the tournament boasted a full field of 18 four-person teams, with

additional teams having to be turned away. Many people donated items for an auction, raffle and door prizes. Others donated items for a meal following the golf, to keep expenses down.

More than \$3,000 was raised. At the club's June 6 meeting, members voted to combine one-third of the proceeds from the 2019 tournament with earlier memorial gifts to do something in honor of Lubeck. The rest will be

used for Lions Club projects Kim eagerly supported—such as vision screenings for young children, student scholarships, and programs managed by the Lions International Foundation that help families in times of natural disasters.

The second-annual Kim Lubeck Memorial Golf tournament is scheduled for May 2, 2020. Once again, one-third of the money raised will go into a Kim Lubeck Memorial

Fund for a special project of interest to the Lubeck family.

WATER RESCUES

Phillip Lubeck lives and works in New Zealand. An avid scuba diver, he is part of that country's Coast Guard water rescue team. After his father's death, Phillip encouraged Maureen to see if there was some equipment that might help with water rescues on Lake Panorama.

LPA staff research came up with a floating backboard system, which the Lubeck family reviewed, then purchased with funds given in memory of Kim.

Jerry Armstrong, LPA Security chief, showed it to members of the Panorama Fire Department at their meeting May 6. The backboard is made of heavy plastic that can be rolled up similar to a sleeping bag. The board includes inflatable packs on the sides and front. Once a person is secured to the backboard with a series of straps, the inflated packs keep the backboard afloat, plus ensure the person remains face-up in water.

All needed equipment comes in a large orange bag. Besides water rescues, where the victim needs to be pulled from the water into a boat, the backboard also can be used to drag a victim across land. A training session on how to use the backboard will be held at Lake Panorama in the near future.

Maureen Lubeck spoke to the firemen at their May meeting. She said if they find the backboard works well, a second one will be purchased. The Panorama Fire Department has 24-hour access to LPA security boats, so if a kit is needed and LPA security officers haven't yet arrived, the

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Cyclist arrested for intoxication

Times staff

A 29-year-old Louisiana man with a bicycle who claimed to be headed for Alaska was arrested for public intoxication last month after someone saw him sitting along Iowa Highway 44 on the east side of Guthrie Center.

Bryson Keith Evans told a deputy sheriff that he was

“traveling to Alaska and was going to sleep on the shoulder (of the highway) for the night,” according to court records.

When the deputy arrived at Evans' location about 10:45 p.m. May 21 — in the 1300 block of Highway 44 — the bicycle lay partially on the roadway, and Bryson “was sitting on the shoulder eating chicken,” court records

show.

Bryson said “he had not consumed any alcohol since leaving Des Moines,” but his speech was slurred and his balance unsteady, according to court records.

Bryson declined a test of his breath to determine his blood-alcohol concentration and was arrested. He pleaded guilty the next day and was fined \$147.75.

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Freedom Rock repainted



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The Freedom Rock in Adair County has been painted by artist Ray "Bubba" Sorensen for the 21st year in a row.

In honor of Memorial Day, Sorensen repaints this 12-foot tall, approximately 60-ton boulder to pay tribute to military men and women.

Sorensen started painting the original Freedom Rock the first week of May and finished Memorial Day 2019.

The front feature side of the Freedom Rock has a soldier's cross and ribbon stating "For Those Who Gave All," with soldiers, sailors and marines through the ages looking on.

The south side will honor the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, the east side honors the sailors killed in the turret explosion 30

years ago on the USS Iowa, and above that Tuskegee Airman Robert Williams, who wrote "Red Tails."

The north side features the only Navy Seabee to be awarded the Medal of Honor, Marvin Shields, with the Seabee logo and a ship named for Shields. It also honors local veteran Rick Schaefer, who flew many missions on T 33s in Vietnam. It also features Old Glory waving on top in honor of all those who serve.

The helicopter remains as the paint that it is comprised of has been mixed with the ashes of our Vietnam Veterans since 2006.

Sorensen stated: "I'm so glad I am able to paint a sincere Thank You to those who serve our country and those who've given their

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County engineer: Roads will take years to rebuild

Times staff

"This is going to take years to rebuild to get them (roads) back to what they were," is how county engineer Josh Sebern described the roads in the county that were damaged by spring rains and thawing.

He said this at the board of supervisors meeting last Tuesday, noting the whole staff continues to haul rock and gravel. "We are making progress," he said, "roads are firming up ... We're doing everything we can."

Sebern reported a bridge east of Yale on 160th street didn't winter well and needed major emergency patching, leading to it being closed a couple of weeks.

Also, boring has taken place at several sites to find gravel. "Gravel is getting to be a fine commodity," he said.

Transfer Station - Progress continues toward starting to haul garbage and recyclables to Carroll with its own trucks and trailers. Seven cities served by the transfer station and the county have signed the new 28E agreement that raises the fee to \$20 per capita to use the station. The cities are Guthrie Center, Panora, Adair, Bagley, Bayard, Yale and Jamaica.

The transfer station scale was off 180 pounds. It was slated to be recalibrated May 22. And the transfer station budget is in good shape as the fiscal year

nears an end on June 30.

Public Health

The health fair scheduled for Panorama Days in early August will have a mental health theme and feature a giant inflatable brain. Two dog bites were reported.

Public health does tattoo inspection, perc tests, water tests and will plug wells.

Also - The elevator at the courthouse has been repaired and is back on line. The courthouse grounds site survey and utility site locations are completed.

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New jail has new pricetag of \$8.1 million

Times staff

A consulting firm — The Samuels Group — told the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors last Tuesday the proposed new county jail has an estimated \$8,092,437 price tag.

Earlier the architect — Shive Hattery — had placed costs at \$6,775,000 for the project.

Sid Samuels heads the consulting firm and presented comprehensive figures for construction and associated costs, such as fees. He estimated the general, electrical and plumbing bids would come in at \$6,425,625. The main associated cost would be a \$514,000 architect's fee.

The costs projections came from drawings of the proposed jail provided by Shive Hattery, said Samuel. No representative was present from Shive Hattery to explain their cost projections.

The supervisors are expected to present the issue to the public in November.

Jail heating and cooling was discussed. County Facilities Manager Brandon Thompson said he did not favor geothermal heating

and cooling, but a chiller-boiler system.

In other news, County Treasurer Marci Shreck presented three properties delinquent for back taxes and owned by the county. For one, sale of a lot at Diamondhead Lake for the \$3,922 in back taxes was approved.

For another, Coon Valley Co-op Telephone Association is seeking to purchase two lots in Menlo on the delinquent tax rolls in order to build a storage and maintenance building. Some \$24,000 is owed with about \$2,000 due the county and \$22,000 due Menlo. The latter figure also includes the costs assessed from removing a building on one of the properties. The board okayed assigning the property to the phone company contingent upon what the city of Menlo does.

The third property is a lot in Guthrie Center that became delinquent in 2009 and has some \$73,000 assessed against it by the county and Guthrie Center. No decision was made. The feeling was to turn it over the city, which has been mowing the lot, as there's little chance it will

sell. The city also is owed for removing a building on the property. Supervisor Mike Dickson suggested the city turn it over to the school and have students construct a building on the site.

Under a new policy, Schreck's office will halt vehicle registrations on those who owe Guthrie Center for parking tickets until owners pay fines to the city. Previously, the county had been collecting the fines.

Also, the board passed a resolution authorizing the issuance of an additional \$2,000,000 in general obligation bonds to be paid through Tax Increment Financing from the Wind Farm in Grant Township. The revenue is used primarily for roads.

A joint phone conference was held with the Greene County board of supervisors to set an assessment of \$3,278 for landowners in a joint drainage district located in both counties.

Several budget amendments were passed with a total of \$1,010,320 added to the current budget, which ends June 30. The largest amount was some \$600,000 for roads.

Panorama board of directors meeting recap

Lake Panorama Association

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met April 23, 2019, at 5 p.m., at the Lake Panorama Association Office. Board members present were Larry Babcock, Mary Jane Carothers, Emily Donovan, Gary Evans, Tom Jeschke, Rich Schumacher and Jim Spradling.

LPA Staff present: Brad Halterman, Danna Krambeer, and John Rutledge.

Visitors present: Mark Everhart, Lance Levis, Mark Sheeder and Neil Wright — LPA Members.

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

Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the Agenda

Spradling added to the agenda item 4c, sale of lot 3152.

Schumacher moved to approve the agenda with addition of item 4c. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 – Open Forum

Mark Sheeder was the only member present to speak at open forum. Spradling moved to Agenda Item 4c, to provide the board background on the offer prior to Sheeder addressing the board.

Agenda Item 4c – Offer on lot 3152

An offer was received from Mark Sheeder to purchase lot 3152 for \$8,000. Rutledge informed Sheeder the minimum lot sales price is \$10,000 for a single lot. Sheeder agreed to revise offer to \$10,000. Land sales committee reviewed the offer of \$10,000 and recommended counter of \$20,000. Counter offer was verbally conveyed to buyer and was rejected. The land sales committee has reviewed the offer and recommends the offer of \$10,000 be rejected.

Mark Sheeder spoke to the background of his offer for that price, stating the lot is heavily wooded and there is no established grass. Cost to clear and establish will be an additional \$6,500 cost. There

are lots down the road available for \$7,500 to \$10,000. There doesn't seem to be a high demand for these B lots. There are a limited number of B lots with houses along this area of Panorama Drive, there does not seem to be a high demand for building on these lots. Sheeder thanked the board for their consideration.

Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda

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

Consent agenda to include:

a) LPA General Manager's Report

b) Approval of minutes from 03.26.2019 LPA Board Meeting

c) Acceptance of 03.31.2019 consolidated financial report – LPA & LPN, LLC

d) Set date for next board meeting as May 28, 2019

e) Approval of minutes from the 2018 LPA annual meeting

f) Approval of 2019 annual meeting agenda

g) Approve ballot counters for 2019 annual meeting

h) Accept 2018 audit report from Meriwether Wilson

i) Accept minutes from 03.19.2018 LPN, LLC Board of Managers Meeting

Agenda Item 4a – Offer on lot 3535

An offer was received from Jeff and Jenifer Hewitt to purchase lot 3535 for \$6,500. Land sales committee reviewed and recommended counter of \$10,000. Counter offer was accepted by buyers. The land sales committee has reviewed the offer and recommends acceptance.

Donovan moved to accept the offer from Jeff and Jenifer Hewitt to purchase lot 3535 for \$10,000. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4b – Offer on Lots 4529 & 4530

An offer was received from Daniel Westrum to purchase lots 4259 & 4530 for \$20,000 total. Land sales committee reviewed and recommended counter of \$30,000. Counter offer was verbally conveyed to Dave Ryan, realtor representing the buyers. The counter was rejected by the buyers. The buyers offer remains at \$20,000. The land sales committee has reviewed the offer

and recommends the offer of \$20,000 be rejected.

Carothers moved to reject the offer from Daniel Westrum to purchase lots 4529 & 4530 for \$20,000. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5a – Formal authorization of shop financing

Resolution to enter into Financing Agreement for the shop facility project financing. Guthrie County State Bank will lead a group of four local banks to finance the maintenance shop facility project. The four banks are Farmers State Bank, Guthrie County State Bank, Panora State Bank and Peoples Bank. A formal resolution by the Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors is required for the execution of the financing documents.

Evans moved to authorize board president and secretary to execute the "Resolution to Enter into Financing Agreement" with Guthrie County State Bank for the financing of the Shop Facility Project, contingent on legal review. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 6 Other Business – No other business.

Agenda Item 7 – The board entered closed session at 5:40 p.m. to discuss legal matters. The board exited closed session at 6:38 p.m.

Donovan moved to direct staff to convey a counter offer to Mark Sheeder, as discussed in closed session. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the minimum lot sales price, which is currently at \$10,000. The board discussed property value assessment increases that have been realized at Lake Panorama over the past two assessment cycles, as well as increasing costs of professional fees associated with the sale of property. The board noted this minimum is a guideline, from which the board may deviate at their sole discretion.

Schumacher moved to set minimum selling price of Lake Panorama Association lots to \$12,500. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ROCK

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life in that service, with the support of my family. Having enjoyed our country's freedom and understanding that it comes with a heavy cost, I hope our Veterans know how much we appreciate them...and that it is conveyed in my artwork."

Sorensen is not commissioned for his work on the original Freedom Rock in Menlo, Iowa but works as an independent mural artist on the Iowa Freedom Rock Tour.

Sorensen is only able to

complete about ten rocks per year, due to scheduling and weather and is currently booked into the 2021 year. "I always say I have three goals with 'The Freedom Rock Tour' and that is to honor America's Veterans, promote Iowa tourism and provide for my family."

The Freedom Rock Tour is helped by the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation of Iowa Falls, Iowa, who provide the truck and Aluma Trailers of Bancroft, Iowa, who provide the trailer.

For a list of complete counties booked for the Tour and locations of already existing Freedom Rocks, please visit www.thefreedomrock.com.

Although it is Sorensen's 21st annual year of painting the original Freedom Rock, this is Sorensen's seventh year on the Freedom Rock Tour across Iowa. This also marked the third year since Sorensen began the 50 State Freedom Rock Tour with rocks already painted in Missouri, Minnesota and Wisconsin. A Freedom Rock has also been booked for the state of Washington.

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KIM

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devices still will be available to rescuers.

"I hope these never get out of the bag," Lubeck told the fireman. "But odds are it will be needed, and if so, we will be happy we could help make it available."

HELPING BICYCLISTS

Kim enjoyed riding a bike, and he and Maureen incorporated bike rides when they traveled to new places. During the 42 years their service station was open, bikers often stopped to get air in their tires or get Kim's help for a mechanical issue. When the station closed, bikers along the Raccoon River Valley Trail (RRVT) that passes a couple of blocks away were left without a ready source of help.

Daughter Courtney Rogne, who lives with her husband and three children in Cresco, came up with the idea for a stand-alone bike fix-it station. Maureen Lubeck took a newspaper clipping of a bicycle repair station to Jason Tuel, vice president of Panora State Bank, and a member of the RRVT board. That's when she learned the idea of adding repair stations to the trail already was under discussion.

Currently there are repair stations in larger towns along the 89 miles of the trail, but none in the smaller towns. At the RRVT annual banquet February 23, Lubeck presented a donation to cover the cost of a fix-it station in Panora. It was installed in late May along the trail near PJ's.

The station includes all the tools necessary to perform basic repairs and maintenance, from changing a flat tire to adjusting brakes and derailleurs. The tools and air pump are attached to the stand with stainless steel cables and tamper-proof fasteners. Hanging a bike from the hanger arms allows the pedals and wheels to spin freely while adjustments are made.

Prior to the RRVT banquet, Janet O'Brien donated funds for a repair station in Yale in memory of her late brother, Bill Barks. Members of Team Curbside, a Panora-based bicycle club, donated funds for



This photo of Kim Lubeck and son Phillip is one of Maureen Lubeck's favorites. They were hiking on the South Island of New Zealand, and are looking at Mount Cook. Maureen says, "I know you can't see their faces, but it speaks volumes about their relationship, their love of the outdoors and adventure, and their personalities. They epitomize the 'still waters run deep' mantra."



A new oak tree was planted near the eighth tee box on the Panorama West golf course in memory of Kim Lubeck. This photo was taken May 4 during the Kim Lubeck Memorial Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Panora Lions Club.

a station at the Herndon trailhead. Donations collected at the banquet were enough to also purchase two more repair stations, which will be located in Cooper and Redfield.

Donations still are being accepted for the remaining eight RRVT trailheads without bicycle repair stations.

More information is available by calling (515) 465-3577 or online here: <https://raccoonrivervalleytrail.org/become-a-friend-of-the-trail>

PLANTING TREES

Kim Lubeck loved being outdoors, with nature hikes a favorite pastime. He and Maureen explored some



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Barb Wollner and Sandy Lowe are members Team Curbside, a Panora-based bicycle club. They're shown with the new bike repair station installed near PJ's in Panora alongside the Raccoon River Valley Trail (RRVT). Lowe is the current RRVT board chair.

parts of the Appalachian Trail in April 2018. Later that summer, he and son Phillip spent several days on the trail in the Great Smoky Mountains.

Phillip has lived and worked in New Zealand for nearly eight years for that country's Ministry of Primary Industry (MPI). The government agency oversees several sectors, including fisheries and forests. In 2018, it launched an initiative to plant one billion trees over the next 10 years.

As Phillip's colleagues searched for a fitting memorial gift for the Lubeck family, they discovered a tree planting initiative in the Great Smoky Mountains. Ironically, it's part of the Nature

Conservancy's global effort to plant 1 billion trees by 2025. The group's \$200 donation made possible the planting of several trees, which now are pinpointed for the family on an aerial map.

Maureen Lubeck has managed the Panorama West pro shop and clubhouse for six years. During those years, Kim often was called into action to help with a variety of maintenance items. In 2018, he helped course superintendent Brandon Waddle take down and remove a large dead tree near the tee box on the eighth hole. The Lubeck family wanted to donate a tree to be planted somewhere on the golf course, and turned to Waddle for help choosing a location.

"I think about Kim every time I drive past that spot where we took down that

tree," says Waddle. "It seemed like the perfect place to plant a new one in his memory." The family agreed, and the tree was installed in early May.

A list of sayings Kim reviewed each morning during a time of Bible study and prayer was read at his funeral. Here are a couple of samples. "Being kind is better than being right." "Sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand."

And there is this — "Love heals all wounds." Those who loved Kim Lubeck have made it possible to add items in the Panora and Lake Panoram community that will benefit others for years to come. Hopefully, in some small way, this love will help heal the wounds caused by losing this kind, gentle man.

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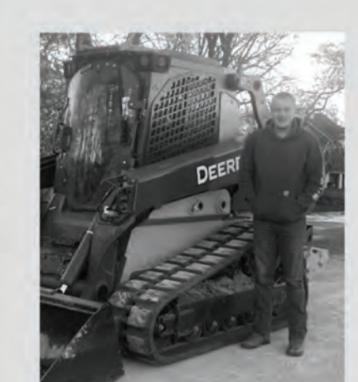
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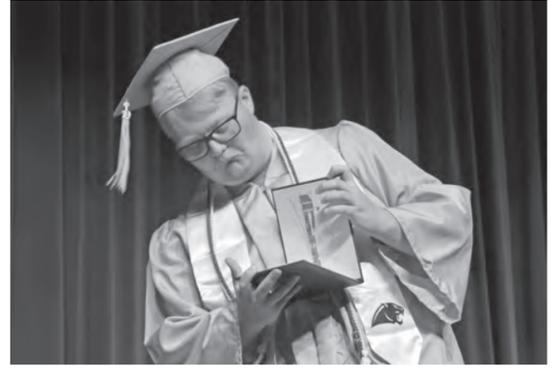
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SIGHTS OF GRADUATION



Panorama High Schools' Noah Kirtley accepts his diploma at the commencement ceremony held May 19.

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Tate Willey checks to see if his diploma is signed after walking the stage at Panorama's commencement ceremony.



Morgan Johnk and Kennedy Andersen stop for a quick photo after Panorama High School's graduation.



There were plenty of hugs for everyone after commencement ceremonies at Panorama High School Sunday afternoon.

TELCO

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Overall, we offer fiber-facilities-based services in Lake Panorama, Panora, Yale, and Guthrie Center; coaxial-based services in Linden, Bagley, and Jamaica; and fixed wireless broadband in rural parts of Guthrie, Dallas, Audubon and Greene counties.

Q. What are some of the greatest challenges the cooperative faces today?

A. One of our bigger challenges continues to be

finding the right partners and opportunities for growth. We are constantly looking for opportunities to expand the territories we serve as well as the products and offerings we have. We do our best to keep our "ear to the tracks," evaluate the new evolutionary products, and see what fits for our area. I feel we do a good job today at looking to the future, but we will need to "listen" closely to what the tracks are telling us.

Another challenge we face is the labor force. Hiring quality technicians has become somewhat challenging over the years, as

our last hire took many, many months to solidify. Finally, providing a quality video product at an affordable cost is a constant battle. The charges from the television stations to us continue to rise at exorbitant rates. With many stations being owned by a single company, in order to get one station, they "force" you to carry many others that you have little or no interest in, but yet have to pay for. Station fees now are 70 percent of gross revenues, which leaves very little to do network upgrades. There seems to be no relief in sight.

Q. How do you view the role of Panora Telco in the communities you serve?

A. There are several traits I think companies need to have in order to become 100 years old. These include a strong mission and culture; mastering the delicate balance between tradition and change; strong relationships; employees who feel like family; and being active in our community. We see Panora Telco as much more than a communications provider. We feel we are a key player in the community from an economic development

front. We own a business park, have land in a housing development, several buildable lots in Panora, and feel we partner well with the Lake Panorama Association on multiple fronts. We have two Revolving Loan funds, offer scholarships, provide volunteers for Chamber, PRIDE, the local fire departments, Lions Clubs, and more. We also team up with Aureon for various grant and scholarship opportunities.

Q. What does the future hold for Panora Telco and its customers?

A. We continue to look toward the future and try

to predict the needs of our member owners. Broadband is king, and we have the network to support it for years to come. Managed services continue to grow in demand, as people just want things to work, and we are able to assist in that.

Telco will try and continue to "scratch where it itches" and fill needs if we have the skill set to do so. If we don't, we will evaluate if we need to go out and get it. For the past 100 years we have tried to address our customers' needs. We will continue to do the same thing the next 100 years.

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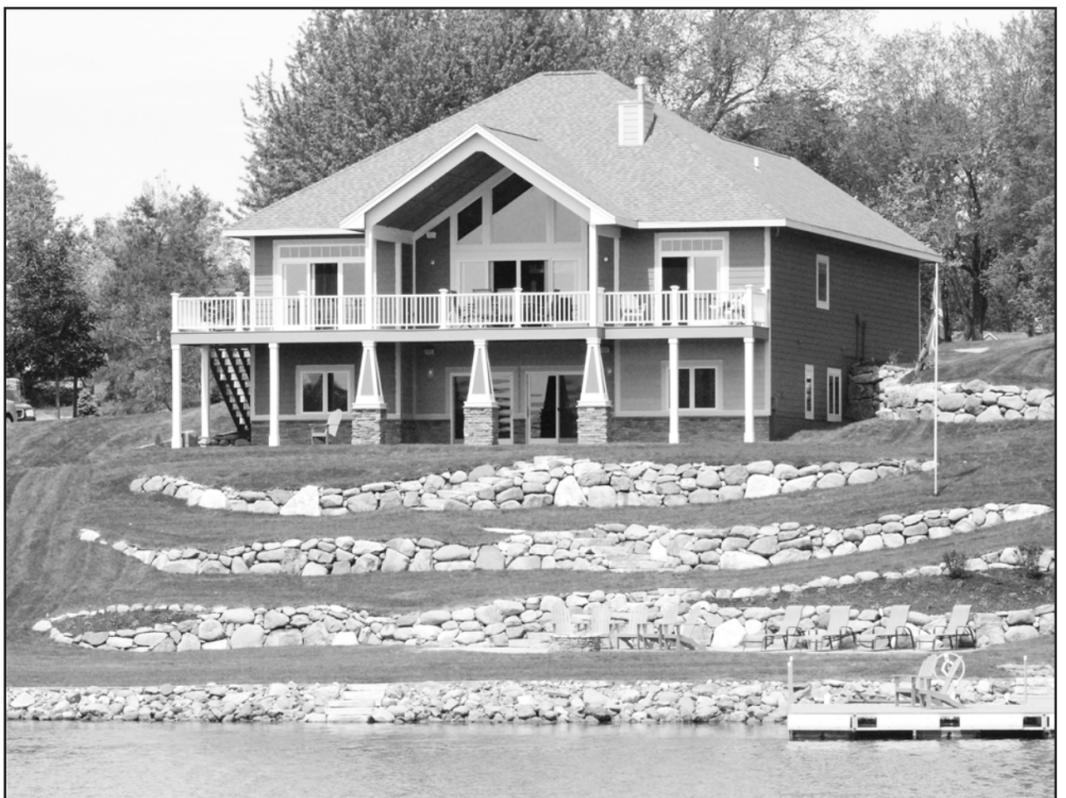
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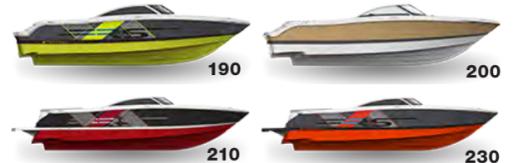
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Deb Russell and her dog Jenni are shown at the NADAC Competitive Edge Agility and Dog Sports Trial in Louisville, Kentucky, where the pair won a national award. They are shown with their ribbons and a decorated jump bar, all presented by one of the judges at the competition.

CHAMP

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Trial Championship Award (NATCH). Once a dog reaches a set point level in each of three categories, a NATCH is earned.

Winning that first NATCH was a goal Deb set several years ago. They reached that goal in mid-May in a competition in Louisville, Kentucky. In fact, Jenni was recognized with two NATCH awards there.

Once she received her first NATCH, she also received

a Versatility NATCH. This award requires a set level of points to be earned in three additional categories, beyond the NATCH. Jenni had already earned those additional points, but NADAC rules require a "regular" NATCH be earned first.

In 2018, Jenni was one of 165 dogs to be invited to NADAC's national competition in Gillette, Wyoming, where she came in 10th in her division. She already has qualified and been invited to the 2019 national competition, which will be held in Ohio in October.

Wayne and Deb enjoy traveling, so taking Jenni to competitions has become a big part of their retirement. Jenni and Deb now have competed in 14 different states. "We have been committed to take Jenni as far as she is capable of going in this sport," says Deb. "It has been a blast!"

And they're not done. Deb says the next goal is to win three more NATCH awards, which would put Jenni into the NADAC Hall of Fame. When Jenni reaches that goal, you can bet I'll write about it.

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Lake Panorama Realty will operate as a branch location of Nevitt Real Estate and lease space from Guthrie

County State Bank at the current office location in Panora. Nevitt REALTORS® and Lake Panorama residents **John McDermott** and **Julie Wykoff** will be primarily responsible for serving the Lake Panorama Realty customers.

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