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SPECIAL TO THE LAKE TIMES

Ron Morden is shown with his late wife, Jaynie, in this photo taken in 2011 on the deck of their Lake Panorama home. Jaynie passed away in June 2014. The pair had worked on the formation of a new organization to support mixed-voice barbershop music. The organization became reality, and recently was recognized as an affiliate of the men's barbershop society.

## Lake Panorama resident leads new mixed barbershop group

By SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Times staff

Ron Morden, who has had a home on Lake Panorama for more than 30 years, has been singing barbershop music for 50 years. His wife Jaynie, who passed away in June 2014, sang with the Sweet Adelines for more than 40 years. Together, they sang in a mixed-voice quartet for nearly all of their 15 years of marriage.

"Our philosophy was always that singing barbershop music in a chorus is very satisfying, but it is even better when you sing in a quartet. And for us, singing in a quartet with your spouse was the highest form of enjoyment," Morden says.

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## Sunset Beach Playground donations continue

By SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Times staff

Another \$2,200 in donations was received in the first six weeks of 2016 to support a new destination playground at Sunset Beach. Friends of Lake Panorama now has raised \$57,000 towards its goal of \$80,000 for the playground.

The first \$30,000 was raised in late 2014 through August 2015. A mailing to LPA members last November announced Friends is working to raise an additional \$50,000. The Lake Panorama Association board voted to match that amount if the money is raised no later than August 1, 2016.

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## Lakeside Village management offers local, regional expertise



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Several Lakeside Village residents made tissue paper flowers to decorate the library and classrooms, in conjunction with the Panorama Elementary School's annual book fair.

By SUSAN THOMPSON | Lake Times staff

The Lakeside Village on Lake Panorama's main basin is an independent, assisted living and memory care retirement community for seniors 55 and older. A new team took over in August, which includes a regional management company with local residents filling key onsite management roles.

Dr. Mark Menadue has had a home at Lake Panorama since 1989. He purchased The Port in 2004 and built the attached 22-suite

hotel in 2006. His next investment was the 64-unit Lakeside Village, which opened in November 2007. Last year, he decided to research

possible national and regional senior housing management groups to oversee Lakeside Village.

"This process was daunting in its scope, but we quickly identified a regional leader in Senior Housing Companies," Menadue says. "They were highly recommended by their current clients and are very active in ongoing development and state-of-the-art care in senior housing."

Menadue says he was impressed with Senior Housing's mission statement — "Our top priority is

tending to wants, needs and comfort of our residents. And our fundamental beliefs are based on five core values: Integrity, Innovation, Compassion, Commitment and Expertise."

Senior Housing Companies, based in Cedar Rapids, was founded by Allen Phillips, who serves as president. The 12-year-old company now manages 17 retirement communities in Iowa.

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## 91-year-old woman attends first Iowa caucus

By ASHLEY SCHABLE  
Lake Times staff

Bea Wright admits she had to look up the definition of "caucus."

After learning about the gatherings of fellow party members to discuss presidential preferences, elect local party leadership and determine their preferred presidential candidates, Wright attended her first Iowa caucus on February 1, at the age of 91.

A resident at Lakeside Village in Panora, Wright said she's always enjoyed being part of the election process.

"I have been to many primaries, but never a caucus, and I have never missed an election for a president," she said.

Wright, who hails from Nebraska and lived 40 years of her life in Joplin, Missouri, had never experienced a caucus and wanted to be part of the process this year.

"I was quite impressed with it," she said. "It's quite a different experience than the primaries."

Wright attended the Republican Caucus at Panorama Elementary School with her daughter Nancy Tinnean and Nancy's husband, Leroy, who have lived in Panora since 1993.

The couple first honeymooned at Lake Panorama and eventually purchased that same home.

Wright and her husband Bill moved to Panora from Missouri to be closer to Nancy and Leroy. They moved to the area the morning after the devastating Joplin Tornado in May 2011.

"Bill was in a place for therapy and I was in our apartment there in Joplin," Wright recalled about the EF-5 tornado that took hundreds of lives and injured thousands in Missouri. "It went right between us, so we were both very lucky."

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ASHLEY SCHABLE | VEDETTE

At the age of 91, Bea Wright of Panora, attends her first caucus event Monday night. Wright, who lived 40 years in Missouri, said she was intrigued by Iowa's caucus system.

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Kitchen of Bruce and Marcia Roenfeld at Lake Panorama

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VILLAGE  
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The company's theme is "Rolling out the red carpet for you!" Allison Law, Senior Housing's vice president of operations, says the company's philosophy is based on residents being the "number one priority. Each of our managed communities is dedicated to satisfaction and quality of life for our residents."

While Senior Housing employees provide technical support, advice and coordination, Law says it was important to expand the local management staff. "They know the community, and are better suited to developing a family-like environment," she says.

The lead member of the local management team is Dee Eckley, who was hired as Lakeside Village manager. "In visiting the community with a friend, I could see there was untapped potential to increase occupancy and take the facility to another level," Eckley says. "It also was apparent that having the management/coordinator team members be from the Panora community would be a great asset."

Eckley moved from Ankeny to Lake Panorama in 2013 with her husband Doug. She has 35 years of nursing experience, 12 years in management and has been trained in Performance Excellence. She oversees all aspects of the Lakeside Village operation. "My goals for Lakeside Village are growing occupancy, enhanced activities, greater community involvement, and ensuring our residents have all the services they need," she says. Eckley holds monthly resident meetings to get feedback on what they need and want. For instance, residents now can place orders and have items delivered weekly from Hometown Foods in Panora, an idea that surfaced in one of these meetings.

Eckley leads a team of coordinators, all hired in recent months and who live in the Panora area. "All of us have a vested interest in our community and want Lakeside Village to have that connection to Panora as well," she says. Angie Holloway, community relations coordinator, was one of



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Many decades ago, Edna Scherle, who is 93 years old, taught in a country school. Here she helps Parker McGuire as he reads a book to her at the Panorama Elementary School.

the first new hires. She worked for both McFarland and UnityPoint as a clinic manager, and began at Lakeside last October. She and her husband Shawn moved to Lake Panorama last summer with their two daughters, after he was hired as the Panorama Community Schools superintendent.

"What attracted me to Lakeside Village was my desire to serve the Panora community. It is very important to Shawn and me to be vested in our community, to promote local businesses and the community's success," Holloway says. Holloway's responsibilities include promoting, marketing and all things public relations. "I collaborate with local experts and organizations to provide educational opportunities, host community service events and provide entertainment opportunities, all in an effort to mesh Lakeside Village with the rest of the Panora community," she says.

Karla Bristle, RN, is the new health care services coordinator. She and her husband Ron moved from Ogden to Lake Panorama in 2013. Bristle conducts resident

health assessments, develops individualized service plans, and handles medication management, lab work and doctor visits.

Emily Wells, RN, joined the Lakeside staff in late December to assist Bristle with health care services. She and her husband Luke and their two children moved to Panora seven years ago. Marla Hammer has worked in the Lakeside Village kitchen for more than four years, and was named culinary coordinator last fall. She oversees the culinary staff, coordinates meal plans and assists with special events. Under her guidance, additional meal and snack options now are available to residents.

Marla's husband, Mark, recently was hired as maintenance coordinator. The Hammers moved from Riverside, Calif., to Lake Panorama in 2007. He has responsibility for maintaining the community building and grounds, plus all related equipment.

The newest member of the local management team is Kim Vogel, who started her position as life enrichment coordinator

February 15. Vogel, a retired Panora cosmetologist who lives on Burchfield Cove, is responsible for planning and conducting daily activities and special events, and creating a monthly activities calendar for residents.

There currently are 12 universal workers who provide direct support to residents, and four

culinary workers. "Half of these are long-time employees and half are new," Eckley says. "This has provided a great blend to our staffing needs."

Eckley says she's always looking for more "great people. We offer full benefits such as health insurance, vision, dental and 401 K. But the best benefit is the reward of working with the residents and making a difference in their days and lives. We become one big family," she says.

Along with the increase in personnel has come an increase in activities and events. "Many of our activities and events now are free and open to the public," Holloway says. "The number of educational opportunities, meetings and participation in the community has increased immensely."

One of the first new activities implemented when Senior Housing took over was the Live 2B Healthy program, an on-site fitness training program tailored just for seniors. Classes are taught by certified instructors and designed for both fun and fitness. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. and last about 45 minutes. The classes are free and open to the public, as well as to Lakeside Village residents.

Another new program just for those in the memory care program is Music Speaks. A board certified music therapist visits Lakeside Village twice a month, and uses songs and musical instruments to help increase social

interaction and communication.

A new community connection has been made with a reading group at the Panorama Elementary School. A Lakeside craft project resulted in tissue flower decorations for the school's book fair.

Monthly Bingo parties got underway in January that are free and open to the public. Popcorn and beverages are provided and prizes awarded. Future dates are March 16, April 20 and May 18, all beginning at 1 p.m. and lasting one hour.


An Alzheimer's/Dementia Caretaker Support Group was started in January, with monthly meetings. Those who are caring for or assisting in caring for a person affected by Alzheimer's or a related dementia, plus family members and friends, are encouraged to participate in this free support group. The next meeting will be March 16 at 6 p.m.

An Alzheimer's Awareness movie series was presented the first three Thursdays in February. These movies were lead-ins to an open house planned in the Lakeside Village memory care program March 3 at 2 p.m. Those attending will be able to tour some of the 20 apartments in the memory wing, experience life enrichment and sensitivity activities, and at 3 p.m. learn about warning signs from a representative of the Alzheimer's Association.

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These 45-minute exercise classes, which are open to both Lakeside residents and the general public, are held at 9 a.m. each Tuesday and Thursday.




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**Santa Claus made an appearance at the Lakeside Village Holiday open house in December. Here he visits with three Lakeside residents in the building's front lobby, left to right, Rosie Hunter, Darlyne Jorgensen and Neva Clark.**

## VILLAGE

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On March 15, Lakeside Village is hosting a community blood drive from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Appointments to donate blood can be made by calling LifeServe Blood Center at 800-287-4903, or at [www.donorsaves.org](http://www.donorsaves.org).

Residents have the chance to take trips in the Lakeside bus for shopping, lunch, musical events, the Panora library and other locations. In late January, a trip to Saylerville Lake was a chance to see bald eagles and pelicans.

Church services, Bible studies, daily chair exercise options, and men's and women's coffees are offered. Craft activities, Sunday afternoon movies, musical entertainment, outside speakers and birthday parties fill the monthly calendar. Pontoon rides on Lake Panoram will be offered this summer.

Marcia Harris has been living at Lakeside Village nearly five years. "I really appreciate the monthly tenant meetings to which all tenants and family members are invited," she says. "This gives us an avenue to voice complaints and give input into planned activities. They have been doing their very best to make these things happen."

Lora Koch's mother, Betty Lippincott, has been living at Lakeside Village for more than a year. "When Mom needed more help and wanted to live closer



**A new program offered to residents in the memory care program is Music Speaks. Board-certified music therapists use singing and a variety of musical instruments to connect with the residents. Here therapist Maggie Scheppmann sings and plays a drum with Paul Thompson.**

to us, the first place we looked was Lakeside Village. The recent change in management has only improved all they have to offer," Koch says. "Mom especially likes the friendly staff, delicious meals, and the beautiful view of Lake Panorama. It gives us so much peace of mind to know she is safe, eating well and enjoying new friends and activities."

Many apartment styles and sizes are available. There are small, assisted living efficiency apartments, and spacious two-

bedroom, two-bath independent living apartments, with a wide variety of sizes and configurations between.

There is a wireless emergency call system, free high speed internet, a library and a fitness room. Small pets are welcome. While many of the apartments have lake views, those on the east side of the building that offer views of neighboring cropland and a courtyard garden also are popular.

There are no buy-ins, monthly maintenance fees or long-term leases. Monthly rents are based on both apartment size and services desired, and include all utilities except phone and cable. Residents in the memory care program pay an all-inclusive rate. Independent and assisted living residents choose the services they want, and monthly charges vary as services are increased or

reduced as needs change.

Lakeside Village owner Mark Menadue says he's pleased with the improvements being made. "Our initial experience reaffirms our selection of Senior Housing as compassionate caregivers who understand senior living communities, and how to provide the best residence experience with coordinated care, community activities and ongoing improvements to the facility and experience," he says. "We look forward to continued betterment of our community and staff, and our contribution to Lake Panorama and the local area."

Tour appointments can be made by calling 641-755-3443. More details about the community, including monthly calendars, menus and newsletters, are available online at [thelakesidevillage.com](http://thelakesidevillage.com).



ASHLEY SCHABLE | LAKE TIMES

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## WRIGHT

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The home they had lived in for 40 years, and had sold that December, was destroyed.

"It was just really hard to think of all our neighbors; our whole block was destroyed," Wright said. "It was very sad to see the home that we just loved gone."

Wright lost her husband, Bill, in 2012. This past Wednesday, Feb. 3, would have been their 70-year wedding anniversary.

Nancy Tinnean describes her mom as an amazing lady, who has been through so much in her lifetime. She was happy to take her along to the caucus this year.

"When we moved to Iowa, the whole caucus thing was new to us, but yes, we had caucused before," Tinnean said. "But it was really foreign to (Wright). She had a hard time understanding why you just couldn't go and vote all day like in primary elections in other states. She was intrigued by Iowa's caucus system."

Wright said she enjoyed how everybody at the caucus was able to speak so freely before

they took the vote.

Wright said she had her mind made up before the evening began and said it didn't change, but she didn't want to share which candidate she supported. She did say, however, that seeing Trump came in second was rather interesting to her.

Wright said in all her years of casting a vote, she remembers the year of president Herbert Hoover the most.

"I don't know why, because I am 91, but I can remember them talking about the Hoover election, so that's how old I am," she joked.

Hoover, America's 31st president, took office in 1929, the year the United States economy plummeted into the Great Depression.

Wright said this year's race is interesting, but she's tired of all the commercials.

"I know they are just trying to get their points over," she said. "I just don't remember it being this long before."

But she'll continue to pay attention — and she believes it's important for everyone to cast their vote.

"It's good to be counted," she said.



**Bea Wright, 91, of Panora attends her first Caucus event Monday, Feb. 1 in Guthrie County. Wright and her husband, Bill, moved to Panora from Joplin, Missouri where they lived for 40 years before moving closer to their daughter and son-in-law Leroy and Nancy Tinnean in Panora. Wright said she was very happy to attend her first Caucus event.**



**Welcome parties are held for each new Lakeside Village resident, to give both residents and staff the opportunity to get to know new members of the community. Radene Riley poses with her cake at her recent welcome party.**

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MORDEN  
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Four years ago, their passion for mixed-voice singing set the Mordens to work on forming a new group that would represent barbershop singing groups of both genders. The Mixed Barbershop Harmony Association came into existence in 2014 as an outgrowth of a task force commissioned by the Barbershop Harmony Society.

“We received IRS approval in late 2015 as a charitable entity,” Morden says. “The idea was to create an organization that would serve singing groups that include both genders, something the three other barbershop-based organizations do not.”

As the incorporator, Morden became its president. He recruited a geographically diverse seven-person board with members from Virginia, Iowa, Colorado, Wyoming and two provinces of Canada, plus volunteer staff from California, Colorado and Oregon.

At the recent midwinter convention of the Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS), the newly formed mixed barbershop group was accepted as its newest affiliate. “A factor that made this extra special for me was that this happened on what would have been Jaynie's 67th birthday,” Morden says.

Morden says the BHS, a men's singing organization, and its sister organizations of Sweet Adelines International and Harmony, Incorporated were built on the close harmony tradition of four-part, single-gender singing in the style popular at the turn of the 20th Century.

“This new organization gives men and women a group devoted to supporting and enhancing the experience of singing barbershop harmony together,” Morden

says. “We now have a better opportunity to share the joy of mixed voice singing to men and women in Canada and the United States. There is more mixed harmony happening out there than we know, and it's time for them to have an organization that supports their efforts and promotes this style.”

Morden continues to sing in a mixed quartet. The Mordens' original mixed quartet, Celebration, sang together for several years and took third place one year in the only national mixed competition available. Following Jaynie's passing, the group searched for a new lead, finding one in 2015.

“Our new name is QuadratoniX,” Morden says. “We have been appearing in shows, and several churches in the central Iowa area, and the ‘ham’ in all of us is always looking for more opportunities to perform.” Morden serves as the quartet's contact person.

The MBHA will be working with the BHS to offer contest opportunities, and to serve as the qualifying body for North American entrants to the bian-nual World Mixed Harmony convention and contest hosted by Barbershop in Germany. Morden will be representing his new organization at the competition in Munich in early March.

Morden says the MBHA will be seeking similar support from the women's organizations as they continue to build on the popularity of a cappella singing and personal vocal expression through song in mixed harmony ensembles.

“We will be approaching them very soon, but an affiliation of this sort will be charting new territory for both organizations,” he says. “We are definitely going to be working hard to get the endorsement of the two women's organizations, as well.”

FSB Yale appoints  
new board member

Dr James T. Koch, area Optometrist, has joined the Board of Directors for Farmers State Bank of Yale. Dr. Koch replaces Dave Whitton, who retired after serving the Board for 24 years.

Dr. Koch is an Optometrist with Eye Care Associates with offices in Panora, Perry, Guthrie Center, Stuart and Jefferson. He is a graduate of Luther College and Illinois College of Optometry. He and his wife, Lora, reside at Lake Panorama with their daughters.

“Jim is a welcomed addition to our Board of Directors,” says Doug Hemphill, President of Farmers State Bank. “His back-

ground adds some diversity to our team and we look forward to the new ideas he will bring.”

Existing Board Members are as follows: John Wilson, Board Chairman (newly elected replacing Dave Whiton as chair), Jordan Carstens, David Dearsdorff, Derek Hemphill and Doug Hemphill.

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Nomination papers available  
for LPA Board election

Lake Times staff

March 15 is the deadline for nomination papers to be filed by those interested in a seat on the seven-member LPA 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 annual ballot varies each year.

For 2016, there will be three seats on the ballot. Current board members John Coghlan and Neil Wright each have served two consecutive terms and will be leaving the board. Bill Douglass has completed one

term, and remains undecided about another term.

So far, three people have taken out the necessary nomination papers — Larry Babcock, Gary Evans and James Spradling. Candidates must collect a minimum of 17 signatures, representing 17 separate active memberships.

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. All forms are available at the LPA office or via email.

A mailing that includes the ballot, numbered envelope and the official announcement of the annual meeting will be sent to members 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.

The annual meeting will be Saturday, May 14, beginning at 10 a.m., at the Lake Panorama National conference center.

Iowa boat registrations due April 30

2016 is a boat registration year and Iowans will be registering about 235,000 boats before April 30.

Boat registrations are handled by Iowa's county recorders. Boat owners should bring their current registration to re-

corder's office in the county where the individual resides when they renew.

Nonresidents who register their boat in Iowa will go to the county where the boat is primarily used.

Owners who purchased a boat from a private seller and is registering it in their name should bring the signed registration and to make sure the title is signed over to them, if applicable.

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**Q&A:** John Dinnebier, director of operations, Lake Panorama National

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT THE LPN?

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

The Lake Panorama Association owns two golf operations, one on each side of the lake. Both the 18-hole Lake Panorama National and the 9-hole Panorama West opened in 1971. John Dinnebier, Lake Panorama National director of operations, answers questions about plans for the 2016 golf season.

**Q: The kitchen at Lake Panorama National is being remodeled, which means The Links restaurant is scheduled to close Sunday, February 21, and reopen Tuesday, March 8. What is being done?**

A: The remodel includes replacing the ceiling damaged by a roof leak that has been fixed, and new equipment and counters to improve the food prep line. We’re also replacing an old walk-in cooler with a new, larger refrigerator that will be placed on the outside of the building next to the walk-in freezer already there. This will create more open space in the kitchen. The items being replaced are worn out. We think the remodel will be a huge improvement for our kitchen staff. The projected cost of the project is \$100,000. The LPA board of directors approved this project as part of the LPA capital budget for 2016. During the remodel, The Links bar area will be open Wednesdays through Saturdays 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. We’ll have drink specials and limited finger foods available. We expect to reopen for regular traffic March 8, or earlier if the work is ahead of schedule. The closure will only

be while work is underway in the primary kitchen. Installation of the new outside cooler can be done once the kitchen reopens. When the kitchen does reopen, new lunch and dinner menus will be introduced, along with daily specials. We’re excited about this upgrade to the LPN kitchen, it was long overdue, and will make it easier for our kitchen staff to provide high quality food to our patrons.

**Q: The Lake Panorama National Board of Managers was created last fall, with seven board members appointed by the LPA Board of Directors. The new board has responsibility for overseeing LPN policy and direction. How has this new board been operating?**

A. The new board has met several times and is being a big help with many aspects of the LPN operation. We’ve had lots of discussion regarding our business, pricing and allowing the staff to be put in areas where they can grow, and also help the business grow. Board members have been very helpful and positive. They’ve been great at offering their individual expertise to help the LPN continue to move in a positive manner. This is a big operation, with many different departments, and they still are getting their hands around everything. Our goal is to use 2016 as a time to learn and grow together, and 2017 as a performance year. Part of our business review has led to some staffing changes. Mike Kleinwolterink now is The Links manager. He started working at the LPN as a teen-

ager in the cart barn, moved to the pro shop, and has been the first assistant pro there for many years. For the past few years, he also has assisted me with many aspects of the LPN operation, so he’s well-suited to this new position. Replacing Mike in the pro shop is Justin Smool, who has worked in the cart barn and pro shop for several years. Justin has joined the Iowa PGA and entered the PGA Apprentice program. Sarah Burkhardt, who was both an intern and then a part-time employee, is our new event planner. She will continue to work at the reception desk three days a week, while helping more with events.

These three personnel moves will allow me more time to focus on the overall business of LPN. The calendar for 2016 looks good. A combination of weddings, business retreats, member events and daily traffic will keep us busy.

**Q. How are golf memberships for 2016 coming in, both for Lake Panorama National and Panorama West?**

A. Selling annual golf memberships is extremely important to the success of both the LPN and Panorama West. While daily green fees and special events help pay the bills, it’s the loyalty of a strong membership base that keeps both golf courses operating. So far, we have 140 memberships at the LPN. Most of those came in during December and January to take advantage of the reduced “early bird” membership rate that ended January 31. On the recommendation of the Board of Managers, we did



not increase LPN dues for 2016. We have seen a slight decrease in LPN memberships sold during the past couple years. By freezing dues this year, we hope to stop that decline and gain some new members. Our goal is to reach 250 memberships for 2016, and we expect activity to pick up as the weather improves and people start to think more about golf.

We’re starting to get Panorama West memberships in, but we know most members there wait until closer to the time the pro shop opens for business in the spring. We’re looking forward to another great year on that course, with strong memberships, leagues and daily play by visitors to Lake Panorama. Four new pieces of equipment have been purchased for Brandon Waddle and the rest of the grounds crew to get and keep the Panorama West course in great condition this year, and

in the years to come.

**Q: This will be the first full year for the new pool and spa at Lake Panorama National. Tell us what’s in store for 2016.**

A. The new pool was a great success last summer. We sold 45 annual memberships, and had more than 1,000 daily fees paid. A window was created in the southeast corner of the pro shop where people can check-in, purchase an annual membership or pay a daily fee, and buy concessions. We sold lots of drinks, ice cream and a wide variety of snacks from the concessions window last year.

We’re expecting an even better year in 2016. Guests of Clover Ridge and Lake Panorama Inn and Suites have access to the pool at no charge. All others must either have an annual membership or pay the daily fee. Annual memberships for LPA members are \$75 for a single and \$130 for a family. Non-LPA members can get an annual membership for \$85 for a single and \$145 for a family. The daily fee will be \$3. Anyone using the pool must check-in at the pro shop window before entering the pool. Again this year, the pool can be rented for special events, and food can be purchased from The Links and delivered to the pool.

**Q: You’re making a push to increase the number of tee box sponsorship signs on the LPN course in 2016. Give some de-**

**tails on this opportunity.**

A: In 2008, we had 12 businesses make monetary or in-kind contributions to support the construction of Spikes between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tee on the LPN golf course. In exchange, those businesses received a sponsorship sign on an LPN tee box. Donor signs are made of granite, so these tee box sponsors are members of the Granite Club.

Several of the original businesses have maintained their sponsorship ever since, with the money collected used to support capital improvements at the LPN. There are several tee boxes without sponsors, and we’d like to see that change. An estimated 30,000 people see these signs each year. In addition, members of the Granite Club are listed on a special section of the LPN website. We also plan to create a display board in the pro shop to provide additional recognition for these LPN supporters, plus recognize them annually in an advertisement in the Lake Panorama Times.

New sponsors will pay \$1,000 for the first year. A portion of that fee will cover the cost of the sign, which can include a business or individual name, logo and a phone number or website address. After the first year, there is a \$500 annual cost to keep a sign on the course. Anyone interested in discussing a Granite Club membership can call 641-755-2080 and talk with Sarah Burkhardt.



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Lake Panorama Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 15, 2015  
Lake Panorama  
Association Office

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met December 15, 2015, at 5:00 PM, at the Lake Panorama Association Office. Board members present were Bob Batschelet, John Coghlan, Bill Douglass, Mindy Larsen Poldberg, Charles Schnack, and Neil Wright. Absent was Tom Jeschke.

Staff present: John Dinnebie, Director of Operations LPN; Danna Krambeer, John Rutledge, David Thompson, LPA staff.

Visitors present: Kane Powell, Vice President, LPN Board of Managers; Danny Cunningham, Lake Panorama Barge Service; Mark Van Houten, Van Houten Barge Service; Brian Dorsett, Nate Dorsett, Adam Halsey and Phil Halsey; Lyn Coulter, Coulter Marina; Gary Evans, Ron Morden, LPA Members; Chris Wadde, St Thomas More Center; and Everett Grasty, County Supervisor.

President Coghlan called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the Agenda.** Coghlan requested item 5a be moved to the first item in the agenda. Schnack moved to approve the revised agenda. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item 5a – Requests to authorize additional commercial barges on Lake Panorama.**

Rutledge briefly reviewed the history of the barge services and their relationship to LPA. In 1996 Tom Contner informed the board he was building a barge to service LPA members. Review of the rules indicates neither horsepower (1988) nor boat length limits (1997) were

in-place at the time of Contner's barge construction. The minutes reflect the tone of an informational update.

In 2001 Mark Van Houten informed the board he was considering a barge service on Lake Panorama. Van Houten requested the board provide him a three-year guarantee during which no other barge services would be allowed. Horsepower and boat length limits were in-place at the time, but no record of a variance was made in the LPA minutes.

LPA has authority to regulate horsepower and length of boats on Lake Panorama. Rutledge recommends proof of Commercial Insurance Coverage be required for all barge owners, coverage of not less than \$1 million per single occurrence and \$2 million aggregate, naming Lake Panorama Association as an additional insured. Parking is an issue that will need to be addressed if multiple barges are allowed.

Coghlan opened the floor up to the visitors in the room. No one spoke.

Batschelet asked Lyn Coulter, Marina, where another barge could be parked. Coulter explained the jetty offers a possible parking area and there is currently an open tie-on spot at the center set of slips. But, previous boards have made commitments to preserve the view of the Lighthouse, which is at the end of the jetty. And previous boards have upheld that the center set of slips extends too close to the fuel dock to practically allow for tie-on dockage to the center slips. Coulter summarized that his recommendation was to allow only two barges be parked in the marina.

Rutledge agreed there is no space at the Marina to park additional barges, but it may be possible to park at the dredge area. Joel Williams spoke to the covenants which restrict the parking of commercial vessels on residential lot property. Covenants cannot be changed by

board or membership vote.

Batschelet suggested first priority for the two existing marina spots should be given to current occupants; Lake Panorama Barge Service and Van Houten Barge Service. Rutledge confirmed administration of the marina spots by LPA and Coulters will be consistent with Batschelet's recommendation.

Rutledge indicated that any potential length and horsepower variances granted should be written very specifically, so as to limit these variances to viable commercial barge businesses. A general discussion on the variance, wording and transferability was held. General consensus of the board is to allow free enterprise.

Coghlan asked for a motion.

Douglass moved the board may provide a boat length and horsepower variance to anyone who presents a viable business proposal for a commercial barge, who will maintain LPA membership as part of their business plan and provides a certificate of insurance for Commercial General Liability Coverage of not less than \$1 million per single occurrence and \$2 million aggregate, naming Lake Panorama Association as an additional insured. The variance applies to the specific boat variance requested, will be ongoing and is transferable. Motion seconded. Motion carried. Wright abstained.

Douglass moved to allow the variance for Adam Halsey to put a commercial barge on Lake Panorama. Motion seconded. Motion carried. Wright abstained.

Douglass moved to allow Lake Panorama Barge a second barge. Motion seconded. Motion carried. Wright abstained.

**Agenda Item 2 – Open Forum.**

No one spoke in open forum.

**Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda.**

Wright 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 11.24.2015 LPA Board Meeting. c) Acceptance of 11.30.2015 consolidated financial report – LPA & LPN, LLC.

**Agenda Item 4a – LPN, LLC Report.** John Dinnebie spoke regarding the LPN, LLC Board of Directors. Dinnebie noted a cash flow report had been provided to the LPA board of directors in the advance packet. Dinnebie informed the LPA board of directors that the LPN board of managers had met four times, with three committees having been formed; Admin, Marketing, and Facility.

Dinnebie provided a kitchen remodel update. Powell is planning on writing an itemized bid. This will be a template for LPA to use in the potential solicitation of other contractors, including a materials item list.

**Agenda Item 4b – Review of benefits provided to LPA and LPN Board Members**

The LPA Board members have traditionally received the following benefits, in addition to the \$100 per meeting:

One free LPA boat sticker per year of service (\$125 annual value).

One free single membership at LPWest Golf Course per year of service (approximately annual value of \$200).

A discount at the Lake Panorama National Golf Course (a value of \$75 to \$175 annually, depending on type of membership).

The boat sticker and LPWest Golf Course membership have been given to the board by LPA. The discount at LPN has been absorbed by the LPN, LLC operating budget.

The transition of the LP West management to LPN, LLC and the implementation of the LPN board of managers has caused this arrangement to be obsolete. In light of the new management structure, it is necessary the board of direc-

tors review what LP West Golf and LPN Golf amenities are provided to the LPA board of directors and LPN board of managers.

John Dinnebie and John Rutledge recommend the following benefits:

*Discounts and complimentary privileges traditionally provided to LPA board members at the LPWest Golf Course and the Lake Panorama National Golf Course will be discontinued to recognize corporate separation of the two entities.*

*Beginning in 2016, LPA will pay up to \$200 annually towards the purchase of an LPWest Golf Course membership, Lake Panorama National Golf Course membership or an LPN Conference Center swimming pool membership for each member of the LPA Board of Directors. In addition, one free boat sticker will continue to be provided annually to each board member. Not more than three years of benefits shall be provided for a three-year term of service.*

*Furthermore, LPA authorizes the LPN Board of Managers the discretion to award itself up to \$200 in credit towards the purchase of a LP West Golf Course membership, Lake Panorama National Golf Course membership or a LPN Conference Center swimming pool membership, to be paid by LPN, LLC. Not more than three years of benefit shall be provided for a three-year term of service.*

This promotes the use of the lake, golf courses, and swimming pool; amenities on which they are making decisions.

Discussion was held regarding whether this is the time to do away with the discounts to board members. Douglass moved to drop the benefit of golf dues discounts. Motion seconded.

Discussion was held on what perks are currently provided employees and what the LPN Board can offer for perks and discounts. Poldberg suggested these perks have

helped members generate interest in becoming board members; Coghlan agreed.

Coghlan called for the vote. Vote – one aye, four nay; motion failed.

Schnack moved to accept recommendation as provided by Rutledge and Dinnebie. Beginning in 2016, LPA will pay up to \$200 annually towards the purchase of an LPWest Golf Course membership, Lake Panorama National Golf Course membership or an LPN Conference Center swimming pool membership for each member of the LPA Board of Directors. In addition, one free boat sticker will continue to be provided annually to each board member. Not more than three years of benefits shall be provided for a three-year term of service. Furthermore, LPA authorizes the LPN Board of Managers the discretion to award itself up to \$200 in credit towards the purchase of a LPWest Golf Course membership, Lake Panorama National Golf Course membership or a LPN Conference Center swimming pool membership, to be paid by LPN, LLC. Not more than three years of benefit shall be provided for a three-year term of service. Motion seconded, motion carried.

**Agenda Item 6 – Other Business (None)**

**Agenda Item 7 – Closed Session** – Board entered closed session at 6:17 PM to discuss legal matters. The Board exited closed session at 6:45 PM.

Poldberg moved to approve annual contract with John Rutledge, LPA general manager, for 2016 as discussed in closed session. Motion seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item 8 - Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.**

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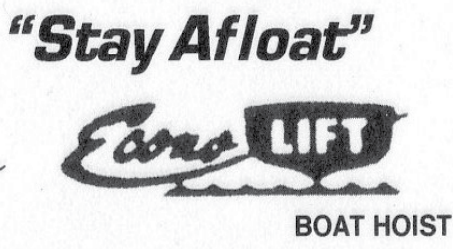
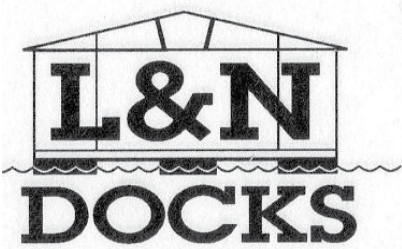


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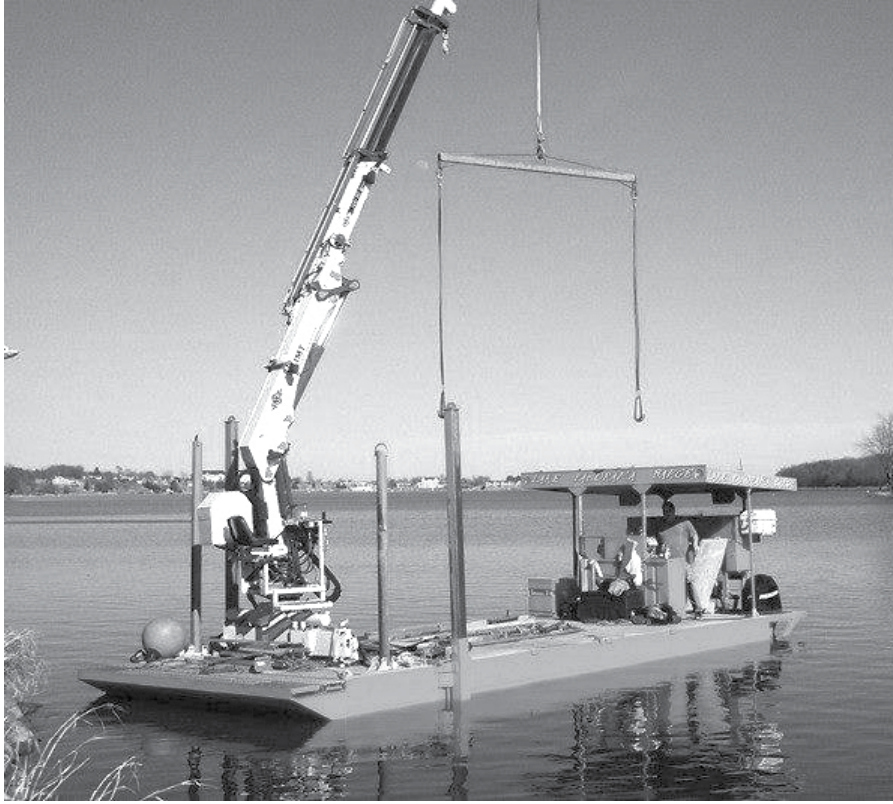
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While ice fishing has been in full swing for several weeks, anglers heading out are encouraged to bring a friend and check the ice often as they make their way to their favorite fishing spot. “Ice thickness is not uniform on any body of water, even in the middle of the winter. Things like melting snow and runoff can create weak spots and lakes with current or springs will have areas with slower ice growth,” said Joe Larscheid, chief of fisheries for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. “Anglers should also avoid areas with things sticking through the ice like rocks, trees or docks that will conduct heat and make the ice around it less stable.” The winter storm that left a fresh blanket of snow over most

of Iowa will cover potential areas to avoid so anglers are advised to use safety techniques usually associated with new ice. “Use a spud bar to work your way out, cut a series of test holes and don’t go out alone,” said Larscheid. Anglers should use their judgment and trust their instincts. If the ice does not look right, don’t go out. It is also a good idea to follow others footsteps on the ice. Avoid slushy or honey-combed and stay away from dark spots. Don’t walk into areas where the snow cover looks discolored. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources recommends a minimum of four inches of quality ice for fishing and at least five inches for snowmobiles and ATVs.

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Every March and April, Shepherd travels around the state to lead training workshops that prepare attendees to collect data on some of Iowa's critical wildlife. In 2015, trained volunteer monitor's submitted data on 163 bald eagle territories from around the state. Observations of nesting started in March and wrapped up June. Across three visits to each nest, citizen scientists collected information on their assigned nest's activity; how many young were produced and how many of those young successfully fledged from the nest. “This data collection requires lots of patience and some good optics in order to watch the nest from a distance and not disturb the birds,” said Shepherd. Volunteers also collected data on osprey and peregrine falcons, two species of raptor which have only been recently restored to Iowa. While not as widespread as eagles, volunteers were able to gather information on 14 nest sites.

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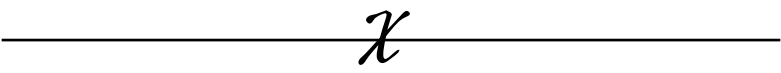


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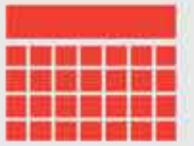


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