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# A SWEET FESTIVAL, APPRECIATED FEEDBACK, A NEW PUBLICATION, AND MORE LAKE HUMOR

I was at a publishing conference a few months back and learned about a home improvement guide in northwest Iowa called “Sweet Home Okoboji,” which immediately had me singing the Lynyrd Skynyrd song, “Sweet Home Alabama.” Not too long after, I realized that Panorama fit even better into the parody title than Okoboji, as it should. And for the next couple days, I couldn’t get the song and the revised title out of my head. A few weeks later, I shared this with Kristen Crouthamel as an idea for the theme for this year’s Panorama Days. I assumed this had to have been used before, but, to my surprise, I was told it had not. Panora Chamber President Dale Hochreiter and the Panorama Days committee apparently liked it, too, as they chose it as the theme this year. And we may even get the Charm School Dropouts to play it Friday night at the street dance. Sweet.

**THANK YOU FOR THE FEEDBACK**  
I appreciate your ongoing feedback to

the changes we made to the Lake Panorama Times. “I love the new look!” “It’s much easier to read!” “It feels more modern and with the times!” Those are all comments we were hoping to hear about the changes, and the results have been promising as this issue brings even more news, information and advertising. We truly appreciate your support and look forward to continuing to improve this publication.

**A NEW MEMBER TO THE BIG GREEN UMBRELLA MEDIA FAMILY**  
Those of you who are permanent residents at Lake Panorama will soon be receiving our newest publication, Panora Times. This free monthly publication will be mailed to all residential and business addresses in the Panorama School District, which includes Panora, Linden, Yale,



**Shane Goodman**  
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Jamaica and Bagley. It will have a similar look and feel to this publication but will have news and information about the people, places and events of the five communities with a primary focus on Panora. If you are not a permanent resident at the lake, you can still view the publication for free online at [www.panoratimes.com](http://www.panoratimes.com) (in a few weeks once it is posted) or pick up a copy on newsstands around the area. Those of you who have Lake Panorama as your permanent residence will find it in your mailbox soon. As always, I appreciate your feedback and comments.

**YES, MORE LAKE HUMOR**  
I haven’t run out of these cheesy jokes yet. Try this one.  
An old man was fishing at Lake Panorama when a frog appeared and said, “If you kiss me, I’ll turn into a beautiful woman and fall in love with you.” The man was amazed. He picked up the frog, stuffed it in his pocket and headed for home. On the drive, the frog started squirming and

making a fuss, so the man took the frog out of his pocket. The frog said, “Hey, did you not hear what I said? Just kiss me already and you’ll have the woman of your dreams!” The old man replied, “I’m 80 years old. I’d much rather have a talking frog.”  
And one more...  
A couple of outdoorsmen were kayaking on Lake Panorama when they started getting cold. They lit a fire in the kayak, and it immediately began to sink, proving once and for all that... you can’t have your kayak and heat it, too.  
Have a great July, and thanks for reading. ■

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# SWEET HOME PANORAMA!

## Annual Panorama Days celebration to be held Aug. 4-6.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
*Lake Panorama Times*

The three-day Panorama Days celebration that covers Panora and Lake Panorama begins Friday, Aug. 4 and runs through Sunday, Aug. 6. The theme for 2023 is "Sweet Home Panorama."

"Shane Goodman, owner of the Lake Panorama Times and Guthrie County Times Vedette, suggested the theme," says April Imming, Panora Chamber coordinator. "We asked the community to create logos to go with the theme, and we had some very creative ideas submitted. The Panorama Days planning committee chose Brittany Arganbright as the winner of the logo contest. She received \$100 in Panora Chamber bucks. The logo Brittany submitted incorporated both the town of Panora and Lake Panorama, which we loved."

Dale Hochreiter, Panora Chamber president, says Panorama Days is a great time for the Panora and Lake Panorama communities to come together.

"There are a lot of events going on in town and at the lake," he says. "All the kids' events, the band on Friday night, the fireworks on Saturday night and many other things are free. This is only possible because of the many sponsors we have, both



Dale Hochreiter



April Imming

businesses and individuals. A special thank you to all our sponsors and participants for helping make the 2023 Panorama Days a success."

### FRIDAY EVENTS INCLUDE CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT, LITTLE MISS AND MISTER CONTEST, CRUISE THE LOOP, LIVE MUSIC AND MORE

The opening day of Panorama Days will include an afternoon cribbage tournament sponsored by Stine Seed, with registration beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the community center. Signup for the Little Miss and Mister contest will be at the Chamber booth Friday afternoon. Winners will be announced at 8:30 p.m. Friday night at the stage in the Town Square Park. The cake-walk for kids also will be Friday 7-7:30 p.m. at Vet's Auditorium, sponsored by Women For Panora's Future (WFPF).

The Mainstreet Dance Studio performance and the Bill Riley Talent Show will be that evening, beginning at 7 p.m., both from a stage in the town square. There also



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The band Charm School Dropouts played during last year's Panorama Days and will play again this year on Friday, Aug. 4 at 8:30 p.m.

will be various vendors in the town square, beginning at 4 p.m. and running until 8 p.m. on Friday, and again on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone interested in showcasing their art, crafts or business can apply for a spot.

Food vendors also are welcome, beginning at 4 p.m. Friday and running through 7 p.m. Saturday. Application forms and more details for both food and booth vendors are on the Panora Chamber website at [www.panorachamber.org](http://www.panorachamber.org).

A "Cruise the Loop" event is being organized for Friday beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Panora Auto Parts, which also is the sponsor. The day will wrap up with music from the "Charm School Dropouts," a cover band that plays all sorts of music from the 1980s to the present. This will begin at 8:30 p.m. and be on the street in front of the gazebo. This is a free event, just BYOB and lawn chairs.

### FISHING TOURNAMENT, PANCAKES, 5K RUN, PARADE AND SKI TEAM SHOW HIGHLIGHT SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Saturday starts early with a bass fishing tournament on Lake Panorama beginning at 5:30 a.m. and running to 1:30 p.m. Registration will be at the marina at 5 a.m. for this event sponsored by Lake Panorama Fin and Feather.

The traditional pancake breakfast will be

available in the Community Center from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Panorama Days 5K Run, sponsored by Reshape Fitness Studio, begins in front of the library at 8 a.m. The early bird fee is \$35, with the entry fee increasing to \$40 after July 22. Register online by Friday, Aug. 4 at <http://getmeregistered.com/PanoramaDaysRun>. Registration the day of the race must be done by 7:30 a.m.

Parade registration starts at 9 a.m. at the Panorama Elementary School, with the parade at 10 a.m. The Panora Citizen of the Year and parade category winners will be announced in the gazebo following the parade. The Panora Chamber has recognized an outstanding member of the Panora/Lake Panorama community since 1989. Nominations for the Panora Citizen of the Year must be received by July 14. A nomination form is available on the Panora Chamber website.

A kid's zone will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the town square. This will include inflatables, face painting, Toby the Balloon Dude and caricatures. The cost is free as the Panora Chamber is sponsoring this event. The cutest baby contest will begin at 12:30 p.m. with registration at the gazebo. The winner will receive \$150 in Panora Chamber bucks.

The annual beef burger meal will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First Christian Church. A classic car show will be from 11



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The Lake Panorama ski team show will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5 with a viewing area on the hillside of the lake's south shore.





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Spectators at the 2022 Panorama Days parade. This year's parade will be Saturday, Aug. 5 at 10 a.m.

a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pedal-In.

Bingo will be in the community center from 1-3 p.m., hosted and sponsored by Guthrie County State Bank. The Panorama alumni banquet for those who graduated from Panora, Linden, Panora-Linden and Panorama will be in the community center beginning at 5 p.m.

The Lake Panorama ski team show will begin at 2:30 p.m. with a viewing area on the hillside of the lake's south shore.

"New this year is a golf cart/UTV parade on Saturday starting at 5 p.m. at Boulder Beach," Imming says. "We would love anyone interested to come participate and get creative decorating their golf cart or UTV."

The Port will offer live music beginning at 9 p.m. Saturday, and the Lake Panorama Association will present its annual fireworks display from the south shore at dusk.

### BREAKFAST, GOLF AND KID'S FISHING DERBY WRAP THINGS UP SUNDAY

On Sunday, a breakfast at the Panora Community Center will be served 8 a.m. to noon, sponsored by the Panorama Junior Class. A golf tournament to raise money for the annual alumni banquet will be held that afternoon at the Panorama West golf course. Contact Dave Beidelman to register in advance.

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual kid's fishing derby, sponsored by Lake Panorama Fin and Feather, will be Sunday, 9-11 a.m. at the Lake Panorama marina, with registration

at 8:15 a.m. There are four age brackets, 3 to 5 years; 6 to 8 years; 9 to 11 years; and 12 to 14 years of age. Trophies will be given for biggest and smallest fish caught in all age groups, excluding carp. In addition, trophies and cash prizes will be given to the top three overall big fish. Bait will be supplied, but will be limited in quantity. Participants should bring their own fishing poles and tackle.

### SHARE YOUR PHOTOS AND WIN PANORA CHAMBER BUCKS

Those who attend any portion of the Panorama Days celebration are invited to snap photos and participate in a contest by posting the photos on Facebook and Instagram using #panoramadays. Multiple photos can be in one post. Security settings must be set to public so the Panorama Days planning committee can see them. Photos must be posted and tagged by 9 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 6. Each photo posted will give the photographer one entry into a drawing for \$25 in Panora Chamber bucks. Three winners will be drawn. Photos entered will be used to help market future Panorama Days.

### VOLUNTEERS, SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS ARE WELCOMED

Hochreiter says because Panorama Days is such a large event, the Panora Chamber and the planning committee welcome volunteers for any amount of time they can give throughout the weekend.

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## Days Schedule

### August 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>

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#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
1:30PM	Cribbage Tournament REGISTRATION	Community Center
2:00PM	Cribbage Tournament Sponsored by Stine Seed	Community Center
4:00PM	Selfie Stand Sponsored by Lake Panorama Realty	Town Square Park
4:00PM	Vendors Open	Town Square Park
4:30PM	Chalk the Block ALL AGES	Town Square Park
6:00-7:00PM	Main Street Dance Studio Performs	Stage/Town Square Park
	Sponsored by Main Street Dance Studio	
6:30-8:00PM	Cruise The Loop - All Types of Cars Welcome	Panora Auto Parts- Start Point
	Sponsored by Panora Auto Parts	
7:00-7:30PM	KIDS' Cake Walk Sponsored by WFPF	Vets Auditorium
7:00-8:30PM	Bill Riley Talent Show	Stage/Town Square Park
	Sponsored by Main Street Dance Studio	
8:30PM	Little Miss/Mister Panorama Days Announced	Stage/Town Square Park
8:30-11:30PM	STREET DANCE: LIVE MUSIC BY CHARM SCHOOL DROPOUTS	STREET IN FRONT OF GAZEBO
	FREE ADMISSION	

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
5:00AM	Bass Fishing Registration	Lake Panorama Marina
5AM -1:30PM	Bass Fishing Tournament Sponsored By Fin & Feather	Lake Panorama Marina
7:00AM-12:00PM	Pancake Breakfast Served by Brethren Church	Community Center
7:15-7:45AM	Panorama Days 5K Registration	Front of Library 1st Street
8:00AM	Panorama Days 5K Run Sponsored by RESHAPE	Front of Library 1st Street
9:00AM	Selfie Stand Sponsored by Lake Panorama Realty	Town Square Park
9:00AM	Parade Registration	Panorama Elementary School
10:00AM	PANORAMA DAYS PARADE	Main Street
10:00AM	Vendors Open	Town Square Park
10:00AM-3:00PM	Music Sponsored by Raccoon Valley Radio	Town Square Park
11:00AM-1:00PM	Annual Beef Burger Meal	First Christian Church
11:00AM-4:00PM	KID ZONE - FREE UNLIMITED ACCESS	TOWN SQUARE PARK
	Inflatables (Mechanical Bull, Wrecking Ball & Much More!) Face Painting, Balloon Artist, & Caricature	TOWN SQUARE PARK
11:00AM-4:00PM	Family Fun Zone	
	Sponsored by Guthrie County Hospital & Clinics	
11:00AM-4:00PM	Classic Car Show Hosted By Pedal-In	Pedal-In E Main Street & 6th
12:00PM	Citizen of the Year/Parade Winners Announced	Gazebo
12:30-1:15PM	Cutest Baby Contest Sponsored by Panora Chamber of Commerce	Gazebo
12:30PM	Bags Tournament Registration	Main Street
1:00-4:00PM	Bags Tournament	Main Street
1:00-3:00PM	Bingo Hosted & Sponsored by Guthrie County State Bank	Community Center
2:30PM	Lake Panorama Ski Show	Lake Panorama - South Shore
5:00PM	Golf Cart/UTV Parade (Tori's Angel Fundraiser)	Boulder Beach @ Lake Panorama
	Sponsored by Panora Auto	
6:00PM	Alumni Banquet 5:00PM Social Hour	Community Center
9:00PM	Port Tiki Bar Live Entertainment	The Port
9:30PM/DUSK	FIREWORKS Sponsored by Lake Panorama Association	LAKE PANORAMA - SOUTH SHORE

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00AM-12:00PM	Community Breakfast Served By Panorama Junior Class	Community Center
8:15AM	Registration Kids Fishing Derby	Lake Panorama Marina
9:00-11:00AM	Kids Fishing Derby	Lake Panorama Marina
12:30PM	Annual Panorama Alumni Golf Tournament Registration	Par 3 West
1:00PM	Annual Panorama Alumni Golf Tournament	Par 3 West

\*Schedule is subject to change.

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Q&A on Events - Contact 641-757-0605

## PANORAMA DAYS DATES BACK TO 1969

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

The first Lake Panorama Day was Aug. 2, 1969. It was originally scheduled to celebrate the completion of Lake Panorama's dam, but weather and other delays meant that didn't happen until nearly a year later in June 1970. The 1969 celebration took place anyway.

A full day of activities was planned. There was a pancake and sausage breakfast at 7 a.m. at the Panora Town Hall. A parade began at 10 a.m., there was a water fight between Panora and Guthrie Center fire departments at 1 p.m., and a free watermelon feed at 3 p.m. The Linden Lions had a dunking concession. The Panora Little League played Linden at 5 p.m., and activities closed with a teen dance at 8 p.m. in the new Panora fire hall.

Throughout that first Lake Panorama Day, there were bus tours of the nearly completed Lake Panorama. The American Land and Lake Company, based

in Tennessee, had been hired by Mid-Iowa Lakes in October 1967 as the lake project developer. The company had an information booth in the Panora town square providing visitors with details on the 1,400-acre lake. There was a drawing for a boat and motor.

The second Lake Panorama Day was Saturday, Sept. 12, 1970. By then the dam gate had been closed and Lake Panorama was a reality. All the same activities from the first Lake Panorama Day were continued, but there was even more including a sky-diving exhibition, free boat rides on the lake, a greased-pig contest, pony rides, a National Guard helicopter on display and bingo.

Over the years, the annual celebration became Panorama Days and grew to three days of activities. Panorama Days was canceled in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but it's believed the celebration has been held annually each year between 1969 and 2023, except for 2020. ■

"Anyone interested in volunteering can email [panorachamber@gmail.com](mailto:panorachamber@gmail.com) for a list of activities where we need some help," Hochreiter says. "We also have a list of sponsorship opportunities if there is a business or individual who would like to contribute a service or monetary donation toward prizes given out during the weekend."

The Panora Chamber relies on fundraising throughout the year, as well as public donations to make Panorama Days possible.

"Contributions from our local businesses make it possible to have all these great events," Hochreiter says. "The annual golf tournament this past May was a great help to our fundraising, as we try to grow each year to bring new and interesting activities to the Panorama Days celebration."

Hochreiter says donations are always welcome and can be sent by check to P.O. Box 73, Panora, Iowa, 50216. Include "Panorama Days donation" in the memo to make sure the money gets to the correct fund. Donations also can be made electronically using [Venmo@panora-chamber](mailto:Venmo@panora-chamber).

Since Panorama Days is a chamber-managed event, Hochreiter says anyone interested is welcome to participate in the planning process as well as the three-day celebration.

"Just like our other committees, you may sign up to volunteer at any of our Panora Chamber meetings, which are



The theme for the 2023 Panorama Days is "Sweet Home Panorama." Shane Goodman, owner of the Lake Panorama Times and Guthrie County Times Vedette, suggested the theme.

open to the public the third Monday of each month," he says.

Look for more information and updates on the 2023 Panorama Days activities on the Panora Chamber website, plus the chamber's Facebook page [@panorachamber](https://www.facebook.com/panorachamber). ■



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# PANORAMA WEST NATURE TRAIL EVENT HELD JUNE 4

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
*Lake Panorama Times*

About 30 people explored the Panorama West Nature Trail on Sunday, June 4 as part of a special event held to introduce more people to the trail. Refreshments

were available in the Panorama West golf clubhouse, and photos were taken at the trailhead. The trail project was led by Friends of Lake Panorama and donor-funded. The trail features a trailhead sign, seven posts with directional signage

and two benches. Parking is in a cul-de-sac at the end of Nicholl Drive, which intersects with Panorama Road just south of the Panorama West clubhouse. The trailhead sign at the end of Nicholl Drive features a drawing of the trail.

At the three-quarter-mile mark, there is an optional three-quarters of a mile loop. Those who use the official trail, plus the optional loop, will complete 2.25 miles. Trail users may include hikers, runners, cross-country skiers and dogwalkers, but no motorized vehicles. ■



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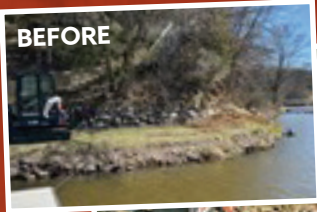


Becky and Mike Moore, who live on Jones Cove, brought their grandchildren, Anson and Elin Moore of Urbandale, to hike the trail.



Joan Trebon brought her sister, Jan Lockett, to explore the trail. Lockett was visiting from Chandler, Arizona.

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# A LOOK AT SOME OF THE SUMMER’S BIGGEST HITS... AND A FEW UNEXPECTED GEMS

BY MICHAEL C. WOODY  
*Lake Panorama Times*

**“SPIDER-MAN: ACROSS THE SPIDER-VERSE”**  
*(in theaters)*

In 2018 we were “Into the Spider-Verse,” this year we are “Across the Spider-Verse” and in May of 2024 we will be “Beyond the Spider-Verse.” So the 2023 chapter, “Across the Spider-Verse” is obviously the middle story in a trilogy. Knowing that makes it a lot easier to not completely understand everything that is going on in the film. This is Marvel Comics’ multi-verse where different Spider-Men from a lot of uni-verses collide in one. If you saw the first film, that makes sense. If you didn’t, you need to catch up on these very well made films with well told stories. **Grade: B+**

**“NO HARD FEELINGS”**  
*(in theaters)*

Sometimes it is great to go into a movie



“No Hard Feelings”  
with no idea what the movie is about. I did it years ago with a little movie called “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off,” and that worked out well. I bring up that film because this movie is a raunchy version of those type of films. Jennifer Lawrence plays a down-on-her-luck Uber driver whose car is wrecked. She is offered a free used car if she will teach a wealthy couple’s nerdy son about the ways of the world before he heads off to college. Did I mention that the son’s father is played by Matthew Broderick (alias Ferris Bueller)? This



“Transformers: Rise of the Beasts”  
is a laugh-out-loud R-rated comedy that had Sue and I giggling all the way home. **Grade: A-**

**“TRANSFORMERS: RISE OF THE BEASTS”**  
*(in theaters)*

This is an entertaining and well-made movie that made almost no sense to me whatsoever. There was enough action and humor for two films, but maybe that’s OK. My kids grew up with these Transformer things, so I’m not exactly the target audi-



“Elemental”  
ence, but I was mildly entertained. **Grade: B-**

**“ELEMENTAL”**  
*(in theaters)*  
The Pixar people (and Disney) have given us some great animated family films over the years. Due to the Disney company’s decision to be more inclusive in their films (as they have been with their theme parks, which turn 100 this year), there has been political backlash against some of their most recent films. Politics aside, this

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"The Flash"



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"In the Company of Rose"

is an animated movie about a place where residents represent different elements of the earth such as water and fire. I found it to be an entertaining movie with a nice message. **Grade: B**

### "THE FLASH"

(in theaters)

While I will admit to growing up a comic book fan, the DC Universe (Superman, Batman and the Flash) held little appeal to me. On the movie side, I have liked many of the DC-based movies but admittedly had little interest in "The Flash." I was wrong on this one. What I found was an entertaining and well-told story with an almost perfect mix of action and humor and an impressive nod to the DC Universe toward the end of the film. It was 30 minutes too long, but I'd still recommend it. **Grade: B+**

### "ASTEROID CITY"

(in theaters)

This will probably be my last Wes Anderson film. While I'll admit to liking a few of this writer/director's early movies, his most recent ones seem to be weird just for the sake of being weird. He attracts a huge number of talented actors and actresses, but the stories have been so strange that he and I (OK, maybe just me) are going to have to agree to disagree on whether these are actually entertaining or not. **Grade: D**

### "INDIANA JONES AND THE DIAL OF DESTINY"

(in theaters)

For a series that started so robustly more than 40 years ago, the sequels have been mostly underwhelming, at best. So, you naturally go into the final Indiana Jones movie with some trepidations. I'm

happy to report that this is very much in the spirit of the original film. It is a rollicking good time from start to finish with Harrison Ford doing his best (at his age) and Phoebe Waller-Bridge more than picking up his slack. The plot is contrived as they search for the lance that killed Christ, but there is enough action and fun to distract most viewers. This is perhaps one of the best finishes to a major action series I can remember. The finale is not only excellent but unexpectedly touching. **Grade: B+**

### "IN THE COMPANY OF ROSE"

(streaming on Prime Video)

I get random screening opportunities from film studios from time to time. Most I don't have time for, but I did have some spare time last weekend and started a film I knew nothing about. Rose Styron is a

poet, activist and the wife of the late novelist Bill Styron ("Sophie's Choice"). This is an in-depth look at her, and their lives together, and I found it fascinating and well done. **Grade: A-**

August will bring us a mixed bag of new movies, but I see a few gems on the horizon. Until then, pass the popcorn. ■

Michael C. Woody has been reviewing movies on radio and television since 1986 and can be heard talking movies every Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. on KXn0 106.3 with Keith Murphy and Andy Fales. You can also follow him on Twitter @MrMovieDSM. He and his wife, Susan, are residents of Lake Panorama.





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## RICHARD 'DICK' KOBORG

1941-2023

Richard "Dick" Lee Koberg, 82, son of Clarence and Luetta (Friederichs) Koberg, was born Feb. 25, 1941, in Durant. He passed away June 27, 2023, at the Guthrie County Hospital in Guthrie Center.

Dick graduated from Durant High School in 1959 and attended the Iowa Teachers College for a year. He enlisted in the United States Army, serving from 1961 to 1964 as a cryptologic repairman. On Nov. 8, 1968, he married Carolyn Sundene in Durant. To this union, four children were born, Kris, Kevin, Kerry and Katie.

In 1968, Dick was employed by Northern Mutual Insurance Company. In 1969, Dick left Northwestern to pursue an

opportunity with his Uncle Leo Levien at Levien Chevrolet in Fort Dodge. In the spring of 1977, with the encouragement of his uncle, Dick began looking for a dealership to purchase. Koberg Chevrolet was established in Carroll in the summer of that year. Dick later sold the dealership in 1984.

Later that year, Dick began working at Bowie Manufacturing, a company that manufactured fiberglass mobile truck-mounted veterinary units. Dick helped expand the business into the electric utility industry, and, during that time, a utility fleet manager asked, "Can you build me a better outrigger pad?" Dick took up the challenge and created a hybrid fiberglass and wood outrigger pad that was stronger, longer lasting and easier to handle than the common wood-only pads of the day.

In 1987, inspired by his lifelong love for equipment, Dick left Bowie and, with his wife, Carolyn, founded DICA (using the first two letters of their first names) in 1988 to see what he could do with this new outrigger pad. In 1989, DICA was registered as a corporation in the State of Iowa.

Dick worked tirelessly to establish

and grow the identity of DICA, and through research and testing, he kept improving his outrigger pad until it became the product DICA is known for today. His No. 1 concern was always for the safety of the equipment being supported and for the people using the product.

Today, DICA is a worldwide leader in outrigger pads, crane pads, cribbing, ground protection and jack pad products. The business is headquartered in a 35,000-square-foot facility in Urbandale, with additional manufacturing in Minnesota and Ohio, and has customers in more than 50 countries and on all seven continents. DICA remains a proud Koberg family-owned-and-operated business. The company has many valued employees whom Dick took a personal interest in and treated like family.

Dick enjoyed playing golf and card games, especially with his family. He also loved captaining boat rides at Lake Panorama, where he and his wife, Carolyn, made their home in later life. He cherished his grandchildren and loved taking them on golf cart rides and sharing ice cream together. He was also well known to enjoy

a Boulevard wheat beer and frequently raised his glass in a heartfelt salute to say, "Thank you to all of our wonderful customers."

Dick is survived by his wife, Carolyn Koberg of Panora; sons, Kris (Laura) Koberg of Cedar Rapids; Kevin (Joy) Koberg of College Grove, Tennessee, and Kerry (Kelly) Koberg of Earlham; and daughter, Katie Koberg of Dallas, Texas; grandchildren, Conner, Cade, Kelsey, Presley, Piper, Jackson, Ava and Andrew; siblings, Duane (Jan) Koberg of Sammamish, Washington; Chuck (Patty) Koberg of Folsom, California; and Marcia (David) Schuett of Durant. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister-in-law, Ruth Marie Holmquist.

Celebration of Life services will be 11 a.m., Thursday, July 13, 2023, at the Lutheran Church of Hope Chapel, West Des Moines. The service will be live-streamed ([hopeonline.tv/specialevents](http://hopeonline.tv/specialevents)). Burial of his cremains will be at Maysville Cemetery at a later date in Maysville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Tori's Angels, Guthrie County Hospital Foundation, or Hospice of the Midwest. ■



## LARRY A. BERGEMANN

1942-2023

Larry Alan Bergemann, 81, son of Lawrence and Sadie (Een) Bergemann, was born March 26, 1942, in Fairmont, Minnesota. He passed away June 5, 2023, in Panora.

Larry graduated from high school in Welcome, Minnesota. He went on to the University of Minnesota from 1960-1962 and to Iowa State University from 1973-1974. He married Betty Jean Kluver on April 20, 1963. To this union, three children were born, Curtis, Sarah and Lance. Larry went into banking, and they lived in various communities in Minnesota and Iowa. They moved to Jefferson in 1971, and Larry worked at the Jefferson State Bank, which later became Brenton Bank, as vice president for the next 12 years. Larry then went to work in

Des Moines at the Valley Bank and United Central Bank. Larry and Betty divorced in 1982. In the mid 1980s, he went to be the president of the bank in Greenfield. He then held various investment positions in Des Moines and in Phoenix, Arizona, for five years. In 2002, he started up the Investment Center at the Guthrie County State Bank, retiring on Dec. 31, 2012.

Larry enjoyed golfing, woodworking and helping with Fin and Feather. He served as the farm manager on the family farm back in Minnesota throughout his life and was still active up until his death. He was former member of the Lutheran Church in Jefferson, the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Jaycees, and helped get Genesis Development going in Jefferson.

Larry is survived by his partner of 45 years, Kathleen DeLucca of Panora; son, Curtis (Diane) Bergemann of Jefferson and daughter, Sarah Bergemann of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; sister, Shirley Amland of St. Paul, Minnesota; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Lance Bergemann; two brothers; and a sister.

A Celebration of Life will be Saturday, Aug. 12, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Port with a catered lunch at noon. ■



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# TREE FARM SPAWNS 2 FAMILY BUSINESSES, 1 NEW PARTNERSHIP

**BY SUSAN THOMPSON**

*Lake Panorama Times*

In February of 2002, Ron Eike purchased 11 acres of land along Highway 4 near Yale. His plan was to plant, grow and sell trees as something to do in his retirement years. That modest tree farm now has spawned two family-owned businesses and a new partnership.

Ron and his wife, Shirley, purchased a home at Lake Panorama in 1999. At the time, he was a corporate executive with Omaha Steaks.

"We were looking for a vacation property where we could enjoy family vacations and also looking ahead to retirement," Eike says. "When we looked at Lake Panorama, we realized we had found Iowa's best kept secret."

Soon after settling in their vacation home, the couple's oldest son, Josh, suggested Ron purchase some property and plant trees.

"I've always done my own landscaping, and Josh knew I love trees," Eike says. "And I was starting to think about what I'd do once I retired."

Eike says the 11 acres of land that includes a two-story house was pretty run-down.

"We removed brush and fence lines, got 5 acres cleared, and planted 2,000 trees that year," he says. "Each year we cleared

more land and added trees until we had planted 12,000 trees."

It took four years for the property to be fully planted with trees and for the first trees to be harvested and marketed. Customers throughout Iowa were buying from the Wood Duck Tree Farm. Soon there was customer demand for more than just trees, and, in 2015, Wood Duck Landscapes was formed.

Now Josh Eike, who first suggested the idea of growing and selling trees, is the principal partner and functions as the CEO of Wood Duck Landscapes. When asked if Ron still is involved in the business, Josh laughs. "Oh yes, he's still around. He likes to keep tabs on what we're doing almost every day," he says.

The third generation in the Eike family business is Josh's son, Jack. As a teenager, he worked for his father and grandfather each summer. Now 22 years of age, he has his own business that works in tandem with Wood Duck Landscapes.

In early 2021, Jack Eike's BluGrade Earthworks, Inc., was formed. The primary focus of BluGrade is grading, shorelines, large structural retaining walls, dirt work, trucking and hauling.

"He grew up in the business," Josh says. "He's been in a skid loader by himself since he was 6 years old." Jack now lives in the house at the original tree farm and runs his business from there. He also is president of



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Tyler and Aubrey Rupp, owners of Deluxe Docks and Lifts, entered a partnership in late 2022 with the Eikes to form Deluxe Docks and Lifts Barge Service. Shown with the Rupps are Jack, Josh and Ron Eike.

Wood Duck Landscapes.

Late last year, the Eikes formed a partnership with Tyler and Aubrey Rupp, owners of Deluxe Docks and Lifts. This legal partnership now owns Deluxe Docks and Lifts Barge Service.

"Josh did some work at our home a few years ago, getting our shoreline in shape so we could install the dock and lift we wanted," Tyler Rupp says. "We've talked about a possible partnership the last couple of years and spent time researching how we



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**LEFT:** This is a "before" photo of a lot in the upper basin, where the three companies collaborated on one project. **RIGHT:** BluGrade Earthworks did the land clearing, site grading and shoreline work on this lot. Wood Duck Landscapes did the steps and will do an extensive landscape project when home construction begins next year. Deluxe Docks and Lifts Barge Service sold and installed the dock and lift.





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This photo shows a current job in the Narrows where all three companies are involved. BluGrade and Wood Duck equipment are in the foreground, with the Deluxe barge pulling up to finish setting a new dock and lift.

could coordinate all the pieces customers want for their outdoor spaces.

“We decided there is a demand for tying together the things our companies can provide, a new dock and lift, a new shoreline, retaining walls, hardscape and more,” Rupp says. “This year, we’ve gone full bore on several projects, coordinating all the logistics to make this a one-stop shop. The lake membership has been extremely responsive.”

Josh Eike says the partnership is a natural fit.

“Tyler and Aubrey sell the docks, lifts and related products. Wood Duck Landscapes and BluGrade Earthworks does all the work up to the dock. This streamlines things for new homeowners or new lake residents because they can contact any one of our businesses and get the resources and coordination of all three,” he says.

“With the three companies working together, we’re able to offer members more opportunities,” Rupp says. “Lake property owners often are unsure of what is possible. In the past, sometimes we’ve had to say they can’t put a dock in a particular location because of the shoreline. Now we’re able to say yes more often than we could in the past. We’ve been able to take on new projects, and we’ve opened people’s eyes.”

Rupp says the additional projects he’s been involved in this year have led to three additional full-time people being added to the Deluxe Docks and Lifts Barge Service partnership.

There was a time when Wood Duck Landscapes had so much business, they were booking projects out one to two years in advance.

“We addressed that this past winter,” Josh Eike says. “We have two sides of the business, one at Lake Panorama and one in the Des Moines metro. We had 15 full-time team members in Des Moines, but this summer we shifted five of those to the lake to get caught up. Now we have 15 full-time team members at the lake, plus another 10 with BluGrade. That means we’re able to plan a project with someone, then do the work in the same year.”

Another change is the addition of a crew that works specifically on smaller projects.

“If Deluxe Docks sells a dock, but the shoreline needs steps installed to get to it, this crew can get that work done in one day,” Eike says. “That tees us up to do more, if the owners want more. Small jobs almost always lead to bigger ones, eventually.”

In the winter months, all staff from all the three businesses move snow and do ice control in the Des Moines area, while continuing to work on projects as the weather allows.

“We’ve worked our way through the last five winters on hardscape projects and retaining walls,” Eike says. “Winter also is the time for us to take on the task of overhauling and maintaining all our equipment, while the barge team assembles lifts and docks.”

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Three generations of Eike men have had an impact on many Lake Panorama landscapes. Shown left to right are Ron, Josh and Jack Eike. Ron started a tree farm that morphed into Wood Duck Landscapes, which Josh now operates. Josh's son Jack started a related business, BluGrade Earthworks, Inc.

Wood Duck Landscapes, Eike meets with them to discuss what they'd like, then follows up with a proposed layout and budget.

"We're pretty unique because we rarely use design," he says. "We start with a basic concept, a detailed budget and scope of work. But there are numerous challenges with dirt, trees and structures, and it's hard to foresee it all. Projects often morph throughout the construction phase, so we use more of a hands-on approach."

What is Eike's favorite part of his busi-

ness?

"Taking someone's dream of a beautiful outdoor area from concept to finished product is really satisfying," he says. "Plus, I've made a lot of friends at the lake over the years. I've built a lot of patios where I've later been invited for beers."

More information about Wood Duck Landscapes is online at [woodducklandscapes.com](http://woodducklandscapes.com). The website for BluGrade Earthworks, Inc. is [bgearthworks.com](http://bgearthworks.com). Deluxe Docks & Lifts is online at [deluxedocksandlifts.com](http://deluxedocksandlifts.com). ■

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# BEACH BALL EVENT RAISES \$25,000

**Friends of Lake Panorama board of directors confirmed their intent to fund plans now underway to complete a trail system on the south shore.**

**BY SUSAN THOMPSON**  
*Lake Panorama Times*

More than 160 people attended the Friends of Lake Panorama 2023 Beach Ball on June 16 at the Lake Panorama National event center. After expenses, the event had a profit of \$25,000.

For the third year in a row, individuals and businesses became Friends Beach Club members to support this event. Those who joined at one of these levels paid a little extra to get a little extra, while also making a direct donation to Friends of Lake Panorama. Friends Beach Club members were listed in the program.

There were 12 businesses and groups of individuals that spent \$700 to join the Premier level of the Beach Club. Twenty-three couples spent \$250 to be in the Couples Beach Club with nine businesses or individuals donating \$150 to sponsor a table.

There were 70 items donated for the silent auction, which brought in \$6,700. The live auction of 12 items raised \$11,450. Proceeds from tickets sold for a 50/50 raffle netted \$1,150.

Publicity in advance of the Beach Ball said profits would be used to enhance existing trails on Lake Panorama’s south shore of the main basin. At a meeting June 26, the Friends board of directors confirmed their intent to fund plans now underway to complete a trail system on the south shore. This project is being done in cooperation with Panorama Community Schools, as some portions of the trail system will be used for cross country team practices and meets.

Over the last 18 months, Friends has received private donations of nearly \$11,000 designated for use on the south shore. Friends board representatives will present a proposal in the near future to the LPA board of directors regarding additional low-impact recreational amenities, which would be funded by these private donations, plus 2023 Beach Ball funds.

Donations to Friends of Lake Panorama are accepted at any time and can be designated for the south shore, a bench at one of the three beaches or two golf courses, or for the general fund to be allocated by the Friends board. Checks can be made payable to Friends of Lake Panorama and



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This banner tied between two golf carts welcomed guests to the Friends of Lake Panorama Beach Ball on June 16.

mailed to P.O. Box 488, Panora, IA 50216.

Direct donations also can be sent via Venmo @Panorama-Friends. Credit cards are accepted on the Friends website, although Friends is charged a 2.9% processing fee on these donations. Donors are asked to consider increasing their donation to help cover this additional cost.

All donations are tax-deductible. Donors of \$500 or more are recognized on signs erected near specific projects they designate and on the donor page of the Friends website. More information is available at [www.friendsoflakepanorama.org](http://www.friendsoflakepanorama.org). ■



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A pendant necklace created and donated by the Youngberg Family, owners of Ames Silversmithing and also home owners at Lake Panorama, was sold at the Beach Ball live auction. During the bidding, Mark Jorgensen carried the necklace through the crowd to show to potential buyers. Here he shows it to Ellen Pollard, while Jamie Pollard looks on.



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Before beginning the live auction, auctioneer Dan Wilson asked attendees to prove they knew their bidding number by holding up their program. Bidding numbers were assigned and written on personalized programs for guests to pick up at registration.





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# LPA GENERAL MANAGER TALKS CUSTOMER SERVICE

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

This month's Q&A gives John Rutledge, Lake Panorama Association general manager, the chance to share ways the LPA is striving to maintain quality customer service for its membership.

## Q: HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE LPA'S PHILOSOPHY REGARDING CUSTOMER SERVICE?

A: LPA strives to provide consistent, top-notch customer service to our membership. This has been a key to LPA's success for more than 50 years, and it remains a guiding principle for our organization. But let's be honest... every organization claims customer service to be one of its top goals.

LPA recently has focused our efforts to understand HOW we can provide and sustain top-notch customer service. This is a complex question that requires LPA to balance several considerations.

One component of LPA's customer service philosophy is to be accessible to the membership and to provide a timely response to member inquiries. This timeliness and accessibility must be balanced against the need for consistent, accurate and well-documented responses. The questions LPA receives frequently are complex and require careful study of property history, LPA's governing documents and Iowa Law.

The resulting customer service approach is one that places a higher value on accuracy than it does on immediacy, while ensuring honest and informative communication is provided throughout.

## Q: IS IT OK FOR A MEMBER TO DROP BY THE OFFICE WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT?

A: Members always are welcome to stop by the LPA office for routine business. Payment of LPA invoices or the purchase of a hunting or fishing license are examples of items that LPA routinely handles without an appointment.

Yet members who want to come to the LPA office with more

complex questions are encouraged to schedule an appointment by calling ahead or emailing LPA at [lpa@lakepanorama.org](mailto:lpa@lakepanorama.org). Scheduling an appointment ensures the appropriate staff member will be available and prepared to discuss your question.

Building permits are a great example of a topic that should be scheduled in advance. LPA staff can help members avoid repeat trips to the office by reviewing all necessary steps required to obtain the permit(s) for your project. This makes efficient use of not only the member's time but also of LPA staff time.



John Rutledge

## Q: THERE IS A LOT OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE OR IN COFFEE SHOP CONVERSATIONS ABOUT LAKE PANORAMA'S RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND HISTORY. HOW CAN MEMBERS DIFFERENTIATE OFFICIAL SOURCES FROM UNOFFICIAL SOURCES?

A: One of our LPA board members recently captured this concept very effectively. He noted one of our continuing priorities should be to overcome "legend and folklore" by consistently providing the membership with accurate and easily accessible information.

LPA pursues good communication through a few select mediums. First, all LPA members are encouraged to create a sign-in on LPA's website, [www.lakepanorama.org](http://www.lakepanorama.org). The website contains useful information and forms related to a diverse set of LPA-related topics.

Once a website sign-in is created, the member will be added to LPA's weekly email list. This email is sent every Thursday with an occasional scheduling adjustment due to holidays or time-sensitive news. LPA's weekly email is called the "Panorama Prompt" and is the association's official means of communicating LPA business, rule changes and important information.

In addition to the website and weekly email, members have the opportunity to attend a handful of in-person functions.

The LPA board meetings are held every month at 5 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday, with open forum being available to the membership. Also on the calendar are periodic GM Coffee events, where I update members on a variety of topics and field questions from the audience. The next GM Coffee will be Friday, Sept. 1, at 10:30 a.m. at The Links Lounge + Events.

LPA sincerely appreciates our relationship with the Lake Panorama Times. The Lake Panorama Times frequently features articles from our LPA staff (such as this article), as well as other educational features about the lake community and lake history. The minutes of the monthly LPA board meetings, held each month except for January and February, also are published in the Lake Panorama Times.

Other sources, such as social media or online forums, can serve as effective platforms for social and community connections, but LPA does not endorse these platforms as providing accurate, consistent or official information. These are a great way to meet people and stay connected, but members are advised to use the LPA website and weekly email for official information.

## Q: WHAT PARTING THOUGHTS DO YOU HAVE?

A: Lake Panorama has a rich history of growth and progress. And when we use those terms, we think of the experience as being entirely positive. But with growth and progress comes change, and change isn't always viewed as being easy. Unfortunately, we can't experience growth and progress without also experiencing change.

LPA is growing and progressing and changing. In my 16 years as LPA general manager, we've been forced to evolve our business model and deal with increased volume, complexity and demands on our resources. One of our great challenges in this process is ensuring we continue to provide top-notch customer service, even though the customer experience has evolved into a more formal and structured experience than it was during the lake's earlier eras. Please know we will continue to refine this approach to ensure customer service remains one of Lake Panorama's best attributes. ■

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## EVENTS

# GARDEN TOUR BY BOAT A SUCCESS

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

Perfect weather was one of the highlights of the June 21 Panora Garden Club's boat tour along Lake Panorama's shoreline. This was the second year for the tour, which club members say will be an annual event. Pontoon boats loaded and unloaded passengers from the Boulder Beach docks.

Some changes were made for this year compared to last year. First, the number of people on each pontoon was reduced to make the ride more comfortable. Each tour lasted at least 90 minutes, with some going longer, compared to a one-hour ride

in 2022. A member of the Panora Garden Club was on board each pontoon to narrate, pointing out the homes and gardens of 16 members of the club. Each participant received a lake map, with the names of coves shown, plus the location of garden club members.

Food and beverages were available at Boulder Beach for purchase from Casey Creamery and Zipp's Pizza. Additional vendors offered a variety of items, including garden art, handmade towels, birdhouses and more.

Funds raised will be used to continue the many projects club members conduct to beautify the Panora and Lake Panorama community. ■



SPECIAL TO THE LAKE PANORAMA TIMES

One of the pontoons used in the Panora Garden Club event is owned by Brian and JoAnn Johnson. Brian was the pontoon captain, and JoAnn, standing, in the pink shirt, was the narrator for this tour, filled with their family and friends.



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## LIBRARY NEWS



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The ping pong table "net" is made of heavy metal with the words Panora Public Library cut into it. Shown getting the net in place are Curtis Thornberry, Andrew Randol and Damon Crandall.

## OUTDOOR PING PONG TABLE ADDED TO PANORA LIBRARY OFFERINGS

**The family of Sam Conti donated \$5,000 as a memorial gift, and the library foundation added another \$3,000 from other donors to purchase the table.**

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

*Lake Panorama Times*

It was 2018 when the Panora Library added several outdoor musical instruments to an area south of the building. On June 29, another new play thing was added nearby, but it isn't a musical instrument — it's a ping pong table.

Dave Grove has been a member of the Panora Library board of directors for 10 years and currently serves as vice president. He promoted the idea of the music park more than five years ago and also presented the idea of the ping pong table this spring.

"Sara and I took our children to San Antonio this winter and played outdoor ping pong at Hemisfair Park," Grove says.

"I did a little research after we returned, and once I knew it was cold-weather friendly, I presented the idea to our library board and then the Panora city council."

The table is made of concrete. A heavy metal "net" has the words Panora Public Library cut into the metal.

"I find ping pong to be a sport for all ages," Grove says. "Much like the music park, it can be enjoyed by all. It expands our mission of providing educational and family-friendly services at no cost to the public."

The family of Sam Conti donated \$5,000 as a memorial gift, and the library foundation added another \$3,000 from other donors to purchase the table.

"The paver pad to place the table on





SUSAN THOMPSON | LAKE PANORAMA TIMES

Panora city employees Doug Long and Gage Carey operated a crane and skid loader to place the concrete ping pong table near the library. Volunteers who pitched in on short notice to get the table assembled were, left to right, Dave Grove, Andrew Randol, Damon Crandall and Shane Murphy. Also helping, but not pictured, was Jeremy Poland.

was a joint community effort,” says Grove. “A big thank you to Josh Arganbright for donating his time, resources and labor, and another big thanks to Lake Lumber for donating the pavers. Then the Gerth and Grove families, along with Chris Hastings, finished up the pad.” Ping pong paddles and balls are stored on a rack under the table or can be borrowed from inside the library during open hours.

“I think this project highlights what makes our community so great,” Grove says. “First, the generosity of individuals to give back to the community. Second, the open minded and progressive mindset of our library board and director Kim Finnegan. And finally, the spirit of volunteerism that makes people stop what they are doing and say, ‘Sure I can help.’ Projects like this are so rewarding to see the teamwork in action.” ■



DAVE GROVE | SPECIAL TO THE LAKE PANORAMA TIMES

A spot south of the Panora Public Library was leveled, and a paver pad installed by volunteers to support a new concrete ping pong table. Paddles and balls are stored on a rack under the table with additional equipment available inside the library during regular open hours.

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BRING BRUNCH FAVORITES TO THE TABLE

BY JOLENE GOODMAN  
Lake Panorama Times

(Family Features) Few things go together like the weekend and brunch. Whether that means gathering with family, friends or a combination of both, it's the perfect time to slow down and bring your loved ones together for a lighthearted meal.

Catering to a variety of different palates requires a diverse menu of dishes ranging from fresh fruit and baked goods to proteins and more. A key ingredient to bring any spread together: Envy apples, which are a natural cross between Braeburn and Royal Gala apples.

With their beautifully balanced sweetness, uplifting fresh aroma, delightfully satisfying crunch and bright red skin that sometimes features a golden blush, they can be served fresh or paired with other brunch favorites in shareable dishes like the Brunch Board with a Twist. Plus, their naturally white flesh doesn't brown as quickly as other apples, making them easy to savor while enjoying time with loved ones. ■

Jolene Goodman is the advertising director for Lake Panorama Times and vice president of Big Green Umbrella Media.



Jolene Goodman

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Junior golfers and their instructors posed for this group photo June 21 at the Panorama West clubhouse.

# JUNIOR GOLFERS LEARN FUNDAMENTALS, ETIQUETTE AND RULES

Young people ages 5 to 17 are eligible to attend the annual school, held on three Wednesdays each session.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
*Lake Panorama Times*

There were 22 young golfers who participated in the June session of the 2023 Lake



SUSAN THOMPSON | LAKE PANORAMA TIMES

Maddox Hammerstrom shows a group of girls in the 5-8 age group some putting basics. Pool noodles are used on the putting practice green to create a miniature golf course.

Panorama National Junior Golf School. Another 24 are participating this month. Young people ages 5 to 17 are eligible to attend the annual school, held on three Wednesdays each session.

The juniors learn full swing, pitching, chipping and putting fundamentals along with golf etiquette and rules of golf. Participants are divided into age groups and rotate between the putting green, chipping area and driving range. At the end of the hour-and-a-half sessions, the juniors head to Spikes to choose a free drink. A final event is held at Panorama West with the juniors playing a few holes before a pizza party and receiving a gift bag.

Rob Riggins, LPN head golf professional, and Michael Kleinwolterink, LPN pro shop manager, led the golf school. Assisting were Dylan Douglass, Kolby Shackelford, Maddox Hammerstrom, Austin Block, Zander Hammerstrom and Kaden Thompson.

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On the last day of the June session, these golfers in the 5-8 age group were hitting from the fairway to the first green at Panorama West.

Association and Guthrie County State Bank. Sponsor funds make it possible to give the junior golfers a gift bag on the final day of each session filled with two free rounds of golf at Panorama West, three

sleeves of golf balls and a bag of golf tees. Sponsor funds also were used to purchase chipping and driving targets, plus emoji golf balls given to the kids for contests and prizes. ■





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Dylan Douglass works with junior golfers at the pitching and chipping station. Here he watches the swing of one of the girls in this year's golf school before offering suggestions and encouragement.



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Rob Riggins, LPN head golf pro, works with three older girls who attended the LPN junior golf school. They played a best shot event at Panorama West on the last day of the school.

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## MAKING LPA GOLF COURSES COLORFUL

Volunteers plant, weed and water throughout the golf season to provide additional beauty to the fairways, greens and trees.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

The two golf courses owned by the Lake Panorama Association — Lake Panorama National and Panorama West — have colorful landscaped areas each summer because of a league of volunteers. These volunteers plant, weed and water throughout the golf season to provide additional beauty to the fairways, greens and trees.

At Panorama West, there are raised brick planters on each tee box. Volunteers for 2023 are Virgil and Barb Hoehne, first hole; Bill and Karen Eby, second hole; Lyle and Paula Hansen, third hole; Chan Rivera, fourth hole; Trent and Sheryl Crawmer, fifth hole; Dick Ellis, sixth hole; John and Sue Crawmer, seventh hole; Jim and Emily Spradling, eighth hole; and Jay and Sue Merryman, ninth hole.

Bob White cares for the par 4 tee box on the second hole. The Panora Garden Club did a general spring cleanup around the clubhouse. Paul McCool manages the bluebird houses on the course. Those interested in helping in 2024 can contact Maureen Lubeck, Panorama West clubhouse manager, at [mlubeck@lakepanorama.org](mailto:mlubeck@lakepanorama.org), or call the pro shop at 641-755-2250.



Doug and Dee Eckley manage the landscaped area along the tee box on the third hole at the LPN. This year they painted the two trellises there and are having good luck getting clematis vines to grow up the wooden structures.



This landscaped bed under the Lake Panorama National Resort sign on the east side of the event center is maintained by Rick and Mare Langel. A new addition this year is solar lighting.

At Lake Panorama National, five ornamental trees purchased by Friends of Lake Panorama have been planted this year.

Near Spikes, volunteers Shanell Wagler and Bill Winkleblack removed much of the vegetation surrounding the building, leaving some perennial flowers. In late June, they planted three Cleveland pear trees — one south of Spikes, one north of the scoreboard, and a third between the putting green and the first hole.

In early May, two redbud trees and perennial flowers were planted near the east entrance to the LPN event center by Wagler, Sue Merryman and Chris Cox, LPN maintenance.

Many more volunteers are involved in planting and maintaining other areas near the event center and around the LPN course.

On the first tee, Deb McDermott and Danielle Navarro manage the landscaped areas around the flagpole and near the back tee box. Trish Steffen handles the



This flower bed on the ninth tee box at Panorama West was planted and is being maintained by Sue and Jay Merryman.

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At Lake Panorama National, Shanell Wagler and Bill Winkleblack have cleaned landscaped areas around Spikes and planted three ornamental Cleveland pear trees. All three are in locations where ash trees were removed more than a year ago. This tree is on the south side of Spikes.

area on the back tees on the second hole. Doug and Dee Eckley manage the tee box on the third hole. This year, they put a new coat of paint on the two trellises, where clematis plants are growing.

Sherri Miller keeps annual and perennial flowers growing on both tee boxes on the fourth hole. Bill Winkleblack manages the flower bed that runs along the rail fence behind the back tees on the fifth hole. Darwin and Janet Luing care for the forward tees on that hole. Dave and Nancy Clawson manage perennial plantings along the pond.

The Kluster Klub has taken on the forward tee box on the sixth hole this year. Darwin and Janet Luing oversee the back tee box on the seventh hole, and Kathy Moline handles the front tee box on that hole. Sue Greiner plants annuals each year on tee boxes on the eighth hole. New this year is Chris Duree planting and tending a large area of annuals next to the ninth tee box. Duree also has pots of pink petunias both at Spikes and the east side of the event center.

Moving to the back nine, Ann Appleseth is managing the forward tee box on

the 10th hole. Shanell Wagler has both tee boxes on the 11th hole, and Kim Kent has tee boxes on the 12th hole. Barb Wollner plants flowers behind the forward tee on the 13th hole. Jolene Wright adopted the 14th hole in 2022. Rod and Pam Robson have adopted the back tee on the 15th hole, and Carla Fitzgerald has the forward tee on that hole. Matt and Marilyn Schultes have the 16th tee, and Dee Tometich and Deb McDermott manage the 17th tees.

Near the event center, the landscaped area on the east side of building is handled by Sue Merryman, who also tends to the Irv Gerlich Memorial area north of the building. Mare and Rick Langel manage the area under the LPN sign on the east side, plus two landscaped areas on the west side of the building near the pro shop.

Bill Winkleblack cares for landscaped beds around the swimming pool, and Shanell Wagler cares for areas along the sidewalk to the pro shop.

One area up for adoption on the LPN golf course is around the restroom between the 12th and 13th holes. Those interested in volunteering at Lake Panorama National can contact Shanell Wagler at [shanell.wagler@gmail.com](mailto:shanell.wagler@gmail.com) or 515-371-0505. ■



This landscaped bed on the ninth hole at the LPN was adopted this year by Chris Duree, who planted a large display of annual flowers.



This raised flower bed on the eighth tee box at Panorama West was planted and is maintained by Emily and Jim Spradling.

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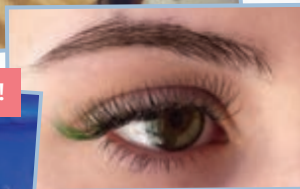
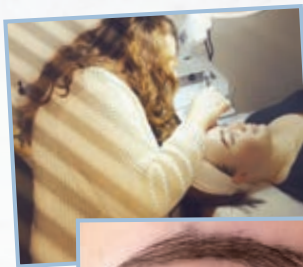


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Kathy DeLucca and Sharon Wedemeyer won the championship flight in the Panorama West 2-gal golf tournament June 13 with a two-over-par score of 29. They are shown with Michael Kleinwolterink, Lake Panorama National pro shop manager, who assisted with tournament set-up, announcements and scoring.

## PANORAMA WEST 2-GAL TOURNAMENT HOSTS 72 PLAYERS

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
*Lake Panorama Times*

The Panorama West women's golf league hosted a 2-gal best-shot tournament Tuesday, June 13. A total of 36 teams participated with players from Panora, Guthrie Cen-

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There was a full field of 36 two-gal teams at a golf tournament at Panorama West June 13. The annual tournament is sponsored by the Panorama West women's league. A catered lunch in the Panorama West community room followed golf.

community room. Eighteen potted plants were given away as raffle prizes, as were many items donated by area businesses and tournament supporters.

Jolene Wright won one of the special events, which was longest putt on the fourth hole. Jenny Wills won the other special event, which was closest to the pin on the eighth hole.

Cash prizes were awarded to the top three teams in five flights. Winners of the championship flight were Sharon Wedemeyer and Kathy DeLucca with a score of two-over-par 29. The team of Carla Fitzgerald and Susan Thompson also scored a 29 and took second place after losing the scorecard playoff. The team of Connie Hamilton and Nancy Scheffers took third place with a score of 30.

The tournament was followed by a buffet lunch at the Panorama West Clubhouse, catered by Paul Wendl. Tournament committee members were Emily Spradling, Nini Von Bon, Beth Muenzenberger, Rhoda Williams and Linda Wendl.



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The team of Lynn Breitbach and Kathy Berryman came ready to play with a decorated golf cart and matching, glitzy outfits to celebrate the "Golfing with the Stars" theme of the tournament.

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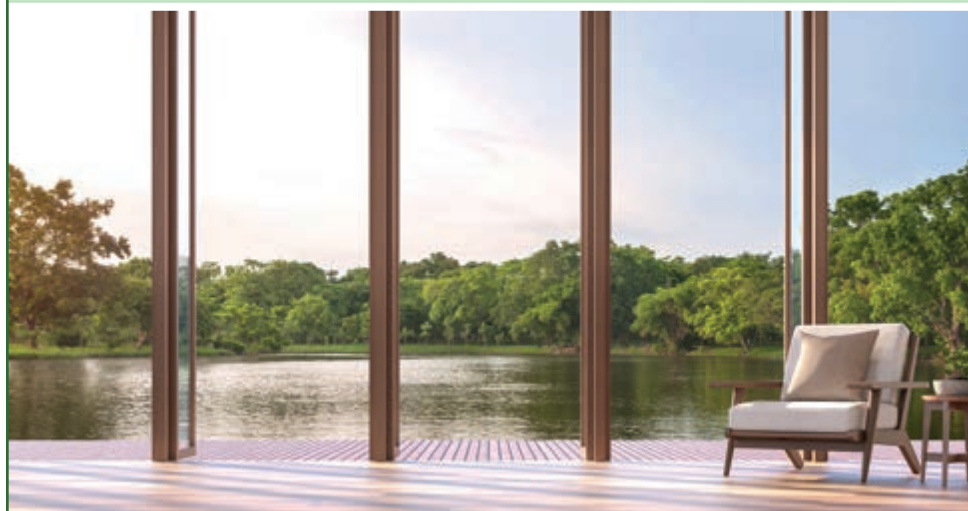
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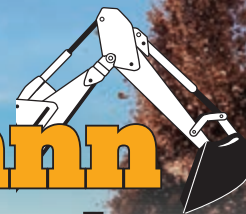
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# LPA BOARD MINUTES

## LAKE PANORAMA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 23, 2023

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met May 23, 2023, at 5 p.m. at the Lake Panorama Association Office. Board members in attendance were Emily Donovan, David Finneseth, Dennis Flanery, Mark Jorgensen, Rich Schumacher, Sue Thompson and Dirk Westercamp.

**LPA Staff in attendance:** Danna Krambeer, Lane Rumelhart and John Rutledge.  
**Visitors in attendance:** Brian Johnson, Guthrie County Supervisor

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

**Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the Agenda**  
Jorgensen moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.  
No conflicts of interest were disclosed by the Board of Directors regarding agenda items.  
**Agenda Item 2 – Open Forum** – No one present for open forum.  
**Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda**  
Flanery moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Consent agenda to include:  
a) LPA General Manager's Report  
b) Approval of minutes from 04.25.2023 LPA Board Meeting  
c) Acceptance of the 04.30.2023 LPA LPN Consolidated Financial Statement  
d) Set date for next board meeting 06.27.2023  
e) Approval of minutes from the 05.13.2023 LPA Annual Meeting  
f) Approval of minutes from the 05.13.2023 LPA Board Organizational Meeting to elect officers for 2023-24  
g) Accept minutes from 04.24.2023 LPN LLC Board of Managers Meeting  
**Agenda Item 4a – Report from Treasurer**  
Flanery reported he met with Krambeer and reviewed the Financial Statements and various account items; all was in order.  
**Agenda Item 4b – Committee appointments**  
The board discussed the recommendation for committee appointments and Board members for each committee.

Building Committee	Term Expires
Gary Evans.....	2026
John Miller .....	2026
Terry Gebard.....	2026
Gary Geels.....	2025
Kent Brown.....	2025
Andy Harrelson.....	2024
Jon Marckres .....	2024

Dennis Flanery .....	LPA Board Member
Dirk Westercamp .....	LPA Board Member
<b>Water Safety Committee</b>	
Therese McConeghey.....	2026
Todd Nevenhoven.....	2026
Dan York.....	2025
Steven Sidman.....	2025
Chad Tope .....	2024
Mike Appleseth.....	2024
Marina Tenant – Lyn Coulter .....	Continuous
Sue Thompson.....	LPA Board Member
Mark Jorgensen .....	LPA Board Member

Land Sales Committee	Term Expires
Kathleen DeLucca.....	2026
Gary Winter.....	2026
MJ Carothers .....	2025
Maureen Lubeck.....	2025
Charles Schnack.....	2024
Rich Schumacher .....	LPA Board Member
David Finneseth.....	LPA Board Member

Appeals Committee	Term Expires
Pam Johnson.....	2026
Dale Behrends.....	2025

Julie Fulton .....	2025
Mindy Larsen Poldberg.....	2024
James Spradling.....	2024

Flanery moved to approve the committee member appointments, as listed with term dates. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.  
**Agenda Item 4c – Addendum to South Shore rip rap agreement between LPA and RIZ to reflect final cost of project.**  
Schumacher moved to approve the amendment to the South Shore rip rap agreement dated Oct. 10, 2022, to reflect final cost of project; original agreement \$780,000 to actual final cost \$862,500. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.  
**Agenda Item 4d – Consider proposal from strategic planning facilitator.**  
Flanery moved to approve entering into a contract with a strategic planning facilitator. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.  
**Agenda Item 5a – Other Business - None**  
**Agenda 6 – Closed Session** – The board entered closed session at 5:50 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Board exited closed session at 6:35 p.m.  
Flanery moved to approve a motion as discussed in closed session. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.  
**Adjourn** - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. ■



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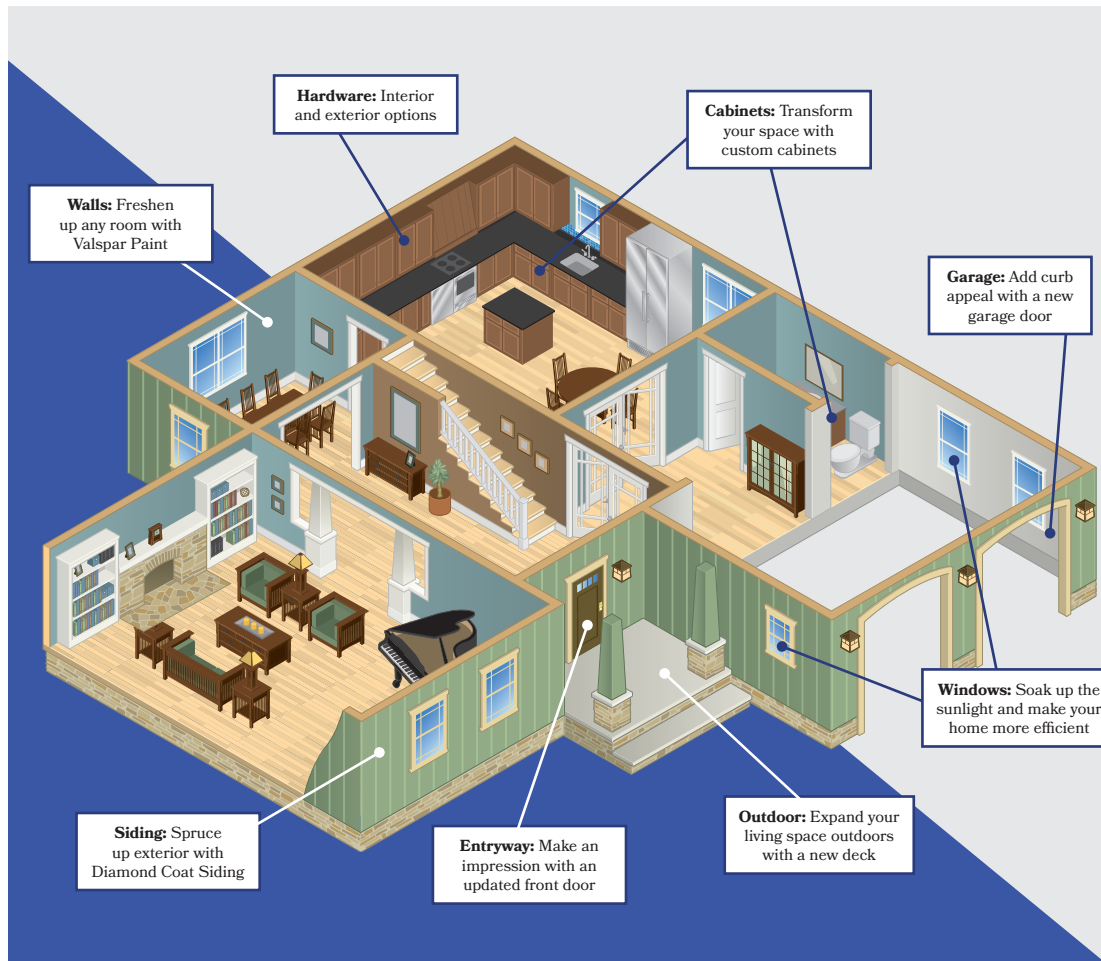


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**TRISH HART'S NATURE PHOTOS OF THE MONTH**

# MEAL TIME FOR BLUEBIRD FAMILY



Dad feeding baby bluebird

**BY SUSAN THOMPSON**

*Lake Panorama Times*

It was May 31 when nature photographer Trish Hart went outside to fill the bird feeders on her deck and discovered four baby Eastern Bluebirds and their parents on a feeder and in a nearby tree.

"Dad was busy feeding the hungry new fledglings their breakfast as Mom watched from the corner of the deck," Trish says. "I'm convinced they're from the same families we feed year-round, because they weren't afraid of me at all. It was so adorable to witness."

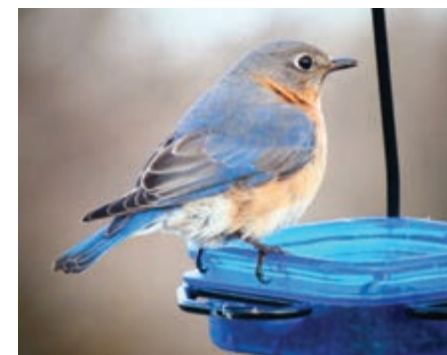
Trish and her husband, Scott, live full-time at Lake Panorama and have several different types of bird feeders on their deck.

"The bluebirds love dried mealworms," Trish says. "We keep their feeder full through Iowa winters so they can count on a consistent food source. Besides mealworms, they enjoy berries and seeds."

The Eastern Bluebird is found in all North American states east of the Rockies. Many in northern states migrate south in the winter, but some remain near their nesting areas, if they can find a reliable food supply, which they do at the Hart house.

Male Eastern Bluebirds are vivid, deep blue above and rusty or brick-red on the throat and breast. Females are grayish above with bluish wings and tail and a subdued orange-brown breast.

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Adult female bluebird



Adult male bluebird



Two baby bluebirds



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# LAKE DOG & COVE CAT

BY CHERYL TEMPLE | *Lake Panorama Times*

## LAKE DOG

**Name:** Gilligan  
**Owners:** Chad and Shannon Tope  
Gilligan is an English Bulldog that turned 6 this spring. Chad said since high school that he was going to have an English bulldog and name it Gilligan. Thirty years later, this sweet girl made it into their lives, and they say they have laughed every day since. Gilligan will come running to many names: Gilligan, Gilly, Nugget or her rapper's name, G-wiggle (given to her by the Topes' son). Gilligan hasn't met a stick it didn't like. Everyone seems surprised at how much Gilligan loves the water and can even swim. Gilly never misses a golf cart ride or a boat ride. On a warm day, you will find Gilligan at one of four places: laying in a plastic pool, playing at the neighbor's beach, or sitting on a rock in the water down by the boat. Gilligan never wants to miss the action, so just look for the bulldog with a bright orange life-vest jumping off the back of a boat. ■



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## COVE CAT

**Name:** Miss Penny  
**Age:** 10  
**Owner:** Erica Matthies  
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