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A flock of pelicans migrating south through Iowa spent some time on Lake Panorama's main basin in mid-September. According to the National Audubon Society, the American White Pelican is one of the largest birds in North America, with a nine-foot wingspan. They forage for fish by swimming on the surface, dipping their bill in the water and scooping up fish in their pouch. They often forage cooperatively, lining up and driving fish to shallower water. That may be what they're doing in this photo. Or perhaps they want to check out the swan-shaped paddleboat in a nearby yard?



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New member appointed to Lake Panorama RIZ Board

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A long-time trustee of the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) board has retired, and a new trustee appointed to complete his term. Dale Grotjohn joined the RIZ board in December 2006, and served until this August, when he chose to retire. On August 27, the RIZ board appointed Larry Petersen to replace Grotjohn.

Petersen grew up on a farm near Denison, and graduated from Iowa State University with a bachelor's degree in ag education. He taught high school vocational agriculture for three years before beginning a career in farmer cooperatives. He worked at two coops in Minnesota before being named the general manager of the Panora Coop Elevator. When a merger occurred in 1987, Petersen became the general manager and CEO of Heartland Coop. He retired in 2013.

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LPN to manage Clover Ridge reservations

By SUSAN THOMPSON
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Options to rent a townhome at Lake Panorama for a single night or an extended stay have expanded, because a timeshare vacation operation there is being dissolved.

The Clover Ridge Interval Owners Association originally had 1,100 owners. The number of owners paying the annual maintenance fee has dropped steadily for the past 20 years. This year, fees paid weren't enough to cover operating costs, and legal dissolution proceedings began.

The association owns 22 housing units along Karen Drive, directly south of the Lake Panorama National Conference Center. Eventually the units will be sold, but it could be a year or more before that's possible.

A recent contract between Lake Panorama National and the timeshare association gives LPN the responsibility for reservations, check-ins, housekeeping and maintenance for the rest of 2018, and into 2019.

The LPN already has contracts with private owners of eight townhomes

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U.S. AGRICULTURE SECRETARY VISITS LAKE PANORAMA



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This wetland near Lake Panorama was the site of an August 30 visit by Sonny Perdue, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. John Rutledge, Lake Panorama Association general manager, (second from right), explains how the wetland helps filter out sediment and nutrients before the water flows into Helen's Cove. Pictured left to right are Brad Halterman, LPA project manager; Perdue; U.S. Congressman David Young; Rutledge; and Gildo Tori, Ducks Unlimited public policy director.

By SUSAN THOMPSON | Lake Panorama Times Staff

The nation's top agriculture official made a stop August 30 in Guthrie County at a wetland built to protect Lake Panorama from nitrates and sediment.

Sonny Perdue has been the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture since April 2017, and was in Iowa for two days. He spent time at the Farm Progress Show, attended several meetings with farmers and agribusinesses, and toured farms to view conservation practices.

Ducks Unlimited personnel wanted to take Perdue to two different types of wetlands, and asked Iowa conservation officials for a CREP wetland recommendation. That led to the Lake Panorama visit.

CREP is an acronym for the Iowa Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. It is a joint effort of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. State and federal technical assistance and cost-share funds are available for CREP wetlands established in 37 north-central Iowa counties, including Guthrie.

Perdue, Congressman David Young, and Ducks Unlimited rep-

resentatives were welcomed to the wetland site by Lake Panorama Association (LPA) officials and members of the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone board.

John Rutledge, LPA general manager, provided statistics about Lake Panorama, a 1,400-acre wetland surrounded by 1,100 homes. "Whenever we survey our membership, we hear taking care of the lake is a top priority," he said. "That's how we got to this wetlands project, and others that followed."

The CREP wetland visited by Perdue and others helps protect Helen's Cove. There is a six-acre wetland pool area, with a 20-acre buffer. The drainage area above

the wetland covers 840 acres.

Rutledge said one unique aspect of the Helen's Cove wetland is the sediment forebay. Water slows down as it flows into the wetland, allowing sand and silt to drop into this special structure. Sediment can be cleaned out periodically using a long-stick excavator. This isn't something done in all CREP wetlands, but because of the desire to keep as much sediment as possible from reaching Lake Panorama, special approval was granted to include this feature.

"This will greatly extend this wetland's life," Rutledge said. "The water pool needs to be about three feet deep to make sure the aquatic vegetation removes nitrogen. The sediment trap helps protect that depth."

The Helen's Cove CREP wetland was completed in fall 2016. Another CREP wetland that helps protect Hughes Cove was completed the following year. Rutledge told the crowd a third one is in the planning stage, with construction planned for 2019.

"Beginning next year, we'll be partnering with Iowa State University to do some cooperative monitoring on all three of our wetlands," he said. "We know

these wetlands reduce nitrogen. We'll take samples as water flows into the wetlands, and as it flows out, so we can document how much nitrogen is being removed."

Besides reducing nitrate and sediment leads to surface waters, other wetland benefits are increases in wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities. Rutledge noted the CREP wetland visited by Perdue will be open for public hunting this fall, a statement that brought approving comments from Ducks Unlimited representatives in attendance.

Also at the wetlands tour were representatives from the Nestle Purina PetCare Company. That group recently committed \$1 million to Ducks Unlimited to help protect and improve 1,600 acres of wetland and grassland across north-central Iowa over the next three years. The funds will be used to restore at least two wetlands per year through the CREP program, improve at least three natural shallow lakes, and restore at least 100 acres of native grasslands interspersed with shallow prairie pothole wetlands.

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Fall LPA update from the General Manager

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**
Lake Panorama Times staff

With fall's arrival, the LPA maintenance staff is busy wrapping up 2018 projects. That was the message from John Rutledge, LPA general manager, at a "Coffee with the GM" session September 7.

Rutledge said the "big one" on the fall list is seal coating nine miles of roads. "Our guys have the prep work done. We've just been waiting on the vendor, who has been delayed because of weather. We prefer to have this work done earlier in the season, but we've been in this situation before and it worked out," he said.

Another 2018 project has been a review of the two campgrounds, followed by staff recommendations for updated rules. A letter to current campground users regarding the new rules resulted in some opposition. One proposed change was all campers must be licensed annually. But since many of these are stored onsite year-round, Rutledge said this requirement has been dropped.

Another requirement that raised concerns was limiting permanent decks to 100-square-feet. Rutledge said after hearing from campers, the LPA board of directors asked staff to revisit this issue. Final decisions will be made in the next couple of months.

Rutledge reported the sports courts at Boulder Beach are getting good use. "From our vantage point at the LPA office, I can tell you there are people on the courts all the time," he said. "The use by families is outstanding, with them playing basketball, pickleball and tennis."

He said a few avid pickle-

ball players have asked the LPA to consider rehabilitating the two old tennis courts at the LPN, to provide four additional courts with an acrylic-over-asphalt surface.

"The board agreed to have engineers look at what can be done with some minor modifications. It's too early to tell, but we expect the cost to be in the \$25,000 to \$30,000 range. Once we know the final cost, we'll contact those who are supportive of this project to see if they are interested in helping raise money," he said.

Turning to the need for a new LPA maintenance building, Rutledge said plans for the project were divided into three steps. "We've completed the first two, which were settling on a blueprint and choosing the location west of the Brethren Church. The third step is to develop funding strategies, which we'll work on over the winter," he said.

The current building was built in 1973, and is undersized at just 4,000 square feet. The new building will be 11,400 square feet, and is estimated to cost \$1.5 million.

A topic generating recent member input is the location of no-wake and 10-mph buoys in coves. "Over the past few years, some of these buoys have been getting moved closer and closer to cove entrances," Rutledge said.

"We've worked with the water safety committee to develop a color-coded electronic map of their recommended



John Rutledge

placement for all buoys. If you hover your cursor over the buoy, you get information on the type of buoy and its ID number," he said.

"We encourage members to review this map and provide input on what they like and dislike," Rutledge said. "The board will begin the effort to finalize this map at its September meeting, with the discussion possibly extending into October. The approved buoy locations will be implemented in 2019."

Plans for upgrades at the water plant are moving forward, with construction bidding either late 2018 or early 2019. The project will take 15 to 18 months to complete. It will include drilling a second well into the Jordan aquifer, with the water from this new well making it possible to abandon two existing wells in the Dakota aquifer.

"The Dakota wells continue to function for us, but are not viable long-term," Rutledge said. "Since all our water will be coming from the Jordan aquifer, the project also includes the installation of a reverse osmosis system to remove radium and other minerals."

A third part of the construction will be creating a line from the water plant to the Middle Raccoon River near the Highway 44 bridge. This will be used to carry discharge from the reverse osmosis system.

The LPA has been tentatively approved for a 20-year loan at two percent interest. Rutledge said the LPA is working with a bonding agency to coordinate the loan application, and determine what LPA rate increases will be needed. He expects more information to be available before the end of 2018.

Rutledge talked about a recent visit to Lake Panorama by Sonny Perdue, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. "This was an outstanding event, and a good opportunity to show what we're doing here," he said. Perdue was in Iowa to participate in the Farm Progress Show. While here, Ducks Unlimited personnel wanted to show Perdue some wild-

life habitat and water quality efforts.

That led to an estimated 75 people touring Lake Panorama's Donahey/Helen's Cove wetland, followed by lunch at the LPN conference center.

"We ended up having a nice opportunity to spend an hour over lunch talking with Secretary Perdue and others about our interaction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture on our wetlands," Rutledge said. "We talked about a couple of ways the paper flow for these types of wetlands could be simplified, to encourage greater participation."

Rutledge said the Helen's Cove wetland will be open for public hunting this fall. The Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) also has completed the Elmquist/Hughes Cove wetland, and is working on a third project in the Burchfield Cove watershed.

"This will protect Burchfield Cove, and be our largest wetland to date, with a nine-acre pool at the base of a 2,000-acre watershed," Rutledge said. "We hope to bid this project in late 2018, with construction in the spring and early-summer of 2019."

Rutledge said RIZ also is looking at options to assist landowners on stream-bank stabilization projects. "If you look north from the Burchfield bridge, it's easy to see some of those banks beginning to collapse," he said. "There may be ways for landowners to recover some of the cost to stabilize those stream banks and then plant vegetation. We hope to get something going there in the next year or two, then use what we learn to do similar work in other locations. Our engineers are currently studying the properties, with access for the engineers having been granted to Lake Panorama RIZ by the landowners with whom we are working."

At Panorama West, Rutledge said installation of a new irrigation system is complete. New sections of concrete cart paths are being poured, with about one-third of that project done. Once the cart paths are complete, Rutledge said

Friends of Lake Panorama will determine how much money remains from the McLuen estate gift. He said it may then be possible for Friends and the LPA to work together to do a full rehabilitation of existing sand traps.

Rutledge talked about the LPN interim management structure that has been in place for two months, following John Dinnebie's departure. Rutledge is serving as the LPN interim director of operations, with Royce Shafter as the interim operations manager. "Royce is doing an outstanding job, and oversees the bulk of what's happening at the LPN," Rutledge said. "He and other LPN employees have stepped up and are working really hard during this transition."

Rutledge said he meets periodically with the top officers of both the LPA and LPN boards to review how things are going. "My sense is this model is working, and will be in place at least a while longer. But I

encourage members to reach out to me if they see something they think needs to be addressed," he said.

The dissolution of the Clover Ridge Interval Owners Association (CRIOA) is taking a lot of staff time, Rutledge said. This timeshare group owns 22 housing units along Karen Drive south of the LPN conference center. The management group that had been handling the CRIOA day-to-day operations is no longer involved in cleaning and reservations. They will wrap-up some remaining administrative reports and disengage entirely from Clover Ridge this fall. Some 2018 reservations still need to be honored. The LPN has signed an agreement to provide maintenance, house-keeping, check-in and reservation services for the rest of 2018, and into 2019.

"Eventually these units will be put on the market for sale," Rutledge said. "But before that

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The top five players for 2018 in the Panorama West women's league were, left to right, Emily Spradling, first; Paula Hansen, second; Rocky Barth, third; Julie Clausen, fourth; and JoAnn Johnson, fifth.

Panorama West Women's League wraps up 2018 season

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**
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The Panorama West women's golf league wrapped up its 2018 season September 4 with a four-gal best-shot tournament. Gary Babcock, Lake Panorama National head golf pro, hit four tee shots for each team on the ninth hole.

The league had 70 members this year, and played 14 weeks. The Tuesday tournament was followed by an awards luncheon in the Panorama West Clubhouse community room, catered by Lake Panorama National.

Cash prizes for play throughout the season were distributed to league members based on pars, birdies and chip ins. Julie Wykoff and Peg Carr were recognized as the "most improved players"

because of the decrease in their handicaps during the season.

The top 10 players in the league were recognized, and received cash awards. They were Emily Spradling in first place; Paula Hansen, second; Rocky Barth, third; Julie Clausen, fourth; JoAnn Johnson, fifth; Karen Eby, sixth; Carla Fitzgerald, seventh; Donna Daniels, eighth; Sherry Miller, ninth; and three tied for tenth - Ai Dunlop, Sue Merryman and Janice Vandevanter.

Emily Spradling served as league chair in 2018, and will serve a second year in that position in 2019. Also continuing in their 2018 positions next year will be Sue Merryman as vice-chair, Paula Hansen as treasurer, and JoAnn Johnson as secretary.

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Panorama West Golf Course superintendent answers questions

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**
Lake Panorama Times staff

Brandon Waddle has spent the last 20 years working on Lake Panorama golf courses. He graduated from Iowa State University in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in horticulture. In 1998, he was hired as the assistant grounds superintendent at Lake Panorama National. In 2013, the Lake Panorama Association moved management of the Panorama West golf course under the LPN umbrella, and Waddle was named grounds superintendent.

A 2017 estate gift of more than \$473,000 from Jim and Joyce McLuen is financing significant improvements at the Panorama West course this year. Twenty percent of their estate was directed to Friends of Lake Panorama to be used at the golf course. In this month's Q&A, Waddle answers questions about the work underway at Panorama West.

Q: What were some of the needs you saw at Panorama West when you first took over there?

A: When I left LPN, I was leaving a course with

nearly perfect course and playing conditions day in and day out; Dan Wollner and the LPN crew do a great job. Panorama West is a different atmosphere. It's a fun course with a loyal following. I realized rather quickly the Panorama West business model supports a smaller budget and fewer staff than the LPN 18-hole course. Focus at the Panorama West course has traditionally been on the tees and greens. Unfortunately, this meant bunkers, gravel cart paths, and fairway turf quality suffered from a lack of resources. Irrigation was a nightmare and course accessories were becoming outdated.

Q. With news of the McLuen gift, what were the top priorities you identified?

A. Irrigation was the top priority just because it costs so much. Without such a generous donation, I'm not sure when or if the Irrigation would get replaced.



Brandon Waddle

Parts for the existing system were no longer available, and the pump was a nightly obstacle.

The next priority was paving the existing gravel cart paths, and adding additional concrete paths. Other priorities included upgrading sand traps, updating tee signs and accessories, aerifying and seeding fairways and tees, and adding to the existing operating budget for seed, fertilizer and weed control.

Q. Tell us about the irrigation system.

A. The overall cost of the new irrigation system was \$289,725. It has 129 heads and roughly 14,000 feet of pipe. There is a six-inch mainline pipe that runs 950 feet from the pump house in Horseshoe Cove up to the golf course.

The operating technology for the irrigation is a great improvement. I can control the system by computer, phone, radio, or any online device. With the old system, I was only able to get water to greens and tees. Now I can water fairways, approaches, and the rough between tees and fairways. This will definitely help us

reach and maintain good turf quality.

Q. Tell us about the additional cart paths being installed.

A. We are adding about 2,475 feet of concrete cart paths, which are six-feet wide and 4-inches thick. These are going in adjacent to all nine of the par-3 tee boxes, plus to all five of the par-4 tee boxes. This will eliminate the eyesore of gravel and bare dirt.

The path from Panorama Drive to the pond will be eight-feet wide and five-inches thick to accommodate LPA maintenance work in that area, plus vehicles accessing the pond with small boats. There also will be a parking pad for carts while players walk to the back tee on the #4 par-4. As the cart paths are poured, dirt is being backfilled and seeded. Some areas where it may be more difficult to get seed established are being sodded.

Q. Tell us about the new tee box amenities and other extras on the golf course.

A. New tee signs will be placed on all nine of the par-

3 tee boxes and all five of the par-4 tee boxes. All of the signs on the par-3 tee boxes will have trash cans, plus five of them will have a ball washer. There also will be six signs to help direct golfers to the par-4 tees. Granite yardage stones will be embedded in the par-3 tee boxes for blue and red yardages. These items will be installed as the cart path work is completed on each hole.

Q. Some improvements were made to existing landscaping around the clubhouse, correct?

A. In June, Wood Brothers Landscaping removed undesirable plants and trimmed shrubs that would stay. Old pea gravel was removed from the beds on the north and west sides of the clubhouse, and replaced by river rock. New shrubs and perennials were added to the landscaped beds on all four sides of the clubhouse, with new pea gravel added on the south and east. A flowering crab tree was placed on the east side.

A six-foot metal bench will be installed soon in the landscape bed near the clubhouse entrance. A

bronze plaque on the bench will express appreciation to the McLuens, and a second plaque with additional detail will be installed near the bench.

Q. With new irrigation comes the opportunity to improve turf conditions. What's being done?

A. The turf improvement is a three-year plan. This year we aerified and seeded 15 acres of fairways and tees. The next two years we are holding back funds for more spot seeding, fertilizing, and post weed control. These additions will greatly improve the current turf conditions, since previous budgets didn't allow for such things.

Q. Will improvements be made to the sand traps on the course?

A. The task force that developed recommendations for spending the McLuen funds suggested turning the six sand traps on the course into grass bunkers, since early estimates didn't allow sufficient funds to upgrade the traps,

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can happen, all outstanding deeds from timeshare week owners must be turned back into the association. This means it could be another year or more before all the units can be marketed."

Rutledge acknowledged some changes will be required of the Clover Ridge Homeowners Association, the broader umbrella under which CRIOA existed. That's because maintenance and garbage pickup had been handled by employees of the CRIOA management company. The timeshare group also paid HOA fees, LPA dues and property taxes.

"I think there will be a cash flow crunch in the near term, but the good news is, I think the 'long game' works out for everyone," Rutledge said. "But this is a challenging situation to manage in the interim."

Rutledge said those inter-

ested in renting one of the 22 units should contact the LPN. A rate schedule is being developed, with prices for peak and non-peak time periods. Longer vacation stays will mean lower rates, and some long-term rentals may be possible, until the units can be sold.

The GM coffee was held in the LPN dining room. Rutledge noted the renovations made possible in that room by a donation to Friends of Lake Panorama from the Dr. David Wang family. The improvements include new tables, chairs, artwork and tabletop accessories.

In closing, Rutledge encouraged anyone not receiving the weekly LPA Panorama Prompt newsletter via email to get signed up. "We know how important it is to communicate with our members, and the Prompt is the most timely way for us to do that," he said. If interested, send an email to lpa@lakepanorama.org or call the LPA office during regular business hours at 641-755-2301.



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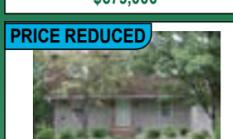
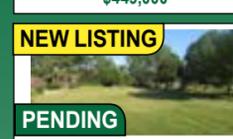
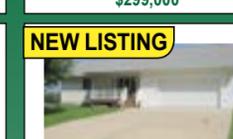
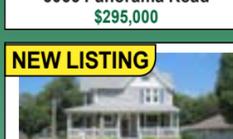
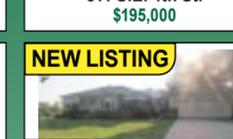
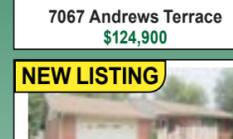
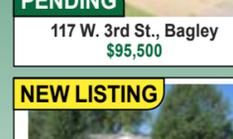
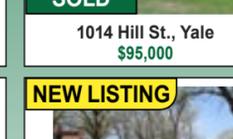
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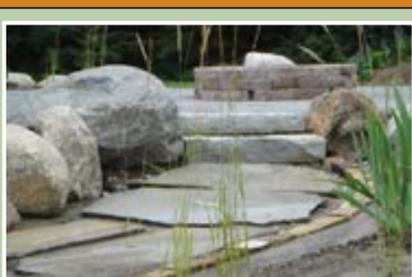
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Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors Meeting

July 24, 2018 — Lake Panorama Association Office

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met July 24, 2018, 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: Danna Krambeer and John Rutledge. Visitors present: LPA Members - Trent Crammer, Larry Davis, Terry & Paulette Henkle, Stan Hurst, Eugene & Melissa Morris, Keith & Carole Peterson, Duane Ross, Dennis & Ruth Rowedder, Rich & Margie Schenck, Deb Schumacher, David & Colleen Smith, Jim Smith, Emily Spradling, Susan Thompson, Barry & Laura Tofteland, Kerry & Cathy VanGundy, and Randy Walz. Guest - David Martinez Diaz - exchange student from Zacatecas, Mexico.

President Spradling called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. Agenda Item 1 - Approval of the Agenda - Schumacher moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 - Open Forum

Hughes Cove - Rowedders and Schencks, representing the Hughes Cove area, requested the cove be dredged and asked for a time frame for this work to be completed. Rutledge explained the project needs to be done with the utility barge and clam shell.

LPA will work this area into the schedule this fall. If not completed this fall, it will be resumed in the spring. The LPA members thanked Rutledge and the board for putting this project on the maintenance dredging schedule.

DNR Issue - Randy Waltz asked the board why the DNR hit Lake Panorama so hard over the week around the July 4th holiday.

Barry Tofteland thanked the board for their time and work. Tofteland asked why the DNR acted in an aggressive and heavy-handed way. DNR officers were armed and the treatment of members seemed to be overly aggressive and the situations did not call for these actions. DNR had a large number of boats on the water, the officers were armed and there was also a pickup sighted on the road at Horseshoe Cove with binoculars, working with the officers on the water. Tofteland questioned the action of pulling over members for false pretenses, because they had blue lights on their boats, claiming they could be mistaken for official patrol. Tofteland questioned the rule of a boat being considered "abandoned" when the boat is tied up together with other boats and occupants are swimming outside the 10' range around the boat. Does DNR have the right to use the private boat ramp? Is there a policy and procedure for law enforcement to follow in regards to using our

boat ramps and access points? Would it be possible for LPA to work with the DNR for safety check programs in the spring so boats would be exempt to inspection for the rest of the year? Tofteland also requested security be trained on what are the pertinent rules to enforce.

Rutledge replied to some of the comments made. Rutledge noted research on the blue light question and the unattended vessel question would be completed. Rutledge noted the ability of LPA to restrict ramp access is also being researched. Rutledge clarified our local DNR enforcement officer is a member of Lake Panorama Association, which provides him access on our roads and across our ramp regardless of whether the ramp could be restricted.

Rutledge offered his observation that Saylorville and Okoboji were both dealing with high water over the holiday, which restricted boating in these areas. As a result, Lake Panorama was one of the few lakes where enforcement could concentrate their holiday efforts. Rutledge suggested that cooperation with DNR was generally the best option, but understood the Independence Day weekend enforcement blitz was a harsh surprise to many members. Rutledge clarified the DNR officers are not accountable to LPA management and their actions are ultimately at their discretion. Rutledge suggest-

ed members write their legislator if they are deeply dissatisfied with enforcement by DNR.

Rutledge noted LPA has advised members of this upcoming enforcement effort multiple times via the weekly email Prompt. Independence Day is traditionally a time of focus for DNR on Lake Panorama.

Burchfield Cove Buoys - Rutledge explained the 10 mph buoy was moved to the area that was determined to be the location at a special board of directors meeting on May 23, 1996. The Water Safety Committee will be looking into the location and appropriate placement of the buoys this fall.

Eugene and Melissa Morris spoke to the concern of the buoy moved into their cove. They are concerned with how tight the access is. After the buoy was moved, jet skis were racing around the buoy and coming very close to their dock.

Stan Hurst explained the buoy has been moved out for a couple years. There has been continual disrespect for the buoy and the location. It has become a very dangerous area. He is not in favor of the 1996 location.

Rutledge asked for direction from the board on the buoy placement until the water safety committee has time to review the placements and make recommendations to the board for locations. Jeschke suggested LPA

move the 10 mile hour buoy to the LPA access point at lot 540, and install a no wake buoy at a point between lots 535 and 662. Rutledge noted this would restore the 10 mph buoy to the location in which it had been placed for much of 2017. He noted also this would place the no wake buoy substantially closer to the mouth of the cove than it had previously been. Discussion focused on the board's duty to immediately address any safety concerns. Spradling polled the board and Rutledge was directed to relocate the buoys in deference to safety. Rutledge was also directed to ask the water safety committee to review and advise on buoy locations.

Bean Bend Road - Keith and Carole Petersen spoke regarding the grass and unmowed lots and the weeds in the rip rap along Bean Bend. Rutledge reported a letter had been sent to the lot owners giving them a deadline to mow the lot and spray the weeds in the rip rap. If the items are not completed, the LPA will hire the work done and bill the lot owners, per the rules and regulations.

Campgrounds - Duane Ross spoke to the board regarding the letter that was mailed to all the campground residents, outlining rules and regulations that will be clarified and more stringently enforced in 2019; specifically the size of decks attached to campers, current registration of campers and general upkeep of the

area of each campsite. The letter stated the decks and porches must be 100 sq. ft. or less and no current decks will be grandfathered. All decks must be brought into compliance by March 2019. Ross built his deck many years ago and at the time of construction he was told to call the LPA office. He did contact the office and was not told any size requirements. He built an initial deck approximately 12' x 12' and then added another 10' x 10' deck. Ross is requesting the board reconsider the fact that there will not be any grandfathering of decks. Ross also addressed the rule requirement of current registration on the camper. Ross said the county treasurer's office advised not to register if they are not moving the camper.

Jim Smith addressed the board in regard to the deck size. A canopy extended from a camper would be 10' x 20'. A deck 10' x 10' would not be large enough. Smith requested changing the size of the deck to a minimum of 200 sq. ft. Smith also questioned why wasn't there a representative from the campground involved in the discussion when the rules were made. Smith also questioned the current license registration rule, if the member is paying a yearly camping fee, including storage fee, why do they have to have a current registration displayed on their camper.

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Does the campground have a profit and loss statement? Smith questioned the electrical changes proposed, specifically the elimination of the 110 plug-ins.

Trent Cramer stated there are plenty of spaces available at the West Campground. Cramer stated other campgrounds allow canopies, etc. Why do we offer full time camping, but not allow the member to build bigger decks?

David Smith spoke to the board, stating he has been camping for several years at the West Campground. Smith stated that without the deck, there is no flat space to sit

tables on, which is why the larger decks are necessary. Smith stated he did not understand why there is a plan regarding moving of the pads. Smith requested the size of the existing decks to be grandfathered in.

President Spradling thanked everyone for their comments and input. The board and staff will review the items and discuss further at their next board meeting.

Pickle ball – President Spradling spoke prior to LPA member comments on the topic of pickle ball. Spradling thanked the Friends of Lake Panorama for their hard work and fundraising. Spradling also thanked the LPA staff for their cooperation and work in completing the project. Spradling

thanked the VanGundys and Larry Davis for their work in promoting the sport, raising interest and their coaching / teaching of the sport. Spradling suggested the board consider leaving the courts as is, until the season is finished, and re-evaluate the surface and options at year end.

One additional option is to look at restoring the old tennis courts and convert them into pickle ball courts. Funds would have to be raised to accomplish this.

Cathy VanGundy spoke to the board regarding pickle ball and the courts. Both VanGundys and Davis are passionate about their sports. They want to play on a regulation court that creates a regulation bounce. VanGundy presented private survey results on the courts. The survey was from the active group that has been playing pickle ball.

Larry Davis spoke to the official rules and regulations determined by the USAPA. He said the ball height bounce and the skid or skip inconsis-

tency detracts from the game and the enjoyment. This is the problem most common with the current sports court surface.

Susan Thompson represented the Friends of Lake Panorama. The Friends board, at their last meeting, acknowledged they would consider being the conduit for raising funds to resurface the old tennis courts, but they would not orchestrate the fundraising. There would be administrative costs to using Friends and that would need to be addressed.

Rutledge recommended a non-vendor consultant or engineer be hired if a project is going forward to change the courts or resurface the old tennis courts. Rutledge emphasized the specialty of this project was outside the scope of expertise possessed by LPA staff. Rutledge was directed to investigate options for a non-vendor consultant or engineer and report back to the board of directors.

Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda

Donovan 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 6.26.2018 LPA Board Meeting
- c) Acceptance of 6.30.18 consolidated financial report – LPA & LPN, LLC
- d) Set date for next board meeting as August 28, 2018
- e) Accept minutes from June 2018 LPN, LLC Board of Managers Meeting

Agenda Item 4a – 2018-2019 Deer Hunting Regulations

No changes are proposed for the 2018 – 2019 hunting program. A thorough review of the hunting rules was completed several years ago, with few changes being made. LPA security staff and our hunters have become familiar with these rules and we have received very few criticisms or suggestions for changes. Maintaining a steady program is helpful, as annual substantive changes to the rules cre-

ate a learning curve for both security staff and hunters.

Carothers moved to approve the 2018-19 Deer Hunting Program to be the same as 2017-18. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4b – Offer to purchase lots 4516, 4517, 4518 and 4519.

An offer has been received from Vicki S. Gubser Revocable Trust to purchase lots 4516, 4517, 4518, and 4519 for a total purchase price of \$40,000, subject to acceptable perc. The land sales committee has reviewed the offer and is in favor of accepting.

Jeschke moved to accept the offer to purchase lots 4516, 4517, 4518, and 4519 from Vicki S. Gubser Revocable Trust for \$40,000, contingent upon perc test being acceptable to buyer. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4c – Offer to purchase portion of un-platted parcel between lot 774 and lot 800 (5147 Panorama Drive and 5139 Panorama Drive).

LPA received a written offer to purchase a portion of the un-platted area between lots 774 and lot 800, subject to an acceptable perc test and survey. A portion of this area is a waterway, next to lot 774 and is not part of the offer. The offer is for \$225,000 and the buyer would pay all the survey and abstracting costs, with a proposed closing date of December 1, 2018.

Schumacher moved to decline the offer as selling this parcel is not currently in the best interest of the association. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5a – LPA Shop Site Review

The shop committee of Evans, Halterman, Jeschke, Monthei, Rutledge and Spradling has met twice to review the proposed new shop. They are in agreement on the general design of the shop and are now looking at the site. Two locations remain as preferred options. These carry the original designations of "Site 1" and "Site 4." (Sites 2 and 3 have been eliminated by the committee). Site 1 is the current shop site and Site 4 is the hay field west of the Brethren Church.

Two potential options stand out to staff at this point:

Option A: Pay Allender-Butzke \$7,200 to test bore both sites. Determine if either site should be eliminated due to soils and potential landfill concerns. Move forward with this information.

Option B: Proceed with Site 4, based upon the benefits of possible future expansion, eased traffic flow and the strategy of using the existing cold Storage Barn for the next boat storage building. Don't invest in the soil borings at Site 1, as Site 4 is preferable for a number of other reasons.

Jeschke moved to approve the selection of Site 4 (hay field west of the Brethren Church) as the location of the new LPA shop, with the intent to repurpose the existing cold storage building for future use as an LPA-owned boat storage building. Project to commence when approved financing has been obtained. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5b – LPA sports courts update and discussion

Review sports court member input. Explore options of handling the proposed tennis court revitalization project.

Spradling noted this item will be discussed after the season is over for 2018 and recommendations will be considered to determine the direction LPA will take regarding the existing old tennis courts and the pickle ball surface on the new courts. At this time no signage is necessary.

Agenda Item 6a – Review LPN, LLC interim management

Spradling moved the item to closed session.

No other business was discussed during open session.

Agenda Item 7 – The board entered closed session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss legal matters. The board exited closed session at 7:50 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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and this would lower ongoing maintenance costs. But since some of the projects came in under budget, plus a fundraising tournament brought in additional money, we're now discussing other options.

There are six bunkers on five holes. We obtained a bid for a complete renovation of these six bunkers from the company that did the irrigation project, and the cost was more than \$90,000. Clearly, that's more than we can spend on bunkers, so we're taking a step back. This fall we will develop specs that outline the work needed to improve on what currently exists. The goal will be to remove current material, fix drainage, add sand, and have a nice shape and edge. We'll take bids in January, and hopefully be in a position to have the work done

as soon as weather conditions allow in 2019.

Q. It's been a long summer with lots of construction and damage to the turf in some places. How well do you anticipate the course will recover by the 2019 season?

A. There is a lot of work to be done yet this fall, but we will keep pushing on these improvements. I keep saying it will all look a lot better next year, not sure if it will be in June or November. A special thanks to Mike Monthei, the LPA maintenance supervisor and his staff, for all the help they've provided on some of these big projects.

Q. How do you think the condition and design of Panorama West stacks up against similar courses?

A. I've always thought a golf course is two things — layout and budget. The

layout is what it is, for the most part. Tree lined parkland, links style, mountain, desert, wetlands, whatever.

Both LPN and Panorama West were designed by the same architect — Richard Watson. Panorama West was designed as an executive par-3 course, with the addition of five par-4 holes by Dick Ellis, the course superintendent before me. The course layout and design is unique, and perfect for players of all ages and skills.

One thing about Panorama West is that we have a very loyal group of golfers who support the course. And we have some hard-working staff on the grounds crew and in the pro shop. They take a lot of pride in this golf course and I'm proud we can offer them improvements as we look toward 2019. With the McLuen gift, we are able to do some things we couldn't have done otherwise to further improve the player experience.

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and 27 guesthouse rooms to provide the same services. Renting these private units remains the top priority for the LPN staff.

Yet the addition of the timeshare units broadens the options for potential renters. Eight are two-bedroom units on the west side of Karen Drive. The remaining 14 are on the east side of Karen Drive, and are a combination of two-bedroom and three-bedroom units. Two of the three-bedroom units have a studio unit attached, which can be rented to make these four-bedroom units.

Nightly rental fees for the timeshare units mirror fees already in place for the other units LPN manages. For a two-bedroom unit, the nightly rate October through March is \$160. Guests staying four nights or more receive a 20 percent discount, making the nightly rate \$128, plus a \$75 one-time cleaning fee.

The nightly rate for three-bedroom units October through March is \$249. Rates for four nights or more are discounted 20 percent, making the nightly rate \$199.20, plus a one-time cleaning fee of \$75.

Four-bedroom units October through March rent for \$338 nightly. Stays of four nights or more are discounted 20 percent, making the nightly fee \$270.40, plus a one-time cleaning fee of \$105.

Studios rent for \$99 nightly October through March,

and are discounted to \$79.20 for stays of four nights or more. A \$30 one-time cleaning fee would apply for these longer stays. Nightly rates for all units will increase April 1.

To discuss availability and make reservations, call the LPN front desk at 641-755-2080 or 800-879-1917 during business hours, which are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. Or send an email to lpnlodging@lakepanoramamanational.org.

Monthly rentals also will be considered, with a 60-day minimum, and a signed lease required. A two-bedroom unit will rent for \$2,000 per month. Units are fully furnished, and the rent also covers utilities, cable and wireless Internet. To discuss monthly rentals, contact Royce Shaffer, LPN interim operations manager, 641-755-2080, or rshaffer@lakepanoramamanational.org.

RIZ

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Petersen and his wife Marianne lived in Panora for 13 years. They moved to Lake Panorama in 1994, and have been full-time residents since. "Through the RIZ program, we have a great opportunity to not only maintain Lake Panorama, but enhance its quality," he says. "I want to help continue the direction set in dredging, forming wetlands and developing other erosion control measures."

Petersen isn't a newcomer to the work of water quality. "At Heartland Coop, we are proponents of enhancing the water quality of Iowa waterways. Our mission is to aid producers in nutrient management and soil erosion control measures," he says. "Along with other retailers, we formed an orga-

nization to enhance water quality through monitoring and advanced experimental measures that encourage producers to increase water quality in the Raccoon River Watershed."

Grotjohn's board position would have been up for election in December. So while Petersen was appointed to complete Grotjohn's term, he also plans to run for a full three-year term on the RIZ board. Voting will take place December 11, noon to 8 p.m., at the Lake Panorama Association office.

Other current trustees on the RIZ board are Doug

Hemphill, JoAnn Johnson, Bill Dahl, and Corey Welberg.

The Lake Panorama RIZ is a local government entity designed to manage erosion control and water quality at Lake Panorama and within its watershed. The RIZ was formed in 1997 by the initiative of the LPA through legislation in Des Moines. The tax increment financing district allows tax growth dollars to stay within the Lake Panorama development for water quality purposes. The board of trustees will oversee a 2018-2019 fiscal year budget that projects \$2 million in annual revenue.

A key focus of RIZ continues to be the dredging of sediment from Lake Panorama. This ensures lake depth remains suitable for safe enjoyment by LPA members and their guests.

In addition to the dredging, RIZ has completed two wetland projects, with construction on a third expected to begin in 2019. These wetlands provide substantial nitrogen reduction, and are designed to assist in sediment buffering.

For more information on Lake Panorama RIZ, visit its website at www.lakepanoramamariz.org.

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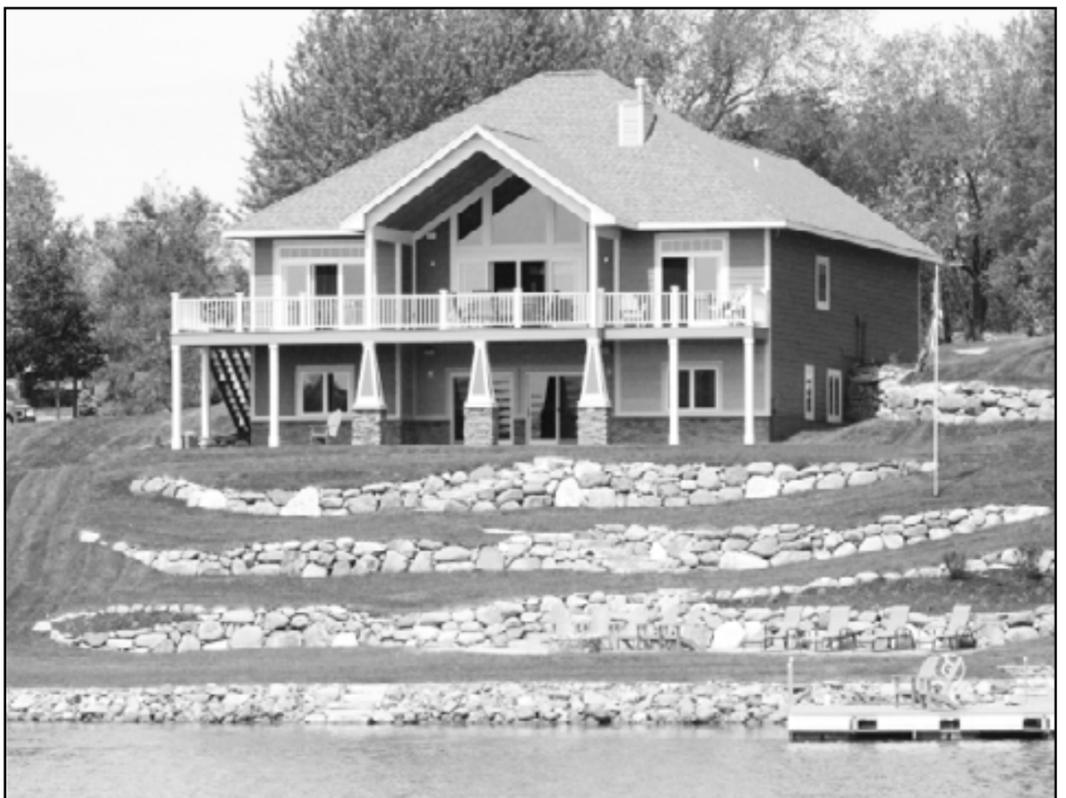
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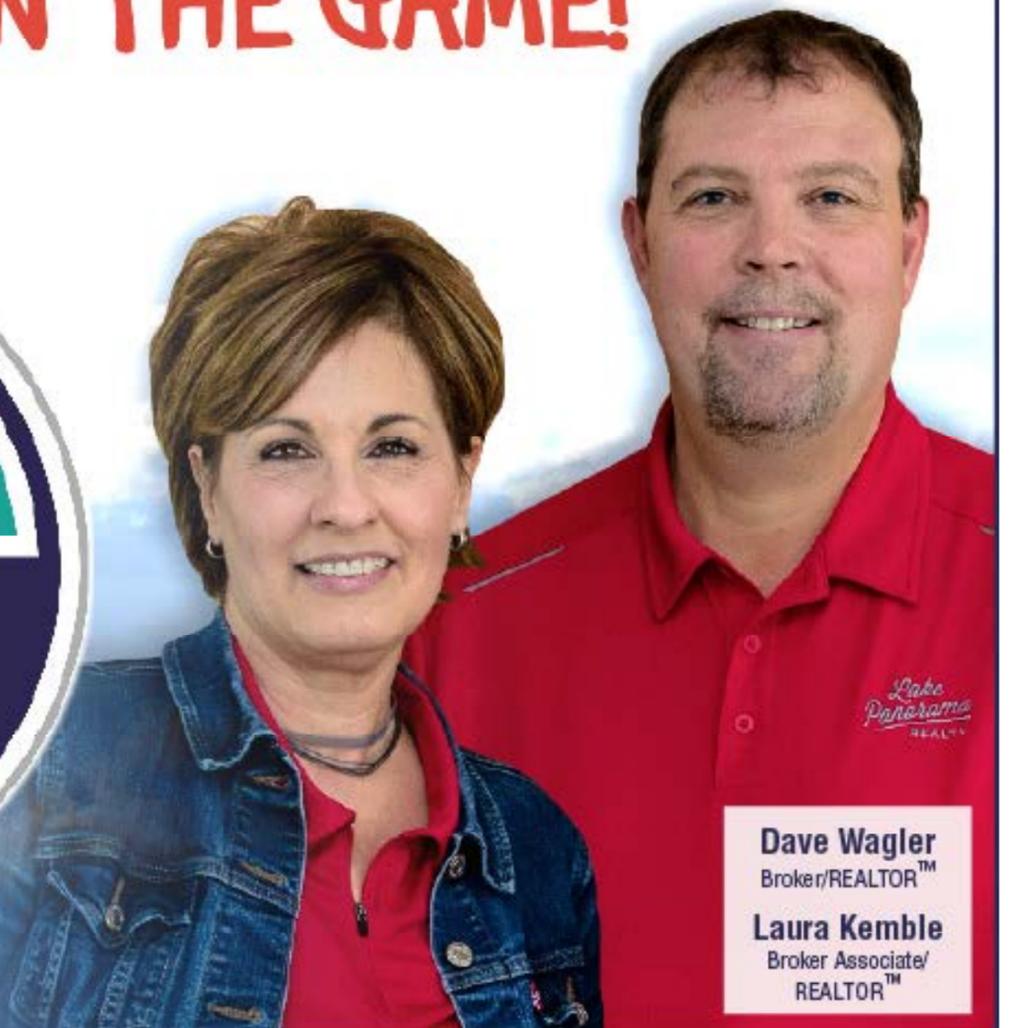
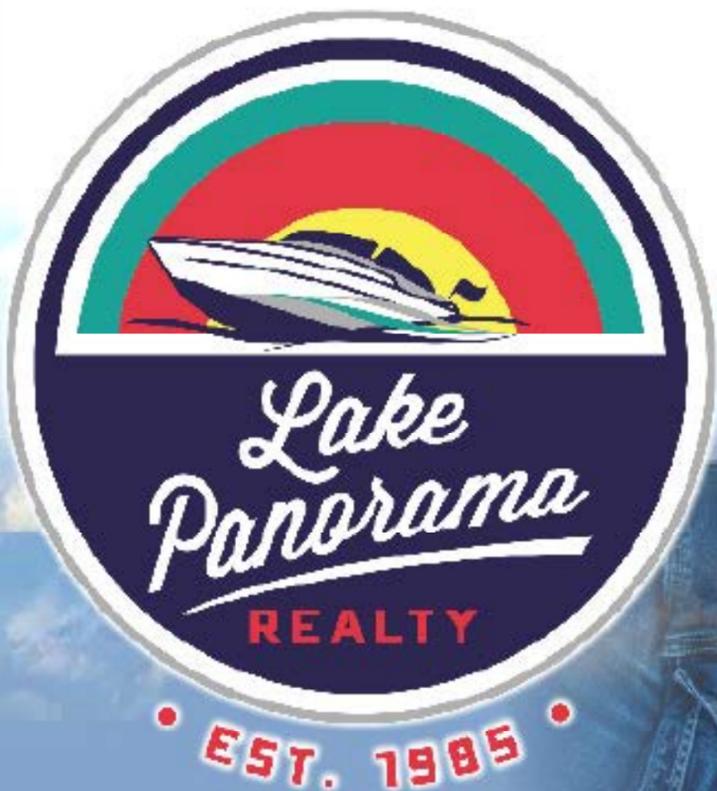
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