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# Lake Panorama **TIMES**

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## 2017 LPA Board of Directors Election

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**  
*Lake Times staff*

The Lake Panorama Association is governed by a seven-member board of directors. Board terms are three years, and members are allowed to serve two consecutive terms. Terms are staggered so the number of seats on the an-

nual ballot varies each year. For 2017, there will be two seats on the ballot. Bob Batschlet will be completing a three-year term on the board and has stated he won't seek a second term. Tom Jeschke also is completing a three-year term on the board, and has stated he will submit nomination papers to run for a second term.

Jeschke previously served two consecutive three-year terms. Mary Jane Carothers also has declared her intention to run for election on the 2017 ballot. Nomination papers are available at the LPA office, or will be emailed on request. Candidates must collect a minimum of 18 signatures, representing 18 separate active memberships.

The papers must be submitted to the LPA office by March 14. Along with the nomination form, candidates are asked to submit a signed statement of willingness to serve, and a 100-word statement of qualifications. Also needed is a signed conflict-of-interest form listing any businesses or financial interests the candidate has with

the LPA. This form is available at the LPA office or via email. These items will be included in the ballot mailing. To provide information about themselves to voters, the LPA provides a couple of free options. Candidates can request a set of mailing labels from the LPA office for all members. The LPA also offers candidates the

opportunity to send a photo and personal statement through its website email system, which currently serves nearly 1,100 of the association's 1,700 members. Some board candidates also choose to advertise in the Lake Panorama Times.

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### Cold winter weather brings ice fishing fun

By **ASHLEY SCHABLE**  
*Lake Times staff*

Freezing temperatures have frozen some area lakes providing anglers with an opportunity for ice fishing fun.

Fishing has been reported good. "I've had a great ice fishing season so far," said Scott Stanley, who serves as chairman for the local Fin and Feather, which supports fishing and wildlife enhancement at Lake Panorama. When he's not fishing he is vice president at Farmers State Bank in Yale.

Stanley jokes his fishing spots are a secret, but shares some success from Lake Panorama, including the pond on the Par 3 West Golf Course, as well as some area farm ponds this winter.

"The lake has a lot of fish, but they are harder to target as there is not a lot of cover to set up on, but once you find fish, you can catch a bunch," said Stanley, who on a recent night had non-stop action reeling in bluegills and crappie.

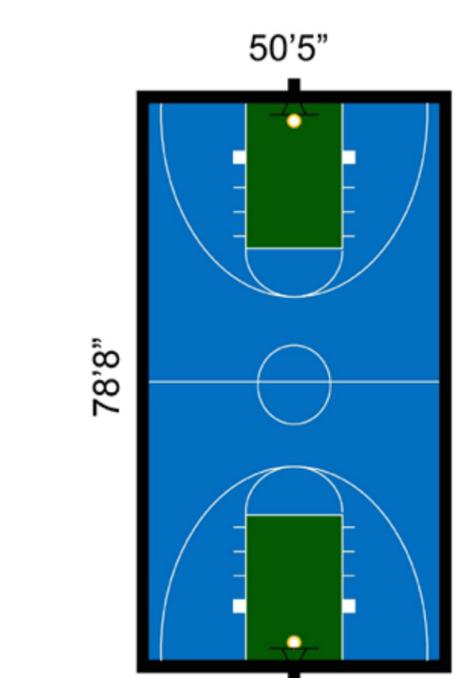
He said the Par 3 pond has been producing great numbers of fish. "Quality Bluegills and an occasional nice crappie," he said.

The ice fishing season is well underway. Jeremy King, area conservation officer with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, reports ice between 10 and 14 inches thick in places.

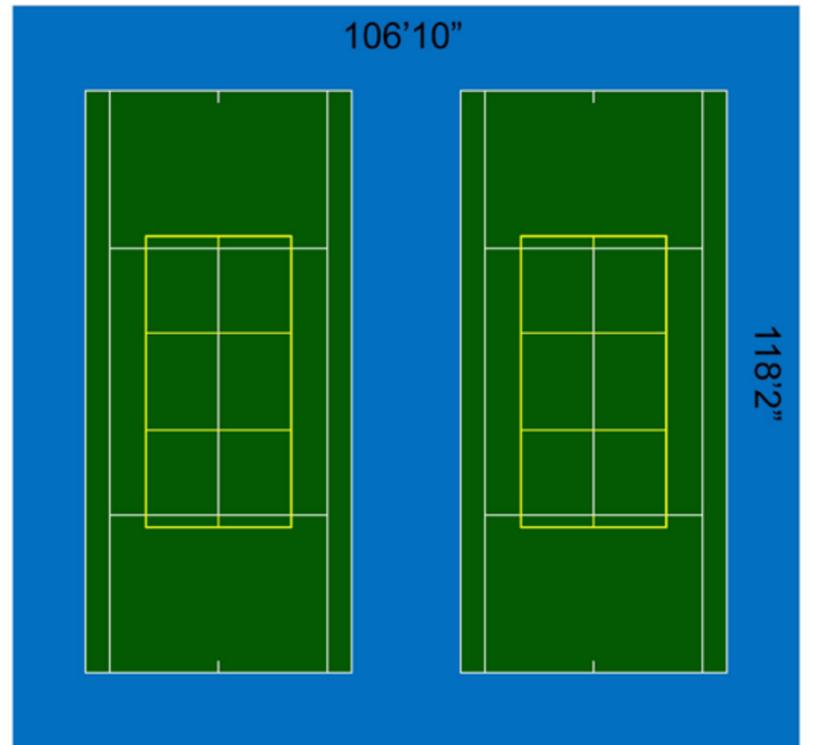
"People are able to pull sleds out, there's plenty of ice," said King, who himself has made eight trips onto the frozen water this winter,

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## SPORTS COURTS FUNDRAISING HALFWAY TO FIRST GOAL



New concrete shall be 50'5" x 78'8"  
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Two regulation tennis courts with pickleball lines.  
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By **SUSAN THOMPSON** | *Lake Times staff*

The Friends of Lake Panorama's mailbox was filled with good news throughout December and the first two weeks of 2017. During that six-week period, \$17,000 was received to help build new sports courts at Boulder Beach.

That \$17,000, added to \$8,000 donated in 2014 for an earlier sports courts proposal, means the non-profit charity is halfway to its first fundraising goal of \$50,000. Once Friends raises \$50,000, the LPA has committed another \$50,000.

Another piece of good news came in the form of a note from an anonymous donor. Once the \$100,000 level is reached, this anonymous donor will contribute \$25,000 for a dedicated basketball court.

The Friends nonprofit is separate from the Lake Panorama Association,

and has a goal of improving recreational amenities at Lake Panorama. It received 501(c)(3) status from the IRS in July 2014. All contributions are tax deductible, and all donors receive a letter of thanks as their receipt.

The main structure will be a concrete slab featuring two regulation-sized tennis courts with both tennis and pickle ball lines. A PowerGame two-tiered surface will be placed over the concrete base.

This modular flooring features a locking system, so no glues or an-

chors are needed. The five-eighths inch high, self-draining surface stays clean by allowing water, dirt and debris to drain through. The cushioned design provides shock absorption to help reduce joint stress and fatigue.

These courts will be surrounded by a 10' tall chain link, black vinyl fence. There will be one gate, two nets and support poles. This project is estimated at \$125,000.

The basketball court will be a bit smaller than regulation size at 50' 5" x 78' 8". The concrete will be marked for two half courts, with two basketball hoop systems installed. The \$25,000 estimated price tag does not include fencing or the PowerGame surface.

In 2014, Friends proposed renovating the courts at Lake Panorama

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### Friends Board holds 2017 organizational meeting

Friends of Lake Panorama is governed by a volunteer seven-member board of directors. The board held its 2017 organizational meeting December 12, 2016. The meeting was the last one for Kirk Fischer, who was completing a three-year term. He was the Friends board president the last two years.

Kim Lubeck was appointed to replace Fischer, and will serve a three-year term on the beginning January 1, 2017. Lubeck has a bachelor's degree in business

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COMMUNITY

# Jan. 27 benefit to support Emma Reinhart

The Panorama Lions Club and the Panorama Chamber of Commerce will host a spaghetti dinner benefit for Tori's Angels Foundation in honor and support of Emma Reinhart on Friday, Jan. 27, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Panorama High School in Panorama. The free-will offering meal will feature spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, desserts, and drinks.

Emma, 13, is the daughter of Troy and Stephanie Reinhart of Panorama. She was diagnosed in November 2016 with acute lymphoblastic leukemia after a trip to the emergency room for what was suspected to be appendicitis. Despite ongoing chemotherapy which causes very unpleasant side effects, Emma bravely attends school,

participates in dance, and keeps up with her friends and family. She is an inspiration to everyone who knows her or hears her story. Those attending the dinner are encouraged to wear orange, Emma's favorite color.

Tori's Angels raises funds to help the families of their supported children who have life-threatening medical conditions. The foundation pays all expenses not covered by insurance, including travel expenses to treatment (airfare, hotel, meals), as well as medical co-pays and deductibles. Tori's Angels is named for all the generous community "angels" who supported its original sponsored child, Tori Heckman of Guthrie Center, when she urgently needed heart surgery in

Boston in 2011.

The foundation now supports 17 children in Central Iowa and has sponsored a total of 23 children. Five children have earned their Heavenly Wings, and another one has reached her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, ending her financial support. Many of the sponsored children are currently undergoing treatment, and others have successfully completed treatment and have regular check-ups.

Those unable to attend the spaghetti dinner and who wish to donate to help Emma and other Tori's Angels children are invited to send donations to Panorama State Bank or Guthrie County State Bank in Panorama.

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# ICE SAFETY



Ice conditions on Lake Panorama are always variable and safety is the most important consideration when going on the ice. Current, underwater springs, and other factors can cause ice thickness to vary considerably in just a few yards of distance.

An example from year's past—A couple of years ago, 17 inches of ice was found near Boulder Beach, but, on the same day, only two inches of ice was found in the upper end of the lake where current was a factor. Another factor in the strength of ice to hold loads is its clarity. Clear ice is the strongest. "Milky" or unclear ice is full of air pockets that indicate the strength of ice is much less.

The recent warmer temperatures have made the ice on Lake

Panorama extremely variable and unpredictable. Please use extreme caution. Stay safe.

Ice is inherently variable on Panorama, because the Middle Raccoon River runs through our body of water. This flow continues under the ice, which can cause conditions to change rapidly throughout the year. Thus, LPA is uncomfortable providing a map that could quickly become outdated and unreliable.

However, they can offer a few general tips about areas that are

known to be dangerous throughout the winter:

1) Avoid ice anywhere waterfowl is present, or has recently been present. The Main Basin often has open water throughout the winter as a result of waterfowl.

2) Use caution in the main channel of the lake, which overlaps the Middle Raccoon River channel. The Narrows is an area in which caution should always be used.

3) Avoid areas near road culverts and drainage tile that continue to flow running water throughout the winter, when all else is frozen. This flow often comes from a natural spring and can negatively impact ice safety.

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**4922 Lynn Dr., Panora, Iowa**  
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This newly remodeled condo sits in the Boulder Cove complex with beautiful lake views and the golf course is across the road. This one floor is perfect for the couple that is tired of the upkeep of a house. It is golf cart ready to enjoy

the lake, golf course, conference center, pool and driving range. The inside has a newly remodeled kitchen that opens to the spacious dining and living room. With two bedrooms and two baths there is room for over night guests! The deck offers a great setting to barbeque, entertain or just enjoy the lake views. Lots of parking. Move in ready!!



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BUSINESS

## Sales and Marketing Director joins Panora Telco staff

By CAITLIN WARE  
*Lake Times staff*

As part of its continued growth, Panora Telco has added a new face to join its team.

Courtney Redfern, of Guthrie Center, has taken over the Sales and Marketing Director position to help improve the company's branding, and work with consumers.

"I really enjoy it here, I have found it very easy to be part of the team," Redfern said of her first few weeks on the job. "I think there's a lot of exciting things going on at Panora Telco, they're kind of the best kept secret in town."

Before coming to Telco, Redfern worked at Brokers International in Panora for 17 years, first in the contracting and licensing department before moving into marketing. The Guthrie Center native spent 2011 away from the company working as Annuity Channel Marketing Manager at Athene, an annuity provider in West Des Moines. But she quickly returned to her position at Brokers International a year later.

"I came back to Brokers because I didn't really care for the



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Courtney Redfern

commute," Redfern said. "I liked being in the community, I liked being local. I liked being at the smaller company. It makes it easier to get to know the people you're working with, and you can have a more direct impact on the people you're helping."

That same motivation carried over when Brokers International announced last year they would be relocating to Urbandale. Red-

fern knew she was not interested in repeating the commute she once knew, wanted to stay in the community she loved, and wanted to spend more time with her husband Travis, and children Justin and Mackenzie. The Sales and Marketing Director position at Telco opened up because after previously using a third party marketing source — which they were very happy with — the company felt it was time to have an in-house employee who could tackle bigger projects and have a local presence. When Redfern found the listing, she found her answer.

"I wasn't really that interested in working in Des Moines, and somebody sent me a copy of the posting for the (Telco) Sales and Marketing Director role, so I applied," Redfern said. "I was really excited that I got to stay local because I have two children at home, I don't want to be making that commute."

From the very start, Redfern felt that Telco was a place she could call home for the foreseeable future. She said her interview with three of its employees was

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# Q&A: John Rutledge, general manager of Lake Panorama Association

## LAKE PANORAMA RIZ UPDATE

By SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Times staff

In this month's Q&A, John Rutledge, LPA general manager, provides an update on what's in store for the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) in 2017.

**Q. January is traditionally a slow time for the LPA board, but a busy time for the RIZ board. What's happening with the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) board this month?**

A. As a local government entity, RIZ is required to approve its 2017-18 fiscal year budget by March 15, 2017. This requires advance work and planning as the budget must be published in the newspaper between 10 and 20 days prior to adoption. The RIZ district uses the Guthrie County Vedette as its official paper, and the budget is scheduled to appear there in the January 19 edition. The adoption of the budget will follow February 1.

**Q. Tell us a little about the RIZ budget.**

A. RIZ anticipates receiving \$1.87 million in revenues in the 2017-18 fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. This amount is very similar to what RIZ will receive in the 2016-17 fiscal year. Over \$600,000 will be used to retire debt, while the remaining amount

will be used to fund the dredging operation, silt basin development and water quality endeavors.

**Q. What is the status of the Lake Panorama RIZ renewal, as discussed shortly after the 2015 legislative session?**

A. RIZ law is governed under IA Code Chapter 357H, which was significantly amended in the 2015 legislative session. Most notable in the amendment is a prescribed process by which RIZ districts can apply for a 20-year renewal. Lake Panorama RIZ is in the middle of this process and expects to submit the required engineering report to the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors sometime in February of this year. Once submitted, the board will review the report and conduct a public hearing.

Iowa Code requires the board of supervisors to grant renewal if the RIZ district has demonstrated a continued need for the next 20 years. Lake Panorama's report still is in draft form, but I am confident it will meet the legal threshold without question. Substantial analysis of Panorama's past, present and future has been completed by Shive-Hattery, the engineering consulting firm that has worked with the Lake Panorama RIZ for many years. The report clearly highlights the need for

continued efforts.

**Q. What other projects is RIZ undertaking?**

A. The Helen's Cove/Donahy Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) project was substantially completed in late 2016. The



dormant seeding should come up in the spring, at which time we will consider the project wholly completed. Bidding for the Hughes Cove/Elmquist CREP project is being processed by the Iowa

Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS), with a bid opening date in early February. LPA will be hosting IDALS' pre-construction meeting January 19, which is an important milestone for the project. The beginning of the bidding process marks the transition from moving mountains of paperwork to moving mountains of earth.

**Q. What are some observations you've made as you embark on the third of three projects tied to the Cory Farm purchase?**

A. I first spoke with the Cory family in the spring of 2013, with our land deal being made in 2013 on Labor Day weekend.

Assuming the Hughes Cove project seeding greens up in the spring of 2018, we'll be looking at a five-year window from concept to completion.

On one hand, five years seems like a really long time. But I also feel as though we will have covered a lot of ground between 2013 and 2018. In addition to the projects themselves, we have forged important relationships with several key partners. These relationships are already leading to discussions about new, additional water quality projects on which we might partner. I'm optimistic we'll have more exciting news to share with the LPA membership later in 2017.

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Across the twenty years ending in 2015, the annual return of the S&P 500 averaged 9.85%.

During this same period, the average retail investor realized a yearly return of just 5.19%.\*

Some investors may be quick to act on a market dip to their detriment. Instead, consider glancing at your portfolio once per quarter instead of every day.

Nobel Laureate economist Gene Fama, Jr. once commented:

"Your money is like soap. The more you handle it, the less you'll have." Anyone who has invested some of his or her money in equities would do well to keep his gentle warning in mind and focus on a long-term perspective.

Contact our office to schedule a complimentary portfolio review and [visit investgcsb.com](http://investgcsb.com) to view this article in its entirety.

\* Source: Dalbar, a respected investment analytics firm.

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COMMUNITY

# Yale Community Club dinner to benefit Timber Creek Charities

By ASHLEY SCHABLE  
Lake Times staff

Timber Creek Charities will be the recipient of the proceeds from the auction at the Yale Steak Supper this year.

Hosted by the Yale Community Club, the annual dinner will be held Saturday, January 21, with proceeds from a silent and live auction going to Timber Creek Charities.

"This is a great opportunity for Timber Creek Charities," said Cindy McCarty, founder of the nonprofit charity that helps provide quality treatment and therapeutic activities for all persons in need. Timber Creek Charities steps in to help those who don't have adequate insurance. It also helps those who can't afford therapeutic activities not covered by insurance.

McCarty said Timber Creek Charities volunteers are helping line up auction items, and will also provide 150 servings of dessert for the steak dinner.

Doors at the Yale Community Building open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. A silent and live auction with auctioneers Terry and Danny Laughery, will follow the dinner.

The Yale Community Club will prepare the steak dinner and use the proceeds from the dinner to fund their annual scholarships for Panorama high school seniors with a Yale address. Proceeds from the auctions will go to Timber Creek Charities.

Angie Laabs, and her mother, Lana, will be the guest speakers for the event. Angie, a Panorama high school graduate,



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**Four-year-old Cian McAlister works on his speech with Cindy McCarty, a speech and language pathologist, while riding Bell, the horse, at Timber Creek Therapies. Speech and language therapy services at Timber Creek Therapies includes many tools found in the treatment room, hippotherapy on horseback and a cognitive treatment area designed to address functional skills needed for independence.**

is a former patient at Timber Creek and is from the Yale area.

Angie suffered a major stroke at the age of 34, as a result of the flu and profuse vomiting that ruptured her carotid artery.

McCarty says Angie is looking forward to sharing her experience of receiving physical, occupational and speech therapy at Timber Creek, an outpatient facility in Guthrie Center that provides therapy services using innovative tools not found in most therapy centers. Her mother will share the impact that Timber Creek Charities

had on their family and their quest to find adequate services for her daughter when her insurance coverage ended and she still needed a lot of therapy.

Started by 17 local business men and women in 1965, the Yale Community Club has worked to promote and improve the town of Yale. With a membership that has grown to as many as 130 people, they tackled projects consisting of starting the annual July 4th celebration, building a community building and later its replacement, dedicating parks

and raising funds to make it all happen.

In 2014, the Yale Community Club began offering a \$500 scholarship to graduating students with a Yale address. More recently they have given opportunities to area groups to organize and receive proceeds from the related auctions.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at Farmers State Bank, 201 Main Street, Yale, 641-439-2221 or Timber Creek Therapies, 2400 Poplar Ave, Guthrie Center, 641-747-3225.

## Application deadline for Guthrie County Community Foundation Grants nears

The Guthrie County Community Foundation wants to inform all Guthrie county non-profit organizations of the upcoming deadline for 2017 grant applications. Organizations must be a 501(c)3 or have the same tax exempt qualifying status. They must be located within Guthrie County or provide services to residents of Guthrie County.

Applications must be submitted, via email as one (1) pdf file, no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2017. Late applications, incomplete, or applications that do not follow directions will not be considered. The Guthrie County Community Foundation has \$142,871 of funds available for the current grant cycle.

Applications and instructions are available on the city of Guthrie Center's website at [www.guthriecenter.com](http://www.guthriecenter.com). Click on the GCCF tab on the left side of the page to access the instructions and the application. They are also available on the city of Panorama's website at [www.cityofpanora.com](http://www.cityofpanora.com). Click on Iowa Community Foundations on the left-hand side of the home page. Or you may go to <http://www.iowacommunityfoundations.org/guthrie-county-community-foundation.aspx>. Click on Grant Information in the white box on the left-hand side to access the instructions and application.

Applications must be emailed to [GCCFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:GCCFoundation@gmail.com) with all of the required documentation attached as (1) pdf file. You may also submit any questions your organization may have regarding the application process to the same email address.

Last year's recipients were:

Panora Fire Department, \$10,000 for 10 sets of new bunker gear, Little Panther Day-care and Preschool, \$9,940 for a new roof on their building, Boys and Girls Club of Central-Southwest Iowa, \$468 for their Grow Strong Initiative, Stuart Historic Commission, \$2,500 for digitizing of Stuart Herald, Guthrie County Fair Foundation, \$13,000 for phase III at the new community building, Stuart Enterprise for Economic Development, \$3,600 for development of a community website, Stuart Public Library, \$2,200 for their summer reading program, Yale Fire Department, \$5,300 for two training and incident air packs, Casey Historical Society, \$9,810 for restoration work at the visitors center, Casey Library Betterment Association, \$1,385 for an AWE Learning Center, Veteran's Memorial Auditorium, \$6,000 for building repairs, Friends of the Guthrie Center Library, \$673 for a defibrillator and analog desktop scanner, Kid Zone Daycare, \$10,000 for playground equipment, City of Menlo, \$560 for playground benches, Bagley Fire Department, \$2,245 for pagers and radios, Beautify Bagley Organization, \$1,100 for renovation at the ball field, Menlo Public Library, \$3,019 for the acquisition of Insignia, Heart of Iowa Habitat for Humanity, \$7,000 for Helping Hands project, Casey/Walnut/Thompson Fire Department, \$10,000 for 10 sets of new bunker gear, Guthrie Center Main Street, \$10,000 for a public art project, and the Guthrie County Arts Council, \$1,178 to purchase art materials and supplies for their Fine Arts Educational Services Project.

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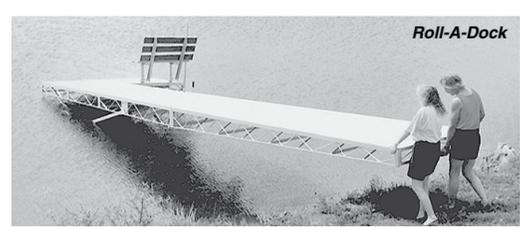
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Under what circumstances might you receive some "found" money? You could get a year-end bonus from your employer, or a sizable tax refund, or even an inheritance. However the money comes to you, don't let it "slip through your fingers." Instead, consider these two moves: investing the money or using it to pay off debts.

Which of these choices should you pick? There's no one "right" answer, as everyone's situation is different. But here are a few general considerations:

Distinguish between "good" and "bad" debt. Not all types of debt are created equal. Your mortgage, for example, is probably a "good" form of debt. You're using the loan for a valid purpose—i.e., living in your house—and you likely get a hefty tax deduction for the interest you pay. On the other hand, non-deductible consumer debt that carries a high interest rate might be considered "bad" debt—and this is the debt you might want to reduce or eliminate when you receive some extra money. By doing so, you can free up money to save and invest for retirement or other goals.

Compare making extra mortgage payments vs. investing. Many of us get some psychological benefits by making extra house payments. Yet, when you do have some extra money, putting it toward your house may not be the best move. For one thing, as mentioned above,

your mortgage can be considered a "good" type of debt, so you may not need to rush to pay it off. And from an investment standpoint, your home is somewhat "illiquid"—it's not always easy to get money out of it. If you put your extra money into traditional investments, such as stocks and bonds, you may increase your growth potential, and you may gain an income stream through interest payments and dividends.

Consider tax advantages of investing. Apart from your mortgage, your other debts likely won't provide you with any tax benefits. But you can get tax advantages by putting money into certain types of investment vehicles, such as a traditional or Roth IRA. When you invest in a traditional IRA, your contributions may be deductible, depending on your income, and your money grows on a tax-deferred basis. (Keep in mind that taxes will be due upon withdrawals, and any withdrawals you make before you reach 59½ may be subject to a 10 percent IRS penalty.) Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but your earnings are distributed tax-free, provided you don't take withdrawals until you reach 59 1/2 and you've had your account at least five years.

Clearly, you've got some things to ponder when choosing whether to use "extra" money to pay off debts or invest. Of course, it's not always an "either-or" situation; you may be able to tackle some debts and still invest for the future. In any case, use this money wisely—you weren't necessarily counting on it, but you can make it count for you.



Dave Grove

# Sheriff's Office partners with Alcoholic Beverages Division

The Guthrie County Sheriff's Office has taken a pledge to keep tobacco, alternative nicotine and vapor products out of the hands of Guthrie County youth.

Known as I-pledge, the program is a partnership with the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division (ABD) to educate local retailers and to enforce Iowa's tobacco, alternative nicotine and vapor product laws. Since the program's inception in 2000, the statewide tobacco compliance rate has grown to 91 percent. By participating in the program, the Guthrie County Sheriff's Office has committed to do its part to

increase the compliance rate even more this year.

I-pledge places emphasis on retailer training. Clerks who successfully complete an online training course and then pass an exam will become I-pledge certified. This allows a retail establishment to use an affirmative defense against a civil penalty if the certified clerk makes an illegal sale.

"I-pledge's retailer training is a great way for clerks to prepare themselves to refuse illegal tobacco, alternative nicotine and vapor product sales," Guthrie County Sheriff Marty Argan-

bright said. "The training also assists retailers to ensure they maintain a compliant and responsible establishment."

Deputies will also be conducting compliance checks on local establishments as part of the I-pledge program. Underage customers, under the supervision of law enforcement official, will enter the establishments and attempt to buy tobacco, alternative nicotine and vapor products. Clerks who make the illegal sale will be cited on the spot.

Criminal penalties for selling tobacco, alternative nicotine and vapor products to a minor in-

clude a \$100 fine for a first offense, a \$250 fine for a second offense and a \$500 fine for third or subsequent offenses. However, handing out citations is not the intent of the I-pledge program.

"By partnering with the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division, we hope to educate clerks and maintain a compliant retail environment in our community," Arganbright said. "Moreover, we pledge to help keep tobacco, alternative nicotine and vapor products out of the hands of Iowa's youth."

To take the I-pledge training or search certification records, go to <https://abd.iowa.gov>.

## How do plants come back each year

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As the wind grows cooler, leaves drop and snow begins to fall, it's easy to look at a shriveled, brown plant in the yard and think it's dead. But that's just what's above the surface. Below ground, the plant is still alive, just settled in for a long winter's nap.

How do plants come back each spring after the cold winter? | Iowa Outdoors magazine We call plants that sprout up on their own each

spring or summer perennials, meaning that they live for more than two years. During the growing season, the plant stores energy in its roots, bulb or corm (aka rhizome)—the part where the stem and root meet. That energy allows it to go dormant in the winter, much like an animal might hibernate. When conditions like temperature are right the next spring, the plant begins to grow again.

Some perennial plants live just a few years, while others can last

decades. Think of trees losing their leaves each fall and growing new ones the next spring.

On the Iowa prairie, short-lived perennials like great blue lobelia, gray-headed coneflower and hoary vervain drop a lot of seeds each year to help new plants grow. Plants that live longer, like compass plant, lead plant and prairie

dropseed, put out only a small amount of seed.

Perennials, especially prairie plants, are known for their extensive roots that reach deep down into the soil. Those roots, storing energy, help them survive wildfires and drought. Those roots also help keep soil in place, preventing it from eroding away.

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# FISHING

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including a couple late nights with Stanley.

King says his success has also been good.

"Farm ponds -- with permission -- have been good right now," he said. "There's a handful of lakes to venture to."

King said Littlefield Lake near Audubon has been producing giant bluegill and crappie and Lake Anita has also been said to be fairly decent. Badger Creek Lake by Booneville has also been a hot spot, King said.

King said there's four (fishing) sheds out on Lake Panorama, and some fish being snagged there. "I usually meet them on the shore at the Marina to check them," he said.

Both King and Stanley say the winter can be a great time to fish.

"If you're an avid angler, it's tough to quit fishing during the winter months," Stanley said.

The number of people who ice fish are generally fewer compared to those who fish open water.

"You have access to the entire body of water and can get to it easily and quietly," said Stanley, who most of the time ventures out by himself, and oftentimes that means after his wife and two kids go to bed in the evenings.

"When the fish are biting, it's



SPECIAL TO THE LAKE TIMES

**Scott Stanley, an avid angler, says it's tough to quit fishing in the winter months, so he ventures out to the ice and has found the experience of ice fishing to be something he thoroughly enjoys.**

not uncommon to be out on the ice until 1 or 2 a.m.," he said. "I've had more luck targeting crappies at night then during the day."

Stanley has caught quite a

few trophy fish in three different species this winter, including a 15 1/2 inch crappie, 10 1/4 inch bluegill, and a 13 1/2 inch perch. He's also caught a bunch of large mouth bass with his biggest weighing in around 3 1/2 pounds.

"When I ice fish I'm targeting panfish and walleyes and try to shy away from the bass because that's all I fish for during the open water season," he said.

Stanley believes strongly in respecting the fisheries he fishes and therefore uses catch and release, a practice within recreational fishing intended as a technique of conservation.

"I practice catch and release on all trophy fish," he said. "I've seen too many places ruined because people keep everything they catch. It takes a long time to produce quality fish, but a short amount of time to deplete fishery."

Stanley said he's yet to keep any fish through the ice this winter.

"I will occasionally keep just



**The ice fishing season is underway and reports from those venturing out to the frozen water say area lakes and ponds are producing great numbers of fish this winter.**

enough to feed myself and the family as we love to eat it, but they are more fun to catch," he said.

Stanley says, while sitting on the ice can be scary, there are definitely advantages to ice fishing.

"There's no bugs or boat traffic to contend with," he said. "It's more relaxing especially when I bring the shack out and am fishing in a sweatshirt when the outside temp is 10 degrees."

Stanley says an ice rod, auger and some bait are all anyone really needs to get started fishing on the ice.

"I use mainly plastics, but will occasionally use maggots and minnows," he said, discussing his bait.

Stanley said the more seasoned fishers, like himself, look to purchase a (electronic) Vexilar, a gas auger, a Mr. Buddy heater, and even a Clam ice house, to keep them out of the elements."

Stanley has sparked interest in ice fishing among several others, including a few who tagged along with him, thinking they'd find it boring.

"The next day they went and bought all the ice fishing gear," he said.

Stanley enjoys introducing others to the sport.

"It's more fun going with others as you can cover more water and tell stories when the fish decide not to cooperate," he said.

Stanley encourages everyone to give ice fishing a try, and as an organizer for the youth fishing tournament at Lake Panorama during the town's annual Panorama Days celebration in August, he loves to see kids with a pole in their hand.

"It's a great pastime," he said. "You can do it solo, or make it a family outing."

John Rutledge, Lake Panorama Association General Manager said the LPA advises extreme caution to those out on the ice this winter, especially considering the periods of warm temperatures forecasted for this coming weekend.

Rutledge also reminds ice fisherman to have a state of Iowa fishing license. Those expired on January 10.

King said there are several options for those wanting to renew their hunting and fishing license for 2017-18 in Guthrie County. You can go to any licensed vendor, which includes the courthouse, Lake Lumber in Panora and Sparky's in Guthrie Center. You can also get your license on the internet. If you do, you will need to print it, sign it, and carry it with you when hunting or fishing.

You can get your hunting or fishing license when you turn 16, if you are hunting or fishing on your parent's property then you can wait until you are 18.



**Jeremy King, area conservation officer with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, reports ice between 10 and 14 inches thick in places already this winter, but says those stepping on the ice to fish should always use caution.**

## Early Bird Discount Still Available

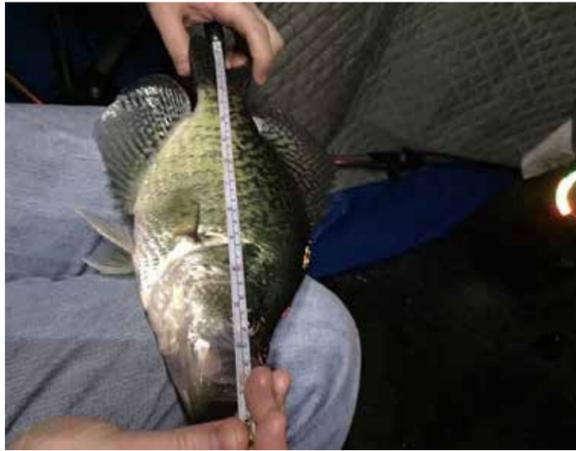
There is still a significant "early bird" discount available to those who pay in full for their Lake Panorama National golf membership by January 31. The membership application shows the early bird rates, plus the regular rates for those who pay after January 31.

Do you know someone who would enjoy a Lake Panorama National golf membership? For each membership you refer to Lake Panorama, you will receive a \$50 LPN pro shop credit. Just have the prospective new member specify your name as the referring member on the bottom of their membership form. There are three membership categories at the LPN, and all forms are available online.

## Reserve a Table for Drew's Sunday Brunch

Chef Drew will host a special Sunday Brunch on January 29. This brunch will be similar to the LPN holiday brunches. The brunch will include breakfast items such as biscuits and gravy, sausage, bacon, carved ham, hash browns, egg casserole, and fresh waffles with toppings. Other items offered will be fried shrimp, shaved roast, mashed potatoes, gravy and vegetables. To satisfy your sweet tooth, there will be a dessert table with cookies and pies.

The brunch will run from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$19.95 for adults, \$9.95 for children 5-12, and 4 and under are free. Call the LPN front desk at 641-755-2080 or submit the form to reserve your table for this event.



**Scott Stanley measures a fish he caught from under the ice this winter. He has caught several trophy fish in three different species this winter, including bluegill, crappie and perch.**

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## REDFERN

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the most enjoyable she has had in her career. She felt an immediate connection with everyone, and noted a mutual appreciation for communication. As it turned out, she was not the only one who felt a connection, as just a few weeks later, she was hired for the job.

"We had some very good candidates, interviewed quite a few, and quite honestly, it was a tough decision," said

Telco General Manager Andrew Randol. "We just felt that (Redfern) would integrate best with our existing company, but yet also push the boundaries in the manner we're needing that position to do. She's very qualified, she brought a good skill set in, as well as we felt her personality would mix well with our existing staff and culture."

Since officially starting her new role at the end of November, Redfern has turned her attention to finding out what local consumers want, and locating a way for them to get it. She hopes to be able to get the company more involved in the community, as she feels there are a lot of unknowns. Many people get confused between Panora Telco, its retail space "Solutions," and its other location, Guthrie Center Communications. Redfern wants to

work on branding each of the different company branches in a cohesive way that consumers can understand. She plans to increase the company's Facebook presence by interacting with customers, and sending out tips to help them with their day-to-day technology needs. And she wants to ramp up email communication by sending out updates so clients can be informed of changes or news.

"I have lots of plans and ideas," Redfern said. "Most people don't know that we sell computers, tablets, TVs, sound bars, and a lot of accessories. But in addition to selling those things, we also support the sale. I would coin us a high-end technology boutique. There's just so many things we do that I had no idea (about) before walking through this door."

## REINHART

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Donors can also mail a check to Bill Ridgley, 4677 Panorama Dr, Panora IA 50216. An on-line donation option is located on the Tori's Angels Facebook page. Supporters can "Like" the Tori's Angels Facebook page to receive regular updates on the children.

For more information about Tori's Angels or to request an application for support, contact the foundation's chairman, Bill Ridgley, at [bridgley@netins.net](mailto:bridgley@netins.net).

## ELECTION

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A mailing that includes the ballot, numbered envelope and the official announcement of the May 13 annual meeting will be sent in April. LPA members must return their completed ballot in the numbered envelope. Members are urged to return their ballots in advance of the annual meeting to speed up the tabulation process, although ballots also can be

brought to the annual meeting.

Board meetings are generally held the fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning with open forum at 5 p.m., although the day and time sometimes is adjusted, as needed. The board does not meet in January or February, unless a special meeting is necessary.

Anyone with questions about the board election process, or details of serving on the LPA board, can contact the LPA office at 641-755-2301 or [lpa@lakepanorama.org](http://lpa@lakepanorama.org).

## WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

LPA would like to take this opportunity to remind members of the winter snow plowing and sanding policies. LPA crews plow and sand roads through the late-afternoon and early evening to ensure commuters can return home safely from work. Crews will then return a couple of hours before daylight to ensure roads are cleared in time for your morning departure. Please be advised LPA crews do not operate throughout the night. Members are encouraged to avoid unnecessary travel throughout the night and early morning hours, as this frequently represents the period when conditions are most hazardous.

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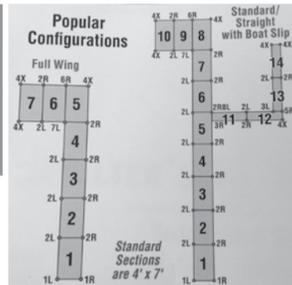


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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors Meeting November 22, 2016

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met November 22, 2016, at 5:00 PM, at the Lake Panorama Association Office. Board members present were Larry Babcock, Bob Batschelet, Gary Evans, Tom Jeschke, Charles Schnack, and Jim Spradling.

LPA Staff present: Brad Halterman, Danna Krambeer and John Rutledge. Visitors present: None

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

Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the Agenda. Schnack moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 – Open Forum. No one present.

Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda. Spradling moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Consent agenda to include:  
 a) LPA General Manager's Report  
 b) Approval of minutes from 10.25.2016 LPA Board Meeting  
 c) Accept 11.14.16 Building Code committee minutes  
 d) Accept 11.07.16 Water Safety committee minutes  
 e) Confirm sale of lot 2385 as discussed at 10.25.16 Board Meeting  
 f) Confirm date and time of next LPA Board Meeting  
 g) Update on sports court pricing (no action required)  
 h) Update on LPA shop analysis (no action required)  
 i) Acceptance of 10.31.16 consolidated financial report – LPA & LPN, LLC

Agenda Item 4a – Appointment of expiring terms for LPN, LLC Board of Managers (BOM)  
 Julie Wykoff and Dave Butterwick were initially appointed for a term

of one year to establish staggered terms for the board. Both are up for reappointment on 1/1/2017. Wykoff and Butterwick have both expressed a willingness to continue to serve.

Evans moved to appoint Julie Wykoff and Dave Butterwick to the LPN, LLC board of managers for a term beginning on 1/1/2017 and ending on 12/31/2019. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4b – Variance request for 4 & 5/8 to 12 roof pitch, lot 537. Excerpt from building code committee minutes:

Scott Vandebos presented his case for a 4 5/8 to 12 roof pitch rather than the required 6/12 on a 12 by 7 foot porch overhang on his new home at 4693 Panorama Drive. A 3D mockup of the home from the lake view where the roof line would be visible was presented and Scott explained that redesign of the roof would affect the other dormer roof as well as windows and the overall look of the home. Motion by Larry Northup to allow the 4 5/8 to 12 roof pitch because of the way the design of the roof blends into the home and to avoid a complete redesign of the lake side of the home. Second by Gary Evans. Motion carried.

Schnack moved to grant a variance for a 4 & 5/8 to 12 roof pitch for the 12' by 7' porch overhang at 4693 Panorama Drive, lot 537, as recommended by the building codes committee. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4c – Approve listing of lots 421 and 2881 as a joint lot listing.  
 Lot 421 has been listed for a cou-

ple of years with no interest. It is a waterfront property, but is extremely steep. The lot could not reasonably support a house and a septic system.

Lake Panorama Realty suggested we pair this with LPA owned lot 2881 across the road. The thought would be to sell both lots and then convey an under-road easement for the septic.

Evans moved to approve the listing for lots 421 and 2881 jointly for \$55,000, with the intent of providing an under-road easement for a septic line. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4d – 2017 LPN, LLC Operating Budget – First Draft (no changes)

No changes were submitted by the LPN BOM regarding the 2017 LPN Operating Budget.

Evans moved to approve the LPN, LLC 2017 Operational Budget. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4e - 2017 LPA Capital Budget – Third Draft

Rutledge reviewed third draft of the 2017 LPA Capital Budget. There were a few items that were reduced in cost and some items that will be repaired rather than replaced in 2017. Discussion flowed into the changes in the operating budget and both budgets were approved as one motion (see below).

Agenda Item 4f – 2017 LPA Operating Budget – Second Draft

Rutledge reviewed the changes from last month's presented operational budget. Dues increase of 3.5% and some minor cost reductions in

a few expense line items.

Schnack moved to approve the 2017 capital and operating budget as proposed. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4g – Contribution to Panorama Fire Department for purchase of ice and water rescue hovercraft. LPA previously maintained a hovercraft for ice and water rescue. Several years ago, the board accepted staff's recommendation to transfer ownership to the Panorama Fire Dept. The decision was based upon the realization that Panorama Fire Department was willing to maintain the craft, was interested in training for rescue scenarios and would be able to respond to off-hours calls more quickly than LPA staff.

The hovercraft was old when we gave it to the Panorama Fire Department. It has since aged to the point where replacement is necessary. Panorama Fire is looking at a \$36,000 unit. The existing unit will be traded-in, but represents value of approximately \$2,000.

Panora Fire has requested LPA fund one-third of the hovercraft purchase. They are obtaining some additional funding from the City of Panora and will be funding the rest through past and future fundraisers. Grant funding may also be pursued.

Batschelet moved to approve the contribution to the Panorama Fire Department for the purchase of an ice and water rescue hovercraft. Contribution amount to fund one-third of the net cost, not to exceed \$12,000. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 – Old Business - None

Agenda Item 6 – Other Business - None

Agenda Item 7 – The Board entered closed session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss legal matters and exited closed session at 7 p.m.

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

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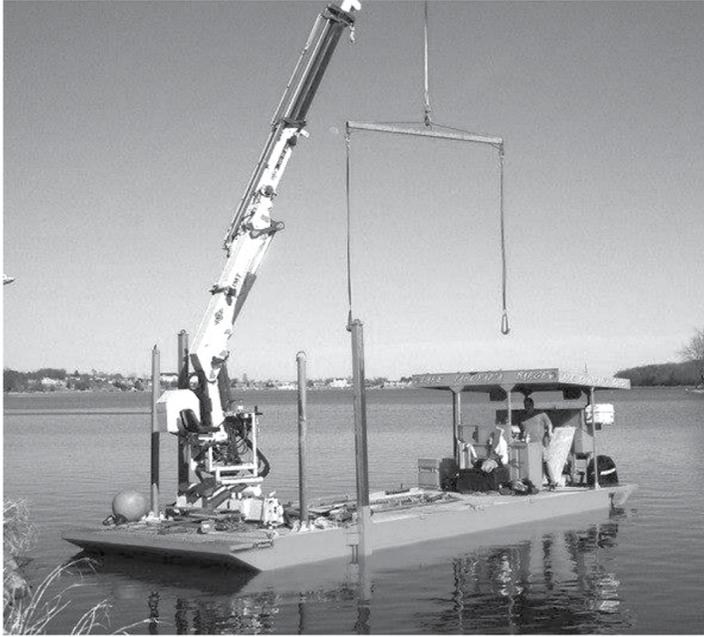
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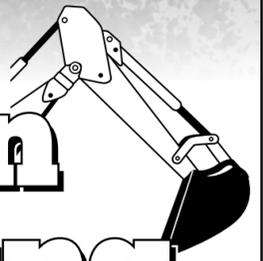
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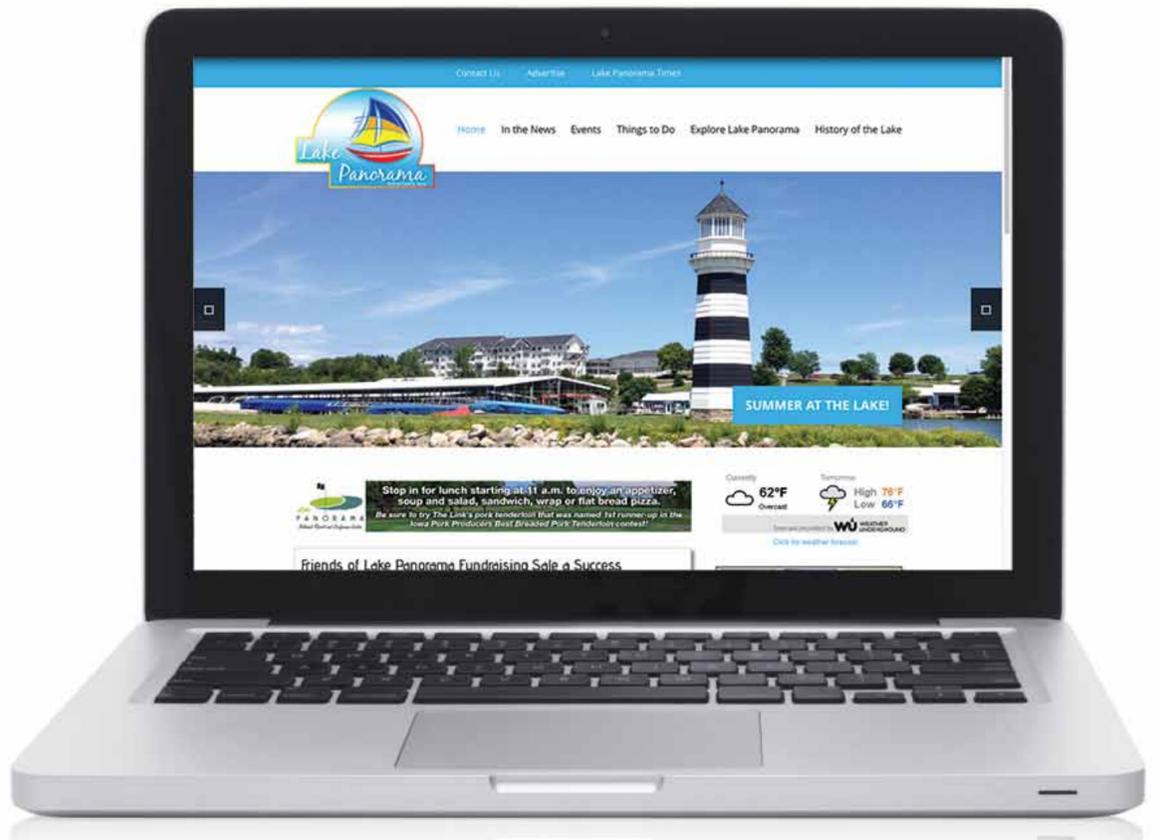
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## MEETING

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from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake. He recently retired after 42 years as the owner/operator of Panora Oil Company.

Jan Reinicke and Bob McCleary were reappointed to the board for their second three-year terms. Other Friends board members are Dave Furbush, Jody Muench, Emily Spradling and Tricia Steffen. Susan Thompson is the non-profit's executive director.

In May, the charity completed a successful \$130,000 fundraising campaign that led to the construction of a new playground at Sunset Beach. At its December meeting, the board discussed final work to be completed at the playground this spring, including installation of a donor recognition sign and three benches.

Fundraising plans for the sports courts project were discussed, and it was agreed a 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Beach Ball will be held Saturday, May 6, with all proceeds going to the sports courts. Board members and a committee of other volunteers will finalize details for the event, with more information to be released in March.

Two smaller projects also were discussed. One is the construction of a rain garden along the east side of the Panoram West

clubhouse parking lot. A rain garden is a landscaped depression that captures rainwater runoff. This runoff is temporarily ponded before infiltrating and percolating down through the natural soils.

The Guthrie County Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners has approved an application from Friends for cost-share assistance for the rain garden. It will be installed in early June.

The other project is to work with the Panoram Community Schools to improve the cross-country trail near Panoram West. A tour of the trail will be held in the spring with representatives of Panoram Schools, Friends of Lake Panoram and the LPA to discuss options, including improved signage and a course map.

It was reported Friends of Lake Panoram now has a Facebook page. Those interested in keeping up-to-date about Friends fundraising and activities are asked to "like" and "share" the Friends Facebook page.

Officer elections were held at the end of the organizational meeting. Reinicke will serve as president during 2017. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Iowa and a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati. She retired in 2008 after 28 years with the Iowa State Education Association.

Furbush will serve as vice presi-

dent during 2017. Furbush has a bachelor's degree from Principia College, and an MBA from Washington University. In 2000, he founded Midwest Project Partners, Inc., a financial services industry project management consulting firm.

Spradling will serve as secretary-treasurer. She has a bachelor's degree in English from Iowa State University. She retired in 2013 after 25 years as a commercial interiors consultant. Prior to that, she was a middle school language arts teacher.

McCleary earned both bachelor's and MD degrees from the University of Iowa. He was a practicing radiologist with Iowa Radiology his entire career, before retiring in 2016.

Muench worked in the McFarland Clinic business office for 27 years before retiring. Prior to that, she was a secretary at Rueter's Equipment for 11 years.

Steffen earned a bachelor's degree and Pharm.D degree from the University of Iowa. Since 1999, she has been office manager for the Perry Family Dentistry.

Thompson has a bachelor's degree in journalism from Iowa State University. She retired in 2010 after 15 years in communications for the Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Thompson can be reached at 515-240-6536, or [staff@friendsoflakepanorama.org](mailto:staff@friendsoflakepanorama.org).

## COURTS

FROM PAGE 1A

National, and adding a separate basketball court. While some donors contributed to that project, it didn't generate enough interest to be viable. Now, the \$8,000 from those early donors will be used for this new sports courts project.

The goal of the Friends board is to have the new sports courts installed in 2017. While donations of all sizes are welcome, only donors of \$500 or more are recognized on the Friends website. A sign listing these larger donors will be erected near the courts.

Donations can be made in someone's memory or in honor of someone. Checks can be mail to PO Box 488, Panora, Iowa, 50216. A donation form is available on the Friends website, which can be completed and sent with the check. Donations also can be accepted electronically on the website at [www.friendsoflakepanorama.org](http://www.friendsoflakepanorama.org).

Donations of securities (stocks, mutual funds, etc.) are welcome, and will be sold once transferred, with the proceeds deposited into the Friends bank account. A securities account has been established with GCSB Investment Center in Panora.

While the Friends board has made fundraising for the sports courts its current priority, donations can be made to five other funds or a combination of funds.

There is a general fund, plus funds for Boulder Beach, Shady Beach and Sunset Beach. There also is a Golf Course Beautification fund, which allows donors to choose either Lake Panoram National or Panoram West. Money donated to this fund could be used for golf course landscaping, benches and pond riprap.

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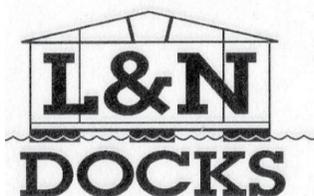
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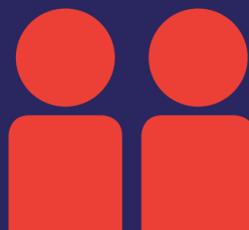
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## BUSINESS

# SHEEDERS TURN SUBWAYS OVER TO NEW LEADERSHIP



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By CAITLIN WARE | Lake Times staff

After owning and operating the Guthrie Center Subway since 2012, Mark and Alice Sheeder decided to kick off the new year by parting ways with the sandwich franchise, and turning it over to new ownership.

Over the years, the couple owned several Subway locations, starting with the one in Panora, which they purchased in 1997. They picked up another sandwich shop in Audubon in 2004, and rounded out the group with their final location on State Street in downtown Guthrie Center. But a few years after selling their Audubon and Panora locations, they felt it was finally time to say good bye to their last restaurant.

"Anytime you spend over 20 years of your life committed to a business that you have poured your heart and soul into, it's hard to walk away from," Alice Sheeder said. "We really just (wanted) to do some more traveling, and spend more time with our four very active grand kids.



Alice Sheeder, who previously owned the Guthrie Center Subway with her husband Mark Sheeder, poses for a photo with her grandson Bli Wearmouth. Wearmouth consistently worked side-by-side with his grandma at the sandwich shop.

We sold our Audubon location in 2014 to an existing franchisee, and sold our Panora location in 2015 to our daughter Christi. But (we) weren't quite ready to give it up altogether until some minor health issues pushed us in the direction of a little more downtime."

After carefully considering who they wanted to carry on the business, the Sheeders decided to sell the Subway to Guthrie Center residents Lonnie and Nikki Carrick. The Carricks were the original franchisees of the Adair Subway, and ran it for several years before selling it to Kum & Go.

"In the end we chose to sell to Lonnie and Nikki Carrick for the simple fact that they are local, and have a real passion for the location and the store's continued success," Mark Sheeder said.

The Carricks took over the Subway on January 4, and have spent the last few weeks settling in. The couple does not plan on making big changes to the restaurant, as the day-to-day operations already run smoothly. Their main focus is on eventually increasing the staff to make sure there are three sandwich artists working the lunch and dinner shifts, so that customers can get in and out of the restaurant quickly without using up their entire meal break. Call-in and online orders will be another way for customers to expedite the process.

"We will be a hands-on owner with daily involvement, but (will) work on building a team with different levels of responsibilities," Lonnie Carrick said. "Thank you to Mark and Alice for allowing us (this) opportunity. We look forward to serving all the customers of Guthrie County."

Despite plans to travel and spend



Alice and Mark Sheeder, the former owners of the Guthrie Center Subway, pose for a picture. The couple built the franchise from the ground up in 2012, and turned over the store to its new owners, Lonnie and Nikki Carrick, in January 2017.

more time with their grand children, the Sheeders are sad to see this chapter of their lives end. Throughout their involvement with all three Subway locations, the restaurants became more than just a business, but a place where friends and family could come together. The couple said one of the highlights in their ownership was getting to work alongside two of their children, Christi and Jesse, who are both still involved with Subway. Another treasured remembrance is how their grandson Bli Wearmouth routinely worked with his grandma in the Guthrie Center shop, creating memories

along the way. And they also enjoyed the relationships they forged with their employees, especially younger ones who needed a helping hand, whether it be in the form of a bed to sleep in, a home cooked meal or a place to go for holidays.

"There are so many things that will be missed," the couple said. "The daily routine, customers that become friends, watching school kids and young employees grow into adulthood and seeing their successes. We would like to thank the Guthrie Center community for their support over the years, and wish Lonnie and Nikki Carrick the very best."

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Iowa started 2016 with dry conditions but extensive rains in August and September ranked this as the 19th wettest year on record.

Stream flow levels were high to start the year from a wet fall in 2015, but fell to normal, or just above normal by summer. Rain became abundant statewide the second week of July and the wet pattern continued through late September, causing major flooding in north central and northeast Iowa.

Drought conditions occurred in late June, but improved throughout the summer and fall. Current conditions show 14 percent of Iowa is abnormally dry.

Adequate spring rainfall in 2017 will be critical across south central and southeast Iowa to recharge the shallow aquifers and prevent drought conditions from reoccurring.

For a thorough review of Iowa's water resource trends, go to [www.iowadnr.gov/watersummaryupdate](http://www.iowadnr.gov/watersummaryupdate).

The report is prepared by the technical staff from the Iowa DNR, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, IIHR—Hydroscience and Engineering and the U.S. Geological Survey, in collaboration with The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department.

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- Carry out what you carry in.
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- Move off trail to allow grooming equipment to pass.
- If you fall and make a divot on a groomed trail, fill it in with packed snow.
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- If going out near dusk, wear a headlamp and take basic emergency supplies such as water, a heat reflective blanket and a change of clothes in the car.

# THOMPSON THANKED FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE ON CONSERVATION BOARD



SPECIAL TO THE VEDETTE

Guthrie County Conservation board member Scott Benton (right) is shown presenting an appreciation plaque to outgoing Guthrie County Conservation Board Member Gary Thompson commemorating his 10 years of service on the Board. Kristen Crouthamel has been appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve a five-year term on the Guthrie County Conservation Board.

The Guthrie County Conservation Board honored a former Board Member for his decade of service. Gary Thompson spent 10 years on the Board, most recently serving as the Chairman. He will be replaced by Kristen Crouthamel who was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve a five-year term. The Guthrie County Conservation Board is made up of five members and also includes Scott Benton, George Hemmen, Mike Laabs and Jeff Bump.



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With Jaylen and among my colleagues, I took the oath of office and began my second term as congressman serving the people of Iowa's Third Congressional District. My service to our communities, district, state, and great nation is a tremendous honor and a responsibility I take seriously. Taking the oath of office reaffirms my commitment: I am always working for you.

Beginning my first day in Congress, I have made it my mission to work towards a government not only efficient, effective, accountable and transparent, but also one working for you. After all, Iowans deserve a government that listens and remembers who the boss is: the people.

Our Republic is a two way street, and it is through our ongoing conversations I am best able to take your questions, concerns, ideas and suggestions back to Washington and

work towards meaningful solutions which help the people and their communities in our district and state. This is one of the reasons I meet with and listen to folks in all 16 counties of the Third Congressional District each month, host 'Coffee with My Congressman' meetings in each county annually, and welcome every possible opportunity to visit with Iowans and learn about the issues important to them.

As your congressman, it is your ideas and concerns that drive my work in Congress. You and your families are my focus.

We have accomplished a great deal in the last two years. But there is much left to do. I look forward to building on all of the progress we have made, by continuing to advance Iowa commonsense solutions and policies which create opportunity, protect our families and reaffirm our freedoms all across the district, state and country.



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