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ON THE COVER: This ornate pink and gold chair sits in the lobby of the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU) offices in West Des Moines. Erin Gerlich, who was born and raised at Lake Panorama, became the IGHSAU executive director in May. Photo submitted



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ON THE LAKE

MOST IMPROVED PUBLICATION AND BEST OF SHOW

When I purchased this publication in March of 2020, I wasn't really sure what to do with it. The fact that we were in the midst of the COVID pandemic didn't help. So, I didn't do much of anything. We simply kept publishing the newspaper in the same way it had been done for years prior.

I did know two things, though.

First, our Iowa Living magazines were performing quite well, and we had publications in Grimes/Dallas Center and in Adel/Desoto/Minburn, as well as Winterset. Converting Lake Panorama Times to a Lake Panorama Living magazine made sense. Even so, I didn't want to get in a hurry with changes, and I was more concerned about how to keep my company afloat during a time when many of my customers were dealing with government-imposed COVID shutdowns.

Second, I knew I wanted to spend more time at our home at Lake Panorama, and running a business here would allow me to do that. So, I continued with business as usual. During that time, though, the wheels were spinning in my mind. How could we take what we learned with CITYVIEW and our Iowa Living magazines and create a separate division to serve readers and advertisers in Guthrie County?

Ultimately, as many of you know, we were able to buy the Guthrie County Times Vedette newspaper, which we converted to a twice-weekly, free, digital edition. We also launched a free monthly called Panora Times and another



Shane Goodman

named Guthrie Center Times. But before we did those things, we redesigned Lake Panorama Times in May 2023 from a broadsheet newspaper to a magazine format, and we added more feature-oriented news and full color on every page. We then gave all three publications a common look and feel. The results have been positive from every measurable we set, and we just received additional recognition for our work by our peers.

Last week, Lake Panorama Times was named Most Improved Publication by the Association of Community Publishers, an organization with members who are owners, publishers, general managers and sales managers of community publications throughout North America. The members come from all walks of the community publishing world, from small independent publications to major companies. We are quite proud

to have Lake Panorama Times named as the Most Improved Publication. In addition, Big Green Umbrella Media was awarded Best of Show as a result of awards won by all our publications. This is an even greater honor.

I am thankful to our staff, to our advertisers and to each of you — our readers — for providing us this opportunity, and we are pleased to make Lake Panorama and Guthrie County shine in front of all of North America.

As always, I thank you for reading. ■

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LOCAL 'IOWA GIRL' MAKES GOOD

Lake Panorama's Erin Gerlich is the executive director of the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

In mid-April, the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU) named Erin Gerlich as its new executive director. The IGHSAU is the only state activity association in the nation solely devoted to promoting, directing and regulating interscholastic athletics for junior high and high school girls.

GERLICH'S CONNECTION TO THE LAKE STARTED AT BIRTH

Gerlich was born and raised at Lake Panorama and graduated in 2002 from Panorama Community Schools. She and



Erin Gerlich is shown in 2000 when she was a sophomore at Panorama Community Schools. Besides basketball, she competed in cross country, track and field, and softball while in high school.

her daughter, Avery, now live at Lake Panorama. Gerlich's connection to the lake started at birth.

"I was born at Lake Panorama in my grandparents' house (Irv and Molly Gerlich) on Christmas night in 1983," she says. "There was a snowstorm, and my mother wasn't expecting me for another few weeks. She went into labor after Christmas dinner, and I was delivered by my late aunt, Lynn Thornberry. The snowplows had to be called in so the ambulance could get there to eventually take me to Guthrie County Hospital."

Gerlich's parents are Jay and Karen Gerlich. She is the middle child of three girls. Maggie Armstrong is two years older, and Elizabeth Ratcliff is two years younger. The family lived on Helen's Cove until Erin finished middle school. Then they built the house tucked behind the Boulder Cove condos on Lonna Drive, where Jay and Karen still live.

Gerlich describes herself as a "very average athlete."

"I was involved in cross country, basketball, track and field, and played softball through my sophomore year. I also danced from the time I was 3 years old through graduation, so I was involved with dance team," she says. "We had a girls club soccer team I played on in high school for a couple of years, and I played coed soccer for several years growing up. My name isn't on the record boards, but I absolutely loved what athletics did for me as a person."

A NON-TRADITIONAL PATH

Gerlich became the IGHSAU executive director in May. She calls her career path a non-traditional one.

"I went to Iowa State and earned a degree in sports medicine. I then went to Oklahoma State University to get my master's in health promotion and worked as a graduate assistant athletic trainer for the OSU football program," Gerlich says. "I was the head athletic trainer for OSU women's basketball for a



Erin Gerlich sits in the center of the giant pink and gold chair at this year's Iowa high school girls volleyball tournament. Tradition dictates that, after the courts are set the night before the volleyball championships, IGHSAU staff and board members involved in the event play a game of volleyball. This photo was taken after that midnight volleyball game.

few years before I transitioned into a director of operations, which was my first glimpse of administrative duties at the college level."

Gerlich returned to the Panorama Community Schools in the summer of 2013, this time as an employee.

"I served as the activities director, athletic trainer and at-risk coordinator during my time there," she says. "It was fun to come back to the place that made my childhood so special and where I still knew many people within the community."

She moved from Panorama schools to the IGHSAU in September 2021 as an associate director. She was the head of emerging sports and new projects, acted as a liaison for all sports medicine coordination and initiatives, and served as the sport administrator for wrestling and tennis. She led the IGHSAU Student Athletic Advisory Committee. She was president of the Iowa High School Athletic Directors Association during the 2022-2023 season, the first female to hold the position.

Now, Gerlich is the sixth executive di-



Erin Gerlich is flanked by her daughter, Avery, and her mother, Karen, after receiving the 2023 Charlotte Bailey Award from the Iowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association.

rector of the IGHS AU, which has a long and storied history. In the 1920s, Iowa was one of the few states where girls could play high school basketball, which was particularly popular in Iowa's rural schools. Larger schools didn't have the

same enthusiasm, and some people believed it was risky for the reproductive health of females to engage in "strenuous" activities such as basketball.

At the 1925 Iowa State Teachers convention in Des Moines, superintendents

and principals decided competitive sports before paying crowds was good only for boys activities, and girls basketball would no longer be a state-sponsored interscholastic activity.

A group of superintendents, most of whom also served as girls basketball coaches, created an organization so girls could continue to play basketball. The IGHS AU was officially formed in 1927 and run by a board of superintendents for several decades. In the 1950s, they began to add more sports.

"By the time Title IX came into play in 1972, many looked to what Iowa had been doing for nearly 50 years to provide sport experiences for females," Gerlich says. "In 1951, our girls state basketball tournament was televised in nine different states, which was well before any NFL or NBA games were televised. To say we have been progressive with females in athletics in our state is an understatement."

The longest serving IGHS AU executive director was Dr. E. Wayne Cooley, who held the position from 1954 to 2002. He once stated, "I take a lot of pride that every girl walks down every main street in every town in Iowa just as tall as the boy."

THE IOWA GIRL

In recent years, the association has

expanded on Cooley's idea by making the "Iowa Girl" a recurring theme at state tournaments, in printed materials and online. The premise is that "Iowa Girl" represents more than just being a girl from Iowa. The Iowa Girl is epitomized as a well-rounded young woman, active in both her school and her community, whose participation in athletics has a positive influence on her life.

An ornate pink and gold chair sits in the lobby of the IGHS AU offices in West Des Moines. In the past year, the staff has taken the chair with a pink backdrop that declares "Iowa Girl" to state tournaments. The display is a popular spot for photos.

IGHS AU now sponsors 11 sports. Besides basketball, the association sanctioned softball in 1955, with golf and tennis sanctioned in 1956. Track and field was added in 1962. Cross country was sanctioned in 1966, followed by swimming and diving in 1967 and volleyball in 1970. Soccer was added in 1998 and bowling in 2006. Wrestling was added in 2022.

ROLLING OUT A NEW SPORT

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"Wrestling was not yet a sanctioned sport, so I spent most of the first few months of my new job getting the necessary data and schools involved to formally make wrestling our 11th sanctioned sport. Rolling out a new sport took nearly all of my time and energy the first two years on the job," she says. "Building relationships with schools, coaches, athletes and officials takes time. Once the wrestling community understood our vision, we had great support and momentum across the state. I'm really proud of what our organization has done to contribute to the sport. We have got a national spotlight on us for how we've grown girls wrestling, and that has been incredible for our athletes."

"We take great pride in our state tournaments for all of our sports, so I knew we had to knock it out of the park when it came to our first state tournament," Gerlich says. "We pulled out all of the stops and sold out the Xstream Arena in Coralville where we have our tournament. We did that again this year. To be able to bring this kind of energy and at-



Panorama standout athlete Jaidyn Sellers is shown with Erin Gerlich at the 2023 high school state track and field meet at Drake University. Gerlich says she enjoys bumping into former athletes she worked with at Panorama Community Schools.

tention through our platform for those athletes and coaches has been incredible."

An estimated 800 girls were involved



Erin Gerlich and her daughter, Avery, are shown in May 2023 at the Inspiring Women of Iowa luncheon where Gerlich was nominated for the Woman of Confidence award.

with high school wrestling before it was sanctioned by IGHSAU. After the first year, about 2,300 girls were involved. That number increased to 3,100 athletes this year.

"That isn't counting the exponential growth on the junior high and youth numbers for girls that will continue to feed the high school system," Gerlich says. "I am predicting steady growth for the foreseeable future."

Gerlich's dedication and achievements were recognized in 2023 when she was honored with the Charlotte Bailey Award from the Iowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association, as well as the AAU Wrestling Women's Empowerment Award.

FOLLOWING IN HER MOTHER'S FOOTSTEPS

Erin's daughter, Avery, who will turn 13 in July, is following in her mother's footsteps at Panorama Community Schools. This year she participated in volleyball, basketball and track and field as a junior high athlete just finishing up the seventh grade.

"It's fun to raise my daughter within

the Panorama community. She was born in Oklahoma, but we moved back just as she was turning 2 years old. There's nothing better than life in a small town, in my opinion," Gerlich says. "My younger sister, Liz, has been the Panorama Elementary principal since Avery started kindergarten. My older sister, Maggie, has helped to coach her basketball team through parks and recreation and in the junior high system."

Gerlich used to be a runner but says her participation in that sport has dwindled as it becomes harder on her body.

"Now, I love hiking, which is a great way to explore new places. I also hope to be on my bike more this summer, as time allows," she says. "I've taken up golf, which is a fun challenge for my competitive spirit. I recently took Avery to the driving range for the first time, and she was quick to make great contact with the ball. So, golf may be in her future, too."

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE IGHSAU

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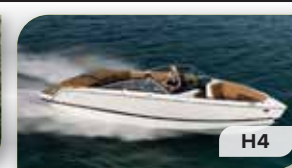
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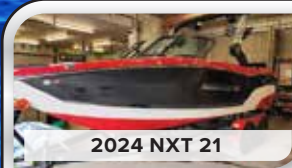


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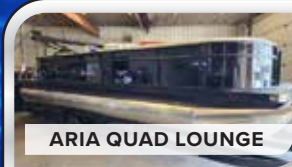


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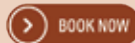
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This photo was taken at this year's Panorama basketball alumni night. Erin Gerlich is wearing the Panorama shooting shirt she had in high school. Shown with Gerlich are her daughter, Avery, and sisters, Liz Ratcliff and Maggie Armstrong.

ues to rank in the top half of the United States in terms of girls high school athletic participation, despite ranking 30th in U.S. population.

"Raising a daughter and having a niece just a bit younger than her has been even more motivation for me to provide great opportunities and experiences for these girls, locally and across our state," Gerlich says. "It does get hard when my job takes me away from her, especially when I occasionally have to miss her events to be at our events. But she has always been mature and understanding that mom can't always do it all, even though I want and try to."

Gerlich says she is especially motivated to show high school girls the many career opportunities and avenues that exist in athletics, from administration to coaching and officiating.

"We don't have nearly enough female faces and minds in the world of athletics, and they have proven to be some of

the best overall leaders and difference-makers when put in those positions of impact," she says. "I want the Iowa Girl to know her time in athletics doesn't have to end with high school, even if playing college sports is not in the cards. You don't have to be an all-star athlete to have a positive influence when it comes to education-based athletics."

In Gerlich's position, she says she also is excited to educate people on the importance of why the IGHSAU exists and the positive impact it has on those involved.

"I love getting to impact the Iowa Girl on such a high level," she says. "We have an amazing staff, and I am excited to be in a visible role as a female leader. Our organization has a reputation for prioritizing the experience of the female athletes we serve, and I will love the continued challenge of finding new ways to serve and spotlight the amazing things our female athletes do across the state." ■



A new pickleball net was purchased by Friends of Lake Panorama this spring for the Sunset Beach sports court. To prevent damage to the net, users are asked to be mindful about locking and unlocking the wheels as the net is moved and when storing it against the fence.

NEW PICKLEBALL NET INSTALLED AT SUNSET BEACH SPORTS COURT

The 40-foot by 60-foot concrete pad is covered in sports court tile, with painted lines for both basketball and pickleball.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

A portable pickleball net was first added to the Sunset Beach sports court in April 2023. That summer proved to be a difficult one, as someone dragged it to the beach and damaged it.

This spring, Friends of Lake Panorama used funds donated earlier to the Sunset Beach court to purchase a new net. Shortly after it was installed, high winds grabbed and twisted it, breaking the bottom brace. Fortunately, Kevin Sherlock, a member of the LPA maintenance staff, was able to weld the brace back together, and the new net now is in place.

The fully assembled net is on five wheels. It can be stored along the fence when not in use and rolled into place as needed. A brake on each of the five wheels unlocks and locks, so the net can either be moved or secured in place.

Users are asked to always unlock the wheels when moving the net and lock the wheels once in place for play or when stored against the fence. It's hoped extra caution by users will allow this net to survive more than one season. If the net is damaged, or not functioning as expected, users are asked to report details to Lane Rumelhart at the LPA office, 641-755-2301.

The court was completed in November 2022. The Friends of Lake Panorama board had discussed a basketball half-court at Sunset Beach for several years. Adding an extra 10-feet to the original plan made it possible to accommodate both basketball and pickleball.

The 40-foot by 60-foot concrete pad is covered in sports court tile, with painted lines for both basketball and pickleball. Black paint shows the basketball free throw line, lane and three-point arc. The basketball lane is green tile. The regulation-sized pickleball court also is green tile, painted with white lines. The rest of the court is covered in blue tile.

A total of \$17,500 from the Friends of Lake Panorama's 2022 Beach Ball was used for this project. Mark and Karen Einck donated \$25,000 for the court, with another \$5,500 received from other donors. A sign recognizing donors is attached to the fence. ■



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LOCAL FILM REVIEWS

APES. POP-TARTS. SIX KIDS AND A PREGNANT WIFE. AND MORE MAD MAX.

BY MICHAEL C. WOODY
Lake Panorama Times

“KINGDOM OF THE PLANET OF THE APES”
(in theaters)

This is the latest reboot of the popular series of films that started when I was a child. I was not a big fan of the last reboot, but this one seems much better from the start. We find the apes living in peace and harmony with humans. It’s all fun and games until some other apes don’t think that is such a good idea. Fighting ensues. **Grade: B+**

“UNsung HERO”
(probably getting ready to stream)

Sometimes, I like to go see movies that I have no idea what they are about. Last month’s gem, “Wicked Little Letters,” was a huge surprise and a real treat. Watch for it on the streaming services. So funny. This month’s surprise is “Unsung Hero,” a movie



“Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes”

that has already come and gone. Watch for it on the streaming services. It is the true story of a concert promoter down on his luck after an Amy Grant Australian concert tour fizzled out. He is out of a job and lost a bunch of money. Did I mention he has six kids and a pregnant wife? I’m deliberately not going to give you a whole lot more information, as it is more fun to find out where this crazy-but-true story takes you. **Grade: B-**



“Unsung Hero”

“THE FALL GUY”
(in theaters)

The summer’s biggest expectations fell on this romantic comedy/action film based on the early 1980s TV series starring Lee Majors. This big screen version has a great cast. With Ryan Gosling and Emily Blunt, how could you go wrong? I’ve got to blame the writers. This movie is a mess. It is boring, unfunny and pretty much a snooze. I sat in the theater shaking my head, trying to fig-



“The Fall Guy”

ure out how this could have gone so wrong. What a waste of time and talent. **Grade: C-**

“UNFROSTED”
(streaming)

I was never much of a Seinfeld fan, but I will give him credit for putting together an enormous cast of comedic actors and actresses in this dreadfully unfunny comedy about the creation of the Pop-Tart. What was most amazing is how unfunny some of

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"Unfrosted"



"The Idea of You"



"IF"



"Furiosa"

these funny people can be. Seinfeld's name obviously drew this great cast of actors and actresses, but it was all a waste with a dumb story and poor execution. It is just flat out not funny. **Grade: D**

"THE IDEA OF YOU" (streaming)

Anne Hathaway plays the parent of a teenage girl who takes her daughter and friends to a big concert. Hathaway accidentally meets the lead singer of the group before the concert, and they end up having a brief affair. The movie isn't too deep, but it was fun to see Hathaway, one of our greatest actresses, play a normal person in an awkward but interesting situation. **Grade: B**

"IF" (in theaters)

It is difficult to guess what this movie is about if you see the trailer or TV commercials. It's even more difficult to explain what it is about after you've seen it. The movie portrays a young girl going through major life issues. She is also able to see other people's imaginary friends. That's all I'm going to tell you, because I really want you to see this movie without too much knowledge about the story. What I can tell you is that it is so well done. So well done. Two words sum up this theatrical experience: charming and wonderful. I saw this movie with my 34-year-old son, and we both used the word wonderful to describe

it. I can't wait to see it again. **Grade: A**

"FURIOSA" (in theaters)

Writer/Director George Miller extends his Mad Max world to include a prequel to the most recent film ("Fury Road") with Charlize Theron. In this one, Anya Taylor-Joy (so good in "The Queen's Gambit") plays a young version of Theron's character. Like all the Mad Max films, the action starts almost immediately and doesn't let up until the film is over. Chris Hemsworth is all but unrecognizable as the leader of the bad guys who endlessly chase this young woman across great spans of desert. This series shows promise. **Grade: B**

It's boating season at the lake, but if the weather doesn't cooperate, a quick trip to Waukee to see a movie in the IMAX would be a great way to spend a rainy afternoon. See you next month. ■

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. He and his wife, Susan, are residents of Lake Panorama.



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BEACH BALL EVENT IS JUNE 21

Advance reservations are required, as attendance will be capped at 225.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Some seats and open tables remain for the Friends of Lake Panorama Beach Ball fundraiser Friday, June 21. The Beach Ball will be at the Lake Panorama National Resort event center with all seating in the banquet room. Advance reservations are required, as attendance will be capped at 225.

Registration will be 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the dining room. Personalized programs with names, table numbers and bidding numbers will be ready for pickup as guests arrive. A buffet dinner will be served beginning at 6 p.m. There will be a cash bar throughout the evening, which will open at 4:30 p.m.

Members of the Friends Beach Club provide additional financial support to Friends of Lake Panorama beyond the cost of the meal. Prices for 2024 Beach Club memberships remain the same as last year, and are:

Friends Beach Club - Premier: \$700 — includes table sponsorship, eight dinner tickets, name in the 2024 Beach Ball program; Friends Beach Club - Couple: \$250 — includes two dinner tickets, name in the 2024 Beach Ball program; and Friends Beach Club - Sponsor: \$150 — includes table sponsorship, name in the 2024 Beach Ball program.



This photo will be printed on 20-inch by 40-inch metal. It was taken by Michael Kleinwolterink on the second night of men's league at Lake Panorama National, using his drone. The double rainbow appeared after a brief rain shower. This will be a live auction item, with proceeds going to the LPN Priority 1 projects.

Individual meal tickets are \$50. To register, contact Susan Thompson at 515-240-6536 or staff@friendsoflakepanorama.org.

Funds will be raised with both live and silent auctions plus a 50-50 raffle and a drawing that will use four decks of cards. At its April meeting, the Friends of Lake Panorama board voted to make the LPN

Priority 1 capital campaign its main project for this year's Beach Ball. This means a percentage of pooled funds raised, plus direct donations, will be set aside by Friends for the LPN improvement projects.

Auction items can be donated specifically for the LPN Priority 1 project. For example, Chris and Brenda Duree and Mike

and Kelly Faga are donating an authentic Iowa barbecue dinner for 50 people. The menu includes baby back pork loin ribs; smoked, barbecued and shaved pork loin, bacon mac and cheese; baked beans; cornbread; and coleslaw. This event could be held at the home of the winning bidder, Boulder or Sunset Beach, or other suitable local venue.



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The silent auction will offer a wide variety of items. Included are four ISU and Iowa birdhouses, handmade by Steve Brannan; a large wooden cutting board donated by Dave and Anne Merschman; and a pet swimming pool, donated by Lana Leander and Ryan Gruhn.

Some other auction items designated for the LPN improvements include a Traeger wood pellet grill donated by Lake Panorama Realty; two Cleveland wedges and a Masters collectible print donated by Jim and Julie Tibbles; an Iowa State University basketball signed by men's head coach T. J. Otzelberger, donated by Jay and Sue Merryman; St. Thomas beach framed prints, donated by Mare and Rick Langel; and a gift basket donated by Local Liquor.

Of special interest will be two photographs taken by Michael Kleinwolterink, the LPN pro shop manager who has worked for the LPN since he was a teenager. One was taken with his drone on the second night of men's league play this year. This aerial photo features the golf course with a double rainbow created by a passing rain shower. The other photo was taken during the 2023 Fire in the Sky display. Both photos are printed on metal and ready to hang.

New this year on the live auction will be a half-day adventure with Maureen Lubbeck in her recently restored 1939 Chevrolet Master Deluxe four-door sedan.

This package includes a cruise around Lake Panorama for up to four people. First stop will be Twin Vines for an exclusive wine tasting that includes appetizers and choice of two bottles of wine to take home. Another stop could be to show off your special "ride" to friends, or other destination of your choosing. Then to The Port where each couple will receive a \$100 gift certificate to use for drinks and dinner.

Other live auction items that have been popular at past Beach Balls are offered again this year. These include a Cyclone football package for the Nov. 2 ISU vs. Texas Tech game, which includes four tickets in the ISU Athletic Director Suite with Jamie Pollard, food and soft drinks during the game, and a VIP parking pass; a piece of jewelry custom-made by Gary Youngberg, owner of Ames Silversmithing; a set of four passenger car tires for any vehicle, donated by Scott Politte, president of Stivers Ford Lincoln of Waukeg; wine tasting for 20 at WineStyles in Johnston; two large inflatable Paradise Pads, donated by Mike and Austin Hayden; and a six-course gourmet meal for six with wine pairings,



One of this year's silent auction items is an Iowa State University basketball signed by men's head basketball coach T. J. Otzelberger. A display case will be included with this item donated by Jay and Sue Merryman.

prepared, served and donated by Bill and Karen Fitzgerald.

Guests will find plenty of silent auction items to consider. These will include choice of two apple trees, delivered, planted and donated by Isom Tree Farms; ISU and Iowa birdhouses handmade by Steve Brannan; WeatherTech floormats from Stivers; handmade cutting boards; large potted plants; and a wide selection of gift baskets and gift cards.

Donated auction items will be accepted through June 19. Those interested in donating an auction item for the 2024 Beach Ball are asked to email staff@friendsoflakepanorama.org.

2024 marks the 10th anniversary of the founding of Friends of Lake Panorama. A video loop available for viewing throughout the evening will feature photos of past projects. Details on all past and current projects are available on the Friends website at friendsoflakepanorama.org. Friends of Lake Panorama also has a Facebook page. ■



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This photo taken by Michael Kleinwolterink of the 2023 Fire in the Sky fireworks display will be printed on 20-inch by 30-inch metal, ready to hang on the wall. This will be one of the live auction items at the 2024 Beach Ball.

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EVENT

TICKETS REMAIN FOR GARDEN CLUB PONTOON TOUR FUNDRAISER JUNE 19

A total of 15 pontoons will be used with three leaving every 15 minutes from the Boulder Beach docks.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Some openings remain for the Panora Garden Club's fundraiser that offers pontoon tours of Lake Panorama. The event is planned for Wednesday, June 19. Five time slots are available between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. The 6 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. slots are filled, but there still are some openings in the remaining three options.

A total of 15 pontoons will be used with three leaving every 15 minutes from the Boulder Beach docks. Each tour will last about two hours with each pontoon captain making one trip around the lake.

A member of the Panora Garden Club will be on board each pontoon to answer questions and point out highlights. Signs along the tour route will mark the gardens and landscaping of garden club members. Maps showing Lake Panorama's cove names and garden club member homes will be distributed to each guest.

The Panora Garden Club is a 501(c)3

nonprofit charity, so donations are tax deductible. A minimum donation of \$30 is required for each person who reserves a tour spot, and those interested in making an additional donation are welcome to do so. Advance payment is needed, and details will be explained when reservations are made.

Besides the pontoon tour, a \$30 per person donation will cover an individual charcuterie cup and bottled water. Guests are welcome to bring their own beverages.

To inquire about remaining openings, contact these Panora Garden Club members: 6:30 p.m., text Rhoda, 712-249-3666; 6:45 p.m. text Paula, 402-699-2580; and 7 p.m., text Paulette, 712-304-0077.

There is a rain date of Thursday, June 20. If the tour needs to be moved to that day, times will remain as originally set. If weather prevents this event, money for tickets will be considered a tax-exempt charitable donation to the Panora Garden Club.

Funds raised will be used to continue the projects club members conduct to beautify the community. These include such things as the summer petunia trees near the gazebo, 28 street pots scattered throughout Panora with both summer and winter displays, and last winter's giant gnomes installed for the Christmas season. ■

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BROTHERS FOLLOW IN FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

Jeffrey Bump explains the impact Lake Panorama has had in Guthrie County and on the Bump & Bump law firm.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

The Panora law firm of Bump & Bump was formed in 1991 between brothers Jeffrey and William Bump. The pair chose the same career path as their father, Wilbur Bump, who was one of the early leaders of the effort to create Lake Panorama.

William Bump earned his law degree from Drake University in 1984 and began practicing law with his father in West Des Moines. Jeffrey Bump earned his law degree, also from Drake University, in 1988. After graduation, he joined an 85-lawyer law firm in Dallas, Texas.

"My wife, Karen, and I enjoyed our time in Dallas, but when we decided we wanted to start a family and raise children, we knew the only place to do that was in Iowa," Jeffrey Bump says. "With our father's retirement in 1990 and our plans to return to Iowa, William and I forming a partnership in 1991 was good timing."

Bumps Bend on the west side of Lake Panorama was named for Wilbur Bump. He served as legal counsel for Mid-Iowa Lakes in the 1960s and later was legal counsel for the Lake Panorama Association. He was also a member of the Mid-Iowa Lakes board, then a member of the first LPA board. He was elected in 1969 to the LPA board and served for five years.

As a director, Wilbur Bump was one of the first to be able to purchase a Lake Panorama lot before they went on the market. He picked one on Burchfield Cove.

"Right after the dam was finished and the lake filled in 1970, he bought a boat, and we spent quite a bit of time on the lake on weekends," Jeffrey Bump says. "I remember dad hitting a lot of hidden tree stumps, then driving slowly back to the



Brothers and attorneys William and Jeffrey Bump formed a partnership in 1991. William, seated, and Jeffrey, standing on the right, were joined in 2022 by John Twillmann. The trio is shown in the conference room at the Bump & Bump office in Panora.

marina and watching him change out the damaged prop behind the boat. We had to mow the lot each weekend before we could go boating, so we hurried up and got our chores done."

Jeffrey Bump has fond memories of those early days.

"The West Lodge was the main gathering point at the lake," he says. "There were swim competitions for youngsters like us. Bill and I competed in several of the competitions, which were heavily attended. We did quite well and got a few ribbons. Pool

tables were upstairs in the Lodge, a bar was downstairs, and, for some reason, they kept the temperature at about 60 degrees."

Neither of the brothers ever lived at the lake.

"Our law practice was in the log cabin above the marina from 1992 to 2008," Jeffrey says. "We had a slip on the jetty where we kept a boat, and we spent a lot of time with our young children in the 1990s boating, tubing, skiing and enjoying the beaches."

During that time, the brothers each built

homes in the country, west of Panora.

"We're close enough that we can hear water rushing over the dam when the wind is right," Jeffrey says.

What kind of an impact has Lake Panorama had in Guthrie County, and on the Bump & Bump law firm?

"The impact the development of the lake has had on Panora, Guthrie County and the surrounding communities is unquestionably the best thing that could have ever happened," Bump says. "So many businesses have benefitted, including ours,





The Bump & Bump office building at 222 E. Market St. in Panora was built in 2008. Prior to that, the law office was housed in the log cabin just east of the Lake Panorama marina.

and we are blessed to be able to help our friends at the lake with their legal needs.”

Over the years, the brothers merged two law firms into their practice. One was the law practice of John Donahey, who had been practicing in Panora since his return from active duty in WWII in 1945. Donahey also was a member of the Mid-Iowa Lakes board. Donahey Drive, which isn’t far from Bumps Bend on the lake’s west side, was named for John Donahey.

The other practice that merged into Bump & Bump was the one of W. Dean Moore, whose law firm had been in the same location in downtown Stuart since

1890.

Bump & Bump built a modern office building in Stuart in 2006, followed two years later by a new building at 222 E. Market St. in Panora.

John Twillmann joined the firm in the summer of 2022. He most recently spent nearly four years as the assistant county attorney for Guthrie County. Earlier he worked as a clerk for the sixth judicial district and held a corporate counsel position in Des Moines. Twillmann is originally from St. Louis, Missouri, and received his undergraduate and law degrees at the University of Iowa.

Practice areas for the firm include litigation; wills, trusts, estate planning, probate and tax law; real estate; business and corporate law; and criminal defense.

William Bump focuses on estate plan-



Wilbur Bump, the father of William and Jeffrey Bump, was an attorney and served as legal counsel for Mid-Iowa Lakes in the 1960s. Mid-Iowa Lakes was raising money to build the Lake Panorama dam by selling stock. This certificate documents the sale of 100 shares of stock on March 15, 1967, and was signed by Wilbur N. Bump. The framed certificate is on display in the Bump & Bump office.



Although William and Jeffrey Bump never lived at Lake Panorama, their father was a member of the first LPA board of directors. As boys, they participated in competitions at the West Lodge swimming pool. Shown are ribbons they won in the 1971 Lake Panorama Swimarama.

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"John and I handle every other legal matter that needs attention by our clients," Jeffrey Bump says. "We pride ourselves on being able to handle any issue our clients need help with."

How has the business of being an attorney changed over the last 35 years?

"Fax machines were on the cutting edge of technology when Bill and I started the practice in 1991," Jeffrey Bump says. "We had one dedicated fax line and one phone line. At that time, we were on Main Street in Panora, and we had many people stop in to send a fax from our machine."

"Now the practice of law requires us to have high speed internet, to file everything with courts electronically and answer emails instead of letters. This has eliminated a lot of time in the courthouse, but John and I still spend a fair amount of time trying cases and arguing motions in the courts in our area. We are fortunate to have Panora Fiber, which has helped us with each step of the change in technology."

Jeffrey Bump is in the Panora office daily. William is in Panora three days a week, with two days in Stuart. John is in the Panora office four days a week, with one day in Stuart. The three attorneys are assisted by Deanna Van Cura, legal assistant in Panora, and Dee Egger, legal assistant in Stuart.

Jeffrey and Karen Bump have three adult children, two daughters and a son. Their son followed in his father and grandfather's footsteps and is a lawyer in New York City. He and his wife are in the process of moving back to the Midwest.

Bump says he has always felt the need to give back time to his community and profession.

"I have served on Panora and Lake Panorama Development Group as an officer and director since 1991," he says. "I served on the Guthrie County Conservation Board from 1998 to 2019. I served as an officer and director of the area's local resort



This large ash tray is a piece of Lake Panorama's early history. Jeffrey Bump says not many were made, and he believes his father received it as a gift after serving on the Lake Panorama Association board of directors.

located at Lake Panorama, Clover Ridge, from 1998 until 2019. I am a member of, and have served as president, of the Guthrie County Bar Association."

Jeffrey Bump also served from 2013-2018 as a commissioner on the Iowa Supreme Court Attorney Grievance Commission to hear attorney grievance cases; from 2012 to 2018 helping select candidates for the bench as a commissioner for the Iowa Supreme Court Fifth Judicial District Judicial Nominating Commission; and has served on the Guthrie County Magistrate Nominating Commission since 1996.

William Bump and his wife, Kelly, have two adult children and two grandchildren. He is a member of the Iowa State Bar Association, a member and past president of the Guthrie County Bar Association, and was a member of the Prairie Woodlands Conservation Commission from 1998 to 2018.

John Twillmann and his wife, Emily, have a young son and live in rural Panora. He is a director and officer of the Panora and Lake Panorama Development Group.

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HAMBLETON IS WSO SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Each year, the Panora Women’s Service Organization (WSO) conducts fundraising activities to make it possible to provide a scholarship to a Panorama Community School graduating senior. This year’s recipient is Zoey Hambleton. She is shown with Nancy Loeck, a member of the WSO scholarship committee. The other member of the committee is Deb DeBruin. Hambleton plans to attend The Univer-

sity of Iowa, majoring in nursing. Her career goal is to be a nurse practitioner. The WSO’s annual home tour is the group’s major fundraiser and funds this renewable \$500 scholarship each year, making four scholarships paid annually. This year’s home tour was June 7. Five Lake Panorama homes were featured with four on the east side of the lake and one on the west side. ■

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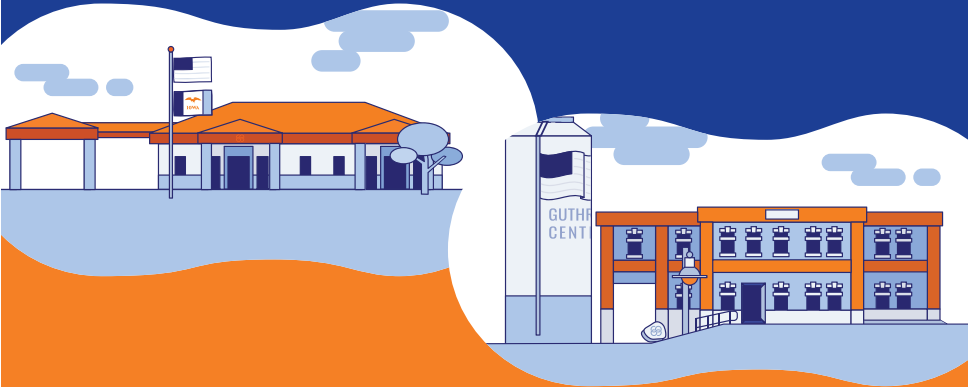
The annual Fire in the Sky fireworks display sanctioned by the Lake Panorama Association and put on by the Joe Scheiring family, will be at dusk on Saturday, July 6. The fireworks will be set off from the traditional spot at Shady Beach. For safety reasons, the LPA Lake Patrol and the Iowa DNR require boats anchored during the display to have running lights on during the show. Consumer fireworks can be legally purchased in Iowa because of a bill passed in the 2017 Iowa legislative session. In May 2017, the LPA Board of Directors passed a motion that states the LPA does not consent to the use of fireworks on LPA-owned

property, such as beaches, campgrounds, parking lots, roads, the marina, golf courses and community areas. Each year in advance of the Fourth of July, guests of Lake Panorama National Resort are notified of this action. Both LPA members and guests can be found in violation of LPA rules if they use fireworks on LPA property and could be subject to a monetary fine. LPA members also are reminded they are responsible to avoid any activity that could be declared a nuisance to their neighbors, and they are liable for any damage or injury they or their guests cause to neighbors and their property. ■



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LPN BOARD PRESIDENT ANSWERS QUESTIONS ABOUT GOLF COURSE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

Shanell Wagler is in her second year as president of the Lake Panorama National Board of Managers. She was first appointed to the board in January 2020. Shanell and her husband, Dave, moved to the Panorama community and began golfing in 2002. She participates in the LPN women's league and is one of the volunteers who helps with landscaped beds on the 18-hole course.

In this month's Q&A, Wagler talks about a master plan for improvements to the LPN 18-hole golf course, with a focus on the recently announced Priority 1 Capital Fundraising Campaign.

Q. EXPLAIN THE EVOLUTION AND ROLE OF THE LPN BOARD OF MANAGERS.

A. While the Lake Panorama Association has owned the LPN golf course since 1977, it has only owned the LPN conference center since 2005. At the time the conference center was purchased, the LPA board established the legal corporate entity known as LPN, LLC to manage this wholly owned subsidiary.

As a 501(c)4 nonprofit organization, LPA is required to pay taxes on gains from land sales, but revenues from dues and assessments are not taxable. Keeping the LPA and LPN, LLC operations separate is necessary to protect the nonprofit status of the LPA.

To keep this separation, the LPA board of directors created and appointed the LPN board of managers, which held its first meeting in October 2015. The LPA board provides oversight of the LPN, LLC board.

Our board addresses items related to the operation of both the LPN 18-hole and the Panorama West 9-hole courses, The Links + Events, Spikes, lodging, and the pool. The board provides oversight for staffing, policies and operations. An example of a recent project is the updating of equipment used for care of the golf courses.



Shanell Wagler

Q. WHEN DID THE BOARD DECIDE TO TACKLE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MASTER PLAN FOR THE LAKE PANORAMA NATIONAL GOLF COURSE, AND WHAT WERE THE EARLY STEPS IN THIS PROCESS?

A. In the four years I've been on the board, I've seen good support by board members for the care and maintenance of the two golf courses. Now we're excited to begin to put more emphasis on updates needed on the 18-hole course.

Last fall, members of the LPN board, the golf pro and assistant pro, head greenskeeper and assistant greenskeeper conducted a survey to assess each hole on the course and submit their opinions. After pulling together the data submitted from this group, the board identified many similar comments and feedback.

A committee was formed to work on this project with the goal of creating an LPN Master Golf Course Plan. The committee met during the late fall and winter months. Early in the spring, the committee met with Shive-Hattery engineers and walked

through various holes on the course. We talked about some of the overwhelmingly consistent feedback from the assessment and described our wishes. In addition, the committee and board continued to develop a longer-term plan to include and prioritize projects based on need.

One of the items that all golfers have been excited to hear is that we will be leveling many of the tee boxes. But for me personally, I'm excited to get all railroad ties removed for both a safety factor as well as the tired, outdated look these currently portray.

After determining specific items for the golf course, the LPN, LLC board solidified a plan for the course and is excited to now begin fundraising.

Q. PLEASE PROVIDE MORE DETAILS ON THE PRIORITY 1 PROJECTS.

A. The Priority 1 projects were chosen because these will have an impact on every hole on the golf course. Forward tee boxes will be expanded, leveled and topped with short variety Kentucky Bluegrass sod to accommodate increased play and allow for better turf recovery. Main tee boxes currently covered with Bentgrass will be leveled and re-sodded with Bentgrass. The final square footage for this work will be based on construction bids and fundraising.

All railroad ties surrounding tee boxes will be removed. Where necessary, these will be replaced with block retaining walls. At the same time, some existing landscaped beds adjacent to tee boxes will be removed to simplify maintenance and mowing.

Railroad ties also will be removed at the driving range and replaced with a block retaining wall. A synthetic grass tee line will

be added to the back of the tee box, to use when the natural turf needs time to recover.

New cast metal tee signs with Granite Club sponsor signs and ball washers will be installed on all 18 holes. Concrete pads will be poured on six holes for current and future memorial benches.

I have heard from some folks who really appreciate the flower beds found on the golf course, and feel it is one reason that sets our course apart from others. An option we'll explore is to expand and add more beautification to the common areas, like the walkway to the Links restaurant, walkway to the pro shop and the area around Spikes. I welcome suggestions on how we can incorporate flowers and decorative plants at the course.

Q. THE LPN BOARD SET A GOAL OF \$500,000 TO RAISE THE FUNDS FOR THESE PRIORITY 1 PROJECTS. WHAT FUNDRAISING PLANS ARE IN PLACE TO HELP REACH THIS GOAL?

A. In early April, Royce Shaffer, the LPN director of operations, and I presented details of the LPN golf course master plan to the Friends of Lake Panorama board of directors. We asked if donations to the Priority 1 projects could be funneled through Friends, which would allow donors who itemize at tax time the opportunity to deduct their donation.

The Friends board later approved a motion to partner with LPN to raise funds for Priority 1 projects. The Friends board also voted to make this effort the priority project for the 2024 Beach Ball fundraiser June 21. This means the Priority 1 projects will re-

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ceive a portion of funds raised at the Beach Ball, plus all donations that are directed to the LPN projects.

We are so thankful for this partnership and excited about the fundraising kickoff. The Beach Ball is historically a wonderful event. We appreciate that our Priority 1 projects are the focus of this year's fundraiser. We encourage all golfers to consider joining this event or make a donation to the cause, or both. By golfers, I mean members of the LPA, members of the LPN, including distant memberships, those who play in tournaments on the course, those who visit frequently and do stay and plays, or just come out to Panorama to be with family and friends and play the course.

We also are seeking donations to be sold through silent and live auction at the event. Those interested in attending the Beach Ball or who have auction items to donate can email staff@friendsoflakepanorama.org.

We are in the planning stages for two other fundraising events this fall. A golf tournament is tentatively scheduled in early fall, with details to be shared this summer. We plan to make this a fun event, and look forward to any and all joining us.

On Sunday, Oct. 20, 4-7 p.m., a fun event called "20 Men Who Can Cook" is being planned at the conference center. LPN board member and LPA member, Chris Du-ree, is leading this project as he has partici-

pated in this type of fundraiser previously. Those who purchase tickets will be able to try 20 different food samples prepared by 20 men in our community. If you are a guy who likes to cook or have a special item you are especially good at making (appetizer, side dish, main dish or dessert), please reach out to me via email at shanell.wagler@gmail.com as we coordinate volunteers to work with Chris. We'll have more details and be selling tickets after Labor Day.

Q. THERE'S A CURRENT PROMOTION UNDERWAY THAT ENDS AUG. 31. TELL US ABOUT THAT.

A. We recently announced what we believe will bring in some additional direct donations through the summer months. Anyone who donates \$500 or more by Aug. 31 will automatically be entered into a drawing to win a 2025 LPN Single Golf Pass, plus either a trail fee or cart seat for next season.

For every \$500 donated, donors will receive one entry. There's no limit on the number of entries donors can earn. This promotion is limited to direct donations by individuals, couples or families, and cannot be combined with fundraising events like the Beach Ball or the other events we're planning.

For this promotion, and throughout this capital campaign, there are three ways to

donate. Write a check payable to Friends of Lake Panorama and send it to P.O. Box 488, Panorama, Iowa, 50216. Donate via Venmo @ Panorama-Friends. Or make a credit card donation on www.friendsoflakepanorama.org. Please note that to qualify for this promotion, \$15 must be added for every \$500 donated to cover credit card processing fees.

Again, I want to thank the Friends board for their role in helping us begin to implement Priority 1 of the Master Golf Plan. We hope many will add their names to the drawing by making a direct donation. Remember, we are hoping to reach and get all golfers involved. Anyone can be a part of this specific campaign and get their name in the drawing at least once, or multiple times with multiple \$500 donations.

Q. DO YOU HAVE A DEADLINE OR GOAL FOR COMPLETING THE PRIORITY 1 FUNDRAISING? WHAT FUTURE PROJECTS ARE ON THE BACKBURNER UNTIL THESE FIRST PROJECTS CAN BE FUNDED AND COMPLETED?

A. As funds become available, bids will be solicited for Priority 1 projects. No fundraising deadline has been set, as funds will continue to be raised until projects are completed. When we've reached a level where we are comfortable, we will go through a public bidding process that will be open to all, in-

cluding any local contractors interested.

I want to add a personal comment here. Since joining this community, I have been in awe of the giving I have seen. I'll never forget the outreach of volunteers in 2014 after two tornados hit Lake Panorama, and specifically the golf course. It is an amazing community of which I am proud to be a part. For this and upcoming projects, we will continue to implement all phases professionally, but as we have been able to do in the past, we would accept work and/or products if a business or individual is able to donate.

Future projects included in the LPN golf course master plan include needed improvements to the maintenance shop and equipment storage, irrigation pumps and pump house, bunkers, the pond that impacts holes 12 and 13, the pond on the ninth hole and cart paths.

I want to reiterate this is a long-term project, and we're just getting started. We on the LPN board are excited about these planned projects to beautify and update this gem of a golf course owned by the LPA. I hope this invigorates those who have loved the course for many years, and invites and excites new people to join our fundraising efforts.

More details on the LPN Capital Fundraising Campaign are available here: www.lakepanoramanational.com/capital-fundraising-campaign ■

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WHAT'S IN YOUR GARAGE?

BMW FAN ENJOYS HIS 2001 ROADSTER

Dennis Pickering did some research then purchased the car sight unseen and had it trucked to Iowa.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Dennis and Joyce Pickering have lived at Lake Panorama since 1987. The pair were high school sweethearts, growing up in a small town in northeast Missouri. They both graduated with bachelor's degrees in social sciences from Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville, which later was renamed Truman State University. The couple will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary in August.

After Dennis earned a master's degree in school counseling, they moved to Iowa in 1978. Dennis spent 34 years as a high school counselor, working in four different schools. One of those was YJB, where he spent 14 years. During some of those years, he was in a shared counselor position with the Bayard School District.

He ended his high school counseling career at Guthrie Center, retiring in 2003. Next came six years where he and a colleague received a federal grant to create and present programs in schools on healthy relationships.

For 23 years, Joyce was an addictions counselor in Guthrie, Greene and Audubon counties. She retired in 2007.

Once fully retired, the couple started to explore the United States.

"We did a lot of traveling by car in our 60s, and we needed to be comfortable. We dis-



Joyce and Dennis Pickering enjoy rides around Lake Panorama in their 2001 BMW convertible. Joyce has never driven the car in the three years it's been in their garage, although Dennis says she has the "green light" to do so if she changes her mind.

covered BMWs are wonderful cars, and we owned several over the years," Dennis says.

They've since switched to an Audi for their main vehicle. Yet, Dennis still has a love for BMWs. He particularly admired the BMW Z3 Roadster convertible. BMW Z3 is a range of two-seater sports cars produced from 1995 to 2002.

Dennis kept his eyes open for his dream car. Not surprisingly in today's world, an ad for a 2001 BMW Z3 Roadster popped up on his laptop computer three years ago. It was located in Chicago and owned by a corporation.

"I called and talked to a sales rep. Although the car was 20 years old, it only had 22,000 miles on the odometer," Dennis says. "I think it probably was used by the company for short trips to pick up people they

wanted to impress."

Pickering says he did some research then called back to purchase the car sight unseen. He had it trucked to Iowa.

"It came in July, just in time for his birthday," Joyce says.

It's almost a requirement that a car like the BMW Z3 Roadster have a specialty license plate. For most of his life, Dennis' friends have turned his last name into his nickname — Pick.

"Since this was my dream car, it was an easy decision to choose '4 Pick' as the license plate," he says.

Soon after buying the sports car, the couple decided to drive it the 180 miles to their northeast Missouri hometown. The top was down. Dennis says he loved the trip.

Joyce says, "Never again! The wind was

terrible, there were bugs hitting me in the face. Especially on the interstate, it was bad. I hated it."

In August, the couple's 60th high school class reunion will be held in their former hometown. Dennis gives Joyce a sideways glance then says he's been thinking about driving the BMW Roadster to the reunion.

"I think it would be fun to share it with our classmates, maybe get some photos with it," he says. "But I haven't yet said this to Joyce."

"That's fine; I think it's a good idea," Joyce says. "But only if we drive with the top up."

Most trips in the BMW are shorter and more casual.

"I like to just drive around the lake when the weather is nice and the top is down," Dennis says. Joyce says she enjoys those ex-

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Dennis Pickering with his 2001 BMW Z3 Roadster convertible in the driveway of the home he and his wife, Joyce, share at Lake Panorama. He's owned the car for three years and has put just 2,000 miles on it. It was formerly owned by a company, and he purchased it with just 22,000 miles on the odometer.

cursions, too.

Over the three years the couple has owned the car, they've added just 2,000 miles to the odometer, which now stands at 24,000.

"Everything works great," Dennis says. "I haven't had any work done on it. It's automatic transmission, the air conditioning and radio work well, and it gets decent gas mileage. I just really like driving it and having it in our garage."

There has been one other unique vehicle in the Pickering garage. That was many years ago, when he purchased a 1956 Ford half-ton truck.

"I had a friend who was an auto body guy. We searched through junkyards to find the parts to get it running. He painted it purple and added wide tires. I called it my Purple Passion truck. Sometimes I would drive it in parades, but mostly I just drove it back and forth to work."

During his years as a school counselor, Dennis also coached several high school sports.

"I was the girls track coach at YJB. I always left my keys in the truck. One day some of the girls thought it would be fun to hide it. The brakes on that truck weren't very good. They drove it around the building, and as they were parking it, they crashed into the building," he says. "They came into the gym, crying. I thought they were trying to trick me, but eventually I realized they really had wrecked my truck. I told them it was OK, I wasn't mad. I got both the dent and the brakes fixed."

The couple has two sons. Brent lives in Atlanta, and Eric lives in Boone. Each has a son and a daughter, giving the Pickerings



Dennis Pickering's friends call him Pick. So it was an easy decision for him to choose "4 Pick" as the license plate on his dream car.

four grandchildren to enjoy.

The Pickerings spent 13 years in their first Lake Panorama home. In 2000, they had a new home built on a large lot along the fourth fairway of the Lake Panorama National golf course. Dennis enjoys golf. Both Dennis and Joyce enjoy reading, and are history buffs.

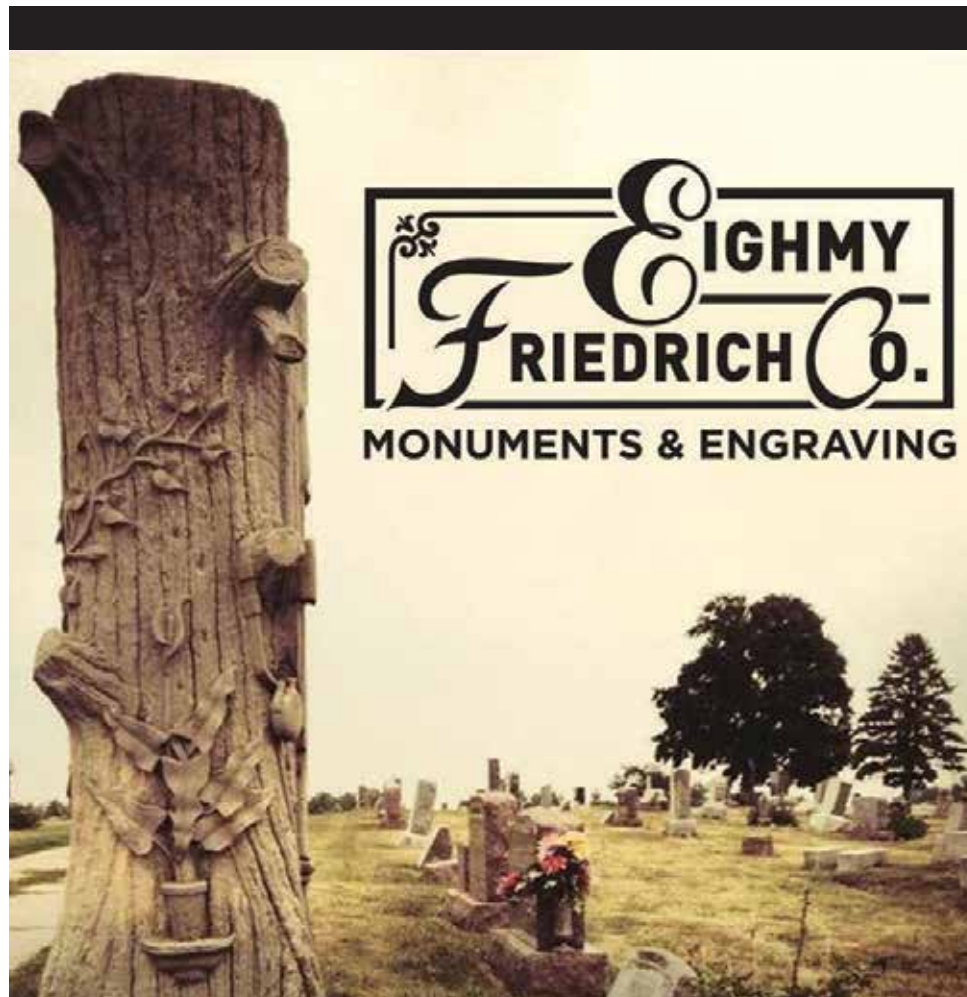
"We're homebodies," Joyce says. "We enjoy our home, our retirement and our grandchildren."

Dennis has been teased by some friends about his small sports car, asking if he's having a midlife crisis or trying to regain his youth. When the car is parked in the couple's driveway, random people sometimes stop to ask if it's for sale.

"I don't plan to ever sell it," he says. "And I don't mind the teasing. I just love this car. I have, sort of, promised I would give it to my grandson in Boone. But he's going to have to wait until I'm done with it."

Ask Joyce how she likes driving the sports car, and she says she has never driven it. She's content being the passenger.

"I've encouraged her to drive it, but she always says no," Dennis says. "I just want everyone to know she has the 'green light' to drive it if she ever changes her mind." ■



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Q: WHY IS THERE ONLY ONE ACCESS TO THE LAKE FOR WATERCRAFT LAUNCHING? AT TIMES, THERE'S A HIGH VOLUME OF TRAFFIC AT THE MARINA IN A LIMITED SPACE. WILL THE NEW MARINA BEING BUILT HELP RESOLVE THIS ISSUE?

A: We directed this question to LPA General Manager John Rutledge. He replied, "Lake Panorama provides one boat ramp for members to use, which is located at the marina. Over the years, discussions of a west side boat ramp have occurred with the board ultimately deciding against a second launch. The most notable reasons why a second ramp has not been installed are 1) invasive species control and 2) monitoring one access point for unauthorized use of our boat ramp by non-LPA members."

Rutledge says the new sales and service building will provide a modern, spacious facility for the marina staff and their customers, noting that once the marina tenant has relocated to their privately owned facility, LPA will evaluate the future of the existing sales and service building. He says it is likely a portion of that building will be razed, which will provide better access in and out of the ramp. This will make use of the ramp easier but will not increase the width of the ramp itself, according to Rutledge.

"Members are encouraged to use good boating etiquette regarding launching of boats," Rutledge says. "Remove transom tie-downs while you're waiting in line and be ready to launch when it is your turn on the boat ramp. When exiting, be sure to pull clear of the boat ramp before reinstalling the transom tie downs and any travel covers or straps that are used for trailering. Doing this work on the ramp is poor boating etiquette and causes unnecessary delays for others who are waiting in line behind you."

Q: WHO IS JONES COVE NAMED AFTER?

A: Jones Cove is named in recognition of longtime Lake Panorama residents Jack and Bette Jones. They built the house on the "point" in the middle of the cove, which was originally a much smaller

house. The next owner added on to it in many times. Bette wrote historical and nature columns for Lake Panorama Times for many years.

Q: FOR YEARS, WE DROPPED BOTTLE AND CANS AT THE TRAILER NEXT TO THE RECYCLING BINS IN PANORA. THE SIGN HAD A STATEMENT THAT MONEY GOES TO PANORAMA BASEBALL. NOW, THE SIGN HAS CHANGED TO WFPF (WOMEN FOR PANORA'S FUTURE). HOW MUCH MONEY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO PANORAMA BASEBALL ALL THESE YEARS? AND WHERE CAN BOTTLE AND CANS BE REDEEMED IF NOT DONATED?

A: According to Brian Bahrenfuss, Panorama High School head baseball coach, the baseball team is sharing the can redemption responsibilities with Women For Panora's Future (WFPF) during the months of May and June, as Bahrenfuss is coaching during that time. He says this arrangement works well for both groups.

Bahrenfuss says the baseball team receives between \$2,000 and \$2,500 per year from these donations.

You can also take cans to Scott's Redemption Center, which is located at 2025 Highway 4, just north of Panora. The phone number listed online is 641-755-4056.

Q: AM I REQUIRED TO HAVE ONE OF THOSE BLUE ADDRESS SIGNS ON MY DOCK? AND HOW DO I GET ONE?

A: The Iowa Department of Natural Resources requires all docks to be registered and have that dock signage. LPA members who own a dock or swim platform should visit www.iowadnr.gov/boatdocks to make sure their dock is registered. Once registered, members can order the 911 address sign through LPA. The form can be accessed at <https://lakepanorama.frontsteps.com/public/folders/GsJDyz16WKWEi35EgJWDAF9K4rExK-cr5Swrr>

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MEMORIAL DAY

U.S. SEN. JONI ERNST ADDRESSES CROWD AT PANORA MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

BY SHANE GOODMAN
Lake Panorama Times

The annual Memorial Day Services were held on Monday, May 27 at 10 a.m. at Veterans Auditorium in Panora.

Lynn Zajicek was the master of ceremonies, while Deb Rockwell and Deb Moylan served as hostesses. Members of the Iowa National Guard, Reserves and Active Forces ushered in guests. The PostColors were



Sen. Ernst assists in the presentation of the new flags that were dedicated and raised including those of Hugh Teale, Jr., Norman Lair Ketelsen, Richard Koberg, Philip Hesseltine, William "Billy" J. Knapp, Dale G. Grotjohn and Willard Rockwell.

provided by Color Guards and Scouts. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Scouts.

The United Methodist Church Choir sang the National Anthem and provided additional patriotic music.

Cheryl Castile and Linda Burgess read the names of the more than 300 veterans whose flags have been dedicated, including Kenneth Cripe, Leroy Devibless, Frank Grubb, James Herrick, Jr., James Iseminger, Billy Ray Johnston, Michael Mills, Joseph Rains, Verlin Renslow, Roland Reynolds and Earl Stoy, who each gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Pastor Jeremy Poland provided the invocation and benediction.

The Unknown Soldier's Grave Marker was in place, and wreaths were placed to honor those killed in WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War and Operation Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom.

Panora Mayor Curtis Thornberry introduced U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst, who provided personal stories of her memories of fallen soldiers and the conversations with their family members.

Sen. Ernst presented the Purple Heart to Specialist Dustin D. Teays. The Purple Heart medal is presented to members of the military who were wounded or killed because of enemy action while serving. Teays joined the United States Army Reserve during his junior year of high school, serving from September 2011 to September 2019. He is currently a resident of Bayard.

Additional recognition was presented to Lt. Colonel Mike Arganbright, who served in the Air Force, including two tours in



Sen. Joni Ernst presents a 50-year plaque to Thomas Richey for his years of service to the American Legion.

Vietnam. He was honored with a plaque by his son, Major Joe Arganbright, who is now a pilot with Delta Airlines, for his service and commitment to VFW Post 5510 and to the Avenue of Flags Committee. In addition, Sen. Ernst presented a 50-year plaque to Thomas Richey for his years of service to the American Legion.

Sen. Ernst also assisted in the presentation of the flags and the address and dedication of a flag flown over Washington, D.C. New flags dedicated and raised included those of Hugh Teale, Jr., Norman Lair Ketelsen, Richard Koberg, Philip Hesseltine, William "Billy" J. Knapp, Dale G. Grotjohn and Willard Rockwell.

The Color Guard Salute and the playing of TAPS concluded the ceremonies with refreshments served by the Panora WFPF and American Legion Auxiliary. ■





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- 2001 Dave Olson
- 2002 Carolyn England
- 2003 Pat Finnegan
- 2004 Julie Dent-Zajicek
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- 2007 Chris Arganbright
- 2008 Vickie Ditsworth
- 2009 Barb Wollner
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- 2011 Joan Allen
- 2012 MJ Brown
- 2013 Karen Sievers
- 2014 Joe Scheiring
- 2015 John Rutledge
- 2016 Josh Arganbright
- 2017 Curtis Thornberry
- 2018 Jaime Waddle
- 2019 Bill and Connie Ridgley
- 2020 COVID YEAR (NONE)
- 2021 Chaille Crandall
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- 2023 Kirby Klinge ■

CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS

PANORA CITY COUNCIL HEARS
REQUEST ABOUT ATV USE

BY RICH WICKS
Lake Panorama Times

During the Public Forum portion of the Panorama city council meeting on May 28, Pat Moylan and Jim Wendl addressed the council about their request for the city to ease restrictions on ATV use within city limits.

“ATV/UTV enthusiasts ride through town legally quite often, but on the way through town there’s a number of businesses that they legally can’t stop at (because) there are designated routes to go through town,” Wendl said. “My main point in being here tonight is to ask the city to reconsider its current ordinances regarding UTV use on city streets.”

Wendl pointed out that ATV/UTVs are rapidly evolving, with newer models offering many of the same safety and comfort features as a car.

“Given that, I think the Chamber members could benefit from people like myself or Pat being able to park on Main Street and patronize those businesses,” Wendl said.

Moylan agreed with Wendl’s request, and he pointed out that now many ATVs are used not only for hunting or other recreational purposes, but often for work.

“So, yes, I would like to see if that would work,” Moylan said.

Mayor Curt Thornberry stated that the city faces a challenge in developing ordinances to address the various ways that ATVs are used.

“I know I’ve encountered young drivers on ATVs, and those are the ones I have questions about,” Thornberry said.

Council member Roger Dorr agreed that enforcement of age and licensing could address many of the concerns. He added that from data he’s seen, the majority of ATV accidents are single-vehicle accidents on gravel roads.

“I live on one of the streets, Northwest Third, that allows side-by-sides. I have yet to see any problems. None,” Dorr said.

Mayor Thornberry explained that since the issue was not on the agenda, the council would not take action at this time but can discuss it at a future meeting. He added that the city’s Public Safety Committee could also consider the issue.

Don Daniels addressed the council about his concerns regarding a neighboring property next to his home. He said in the past two years, the condition of the property has become a nuisance.

“Now it looks like we live next to a recycle bin or a garbage dump,” Daniels said. “I’m not happy with the situation that we’ve got.”

When asked if police have been contacted about the issue, Daniels said he’s spoken with the police, and City Administrator Lisa Grossman added that updated photos have been submitted to the city attorney to review for possible ordinance violations. No formal action was taken at this time.

A public hearing was held regarding a proposed budget amendment. Since no citizens were present to speak, and no written comments had been received, the hearing was promptly closed, and the council passed the budget amendment.

Grossman shared that the city is dealing with the “punch list” regarding the Jackson Street project, to deal with any additional “fix-ups” that may be needed. A firm completion date is not yet known, due to recent heavy rains.

Mayor Thornberry shared appreciation for the many years of service from Public Works Superintendent Tony Monthei, who is retiring after 36 years of service to the city.

The council’s next regular meeting will be June 10 at 5:30 p.m. The public is welcome. ■

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MEMORIAL

KOBERG FAMILY DONATES SWINGING BENCH AT BOULDER BEACH

Carolyn Koberg wanted to honor her husband with something the family would enjoy on their visits to Lake Panorama.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

In 2019, Friends of Lake Panorama launched a program called Benches at Beaches. It started as a way to help families donate a high-quality metal bench that could include a plaque to memorialize a loved one. Each bench then is installed at the beach of the donor's choosing.

One new blue swinging bench was installed in late April at Boulder Beach. It was given in memory of Dick Koberg, who passed away June 27, 2023.

Dick and Carolyn Koberg bought a home on Lake Panorama's Burchfield Cove in 2002 and moved from Carroll to the lake fulltime two years later.

"We were looking for a place on water," Carolyn says. "I grew up on Puget Sound in Washington, and I missed the water. Plus, we wanted to have a destination for family fun and to make memories with our grandkids."

After Dick's passing, Carolyn wanted to do something to honor him. She also wanted something the family would enjoy on their visits to Lake Panorama.

"We chose a swinging bench to be

placed at Boulder Beach," Carolyn says. "Our family loves to play beach volleyball, and there have been many competitive matches played there. We also enjoy the pickleball and tennis courts. The beach is beautiful. It's fun watching families gather and having quality time together."

The plaque on the bench reads "Making Memories" – Dick & Carolyn Koberg Family.

"The wording for the plaque came from Dick, as he often talked about the importance of making memories as a family," Carolyn says.

"We are so appreciative of Friends of Lake Panorama. When I look back and see all the projects that have been done to keep our community vibrant and beautiful over the last 10 years, it's impressive," she says. "Lake Panorama is truly a special place to live."

The Koberg bench joins four other metal swings and one stationary bench at Boulder Beach. Both a stationary and a swinging bench were installed at Sunset Beach in 2021. A swinging bench was added to Shady Beach in May 2022.

Benches at Beaches targets individuals, couples and families interested in sponsoring a single bench. Benches can be purchased as a memorial for a loved one, or by those who want to leave their mark on Lake Panorama while they are alive. Both stationary and swinging benches are available and are installed on a concrete slab.

Smaller memorial benches have been donated and installed at all three beach playgrounds and are another option for



Some members of the Dick and Carolyn Koberg family gathered at Boulder Beach on Memorial Day for a photo. The swinging bench was donated through Friends of Lake Panorama in memory of the patriarch of the family, Dick Koberg. Sitting on the bench is Carolyn Koberg. On the left is Kris Koberg, with his wife, Lori, and their daughter, Kelsey, standing behind him. Kerry Koberg is on the right side of the bench. Standing behind him is his wife, Kelly, and their children, Presley, Jackson and Piper.

donors to consider.

In keeping with the colors used for Lake Panorama playground equipment, colors available for benches to be installed at any

of the three benches are blue and green. Those interested in discussing a bench donation can email staff@friendsoflakepanorama.org. ■

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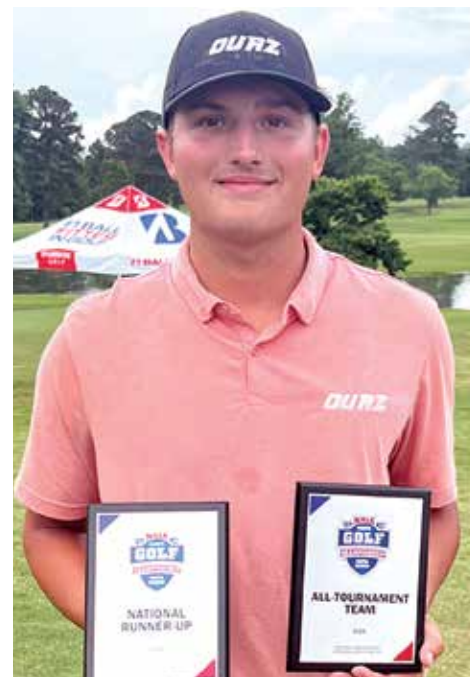
PANORAMA ALUM KOLBY SHACKELFORD FINISHES AS NATIONAL RUNNER-UP AT NAIA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Special to Lake Panorama Times

On Friday, May 24, Panorama alum Kolby Shackelford was in a close contest for the NAIA Golf Championship. After shooting a 67 (-5), Shackelford forced a playoff with Juan Ricardo Davila Bone of Texas Wesleyan where he would lose, finishing as National Runner-Up.

Shackelford made his way up the leaderboard on the final day of the tournament. His six birdies on the afternoon saw him rise 12 spots in order to force the play-off. His 15 birdies across the tournament were the most of any golfer.

The junior performed at a high level for most of the season for the Ottawa University of Arizona golf team. During the season, he had three wins and six top-three finishes. After those performances and his placement in the National Tournament, Shackelford was named to the NAIA PING All-American First Team. ■



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FIN & FEATHER BANQUET HELD MAY 11 AT LPN

BY SHANE GOODMAN
Lake Panorama Times

The Lake Panorama Fin & Feather Annual Banquet was held Saturday, May 11 at the LPN Conference Center. Social hour began at 5 p.m., and the dinner and silent/live auction followed at 6 p.m. Funds raised from the event help to stock fish in Lake Panorama, as well as other related ventures. In the fall of 2023, Fin and Feather stocked more than \$18,000 worth of fish in the lake. Species stocked were walleye (1,050), smallmouth bass (1,400), perch (2,500) and large-mouth bass (1,500). Fish stocked were between 3 inches and 14 inches, depending on species. ■



Fin & Feather committee members. From left, front: Galen Redshaw, Doug Hemphill, Bill Eby, Rich Schumacher, Brad Bendickson and Galen Johnson. Back row: David Bendickson, Jacob Bendickson, John Rutledge, Mark Buster, Damon Crandall, Scott Stanley, John Muenzenberger, Lane Rumelhart, Ben Hayes and Ted Reeve. Not pictured: Steve Brannan and Gary Evans.

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55th LPA ANNUAL MEETING HELD

Rachel Waldo and Jackson Whiton elected to the board for three-year terms.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The 55th annual meeting of the Lake Panorama Association was May 11 at the Lake Panorama National events center. About 75 people attended, representing 44 voting members. It was announced the LPA currently has a total membership of 1,731.

A total of 377 ballots were cast in the election for two people to serve on the LPA board of directors. There were two people running for the two seats. Both Rachel Waldo and Jackson Whiton were newly elected to the board for three-year terms.

2023 FINANCIAL AND AUDIT REPORT

Dennis Flanery, LPA board treasurer, provided the 2023 financial and audit report for the LPA and its subsidiary, LPN, LLC. The CPA firm of Meriwether, Wilson and Company conducted the LPA annual audit. Flanery said the auditor's report stated the financial statements, consolidated reports and consolidated cash flows for both entities were in order, and that the methods used by staff to create the documents were in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

LPN's 2023 operations showed a loss of \$277,074. With other income and expenses, the overall loss was \$350,387. LPN was able to purchase several pieces of needed grounds equipment during 2023 at a cost of \$154,948. Also purchased were two townhomes on Karen Drive, to be used for stay-and-play golf packages, as well as year-round rental. A loan was secured from Guthrie County State Bank for the townhome purchase.

LPA reported net income of \$294,245 for 2023. This was a slight increase over previous years and was due to land sales that closed in 2023.

The budgeted operating income for 2024 shows a loss of \$354,232. Flanery said the amount of depreciation on the new maintenance shop and water plant project is the reason the budget shows an operating loss.

"It is important to clarify this is not a cash loss, but rather a loss on an accrual basis due to the amount of non-cash expenses LPA records in their annual financials," Flanery said. "The amount of non-cash items, such as depreciation, has increased over previous years with the recent capital improvement projects completed. This is something LPA understood would occur from an accounting perspective, but we can assure the membership that cash flow remains viable and on-track with respect to these important capital projects."

Flanery said the LPA board of directors decided a 5% dues increase would be applied for 2024.

"This amount does not cover the cost of rising inflation for roads, parts, supplies, labor and fuel," he said. "LPA staff is doing an excellent job of watching the cost of expense items and juggling the necessary increases of expenses to keep within the budget available."

Flanery said the LPA does not create its annual operating budget with the expectation of selling land. He also stated all LPA and LPN funds are 100% covered by FDIC.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Emily Donovan, LPA board president, chaired the meeting. She thanked those who volunteer on four standing LPA committees, including water safety, building codes, land sales and appeals. She also recognized the four volunteers who counted ballots for the 2024 annual meeting.

Donovan thanked the LPN, LLC board of managers, LPN staff, and Royce Shaffer, LPN director of operations. She also recognized the members of the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ), saying "the RIZ board does important work, and we are grateful for their partnership."

Donovan mentioned the June 21 Friends of Lake Panorama Beach Ball.

"Friends of Lake Panorama is instrumental in researching and fundraising for the many amenities we all enjoy. Recently completed projects include the south shore walking trail and disc golf course, which I encourage you to explore if you haven't already," she said. "This year, fundraising efforts are focused on improving the Lake Panorama National golf course. I want to extend thanks to Friends for their dedication to enhancing our quality of life, from playgrounds and sports courts to the dog park and walking trails. Your efforts



Elected to the LPA board of directors at the May 11 LPA annual meeting were Jackson Whiton and Rachel Waldo. They both are newly elected to the board for three-year terms.

not only enrich our lives but also improve the value of our homes."

Donovan thanked Lyn Coulter for more than four decades of service to the LPA membership.

"LPA is pleased to celebrate a successful transition between marina tenants. Effective Jan. 1, 2024, Lyn Coulter sold his business to Phil and Cindy Watson. We welcome the Watsons as they embark on their first year as the LPA marina tenants," she said. "LPA is grateful all of Coulter's staff remained on with Watsons, as their knowledge and expertise brings great value to the LPA community."

LPA department managers were recognized by Donovan, who then talked about a strategic planning session held in June 2023.

"A key theme of that day was the need to address challenges related to maintaining the high quality of services our membership expects, and is accustomed to, in the face of inflation and difficulty recruit-

ing and retaining a quality workforce," she said. "It's imperative our staff have the tools and training they need to do their jobs and that they are fairly compensated with competitive wages. Analysis of LPA dues and assessments is part of this planning effort, and we will continue to develop recommendations for membership education and review in the near future."

Another item that came out of the strategic planning session was the need to develop a process for succession planning. Donovan said Lake Panorama has benefited from career employees who have decades of experience, expertise and institutional knowledge.

"In anticipation of future retirements within the next 10 years, the board and management team are proactively working on a succession planning strategy," she said.

Donovan expressed gratitude to John Rutledge for his leadership, diplomacy and effective lobbying efforts this legislative



TWO GM COFFEES ANNOUNCED

During his remarks at the 2024 LPA annual meeting, John Rutledge, LPA general manager, announced dates for two upcoming GM coffees. The dates are Thursday, June 27, and Friday, Aug. 30. Meetings begin at 10:30 a.m. and are held at the Lake Panorama National event center.

A third coffee will be scheduled in late fall after the 2025 LPA and LPN, LLC budgets are approved.

Coffee and other refreshments are available at these informal gatherings, where Rutledge and Royce Shaffer,

LPN director of operations, provide updates on current happenings, then take questions from members in attendance.

If members have questions they would like covered about LPA or LPN policies or developments, they can email lpa@lakepanorama.org to give Rutledge and Shaffer an opportunity to prepare in advance. LPA members with questions specific to their own membership or property should call the LPA office during regular business hours at 641-755-2301. ■

session.

"There are numerous intricate components that must align to ensure the smooth operation of the association," she said. "John leads with integrity, kindness and a clear vision, steering our association toward a successful future where generations to come can continue to enjoy the beauty of Lake Panorama."

In closing, Donovan challenged the LPA members in attendance to "turn off the autopilot as you drive home today. Roll down the window and inhale the lilacs that are in full bloom. Notice how green and full the trees are. Appreciate the beauty of the lake and the landscape that surrounds it. Hear the birds singing. Take a deep breath, and soak in a little bit of gratitude in your own little piece of paradise."

MAINTENANCE COSTS CONTINUE TO BE A CONCERN

John Rutledge, LPA general manager, said the LPA maintenance team continues to benefit from the membership's investment in a modern maintenance facility.

"Thanks for your support and for trusting in our recommendation to relocate our operations to the current location," he said. "We're grateful, and it is working well. It's difficult to know how we operated as long as we did without it."

Rutledge said the annual process of seal-coating lake roads is suffering from inflation.

"The 2024 cost will be close to \$45,000 per mile, which is nearly twice what we paid in 2021. Even though we budget more every year, we are chasing a moving target. We are only doing six miles this year, and this will be a key element of our 2025 budget discussion. We need to get back to seal

coating nine miles each year to keep up," he said.

The LPA maintenance department continues to work on a diverse range of projects.

"One issue we've discussed a lot in the last year has been roadway maintenance," Rutledge said. "Members are encouraged to remember LPA owns not only the roadway, but also the shoulders and ditches. We work to maintain these in an aesthetically pleasing manner, but these also have a number of essential functional purposes — ensuring drainage off roads and adjacent properties, providing a place to store snow during the winter and accommodate underground utilities."

As with the new maintenance shop, Rutledge said he wants the LPA membership to know the water system was "a fantastic investment."

"There were so many challenges when I first became the LPA general manager in 2007. We're proud of this updated facility and our team who operates it. If you have any questions or unique issues with your water, give LPA a call, and we'll help figure out what might be going on."

Rutledge said LPA currently has four lake crossings for the drinking water system, three of which can be described as essential and one as supplemental. Two of the three essential crossings have been replaced within the last four years. Replacement of the third is planned within the next year or two.

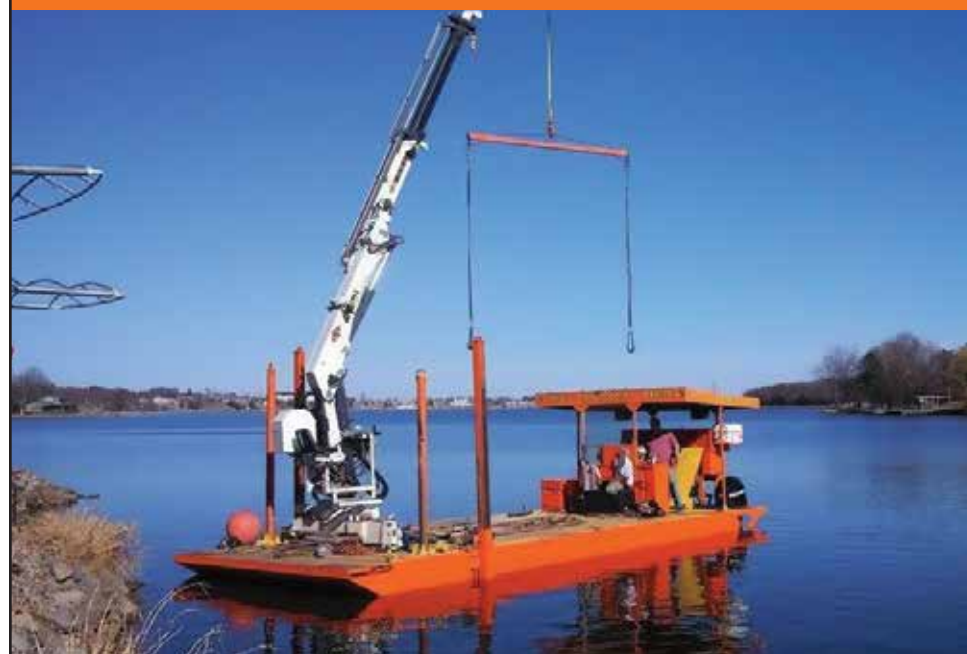
LPA has hired Country Landscapes to repair a scour in front of the LPA dam gate.

"This was discovered in our last inspection. We don't know how long this scour has been there, as this is the first inspection where we did ultrasound on the steel

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dam gate and sonar readings of the lakebed in front of the dam,” Rutledge said. “Country Landscapes will deposit large rocks in front of the dam to fill this area and protect the footings of the dam. This is entirely preventative, and I can assure you the dam remains in good repair.”

A “HARD-FOUGHT SESSION” AT THE IOWA LEGISLATURE

Rutledge said the biggest issue in the off-season was a legislative effort related to LPA’s ability to govern boating on Lake Panorama. An October 2023 district court ruling in Ringgold County threatened to eliminate LPA’s authority over all things boating, including boat length, horsepower, directional travel buoys on the lake, no wake buoys and invasive species regulations.

“We had a hard-fought session at the Iowa Legislature and were successful in preserving the status quo, in which LPA can implement common sense, safety-based boating regulations and buoys. Thanks to all the members who helped to support this effort, and a special thanks to Rep. Carter Nordman for running point on this,” Rutledge said.

Turning to the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ), Rutledge said RIZ is projected to receive \$3.6 million in revenues in the 2024-25 fiscal year.

Expansion of the 180th Trail Basin contin-

ues and will be used for sediment storage once the current basin is full. Two new wetlands to help protect water quality in Burchfield Cove are in the planning stages but are bogged down because of current U.S. Army Corps of Engineers requirements. Rutledge said he hopes these two wetlands can move forward in the next 24 months.

Rutledge said land acquisition efforts for future wetlands or land that could be enrolled in conservation programs to protect Lake Panorama’s water quality are ongoing with some wins and losses. Dredging will be done above the upper basin debris trap throughout the rest of 2024.

Rutledge reminded LPA members who haven’t already created an account on the LPA website to do so.

“This will ensure you receive LPA’s weekly email, which is our official means of communicating rule changes and other important information to members,” he said. The website is lakepanorama.org.

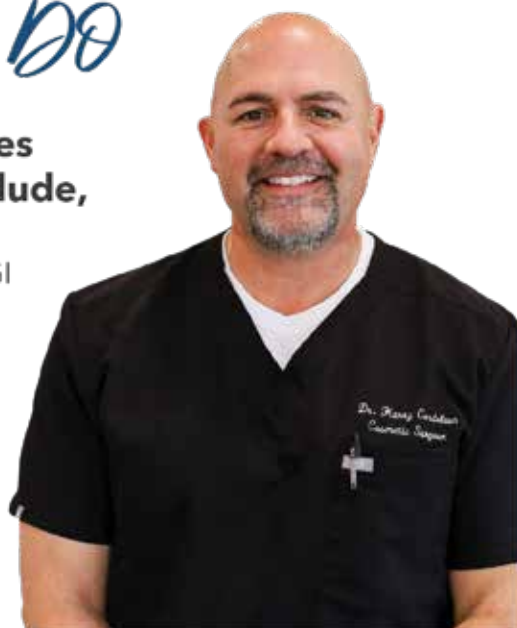
Shortly after the annual meeting adjourned, the LPA board of directors convened a special meeting to elect officers for the coming year. A slate of officers was nominated and elected unanimously to take office upon adjournment of the special meeting. LPA board officers now are David Finneseth, president; Sue Thompson, vice president; Mark Jorgensen, secretary; and Dennis Flanery, treasurer. ■



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Lana Leander and Ryan Gruhn are shown on a bench they donated through Friends of Lake Panorama for installation on the south shore. The bench is near the tee box on the fifth hole of the disc golf course. That hole is sponsored by Hawkeye Molding, which is owned by the couple. Four other benches were installed along the south shore walking trail.

BENCHES, DISC GOLF SIGNS IN PLACE ON SOUTH SHORE

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

Another part of the south shore recreation area plan for low-impact amenities was completed just before Memorial Day weekend with the installation of five benches. The backless benches are made of recycled plastic in a cedar color and are mounted on a metal base embedded in the ground. Two of these same benches were installed two years ago along the Panorama West Nature Trail.

Two of the new benches are along the shoreline portion of the walking trail and offer sweeping views of Lake Panorama's main basin. Two others are along the meadow portion of the trail. One offers a view of Lake Panorama's dam, while the other is tucked into a shady area.

A fifth bench was donated by Lana Leander and Ryan Gruhn and is located near the fifth tee box on the disc golf course. That hole is sponsored by Hawkeye Molding, a business the couple owns.

Others interested in discussing a bench donation for the south shore are asked to send an email to friendsoflakepanorama.org.

The disc golf course has been open for play since last November. It features nine concrete tee pads with nine metal basket targets. Nine tee box sponsors donated \$1,000 each to Friends of Lake Panorama last fall to help with the cost of establishing the disc golf course. Each sponsor is recognized with a sign on a tee box.

In May, four informational signs were installed near the first tee. A large welcome sign is an aerial view of the south shore. It includes a course map, plus shows the location of the course in relation to the parking area, shelter and the beginning of the walking trail.

Three smaller signs are in the same location. One is a list of disc golf rules for recreational play.

Another is a sign about UDisc, which is an app that lists more than 14,000 courses worldwide, including the Lake Panorama





Four signs were installed in late May near the entrance to the disc golf course on Lake Panorama's south shore. The large welcome sign includes a course map. Smaller signs feature rules for recreational play, a UDisc QR code to access the course map on a smart phone, and a warning sign about poison ivy.

course. Disc golfers use the UDisc app on their smart phones to keep score and navigate interactive course maps.

The third sign warns of the presence of poison ivy along the disc golf course fairways. While mowing and chemical broad-leaf weed control should keep poison ivy out of the fairways, players will need to use caution if they enter the "rough" to retrieve an errant disc. The sign includes an image and description of poison ivy.

To get into the recreation area, there is a fenced driveway that begins at 5501 Chimra Road and leads to a parking lot with walk-through access. Beyond the shelter with picnic table are two brown markers. One points right to the first hole of the golf

course; the other points left to the beginning of the trail system.

Two additional signs are on order. One is a welcome sign that will be near the parking lot. It includes a graphic of Lake Panorama, history, donor recognition and emergency contacts. The second sign will be installed at the beginning of the trail system. It includes a map of the trail system, trail option descriptions and details on the native plants and wildlife along the trails.

The recreation area is open during daylight hours. Wheeled vehicles are prohibited. There are no trash receptacles, restrooms or running water; visitors should plan accordingly. ■

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GARDENING



SPECIAL TO LAKE PANORAMA TIMES

6 ADVANTAGES OF GRASS LAWNS

Special to Lake Panorama Times

What does grass do for you? Plenty. The TurfMutt Foundation, which advocates for the care and use of yards, parks and other green spaces, shares that there are many ways grass lawns benefit people, pets and the planet, from being an environmental superhero to providing a safe place for kids and pets to play.

"Yards are not just beautiful, they are also purposeful," said Kris Kiser, president and CEO of the TurfMutt Foundation. "Unfortunately, in some communities, lawns, in particular, have gotten a bad rap. Yet, turfgrass provides important benefits that can't be overlooked."

Here are a few of the many advantages of grass lawns:

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"Backyarding" has become a way of life as people take their indoor lives into the green space around them. The lawn is the backdrop for everything from an at-home soccer field to a bocce ball court. It's a carpet of green where you can throw down a blanket and read or have a picnic.

CAPTURES CARBON

Turfgrass is one of the most effective carbon capturers. In fact, an average-sized home lawn in the U.S. has the potential to sequester 20.3 to 163.4 kg C/lawn/year. The dense canopy and fibrous root system in a lawn sequesters carbon so well that it outweighs the carbon used for maintaining the grass by as much as seven-fold.

REDUCES HEAT

A recent report by the research group Climate Central shows that more than 40

million Americans live in urban heat islands. But lawns can be 30 degrees cooler than asphalt and 14 degrees cooler than bare soil. Furthermore, eight average-sized front lawns can provide the cooling equivalent to air-conditioning for 18 homes.

PRODUCES OXYGEN

Grass is one of Mother Nature's oxygen-producing machines. In fact, one 5,000-square foot grass lawn can produce enough oxygen each day to support 14 to 34 people, depending on location. And a turf area of 50 feet by 50 feet produces enough oxygen to meet the daily needs of a family of four.

CAPTURES RAINWATER

Rainwater sheets off hard surfaces like hardscapes, artificial turf, parking lots, driveways and roads. Instead of going into the ground, rainwater becomes fast-moving storm water runoff, which pollutes water systems. Acting like a sponge, grass slows down and absorbs runoff, cleanses water of impurities and dust, and recharges groundwater aquifers.

CREATES A NATURAL FIREBREAK

Ongoing and worsening drought across the country has increased the risk of wildfire danger for millions of Americans. According to the American Society of Landscape Architects, "green infrastructure" can help protect communities from natural disasters like drought and fire. Living grass is a natural firebreak, and healthy turfgrass can be a significant deterrent to wildfires. Green grass slows the spread of wildfires because of its low fuel value, and it provides a defensible space around structures. ■





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LAKE DOG

BY CHERYL TEMPLE | *Lake Panorama Times*



Name: Koda
Breed: Samoyed
Age: 2.5 years old
Owners: Cameron and Jessica Redshaw (Galen and Carol's son and daughter-in-law)

Koda enjoys visiting at the lake. He loves golf cart rides and, of course, swimming in the water. ■

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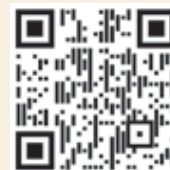
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COVE CAT

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Name:
Winston
Purchill
Age: 1 year old
Owners: Brian
and JoAnn
Johnson

Winston is a vocal and affectionate guy. He enjoys hanging out with JoAnn while she works in her flower beds. He is quite happy watching her make the beds purrfect so everyone can enjoy their flowers from the lake. ■

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RECIPE

RHUBARB COFFEE CAKE MUFFINS

BY JOLENE GOODMAN
Lake Panorama Times

Nothing says summer more than a freshly made rhubarb treat. I didn't always feel this way, as rhubarb was a slow-growing love for me. When I was a child, we had a garden of strawberries and rhubarb. That was it. I loved the strawberries, but I just didn't understand how anyone could like the taste of rhubarb. It was tart, and even with a lot of sugar, it didn't really taste good.

As an adult, produce gardens became a small passion of mine. And, through the years, my success with the finished product varied. However, the rhubarb plant has been a consistent shining star, producing ongoing fruit and looking good.

Currently, I have given up on the big vegetable gardens,

but I still grow rhubarb. These plants look great in my regular flower beds as they add a fun texture with their large, heart-shaped leaves. It is quite satisfying to walk outside, cut rhubarb from your own garden and bake a yummy treat with it. I think you'll enjoy this recipe for rhubarb coffee cake muffins. They are moist, easy to prepare and even easier to eat. Try them for breakfast, dessert or as an afternoon treat. ■

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



Jolene Goodman

RHUBARB COFFEE CAKE MUFFINS

- Ingredients**
- ½ cup butter, soften
 - 1-1/2 cup sugar
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 cup sour cream (or 1 cup soured milk: 1 T. vinegar plus fill rest of cup milk)
 - 2 cups flour
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 1 tsp. baking soda
 - 2 cups rhubarb
 - Topping: ½ cup brown sugar, 1 tsp cinnamon, ½ cup chopped pecans (mix)

Directions

Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs. Add sour cream and vanilla. Mix a small amount of flour with rhubarb and set aside. Add dry ingredients and mix until blended. Fold in floured rhubarb. Pour into greased muffin tins. Sprinkle with topping. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. ■



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TRISH HART'S NATURE PHOTO OF THE MONTH



REDBUD TREE FRAMES LAKE PANORAMA KAYAKERS

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

This month's nature photo from Trish Hart was taken in mid-April, just as this redbud tree was beginning to flower. The tree's branches frame two kayakers enjoying the spring waters of Lake Panorama.

The Arbor Day Foundation describes the Eastern Redbud's delicate blossoms and buds as some of the season's most dramatic displays. Unique and irregular branching patterns combine with a trunk that commonly divides close to the ground

to create a spreading and often flat-topped crown. These trees feature heart-shaped leaves that emerge a reddish color, turning dark green as summer approaches, then yellow in the fall.

The early blossoms draw nectar-seeking insects, including several species of early-season butterflies. Northern bobwhite and a few songbirds will eat the seeds.

Hart specializes in nature photography. She offers custom prints of her photos on canvas, paper, metal and glass. Learn more by visiting Nature's Canvas Photography on Facebook. ■

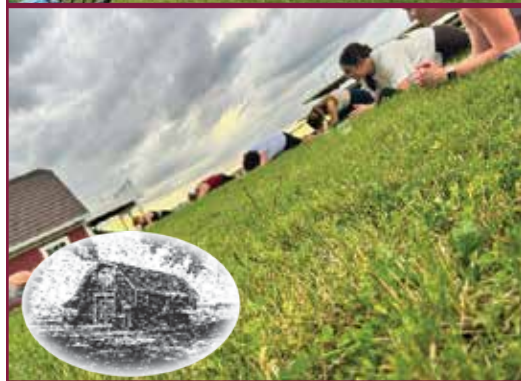


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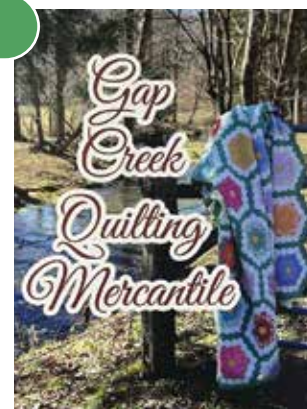
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- July 20
- Aug. 17
- Aug. 31
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- Sept. 28
- Oct. 5
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WHERE IS IT?



Several people supplied correct answers on the green dinosaur from last month, which is owned by John and Alice Struthers in Burchfield Cove at 4601 Petite Point. Sue Jesse submitted the first correct answer. Have a guess on where this month's photo is? Have one to submit for future issues? Send to shane@dmcityview.com. ■

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LPA BOARD MINUTES

LAKE PANORAMA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING APRIL 23, 2024

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met April 23, 2024, at 5 p.m. at the Lake Panorama Association Office. Board members in attendance were Emily Donovan, Dennis Flanery, David Finneseth, Mark Jorgensen, Rich Schumacher, Sue Thompson and Dirk Westercamp.

LPA Staff in attendance: Danna Krambeer, Lane Rumelhart, John Rutledge.

Visitors in attendance: Rachel Waldo and Jackson Whiton, LPA Board Candidates.

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

Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the Agenda

Westercamp 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

Rutledge noted item 3f had a typographical error, which has been corrected for the official program.

Schumacher moved to approve the consent agenda with the correction to the Annual Meeting Agenda. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Consent agenda to include:

a) LPA General Manager's Report

b) Approval of minutes from 03.26.2024 LPA Board Meeting

c) Acceptance of the 03.31.2024 LPA LPN Consolidated Financial Statement

d) Set date for next board meeting 05.28.2024

e) Accept minutes from 03.25.2024 LPN LLC Board of Managers Meeting

f) Approve 2024 annual meeting agenda

g) Approval of ballot counters for 5.11.2024 Annual Meeting

h) Accept 12.31.2023 Audit Report from auditors Meriwether, Wilson & Company, PLLC

Flanery reported he had met with Krambeer and reviewed the financial statements, checking accounts, and credit card statements. All is in order.

Agenda Item 4a – Review offer to purchase LPA owned lot 1611 – 4870 Panorama Drive

LPA received an offer to purchase lot 1611 for \$25,000. Land Sales Committee has reviewed and recommend countering offer with a price of \$30,000. Buyer responded

they wished to include additional LPA land bordering the golf course and this lot.

Board discussed the lot offer, the possibility of adding the additional area and the value of the property.

Westercamp moved to approve sale of lot 1611 and an additional parcel adjacent to the LPN golf course, with lot line extending along the current lot line projection, for sale price of \$33,000. Lot 1611, the additional parcel and the buyer's current lot to be replatted into one parcel as part of the agreement. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 – Closed Session

The board entered closed session at 5:29 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Board exited closed session at 5:59 p.m.

Westercamp moved to decline an offer to purchase LPA-owned property, as discussed in closed



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session. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 6 – Other Business

The board reviewed the LPN plan to partner with Friends of Lake Panorama for a fundraising campaign, which would pursue donations for golf course improvements. Board confirmed their support of the plan.

Adjourn - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.■

**LAKE PANORAMA ASSOCIATION
55TH ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 11, 2024
THE LINKS + EVENTS**

The 55th annual meeting of the Lake Panorama Association was called to order at 10 a.m. at The Links + Events by Board President Emily Donovan. Other board members in attendance were David Finneseth, Dennis Flanery, Mark Jorgensen, Rich Schumacher, Sue Thompson, and Dirk Westercamp.

Donovan introduced the current board members. Donovan asked former directors to stand and be recognized.

Donovan introduced the 2024 Board Candidates — Rachel Waldo and Jackson Whiton.

Board secretary David Finneseth read the proof of service.

Donovan requested if there were any outstanding ballots, with none being submitted. Donovan announced the closing of the ballot.

Finneseth called for waiving of the reading of the minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting. Galen Johnson moved to waive the reading of the minutes. Motion seconded, carried.

Finneseth reported there are 1,731 Lake Panorama Association members, of which 1,718 are active members and 13 are inactive. A total of 44 LPA members signed in at the registration desk prior to the annual meeting start.

2023 Financial and Audit Report

Dennis Flanery, board treasurer, presented the financial report. The CPA firm of Meriwether, Wilson and Company, PLLC conducted the LPA annual audit, reviewing financial statements and balance sheets from 2023 and 2022.

The auditor’s report stated the

financial statements, consolidated results and consolidated cash flows for the LPA and its subsidiary — LPN, LLC — were in order and that the methods used by staff to create the documents were generally accepted accounting standards (GAAS). Copies of the auditor’s report are available at the LPA office.

LPN, LLC reported an operating loss of \$277,074 for 2023 and with other income and expenses, an overall loss of \$350,387.

LPA reported net income of \$294,245 for 2023, a slight increase over previous years due to land sales that closed in 2023. All LPA funds are 100% FDIC insured. The Board of Directors decided a 5.0% dues increase would be applied for 2024. This amount does not cover the cost of rising inflation for roads, parts, supplies, labor, and fuel. LPA Staff are doing an excellent job of watching the cost of expense items and juggling the necessary increases of expenses to keep within the budget available.

Flanery informed the membership the LPA board of directors is consistently provided reliable, detailed, and

accurate financial reports. The board appreciates the efforts of our accounting and management staff.

LPA Board President’s report

Donovan thanked the Ballot Counters — Kathy DeLucca, Pam Johnson, Lance Levis and Deanie Thomas. Donovan went on to thank the many volunteers, committee members, and staff who continue to work hard to make LPA and LPN, LLC what it is today; a beautiful community to live, work and play in. Special thanks to Friends of Lake Panorama for their continued success and hard work fundraising for the many amenities we all enjoy. Donovan thanked Lyn Coulter and Coulter Marine for over four decades of service to LPA membership. LPA is pleased to celebrate a successful transition between marina tenants. Effective Jan. 1, 2024, Lyn Coulter sold his business to Phil and Cindy Watson. This transition was very successful in several ways, most notably with regard to staffing. LPA is grateful that all Coulter’s staff remained on with Watsons, as their knowledge and expertise brings great value to the LPA community.

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Donovan ended with thanking the membership for the opportunity to serve as a board member and as President for the past year, and to John Rutledge for his exemplary leadership, diplomacy and effective lobbying efforts this legislative session.

LPA General Manager’s Report

Rutledge, General Manager of LPA since 2007, recognized Royce Shaffer, LPN Director of Operations, the entire LPN staff and LPN Board of Managers. They are an important part of the broader Lake Panorama team, and we are grateful for all their efforts. LPN is in year two of their relationship with Food and Beverage tenant Nick and Lynn Kuhn. We encourage you to give them your support as they begin their second season.

Rutledge recognized the LPA management team and staff for their knowledge and leadership. Rutledge reviewed department highlights and challenges for the past year. Inflation is one of the greatest challenges we face, citing the increased cost of seal coat for the 2024 year as an example. The shop and water plant facility are excellent projects that the staff and membership will continue to see benefits from. The Lake is now at full pool.

Rutledge thanked Representative Carter Nordman, Supervisors Brian Johnson and Maggie Armstrong and Senators Jesse Green and Tim Kraayenbrink for their work. Rutledge thanked the board candidates, the departing board members, and the remaining board members for their support of LPA. A special thanks to Emily Donovan and Rich Schumacher for their years of service on the board and as past presidents.

Rutledge recognized and thanked the RIZ Board for their continued work. Several important erosion control projects are in progress, including the process of purchasing a new dredge and work continues on wetlands and basins.

Rutledge recognized Friends of Lake Panorama for their continued work. Projects completed in 2023 included enhancing the walking trails and creation of the disc golf course on South Shore. Thank you to Friends and to all the donors supporting our community.

Donovan gave the report from the

tellers.

Election of two (2) Board Directors. There were 377 ballots counted with 2 spoiled ballots.

Rachel Waldo.....360

Jackson Whiton 361

Donovan announced Waldo and Whiton were elected to the Board.

A brief open forum was conducted with members offering questions and comments.

With no further questions, Donovan thanked the membership for their attendance and recognized John Rutledge for his continued commitment to the community. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

LAKE PANORAMA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 11, 2024 LAKE PANORAMA CONFERENCE CENTER

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met May 11, 2024, at 10:45 a.m. at Lake Panorama National Conference Center. Board members in attendance were David Finneseth, Dennis Flanery, Mark Jorgensen, Sue Thompson, Rachel Waldo, Dirk Westercamp and Jackson Whiton.

LPA Staff in attendance: Danna Krambeer and John Rutledge

Visitors in attendance: None

Rutledge called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 - Purpose of this special meeting is to elect officers.

Rutledge asked for nominations.

Flanery moved to nominate the following slate of officers, to take effect upon adjournment of this special meeting on May 11, 2024:

President..... David Finneseth

Vice President.....Sue Thompson

SecretaryMark Jorgensen

TreasurerDennis Flanery

Motion seconded.

Rutledge asked for any further nominations. With none being offered, Rutledge declared the nominations closed and called for a vote on the nominated slate of officers. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m. ■

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- Place to Take Mom & Dad
- Place to Take Kids or Grandkids
- Place for a Field Trip
- Bowling Alley
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- Local Band or Musician
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