

Young Pro wins 2015 Brokers International Iowa Open

By SUSAN THOMPSON | Lake Times staff

A 23-year-old pro from Indiana won the Brokers International Iowa Open held at Lake Panorama National Aug. 14-16. Adam Schenk of Vincennes, Ind., had a three-day score of 197, 19 strokes under par. That is the lowest score in the six years of the Brokers International tournament at the LPN. Schenk shot scores of 68, 65 and 64 to earn a \$25,000 check. Nathan Lashley of Scottsdale, Ariz., was three strokes back and took second place.

Schenk graduated last De- LPN staff, and the sponsors cember from Purdue University and turned pro in January. In July, he won the St. Louis Metropolitan Open Championship. During an awards ceremony on the 18th green, Schenk praised the condition of the LPN golf course, local volunteers, the Iowa PGA and

who helped make the tournament possible.

Schenk will continue to play tournaments throughout the Midwest, and head to Latin America for PGA Tour tournaments this fall. He hopes to get through Q-school and play on the Web.com tour next year.

But if that doesn't happen, he pledged to return to Panora to defend his title.

Jon Olson of Ankeny was the low amateur in the open division with a score of 207, nine under par. Ruben Sondjaja of Ames was four strokes behind to take second place.

For the second year in a row, Javier Sanchez of Fayetteville, Ga., won the professional senior division. He had a score of 211, five under par. Jeff Smith of Oskaloosa was four strokes back to take second place. Bill Manske of Algona took first place in the amateur senior division with a 219. Ron Peterson of Urbandale was one shot back to take second.

This was the sixth year for the Brokers International Iowa Open at Lake Panorama National. During the awards ceremony on the 18th green, Kelly McCarty announced the company will sponsor the event again in 2016. He also talked about the creation of the Roger McCarty Memorial Youth Golf Foundation, which will support golf programs for young people who live in Guthrie County.

Troy Christensen, Iowa Section PGA executive director, praised local tournament volunteers and sponsors. "Panora, Iowa, is the best golf community in the United States," he said. "And the golfers who play in this event tell me this is the best 'Open' championship in the country.'

Complete results of the 2015 tournament are available on the Iowa PGA Section website - www.iowapga.com.



Adam Schenk received a trophy and a \$25,000 check for his score of 19-under-par in the Brokers International Iowa Open at Lake Panorama National Aug. 14-16. Pictured with Schenk are (from left) Sandy, Kelly and Jane McCarty, representing Brokers International; Gary Soreide, tournament director; Michael Kleinwolterink, LPN assistant pro; John Dinnebier, LPN general manager; Gary Babcock, LPN head pro; and Dan Wollner, LPN grounds superintendent. RELATED PHOTOS ON PAGE 2A

LPA Members Urged to Schedule Boat and Lift Removal Now

By SUSAN THOMPSON Lake Times staff

September is always a busy time of year for Coulter Marine and the two barge companies as they remove boats and lifts from Lake Panorama. But this September is going to be much busier than usual. That's because what these three companies normally do each fall in 10-12 weeks must be done in just four weeks this year.

On October 1, Lake Panorama will be lowered 4-5 feet so scheduled maintenance work on the dam spillway can be done. This is not an emergency repair, but is necessary to ensure the dam remains in good condition. LPA has determined October 1 is the latest date at which the lake can be lowered to ensure suitable work conditions.

Contractors applying sealants and crack repairs must do the work during warm enough temperatures for the sealants to cure and seal properly. This was last done in 2002 and several areas now require repair and maintenance. If work is done in cold weather, the performance of the sealants is reduced, which increases the frequency of repeat projects.

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Two New Benches Installed at Panorama West

Two new granite benches were installed August 5 at the Panorama West golf course. The work was done by Des Moines Winterset Monument. Each bench was placed on a granite pad with a sand base underneath, then secured to the pad with a special epoxy.

The bench honoring Joe Scheiring was made possible by donors who contributed \$2,500 to the Friends of Lake Panorama charity. Scheiring passed away August 8, 2014. He was well known as the organizer of the Fourth of July fireworks that originate at Shady Beach. He also was well known for his love of golf, so friends thought a bench on the #7 hole at Panorama West would be a fitting tribute. An inscription on the bench reads - "In Memory of Joe Scheiring, who loved the money hole, because he usually won it."

A bench on the #6 tee box honoring

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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT



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By ASHLEY SCHABLE Lake Times staff

he annual Panorama Days celebration had a little something for everyone in Panora July 31-August 2.

Whether you preferred being a spectator or wanted to be part of the action, the celebration drew a huge crowd.

"It's a celebration of our community," said Chaille Crandall, who has served as executive director of the event the past three years. "We hope everyone has a good time.'

Some come for the music, some come for the games and some come for the food.

The fact that they keep coming back is proof that the celebration has something for everyone, said Crandall.

"Everything was well attended again this year," she said.

The Panorama Days festivities opened Friday and continued through Sunday. This year's summer fun celebrated 50 years of Lake Panorama becoming part of the Panora com-

"I thought the weekend went well,"



Governor Terry Brandstad visits on the townsquare in Panora Saturday during Panorama Days. The Governor and wife, Christie, who have a home at Lake Panorama, attended the parade and had their grandchildren along who kept busy in the Kids Zone during the celebration.

said local volunteer Jaime Waddle. "The Kid Zone is always a hit, especially because of the face-painting artists. They continue to have an ongoing line."

This year the celebration added a

Watermelon Feed at Michael Mills Park on Sunday. Six teams competed in Foosball, with the Eric and Ammy Webster family taking the first-ever

Human Foosball Tournament and a PANORAMA, PAGE 4A

Mailing to LPA members yields new sunset beach donations

By SUSAN THOMPSON

A letter sent to all Lake Panorama Association members in late July is resulting in additional donations for a playground at Sunset Beach. The letter outlined efforts by the Friends of Lake Panorama to raise enough money to lock in the current bid for the planned playground.

Friends of Lake Panorama is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity, which is focused on improving recreational amenities at Lake Panorama.

The Friends board kicked off its first fundraising campaign last fall with a similar mailing, and more than \$35,000 was donated in the last six weeks of 2014. Since a high percentage of charitable contributions are made towards the end of each year, the Friends board is asking LPA members to consider making a 2015 charitable contribution now, rather than waiting until December.

In the first three weeks after the special mailing, \$4,500 was donated for the Sunset Beach playground. The playground is geared to ages 5-12, and has a play area capacity of 165. The main play structure includes multiple slides, bridges and climbing opportunities. Several smaller play structures surround the main area.

The Friends board remains committed to raising enough money for the complete playground. However, to help advance this project, they will consider building the playground in two phases, if necessary. The mailing LPA members received showed both the full playground, and a possible first phase, which could be built for \$50,000.

A form sent with the letter outlined the ways donations can be made to Friends of Lake Panorama. Cash, check, credit card, securities transfers and estate gifts all are welcome. Donations can be given in someone's memory or in honor of someone.

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Dylan Jackson of Kohler, Wis., won the open division of the 2014 tournament and though unsuccessful, returned to defend his title this year. He is pictured teeing off on the 13th green



On Sunday, there was walking scorers and leaderboards at several locations. An awards ceremony was held on the 18th green as soon as the final group had played in and the winner determined.



New this year for Sunday's final round was \$1 beer and other drink specials near the #13 hole. Gary Soreide, tournament director, said spectators were encouraged to bring a chair or blanket and watch the golfers throughout Sunday's round.



Besides the overall winner of the Iowa Open, trophies were presented to three additional players. Left to right, they are Javier Sanchez of Fayetteville, Ga., professional senior division winner; Bill Manske of Algona, amateur senior division winner; and Jon Olson of Ankeny, low amateur in the open division.



Players were introduced each morning on the first tee box, and as they arrived on the 18th green the final day.



Several followed the golfers on the final day of the Iowa Open Sunday. Spectators were encouraged to gather on the 13th hole this year and follow the golfers the rest of the round.



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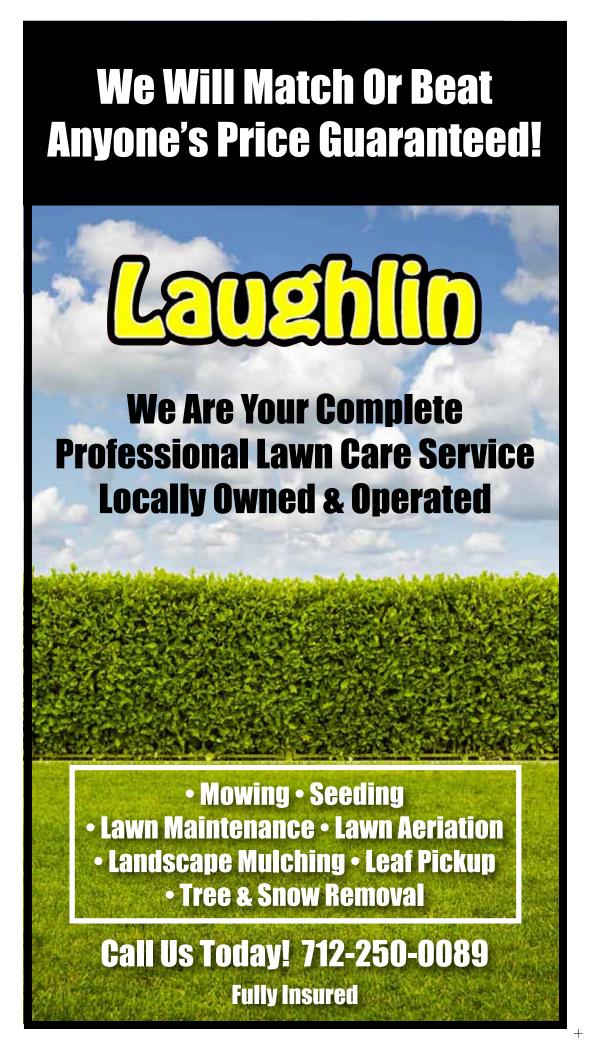
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Gerald and Anne Von Seeger was donated by the Von Seeger family. The couple was married 69 years, and lived at Lake Panorama for 25 of those years. Gerald was one of the founding members of the Panorama West men's golf league, and was instrumental in planting many of the trees on the golf course. He died April 2, 2011. Anne also loved golf, and passed away January 2, 2015. The inscription on Anne Von Seeger, Life is Worth is All.... Carry On."



A bench on the #6 tee box honoring Gerald and Anne Von the bench reads - "Gerald and Seeger was donated by the Von Seeger family. The couple was married 69 years, and lived at Lake Panorama for 25 of those years.

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a letter of thanks as their receipt. Only donations of \$500 or more receive public recognition. Donations of \$50,000 or more will receive special recognition, with the possibility of naming rights for the play-

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The LPA has periodically informed members of this upcoming project for more than a year, and now it's "crunch" time. To prevent damage, LPA members must make plans to have their boats, lifts and docks removed prior to October 1. The lake lowering will occur October 1 even if member equipment remains

in the lake. With just four weeks between Labor Day and September 30, some members will need to cut their boating season short to make sure all property is removed before the lake is lowered. It isn't possible for the barge companies and marina to get all the necessary work done if everyone wants to keep their property in the water until mid-September.

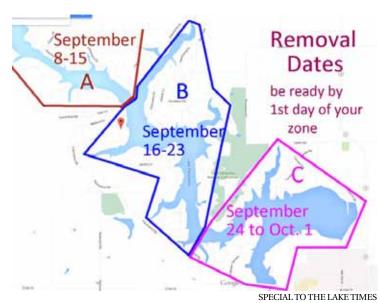
To make the September 2015 removal of boats and lifts as efficient as possible, the LPA, Coulter's Marine, Lake Panorama Barge Service and Van Houten Barge Service have established work zones. Members are not required to adhere to these zones, but are NOT **GUARANTEED SERVICE if** they delay beyond the start date of their zone.

The lake has been divided into three zones, and the marina and barge services will coordinate their efforts in these zones. Zone boundaries are approximate and progress will be weatherdependent.

Members who use the marina and/or barge services are encouraged to contact their service providers as soon as possible to schedule removal of their boating equipment. They can schedule removal EARLIER than the zones indicate, but NOT LATER.

Zone A includes all of the lake upstream from Burchfield Cove. Members living in this zone must contact their service providers as soon as possible to authorize equipment removal by September 8, since this will be done in Zone A September 8-15.

Zone B includes all of



This graphic shows the three work zones, plus dates when LPA members can expect to have their boats, lifts and docks removed, as long as prior arrangements with service providers have been made.

Burchfield Cove and downstream to Dale's Cove. Members living in this zone must contact their service providers as soon as possible to authorize equipment removal by September 16, since this will be done in Zone B September 16-23.

Zone C is the area from Dale's Cove through the Main Basin. Members living in this zone must contact their service providers as soon as possible to authorize equipment removal by September 24, since this will be done in Zone C September 24-30.

Members are urged to call their service providers as soon as possible to arrange for fall services, and making those calls prior to the Labor Day weekend would be best. Calls during September will come during the busiest time and barge services can't guarantee return calls. Phone numbers are:

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Since most sectional dock can be taken out while the lake level is down, barge services may choose to remove lifts with their crane and remove docks later.

Members may trailer their boat after Labor Day, but should expect congestion at the marina. They are encouraged to use courtesy at the boat ramp and be well prepared before occupying one of the limited ramp spots.

Members in small coves and inlets who do not normally have docks or lifts taken out are not required to do so, and there likely is no additional risk of equipment damage. Yet these members ultimately accept the risk for their property, and are reminded their boats will be stranded on lifts if not removed before the lake level is lowered.

The lower lake level will need to be maintained until work on the dam spillway is complete. Rainfall and river flows will determine when the 641.755.3351 or 515.971.0226 lake returns to normal pool.



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"I thought we'd lose early and then get some work done

at home," Eric joked. The Dan and Bette Donahey family, including children Mike, Lisa and Mark, who all returned home to Panora with their families for the weekend, had a lot of fun.

"Wow, you really feel like you are in the game," Mark chimed. "I feel like the guy in the game moving around on the pole."

Waddle, who served as the tournament official, said many teams are already talking about next year.

"I know several of the teams will be back," she said. "We will continue to make changes from the experience to make it even better."

A Kids Cake Walk and Pedal Pull, a 5K run and fireworks were also on the schedule, along with a variety of music and a Bill Riley Talent Show. The show was arguably highlighted by a stunning performance from Senior Division winner and Panorama senior-to-be Annie Kemble. Kemble advances to the State Fair with the title.

"She has a beautiful voice," a listener whispered in the crowd.

Saturday featured a Bass Fishing tournament at Lake Panorama, the annual Panorama Days Parade, the Treasures & Beyond Flea Market, a Classic Car Show, Bags Tournament and hours of music in the Gazebo.

In a presentation on the Town Square, John Rutledge, general manager of the Lake Panorama Association, was named Panora's Citizen of the Year. (See related story).

The Lake Panorama Ski Show entertained boatloads of fans on the water and a packed South Shore on land Saturday afternoon. Four-year-old Hope Kargarzadeh might have stolen the

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Kids and adults enjoyed gifts from the Balloon Artist during Panorama Days in Panora Saturday afternoon.



Wakeboarder Eric Reese jumps over wakeboarder Bre Neel during the Lake Panorama Ski Show Saturday. The high-energy act was a crowd-pleaser.



Mark and Eric Reese hold a bar above their head while Kylee Tessman performs during a Trios Act during the Lake Panorama Ski Team's "Hollskiwood" Show Saturday.



A 6x4x2 pyrmaid skis by the crowd on the south shore of Lake Panorama during the team's 31st annual show held during Panorama Days Saturday, August 1.

BILL RILEY

TALENT SHOW

Panorama senior-to-be Annie Kemble, 16, of Panora won the senior division of the Bill Riley Talent Show held Panorama Days on Friday evening.

The vocalist also qualified for Iowa State Fair competition. The senior division is for those 13-21 years old.

Second in the senior division was accordionist Nicholas Fischer of Council Bluffs, 20, while vocalist Sammy Kobberdahl, 16, of West Des Moines was third.

Seth Reno, 10, tap dancer from Guthrie Center, won the sprout division, 2-12 years old,

and qualified for the state fair. Next was Braylin Fowles, 6, of Urbandale, who did a jazz dance solo, with clogger Olivia Hagen, 12, of Afton third.

The three finishers in each division received \$50, \$30 and \$20 respectively.

PANORAMA DAYS PARADE

Winners of six Panorama Days parade categories have been announced.

Commercial - 1. Guthrie County State Bank/Lake Panorama Realty/GCSB investments, 2. Allen Family Chiropractic, 3. Lakeshore Family Dentistry.

Organizations - 1. Boy Scout Troop & Pack 153, 2. Guthrie County Historical Village, 3. Panora P.E.T.S.

Novelties/Miscellaneous -1. Janssen Juke Box, 2. Monteith City Council, 3. Panora-Linden class of 1975.

Antique/Classic Cars - 1. Jim Witte, Waukee, 1924 Model T touring car; 2. John Coons, 1962 Chevrolet bubble top; 3. John Coons, 1968 Chevelle.

Tractor/Farm Equipment -1. Venteicher Family, Bagley, 1951 Oliver; 2. Bob Downing, Linden, 1953 Farmall Super H; 3. Colten Benner, 1936 John Deere B.

Fire Department/Emergency Vehicles - 1. Panora EMS, 2. Guthrie Center Fire Department, 3. Panora Fire Department.

PANORAMA DAYS

5K FUN RUN 56 runners competed.

Female Division

1. Ella Waddle, 23.47 2. Kari Ranninger, 24.30 3. Devyn Kemble, 24.52

Male Division

1. Chance Webster, 20.55 2. Osvaldo Rodrigues, 21.31

3. Ben Marwedel, 21.43

KIDS FISHING DERBY Ages: 3-5

Smallest - Lindzey Jeffrey Most Fish Caught - Kade Wilson

Biggest – Alyssa Stanley Ages: 6-8

Smallest – Jaidyn Sellers Most Fish - Cruz Crandall Biggest – Sam Pawlowski Ages: 9-11

Smallest – Jazmyn Sellers Most Fish - Emmett King Biggest - Maddox Ham-

merstrom Ages: 12-13

Smallest – Luke Barnes Most Fish - Domonic Walker

Biggest – Tyler Brown Overall Top 3 Biggest Fish with additional trophy and Cash prize:

1st – Tyler Brown - \$50 2nd – Alyssa Stanley - \$25 3rd - Maddox Hammerstrom - \$15



Ella Waddle, a seventh-grader-to-be at Panorama, runs to a Top 5 place finish during the Panorama Days 5K Fun Run Friday.



Olivia and Nicholas Weisz were sibling winners during the Kids' Cake Walk during Panorama Days Friday night in Panora.



Trophies were award in the Kids Fishing Derby at Lake Panorama on August 2 for smallest fish, biggest fish and most fish. Cash prizes and a trophy were also awarded for the Top 3 biggest fishes caught. Fifty-six kids participated this year.



A new event for Panorama Days this year was a Human Foosball Tournament at Michael Mills Park. Six teams entered the friendly competition.



Kael Rutledge looks for the perfect piece of fruit during a Community Watermelon Feed at Michael Mills Park Saturday during the Fooseball Tournament. The feed was sponsored by the Guthrie County Vedette.



Alvssa Stanley gets some help from grandpa Doug Hemphill during the Kids Fishing Derby at Lake Panorama on Sunday, August 2.



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ter of Neil and Marcia Lewis of Bayard. The former Katie Lewis is a 1997 graduate of Guthrie Center, where she excelled as a student-athlete.

New to the Ski Show, in its 31st year, was a "Big Tow" routine with the boat pulling two separate pyramids — one after

another. Sixteen girls, in the largest grouping ever for the Lake Panorama ski team, took off the dock together to perform a striking Girls Line routine.

The annual Alumni Banquet was held Saturday night at Panorama high school. In a new event this year, former Homecoming Kings and Queens were recognized. Stephanie (Snyder) Francis, a 1990 graduate, delivered an entertaining speech. Francis, who said she's lived in seven different states, had her four children in attendance.

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 $\label{thm:county} \textbf{Guthrie County State Bank staff ride and walk during the Panorama Days parade in Panora on August 1.}$



Parade watchers lined Main Street in front of Panora's City Hall during the Panorama Days parade Saturday.



Kathy Kemble throws candy to the Panorama Days parade watchers while walking alongside the Lakeshore Family Dentistry float.



A Kids Pedal Tractor Pull was held on First Street in Panora Friday during Panorama Days. Kids competed in several age divisions with first and second place winners advancing



A youngster gets some help coloring her fish during a Kids Zone activity on the townsquare during Panorama Days.



Evyn Vetter finds some fun on the inflatables during Panorama Days Saturday. A Kids Zone entertained kids of all ages on Panora's townsquare from $11:30~\rm a.m.$ to $3:30~\rm p.m.$



Katie and Hope Kargarzadeh are a mother-daughter combination on the Lake Panorama Ski Team. The former Katie Lewis, a 1997 Guthrie Center High School graduate and daughter or Neil and Marcia Lewis of Bayard, was a member of the team as a youngster on the lake. Daughter Hope, age 4, is the youngest member of the team this year.



Kristi Vance introduces participants in the Bill Riley Talent Show at Panorama Days Friday night.



Cheryl Castile presents the Panora Citizen of the Year Award to John Rutledge during a ceremony on the town's square Saturday afternoon. Rutledge, General Manager of the Lake Panorama Association, said he accepts the award on behalf of so many people that make the community a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Rutledge named Panora's Citizen of the Year

By ASHLEY SCHABLELake Times staff

PANORA

John Rutledge, general manager at Lake Panorama Association, was named Panora's Citizen of the Year Saturday during the town's annual Panorama Days celebration.

Rutledge, who was clearly surprised at the announcement, said he is appreciative of the award.

"This is a great place to live, work and raise a family," he said. "There's a lot of people who do a lot of work for things I work on, so I'll accept this award on behalf of everybody who puts in their time."

Rutledge grew up in Guthrie Center, graduating from high school there in 1992. He and wife Tricia, a 1994 Panorama high school graduate, live in Panora with son Kael and daughter Emma. Rutledge serves on numerous committees in the community. He has been president of the Panora Area Development Group, PRIDE, active in the Panora Chamber of Commerce and

serves on the Midwest Partnership board.

He has done an excellent job," wrote Dale Grotjohn in a letter nominating Rutledge for Citizen of the Year.

Grotjohn has worked on the Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) board with Rutledge for eight years.

"It is with John's leadership that this board has been so successful," Grotjohn wrote.

A nomination letter from Brian and JoAnn Johnson touched on the leadership of Rutledge during the passage of the RIZ legislation.

"The credibility John Rutledge brought to the effort will have long-term benefit," they wrote, adding, "Building a strong community is evident through John's tireless efforts."

Barry Monaghan, in his nomination letter, said Rutledge is a very capable leader and an individual who is unafraid to make those tough decisions that fall into the "grey" area.

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Kevin Fister controls the ball during Human Fooseball tournament play Sunday during Panorama Days. This was the first year for the event and it drew six teams to Michael Mills Park in Panora for friendly competition.



A local color guard leads the Panorama Days parade Saturday in Panora, including (from left) Mike Arganbright, Joe Arganbright, Dave Carstens and Lynn Zajicek.



Runners take off during the Panorama Days 5K Fun Run/Walk Friday night. Fifty-one runners endured the 3.1 mile run in a steamy race that started on the north side of Vet's Auditorium, included a stretch out toward The Port north of town, and finished with an uphill climb to City Hall.



Stardusters perform a mix of Old Time 40/50s during Panorama Days.



Steve Brannan measured the size and recorded the number of fish caught by young fisherman during the Kids Fishing Derby held at Lake Panorama Sunday, August 2 during Panorama Days.



The Girls Line performs during the Lake Panorama Ski Show Saturday. The girls take off the dock on two skis and each drop one as they perform kicks and tricks on the

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"I brought them here because I want them to know you can do whatever you want in life," she said.

Several attended the Street Dance with "The Sons of Gladys Kravitz" performing outside the Owl's Nest on Main Street, while others relaxed at Main Beach for a Boat In/Beach Movie to end the night.

Crandall and Waddle, who were both found all around the community volunteering at various events, say they have already started planning for next year.

"A lot of work goes into it," Crandall said. "We want to continue to make it bigger and better."

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"With John at the helm, I have seen the community progress through tough times and through good times," Monaghan wrote. "His leadership during the Mother's Day tornado of 2014 was outstanding."

Monaghan said the future of Lake Panorama is in excellent hands with Rutledge at the lead.

In a fourth nomination letter, Steve Brannan, who has worked with Rutledge on various committees, said he is most worthy of the award.

"John has an amazing ability to balance his time between work, community service and family time," Brannan said. "John is always well prepared for meetings and whatever task at hand. John is an asset to Lake Panorama and the Panora community."

Past Citizen of the Year winners have been Karen Sievers, M.J. Brown, Joan Allen, Bette Donahey, Barb Wollner, Vickie Ditsworth, Chris Arganbright, Judy Contner, Dave Beidelman, Julie Zajicek, Pat Finnegan, Carolyn England, Dave Olson, Frank Teale, Cheryl Castile, Dale Grotjohn, John Dungan, Ron Reynolds, Dave Arganbright, Hugh and Merna Teale, Mary Jones, Mary Beidelman, Duane Miller, Galen Bymer, Kass Duis and Joe Scheiring.

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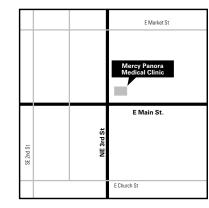
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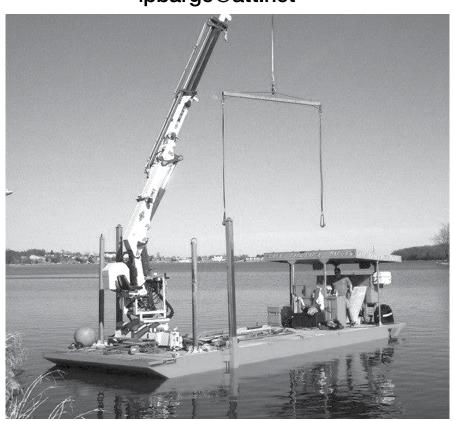
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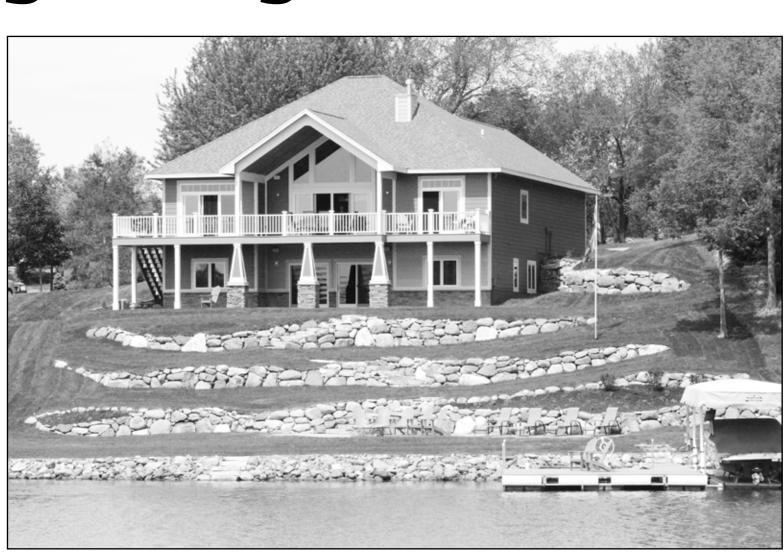
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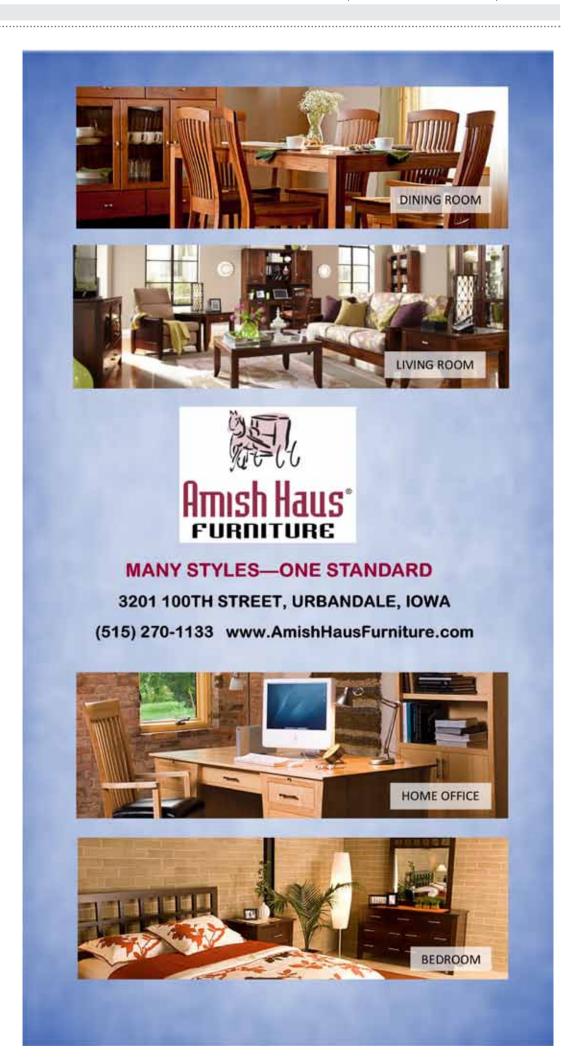
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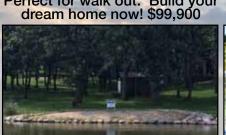


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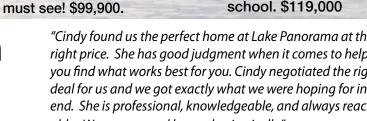
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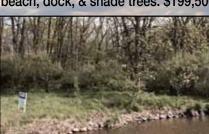
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Tori's Angels Foundation helps children in need



Tori Heckman of Guthrie Center, on the right, attends all Tori's Angels fundraisers, including this one in July in Johnston. She's shown with Hazel Roy and Hazel's mother Monica. Hazel is the 14th child sponsored by the Tori's Angels Foundation.

By SUSANTHOMPSON | Lake Times staff

n a Sunday morning more than five years ago, Jackie Wicks of Panora stood up from her pew in the Panora United Methodist Church. Her granddaughter, fiveyear-old Tori Heckman of Guthrie Center, was born with a heart defect that had required multiple surgeries at a Des Moines hospital.

"Everyone in the church was aware of Tori's situation," Wicks says. "After the last surgery, the doctors in Des Moines said there was nothing more they could do and sent her to Mayo Clinic. At Mayo, they said the same thing, and sent her home."

After doing their own research, Tori's family contacted Boston Children's Hospital. Information on her condition was sent to a doctor there, who said they might be able to help. "The next step was to get her there," Wicks says. "There was the cost of transportation, and lodging and meals for her parents."

Wicks said the family's financial resources were exhausted, and asked for help. Members of the congregation responded by planning a breakfast fundraiser. Many people got involved, with two couples as the key organizers — Bill and Connie Ridgley of Lake Panorama and Dave and

Mary Beidelman of Panora.

"We planned for 300 people, and 800 showed up," says Bill Ridgley. "We had to keep sending people to the store to buy more food. We raised more than enough money to send Tori and her family to Boston for three weeks."

Ridgley says Tori's situation and the extra funds raised got organizers thinking about forming a foundation to help other children like Tori. He approached her parents with the idea, who were immediately supportive.

Fourteen months after the July 2010 fundraiser, Tori's Angels Foundation received IRS designation as a 501(c)3 non-profit charity. Choosing the name was easy. From an early age, Tori often talked of an angel she called Charlie who was with her. In addition, those who generously supported her cause were considered community angels.

Tori's Angels assists families of



Wade Lengeling of Carroll attended the Family Fun Fair in Winterset last fall. There he met three members of the Iowa League of Heroes - Wonder Woman, Batman and Spiderman. Wade was Tori's Angels fifth sponsored child.



Tori Heckman of Guthrie Center is shown with three others who have been helped by the Tori's Angels Foundation. They are Natelie Adams of Indianola, Essie Hanson of Winterset, and Talon Ridout of Lorimor.

children with life-threatening medical challenges by paying all travel expenses to treatment, as well as medical copays, deductibles and medications not covered by insurance. Providers are paid directly, and all travel arrangements made by Four Seasons Travel in Harlan.

The Foundation has a volunteer board of directors. Bill Ridgley is president and chairman. Julie Dent-Zajicek is vice president, and Barb Bahde is secretary-treasurer. Other board members are JoAnn Alumbaugh, Dr. Steve Bascom, Kirby Klinge and Jeff Mason. Gigi Nelson is a non-voting member as a liaison with the American Cancer Society and Guthrie County Relay for Life. There also is an Angel Council, made up of volunteers who provide support, input, feedback and technical skills. While all board members are active, Ridglev and Bahde are the two most involved in day-to-day activities.

Bahde and her husband Michael moved to Iowa from California in 1984. Michael was a pastor until he retired in 2011. They lived in several places in Iowa before coming to the Panora United Methodist Church in 1999, and have lived at Lake Panorama since 2001. Barb worked for Principal Financial Group until her retirement in 2010.

"The timing was perfect for me to get involved with Tori's Angels," Bahde says. She pays bills from ANGELS, PAGE 2B



Hayden Weisenborn of Exira attended the Tori's Angels fundraising breakfast in July at the Panorama Community Center. He is the Foundation's 13th sponsored child. An event in Exira September 13 will be in support of Hayden.

providers, and sends expense money to families to cover meals while they are on medical treatment trips. She also manages the Tori's Angels Facebook page, and coordinates publicity for benefits. "But my favorite job is welcoming our kids and their families to our benefits and taking lots of pictures," she says.

SPECIAL ELECTION

Flood of votes in southern Guthrie County keeps supervisor elections unchanged

Letter urging voters to support Plan 3 includes misinformation

By REBECCA MCKINSEY Lake Times staff

After a letter was circulated urging residents of southern Guthrie County to vote against changing how county supervisors are elected, a surge of votes from the southern part of the county ultimately thwarted a committee's hopes to change county elections.

A special election held Aug. 4 allowed county residents to choose between one of three methods for electing their county supervisors, allowing for various amounts of residential flexibility for supervisors and voters. Essentially, the election asked, should supervisors have a district they live in and represent? And should residents of each district vote only for the supervisor in that district?

The three methods were as follows: Plan 1 (no district residency requirements for supervisors or voters), Plan 2 (each supervisor has a district to represent, but anyone can vote for them) and Plan 3 (each supervisor has a district to represent, and residents of each district can vote only for the supervisor in that district). The county currently operates under Plan 3. A bi-partisan committee that brought about the special election with a petition, carrying more than 400 signatures, endorsed Plan 2. Voters ultimately upheld Plan 3, with the bulk of the votes for continuing the plan coming from Stuart, Casey and Guthrie Center.

More than 900 voters chose to keep the current system, with almost 800 voting for Plan 2 and only 18 voting for Plan 1.

The letter, signed by Janet Dickson — former Guthrie County auditor and mother of current supervisor Mike Dickson — addressed residents of southern Guthrie County and asked them to vote for Plan 3.

The letter stated that switching to the committee's proposed plan would allow for all supervisors elected in the future to be from the Panora and Lake Panorama area, causing the southern portion of the county to suffer

But the committee publicly supported Plan 2, which would still keep district requirements for supervisors, requiring them to live throughout the county rather than all in one area. The letter also stated that

the "special-interest group" selected the election date of Aug. 4, "hoping that many residents either won't know or will be on vacation, creating a low voter turnout in our part of the county."

However, state law sets election dates - Aug. 4 marked special elections in several areas throughout the state.

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EDUCATION

Panorama schools' financial report card: Good

By GORDON CASTILE Lake Times staff

PANORA

Once again there were positive financial indicators for the Panorama school district as business manager Sarah Sheeder gave her year-end report to the school board on Monday, August 10.

The solvency ratio stands at 21.2 percent, down slightly from the 22.8 percent last year. This is the unassigned fund balance (\$1,641,636) divided by total revenues (\$7,740,400). The goal is at least 10 percent.

The unassigned fund balance per student is \$2,035 with the goal being \$1,000. Salaries were 79.6 percent of expenditures and 81.2 percent of revenues. It's desired to keep this percentage under 80 percent.

The district has a total of \$2,424,716 on hand.

Athletic Facilities - A tour of the upgrade of the athletic facilities was given to the board by Dave Arganbright, who serves as a construction overseer for the school.

Essentially the new locker rooms are complete. Used lockers are temporarily in place until the new ones arrive in October. The punch list for the area was done August Members of the football team moved the lockers into the new locker rooms.

As for the new track-football field complex, much major work will be wrapped up or nearly completed this week, he reported. This includes the markings on the football turf, home bleacher installation, putting up the press box and installing a metal roof on the concession stand-restroom building.

"Tell people we're going to play (football) here on August 28," predicted Arganbright. He noted it would be unfair to senior players if the area was unfinished and they had to play an extra game elsewhere during their final season.

A short term schedule provided by the main contractor lists the punch list as taking place next Friday.

Deeded Land - After a public hearing, the board voted to deed school-owned land to the City of Bagley for \$1.00. It had been thought this was done back in 1989 when the Panorama district was formed.

SCHOOL, PAGE 2B





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Bill Ridgley and his wife Connie were living in Harlan when they purchased a summer home at Lake Panorama in 2003. In Harlan, he ran Agriland F.S. and Design before taking a position as director of research for Growmark, a large farm cooperative. They became full-time Lake Panorama residents in 2005, and he retired

Once Tori's Angels receives an application for assistance, the child's doctors provide additional information about the diagnosis. If it is determined a medical condition is life-threatening, board members vote via email to sponsor the child.

The Foundation board recently approved an application for its 15th child. Several of the children helped by Tori's Angels have dealt with heart issues similar to Tori's, while many others have been treated for various forms of cancer. Despite treatment, five of the children have died.

Yet many of the children are doing well. In February 2012, the Foundation's fifth sponsored child was three-year-old Wade Lengeling of Carroll. Wade was diagnosed with Stage IV Neuroblastoma, and has undergone surgery and a variety of treatments. After 16 months, his follow-up scans are clean.

The Foundation's 10th sponsored child is Talon Ridout of Lorimor. Talon has Progressive Infantile Scoliosis, a life-threatening and complex deformity of the spine. At the age of two, he had many surgeries every eight weeks in Cincinnati to apply a cast to his body, but that was unsuccessful. He then had surgery in Iowa City to place magnetic rods in his spine. Now doctors can adjust the rods without subjecting him to surgery.

Tori's Angels kids receive help until they turn 19. The Foundation's ninth sponsored child, Natelie Adams of Indianola, "aged out" this year. After suffering severe headaches, she was diagnosed with a brain tumor in September 2012. Natelie had surgery that removed more than 90 percent of the tumor, followed by radiation and chemo treatments. Her

latest scans are clean, and she is attending junior college.

Fundraising is constant, and takes many forms. That first breakfast fundraiser in Panora has turned into an annual event, and includes freewill donations, fun for kids and a silent auction. Corporate and community sponsors make it possible for 100 percent of the money raised at this and other events to help sponsored children.

Similar fundraising events are held in other communities where Tori's Angels children live. A breakfast was held at the Pathway Church in Johnston this summer, where the families of two supported children — two-year-old Hazel Roy and three-year-old Gavin Carson — attend services. Both of these children were adopted from China and have the same heart defect as Tori.

A Family Fun Fair was held in Winterset last September in support of Talon Ridout of Lorimor and Esther Hanson, the 11th sponsored child, who has a heart defect and lives in Winterset. The Family Fun Fair is being repeated September 13 in Exira in recognition of the 13th sponsored child, Hayden Weisenborn of Exira.

Tori Heckman attends each fundraising event, sporting a pink T-shirt that says "I'm Tori. Thanks for being one of Tori's Angels." Blue T-shirts are sold that display the Foundation's logo and purpose, plus the statement "I'm one of Tori's Angels." Donors make it possible for all proceeds from shirt sales to benefit sponsored children.

One fundraising effort that doesn't make a lot of money, but has increased the visibility of Tori's Angels, is the sale of locally grown produce. Ridgley, who had a long career in the agriculture industry before retiring to Lake Panorama, has made arrangements with local landowners to grow a variety of items.

A vegetable garden near Mill's Park in Panora produces cucumbers, tomatoes and onions. Sweet corn is grown on the Lyle and JoAnn Alumbaugh farm near Linden. A plot of land owned by Jim and Carol Wendl west of Panora provides pumpkins, melons, squash and cantaloupe.

While all of the produce sells well, it's Ridgley's pink pump-



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Talon Ridout of Lorimor is shown with his mother at the Tori's Angels fundraiser in Panora in July. He has Progressive Infantile Scoliosis. He used to have surgery every eight weeks in Cincinnati to apply a body cast, but now has magnetic rods in his spine so doctors in Iowa City can make adjustments without surgery.

kins that get the most attention. This year, he hopes to also harvest some white and dark-blue pumpkins, in addition to his usual pink and orange. Proceeds from the sale of the pink pumpkins are split with Guthrie County Relay for Life.

Ridgley sets up a stand periodically in the afternoons in front of PJ's Drive-In throughout the summer and fall. "Our customers are so generous," he says. "Since they know all proceeds go to the children, they often pay more than the price asked. One customer bought two tomatoes, gave me a \$100 bill, and said to keep the change. That's the kind of thing that makes life worth living."

Donations are accepted at any

time at Panora State Bank, Guthrie County State Bank, MidStates Bank in Harlan, or any U.S. Bank. Facebook users can donate on the Tori's Angels Facebook page, and "Like" the page to get regular updates on sponsored children and fundraising events.

Bahde says recently a donor set up an automatic monthly donation from her bank account to be deposited in the Tori's Angels account. Some people have designated memorial funds in honor of loved ones, or donated through United Way. A 2015 grant from the Guthrie County Community Foundation provided money for event equipment and promotional items.

Ridgley says the Foundation is always interested in finding additional children to sponsor, and works to raise awareness with medical providers, community groups and the public so families with a child with lifethreatening conditions can apply for assistance. "Right now we try to stay with children who live in central and western Iowa, but we are always looking for ways to expand," he says.

Tori's most recent heart surgery was in January 2013 in Boston, and it's expected she will need one more surgery. "She's a real miracle child," Ridgley says. "She was given just weeks to live, but now she can run and play. She loves coming to all the fundraising events, and is a celebrity. Everyone wants their picture taken with her."

Jackie Wicks doesn't mince words when it comes to the impact Tori's Angels has on her granddaughter Tori, plus other children the group supports.

"These people saved Tori's life," she says. "Now it's so gratifying for us to be able to help with fundraisers in the towns of other kids they support. The fellowship with the other families, the community spirit, the opportunity for us to speak from our own experience — all this makes people understand this is such a great cause."

For more information about Tori's Angels, or to request an application for assistance, contact Ridgley at bridgley@netins.net or 712-249-6423.

Guthrie County Arts Fall Festival Sept. 24

The Guthrie County Arts Council cordially invites you to its Fall Festival, Thursday, September 24, from 4-8 p.m. at the Lake Panorama Conference Center for an evening of art, music, and fine dining. The featured musician will be vocalist Annie Kemble, Panorama High School senior. Annie will perform two sets during the evening, from 4-4:45 p.m. and 6-6:45 p.m. A silent auction for an antique painting of the

Lenon Mill in Panora will also

be held.

New this year will be an opportunity for individuals and businesses to help sustain this event with a \$10 sponsorship. Sponsors will be recognized four times during the evening of the festival and have their names printed on a sign near the entrance of the event. To take advantage of this opportunity, please send \$10 to GCAC Fall Festival, c/o Debbie Menning, 406 N 12th Street, Guthrie Center.

SCHOOL

FROM PAGE 1B

Reports - Supterintendent Shawn Holloway reported he attended a teacher leader retreat, a conference for school administrators and the alumni banquet. He's been meeting as many people as possible and joined several organizations, including PRIDE and the Panora Lions Club.

Mark Johnson, 6-12 principal, discussed the policy on cell phone use. They are allowed to use them with permission of a supervising staff member during breaks or lunch. Students who violate the use will have them confiscated. Also, he said the staff needs to set an example and teach students to use them responsibly.

Johnston noted Angie Clouser has a new position called School-Community Liaison and will be providing various resources to students. An orientation for sixth graders will be held August 20. One of the focuses of the staff is setting goals. Johnston is undergoing extended medical treatment. He thanked the board for their support and encouragement.

Recently hired assistant 6-12 principal Thad Stanley was present.

Elementary principal Mary Breyfogle said teachers spent two days aligning priority standards in reading, writing, math, science and social action. They also discussed assessments. Changes are being made in the report cards.

Board Action - Barb South returns to the elementary staff as a reading/partner teacher. Melissa Hochstetler, Nicole Gliem, Teresa Livesay, Amber Lopez and Clista Ankrum were hired as para-educators. Supt. Holloway said all academic positions are filled.

Kelli Overbey resigned as a para-educator. Open enrollment was approved for two students into the district and three out.

Construction change orders totaling \$5,115 were okayed. Final reading was given

Final reading was given to board policies regarding home schooling instruction and students dual-enrolled (public and home schooled).

Also - First and secondyear teachers will report next Monday for a two-day session. Others come back Wednesday and Thursday. All the staff reports Friday. School starts Monday, Aug. 24 for those in grades 6-12 and the elementary the next day.

School board president Bryice Wilke cited Erin Ambrose, director of operations, for the activities meeting held last Monday for students and parents in grades 7-12.

Negotiations with the bus drivers union still continue.

The next regular board meeting is Monday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

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ELECTION

FROM PAGE 1B

"The local area's destiny is in your hands," the letter stated. At a past supervisors meeting, Mike Dickson said he didn't support the special election because he felt the committee calling for the election should pay for it, rather than the county. Along with supervisor Jerry Caraher, he voted twice against holding the special election, although County Attorney Mary Benton told the supervisors they didn't have the authority to hold off the election.

The majority of votes for Plan 3 came from southern Guthrie County on Election Day.

In Stuart, 339 people voted on Election Day for Plan 3, with only 26 voting for Plan 2.

In Casey, 124 people supported Plan 3, compared to 10 voting for Plan 2.

The majority of Guthrie Center voters also backed Plan 3, with 165 people voting for it, compared to 105 votes for Plan 2 and four for Plan 1.

In smaller numbers, Bayard and Yale voters also supported

Plan 3.

The majority of Panora voters sided with Plan 2, with 196 votes, compared to 79 for Plan 3 and six for Plan 1.

Absentee and provisional ballots overwhelmingly supported Plan 2 with 433 votes, as opposed to 126 people voting for Plan 3 and seven voting for Plan 1.

Steve Brannan, a Panora resident who helped head the committee, said he believes misinformation spread during the weeks leading up to the election, including about Panorama's influence and who set the election date, swayed voters' views.

"The issue got lost, and that was sad," he said.

He noted that the committee and other supporters of Plan 2 had tried to "take the high road" during the election process by offering facts and explaining why they felt residents should have more voting power for their county supervisors.

"Unfortunately, we got beat up on that road," he said. "Sometimes, I guess you just gotta go down in the gutter and get with them."



Letter to the Editor: We want to thank all of the voters who participated in the August 4 special election. As supporters of Plan Two, we were disappointed to lose this election by a narrow margin of just 138 votes. But we ultimately respect the decision of the electorate, even though we preferred another option.

The Choose Plan Two effort was always based on the principle that we are one county, and that we should all work together for the good of Guthrie County. We committed ourselves to a positive message throughout and were very disappointed when attacks were mounted against us by supporters of Plan Three.

The goal of this letter is to correct the record on a few issues. We understand the decision of the voters stands on Plan Three, and seek only to correct the misinformation that influenced the outcome of this election.

1. Plan Two was portrayed as a "power play" by Lake Panorama to enhance funding of the **Rural Improvement Zone** (RIZ). Plan Two was wellsupported by the Lake Panorama Community, but was not an attempt by Lake Panorama residents to expand the scope of the RIZ program.

During the 2014-15 legislative session, RIZ law was reviewed and restructured on a statewide level. The bill was jointly supported by the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) and the RIZ districts of Iowa. This restructuring legislation was voted on more than 200 times by House and Senate subcommittees, committees and on the floor of both chambers. There was not one single vote against this legislation in either the House or the Senate; it was unanimously approved throughout the lengthy and extensive legislative process.

The legislation did ot increase the funding devoted to erosion control at Lake Panorama or Diamondhead Lake. Rather, this legislation recognized current law is working to maintain viable lake devel-

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opments in Iowa's rural areas and continued the two decades-old program at current levels. It also implemented new transparency and reporting requirements for the lakes, which the RIZ districts wholeheartedly supported.

Ultimately, four of Guthrie County's five supervisors offered their support to ISAC for final endorsement of the bill. The characterization that Lake Panorama created a new or expanded program is an inaccurate representation of what occurred.

2. Our opponents said the election was designed to ensure all five supervisors would come from the Panora and Lake Panorama area. This accusation was designed to scare voters into believing their local representation would be taken over by the Lake Panorama and Panora area. This is simply not true. The only plan in which local representation would have been eliminated is Plan One – which no one ever proposed or supported. Plan One barely received one percent of the votes cast in this election (18 votes out of 1.738).

By virtue of our very name, the Choose Plan Two Committee supported the choice of Plan Two. We believe local representation is a crucial component of successful county government. Plan Two would NOT have resulted in all five supervisors coming from one pocket of Guthrie County. Local districts would have been retained, although voters would have been allowed to cast ballots in all five of the supervisor elections. We were very clear about this point in all materials we produced and conversations we had with voters.

It also was implied lake residents do not deserve, or cannot be trusted with a voice in Guthrie County government. This is disturbing. A unique characteristic of Lake Panorama and Diamondhead Lake is that some lake prop erty owners do not consider Guthrie County their full-time residence and therefore cannot participate in local government elections. However, there

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are many lake residents whose primary residence is Guthrie County and can participate in local elections. These residents are as much a part of Guthrie County as anyone else. To cast aspersions on the character of lake residents is both antiquated and divisive.

3. Our opponents said the election date was purposely chosen by the petitioners as a means of catching the voters offguard. A letter was circulated by Janet Dickson, who is the former Guthrie County Auditor and mother of current supervisor Mike Dickson. Mrs. Dickson's letter stated, "They have chosen August 4, hoping that many of the residents either won't know or will be on vacation, creating a low voter turnout in our part of the county."

We are amazed at Mrs. Dickson's statements. As the former Guthrie County auditor and commissioner of elections, she should be well aware special election dates are dictated by Iowa law – not by the petitioners or any committee supporting or opposing the measure. Mrs. Dickson's past service as Guthrie County auditor provided her credibility on this issue. It was highly unethical for her to use her credibility to falsely accuse Plan Two supporters of intentionally choosing an obscure election

date. 4. It was suggested the election should be paid for by those who supported Choose Plan Two. Mike Dickson, Guthrie County supervisor and son of former Guthrie County auditor Janet Dickson, said the supporters of Plan Two should be charged with the costs of this election. This was both his reason for refusing to honor the initial petition for election, and was repeated by him following the election.

As a sitting Guthrie County supervisor, Mr. Dickson took an oath to discharge the duties of his office as required by law. Mr. Dickson has a sworn duty to recognize that Iowa law provides very clear guidance on the responsibility of election costs. If a group of petitioners meets the required threshold for a special election, then the county shall hold the election at the county's expense.

of holding the election was a dereliction of his duty as a county supervisor. And continuing to assert financial responsibility be charged to the supporters of Plan Two is a direct disregard for Iowa's clearly stated law on this subject. We encourage Mr. Dickson to respect Iowa law as a guide to fulfilling his

Refusing to vote in favor

personal goals. 5. The Choose Plan Two Committee was accused of not having educated voters throughout the county on the importance

duties, rather than a bur-

den or an obstacle to his

and details of this issue. The filing of the petition and the election was well publicized by media outlets that regularly cover county politics. Unfortunately, the level of interest in county politics is rather limited, unless a controversial issue flares up.

If you are among those who felt uninformed on this issue, this is an excellent opportunity to visit with your local media about the county government coverage they provide. We believe thorough coverage of the county supervisors promotes maximum accountability in the courthouse, which benefits everyone in the county. Contact your local media and encourage them to make county government coverage an important priority.

As the county moves forward from this election, each district will be asked to choose someone to send to the courthouse to help guide our county's future. It is our hope the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors will recognize it has tremendous opportunities for cooperation among all of Guthrie County's communities. And it is our hope all five of the districts elect and hold accountable a supervisor who shares a passion and commitment to moving our county in a positive direction.

> Respectfully, Steve Brannan and Cheryl Castile Panora



44th LPN Club Championship in the Books

Lake Times staff

The two-day 44th annual LPN club championship was held July 25-26.

In the open men's division, Avery Fuhs and Will Babcock tied in regulation at 150 and Fuhs won a two-hole playoff. Todd Madson won the senior men's division, with LeRoy Oxley winning the super senior men's division.

In the women's division, Kathy Moline took top honors with a 175, a one-shot win over Denise Norwood.

Deanie Thomas won the super senior women's division with a 205.

Complete LPN Club Championship results are as follows:

Open Men Division: Championship Flight:

Champion: Avery Fuhs* 150 2nd Place: Will Babcock 150 3rd Place: Bill Douglass 152 4th Place: Jason Grossman

*won playoff

2nd Flight: 1st Place: Austin Moore 162

2nd Place: Tyler Dawson 166

1st Place: Jason Grossman 139 2nd Place: Rod Knudsen 143 3rd Place: Bill Douglass 146

Senior Division: Championship Flight:

1st Place: Todd Madson 151 2nd Place: Greg Hill 162 3rd Place: Neil Norwood 163

1st Place: Jim Koch 180 2nd Place: Mark Chew 182 3rd Place: Tim Fitzgerald 183

1st Place: Bruce Ahrendsen

2nd Place: Greg Hull 138 3rd Place: Todd Madson 139

Super Senior Men Division:

Championship Flight: 1st Place: Leroy Oxley 148

2nd Place: David Thomas 149 3rd Place: David Van Ahn 164

1st Place: Dick Zapf 126 2nd Place: Reuben Hanson

Women's Division: **Championship Flight:**

1st Place: Kathy Moline 175 2nd Place: Denise Norwood

3rd Place: Katelyn Brelsford

2nd Flight:

1st Place: Susan Greiner 187 2nd Place: Mandy Willey 198 3rd Place: Kim Kent 219

1st Place: Kathy Moline 133 2nd Place: Denise Norwood

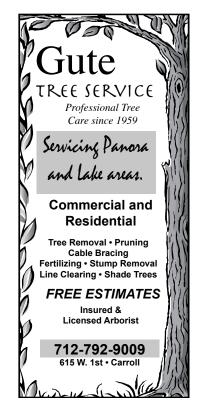
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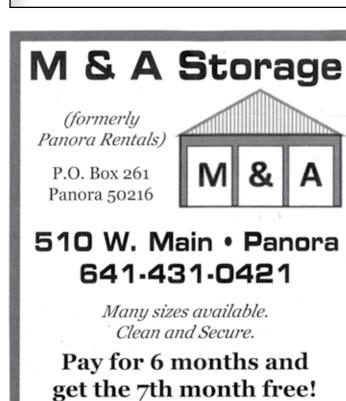
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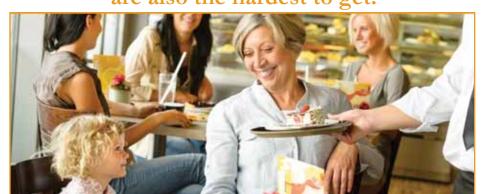
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John Rutledge, general manager of Lake Panorama Association

By SUSAN THOMPSON Lake Times staff

Lake Panorama will be lowered beginning October 1 so routine maintenance can be performed on the LPA dam. That means LPA members with boats and lifts still on the water will need to have those removed earlier than normal this year. This month's Q&A with

John Rutledge, LPA general manager, outlines what work will be done, and the importance of LPA members being proactive to schedule removal of their boating equipment.

Q. The fall 2015 lowering of Lake Panorama is fast approaching. What brought about the need for lake lowering?

A. LPA hired Shive-Hattery Engineering to complete a thorough inspection of the LPA dam in 2002. The 2002 report identified a number of essential maintenance items, which were subsequently repaired. Shive-Hattery was again hired to inspect the dam in 2012. Similar repairs were identified and are being completed this fall.

Q. Can you describe the work being completed?

A. LPA's dam discharges water via a reinforced concrete chute spillway. The spillway is 100 feet wide and

approximately 290 feet long, ending in a 100-foot-wide by 33.5-foot-long St. Anthony Falls type stilling basin. The majority of the work involves sealing cracks and joints and patching spalls. The concrete is in very good shape and we're committed to keeping it that way.

Q. Explain the importance of lowering the lake to accommodate this work.

A. The concrete spillway must be clean and dry to ensure good adhesion of the sealants and patching materials. This can only be accomplished by

lowering the lake, so the lake can create excess storage capacity to hold the constant inflow of water from the Middle Raccoon River. Lowering the lake should allow us to provide a dry work window for our contractors.

Q. Why is this project completed in the fall, versus other times of the year?

A. Lake Panorama's watershed is 221 to 1, which means we are very droughtresistant. The flipside of that coin is that we're always dealing with a substantial inflow of water, which makes it difficult for us to keep water off the spillway for an extended period of time. Fall represents the driest time of the year, and thus, our best opportunity to provide the contractors a significant work window.

We also chose fall because the temperatures are still warm enough to ensure good adhesion. We recognize the lowering of the lake is a major inconvenience for our membership, the marina and the barge services, and want to be certain this project does not have to be repeated again in the near

Q. When will the lake be lowered?

A. LPA will begin lowering Lake Panorama four to five feet on October 1. The process will take about one

Q. What can members expect?

A. The big challenge in this process is that the marina and two barge services normally remove boats, lifts and docks over a 10 to 12-week period. This year's work will be compressed into roughly a four-week period.

Members who are finished with their boats for the year can assist the effort by contacting their barge service and/or the marina to schedule early removal. Members who want to use their boats until the last minute are advised to adhere to the timeframe for their respective zones. (See story elsewhere in this publication regarding the three work zones.) Members who do not adhere to their respective zones are not guaranteed service and risk winter damage to their property.

Members who do not regularly remove their lifts are still reminded this will impact them. Boats left on their lifts on October 1 likely will be stranded. If the lake does not come back up before winter, those boats will spend the winter inplace.

Q. How many years before the lake level will be significantly reduced again?

A. Lake Panorama will again contract for a thorough inspection of the dam in 2022 and will evaluate the report's recommendations at that time. It is always possible interim inspections or repairs will be required before 2022, but LPA is completing all known repairs at this time.

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ROLLIN' AND ROCKIN'

Wild Rose Jefferson grand-opening celebration pulls 12,976 people

By DOUGLAS BURNS | lake Times staff

JEFFERSON

Tild Rose Jefferson's grand opening last weekend drew 12,976 people through the casino-and-entertainment's gaming floor — and even more to enjoy The Gambler himself, live and in the flesh, fireworks, food at a new restaurant, Coaches Corner, Las Vegas showgirls and plaudits from top casino executives, community leaders and state officials.

"It is our obligation to make this the greatest event you've ever had in your community," said Gary Kirke, chairman and founder of Wild Rose Casino and Resort, which operates gaming facilities in Emmetsburg and Clinton as well. "I hope we live up to your faith and trust."

The casino ribbon-cutting program took place at about 6 p.m. Friday with 200 people in attendance. An hour later, country music great Kenny Rogers opened to the first of two sellout crowds at Wild Rose Jefferson, which brought a combined audience of 2,200 people.

From 8 a.m. Friday to 2 a.m. this morning, Wild Rose Jefferson recorded a casino-floor patron count of 12 976

"It will probably be a number we'll never break again," said Tom Timmons, president and chief operating officer of Wild Rose.

From July 13, its soft opening through midnight Saturday, the casino slot-machine jackpot payouts totalled \$556,700.

The \$40-million Jefferson casino brings the number of state-regulated casinos in Iowa to 19. There are three tribal casinos under the oversight of the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals, and a dog-racing and simulcast facility

in Dubuque.

Well-wishers, including many Greene County residents who actively pushed for the Jefferson casino over the last three years, gathered at the Wild Rose entrance as Gov. Terry Branstad and U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, talked of the complex as an economic-development catalyst for the region.

Branstad said the casino fit into a full picture of Greene County, a slice of rural Iowa geography on the move.

"There's a lot of excitement going on here in addition to what you're doing with the casino," Branstad said.

He credited Greene County with being the first locality in Iowa to back his Home Base Iowa program, an initiative aimed at recruiting military men and women to the state for jobs and careers.

Grassley said the opening means jobs for rural Iowa.

"With a turnout like this, it's a big, big thing," Grassley said. "But everybody expects that from Greene County and Jefferson."

Former University of Iowa football star Ed Podolak, an iconic sports broadcaster and Atlantic native, said Wild Rose provides Jefferson a separating quality in rural Iowa.



Kim Rueter, the Greene County ag-businessman who hatched the idea for a casino in Jefferson, tosses the ceremonial first dice Friday.

"This is such a great thing to see in rural Iowa," Podolak said, adding that the facility will be a good location for weddings, reunions and other gatherings.

Kim Rueter, a Greene County agri-businessman who owned the farmland on what is now Wild Rose property, tossed the ceremonial first dice inside the casino. Outside, Rueter recalled taking the concept of a Jefferson casino, a project to fill what he called a "doughnut hole" in the state's network of gaming houses, to Wild Rose. More than two years ago, Rueter first spoke with Kirke and Timmons.

"It was one crazy idea and a 15-minute meeting with Gary and Tom that brought us here today," Rueter said.

Greene County Supervisor Guy Richardson, a strong supporter of



U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, says Wild Rose Jefferson will mean jobs and economic development for the region.

the casino, noted the 75.1 percent support it received in a county-wide referendum in August 2013, the highest margin any gaming introduction plan has earned in an Iowa county in the state's history.

Lori Mannel, the Scranton representative for Grow Greene Coun-

ty Gaming Corporation, the nonprofit associated with Wild Rose, said a chorus of voices boosted the project.

"It's amazing what can get gone when nobody cares who gets the credit," Mannel said.

Norm Fandel, president of

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Greene County Development Corporation throughout the casinositing efforts, now heads up the nonprofit, as its president. Fandel said the casino already is sparking growth opportunities in the county.

"This definitely is the cornerstone of the Greene County puzzle," he said.

Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission Chairman Jeff Lamberti, who kept casino advocates on pins and needles during a licensing vote last June in Burlington, said the referendum and subsequent community support were deciding factors in the green light for the casino. His vote to support the casino in Jefferson — which was opposed by Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino in Altoona, just east of Des Moines - was not without controversy and secondguessing, Lamberti, a former state senator, said.

But he's confident it's the right call

"You will see an immediate and substantial effect on this community," Lamberti said.

Timmons also cited State Rep. Chip Baltimore, R-Boone, for going to bat "big time" for the casino. "Conventional wisdom said this

probably wasn't going to happen," Baltimore said.

But a united county can accomplish a lot, he added.

"The best thing you can do is look around and say, 'Thank you,' to each one of yourselves," Baltimore said.

Timmons credited the Wild Rose staff with putting on a first-rate weekend for patrons.

"People were operating on empty when it came to Saturday," he said.



Gov. Terry Branstad said Greene County is a leader in the state's Home Base Iowa initiative to attract military veterans to the state.

KENNY ROGERS DIRECT

On Friday night, Kenny Rogers delighted a sellout crowd of 1,100 at Wild Rose Jefferson with "Lady," "The Gambler," "Islands in the Stream," and other hits from his half century in the music business.

But he also provided a running monologue brimming with anecdotes and jokes. Here is a sampling:

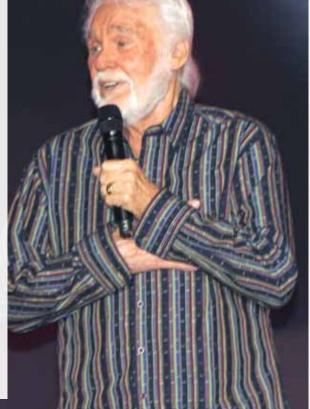
"I've been married almost 50 years — just not to the same woman."

Reacting to audience member who said he owned all of Kenny Rogers' CDs: "You can have them all and not like 'em."

On being 76 years old on stage: "In case I fall, I do not expect you to come help," Rogers told the audience. "I have Life Alert."

"I have had an incredible career singing about dysfunctional families."

On Dolly Parton, who Rogers says has no filter on her comments: "She's kind of like the Donald Trump of country music."



Country Music crossover star Kenny Rogers opens the Wild Rose Jefferson casino complex Friday night with a sold-out concert. Rogers gave a second concert Saturday night.

How to Fish From a Kayak

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Iowa DNR

Fishing from a kayak is great way to stay active and get up close with nature. There's a unique angling challenge around each bend. Try these tips to get you started:

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Leave your packed tackle box at home. Bring only the basic tackle you need for the specific fish species you are trying to catch.

Be confident

Make sure you are confident paddling before you load your kayak with fishing gear. Learn the basic paddling strokes and how to rescue yourself if needed. Hands-on instruction and online paddling safety courses are available.

Stay safe

Check water levels before you go. Fish with a buddy and let someone know where you're

going. Wear a properly-fitted life jacket and bring along a basic first aid kit. Carry your cell phone in a water tight dry-bag for emergencies.

Go with the flow

If you're on a lake with a light breeze or a current, start fishing the shoreline on its windward side and let it push you down the shoreline.

Stay hydrated

Bring along plenty of water to drink. Wear light, loose fitting clothing that dries quickly. Make sure you have a hat, good sunglasses and plenty of sunscreen.

Be cautious of your surroundings

Stay well downstream of any low head dams. Use caution fishing around wood debris (strainers) on the outside bends of smaller fishing streams. Be careful paddling around obstructions - new snags, log jams, submersed logs and other debris. **Get an appropriately sized anchor**

Major sporting goods retailers sell specialty kayak anchors that have a folding "claw" system for a better hold in current or winds. Look for an anchor that weighs about 10 pounds or less. Most kayaks move at the slightest breeze or even from your casting motion. An anchor is helpful when you want to lock in your position so you can continually cast into a school of fish or a piece of cover/structure.

Secure your gear

Tie down your paddle, tackle box and other fishing necessities to avoid losing them.

use your strengths

Kayaks are smaller, quieter, and more maneuverable than almost any other boat on the water. Head deep into the flooded timber on a relatively new reservoir (e.g., Brushy Creek or Twelve Mile Creek Lake). Get close to shore in areas where other boats have to rely on less accurate, long distance casting.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER



ASHLEY SCHABLE | LAKE TIMES

Lake Panorama residents weren't the only ones cooling off on a Sunday afternoon on the water in August. Canines are often found alongside their owners in a boat or in this instance on a tube in Party Cove.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors Meeting June 30, 2015 Lake Panorama Association Office

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met June 30, 2015, at 5 p.m., at the Lake Panorama Association Office. Board members present were Bob Batschelet, John Coghlan, Tom Jeschke, Mindy Larsen Poldberg, Charles Schnack, and Neil Wright.

Staff present was John Dinnebier, Danna Krambeer, Pete Makens (LPN Chef), John Rutledge and David Thompson.

Visitors present were Gary Evans, Brian and JoAnn Johnson, LPA Members, Danny Cunningham and Mark Van Houten, LPA Members and Barge Owner/Operators at Lake Panorama.

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

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

Coghlan asked if there are any conflicts of interest regarding the meeting's agenda. Wright declared a conflict of interest with agenda item 4a.

Agenda Item 2 — Open Forum. Brian and JoAnn Johnson expressed their appreciation of the hard work, time and effort Rutledge spent on getting the RIZ bill passed. In an expression of appreciation, a plaque was presented to Rutledge of the signed RIZ bill and a pen Governor Branstad used to sign the bill into law.

John Dinnebier introduced Pete Makens as the new chef at LPN. The Board welcomed him and thanked Dinnebier for the introduction.

Mark Van Houten and Dan Cunningham spoke briefly and stated they were here to participate in the discussion of Item 4a; Request to place third Barge Company on Lake Panorama.

President Coghlan moved Agenda Item 4a be discussed next.

Agenda Item 4a – Request to place third Barge Company on Lake Panorama. LPA operates primarily with two barge companies – Lake Panorama Barge (Danny Cunningham) and Van Houten Barge Service (Mark Van Houten). The LPA has been contacted by a local banker on behalf of a potential third barge company. Discussion focused on whether the LPA would restrict this third company from establishing a business at the lake.

Rutledge explained the LPA does not have a formal relationship with either barge company. The only leverage LPA maintains over either company is the fact they each receive an implied waiver of boat length by LPA selling them an annual boat sticker. Additionally, they both have the opportunity to dock their barge at the marina for an annual fee. Otherwise, they operate without restriction or oversight by LPA.

Rutledge noted both Cunningham and Van Houten are LPA members. Other barge services occasionally work on Lake Panorama from time to time, and have not been required to be an LPA member. They are not allowed to dock their boats throughout the season at the LPA marina. Rutledge confirmed all operators have been strictly held to LPA's invasive species rules.

Rutledge gave a brief summary of the BOD decision in July 26, 2001, which allowed Van Houten to start his barge business and limit of two viable business operations for a period of three years. Rutledge emphasized Cunningham and Van Houten are respectable vendors, but explained prohibiting a third barge company from Lake Panorama would only allow LPA members to do business with one of these two companies.

Cunningham spoke to how they currently handle the priority of business and the demands of the membership to have items completed immediately. Cunningham explained he is in the process of hiring additional help to be able to spend more time communicating with the members as well as completing work.

Van Houten agreed with what Cunningham expressed in how customers and priorities are handled. Example: Re-sets and repairs get pushed back in the line of completion. Tornado damage from last year also put work behind, as several repairs and additional items had to be completed. Both Van Houten and Cunningham questioned whether there is enough work to maintain three companies full time. Both Van Houten and Cunningham are committed to their businesses here at Lake Panorama.

Jeschke asked if an article could be put in spring LP Times to explain how barge services work and how the members can best schedule their work with one of the two companies. Coghlan agreed on the idea of the article and encouraged explanation about how the wind affects the barges' ability to work.

Poldberg asked if an article could be put in the Prompt to address the "preferred method of communication" with the barge service — example, text, email or phone.

Poldberg moved, in order for the LPA Board to consider another Barge Service, a written proposal be brought forth to the Board for consideration, as has been required by previous Barge Services; LPA include in e-bulletin, Prompt and/or Quarterly Newsletter to remind members to plan ahead and contact their Barge Service early in the year and all vendors putting boats in the lake will have to purchase a boat sticker or guest pass in the future. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda. Poldberg moved to approve the consent agenda with removal of 3f. Motion seconded, carried unanimously. Consent agenda to include:

 a) LPA General Manager's Report
 b) John Dinnebier's report on financial performance of LPN, LLC

 c) Approval of minutes from 05/26/2015 LPA Board Meeting
 d) LPA Board meeting dates for July, and August of 2015

e) Pool operating agreement between LPN, LLC and CRIOA

g) Quit claim deed for lot 3141 – cleanup item

h) Offer on lots 333 and 2981 i) Land Sales Committee update j) Acceptance of 05/31/2015 financial report, LPA & subsidiary LPN, LLC.

Agenda Item 3f) Deer Hunting Regulations for 2015-2016 season.

Rutledge informed the Board any changes to the deer hunting policy should be finalized at the July meeting. He asked if the policy required committee review before the July meeting or if the Board was satisfied with the existing procedures.

The Board reviewed the current policy, which states only LPA members who hunt can sponsor a guest. Jeschke noted that all LPA members should be able to sponsor a guest, regardless of whether they personally choose to hunt.

Jeschke moved to change the eligibility of hunting: LPA members or Guests of LPA members who have paid LPA a \$ 50 guest fee. Motion seconded, carried.

Rutledge requested an ad hoc committee of hunters and Board members be convened to review the changes and provide input at the July meeting. Jeschke noted this review would be welcomed. Rutledge directed by the Board to organize an ad hoc committee review prior to the July meeting.

Agenda Item 4b – Offer on lots 2845, 2846, 2847, 2732 and 2733.

Batschelet reported from the Land Sales committee on these lots. There are five lots located in the general vicinity of the Panorama West golf course. The committee noted a couple of the lots had decent value, but the others were less marketable. The committee recommended accepting the offer of \$36,000 for the sale of all five lots.

Batschelet moved to accept the committee's recommendation to accept the offer of \$36,000 for lots 2845, 2846, 2847, 2732 and 2733, with the buyer's contingency. Motion second, carried unanimously.

Batschelet moved to clarify the General Manager's authority regarding lot sales offers on properties which have previously been reviewed and valued by the Board, the details of which will be maintained confidentially to protect LPA's bargaining position. Motion second, withdrawn for amendment by Schnack.

Schnack amended Batschelet's motion to direct General Manager to contact the land sales committee for approval of the offer, prior to acceptance of offer. Amended motion seconded, amended motion carried.

Agenda Item 5a — Update on bacteria testing at LPA beaches. Poldberg, Randy Holl and Rutledge have continued a productive discussion on bacteria samples throughout the month of June. LPA has added Fansler Bridge to its weekly test schedule and attached those numbers for review.

The goal is to determine the causes of high bacteria counts and determine if a solvable cause can be isolated. It could be wildlife, livestock, human septic systems or a combination of all. Bacteria are tied to fecal material — so we know it is related to some human or animal waste product.

LPA has long discussed Canada Geese have a high impact on this, but the June numbers don't confirm those instances were caused by geese at our beaches. Rutledge noted Canada Geese are more likely to be the cause of late summer issues, when there is less rain and Canada Geese are more congregated.

LPA does not yet have enough data to formulate a theory. Additional sampling will be collected throughout the summer and fall to better understand the situation. LPA will add the Springbrook boat ramp and the LPA dam to the sampling list until further notice, which will require minor additional costs to LPA. Further information will follow throughout the summer.

Agenda Item 6 – Other Business – There was no other business.

Agenda Item 7 – The Board entered closed session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

The Board exited closed session at 8:05 p.m.

Rutledge reported on a question asked at a previous meeting regarding "grandfathering" on boat length and horsepower.

Rutledge noted Rule 5.2(a) limits engine displacement applies "EXCEPT that boats ... registered and permitted to operate on the lake in the calendar year 1988, and have been registered each year thereafter, shall be exempt from this provision."

Rutledge noted rule 5.2(f) limits vessel size; except for "... boats purchased prior to September 1997 and continuously registered will be permitted."

Rutledge confirmed LPA administration of these rules has been consistent with the verbiage.

Agenda Item 8 - Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Danna Krambeer, Recording Secretary

Mindy Larsen Poldberg, Board Secretary

SCHOOL UPDATES



Progress continues at Panorama's new athletic complex which is expected to be ready for use for the Panther's first home football game on August 28.

Football field-track complex taking shape

By GORDON CASTILE *Lake Times staff*

PANORA

Things are rapidly taking shape at the new Panorama football field-track complex in Panora.

The track has been paved. Artificial turf is down on the football field. Some bleachers are up and the concession stand-restroom-storage building has taken shape.

Local contractor Dave Arganbright is a liaison between the school and contractors. He remains optimistic the project will be finished in time for the first football game on August 28. "It will be ready for use as long as everything is safe," he said.

He complimented the contractors. "They want to do it right and not compromise or cover things up just to meet a deadline."

Arganbright believes the bulk of the work will be done by August 21 with the punch (check) list completed and details finished by August 28.

The football field was being finished up the week of August 10 with the numbers and the midfield logo being added to the turf already installed.

Visitor bleachers on the south side are in place. Installing the

The home bleachers have been installed on the north side of the new Panorama athletic complex and work on the press box continues in preparation for the 2015 football season. Visitor bleachers on the south side are also in place.

home bleachers ran into a short delay as some of the legs had to be shortened. They have since been installed. The steel roof of the con-

cession stand was slated to be placed as plumbers and electricians finish up inside.

take 4-8 days to erect, Arganbright said. Part of it will be pre-made panels. Grading work on the parking

The wooden press box will

lot is finished. It will be paved soon when some of the other activities are done.

The track asphalt needs to

cure 21 days from July 30 before a special coating can be added and the lanes marked.

A punch list was set for Mon-

day, August 10 at the new high school locker rooms as small details are being completed. Used lockers have been tem-

porarily installed as the original order for new ones was cancelled and new ones ordered. They're aiming for mid-October to install the new ones.

Arganbright said the temporary lockers -- hall-type not athletic -- do provide a secure place for students to leave their belongings.



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Roger McCarty Memorial Youth Golf Foundation created

By SUSAN THOMPSON *Lake Times staff*

The first Brokers International Iowa Open was held at Lake Panorama National in 2010. At the time, Roger McCarty, Brokers International founder, chair and chief executive officer, played a key role in moving the annual Iowa Open to Panora, by signing a five-year contract with his company as lead sponsor.

McCarty died Nov. 15, 2011, so was only able to participate in the first two years of the tournament. An avid golfer, McCarty's personal, enthusiastic support of the tournament has been missed.

This year, Brokers International, along with seven other

companies, have created a new way to recognize McCarty and his love of the game of golf. A total of \$10,000 has been donated to create the Roger McCarty Memorial Youth Golf Foundation.

Kelly McCarty, Roger McCarty's son and executive vice president of Brokers International, was key to gaining the support of the other corporate sponsors. Those include American Equity, Athene, Allianz, Fidelity Guarantee and Life, Great American, North American Insurance Company, and People's Trust and Savings Bank.

The funds will be used to support youth golf programs that will include expanding youth golf clinics, youth tour-

nament sponsorships, youth golf membership sponsorship, the loaning of golf clubs for youth who don't have clubs, college scholarships and more.

McCartywas born in Guthrie Center in 1930, and raised on a farm near there. Emphasis will be on need, but the vision also is to promote golf for all interested kids in Guthrie County. The foundation wants to help any youth in the county who has the desire to learn about golf, and how it can help he or she develop into a well-rounded adult.

A board of directors is being developed to administer the foundation. More details will be available soon on how young people can apply for financial assistance.

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WHITEROCK OPENS BACKCOUNTRY TRAIL SYSTEM



By Lake Times and Whiterock Conservancy staff

COON RAPIDS

Whiterock Conservancy officially opened its new Backcountry Trail System Friday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by dozens of community leaders from Carroll, Greene and Guthrie counties.

These new trails, located east of Coon Rapids in the sweeping and picturesque Whiterock terrain, will provide increased access for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians to enjoy the amazing diversity of landscapes, Whiterock advocate say.

"This has been a long process that started with a vision held by the Garst family for decades; to open this land for the public to enjoy. I'm proud to be able to officially say the trails are open," said Conrad Kramer, executive director of Whiterock Conservancy.

Kramer went on to say, "We have been fundraising for sev-

en years, and it is because of the outpouring of community support that this trail system is possible. The entire project cost \$4 million, with \$1.7 million of that being in cash. We received \$800,000 from federal grants, \$400,000 from the state CAT grant and over \$430,000 from 200 individuals, companies and local community governments and regional economic development organizations."

The first step was the Garst family's donation of the largest conservation land gift ever in the history of Iowa that created Whiterock 10 years ago.

Hikers, runners and nature explorers will find a total of 36.5 miles of trail available to explore including a new shareduse trail that circles nearly the entire property and provides vistas overlooking river valleys as well as fields of prairie flow-

ers and shaded savanna areas. The mountain bike trail



Whiterock Conservancy officials and guests take part in a ribbon-cutting near a trail head for the Backcounty Trail System Friday. The \$4 million project includes 36 miles of shared-use trails.

features sections for riders of multiple ability levels, with significant elevation changes, challenging dissents and ascents, and great flow. One trail, the Long Creek Trail, is unique to Iowa because it is almost 5 miles long without

any intersections. The equestrian trails have been built in some timbered areas that have never before been open to the public for riding. The trails are through a combination of pastures, for-

est, savanna and prairie. 'Of course Whiterock is a nonprofit operating the third largest recreation area in the state without regular tax support," Kramer said. "Iowans now need to decide if they value this new model of nongovernmental delivery of beautifully restored landscapes and quality recreational facilities enough to support Whiterock with their patronage and donations. Iowa is the most ecologically altered state in the nation and also has among the least public land available for recreation so, if any people would value an organization like Whiterock enough to make sure it succeeds, Iowans would be

the ones.' The trails are open every day for the public to come experience. To learn more visit whiterockconservancy.org.

Whiterock Conservancy is a nonprofit land trust stewarding 5,500 acres of prairie, savanna, wetland, cropland, pastures and forest along the Middle Raccoon River near Coon Rapids. In addition to preserving and protecting the rare wild land, Whiterock practices and demonstrates sustainable agriculture and is open to the public for recreation. Recreational opportunities include hiking, running, biking or horseback riding on the trail system, canoe and kayak trips, fishing and much more.

Whiterock offers primitive camping, modern accommodations including cottages and a house that sleeps up to 13, and a bed and breakfast in the historic Garst farmhouse where Roswell Garst hosted Nikita Khrushchev in 1959.



Barbra Jotzke-Torrier, director of communication and development for Whiterock Conservancy, hands out scissors during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday. Whiterock opened its Backcountry Trail System.



Whiterock guests (from left) Ron Brower, Keith Dorpinghaus, Laura Lake, Jan Brower and Molly McGovern look at a trails map during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday. The new Backcountry Trail System features trails for hike, running, mountain biking and equestrian.

WHITEROCK BY THE NUMBERS

5,500 — the number of acres in Whiterock Conservancy

13 — number of miles of bike optimized single track mountain bike trails.

6 — number of miles of horse optimized equestrian trails 18 — number of miles of shared-use, double-track trails, including a loop that leads directly into Coon Rapids

\$3 — fee per day for mountain bikes

\$10 — fee per day for equestrians

\$2 — suggested donation for hikers and runners



Fundraising for the trail system has been a seven-year process with a \$4 million cost. The trail system is expected to attract users from across the state and Midwest to the unique Whiterock area.

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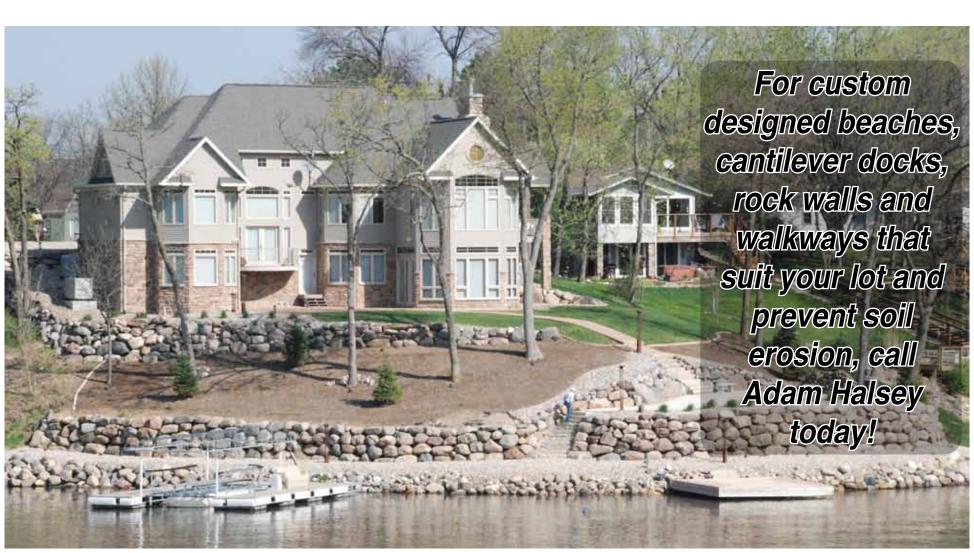
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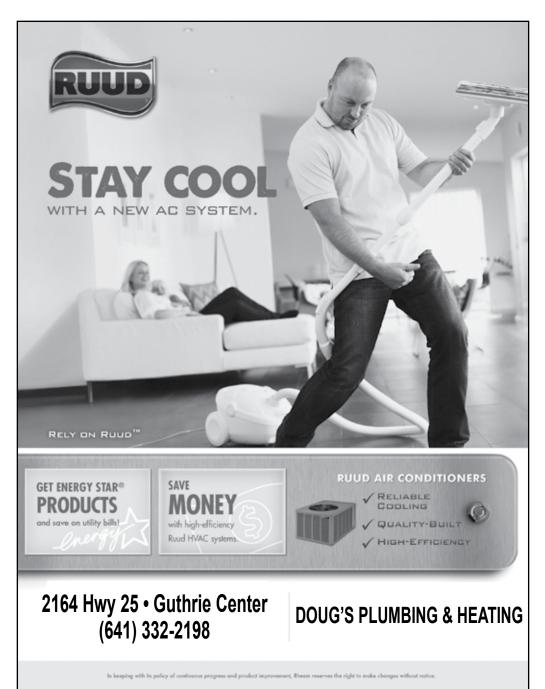
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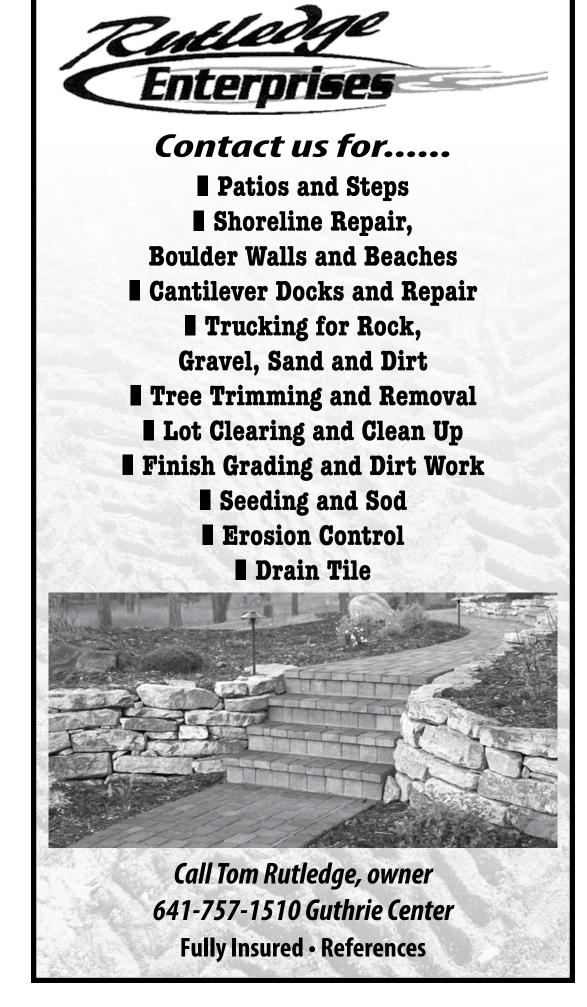
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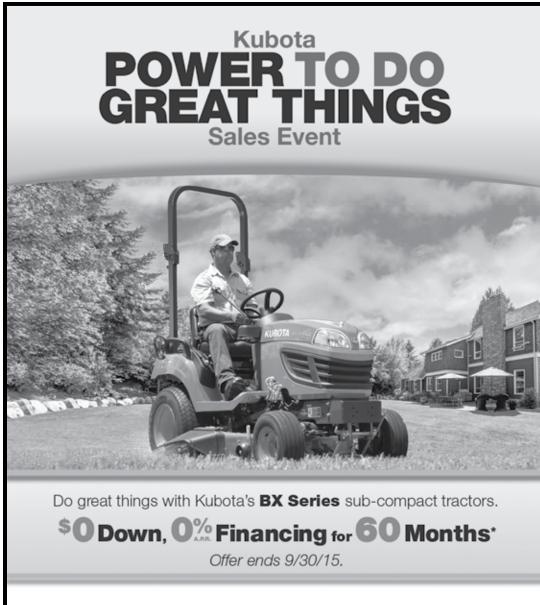
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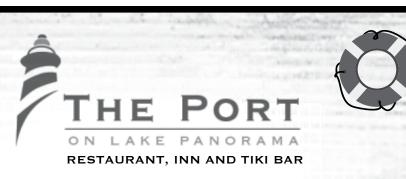
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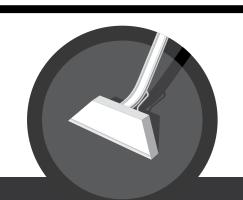
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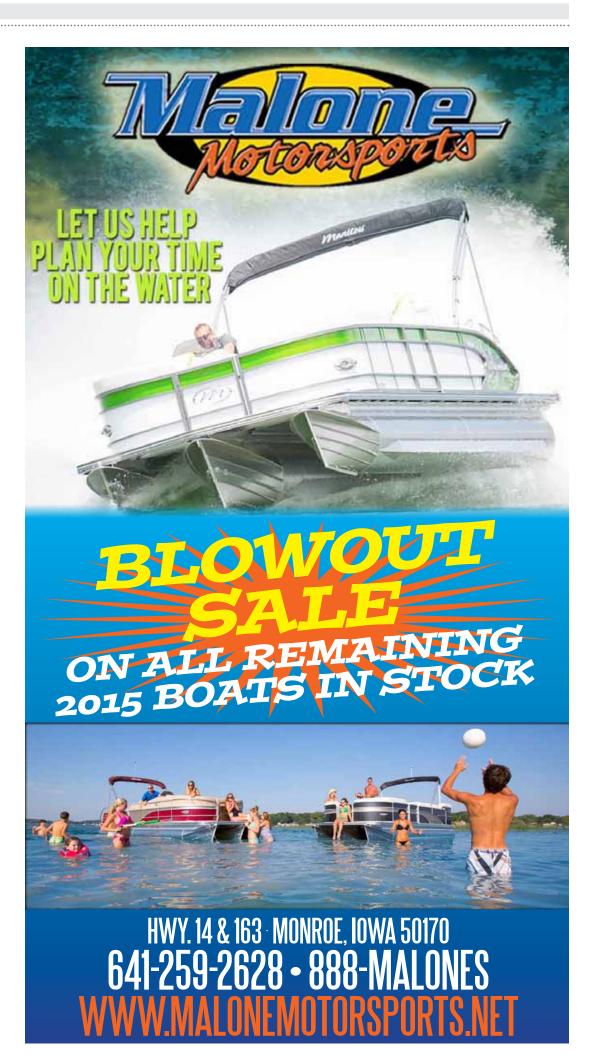




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