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Randy Holl and his wife Linda enjoy hiking and traveling, and plan to do more of both in retirement. Here they are shown visiting Seven Falls near Colorado Springs.

## 20-year LPA employee retires

By SUSAN THOMPSON  
*Lake Times staff*

An employee who has spent more than 20 years serving the Lake Panorama Association retires the end of June. Randy Holl's first day on the job was Nov. 24, 1995, replacing Claire Kirtley of Yale as maintenance supervisor.

Later he spent a few years as operations assistant manager overseeing maintenance, the dam, Panorama West and the Lake Panorama Water department. In 2005, he moved into the office as senior administrative assistant. Since then, he has been in charge of building issues, the LPA website, the weekly Panorama Prompt e-newsletter, the quarterly Panorama Post newsletter, and the proverbial "other duties as assigned."

Holl says he gains the most satisfaction from work he's done to improve communications with LPA members. "Developing a revived quarterly newsletter, the Prompt e-bulletin and the LPA website has been important for the community," he says. "I remember some of the misunderstandings members used to bring to the annual meetings because they didn't know what was being done about certain issues, or they had heard the 'grapevine' version. It's amazing how many fewer angry people we get at those meetings now."

Holl graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in outdoor recreation resources, which was a park management curriculum in the forestry department.

He brought a wealth of varied experiences to the LPA. He was a crew supervisor for Heard Gardens in Des Moines. For eight years, he owned and operated a landscape and lawn care services business in Marshalltown. Prior to that, he farmed with family in Marshall County and

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## Swimming Pool at LPN draws a crowd



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Guests cooled off in the pool at the Lake Panorama National Conference Center on Memorial Day this year. The 1,500 square foot heated pool and 8-person spa are available to all resort guests at no cost. Others can purchase an annual membership or pay a \$3 daily fee, with children under 3 years of age free. Both the pool and spa are handicap accessible. During the summer season, pool hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m, weather permitting. Snacks and drinks can be purchased from the check-in window located near the pool. Private pool parties, based on availability, can be scheduled in two-hour increments at a cost of \$150.

By SUSAN THOMPSON | *Lake Times staff*

The swimming pool and spa on the south side of the Lake Panorama National conference center opened in mid-May for its second year, and has been busy ever since. The pool is a cooperative effort between the Clover Ridge Interval Owners Association and the Lake Panorama Association, with operations handled by Lake Panorama National.

The LPN pro shop staff manages the pool from a check-in window near the pool. Snacks and drinks are available for purchase, including chips, ice cream treats, candy bars, pop, Gatorade, bottled water and canned beer. Sunscreen and lip balm also can be purchased. Food orders can be placed with The Links restaurant and picked up in takeout containers. No glass is permitted at the pool, but beverages in plastic glasses can be purchased in The Links.

The pool is five feet wider and 20 feet longer than the previous

pool, and the surrounding concrete deck is more spacious. Both the pool and hot tub are heated, with covers in place overnight.

People who own weeks in the Clover Ridge Interval Owners Association, have traded weeks to stay at the resort, or are staying in the LPN Inn and Suites, have free access to the pool. They show their keys to gain access.

All other pool users must purchase an annual membership or pay a daily fee. For Lake Panorama Association members, a 2016 pool membership for a single is \$75 and



for a family is \$130. For the general public, a single membership is \$85 and a family membership is \$145.

Annual members are given permanent wristbands to wear when using the pool. Those purchasing just for the day will receive a paper wristband. Pool memberships can be purchased at the pool check-

in window, the LPN front desk, or online at lakepanoramanational.com.

The daily rate is \$3 per person. Pool hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Private pool parties can be scheduled in two-hour increments at a cost of \$150. Call the LPN front desk at 641-7550-2080 for more details.

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# New Executive Chef at Lake Panorama National

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

There is a new executive chef in Lake Panorama National's kitchen, but he's not new to the LPN. As a teenager, Andrew Labath worked four summers as part of the LPN grounds crew. "Even when this was just a summer gig, I liked the fun atmosphere at the LPN," Labath says. "This is a family, and I like the way people are treated."

Labath grew up in Panora, and graduated from Panorama Schools in 2004. His mother Liz teaches second grade at Panoram. His father Bill, who is an LPN golfing member, is an electrician and owns his own business. Labath, who turns 30 years old in July, says he's spent half of his life cooking for others. He started cooking as a 14-year-old in the kitchen at PJ's in Panora, where he worked until he graduated from high school. He moved to Cedar Rapids and entered the Kirkwood Community College culinary program, graduating in 2009.

While in school, he gained experience working in a steakhouse, a Marriott hotel, and in the Cedar Rapids Kernels baseball stadium kitchen. After graduation, he moved to North Carolina to work in a small restaurant in a renovated house. Next up was four years in a full-service restaurant. He also catered some events on his own, including a

few weddings.

Two more jobs allowed Labath to gain additional experience. He worked for Earth Fare, a chain of health food stores, where he says he learned a lot about fresh foods, traveled and helped open new stores. He also worked in 2014 at The Masters for a company that prepared and served food on the grounds, as well as to people flying in and out on private jets.

Labath moved back to Iowa a year ago to work as the head chef at The Port on Lake Panorama's main basin. Moving with him was his girlfriend, Taylor Marcellino. The pair met in North Carolina, although she's a California native. Once back in Iowa, Labath proposed and the couple's wedding is June 25 at The Port.

When the LPN executive chef position opened, Labath says he decided to apply because he saw it as a way to advance in his culinary career. "Working at The Port was great, but it was more seasonal. At the LPN, I'll have a chance to push myself a little harder because it's busier. There is a good group of people working here to help me get better at every aspect of my job," he says.

Labath says he's lucky to be



**Andrew Labath**

joining a kitchen that already has two experienced employees. Richard Holbrook has been working in The Links kitchen for nine years, and TJ Gliem has been there two years. "They stepped up to fill in the gap before I was hired, and I really respect them for that," he says. "I'm lucky to have them here, and I look forward to working with them."

Labath also is impressed with the upgrades done in the LPN kitchen this spring. "The kitchen is fantastic. It's spacious, and offers a lot of prep area that is well organized. That helps us get the food out faster, and keeps the food as fresh as it can be," he says.

Some tweaks to The Links menu will come, Labath says, but for now his focus is on what patrons like on the current menu, and what else they'd like to see there. "I love talking to people and getting feedback," he says. "I know the flatbread pizzas are popular, as are the tenderloins and burgers. I'm not going to mess with what's working."

Labath says he likes to try new things, and plans to offer a daily sandwich or other dish as a special item that isn't currently on the menu. Customer comments will help him decide which items should return as future daily specials, or perhaps be added to the regular menu. He's also offering a fresh soup daily.

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# New employee brings broad experience to LPA



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**Brad and Brenda Halterman spend a lot of time following their two children in various sporting events. Here they are shown with Bryce and Brooke at the Iowa state girls track competition at Drake University, where Brooke represented Panorama Community Schools in the 4x200 relay.**

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

When the LPA needed to recruit a new employee to replace a 20-year employee, they didn't have to look far. Brad Halterman grew up in Guthrie Center, graduated from high school there, and has been working the past 13 years as natural resources manager for the Guthrie County Conservation Board.

Halterman started work for the LPA in mid-May, replacing Randy Holl, LPA senior administrative assistant, who is retiring the end of June. Holl's job title is retiring with him, as Halterman's title is project manager. His responsibilities include communications, managing the LPA farmland, overseeing the LPA-managed Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) conservation projects, and other miscellaneous duties.

Although Guthrie County is home to Halterman, he spent many years studying and work-

ing in other parts of Iowa. He earned a four-year bachelor's degree in mass communications from Grandview College in Des Moines. As he was wrapping that up, he decided to add a second bachelor's degree in conservation and wildlife management. He did that by attending Upper Iowa University in Fayette for one year.

It was during that year he met his future wife Brenda, who grew up in Stuart. Over Christmas break, he had seven weeks off from school. His parents were living in Des Moines at that time, so he went to the Walmart there to apply for a job. Brenda was the personnel manager who hired him to work during the Christmas rush.

When he returned to Fayette, he learned the lumberyard he had been working at part-time had closed, so he called to ask if he could continue working weekends. Brenda agreed so he drove back and forth between Fayette and Des Moines each week that spring. The couple married July 15, 1995.

Immediately after graduating from Upper Iowa, Halterman was hired by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to work at Lake Rathbun. Yet he wanted to work in county conservation. So after nine months he took at job in the Des Moines County Conservation office, and he and Brenda moved to Burlington.

The couple wanted to be closer to home, so when a job was advertised in the Greene County Conservation office, Halterman interviewed and was hired. That moved them to Jefferson for two years.

Halterman says his goal was always to be a county conservation director, so when the Jones County director position opened, he was hired, and the couple moved to Anamosa. They were there for six years before the opportunity to come back home.

By then they had two kids, and wanted to be closer to family. So when the position of natural resources manager in the Guthrie County Conservation office opened, Halterman applied and was hired.

For the past 13 years, the family has lived at the Nation's Bridge county park between Panora and Stuart. "That meant I was involved in a lot of things. I was the park ranger, naturalist and educator," Halterman says. "Guthrie County Conservation owns 1,100 acres of parks, wildlife areas, campgrounds and river accesses and I was responsible for all of that, as well as the county roadside program."

Halterman says he didn't know it at the time, but his previous jobs, especially the

last two, were preparing him to work for the LPA. "I gained a lot of experience with budgets, rules and regulations, safety, natural resources and working with the public. All of that has made it possible for me to transition nicely to this new opportunity," he says.

Halterman says the new job has allowed him and Brenda to do something they've long wanted to do — buy their own home. "We lived at Nation's Bridge for 13 years, and prior to that we lived in the Jones County park residence. Living in a park is a great place to raise kids, but the downside is you're always at work, even when you aren't," he says.

The family now lives in Panora. Brenda works at West Des Moines Dental as a dental assistant and office manager. Bryce will be a senior and Brooke a sophomore when they return to classes at Panoram this fall.

Growing up in Guthrie County, Halterman is no stranger to Lake Panoram. He says he had friends who lived at the lake. "I always liked the community aspect, and when I saw the job announcement, I thought it would be a nice fit for me and my family," he says. "I spent 22 years in the conservation field, and was happy with my job with Guthrie County Conservation. But this is new and different, and a refreshing change."

Of his new responsibilities, Halterman calls the communications aspect "huge. The weekly Prompt and quarterly Panoram Post that Randy established are very important. I look forward to continuing to provide these and other communications pieces that will keep LPA members informed."

He's also looking forward to managing LPA farmland, and coordinating with government agencies and RIZ on two wetlands projects that will help keep silt and nutrients out of the lake. He'll also take the lead on other projects that come along, and be charged with "developing new ideas to enhance what Lake Panoram already has, or take old ideas and make them new," he says.

Halterman says while he was familiar with Lake Panoram, he faces a big learning curve. "The nice thing is besides learning about my direct responsibilities, I've been spending a couple of days each week with different departments. I got to go onto the dredge and learn how it works, and I helped haul logs out of the lake. I've worked with the water department installing meters, and learned about the operation of the dam and water plant. I've mowed and I'm spending time with security and lake patrol," he says.

"Coming from the outside, I knew a lot goes on at Lake Panoram, but I really didn't have a clue about how much gets done every day," Halterman says. "The amount of work that is accomplished by the LPA staff is absolutely amazing. I look forward to working with each of the departments and office staff to help keep Lake Panoram a premiere location for LPA members."



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A \$500 check was presented May 20 to Friends of Lake Panorama to support the construction of a new playground at Sunset Beach. Participating in the presentation were, left to right, Andy Randol, Panora Telco general manager; Emily Spradling, Friends board member; Kent Atha, Aureon Technology account manager; and Jody Muench, Friends board member. Aureon, the new name for Iowa Network Services, created this charity grant program in 1993 to increase service and support to rural independent telecommunications companies and the communities they serve. Panora Telco sponsored the Friends of Lake Panorama grant application.

## Check Presentations to Friends of Lake Panorama

Two organizations presented checks May 20 to members of the Friends of Lake Panorama board of directors. Aureon and Panora Telco teamed up to provide a \$500 donation. The St. Thomas More Center donated \$1,000.

The donations helped the Friends nonprofit charity reach its fundraising goal of \$80,000 to build a new playground at Sunset Beach. The Lake Panorama Association is providing an additional \$50,000, plus technical and construction assistance, so the playground can be completed this summer.

The playground equipment has been ordered, and is expected to be delivered the week of July 4, with installation the following week. If all goes as planned, a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be scheduled for sometime in August or September.

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A \$1,000 check from the St. Thomas More Center was presented May 20 to Friends of Lake Panorama to support the construction of a new playground at Sunset Beach. Participating in the presentation were, left to right, Emily Spradling, Friends board member; Chris Wadle, St. Thomas More executive director; and Jody Muench, Friends board member. Throughout the summer, campers from St. Thomas More paddle canoes and kayaks to Sunset Beach for beach volleyball, swimming, fishing and picnics. The new playground, which is expected to be completed by late July, will give the campers another activity to enjoy at the beach.

## Written History of LPA Planned

The 50th anniversary of the Lake Panorama Association will be August 14, 2018. At its April meeting, the LPA Board of Directors discussed ways to help celebrate this important milestone. It was agreed some sort of an event will be coordinated with Panorama Days, normally held the first weekend in August.

In addition, the board approved plans for a formal history of Lake Panorama, and the Lake Panorama Association, to be written by Susan Thompson. The history will be made available to the LPA membership, with the format to be determined over

the next 18 months.

As part of this project, Thompson will be reviewing LPA board minutes and other archival materials at the LPA office. She also hopes to gather information, personal stories, photos and other memorabilia from past and present LPA members to use for this 50th anniversary publication and celebration.

Do you have photos, Lake Panorama promotional materials, newspaper clippings or other items that would help tell the LPA and Lake Panorama story from the early days to the present? Photos and other printed

material would be scanned and returned for possible use in the printed history or a display that would be part of the 2018 celebration. Other items, perhaps signs or other historical memorabilia, would be photographed or may be used as part of a display.

Do you have personal stories about the early days of the lake development you'd like to share? Or do you have a suggestion for someone who should be interviewed as part of this project?

If you have items or stories to share, email Susan Thompson at [thomcomm@netins.net](mailto:thomcomm@netins.net). Or call 641-755-4382.

## 2015 LPA FACTS AND STATS

Highlights of 2015 were included in the booklet distributed at the Lake Panorama Association's annual meeting May 14. Some of those are shared here for LPA members who are interested in numbers.

New home permits accounted for 13 of the 61 building permits issued in 2015. Only seven new permits were issued in 2014, not counting the tornado replacements. 2015 saw the highest number of home permits issued since 2006. Other permits issued last year included 13 storage sheds, three permanent docks, 23 home or garage additions, six detached garages, one boathouse repair, one gazebo, two home demolitions and one fence.

A total of 48 land disturbing permits were issued. These permits are required for projects disturbing more than 1,000 square feet of ground or projects within 100 feet of the lake. Many were for multiple purposes and 19 were for shoreline repair work or beach

construction.

The Lake Panorama Water Company produced 70,970,000 gallons of drinking water in 2015.

The Security department made 1,344 winter house checks, inspected 114 vessels for invasive species regulations, had 404 land enforcement issues, noted 132 security issues, had 138 boat enforcement stops, did 325 assists for other LPA departments, assisted other agencies 34 times, and reported 3,139 total events.

Security also responded to 56 alarms, asked 30 people to leave the lake, serviced the campgrounds 28 times on request, checked 128 deer during the deer hunt, had 69 Iowa DNR-related events, responded to 23 noise complaints, dealt with 38 parking issues, took down 30 illegal signs, investigated six prowler calls, noted 27 stop sign and six speeding violations, noted 18 swimming violations, investigated five non-felony thefts, checked on

eight people to see if they were okay, and noted 11 golf cart violations. In 10 years, Security has reduced daily mileage driven by 24 percent while increasing the number of events noted by almost 50 percent.

Chip seal was applied to eight miles of LPA streets in 2015, compared to the 9.45 miles planned for 2016.

The LPA received \$38,688.10 in farm income in 2015. Of that, \$14,207 was for ground in the Conservation Reserve Program, with the rest from hay ground rental and a 47-acre row crop area.

The LPA registered 2,236 vessels in 2015, which was an 8 percent increase over 2014. Of those, 1,218 boats were 10 horsepower and up, 396 were personal water craft — an increase of 63 over 2014 — and 622 were under 10 horsepower — an increase of 79 over 2014. In the last 10 years, the total number of boats registered with the LPA increased by 536.

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

SUMMERTIME AND THE LIVIN’ IS “BUSY”

By SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Times staff

There is little doubt the busiest time for Lake Panorama property owners is the time between Memorial Day and Labor Day. There is plenty of yard work and home improvement projects to tackle, but also lots of golf to be played, boating to be done, and good times with family and friends to plan.

Summer also is the busiest time for the Lake Panorama Association staff, as they not only deal with more members and guests on the roads and water, but also routine maintenance and construction projects. In this month’s Q&A, John Rutledge, LPA general manager, talks about some summer projects and priorities.

Q: What’s new at the LPA for 2016?

A: 2016 promises to be an exciting year for the Lake Panorama Association. As usual, LPA will invest a substantial portion of its annual budget in recurring infrastructure maintenance, such as road seal-coating and water system improvements. These are the “meat and potatoes” of LPA’s spring and summer workload and are always provided for in our annual budget.

In addition to the routine items, we are looking forward to some new projects and purchases this year. LPA is pleased to be coordinating

with Friends of Lake Panorama for the installation of a new playground at Sunset Beach. The community surrounding Sunset Beach will tell you this is one of the most overlooked gems at Lake Panorama. Our hope is the new playground will give families an opportunity to get off of the lake for a few hours and enjoy some quality recreational time with their kids and grandkids. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and donated to make this happen. The equipment has been ordered and if all goes as planned, the playground should be completed before the end of July.

A related item is LPA’s purchase of a beach groomer. We hosted demonstrations of beach groomers from two industry-leading vendors and are pleased one is an excellent fit for us. Rocks, sticks and goose droppings all were managed effectively by the tractor-towed groomer. Purchase of the groomer was confirmed at the LPA’s board of directors meeting in May. Cleaner and healthier beaches are in the immediate future for LPA members.

Q: What is the status of lake dredging for 2016?

A: The Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) and LPA recently hosted representatives of DSC Dredge, the builder

of our dredge and booster station. Minor programming and hardware modifications were made to the system to fine-tune operations and increase productivity. Work is underway in the river channel above the debris trap, and it’s expected the LPA crew will spend the bulk of the summer there removing sediment from the river channel. RIZ contracts with the LPA to conduct this annual dredging work.

As summer winds down, LPA will relocate the dredge to Log Cabin Cove and Boulder Cove for brief sediment removal projects. Both have been on the books for more than a year, because of the coordination needed to make these happen. Letters that outline specifics and timing will be sent in mid-June to members who will be impacted by these projects.

Q: What’s the status of RIZ’s storage basin and the CREP wetland projects?

A: The construction of the 1.3 million cubic yard Cory sediment basin west of the LPA maintenance shed is roughly two-thirds complete. This project involves excavating a large hole for storage, with the excavated material used to build a dam around the basin. An outlet structure will allow clear water back into the lake through a drainage into Hughes Cove.



This basin, which represents an investment by RIZ of nearly \$2 million, will be wrapped up in June and accommodate dredging of Boulder Cove in 2016 and Helen’s Cove in 2017.

In addition, RIZ is cooperating with state and federal agencies on the development of two Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) wetlands immediately upstream from Lake Panorama. CREP is a voluntary water quality program available to 37 Iowa counties, including Guthrie County. The goal of CREP is to reduce nitrate and sediment loads to surface waters by installing wetlands in targeted areas. Other benefits are increases in wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities. A 26-acre wetland upstream from Helen’s Cove will be built this summer or fall. A slightly smaller wetland serving Hughes Cove will follow in late-2016 or 2017.

Q: What are LPA’s expectations for debris management this year?

A: I started working for LPA in 2007. In my first week, Lake Panorama experienced a major debris event. My summer training involved a significant amount of time

participating in an “all hands on deck” approach to debris removal. Old pontoon boats, garden tools, ropes and sore backs were the strategy for cleaning up the lake. The process was slow, and a bulk of the summer was tainted with debris in the lake.

In 2009, LPA made a major investment in debris management. A true debris barrier was purchased/constructed and deployed. In addition, LPA shared half the expense of the RIZ utility barge to help with log removal. It’s hard to believe this, but our “new” barge and “new” debris trap are beginning their eighth season of service on Lake Panorama.

I can recall only three instances in which the debris barrier was overwhelmed. All three events represented epic flows in the Middle Raccoon River. Clean up in those instances was manageable, as a bulk of the material went over the dam.

Members can continue to expect 95 percent of the rain events to be contained by our debris trap. And if we get an epic flow, members can trust we’re much better equipped and staffed to remove floating hazards in a timely fashion.

Q: Any other thoughts for the kickoff of summer?

A: The improved economy has brought with it a large number of new members. Please make a point to walk down the street and welcome newcomers to your neighborhood. They’ll greatly appreciate having a neighbor from whom they can gather tips and advice regarding lake life. Share a barbecue or a cocktail and get to know each other. You’ll be glad you reached out and made the connection. Who knows, you may need help moving a couch out of your basement before summer is over!

Use of fireworks without permit can result in LPA nuisance fine

By LPA staff

The summer months at Lake Panorama bring many fun and exciting times for LPA members, families and guests. Outdoor activities are numerous with only the unpredictable Iowa weather guiding those activities. Planned and scheduled events abound both at Lake Panorama and throughout Guthrie and surrounding counties.

As we get closer to the Fourth of July holiday, the use of fireworks becomes more prevalent. Although it has been debated legislatively at the state level for the past couple of years, Iowa’s Law (Code 727.2) still considers the use of fireworks a simple misdemeanor, except for snakes and sparklers.

The use of fireworks was reviewed by the LPA board at its May 24 meeting. Fireworks proved to be a challenging discussion as the board wants everyone to enjoy themselves, but the board also has as its top priority the safety of the LPA community, its members, families, guests and property.

The LPA board determined fireworks can and will be considered a nuisance under LPA rules, if the usage causes complaints by other LPA members. A nuisance violation can carry a monetary fine. Some members expect their neighbors might use fireworks on the night of the LPA-sanctioned Independence Day show, but the use of fireworks for multiple nights on the holiday

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# LAKE PANORAMA SAFE BOATING IS NO ACCIDENT

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Since Lake Panorama is actually a reservoir on the Middle Raccoon River, much of the lake is made up of a relatively narrow river valley. This means safe boating, especially on holidays and weekends, requires close observation and care. And it means boat operators and passengers need to follow boating rules and practice safe behavior to avoid accidents.

Lake Patrol is authorized to stop anyone operating recklessly or violating Iowa or LPA boating regulations. They can issue either a warning or a citation that will go against the vessel owner's membership. Also, Iowa DNR law enforcement often patrols the lake during holiday weekends and can legally stop any vessel for violations or breath tests.

KNOW THE ROPES

All of Lake Panorama except the main basin, which is the open expanse near Highway 4, is intended for counterclockwise traffic. Centerline buoys mark the approximate center of the channel and boat traffic should move up and down the lake on the "right" side of the centerline buoys. Boat operators who want to cut across traffic to a cove or dock on the opposite side of the lake need to first check for traffic from behind and from the opposite direction.

Shallow areas are marked with warning buoys that indicate dangerous shallows, rocks or rock beds. Although a few of these markers are for specific, individual rocks, most indicate an area of shallows that could shear a propeller or lower unit. Steer clear of all warning buoys.

All coves on Lake Panorama have marker buoys that show the speed limit. Usually the entrance to a cove has a 10 mph speed limit and further into the cove there will be a "no wake" buoy. Smaller coves go immediately to no wake, which means travel slowly enough that only ripples or less are the result.

If vessels are traveling more than 10 mph, a 200-foot interval between other vessels should be observed. No vessel should

exceed 10 mph if traveling within 50 feet of the shoreline, a dock, downed skiers or parked vessels.

All vessels have a maximum number of people allowed. Size or weight doesn't matter. Everyone on board, plus those being towed, counts towards the vessel capacity. Vessels carrying more people than the stated maximum will be ticketed.

A personal flotation device (PFD) in good condition and rated for the size and weight of every passenger in the vessel must be available. All passengers under 13 years of age must wear a PFD when the vessel is moving.

Lighting is required for all vessels beginning one-half hour after sunset through sunrise. During this time period, the speed limit on Lake Panorama is 10 mph.

All operators of any powered vessel at Lake Panorama must be at least 16 years of age and, if under 18, must have passed and have in their possession a boating safety certificate recognized by the Iowa DNR.

PERSONAL WATER CRAFT

LPA rules for personal water craft (PWC) are more restrictive than Iowa boating laws. LPA rules do not permit anyone under 16 to operate a PWC, even if a responsible adult is on board.

PWCs are not to be on the water beginning one-half hour after sundown until sunrise. A reminder that when using a PWC to tow someone, the skier or tuber counts as a passenger when it comes to vessel capacity. A PWC rated for two people towing, with two on board and one being towed, is over capacity and will be cited for a safety violation. Reckless



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operation of PWC also will be cited by Lake Patrol.

TOWING RULES

Iowa law requires there must be an observer in the vessel nine years of age or older in addition to the operator when towing or allowing wakesurfing.

The LPA has some additional towing rules:

- The Narrows area above Sunset Beach has limits on when towing and/or wakesurfing can be done. These activities are not allowed between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. The Security supervisor also may declare other times "no towing" if dangerous crowding is possible.
- No towing should come within 100 feet of shore.
- No more than two tubes or inflatable objects can be towed by one vessel.
- No towing is allowed in the Marina area.
- No skiing or towing is al-

lowed from one-half hour after sunset until sunrise.

NON-POWERED CRAFT

Canoes, paddleboats, kayaks and sailboats must consider boat traffic conditions when operating. During busy times, coves are the best place to be. If on the main lake, these vessels must obey the counter-clockwise traffic pattern. Lights are required at night. These vessels also must have boat stickers, invasive species stickers and be inspected prior to launch if they have been elsewhere.

INVASIVE SPECIES

Almost every vessel operating on Lake Panorama must be registered with the Iowa DNR. Exceptions are kayaks and canoes 13 feet or less. Yet all vessels must have an LPA boating permit, either a member permit or a guest permit. In addition, rules specifically designed to keep invasive species out of Lake Panorama are in place.

Each member vessel that only



Macey Weber wakeboards at Lake Panorama on Sunday, June 12.

boats on Lake Panorama is given a green invasive species sticker to go with their boat permit. Every member vessel that goes to other water bodies is declared a NON-RESIDENT vessel and must report to Lake Security at 641-755-3101 prior to every launch. Any vessel is subject to inspection at any time.

State law requires plugs be out while boats are transported. A boat should be cleaned, drained

of all liquids (bilge, live wells, bait buckets, compartments, etc.) and completely dried, including ski ropes, anchor ropes, etc. Fishermen are encouraged to carry a sponge for removing all water from live wells. Lake Security may keep a vessel from being launched if there is water in any part of the vessel or if there is evidence of organic material, even just mud, on the vessel or trailer.



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STAFF

# Herald Publishing Co. welcomes new Guthrie, Adair counties reporter

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When Caitlin Ware was 6 or 7 years old, she hand-wrote scripts for plays — not movie scripts, she admonishes.

They typically featured talking animals who taught a lesson of some type — bigger doesn't always mean smarter, or if you do this bad thing, you'll get sat on by an elephant.

She'd then grab paper and scissors and try to make costumes to act out the plays before inevitably learning each time that paper costumes aren't very effective.

Now, Ware, 21 and a recent graduate of Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey, has shifted the focus of her writing

through her study of journalism and is starting work this week as a reporter with Herald Publishing Co. in Guthrie and Adair counties. She will write for the Guthrie Center Times, the Guthrie County Vedette, the Lake Panorama Times, the Adair County Free Press and The Fontanelle Observer.

Ware was born in Mississauga, Canada, but has lived most of her life in New Jersey.

Her Canadian birthplace is a great icebreaker, and Ware has enjoyed return visits to the country throughout the years, but she doesn't consider herself a Canadian, she said.

"But I am proud to be connected to the country," she said. "It's a beautiful country."

Her family now is in Newton, New Jersey, where Ware spent the last decade growing up on a hobby farm that has included cows — Ware isn't a fan of the bovine beasts — as well as Boer and Saanen goats, silkies and Rhode Island Red chickens, cats, a dog, sheep and formerly a horse. Her mother keeps a garden and orchard there, and her father grows hay.

Ware's parents are Sheila and Mike Ware of Newton, New Jersey. Mike is a chemical engineer, and Sheila, who previously worked at a bank and as a model, has been a stay-at-home mom for all of Ware's life.

Ware has three siblings: Austin, 29; Kristin, almost 16; and Collin, 11.

She cycled through a variety of career plans before settling on her final choice. She'd considered pediatrics, forensic science and more.

She ultimately selected journalism because of her lifelong love of reading and writing, when a last-minute college decision required a switch in major.

"I was like, all right, life change, let's go," she said. "I picked journalism because it's something I'm good at. I thought, 'I'm not gonna pick



Caitlin Ware

rocket science, because I just can't build a rocket."

Her boyfriend, Ethan Stoetzer, also just graduated from Rowan University and is working as a reporter at the Mitchell County Press, based in Osage, and living in Mason City. They met first in a class, when Stoetzer sardonically chronicled the entire class on Twitter — Ware hated him then — and later worked together at Rowan University's student newspaper. They ended up in the same apartment complex, where Ware, who also studied psychology, determined that proximity contributed to the inevitable — they began dating and have been together for about a year.

"I do not hate him anymore," she joked.

Ware loves "The Great Gatsby," as well as the works of T.S. Eliot and J.R.R. Tolkien. She played soccer before high school and then focused on Irish dance, which she hopes to continue. She plays piano and guitar.

Ware will be living downtown in Panora with her young cat, Flynn, a tabby — although she'd love to say he has some Bengal in him, because it sounds more exotic, she said. She adopted Flynn just before leaving New Jersey, and he made the 17-hour trek with her.

She's enjoying Panora so far and said many people have welcomed her.

"I can't wait to see what else the area has to offer," she said.

## THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

### To Guthrie County: Thank you, and I'll see you around

By REBECCA MCKINSEY  
Lake Times staff

It has happened several times in the past few months. Someone would approach me on the street; in a school or in the courthouse; at the open window of my car.

"So, I hear you're leaving," Before I'd ever made a formal announcement of any sort, the word was out, so to speak.

But that's Guthrie County, I've found.

As of this week, I'll be leaving the Guthrie County coverage I've done for two years and writing full-time at Herald Publishing Co.'s Carroll-based newspaper, the Daily Times Herald, where I've spent about half my time since I began working for this company.

So, I'm not leaving — I'm just shifting a bit. Ashley Schable, editor of the Guthrie Center Times, the Guthrie County Vedette and the Lake Panorama Times, and Caitlin Ware, our newest reporter who is living in Panora, will continue to cover everything going on in Guthrie County.

You'll be in good hands.

And I won't disappear. Guthrie County's businesses, its art shows, its schools, its restaurants, even its jail — and most of all, its people — have become a part of my life. Carroll is just an hour away; I'll still be around.

When I started working in Guthrie County two years ago, I didn't know what to

expect.

You overwhelmed me. From the people who patiently walked me through the county's workings, to those who bonded with me over our pets, to the strangers who waved when passing me on the street, every time — Guthrie County has made me feel welcome.

I haven't had the chance to personally say goodbye to everyone I've met or worked with during the last two years, and I apologize for that. Know, though, that I appreciate you all.

Thank you for welcoming me into your homes, businesses, offices, classrooms, patrol cars, hospital rooms and lives.

Thank you for taking my last-minute calls for interviews and for answering my "urgent" emails about naming every single child in the photos I took.

Thank you for reading and reacting to my articles — even when you didn't like them.

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**HOLL**  
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also spent five years as executive officer of the Montgomery and Marion County Conservation Boards.

Those experiences made him a good fit for Lake Panorama. “I’ve enjoyed being a part of many improvements around the development,” Holl says. “The Enterprize debris boat, the debris boom, traffic signs, tree plantings, Shady Beach improvements, and improvements in the maintenance department all have been important.”

But there have been challenges. “When I first started, there was a lack of decent equipment and equipment storage, and an attitude by some that we ought to be able to do lots of work with the same dollars we had been using years before,” Holl says. “That was prior to the LPA board being able to raise assessments a small percentage as costs and inflation ate into our budgets.”

Holl says the Vision 2000 committees in 1999 recognized the importance of allowing the LPA board the power to increase assessments. “At that time, it took a member vote to approve any increase in assessments. This severely hampered board actions and resulted in a lot of property owned by the LPA being sold to fund maintenance of the development,” he says. “Fortunately, the board took that to the membership, which approved up to a 5 percent increase each year without a membership vote. This has made a tremendous difference in the LPA’s ability to meet maintenance needs and emergencies, and still make some improvements on a regular basis.”

Holl describes the LPA as “a unique animal. It is a community, a business and a government all wrapped up into one. It has most of the same issues a city has, with less legal means to deal with them. It has to remain a viable business by keeping things updated, obtaining the necessary funding to do so, and to do it in a way that makes it a place people want to live, as well play.”

Looking to Lake Panorama’s future, Holl says it depends on

how much people think about it. “I know members have considerable investments in property, homes, boats and the expenses that go along with those things. But that’s why it’s all the more important to spend money toward maintaining and improving what’s here to insure the value people have already invested,” he says.

“Tastes change and recreational preferences change,” he continues. “But keeping the lake and surroundings beautiful and adding new, unique opportunities that complement what is already here will help keep this community a great place for others to purchase and enjoy. Tie-ins to the beautiful Middle Raccoon River Valley and local communities will likely pay off.”

Holl and his wife Linda have been married 22 years, and are both retiring June 30. “Between us we have kids in four states. Three kids are married and have families totaling eight grandkids, so far,” he says. “The grandkids range in age from 2 to 13. We have grandkids from three countries ... two adopted from Ethiopia, two from Colombia and four born in the Republic of Texas. Well, the Texans seem to think it’s a separate country, anyway.”

Holl says the couple likely will move within the year from their home in Perry to be near at least one of their kids. And they will travel. “We are looking forward to a retirement celebration trip to Rome, the Italian Riviera and the ‘Sound of Music’ area of Austria and southern Germany,” he says. “We’ve been fortunate to travel to where our adopted grandsons are from and may return to those countries some day for heritage trips.”

Holl says they will spend more time seeing family and doing volunteer work and taking mission trips. “We love to walk and day hike, so we hope to work that in with our other activities. I now volunteer at Door of Faith in Des Moines and hope to find similar opportunities in a new location with local ministries or churches,” he says.

Reflecting on his time at the LPA, Holl says the main thing he enjoyed was working for and with some great people. “Driving around the lake and having

**HOLL**  
**RETIREMENT**  
**RECEPTION JULY 1**

A retirement reception for Randy Holl will be held Friday, July 1, at Lake Panorama National. The event will be 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Snack foods and beverages will be available, plus a cash bar.

Holl is retiring June 30 after more than 20 years with the Lake Panorama Association. He began his LPA career as maintenance supervisor, followed by several years as operations assistant manager overseeing maintenance, the dam, Panorama West and the Lake Panorama Water department. In 2005, he moved into the office as senior administrative assistant, a title that is being retired with him.

LPA members and others who have interacted with Holl during his time with the LPA are invited to this “come-and-go” reception to thank him for his service.

memories of the people I dealt with who lived here or still live here is something I’ll always remember,” he says. “For the most part, there were only a handful of people in over 20 years I want to forget. Bless them!”

Holl says he has been fortunate to work with good people and be part of a team. “I’m thankful to have been here this long, and have so many opportunities to contribute to the organization. I wish I could have done more, but I know good people will follow who will continue to make the place even better,” he says.

**FIREWORKS**  
**FROM PAGE 4A**

weekend, or other times during the summer, is unappreciated by many members.

Members have experienced damage to their property by someone else’s use of illegal fireworks. Burned holes in boat lift tarps, boat seats and patio furniture are just some of the damage members have reported. The noise of fireworks after 11 p.m. also constitutes a nuisance activity. Neighbors or others in the area might find fireworks disturbing and that can extend to family pets.

If a bottle rocket is set off into the sky, odds are it will land on someone else’s property. Members should remember they are liable for damage caused by themselves, or their guests. Respect the investment your neighbors and fellow members have made in their property. If you use illegal fireworks, and it offends

your neighbors or other members, you will be required by LPA security to stop under the LPA’s nuisance rules.

The mixing of illegal fireworks and alcohol makes for a heightened chance of damaging neighboring property and passing boats and is especially discouraged. The risk of personal injury to members, both bystanders and self, is significantly increased also.

The LPA hosts two fireworks shows during the year. The Independence Day fireworks show, which will be held on Saturday, July 2, is coordinated by the Scheiring family and funded by LPA member donations. The Panorama Days fireworks show, which will be held on Friday, August 5, is co-sponsored by LPA and The Port. Both of these displays are subcontracted out to J&M Displays, an experienced vendor who ensures appropriate insurance and permits are in-place.

The LPA wants everyone to enjoy the summer months here

**SANCTIONED**  
**FIREWORKS AT**  
**LAKE PANORAMA**  
**WILL BE JULY 2**

The annual “Fire in the Sky” fireworks display at Lake Panorama, put on by the Scheiring family, will be at dusk on Saturday, July 2. The fireworks will be set off from the traditional spot at Shady Beach. For safety reasons, the LPA Lake Patrol and the Iowa DNR require boats anchored during the display to have running lights on during the show.

at Lake Panorama and take advantage of all that it offers, but complaints filed regarding illegal fireworks usage will be deemed a nuisance by the LPA. Please enjoy your summer celebrations – but do so in a manner that respects the safety of your neighbors and their property.

**CHEF**

**FROM PAGE 2A**

He enjoys making pastas such as ravioli, and creating his own salad dressings and sauces. He especially enjoys creating desserts, and hopes to eventually offer a tray of desserts for patrons to consider after their meal. His specialty is crème brulee, which is a rich custard base topped with a contrasting layer of hard caramel. Labath says he has created about 30 versions.

Another favorite of Labath’s is cooking with fresh fish. He looks forward to offering some fresh

fish specials on Friday and Saturday nights, once the busy banquet season is behind him. He’d also like to offer cooking classes to small groups in the fall and winter months, and dinners that pair food with wine or specialty cocktails. Next summer, he’d like to serve Lake Panorama boaters by grilling at Boulder Beach or Spikes.

Labath took the LPN executive chef position with full knowledge of how busy the kitchen is during summer months, when wedding receptions and golf tournaments fill the weekly calendar. At the same time, he’s responsible for daily business in The Links and

Spikes.

“Right now, my focus is on providing good, consistent food served in a timely manner,” he says. “If you’re going to have a big group of people, I encourage you to make a reservation. We’re always happy to see big groups, but things do run more smoothly if we know you’re coming.”

As he settled into his new job, Labath welcomes comments and suggestions. “I have a lot of my own ideas about what we can do here. But when I’m presented with a new idea by someone else, that’s when I really strive to see if we can make it happen,” he says.

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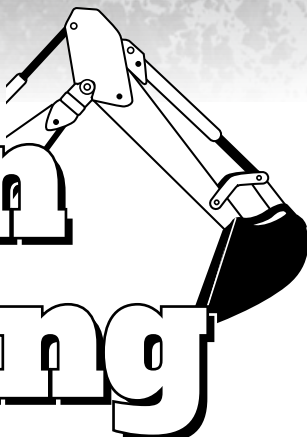
  
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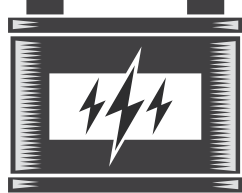

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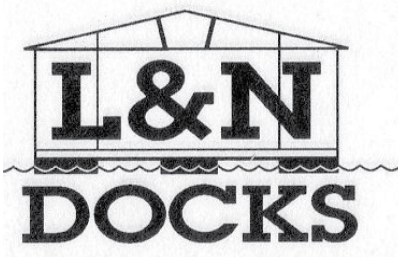
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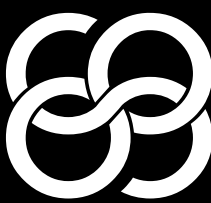
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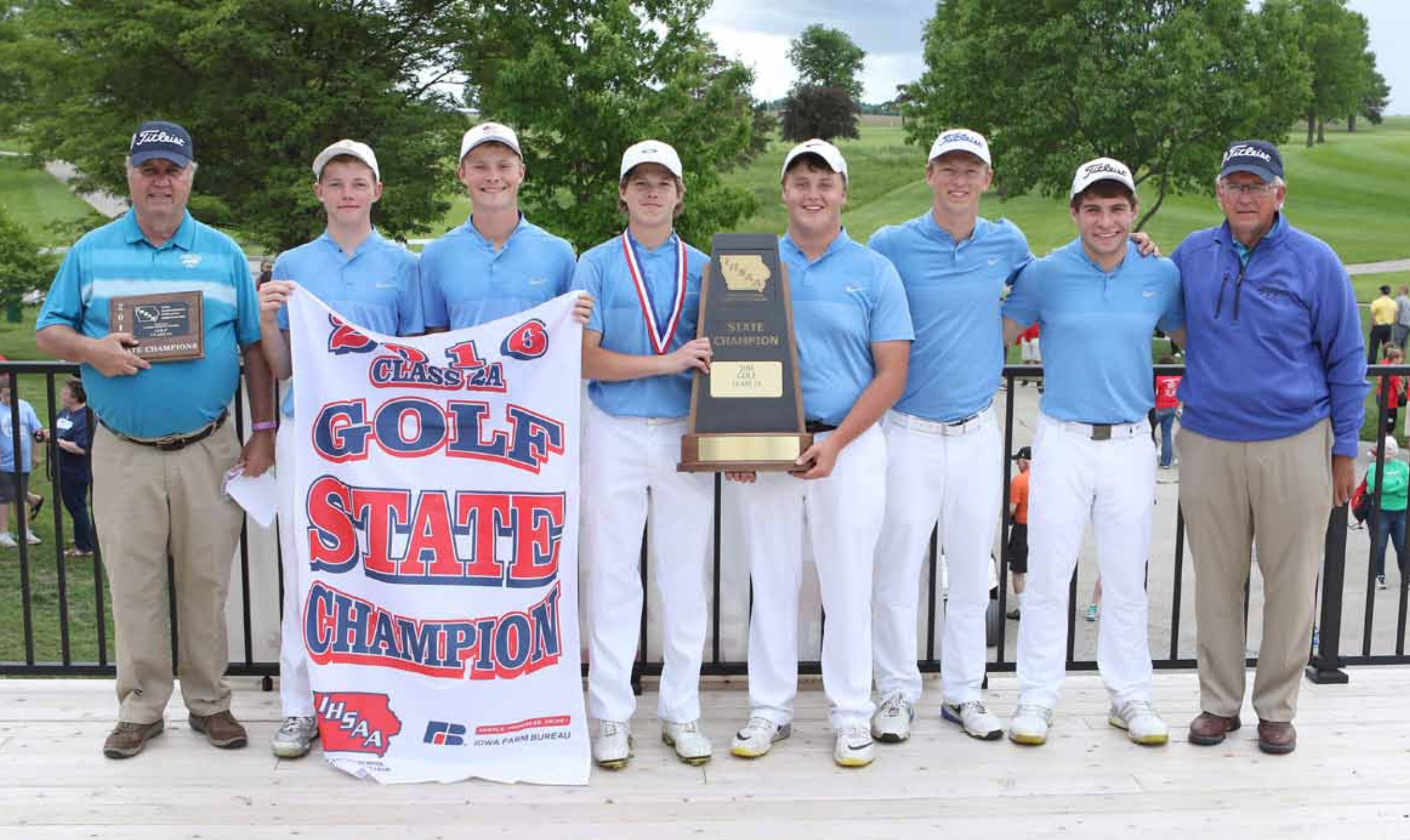
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**Panorama Panthers** Repeat as Class 2A Boys State Golf Champions



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Panorama golf team members (from left) coach Hal Rossow, Will Babcock, Aaron Klinge, George Appleseth, Max Monthei, Reid Cobb, Adam Hackfort and coach David VanAhn hold a state champion pennant and trophy following a win at the Class 2A boys state golf meet on May 28. The Panthers defended their 2015 title by nine strokes over St. Edmond and Kuemper Catholic.

By ASHLEY SCHABLE | Lake Times staff

Repeating shots is a golf trait that usually leads to low scores. Repeating rosters, at least at the high school level, can work, too. Panorama, led by players who were with them a year ago, successfully defended their Class 2-A boys state golf championship on May 28 at Lakeside Golf Course in Fort Dodge.

Panorama, who returned five of six golfers from last year's state squad, overcame a slim two-stroke deficit from the opening round by firing a 303 Saturday. The Panthers finished with a 604 total, with four of the team's golfers going below 80 Saturday. "I'm really happy we could do it twice because that's something we really wanted to do," said junior George Appleseth, who was the team's top individual with a 145 (71-74). The first day, Appleseth birdied 16, 17 and 18 in an outstanding opening round in Fort Dodge. Junior Will Babcock, who won the school's first-ever individual state golf title in

Ames last year, finished tied 11th with a 153, and senior teammate Reid Cobb tied for 13th place with a 154. Play started in rain Friday and ended in rain Saturday. Other scores for Panorama, Max Monthei (19th) with a 156; Aaron Klinge (35th) with a 164; Adam Hackfort (52nd) with a 176. Medalist Logan Schweinefus of South Winneshiek of Calmar shot a 3-under par 69 Saturday to go with his opening-round 70. He finished with a 139, two strokes ahead of Fort Dodge St. Edmond's Charlie Doyle. Appleseth said repeating the state championship was harder than winning it the first time.

"Last year after the first day we were up by 11 strokes (over fifth-ranked Kuemper Catholic) and this year we were down by two, so that was definitely different," he said. "We didn't want to go out second place, we wanted to win it." Panorama head coach Hal Rossow said even though his team trailed at the conclusion of the first day, they felt pretty good. "In fact, the players were much more relaxed than I was," he joked. "When you're down by two shots it isn't much, because you can make that up on one or two holes. They had a bunch of confidence. Today we were able to go out with the attitude that we needed to make up those shots." Panorama was paired with first-day leader Clear Lake on Saturday and five of six Panthers beat the Clear Lake golfer. "We were the most consistent team," Rossow said. There were three strokes difference between the two days and four Panthers shot in the 70s. "I think it was that we've played tough courses all year

and we just really pulled together as a team and made that second day a strong showing," Appleseth said. Appleseth said winning a second straight title is pretty special. "I think for me, it was sweeter the second one because to do it once is pretty difficult, but to do it twice is even tougher." Rossow agrees this year's title was maybe a little more pleasing than the first one. "We were defending champs and had a target on our back," he said. "The boys were very determined, especially the second day. I could tell they didn't want second. They played relaxed. It was our third straight state tournament and that helped." The Panthers finished fifth in 2014. The state title is the second for Rossow, who coached the Panora-Linden boys golf team to a second place finish in 1983. The state title is only the third for the Panorama school. The first was a boys track championship in 1997. Rossow, who has been blessed with talented golfers



Max Monthei studies the 11th green during Friday's Class 2A state tournament at Lakeside Golf Course.

in a 38-year coaching career, said a key to this team's success was dedication. "It helps that I have a real good group of young men that are dedicated and very hard working," he said. "Sometimes I have to pull them off the golf course at night because they play so long. From the moment they left the state course last season, they had a goal in mind. "They are definitely a team," Rossow said. "I'm very proud of all of them. I think they will

be very successful young men as they move on in life." The Panthers say goodbye to Cobb, Monthei, Hackfort and Klinge. "The four seniors will be greatly missed," Rossow said. "This is the most in a number of years I'll lose." With two of the state's top golfers in Appleseth and Babcock back for a final prep season next year, a three-peat has been murmured. CHAMPS, PAGE 2B

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Panorama's George Appleseth hits a tee shot on the 13th hole during Friday's Class 2A state tournament played at Lakeside Golf Course.



Panorama's Will Babcock hits a tee shot on the 12th hole at Lakeside Golf Course during Friday's Class 2A state meet.



Reid Cobb from Panorama tosses a golf ball while waiting to putt on the 12th green at Lakeside Golf Course during Friday's Class 2A state tournament.



Panorama's Max Monthei birdies the 11th hole at Lakeside Golf Course on Friday during the Class 2A state tournament.



Aaron Klinge from Panorama hits from the 14th tee box during Friday's Class 2A state tournament at Lakeside Golf Course.



Panorama's Adam Hackfort walks across the 14th green at Lakeside Golf Course during Friday's Class 2A state tournament.

CHAMPS  
FROM PAGE 1B

“We’ve got two of the best players in the state back and an outstanding prospect in

Kolby Schackelford who was the state junior PGA champion in his age group last summer and practiced with the varsity this year,” Rossow said. “We need someone from the 4th, 5th and

6th golfers to shoot 80-85.” Rossow saluted the support from parents, grandparents, friends and school personnel. “It was greatly appreciated by the kids and me,” he added.

**INSIDE THE SCORECARD**  
\* Panorama set two new school records: George Appleseth shot 145 on par 144 course. Old record of 155 by Justin Smool in 2006. Team shot 604 for 36 holes on Par 144. Old mark 647 in 2014.

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Brian Billmeier, coach of Kuemper Catholic, congratulates members of the Panorama boys golf team after they won the Class 2A state title May 28.



Lewie Curtis from the IHSAA hands the state championship trophy to the Panorama boys golf team and congratulates each member after winning the 2A state title on Saturday, May 28 in Fort Dodge.



Panorama golf coach Hal Rossow (right) talks with Will Babcock, who finished in 11th-place overall at Saturday's Class 2A state golf meet. The Panthers return two of the six players from the 2-time state championship squad.



George Appleseth from Panorama receives a medal for fourth-place medalist honors from Lewie Curtis from the IHSAA during Saturday's final day of competition at the Class 2A state golf meet. The junior had rounds of 71 and 74 and help the Panthers defend their team title.

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# Pro-Am teams sought for Brokers International Iowa Open

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**  
Lake Times staff

Planning is underway for the 2016 Brokers International Iowa Open to be held at Lake Panorama National Golf Resort Aug. 18-21. This is the seventh year Brokers International has been the lead sponsor for this tournament at the LPN. Again this year, there is a \$25,000 purse for the top professional.

The tournament is administered by the Iowa PGA Section, and entries for both professionals and amateurs are being accepted online at [www.iowapga.com](http://www.iowapga.com).

A Pro-Am will be Thursday, Aug. 18, with the three-day Iowa Open beginning Aug. 19. The Pro-Am is open to the first 30 four-person teams, and about 10 openings remain. Each team will be paired with a PGA professional at a draw party Aug. 17. The entry fee of \$800 per team includes four pro-am gift packs, eight tickets to the draw party, and a chance to win the top prize of \$1,000.

Volunteers are being recruited to work all three days of the tournament, with two shifts available the first two days, and three shifts the final day. All volunteers



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Again this year, Kent and Shirley Stephenson are coordinating

requests from tournament players to stay in host homes at no cost. Anyone interested in hosting golfers during the tournament can contact the Stephensons at 641-755-3787.

The tournament is open to a limited number of out-of-state players. The first 104 slots are reserved for Iowa professionals and amateurs or those with Iowa ties. Another 40 slots are available to out-of-state professionals. Once those 40 slots are taken, a waiting list will be created. If the slots reserved for Iowans

aren't filled by Aug. 9, players on the wait list will be allowed to register.

The 2015 professional winner, Adam Schenk of Vincennes, Ind., won't be returning this year to defend his title, because he's finding success elsewhere. Last fall he played in 16 Latin America PGA Tour tournaments, ranked in the top 10 five times, and ended up 13th on the money list. So far in 2016, he has played in 10 Web.com tournaments, where he has two top-10 finishes, and is 18th on the money list.

Many past hole sponsors are returning for the 2016 Brokers International Iowa Open, and new ones are being recruited. Hole sponsorships are \$200. Hole sponsors receive a color sign with logo, two tickets to the pro-am drawing party and recognition on the daily pairing sheets and the Iowa Open website. Sponsors also are being sought for the driving range and putting green, at a cost of \$500.

Gary Soreide is in his second year as tournament director. For more information on sponsorship opportunities or other aspects of the tournament, contact him at [gsoreide@netins.net](mailto:gsoreide@netins.net) or cell (515) 240-4272.



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**Rocky Barth of Panora and Pat Kirsein of Clarion won the championship flight in the Panorama West 2-gal golf tournament June 7 with a one-under-par score of 26. Shown left to right are Sawyer Chaffin, summer intern at Lake Panorama National; Michael Kleinwolterink, manager of the LPN Links restaurant; Barth; Kirsein; and John Dinnebier, LPN director of operations.**

## PANORAMA WEST 2-GAL TOURNAMENT WELCOMES 72 PLAYERS

The Panorama West women's golf league hosted a 2-gal best-shot tournament Tuesday, June 7, with a full field. A total of 36 teams participated, with players from Panora and surrounding communities. The tournament theme was "Let's Fla-Mingle" and featured flamingos as decorations and door prizes.

Cash prizes were awarded to the top three teams in six flights. Winners of the championship flight were Rocky Barth and Pat Kirsein,

with a one-under-par score of 26. Second place went to Carla Fitzgerald and Susan Thompson with a score of 28. Nancy Scheffers and Shirley Franey placed third, also with a 28.

Flag event winners were Joell Herrick with longest putt on the third hole, and Amy Lawton with longest putt on the seventh hole. The tournament was followed by a luncheon in the Panorama West Clubhouse community room, catered by Lake Panorama National.

## Panorama golfers see record-setting season

Lake Times staff

The state champion Panorama boys golf team set four school records and was 73-4 in matches, according to information provided by veteran coach Hal Rossow at season's end.

In matches, the team is 153-5 over the last two seasons and their appearance at the state meet was the third in a row.

The Panthers won five of nine tournaments and was second in the four others, including losing by a tie-breaker in one tourney. The Panthers were 8-0 against conference foes.

George Appleseth set two school marks at the state tourney in pacing Panorama to its second straight state crown.

He shot 70 for 18 holes on a par 70 course and 145 for 36 holes.

Teamwise, the 604 final total at the state meet was a school best as was the 296 on a par 70 course posted earlier at Pleasantville.

Will Babcock, Reid Cobb and Appleseth were listed by Rossow as the most valuable golfers and Aaron Klinge most improved. Trevor Babcock was the MVP junior varsity golfer.

As for individual awards, Will Babcock was a member of the Des Moines Register's All-Iowa team. He, Cobb and Appleseth were first team all-state selections.

Max Monthei, Cobb and Babcock were first team all-conference with Appleseth and Klinge drawing second team berths.

Babcock had the low average for nine holes at 38.48 strokes followed by Cobb at 38.92 and Appleseth at 38.96. Others were Monthei 40.59, Klinge 42.3, Adam Hackfort 43.25, Trevor Babcock 46.5 and Trey Cobb 47.

These seven golfers won letters. Non-seniors are Will Babcock, Appleseth and Trey Cobb.

Participation awards went to senior Tanner Wasson, juniors Austin Behrends, Jeremy Randol, Mitch Wagler and Grant Zajicek, sophomores Chris Al-

lison, Preston Breyfogle, Aaron Irving and Elijah Keith and freshmen Dylan Douglas, Jacob Iseminger, Gracen Welberg and Tate Willey.

Dave Van Ahn is the junior varsity coach.

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LAKE PANORAMA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING APRIL 26, 2016 LAKE PANORAMA ASSOCIATION OFFICE APPROVED AT MAY 24, 2016 MEETING

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met April 26, 2016, at 5:00 PM, at the Lake Panorama Association Office. Board members present were Bob Batschelet, John Coghlan, Bill Douglass, Tom Jeschke, Mindy Larsen Poldberg, Charles Schnack, and Neil Wright. Staff present: Danna Krambeer, John Rutledge, LPA staff. Visitors present: Brice Oakley, President, LPN Board of Managers; Larry Babcock, Gary Evans, and Jim Spradling, LPA Members and Everett Grasty, County Supervisor. President Coghlan called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the Agenda. Batschelet added lot sale items to Other Business. Poldberg moved to approve the

agenda as amended. Motion seconded, carried unanimously. Agenda Item 2 – Open Forum. No one spoke in open forum. Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda. Rutledge noted typographical corrections on the March 22, 2016 BOD minutes and the 2016 Annual Meeting Agenda. Wright moved to approve the consent agenda, with typographical corrections to the minutes and annual meeting agenda as discussed. Motion seconded, carried unanimously. Consent agenda to include: a) LPA General Manager's Report b) Approval of minutes from 03.22.2015 LPA Board Meeting c) Accept minutes of 04.11.16 Building Codes Committee Meeting d) Accept 03.15.16 minutes from LPN Board of Managers (Draft) e) Approval of 2016 annual meeting agenda f) Approve ballot counters for 2016 Annual Meeting g) Confirm date and time of next LPA Board Meeting

h) Acceptance of 2015 audit report from Meriwether Wilson i) Accept minutes of 04.05.16 Water Safety Committee Meeting j) Acceptance of 03.31.2016 consolidated financial report – LPA & LPN, LLC. Agenda Item 4a – LPN, LLC Board of Managers Report. Brice Oakley spoke regarding the LPN, LLC Board of Managers highlighting the following areas: - The BOM completed a tour of the facilities on April 21, 2016. LPN Staff was prepared and did an excellent job. All BOM are submitting their own assessments from the tour. The Facilities Committee will consolidate the information and give some direction to Dinnebier and the BOM to prepare for the June meeting. The BOM will begin working on the capital budget during June in preparation of the 2017 capital budget recommendations. - Operational item – Siding on the west side is being worked on. - Pool scheduled to be open the weekend of May 14. - Dinnebier is in the process of hiring a new chef. - LPN will be working with LPA on following items: o Maintenance and Repair protocol between LPN and LPA o Update LPN Handbook o Security review and facility assessment of LPN facilities and procedures o Pavilion of Boulder Beach usage for wedding - work on scheduling and costs. Rutledge expanded on the Conference Center siding project. The original project for 2016 was to be siding only. Due to construction, it was found some of the windows needed to be replaced and will be done this year. Agenda Item 4b – Variance request by Haviland, Lot 919. Excerpt from Building Codes committee meeting: David and Twila Haviland, lot 919, Plat 22, 4203 Clover Drive and son Chris Haviland, representing them, returned from the March meeting with a revised variance request from the original. Chris presented a site plan by

Snyder & Associates that moved the proposed detached garage back 29.41 feet from the cul-de-sac circle and 11 feet from the side lot line at the front corner. The proposal includes no roof overhang on the street side of the garage and reducing the depth of the proposal to 30 feet instead of 32 feet. This proposal leaves 8 feet from the building to the home's deck and is parallel to and lined up with the home. Chris explained they wanted to have it come out with the eight foot gap so as to leave room for the planter and an area to transport his handicapped brother around the home to go to the lakeshore side of the house. He explained the north side of the home was too steep for a wheelchair. To get the eight feet and also get close to being 30 feet from the cul-de-sac as requested by the neighboring property owners at the last meeting, the size of the garage was reduced. Tometich remarked that this arrangement concurred with his recommendations at the March meeting. The committee felt the adjustment to fit with their discussion as well and determined the change acceptable. The variance is within similar variances for other lots on this street and creates a balanced appearance, and improved situation compared to the existing circumstances. Moved by Coghlan, seconded by Evans, to recommend the LPA Board give a 5.6 foot front lot setback variance resulting in the garage being set back 29.4 feet from the cul-de-sac. Motion carried unanimously. The Havilands thanked the committee for their recommendation to the Board. Poldberg moved to approve the variance as recommended by the Building Codes Committee. Motion seconded, carried unanimously. Agenda Item 4c – Fee Structure for non-member commercial vessels – In 2015, the BOD made a decision regarding over-length and/or over-horsepower vessels,

which serve the LPA membership by providing necessary services. This motion required such vessels obtain prior approval and a variance approved by the BOD. Management advised the board this is not currently reflected in the rules. The following wording is recommended to be included: 5.2 Boats and Personal Watercraft Equipment Specifications and limitations Add (j) Over-length and/or Over-horsepower Vessels The LPA Board of Directors may on a case-by-case basis, provide written variances for vessel size and/or horsepower limit to vessels that serve the LPA membership. Variances shall be at the sole discretion of the LPA Board of Directors and shall be accompanied by a Commercial General Liability policy of not less than \$1 million per single occurrence and \$2 million aggregate, with the Lake Panorama Association being listed as an additional insured. An additional item is how to handle non-member vendors that do work on the lake with vessels that are not over limit. After discussion, it was determined staff will research options and ensure non-member vendors are functioning under existing rules for guest boats and invasive species compliance. If this is not achievable, then additional rules will be considered at a future meeting. Agenda Item 4d – Shoreline easement rights with regard to dredging operations - Item moved to closed session. Agenda Item 4e – Plans for 50th Anniversary – Discuss plans for the 50th anniversary of LPA. Rutledge explained the 50th anniversary of LPA is August 14, 2018. Rutledge recommended the board confirm the event will correspond with the regularly scheduled Panorama Days in 2018. In addition, he would like to proceed with a formal history of the lake, to be written by Susan Thompson. Rutledge noted

there is still two years until the anniversary, but stated this would give Thompson ample time to work on the history of LPA's first 50 years. Rutledge stated Thompson would be employed on an hourly basis and the final document will be made available to the membership (format yet to be determined). Schnack moved to go forward with engaging Susan Thompson to prepare a formal history of Lake Panorama and to coordinate a celebration with 2018 Panorama Days. Motion seconded, carried unanimously. Agenda Item 5a – Sale of lots 3691, 3692 & 3693 - LPA received an offer for the purchase of Lots 3691, 3692 and 3693 for \$24,000 from Gustafson Family Trust. Batschelet moved to sell lots 3691, 3692 and 3693 to the Gustafson Family Trust for \$24,000, standard closing terms. Motion seconded. Discussion – There was a brief discussion on how the price was determined. Coghlan called for the vote, motion carried. Agenda Item 6 – Other Business – Batschelet handed out a list of lots to add to the current advertised list of lots for sale by Lake Panorama Realty. Several lots have been sold from the original release and the time is right to add more advertising efforts, including signage on these additional lots. Jeschke moved to add lots 1147, 1148, 1252, 1597, 1598, 3707, & 3708 to the LPA advertised lot list. Motion seconded, motion carried. Agenda Item 7 – Closed Session – Board entered closed session at 6:10 pm to discuss legal matters. Returned from closed session 6:30 pm. Agenda Item 8 - Meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.

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# Wild Rose bringing horse, dog TV racing to Jefferson

By **DOUGLAS BURNS**  
*Lake Times staff*

**JEFFERSON**

Wild Rose president and chief operating officer Tom Timmons Wednesday said the casino-and-entertainment company's Jefferson location plans to introduce simulcast dog and horse race wagering as soon as the fall, possibly in time for the early November Breeders Cup.

"We might be able to pull that off," said Timmons, who is act-

ing as interim general manager at Wild Rose Jefferson

Timmons confirmed plans to have the TV screens and remote betting systems in place for racing by 2017.

"That's probably more realistic," he said.

The simulcasting will be installed in the Coaches Corner restaurant.

There will be no actual horse or dog track at Jefferson. Rather, Wild Rose Jefferson patrons will be able to gamble daily on horse

and dog racing from around the nation through an arrangement with the Iowa Greyhound Association, which operates a track — The Iowa Greyhound Park — and provides live televised racing in Dubuque.

Meanwhile, Wild Rose Jefferson in April posted its best month of gambling revenue since opening July 13, according to filings with the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission.

The casino reported revenues of \$2.726 million on admissions of

41,710.

"I'd take a lot more (months) like it," Timmons said.

Timmons assumed expanded duties as the general manager of Wild Rose Jefferson March 21 following the departure of Mike Couch.

Timmons said a "perfect storm" of factors boosted the casino revenue in April. There were five weekends in April, many people received tax returns and weather allowed gamblers to travel with ease, but wasn't nice enough for major outdoor activity to compete with the casino, Timmons said.

Some solid promotions and internal improvements also factored into the mix, and other casinos across Iowa — including Wild Rose's operations in Emmetsburg and Clinton — had strong Aprils, too, Timmons said.

Timmons said he expects to have an announcement on a permanent general manager

for Wild Rose within weeks.

The racing commission filings also reveal that Wild Rose Jefferson had the second-best slot machine odds of Iowa's 19 state-regulated casinos for the three-month period running from February to April. Wild Rose paid out 91.7 percent of the money poured into slot machines, trailing only Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino in Altoona, which posted a payout of 91.9 percent.

In April patrons wagered \$29 million on slot machines in Jefferson.


The simulcasting plan would mean that in addition to betting day-to-day tracks from Florida to California, Wild Rose patrons sitting in Jefferson could possibly watch and bet on the Kentucky Derby, Preakness, Breeders Cup and other top races.

Casinos in Iowa that don't already simulcast races (which includes all facilities except Prais-

erie Meadows Racetrack & Casino in Altoona and Horseshoe in Council Bluffs) are, under 2014 state legislation, allowed to ink deals with the Iowa Greyhound Association, which has a lease to run live dog races at a Dubuque track and simulcast horse and dog races from around the nation, state regulators say. The simulcasting rights for the Iowa Greyhound Association emerged with a deal that allowed Horseshoe in Council Bluffs and Mystique in Dubuque to jettison live dog racing.


Timmons, a former top Prairie Meadows executive, has served as a consultant to the Iowa Greyhound Association, and is familiar with the racing industry and the rules associated with the simulcasting opportunities.

The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission will hold its June meeting at Wild Rose Jefferson. The meeting is at 8:30 a.m. June 9.




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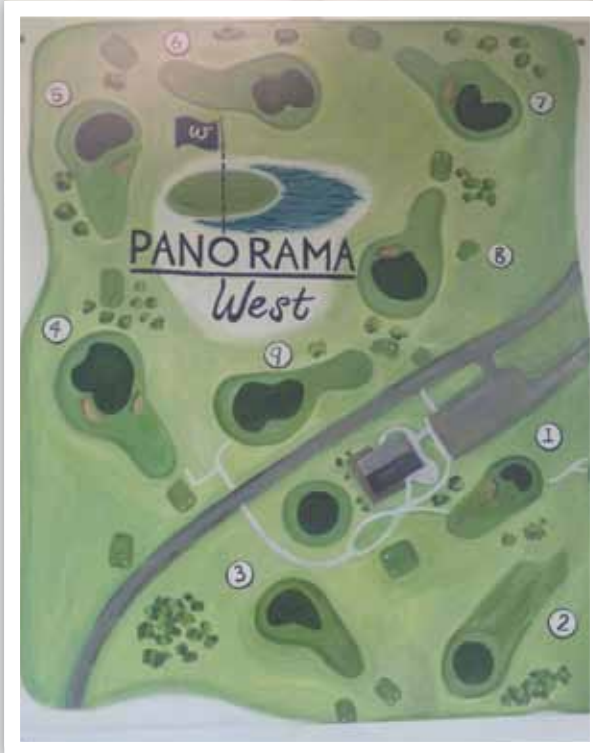


# NEW KIOSK INSTALLED AT PANORAMA WEST

A recent improvement at the Panorama West Golf Course was replacing the old kiosk near the first tee with a new one. For many years, the old kiosk has been a place for people to check in and pay green fees when the pro shop isn't open. But it had seen better days, and the separate metal payment box was difficult to access.

The new kiosk incorporates a payment slot inside the glass door. Also available are a sign-in sheet, payment envelopes, scorecards and pencils. A colorful map of the golf course was painted by Ginger Lindstrom, an art teacher in the Panorama Community Schools.

The new kiosk was designed and built by Kurt Johnson. Johnson was joined by other volunteers Jeff Houston, Trent Crawmer and Phil Rivera to remove the old kiosk and put the new one in place. Kim Lubeck used his tow truck to remove the old payment box and metal pole buried in the ground.



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## Midwest Partnership Board announces new staff

### Euken is new Economic Development Coordinator

Midwest Partnership EDC, an organization that provides economic development services to Adair, Audubon, Greene and Guthrie counties, announces the hiring of Stacie Euken as the new Economic Development Coordinator.

Prior to working with Midwest Partnership, Stacie Euken served as a Personnel Specialist for agriCAREERS, Inc. in Massena, IA for four and a half years. She has also previously worked for Farms.com/PigCHAMP in Ames. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Iowa State University in Agricultural Edu-

cation, is active in several agricultural organizations, and farms with her husband in the Anita area.

"I am very excited to join the Midwest Partnership team to assist with the organization's goals of retaining and growing existing businesses, maintaining a competitive position for new development, improving workforce issues, and helping small businesses and entrepreneurs continue to be successful. There are a lot of great things happening in the region and I look forward to being part of it," Euken said.

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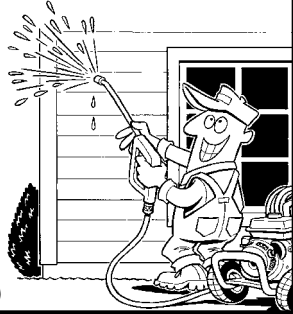
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The 24 active nests is a new high for the fish hawk in its effort to reestablish and expand its foothold in Iowa. The osprey restoration effort began in 1997.


Meanwhile, the peregrine falcon restoration success story continues to grow.

Last year, 14 successful nests produced 35 young. While it's too early to tally 2016 nest success, peregrine falcons have already hatched starting the countdown to when world's most dynamic winged predator take their first flight. The peregrine restoration effort began in 1989.


On June 10, a peregrine falcon program will be held on the east side of the State Capitol building at 10 a.m. There will be spotting scopes to view the falcons and a program with a live peregrine falcon by Kay Newman from Saving Our Avian Resources, followed by a discussion of falcon activities at the site and others with Make Havlik, from the Dallas County Conservation Board and Pat Schlarbaum with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

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Lot 3687 - Large corner lot .....	\$25,000
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Lot 6256 .....	\$10,000
Lot 6461 .....	\$10,000
Lot 1252 - 5265 Tie Road .....	\$20,000
Lot 1267 - 5274 Panorama Dr .....	\$20,000
Lots 3707 & 3708 - 4812 & 4814 Panorama .....	\$22,500
Lot 1147 - 5310 Panorama Terrace .....	\$15,000
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