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ON THE COVER: Danica Isom, daughter of Larry and Heather Isom, is shown taking part in the 2023 Panorama Days parade. The Isom family, including Danica's younger brother Clint, all are members of the Lake Panorama Ski Team. Photo by Kevin Fister



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I began to experiment with QR codes in a variety of applications, but they failed to truly take off at the time because a separate app needed to be installed to scan the codes — until recent years.

A little history. QR codes have roots back to original bar code technology, but

most agree that the invention year was 1994 when Toyota wanted a new barcode system in its assembly line and Masahiro Hara from Denso Wave developed the QR code. The codes grew quickly in pharmaceutical practices, retail industries, marketing, social media and security.



Then along came COVID-19. When restaurant owners feared having printed menus available on tables, they started



Shane Goodman

requiring the use of QR codes to order drinks and food. As a result, many of us became much more comfortable with the process. Yes, even us Iowans. Tie it to food, and we figure it out. Amazing.

As part of an effort to connect our digital efforts more to our print publications, we will be implementing more QR codes into our news and advertising. In this issue, you will be able to view movie trailers from our film reviews, see the full schedule for Panorama Days, donate money to various causes, subscribe to our digital editions, submit a question to "Ask LPT," respond to our "Where Is It contest," submit photos and story ideas, access local church websites, place free classified ads and more.

Not familiar with QR codes? Open the camera app on your smart phone and point the camera to any of the links in this publication. It will identify the link and ask if you want to connect, which you should do. It's that easy.

We can learn a few lessons from the QR technology:

- First, follow the leader. In this QR technology example, and quite often, it is Japan.
- Second, don't give up on a great idea. The original intent may not turn out to be the ultimate use. (Think Viagra.)
- And third, don't wait for a pandemic to force you to try new technology. In this case, experimentation is good — and often free.

Have a great month, and thanks for reading. ■

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PANORAMA DAYS AUG. 2-4

Theme for 2024 is "Treasure Island — Pirates on Parade."

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

The annual three-day Panorama Days celebration that covers Panora and Lake Panorama begins Friday, Aug. 2 and runs through Sunday, Aug. 4. The theme for 2024 is "Treasure Island — Pirates on Parade."

"A Facebook poll was published, and the public shared their ideas for a theme. The Panorama Days committee came together, took all the nominations into account, and this was the overall winner," says Erica Matthies, Panora Chamber coordinator. Matthies created a logo to match the theme, which is being used on all Panorama Days materials.

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

"The Panorama Days committee has been working hard this year and has a funfilled weekend of events planned," Shackelford says. "There are activities for all ages on the docket. The parade is always spectacular. This year, plans are being made for an amazing classic car show along two blocks of Main Street south of the gazebo and the block continuing east. We hope those attending will take time to cast a vote for their favorite car."

FRIDAY'S EVENTS

The celebration begins Aug. 2 with a new event.

"The Panora Chamber is going to hold a scavenger hunt noon through 5 p.m.," Matthies says. "We'll be asking participants to become pirates and search for lost treasures around Panora. Maps with full details will be available at the Chamber information booth starting at noon."

Also on opening day, at 4 p.m., all ages are welcome to help decorate Panora's Main Street at Chalk the Block. Chalk will be provided.

Several favorite events from previous years fill in the Friday schedule. An afternoon cribbage tournament in the community center, sponsored by Stine Seed,



Grandchildren of Dave and Barb Hemberger: Asher Hemberger, Clara Hemberger, Nova McClanahan, Stetson McClanahan and Eve Hemberger at last year's Panorama Days parade. This year's parade will be Saturday, Aug. 3 at 10 a.m.

begins with registration at 1:30 p.m. and competition at 2 p.m. The cakewalk for kids will be 7-7:30 p.m. in the community center, sponsored by WFPF. Cruise the Loop, with all types of cars welcome, will be 6:30-8 p.m. This event is hosted by Panora Auto Parts, which also is the starting point for participants and their cars.

The Mainstreet Dance Studio performance will begin at 6 p.m. in Vet's Auditorium. The Bill Riley Talent Show, sponsored by Mainstreet Dance Studio, will follow at 7 p.m., also in Vet's Auditorium.

Winners of the afternoon scavenger hunt and the Little Miss and Mister Panorama Days contest will be announced at 8:30 p.m. from the gazebo in Town Square Park.

The day wraps up with live country and rock music from Ghost Riderz. This free event, which begins at 8:30 p.m. and closes at 11:30 p.m., will be on the street in front of the gazebo. BYOB, and lawn chairs are recommended.

There will be various booth vendors in the town square beginning at 2 p.m. and running until 8 p.m. on Friday and again on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone interested in showcasing their art, crafts or business can apply for a spot.

Food vendors also are welcome beginning at noon on Friday and running through 7 p.m. Saturday. Application forms

and more details for both food and booth vendors are on the Panora Chamber website at www.panorachamber.org.

SATURDAY'S EVENTS

Saturday starts early with a bass fishing tournament on Lake Panorama. Registration is at 5 a.m. at Panorama Marine with competition 5:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The tournament is sponsored by Lake Panorama Fin and Feather.

The traditional pancake breakfast will be available in the Community Center 7 a.m. to noon with serving by the Brethren Church.

The Panorama Days 5K Run/Walk, sponsored by Reshape Fitness Studio, begins in front of the library at 8 a.m. The early bird fee is \$35, with the entry fee increasing to \$40 after July 19. Register online by Friday, Aug. 2 at http://getmeregistered.com/PanoramaDaysRun. Registration the day of the race must be done by 7:30 a.m.

Parade registration starts at 9 a.m. at the Panorama Elementary School, with the parade at 10 a.m. All parade entries will be judged in one of eight categories, with winners announced immediately following the parade. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three places in each category.

Due to the repaying of roads on the school grounds, parade registration

and line-up will be a little different this year. Everyone must go down Clay Street to the elementary school for registration. There will only be one way down Panther Drive to West Market to line up. Registration must be done before entries can line

The Panora Citizen of the Year and parade category winners will be announced in the gazebo following the parade. The Panora Chamber has recognized an outstanding member of the Panora/Lake Panorama community since 1989.

A free kid's zone will be open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the town square. Items available in the kid's zone include inflatables, jousting arena, mechanical bull, face painting, balloon fun and caricatures. Raccoon Valley Radio will broadcast music throughout the day at the town square.

The annual beef burger meal will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First Christian Church. The cutest baby contest, sponsored by Cyclone Pest Management, will begin at 12:30 p.m., with registration at the gazebo. This year's contest will offer several baby divisions to enter.

A classic car show will be from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Main Street, hosted by Guthrie County Cars & Coffee. Sponsors for the car show are Guthrie County State Bank, Fox Countertops, B&B Marketplace,

Hummel's Auto Body, Cyclone Pest Management and Lakeside Massage and Bodywork.

"We are thankful the incoming Panorama Junior Class is organizing several activities," Matthies says. "Our committee discussed Panorama Days has a lot of things to offer younger kids, but middle and senior high kids didn't have much to do. That changes this year. The students will be able to keep profits from their events to help with class expenses in the upcoming school year."

The junior class is hosting both bags and 3-on-3 basketball tournaments at the ball diamonds. Registration is at 12:30 p.m. with competition underway at 1 p.m. A softball tournament will begin at 8 a.m. at the ball diamonds. Pre-registration is required, at a cost of \$150 per team. The winning team will take home \$200. To register, contact Heather Hellman, 641-757-9315. The junior class also plans to have a dunk tank 1-4 p.m.

Bingo will be in the community center 1-3 p.m., hosted and sponsored by Guthrie County State Bank. The Panorama alumni banquet for those who graduated from Panora, Linden, Panora-Linden and Panorama will be in the community center, with social time beginning at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 per person and people

can pay at the door or register early. Early registrations are appreciated to help with meal numbers but are not required. Registrations can be mailed to Alumni Association, P.O. Box 184, Panora, Iowa, 50216. To register by email, or ask questions, send a message to alumniassociation 50216@ gmail.com.

The Lake Panorama ski team show will begin at 2:30 p.m. with a viewing area on the hillside of the lake's south shore. (See story on page 9 for more details.)

For the second year, a Saturday golf cart/ UTV parade will start at 5 p.m. at Boulder Beach. Those interested are invited to get creative decorating their golf cart or UTV. This event will raise money for Tori's Angels and is sponsored by Panora Auto

The Port will have live music beginning at 9 p.m., and the Lake Panorama Association will present its annual fireworks display from the south shore at 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S EVENTS

On Sunday, a breakfast at the Panora Community Center will be served 8 a.m. to noon, sponsored by the Panorama Junior Class.

The 11th annual kid's fishing derby, sponsored by Lake Panorama Fin and Feather, will be Sunday, 9-11 a.m. at the Lake Panorama marina, with registration at 8:15

PANORAMA DAYS **DATES BACK TO 1969**

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

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

There was a pancake and sausage breakfast at the Panora Town Hall. A parade began at 10 a.m., a water fight between Panora and Guthrie Center fire departments was at 1 p.m., and a free watermelon feed at 3 p.m. The Linden Lions had a dunking concession. The Panora Little League played Linden at 5 p.m., and activities closed with a

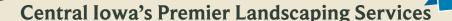
teen dance at 8 p.m. in the new Panora fire hall.

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

Over the years, the annual celebration became Panorama Days and grew to three days of activities. It's believed the celebration has been held annually each year between 1969 and 2024, except for 2020 when it was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. ■

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

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The Panora Garden Club in last year's Panorama Days parade.

New in 2024 is the Zellmer Family Ministry from Omaha at Boulder Beach 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday.

"We want this to be a casual come-andgo event that leaves people feeling uplifted, inspired, and more connected as a community and in their faith," says Matthies. "I didn't want to put pressure on one church to lead the entire service, and I didn't want to take away from the many amazing church services we already have in town. So, I thought why not just the music and worship part."

Matthies says organizers hope to attract a couple of food trucks to Boulder Beach during this event, and the Panora Chamber is looking for financial sponsors. Those interested are asked to contact Matthies at 712-789-0870 or email panorachamber@gmail.com.

A golf tournament to raise money for the Panorama High School Scholarship Fund is that afternoon at the Panorama West golf course. Contact Chaille Crandall with questions or to register in advance, 515-729-2240.

Those who attend any portion of the Panorama Days celebration are invited to snap photos and post those on Facebook and Instagram using #panoramadays2024. Multiple photos can be in one post. Security settings must be set to public so the Panorama Days planning committee can see them. Photos must be posted and tagged by 9 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 4. Each photo posted will give the photographer one entry into a drawing for \$25 in Panora Chamber bucks. Three winners will be drawn. Photos entered will be used to help market future Panorama Days.

"I'd like to thank the many people, organizations and businesses that help put on Panorama Days," says Shackelford.



A 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held Saturday, Aug. 3 on Main Street.

"Whether lending a hand or sponsoring events, it takes a village, and we have one of the best. Panorama Days fun can be found from downtown Panora to Lake Panorama, to the Panorama West Golf Course, to the ball fields, to Boulder Beach, to the marina and more. We have so many beautiful places and events to explore. Bring the whole family and enjoy the fun."

Matthies says Panorama Days organizers can always use more volunteers and sponsors.

"Many hands make light work, so if you would like to volunteer, please reach out," she says. "Many of the Panorama Days events are free, and that only happens because generous people in our community want to give back and be difference makers. If you would like to sponsor a specific event or give a general donation to help cover the costs, that's appreciated."

Look for more information and up-

dates on the 2024 Panorama Days activities on the Panora Chamber website and the chamber's Facebook page @panorachamber.



PANORAMA DAYS



The Lake Panorama ski team began practicing for its annual performance in late May. Shown in this doubles group, left to right, are Matt Lukacs with Danica Isom, Dale Behrends with Kaitlin Kent, and Nate Woods with Natalie Donovan. The reason for all the smiles is because Woods dropped a ski and is slaloming with Donovan on his shoulders. This had never been done before it happened in a recent practice.

LAKE PANORAMA SKI TEAM PREPPING FOR ANNUAL SHOW

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the formation of the Lake Panorama ski team.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

Members of the Lake Panorama ski team are getting ready for their annual performance as part of the 2024 Panorama Days celebration. The show will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3 with parking and viewing on Lake Panorama's south shore.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the formation of the Lake Panorama ski team. This is the team's 39th show since the COVID-19 pandemic caused the 2020 show to be canceled. Team members decided to celebrate the 40th year milestone this year anyway.

This is the second year for the Lake Panorama ski team to have formal legal status. In 2023, a board of directors was formed, officers were elected, bylaws were established, and 501(c)3 nonprofit status was obtained.

Mark Woods is president, Terry Huerter is vice president, Heather Isom is secretary, David Dwyer is treasurer, and Amy

Spear is activities director.

The team currently has 45 members with about five of those who don't ski but fill vital roles. There are 13 kids younger than the age of 18. The two youngest members of the team are both 5. The oldest team members are around 70 years old

This spring, ski team members were asked to complete a survey to provide feedback on the 2023 show and offer changes they'd like to see for this year.

One thing that came out of the survey was members hope to shorten the show. The show length hasn't been determined yet, since it is dependent on who wants to do what. Typical acts that are sure to be in the 2024 show are the high pyramid, kids skiing, doubles, saucers and barefoot skiing.

Team members have been practicing on Thursday nights at the south shore from 6-9 p.m. In July, the team also is practicing on Tuesdays at the same time and place as they put the finishing touches on their Panorama Days performance.

In the past, a bucket for cash donations was passed through the crowd during intermission. This year the team plans to eliminate intermission, as this often leads to spectators in boats and on shore leaving. A bucket may be passed at the end of the show. A QR code will be printed on ski team posters and pamphlets to allow elec-



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Pyramids are a crowd favorite during the Lake Panorama ski team's annual performance, which will be Aug. 3 at 2:30 p.m. during Panorama Days. Practicing a 7-4-1 pyramid are, bottom row, left to right, David Dwyer, Lynn Nelson, Matt Lukacs, Eric Reese, Jake Huseman, Dale Behrends and Nate Woods. Middle row, Emily Reynolds, Kathy York, Natalie Donovan and Kaitlin Kent. At the top is Tate Mills.



Matt Lukacs is well known for his barefoot skiing on Lake Panorama. Here he works on his form during a Lake Panorama ski team practice session.

tronic donations.

Donations help cover gas in the boats, team insurance, equipment and equipment maintenance, costumes and props. Because of the ski team's nonprofit status, donations now are tax deductible. Donations can be made by check, pay-



This trick is called the "Willie." It involves Larry Isom skiing past the dock, where his son, Clint Isom, is waiting. As Larry passes, Clint jumps from the dock onto his dad's back, and the pair continues on skis together.

able to Lake Panorama Ski Team, and mailed to P.O. Box 384, Panora, Iowa, 50216.

New members of all ages are welcome to join the ski team. The only requirement is membership in the Lake Panorama Association. ■



Practicing their kneeboard skills, left to right, are Noah Hueter, Clint Isom and Leyton Temple.



Panorama Days "Pirates on Parade"

August 2nd, 3rd, & 4th, 2024

Town Square & Gazebo - Main Street (Panora, IA) Visit www.panorachamber.org or Follow Panorama Days on Facebook for updates

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

Noon-5 p.m	. Scavenger Hunt Town Square Park
1-6 p.m	. Music (Sponsored by Raccoon Valley Radio) Gazebo/Stage
1:30 p.m	. Cribbage Tournament Registration Community Center
2 p.m	. Cribbage Tournament (Sponsored by Stine Seed)
	Community Center
4 p.m	. Chalk the Block (All Ages) Town Square Park
4 p.m	. Vendors Open Town Square Park
6-7 p.m	. Main Street Dance Studio Performs
	(Sponsored by Main Street Dance Studio) Vets Auditorium
6:30-8 p.m	. Cruise The Loop. All types of cars welcome
	(Hosted by Panora Auto Parts) Panora Auto Parts- Start Point
7-7:30 p.m	. KIDS' Cake Walk (Sponsored by WFPF) Community Center
7-8:30 p.m	. Bill Riley Talent Show
	(Sponsored by Main Street Dance Studio) Vets Auditorium
8:30 p.m	. Little Miss/Mister Panorama Days Announced
	Stage/Town Square Park
8:30-11:30 p.m	. Street Dance: Live Music By GHOST RIDERZ
	Gazebo FREE ADMISSION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3
5 a.m
5:30 a.m 1:30 p.m Bass Fishing Tournament (Sponsored By Fin & Feather)
Lake Panorama Marina
7 a.m - noon
Community Center
7:15-7:45 a.m
Front of Library 1st Street
8 a.m4 p.m
8 a.m. Softball Tournament Michael Mills Park (Little League Diamonds)
(Sponsored by Junior Class)
8 a.m
Front of Library 1st Street
9 a.m
10 a.m
10 a.m
11 a.m4 p.m Kid Zone. FREE unlimited access to inflatables, jousting arena,
mechanical bull, face painting, balloon dude, caricature
Town Square

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 (CONTINUED)

SATURDAY, AUGUST	3 (CONTINUED)
11 a.m 4 p.m l	Family Fun Zone
(Sponsored by Guthrie County Hospital & Clinics)
,	Town Square
11 a.m 1 p.m	Annual Beef Burger Meal First Christian Church
11 a.m	Citizen of the Year/Parade Winners Announced
(Right after parade) Gazebo
11:30 a.m 4 p.m	Classic Car Show (Hosted by Guthrie County Cars & Coffee)
	Sponsored by: Guthrie County State Bank Fox Counter Tops,
]	B&B Marketplace, Hummels Auto Body, Lakeside Massage and
]	Bodywork and Cyclone Pest Management Main Street
12:30-2:30 p.m	Cutest Baby Contest
(Sponsored by Cyclone Pest Management) Gazebo
	Bags & Basketball Registration
Ï	Michael Mills Park (Little League Diamonds)
1 p.m	Bags Tournament And 3 on 3 Basketball
	Sponsored by Junior Class)
Ï	Michael Mills Park (Little League Diamonds)
1-4 p.m	Dunk Tank (Sponsored By Junior Class) TBA
1-3 p.m	Bingo (Hosted & Sponsored by Guthrie County State Bank)
(Community Center
2:30 p.m	Lake Panorama Ski Show Lake Panorama - South Shore
5 p.m	Golf Cart/UTV Parade - Tori's Angels Fundraiser.
(Sponsored by Panora Auto Parts)
Ì	Lake Panorama – Boulder Beach
5 p.m	Alumni Banquet Social Hour Community Center
	Alumni Banquet Community Center
	Port Tiki Bar Live Entertainment Port
9:30 p.m./Dusk 1	FIREWORKS (Sponsored by Lake Panorama Association)
	Lake Panorama - South Shore

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

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8 a.m noon	Community Breakfast (Served by Junior Class)
	Community Center
8:15 a.m	Registration Kids Fishing Derby Lake Panorama Marina
9-11 a.m	Kids Fishing Derby Lake Panorama Marina
11 a.m 1 p.m	Praise Band and Food Trucks Boulder Beach
12:30 p.m	Annual Panorama Alumni Golf Tournament Registration
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A SWIMMER, BAD BOYS, BRATS, EMOTIONS AND BIKERS

BY MICHAEL C. WOODY

Lake Panorama Times

"YOUNG WOMAN AND THE SEA"

(still in theaters)

This is one of the better movies that you likely did not see this year. It opened over a month ago, and it is still in theaters, if that tells you something. (It should.)

The film is based on a true story about a young girl in NYC in 1914 who develops a love for swimming at a time when girls weren't encouraged or allowed to swim. When she decides to swim the English

Channel, people think she is crazy. This is a truly wonderful movie — well-acted, well-told and a great story of empowerment and determination. **Grade:** A

"BAD BOYS RIDE OR DIE"



(in theaters)



"Young Woman and the Sea"

The third sequel (thus, the fourth film) in the Bad Boys series has Will Smith and Martin Lawrence again leading the cast. Smith does what he needs to do, but Lawrence is the reason to see the movie. He is hilarious. Otherwise, this is an above-

average, run-of-the-mill action story — pretty much what you would expect. In this case, that's not all bad. **Grade: B+**





"Bad Boys Ride or Die"

"BRATS"

(streaming on Hulu)

I came of age during the movies credited to the "Brat Pack." This group of young male and female actors starred in what seemed like an endless string of comedies, dramas and "dramadies" like "Pretty in Pink," "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" and "The Breakfast Club." When a New York journalist writes a negative article and tags them as "the Brat Pack," their careers changed



'Brats"

and a stigma still haunts them. This movie is a mustsee for those of us who grew up with these films. **Grade: B+**



"THE WATCHERS"

(heading to streaming services)

M. Night Shylaman's daughter wrote and directed this movie about a young woman traveling alone who gets





"The Watchers"

stranded and then helped by a group of people in a dense forest. They take her to a facility where they are "watched"

all night long by a group of unseen people. The movie is much better than it sounds and, at times, is creepy as hell.



"THE BIKERIDERS"

ings of this strange fam-

(in theaters)

Grade: B+

With a cast including Austin Butler (Elvis), Tom Hardy and Jodie Comer, expectations were high going in. Those expectations were met, and exceeded, with this episodic story of a motorcycle group in the Chicago area and the comings and go-



"The Bikeriders"

ily of members. The movie is dark and, at times, violent but is really well-made, and the acting is A+ level. **Grade: B+**

"INSIDE OUT 2"

(in theaters)

This sequel to the 2015 film is doing record business, and it is a very well-made and entertaining animated film. The cast is made up of a bunch of characters who each play a different emotion. This time out, new emotions are added and they need to be understood and managed. It's a funny movie with a good heart and a strong message. Sue and I watched this at The Fremont Theatre in

Stuart. It's nothing fancy but is a cute, small-town throwback theater that manages to bring in a lot of movies that don't often





"Inside Out 2"

make their way to towns this size. A good shoutout to The Fremont. Keep up the good work. **Grade: B+**

"A QUIET PLACE: DAY ONE"

(in theaters)

How do you top a great movie? Honestly, you don't try. This is a completely different movie and, for the most part, has different characters. NYC is under attack from those crazy creatures from the prior movie, and you watch as a small group of people navigate "the city that never sleeps." Great idea to create a completely different movie in a completely different place but to ramp up the

action and introduce new characters. This is not at the level of the prior movie (how could it be?) but is still a haunting story with



terrifying visuals. Grade: A

Two As and five B+s! Wow. Let's see if July can compete with that!

Fans of the Murph and Andy radio show know that my reviews have been there for almost 15 years, and the two hosts have decided to step away to give them more time for family and other obligations. Don't worry, the Mr. Movie segment will morph into a series of online

reviews. More on that next month.

Until then, pass the popcorn. ■

Michael C. Woody has been reviewing movies on radio and television since 1986. He and his wife, Susan, are residents of Lake Panorama.



GARDEN CLUB PONTOON TOUR HELD JUNE 19

A total of 17 pontoons were used with three leaving every 15 minutes from the Boulder Beach docks.

BY SHANE GOODMAN

Lake Panorama Times

The Panora Garden Club held a fundraiser on the evening of June 19 that offered pontoon tours of Lake Panorama. Five time slots were available between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to more than 180 participants. The tour lasted about two hours with each pontoon captain making one trip around the lake. The possibility of rain was a concern, but the weather was beautiful, the water was calm, and the sunset was gorgeous.

Participants were asked to make a \$30



Bette Donahey and Maureen Lubeck

donation to participate in the tour. Besides the two-hour cruise on Lake Panorama. they also received a charcuterie cup, prepared by Jill Christensen of Hamlin, and bottled water, provided by Sunset Realty.

A member of the Panora Garden Club was on board each pontoon to answer questions and point out highlights. Signs along the tour route marked the gardens and landscaping of 20 garden club members. Maps showing Lake Panorama's cove names and garden club member homes were distributed to each guest.

Members of the club donated four gift baskets for a raffle. Names were drawn while the pontoon tours were underway, so winners could pick up their baskets when they returned.

This was the third year for the pontoon tour, and several people on this year's tour now have attended all three years.

Organizers don't yet have a final tally of how much money was raised, but they say the event was successful. They received positive feedback about having this year's tour in the evening. Several people commented this was the first time they had been able to participate because they work during the day.

Funds from the tour will be used to support existing projects, and also help with new projects in the future. Because of the success of this year's event, and many positive comments, organizers say they will likely host another evening tour of Lake Panorama in 2025.



Larry Davis, Phyllis Davis, Maggie Gross and Sandy Hackerson



Lyle Hansen and Paula Hansen

The Panora Garden Club is a 501(c)3 nonprofit charity, so donations are tax deductible. Funds raised are used to continue the projects club members conduct to beautify the community such as the



Margee Shaffer and Linda Wendl

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.





FINAL SIGNS IN PLACE ON SOUTH SHORE

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

The last two informational signs planned for the Lake Panorama south shore recreation area were installed in late June.

One is a welcome sign near the parking lot. It includes a graphic of Lake Panorama, history of the project, donor recognition, rules and emergency contacts.

The second sign is at the start of the trail system. It includes a map, trail option descriptions, and details on the native plants and wildlife along the trails.

Another part of the south shore recreation area is the disc golf course, which has been open for play since last November. Four informational signs were installed in May near the first tee. A large welcome sign includes a course map.

The 127 acres on Lake Panorama's south shore feature 7,000 feet of shoreline. The seeds for low-impact recreational amenities here were planted in April 2019, when Friends of Lake Panorama surveyed LPA members for input. Walking trails and disc golf were projects of interest, with the south shore considered a good location. In July 2023, LPA gave final approval to the plan that includes the trail system, disc

golf course, picnic shelter, benches and birdhouses.

Work to repair the south shore rip rap was completed in spring 2023, funded by the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ). RIZ and the LPA signed an agreement the south shore must remain a greenspace for at least the next 15 years. Amenities now in place fall under the greenspace definition.

Friends of Lake Panorama began fundraising in fall 2021 and continued through 2023. The recreation area opened in October 2023.

The trail system encompasses 26 acres of native tall grass prairie. The area was once planted to row crops but now is enrolled in a conservation reserve program (CRP) that requires native plants be established. LPA will continue to enroll these acres in the CRP program or find other ways to keep native species flourishing.

There are five trail options, each designated on the map with a different color. Colored arrows on brown fiberglass trail markers are installed at each trail junction. Those who do the full green loop down to the shoreline and back up through the meadow area to return to the parking lot will have walked two miles.

There are four other trail options.



A welcome sign recently was installed near the entrance to the Lake Panorama south shore recreation area. It includes a graphic of Lake Panorama, history of the project, donor recognition, rules and emergency contacts.

Choose the red option to return to the parking lot and walk just 0.6 of a mile. The blue option is 1.1 mile; yellow is 1.6 miles; and orange is 2 miles.

The Panorama Schools cross country trails use some sections of the Lake Panorama trail system and are marked with blue fiberglass trail markers. The cross country trails begin and end on school property.

To reach the recreation area, there is a fenced driveway that begins at 5501



A sign at the trailhead of the Lake Panorama south shore trail was installed in late June. It includes a map of the trail system, trail option descriptions, and details on the native plants and wildlife along the trails.

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

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





BEACH BALL RAISES \$35,000

A total of 53 items were donated for the silent auction, which brought in \$7,540, as well as 13 items for the live auction, raising \$14,750.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Pnaorama Times

More than 180 people attended the Friends of Lake Panorama 2024 Beach Ball June 21 at the Lake Panorama National event center. After expenses, the event had a profit of \$35,000.

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

There were 17 businesses and groups of individuals that spent \$700 to join the Premier level of the Beach Club, which was five more than in 2023. Sixteen couples spent \$250 to be in the Couples Beach Club, with six businesses or individuals donating \$150 to sponsor a table.

There were 53 items donated for the silent auction, which brought in \$7,540. The live auction of 13 items raised \$14,750.

Those totals add up to a \$4,000 increase in auction revenue over 2023. Proceeds from a 50/50 raffle and a half-card-draw game netted \$2,000.

At its April meeting, the Friends of Lake Panorama board voted to make the Lake Panorama National Golf Course Master Plan Priority 1 projects the focus of the 2024 Beach Ball. Those projects include tee box and driving range renovations and new tee signs and ball washers.

Advance publicity stated auction items could be donated specifically for LPN Priority 1 projects. Eighteen silent auction items and six live auction items were designated for the LPN fundraising effort and resulted in proceeds of \$8,450.

At a meeting June 24, the Friends board of directors voted to add \$21,550 to those proceeds, earmarking \$30,000 for the LPN Priority 1 projects. The remaining \$5,000 raised at the Beach Ball will be held in the Friends general fund.

Donations to Friends of Lake Panorama are accepted at any time. Checks can be made payable to Friends of Lake Panorama and mailed to P.O. Box 488, Panora, Iowa, 50216. Direct donations also can be sent via Venmo @Panorama-Friends. Credit cards are accepted on the Friends website.

All donations are tax-deductible. Donors of \$500 or more are recognized on the donor page of the Friends website. More information is available at www.friendsoflakepa-

norama.org.





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More than 180 people attended the Friends of Lake Panorama Beach Ball at the Lake Panorama National Resort. The event raised \$35,000.



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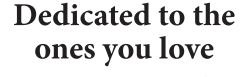
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Friends of Lake Panorama board members Jan Reinicke, Jim Tibbles, Jody Muench, Bill Winkleblack, Susan Thompson (director) and Galen Johnson. Two board members not able to attend were John Muenzenberger and Jackie Wellik.

BEACH BALL GIVES BOOST TO LPN CAPITAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

A fundraising campaign to pay for needed improvements at the Lake Panorama National golf course received a boost when \$30,000 from the Friends of Lake Panorama Beach Ball was earmarked for the campaign. At the end of June, direct donations to the campaign were at \$11,250.

In the fall of 2023, the LPN board of managers began development of a comprehensive master plan for the golf course. This involved a thorough assessment of the course with key personnel conducting a hole-by-hole golf course tour. The insights gained, combined with past planning documents, led to the identification and prioritization of key projects.

At its April meeting, the LPN board approved a fundraising effort that focuses on Priority 1 projects identified in the LPN Golf Course Master Plan. Projects included in Priority 1 include expanding forward tee boxes, leveling and resodding main tee boxes, removing all railroad ties and, where needed, replacing the ties with block retaining walls, updates to the driving range and new tee signs and ball washers.

A \$500,000 target for the first round of fundraising was established. 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.

Friends of Lake Panorama is partnering with LPN, which makes it possible for contributions to be tax deductible. All donors will receive a tax receipt.

One current promotion to encourage donations runs through Aug. 31. Those

who donate \$500 or more by Aug. 31 will automatically be entered into a drawing to win a 2025 LPN Single Golf Pass with trail fee or cart seat.

Every \$500 earns the donor one entry, with no limit on the number of entries that can be earned. This promotion is exclusively for direct donations by individuals, couples or families, and cannot be combined with fundraising events.

Donations can be made by check payable to Friends of Lake Panorama and sent to P.O. Box 488, Panora, Iowa, 50216. Donations of securities (stocks, mutual funds, etc.) also are welcome, as are direct IRA qualified charitable distributions.

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tions can be made online at friendsoflakepanorama. org. To qualify for this promotion, credit card donations must include an extra \$15 for every \$500 donated to cover processing fees.



Upcoming fundraising events include a golf tournament Sept. 7, and 20 Men Who Can Cook Oct. 20, 4-7 p.m. Details on both events will be available soon.

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.

Donors of \$500 or more are recognized on the donor page of the Friends website and on the Lake Panorama National capital fundraising campaign page at lakepanoramanational.com.



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FAMILY FINDS JOY IN SMALL FARM VENTURE

Doug and Juli Tripple and their three children are learning life lessons and more at Tripple Berry Farm.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

The COVID pandemic that began in 2020 impacted most everyone's life in many ways. For the Tripple family, it led to a move and a lifestyle change they never saw coming.

Doug and Juli Tripple and their three children, Grace, 13, and twins Izzy and Eli, 12, were living in Polk City.

"The town was continuing to grow in population," Juli says. "When COVID hit, we were able to be home with our kids more and really wanted to continue that way of living. We wanted them to experience living in the country, go to a smaller school, and have plenty of time as a family."

The family started to search for a place in the country and landed on a 9-acre plot of land just north of Linden.

"We hadn't looked at a lot of places," Juli says. "We expanded our search one day, saw this property and realized it met several of our search criteria. We liked the size of the school and the quick access to Highway 44 on a paved road."

The family moved to the acreage in May 2021.

"The previous owner had started growing and selling raspberries and also grew strawberries," Juli says. "We hadn't planned to buy a berry farm, but we are always up for a challenge and decided to create Tripple Berry Farm."

Raspberries are raised in what is called a high tunnel, a plastic or fabric-covered hoop structure with plants grown directly in the ground or in raised beds. Raspberries were ready for picking the third week in June, and the plants will continue to bear fruit into fall.



The Tripple family poses for a photo in the entrance to the high tunnel raspberry operation. Pictured left to right are Eli, Juli, Doug, Grace and Izzy. The high tunnel with raspberries already planted was part of the acreage when the family moved there in May 2021.

"Raspberry u-pick hours vary based on berry availability and weather," Doug says. "We do offer we-pick raspberries on request. Weekly hours are posted on Facebook and Instagram, but we always welcome a phone call if someone isn't on social media or has questions. We also offer u-pick by appointment outside of set u-pick hours."

Strawberries are the next berry that will be available on the Tripple Berry Farm and should be ready for u-pick around the middle of July.

"This is our first year trialing a new pot and cable system, which allows u-pick at a table top height," Juli says. "Our goal for next year is to start these sooner to allow for u-pick earlier. We also plan to try Junebearing berries in the second high tunnel. We have a lot of requests for strawberries."

The couple says they plan to continue to expand and add different berries as time allows. They also grow and sell several varieties of garlic.

The family has a small country store that is open Wednesday through Sunday in the summer and then seasonal hours as posted into the fall. The store usually is closed January and February.

"Our Wednesday lunches have been well received," Juli says. "During the peak berry season, we offer lunches as time allows. We have our own products in the store, plus several local products we love, such as ice cream, honey, produce when available, and meat sticks. For grilling, we have steaks, burgers, brats and hot dogs from Noble Provisions, a farm near Griswold."

The Tripple Berry Farm is more than just whole berries.

"We make raspberry jam, raspberry jalapeno jam, raspberry syrup and we will be adding strawberry jam and some others this summer and fall," Juli says. "We love to try new recipes and get feedback. Customer requests are always welcome."

Plus, there's bacon.



Three honey bee hives owned by Kimrey's CrickBottom Bees of Linden are located west of the high tunnel filled with raspberries. The Tripple family planted a wildflower garden on the east side of the high tunnel, which helps pull the bees toward the raspberries and strawberries to take advantage of their pollination services.

"During the COVID pandemic, Doug started smoking meats and enjoyed the challenge of perfecting the bacon process and recipes," Juli says. "Once we moved to Linden and had the opportunity to start the business with the berries, we decided to add bacon and smoked meats to our business plan. We worked for about eight months to get the proper training and licensing for Outlaw Bacon and Smoked Meats."

Doug did extensive renovation to convert a portion of the building that houses the country store into an inspected commercial kitchen. All the family's meat products, plus their jams, jellies and other food products, are made in this kitch-

"Our Outlaw Bacon is dry cured, hardwood smoked and hand sliced," Doug says. "It stands apart from other bacon because it is not injected or tumbled. We don't use liquid smoke or artificial additives. Our pepper bacon is cured with fresh peppers. We also have smoked pork and ribs. One of the most requested items is our smoked chicken wings. We are consistently adding new items based on customer feedback."

While their berries, berry products and meat products are available in their country store, the family also has a regular stand at three farmers markets.

"We are in Perry on Thursdays 4-7 p.m., where our raspberry lemonades are the best sellers," Juli says. "We're in Panora and Guthrie Center every other Saturday morning. Our breakfast sandwiches, burritos and parfait cups made of yogurt, fresh fruit and granola have been popular in those two locations. We also have most



The Tripple Berry Farm raspberry jalapeno jam is a customer favorite. The family also offers raspberry jam and raspberry syrup and will be adding strawberry jam and other products this summer and fall.

of our frozen meat products and jams at the markets. We often have raspberries and may have strawberries later this

Catering is a relatively new addition to the family business.

"It began due to customer requests to provide our smoked meats for events," Doug says. "We are continuing to invest and grow in this area. Our success is based on satisfied customers and word of mouth. We also do custom smoking on request."

Juli and Doug met while working together as paramedics and have been married 16 years. Doug is a veteran and retired Des Moines firefighter and paramedic. He now works remotely as an IT engineer for a Des Moines-based company. Juli recently completed nursing



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Juli and Eli Tripple stand behind the counter in the family's country store. Current store hours are Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to noon.

school and plans to start at UnityPoint Des Moines as an RN in the fall.

"Despite fulltime work and school, we continue to pick a project each year and expand," Juli says. "We make it work somehow. We have discussed adding part-time help next year as a possibility. We are looking forward to expanding strawberries and turning a grain bin into a gazebo next spring."

Before moving to Linden, the couple had no experience in food production beyond a small garden. In less than three years, they've developed a substantial following of customers who want to buy a wide variety of food items they offer while also picking up food products in their country store from other local producers

"We love the business we have built. We are agile and willing to try new things," Juli says. "We pride ourselves on quality customer service, hard work and providing a farm experience for families. We have learned a lot and failed a lot, with successes along the way."

The couple has gotten advice from an Iowa State University Extension horticulture specialist. They joined the Practical Farmers of Iowa and came away from that group's annual conference with new ideas and contacts.

"We have been welcomed by neighbors and the community," Juli says.
"Our country store and farmers markets have allowed us to meet and talk with so many amazing people. For Doug and I, connecting with people is the best part of this business."

The couple is happy with the new loca-



Doug Tripple started smoking meats during the COVID pandemic and enjoyed the challenge of perfecting the bacon process and recipes. Once the family moved to Linden and started their berry business, they decided to add bacon and smoked meats. Their Outlaw Bacon is dry cured, hardwood smoked and hand sliced.

tion they chose for their family.

"We love being close to smaller towns, yet an hour from the metro," Juli says. "We love having the Raccoon River Valley Trail so close. Most of all, we have a great community with so many small businesses rooting for each other."

"We used to travel and camp in our fifth wheel, but after we moved to the country, we realize we enjoy being home more," Doug says. "There is nothing like sitting outside in the morning, drinking our coffee and enjoying the sounds of nature, including our very noisy rooster named Jeff."

The Tripple children are students at



Shelves in the Tripple Berry Farm country store are filled with some products the family offers, plus a wide variety of food and gift items from other small farms and businesses. A nearby freezer is filled with meat products and ice cream.

Panorama Community Schools. This fall, Grace will be a freshman, and Eli and Izzy will be in seventh grade. Juli says probably the best thing about their move is the quality time she and Doug now have to spend with their kids.

"The business and all of the experiences that go along with it have helped our children grow and learn life skills in ways we never imagined," she says.

"They help pick berries, run the farmers markets and help with the country store. We are so proud of them."

Tripple Berry Farm is located at 25677 Amarillo Ave., north of

Linden. More information is available on the family's Facebook page and their website: trippleberryfarm.





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In June, the two pickleball courts at Boulder Beach were resurfaced. Two extra coats of material were added to the process in hopes the new surface will last seven to 10 years. The first acrylic coating of the pickleball courts was applied in 2019.

PICKLEBALL COURTS AT BOULDER BEACH RESURFACED

LPA hopes these courts now will last seven to 10 years.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

The two pickleball courts that are part of the larger sports court installation at Boulder Beach recently were resurfaced. The sports courts complex also includes one tennis court and a basketball court.

The sports courts opened in June 2018. Friends of Lake Panorama began fundraising for sports courts in October 2014 with an original plan to renovate two tennis courts at the Lake Panorama National Resort. By 2016, a more significant project at Boulder Beach emerged. Fundraising goals were met by the end of 2017, and construction took place the following

Dissatisfaction among pickleball players with sports tiles used on the courts eventually led to the Lake Panorama Association removing the tiles in the spring of 2019 and having an acrylic surface applied.

"The courts were resurfaced with an adhesion promoter and a primer coat," Lane Rumelhart, LPA project manager, says. "We don't believe either of these coats were added in the original surfacing. LPA hopes these courts now will last seven to 10 years before needing resurfaced again, as the first coat lasted just five years."

During the summer, group play on the pickleball courts takes place Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-10 a.m. If weather conditions don't allow outdoor play, the group meets those same days at Vet's Auditorium in Panora, with hours of 9-11 a.m. Anyone interested in learning more about the game or opportunities to play is encouraged to simply show up during those times.

There is a concrete patio between the courts, which includes a large metal trash receptacle and two wooden memorial benches. The courts are open daylight hours and are available for play on a firstcome, first-served basis.

The tiles removed from the two Boulder Beach pickleball courts were repurposed to a new sports court at Sunset Beach, which opened in 2023. Both basketball and pickleball can be played there.



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POLLINATOR PLANT COMBOS

And tips explaining why they work so well together.

BY LYNN KUHN

Special to Lake Panorama Times

In May, this column highlighted pretty pollinator plants and the importance of supporting our precious pollinators. In June, I hope you were able to celebrate pollinator month by adding a few plants from the list to your landscape. This month, I will show you some beautiful pollinator plant combinations along with tips as to why they work so well together.

COMBO #1 - BUTTERFLYWEED AND DARK TOWERS BEARDTONGUE AND GOLDEN SHOWERS COREOPSIS

BUTTERFLYWEED

(Ascelpias tuberosa)

- Zone: 3 to 9
- Height: 1.00 to 2.50 feet
- Spread: 1.00 to 1.50 feet
- Bloom Time: June to August
- Bloom Description: Orange to yellow-orange
- Sun: Full sun
- Water: Dry to medium
- Maintenance: Low
- Suggested Use: Naturalize, Rain Garden
- Flower: Orange
- Attracts: Butterflies

DARK TOWERS BEARDTONGUE (Penstemon "Dark Towers")

Zone: 3 to 8

- Height: 1.50 to 3.00 feet
- Spread: 1.00 to 2.00 feet
- Bloom Time: May to June
- Bloom Description: Pale pink
- Sun: Full sun
- Water: Dry to medium

GOLDEN SHOWERS COREOPSIS (Coreopsis verticillata "Grandiflora")

- Zone: 3 to 9
- Height: 2.00 to 3.00 feet
- Spread: 2.00 to 3.00 feet
- Bloom Time: June to September
- Bloom Description: Yellow
- Sun: Full sun
- Water: Dry to medium
- Maintenance: Low
- Suggested Use: Naturalize
- Attracts: Butterflies
- Tolerate: Deer, Drought, Dry Soil

Reasons this combo looks great:

Contrasting Color:

Purple and yellow are complementary colors (opposite on the color wheel)

The penstemon's dark foliage contrast with surrounding medium green foliage.

Contrasting Form:

The penstemon is upright, butterflyweed is mounding, and coreopsis is irregular and appears soft and fluffy.

Contrasting Height:

The penstemon is quite tall at 3 feet, butterflyweed is 2 feet tall and coreopsis can vary greatly depending on the cultivar, sometimes 1-2 feet. Avoid matching heights when choosing a plant combo.

COMBO NO. 2 - CARADONNA SALVIA AND PURPLE CONEFLOWER



Dark Towers and ButterflyWeed and Coreopsis

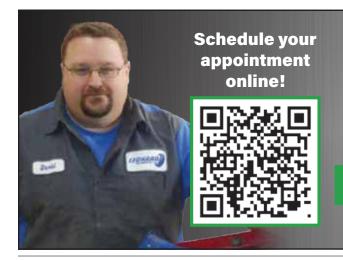
CARADONNA SALVIA (Salvia nemerosa "Caradonna")

- Zone: 4 to 8
- Height: 2.00 feet
- Spread: 2.00 feet
- Bloom Time: May to September
- Bloom Description: Blue-violet
- Sun: Full sun
- Water: Dry to medium
- Maintenance: Low
- Flower: Showy
 Leaf: Fragrant
- Attracts: Butterflies
- Tolerate: Deer, Drought, Dry Soil, Air Pollution

Note: A common name for salvia is sage. There are many to choose from and most will be wonderful pollinators. I chose Caradonna for its burgundy stems, up-



Salvia and Pixie Meadowbrite Coneflower



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right form and does not reseed and spread throughout garden.

Reasons this combo looks great:

Contrasting Form:

Salvia blooms are spiky while coneflower blooms are typically flat to droopy depending on the cultivar.

Color Combo Intensity:

Purple and pink is a classic color combo that works every time it's tried. In addition, the intensity (saturation) of the purple matches that of the pink. Deeply saturated colors are visually stimulating.

COMBO NO. 3 - STANDING OVATION LITTLE BLUESTEM AND ONYX AND PERALS **BEARDTONGUE**

STANDING OVATION LITTLE BLUESTEM

(Schizachyrium scoparium "Standing Ovation")

- Zone: 3 to 9
- Height: 2.00 to 4.00 feet
- Spread: 1.50 to 2.00 feet
- Bloom Time: August to February



Standing Ovation LBS and Dark Towers

- Bloom Description: Purple bronze with white seed heads
- Sun: Full sun
- Water: Dry to medium
- Maintenance: Low
- Suggested Use: Rain Garden
- Flower: Insignificant
- Leaf: blue gray with burgundy tips
- Attracts: Birds, Pollinators
- Other: Winter Interest
- Tolerate: Deer, Drought, Erosion, Dry Soil, Shallow-Rocky Soil, Black Walnut, Air Pollution

ONYX AND PEARLS BEARDTONGUE (Penstemon "Onyx and Pearls")

- Zone: 3 to 8
- Height: 3.00 to 3.50 feet
- Spread: 3.00 to 3.50 feet
- Bloom Time: April to June
- Bloom Description: Pale purple to

nearly white

Sun: Full sun

Note: There is much propagation happening within this family of plants resulting in numerous options, however, my favorite cultivar to date is "Onyx and Pearls" due to the upright form, thick sturdy leaves and deep purple color that holds even in a bit of shade.

Reasons why this combo looks great:

Repetition of Color:

The deep burgundy in the penstemon foliage is echoed in tips of the grass.

Notice the spreading purple leafed sedum next to the little bluestem grass, which is yet another way to express repetition of color.

Contrasting Form:

Although both plants would be consid-

ered upright, the fine texture and spikiness of the grass contrast nicely with the more irregular form of the penstemon.

I hope you have enjoyed getting to know these pollinator plants and how to combine them for even more beauty in your landscape.

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READER PHOTO SWITCHING SIDES

Dan McClanahan provided this photo of Alex McClanahan and Ann Hemberger, sistersin-law who were out for a recent ride. Submit your photos to shane@dmcityview. com







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PANORAMA WEST **2-GAL TOURNAMENT HOSTS 72 PLAYERS**

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

The Panorama West women's golf league hosted a two-gal best-shot tournament Tuesday, June 11. A total of 36 teams participated with 14 teams made up of local players and 22 teams from surrounding communities. The tournament theme was "Peace, Love and Golf."

Participants were encouraged to dress in clothing from the "hippie" era of the 1960s into the mid-1970s. There was a best dressed prize, with two teams tying for this honor. They were Lynn Breitbach and Coop Rickert, both of Lake Panorama, and Vicki Copeland and Connie



Emily Spradling and Karen Eby won the championship flight in the Panorama West 2-gal golf tournament June 11 with a one-over-par score of 28



Vicki Copeland and Connie Hamilton, of Jefferson, tied for first place in the "best dressed" category at the Panorama West two-gal tournament June 11.

Hamilton, both from Jefferson.

A VW van was available near the first tee for photo opportunities. Cash prizes were awarded to the top three teams in five flights. Winners of the championship flight were Emily Spradling and Karen Eby with a score of one-over-par 28.

Lunch was prepared and served by Paul Wendl, assisted by his grandson, Clayton. While waiting for lunch, teams tried to come up with specific terms and phrases popular in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Tournament committee members were Donna Brody, Peg Carr, Joanne Sandage, Nini Von Bon, Rhoda Williams and Linda



The team of Coop Rickert and Lynn Breitbach were one of two teams that tied for the "best dressed" using the tournament theme "Peace, Love and Golf."



Janet Durlam of Jefferson took home \$233 in cash as the winner of the 50/50 raffle.

GOLF

DOUBLE HOLE-IN-ONE MAGIC AT PANORAMA WEST

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

Each year, those who get a hole-inone at the Panorama West golf course
have their name added to a sign in
the pro shop and receive a handmade
plaque in recognition of their achievement. Since all nine holes on the course
offer par three tees, there generally are
several hole-in-ones recognized each
season.

The first hole-in-one of the 2024 season happened June 7. Randy Vyhnalek of Omaha accomplished this feat on the fifth hole, using a 9-iron to cover the 144-yard distance between the par-3 tee and green. His brother-in-law, Kirk Youngberg of Ames, witnessed this special moment.

Yet the fun didn't end there. Just two days later, Randy's 14-year-old nephew, Will Youngberg, had a hole-in-one on the same hole. What makes Will's accomplishment extraordinary is that he hit his hole-in-one from the par-4 tee, using his driver to cover the 240 yards. Witnesses were Allan Vyhnalek and Harry Vyhnalek, Will's grandfather and cousin.

It's believed this is the first time a hole-in-one has been recorded from a par-4 tee at the Panorama West course. But it's not the first hole-in-one on the course by a golfer with the last name of Youngberg. Gary Youngberg, father of



In early June, Randy Vhynalek and his nephew, Will Youngberg, each had a hole-in-one on the fifth hole of the Panorama West golf course. Vhynalek's feat came from the par-3 tee box, while Youngberg's ace came two days later from the par-4 tee box. They are shown with the wooden plaque each received from Panorama West in recognition of their achievements.

Kirk and grandfather of Will, had an ace on the eighth hole in 2018. The Youngberg family has had a house on Horseshoe Cove since 2016.

Look for a story next month on another hole-in-one. ■



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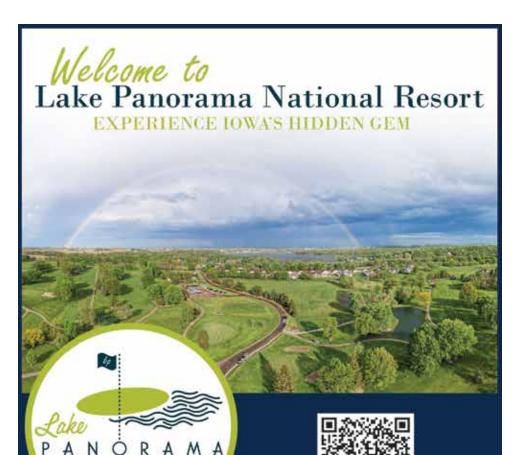
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RECREATION



LPA maintenance staff recently used a brush cutter attachment on the front of a skid loader to mow down large shrubs and small trees along the sides of the Panorama West Nature trail. In some places the trail was widened by 20 feet or more

PANORAMA WEST NATURE TRAIL MAINTENANCE COMPLETED

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panoraam Times

The Panorama West Nature Trail officially opened for visitors in late October 2022. Since then, the surrounding timber land has continued to do what it does best, growing and narrowing the trail in some places with underbrush and tree branches

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In late June, the LPA maintenance staff used a brush cutter attachment on the front of a skid loader to "mow down" large shrubs and small trees along the sides of the trail. This machine leaves mulch behind that breaks down into the soil over time. The next step was to take a smooth bucket on a skid loader and dress up areas where the wheels made some ruts.

"The trail was widened by 20 feet or more in several spots, opening up the trail and offering users more space to explore and keep away from overcrowding olive branches and cedar trees," Lane Rumelhart, LPA project manager, says. "Our goal is to touch up this trail once every two or three years, but we will see how quickly the vegetation comes back."

Virgil Hoehne and his son, Mike Hoehne, both live near the trail and, as volunteers, mow the trail as needed and when conditions allow.

The official trail is made up of portions of an existing trail that, in the past, was used by a limited number of people and the Panorama school's cross-country teams. This project was funded by \$5,000 from the 2021 Friends of Lake Panorama Beach Ball plus private donations.

Parking is in a cul-de-sac at the end of Nicholl Drive, which intersects with Panorama Road south of the Panorama West clubhouse. The trailhead sign features a drawing of the trail, and users are encouraged to take a photo to help guide them on the trail.

Seven posts with directional signage along the trail provide key information. Two benches strategically placed along the trail offer great views and places to rest

At the three-quarters mile mark, there is an optional three-quarters of a mile loop. Those who use the official trail, plus the optional loop, complete 2.25 miles. The trail winds through grassy open areas and timber, and does not cross any portion of the golf course or roadways.

For safety reasons, and in compliance with current LPA rules, users of the trail may include hikers, runners, cross-country skiers and dogwalkers, but no motorized vehicles.



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CAMARO PROVIDES COMFORT AFTER WIFE'S PASSING

Bill Kelly says the 2010 Chevy reminded him of a 1960s-era car including the candy apple green color of that same time.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

Bill and Maryann Kelly were married for 44 years before she passed away in April 2014. She had been in declining health for a while and on dialysis the last three years of her life.

"I was hurting," Bill Kelly says, standing outside his home near Sunset Beach on Lake Panorama's west side. "I'd had sports cars before, including Camaros and Firebirds. I sold those because it was too difficult for her to get in and out of them. I guess the rebel came out in me after she died, and I started to look for something."

Kelly was living in Northwood and found his "something" in the showroom of a car dealership in Clear Lake.

"It was a 2010 Chevy Camaro with a body style that reminded me of a 1960s-era car. The color reminded me of the candy apple green of that same era," Kelly says.

This Camaro was in limited production February through May of 2010 with just 2,425 sold. Making Kelly's car even more rare is the green color, which officially is Synergy Green. The metallic green paint with black flecks makes the car sparkle, especially in bright sun.

"I like the color a lot," Kelly says. "Besides, what would an Irish man drive but a green car?"

He purchased the car in March 2015. One month later, a deer came out of a ditch and damaged the front and rear fenders.

"The body shop buffed it all out and put another coat of paint on it," Kelly says. "I try to keep it as pristine and original as possible. It only comes out of the garage when the weather is nice, never on icy roads."

Kelly says he doesn't take the car to shows or drive it in parades.

"I didn't buy this car for anyone but myself," he says. "Still, no matter where I drive it, people turn their heads to check it out. Sometimes they follow me down the street to get a closer look."

The Camaro had 30,000 miles on the odometer when Kelly purchased it. Now, nearly 10 years later, it has 90,000 miles on it.



Bill Kelly shows off the front of his 2010 Chevrolet Camaro. It features black racing stripes on the hood and has a sunroof. The car's engine is a V-6 automatic.





"I just like to drive it," he says.

The car's engine is a V-6 automatic. It also has a six-speed sports pack, which makes it possible to switch to manual mode with pedal shifting. The engine rumbles a bit on acceleration but doesn't shake the windows of homes when Kelly drives by.

Black racing stripes accent the hood, and there is a sunroof. The interior features a green panel on each door and across the dash. These panels, which share the same paint job as the exterior, glow after dark because of tiny strips of lights across the top of each.

"Because of the color and year, this car is considered rare, kind of a classic," Kelly says. "I've had people ask me if I would sell it, but I think I'll probably own it as long as I can drive it. I do have a list of people who want me to let them know when I'm ready to sell."

Kelly used to have another motor vehicle he purchased after his wife's death.

"It was a bright red Harley Davidson motorcycle, said to be the fastest bike the company ever built. I really liked riding it, but I decided I should sell it when I turned 71," he says. Kelly is now 75 years old.

Kelly hasn't had an easy life. He grew up in Mason City and says he's been on his own since he was 14 years old. When he was 16, two Mason City cops took him aside for a conversation.

"They told me I would make either a really good cop or a really good criminal," he says.

He was a Marine during the Vietnam war and says many guys in his unit didn't make it back. He was a police officer for 20 years. He has an artistic side and became a graphic artist for a company that later went bankrupt. He worked security about 15 years for Winnebago Industries.

It was there he met Evelyn Nauman. After Maryann's death, she convinced him to attend a grief support group that had helped her after her husband's death. The group sessions also helped him, and he and Evelyn grew closer.

Evelyn wanted to leave northern Iowa to be near her children in central Iowa. Kelly says they found Lake Panorama "on a fluke. We were driving by the beach, came around a corner and saw this cedar house for sale. At one point in my life, I did some architectural designs, and one was an Aframe, ranch-style house. This house was close to what I had designed years ago."

Kelly says he and Maryann had talked about lake living for many years, but it was never possible. He and his partner, Evelyn, moved into the cedar house in July 2016.

"This is the most relaxed I have ever been in my life," Kelly says. "We don't own



Bill Kelly poses with his 2010 Chevrolet Camaro, which he purchased in 2015. This Camaro was in limited production February through May of 2010 with just 2,425 sold. Making the car rarer is the green color, which officially is Synergy Green. The metallic green paint with black flecks makes the car sparkle.

a boat, and we don't fish. But we love this place."

Once at Lake Panorama, Kelly spent three years working surveillance at Wild Rose Casino in Jefferson before the CO-VID pandemic put an end to that job. One day he asked Andrew Knorr, manager of the Medicap Pharmacy in Panora, if he had an opening for a delivery driver. The answer was yes. He rode along on a delivery run and decided he liked it.

Each weekday, Kelly works part-time making deliveries. If the weather is good, he drives his 2010 Synergy Green Chevrolet Camaro to Panora and parks it in the shade near the Medicap building. While he's making deliveries in the Medicap van, others admire his classic car.





LPA AND LPN MANAGERS PROVIDE UPDATES AT COFFEE

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

About 40 LPA members attended the June 27 managers coffee to hear updates from John Rutledge, Lake Panorama Association (LPA) general manager, and Royce Shaffer, Lake Panorama National (LPN) director of operations.

R12 PROJECTS

Rutledge opened the meeting with a review of Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) projects. Expansion of the old CIPCO sediment basin, renamed the 180th Trail Basin, continues. This is the basin that will be used for dredging spoils once the basin now being used is full.

"This project is progressing but is somewhat slower than originally expected," Rutledge said. "There is a possibility it could be completed this year, but 2025 comple-

tion is more likely. The slower pace is helping with soil consolidation in the basin, and we're not in a hurry to have this done since the existing basin continues to have capacity."

RIZ operates a program for cover crop incentives with local producers in the Lake Panorama watershed. This addresses erosion vulnerability and nutrient runoff during the period between fall harvest and spring planting/emergence. This is the third year for this program.

The FY 2024-25 RIZ fiscal year began July 1.

"RIZ revenues will continue to grow, with 2024-25 collections exceeding \$3.5 million," Rutledge said. "That's a big number and is mostly keeping pace with inflation."

RIZ is in the process of purchasing a new dredge and booster pump, which will be built and delivered in late 2025 or early 2026

"The current dredge and booster were placed into service in 2014, so will have served us about 12 years before being replaced," Rutledge said. "There still will be substantial value to our existing equipment, which will be sold on the used market. Both the dredge and booster rely on a combination of technology and hardware. Although the hardware can last well beyond 12 years, the technology does not."

Rutledge said the 2024 legislative session did not delve into property tax or Tax Increment Financing (TIF) reform, which is good for RIZ.

"We will continue to watch this every year and begin having conversations with legislators this summer about what they expect for the 2025 legislative session," he said.

RIZ is acquiring a small portion of property from a private landowner. This prop-

erty is less than two acres and lies northeast of the Burchfield Bridge. It will be improved to control bank collapse in that area of the Burchfield Creek.

LPA BUSINESS

Turning to LPA business, Rutledge said the lake is back to full pool elevation due to spring rains.

"Flows are in a good range for this time of year. For the last several years, we have seen remarkably low flows and had to communicate incremental lake level decline to the membership," he said. "We are optimistic this will not be the case in 2024."

Rutledge said widespread flooding in northern Iowa wouldn't impact Lake Panorama because those rains fell outside of its watershed.

Rutledge said the 2024 legislative session was successful for Lake Panorama. LPA's authority to govern member boating was



brought into question as part of a civil case at Sun Valley Lake. The Ringgold County District Court stated lakes like Panorama could not govern their members' conduct on the water because LPA does not own the water.

Rutledge made this topic his top priority from October through March with the Iowa Legislature passing a bill into law that affirmed LPA does have authority to govern boating on Lake Panorama.

"Thanks to Carter Nordman, our state representative, for taking a strong lead on this topic," he said. "We could not have succeeded without Carter's leadership and persistence."

The new law did trigger a review by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) of LPA rules and activities. This led to three steps LPA needed to take. Private marker buoys are in violation of Iowa law. LPA had rules regarding these, but that language has been removed.

"LPA rules now are silent on this topic," Rutledge said. "If you maintain a private marker ball/buoy, then you are violating Iowa law but not LPA rules. Your ticket would come from DNR and would be between you and DNR."

The remaining two items were removing the slalom course in the upper basin and LPA patrol boats switching from blue lights to red lights.

A major capital project for 2024 is fixing a scour that exists in front of the dam.

"It likely developed over time, and we need to install large rip rap to ensure continued flow does not undermine the footings of the dam," Rutledge said. "This is not a short-term emergency but rather a long-term proactive investment. This work will be done later this summer with a \$200,000 budget."

Rutledge issued two reminders.

"Please follow the rules at the brush dumps," he said. "If you hire a contractor, emphasize to them they need to follow the rules, as they are provided access to these facilities on your behalf."

The second reminder was that LPA security does not tow boats. The only thing LPA security will do is help a member get out of the main traffic for safety. Members need to coordinate their own tow; this is a service available from Panorama Marine.

Sta-Bilt, the company that does seal coating on LPA roads, is running behind schedule and will not be able to treat roads on the east side of the lake until late July or August. Work on the west side will be done first.

"We are only able to do about six miles this year," Rutledge said. "We would like to do nine miles annually, but the cost has skyrocketed. Seal-coat costs about \$45,000 a mile, which is double what we paid in

2021."

Rutledge said the LPA office continues to receive feedback on the impact wake boats have on safety and shorelines, including docks and lifts.

"This is a difficult puzzle to solve, as there are a number of members with valid points on both sides of this discussion," he said. "This is not unique to Panorama, and we continue to monitor legislation and governance on other lakes and in other states. LPA will look at this topic as part of the next water safety committee agenda and incorporate feedback from a wide range of stakeholders that includes both critics and advocates of wake boats."

Rutledge said LPA accommodates both members who enjoy their quiet time and members who like to enjoy their weekend with music and laughter.

"The cut-off for loud noise is 11 p.m., except for the Port. Please wrap up any private party you have by 11 p.m. By the same token, please be aware that calling LPA security about noisy neighbors at 10 p.m. will not yield results," he said.

Rutledge concluded his remarks by saying the LPA board is exploring a ballot measure that will be sent to the membership this fall.

"The goal is to clean up and update the LPA bylaws. There will be a mix of housekeeping updates as well as a couple of substantive changes we believe will strengthen the association and make the bylaws more protective of your investment in your Lake Panorama properties,"

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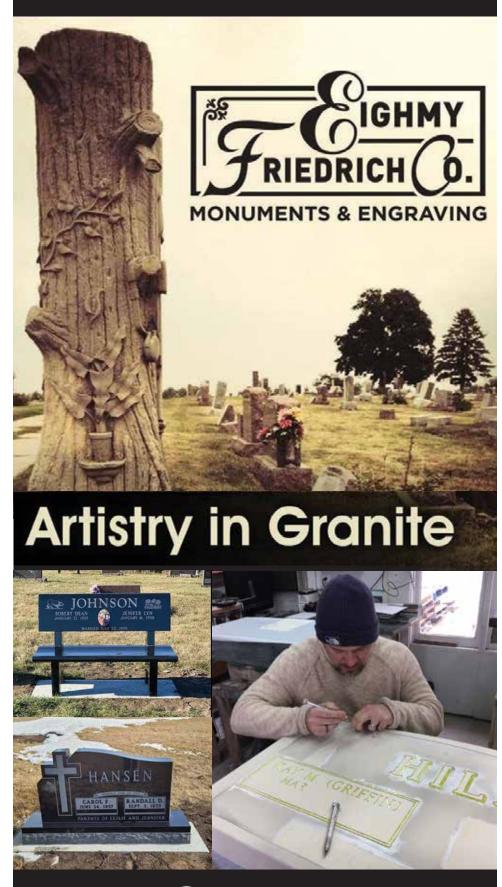
Royce Shaffer has been the LPN director of operations since the fall of 2023. He opened his report with details on 2024 golf pass sales.

To date, 224 golf passes have been sold at Lake Panorama National, which is down 17 passes compared to the same time last year. Of the 224 passes sold, 19 are new members who have never purchased a pass at LPN before.

"While golf pass sales are down, green fee sales are in line with budget," Shaffer said. "At Panorama West, 123 golf passes have been sold, which is two passes less than this same time last year. Green fees also are strong at Panorama West and outperforming the budget."

Discussing the Panorama West course conditions, Shaffer said the staff currently is dealing with a large wet area that runs from the ninth green through the fourth fairway.

"We did an exploratory dig to confirm we didn't have an irrigation leak," he said. "It appears this issue has been caused by a natural spring that is active this year



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due to the wet weather. We are consulting with a tile contractor to discuss what needs to be done to address this issue."

Shaffer said some clover is again appearing in the Panorama West turf, although not to the level it did in 2023. A fall chemical application was done last fall and now will be done each fall to continue to control the clover.

Grub control also is scheduled to be applied in the next couple of weeks.

"This is not a new application for us but is a topic of conversation as last year there was quite a bit of turf damage done by nuisance animals," Shaffer said.

Shaffer said a Toro equipment package was ordered in fall 2022, and all pieces of equipment from that order finally have arrived. He said staff had discussed whether this equipment should be leased or purchased but agreed ownership allows more flexibility at the end of the loan.

Shaffer said he continues to work with Nick and Lynn Kuhn as they hold the lease for LPN Resort food and beverage for a second year.

"I encourage you to support this operation," he said. "Current kitchen hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 3-9 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For those who don't like the QR code ordering sys-

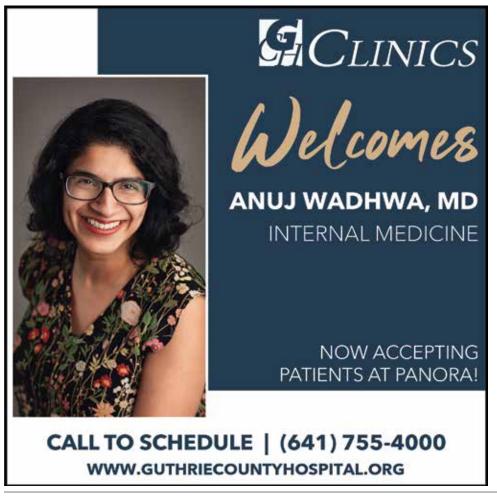
tem, they now offer a table service option, on request."

This past winter, the LPN board of managers developed a master plan for the LPN Golf Course and this spring decided to begin fundraising for the first phase of projects. A fundraising target of \$500,000 was set. Friends of Lake Panorama is partnering with LPN on this effort, making donations to the campaign tax deductible.

Shaffer reported the Friends of Lake Panorama Beach Ball held June 21 was the first fundraising event. It raised \$35,000, and the Friends board earmarked \$30,000 of that for the LPN projects. Future fundraising events include a golf tournament Sept. 7 and a 20-Men-Who-Can-Cook event Oct. 20. More details on both will be announced soon.

"I welcome any feedback, good or bad, that you may have on any of Lake Panorama National's amenities," Shaffer said. "These comments can be emailed to feedback@lakepanorama.org, and I will be sure your comments get passed along to the appropriate people."

Following their prepared remarks, Rutledge and Shaffer fielded several questions and comments from the audience. The next managers' coffee is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 30, 10:30 a.m. at the LPN event center. ■





CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS

PANORA CITY **COUNCIL AGREES** TO ALLOW UTVS **ON STREETS**

BY RICH WICKS

Lake Panorama Times

During the June 24 Panora City Council meeting, councilmembers held the first reading of Ordinance 353 Chapter 75.05, regarding allowing UTVs to operate on city streets. Councilmember Brian Dorsett shared that some citizens have spoken to him in favor of the change, but they mistakenly thought it would also allow golf carts on city

"I've been approached by several people who are so glad we're going to open it up for golf carts," Dorsett said.

Dorsett suggested the City post something clarifying what is and isn't in the ordinance.

"Some people are getting the wrong impression," he said.

The council unanimously approved the ordinance and waived the second and third readings. City Administrator Lisa Grossman said the ordinance will go into effect in roughly two weeks, based on when it is published for public notice.

OTHER CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Kelly Ellis spoke regarding the Panora farmers market, which is held every other Saturday, June through October.

"Some of the dates, we have upwards of 20 vendors signed up, so it's really coming back in a positive way," Ellis said. "I've had nothing but positive feedback from vendors and market vendors and businesses on the square."

She pointed out only one concern, related to weather.

"Rain is something we're going to have to contend with," Ellis said. "I'm here tonight to ask the council to help provide an indoor option."

Ellis asked if Veterans Auditorium could be used for the farmers market only when needed due to rain or stormy weather. Mayor Curt Thornberry asked about oversight of Veterans Auditorium. Grossman said the Veterans Board is in control of that, but the city oversees the Community Center.

After discussion, the council suggested first checking to see if Veterans Auditorium could be used in these situations. If not, the council will discuss the issue at the next meeting to determine if the Community Center could be an option.

As part of the consent agenda, the council approved a liquor license for Panora Liquor LLC. The council also approved cigarette/tobacco/nicotine/vapor licenses for Casey's General Store, Hometown Foods and Panora Liquor LLC.





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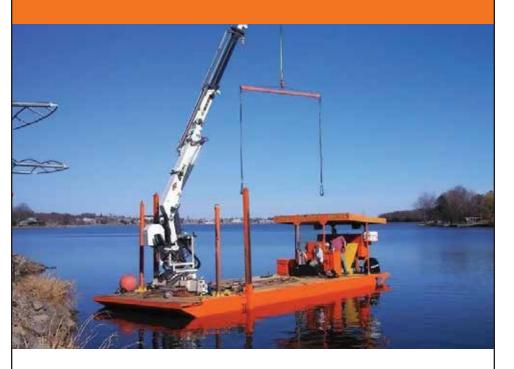
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Q&A WITH LAKE PANORAMA ASSOCIATION PROJECT MANAGER LANE RUMELHART

INVASIVE SPECIES CONTINUE AS LAKE PANORAMA THREAT

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

Lane Rumelhart is project manager for the Lake Panorama Association (LPA). His duties include managing the LPA building codes, projects financed by the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ), LPA communications, hunting programs, campgrounds and beaches, and "other duties as assigned." In this month's Q&A, Rumelhart talks about invasives species and the threats these pose for Lake Panorama, the Lake Panorama Association and its members.

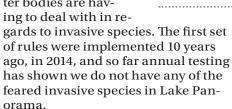
Q. WHAT ARE "INVASIVE **SPECIES" AND WHAT** THREATS DO THEY POSE **FOR THE LAKE PANORAMA ASSOCIATION AND ITS MEMBERS?**

A. LPA has strict rules regarding invasive species when it comes to boating and other water recreation. These rules come with good reason, as aquatic "hitchhikers" could have detrimental effects within the association if these were ever found and become established in our water system. One of the most talked about is the zebra mussel. There are other types of aquatic invasive species, too, such as bighead carp and watermilfoil. Each of these species has their own unique niche and could cause major problems

Invasive species infiltration could be problematic for things like the dam, dredging operations, marina slips and facilities, and irrigation infrastructure. Many other lakes have had to deal with these issues and in return spent tons of time, effort and money.

Q. WHAT RULES DOES LPA HAVE IN PLACE TO TRY TO KEEP INVASIVE SPECIES FROM ENTERING LAKE PANORAMA?

A. LPA has worked hard to avoid the serious issues other water bodies are having to deal with in re-



Rumelhart

LPA staff and board members have come up with and enforced rules to prevent the introduction of invasives. LPA also relies on the membership to treat the integrity of the lake as a top priority. Dumping bait, bringing things from other lakes, or adding anything from an outside water source is a threat to Lake Panorama. It is not feasible for LPA to create rules that cover everything, but certain rules are in place to prevent introduction from vessels.

Each vessel that is given a boat sticker to operate on Lake Panorama also their vessel never leaves the Middle Raccoon River Watershed. If a member with a resident vessel changes his or her mind and wants to take the boat elsewhere, they may do so by calling

the office and switching to a red invasive species sticker at no cost.

Members who receive a red invasive sticker have signed the invasive species form and state their vessel is a non-resident vessel that travels to different bodies of water other than the Middle Raccoon River Watershed. LPA Rules and Regulations state that any member with a non-resident vessel is required to clean, drain and dry that vessel for at least five days before bringing it back into Lake Panorama. Each time a non-resident vessel is brought back to the lake, the member is required to have Lake Security inspect the boat prior to launching. If any sign of ballast water or aquatic creature is found, the member must clean the boat and start the inspection process over again.

Q. WHAT ABOUT DOCKS AND LIFTS THAT MEMBERS WANT TO PLACE IN LAKE PANORAMA FOR THEIR BOATS?

A. Used docks and lifts also are a threat, and rules are in place to regulate these items. LPA has seen a rise in the number of members who wish to bring used docks and lifts to Lake Panorama. In the past, the LPA did not allow used equipment from other lakes to enter the water. After careful consideration, rules were created to allow these pieces of equipment to enter only if a new inspection protocol is followed.

All water-related equipment must pass an inspection by LPA staff to confirm the equipment is clean, drained and dry. Given a successful inspection, the equipment then is tagged and quarantined for a minimum of 30 days. Members may call security

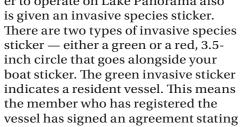
or LPA staff to perform the inspection in a suitable location away from the lake where there is no chance of runoff reaching the lake's edge. After 30 days have expired, LPA staff contacts members to notify them they may set up the equipment in the water.

LPA has inspected multiple lifts brought from other Iowa lakes, and occasionally invasive mussels have been discovered attached to the legs and posts of boatlifts. In this case, members are required to clean the equipment and have it inspected again before the 30-day quarantine period begins.

It is common for members or dealerships that sold these lifts to Lake Panorama residents to tell LPA staff the lift has been out of the water for months or even years. But without proof, LPA does not give any exceptions to this rule. The integrity of the lake is far more important than a member's month-long wait to enjoy their new lift or dock. LPA always recommends using a local vendor to provide docks and lifts before going outside of the Lake Panorama area in search of these items

Q. ANY FINAL THOUGHTS TO SHARE WITH LPA MEMBERS **ABOUT INVASIVE SPECIES?**

A. Each LPA member has some level of responsibility. Invasive species protection benefits everyone at Lake Panorama. If members see others bringing in questionable or suspicious items to the lake, they may either offer friendly reminders about the LPA rules or call the LPA office or Security. We must all work together to keep our lake healthy and clean to avoid the aftermath of invasive species introduction.





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Q: WHY DO SOME OF THE SIGNS ON LPA ROADS LOOK LIKE THEY ARE WORN TO THE BARE METAL? OR WAS **NOTHING EVER PRINTED ON** THEM?

A: We asked Guthrie County Engineer Joshua Sebern this question, and he said the back sides of the signs are blank because there is nothing to show in that direction.

Q: I LOOKED AT BUYING A **UTILITY TRAILER THAT THE SELLER SAYS DOES NOT HAVE** A TITLE. IS THAT A RED FLAG? IF I WERE TO BUY IT, HOW DO I **GO ABOUT LICENSING IT?**

A: We directed this question to Guthrie County Treasurer Brenda Campbell. She said, if the trailer weighs less than 2,000 pounds, it will not have a title. The seller would sign off on the bottom of the registration to the buyer.

"There are two quick ways to know this by looking at the registration: (a) it states 'small' regular trailer on the registration, and (b) it is a \$20 annual fee," she said.

Campbell also pointed out that, at the bottom of the registration, there is a place for the date, name and address of the purchaser and the signature of the seller. She says to make sure you have a bill of sale between the two of you as well, as this is required by the State of Iowa.

Q: HOW OLD MUST A PERSON **BE TO OPERATE A BOAT OR JET SKI ON LAKE PANORAMA?**

A: According to section 5.1(i) of the LPA Rules and Regulations, "Any operator of a motorized vessel in excess of 10 hp must be at least sixteen (16) years of age AND if under 18 must have passed and have in their possession the boater education certification approved by the Iowa DNR or be accompanied by a responsible person of at least eighteen (18) years of age who is familiar with boating operation."

In addition, section 5.1(j) states that "operators of personal watercraft who are 16 or 17 (whether accompanied by an adult or not) must pass and have in their possession the basic boating certification as required by the State of Iowa."

Q: WHO IS ALLOWED TO CAMP IN THE WEST CAMPGROUNDS?

A: To register as a camper, you must be a member of the Lake Panorama Association, according to section 6.2(a) of the LPA Rules and Regulations. A season camping sticker shall be issued by the LPA office prior to camping and shall be affixed to each camping unit in such a way the Security Patrol can clearly see the sticker while making rounds. Camping in the Lake Panorama Campgrounds is restricted to one recreational vehicle or camping unit per site. Storage of one boat and/or its trailer is acceptable while camping.

Q: MY NEIGHBOR LIKES TO SWIM ACROSS OUR COVE. IS THAT LEGAL?

A: That depends. Swimming in Lake Panorama more than 100 feet from the shoreline is prohibited at all times, except when swimming within 10 feet of a boat, according to section 5.4(a) of the LPA Rules and Regulations. ■





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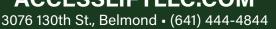
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TRISH HART'S NATURE PHOTOS OF THE MONTH

SPRING BLOOMS USHER IN SUMMER

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

This month, Trish Hart offers photos of colorful flowers that start blooming in late spring and continue into the summer months. Most photos were taken in her yard with the pink iris in a neighbor's yard.

Featured are three perennials, including two colors of peonies, an Asiatic lily, and two colors of irises. There also is a beautiful zinnia, which is an annual that can grow either from scattered seeds or transplants.

Peonies have been known to thrive for more than a century and are a garden favorite because they grow such gorgeous blooms.

Asiatic lilies are hardy, early bloomers that produce flowers in a wide variety of bold colors or pastels. The bulbs multiply quickly and can double every year.

The name iris, derived from the Greek word for rainbow, reflects its wide range of colors. In floriography, which is the language of flowers, the iris carries meanings of faith, courage, hope and wisdom.

Hart specializes in nature photography. She offers custom prints of her photos on canvas, paper, metal and glass. Learn

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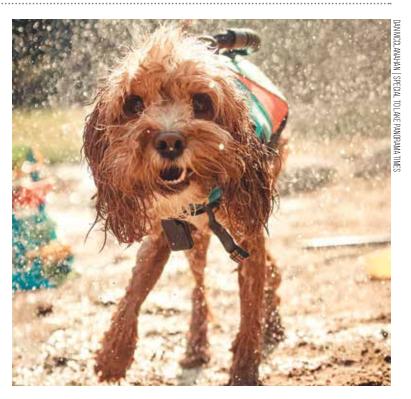
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BY CHERYL TEMPLE | Lake Panorama Times

Name: Rudy **Breed:** Cavapoo Age: 4 years **Owners: Jackson** and Ann Hemberger (Dave and Barb Hemberger's son and daughter-inlaw)

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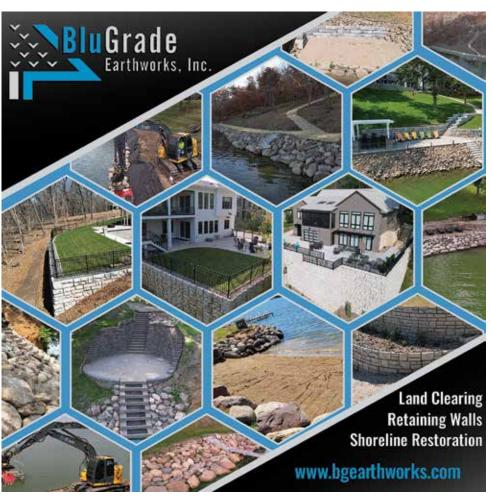
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DEVILED EGGS ARE A SUMMERTIME DELIGHT

BY JOLENE GOODMAN

Lake Panorama Times

If you want to win the heart of my husband, bring him deviled eggs. I have had to win him over in other ways for 29 years, because I don't make them. His mother did, though, and so did my mother, and he looked forward to their versions.



Jolene Goodman

Deviled eggs make appearances more in the summer due to BBQs, neighborhood driveway parties, park picnics and holiday weekends. It's another reason why I like this time of year, as I feel like the pressure is off when others come to the rescue to feed my husband's deviled egg obsession. Cyd Koehn, who owns Catering By Cyd, has mastered a mouthwatering deviled egg. She shared her recipe with me for this month's column.

Guess who's bringing the deviled eggs to the next BBQ? ■

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

DEVILED EGGS

Ingredients

- 6 large eggs
- 2 tbsp. mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 Tbsp. sweet or dill pickle
- 1 tsp. dijon mustard
- 1/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp. white pepper
- 2 dashes of Lola's Hot Sauce
- Garnish: paprika (optional)

Directions

Step 1 — Boil eggs: Fill a large pot with water; bring to a boil over high. Carefully lower eggs into boiling water; cook undisturbed, for 11 minutes, 30 seconds.

Step 2 — Make ice bath: Meanwhile, fill a large bowl halfway with ice; add water to cover. Set ice bath aside.

Step 3 — Chill eggs: Using a slot-



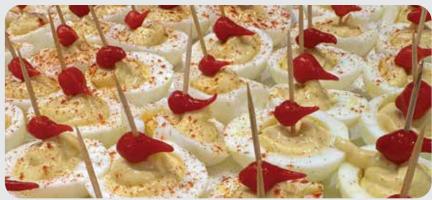
Step 4 — Peel eggs: Working with 1 egg at a time, firmly tap on a flat surface until cracks form all over the shell. Peel under cold running water.

cooled, at least 5 minutes.

Step 5 — Halve eggs: Cut eggs in half lengthwise; remove yolks. Set egg white halves aside.

Step 6 — Make deviled egg filling: Using a fork, mash together yolks and mayonnaise in a medium bowl. Add relish, mustard, salt and pepper; stir well to combine.

Step 7 — Fill eggs: Spoon or pipe about 1 tablespoon filling into each egg white half. Garnish with paprika, if desired. Serve immediately, or store, covered, in the refrigerator for up to three days. ■



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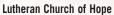


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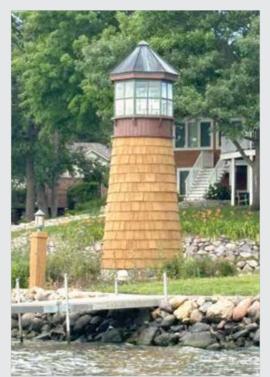
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LAKE PANORAMA ASSOCIATION **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 28, 2024**

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met May 28, 2024, at 5 p.m. at the Lake Panorama Association Office. 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, John Rutledge and Joel Williams (LPA attorney).

Visitors in attendance: Tom Schmitt

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

Agenda Item 1 - Approval of the **Agenda**

Thompson 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

Tom Schmitt updated the board regarding his ongoing concern with his neighbors' boat lift, which encroaches on Schmitt's property. Rutledge and Williams advised Schmitt that this issue falls under the jurisdiction of IA DNR. Schmitt relayed he has been in contact with IA DNR, and that he is working with his attorney to resolve this issue.

Agenda Item 3 - Consent Agenda

Westercamp moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Consent agenda to include:

a) LPA General Manager's Report

b) Approval of minutes from 04.23.2024 LPA Board Meeting

c) Acceptance of the 04.30.2024 LPA LPN Consolidated Financial **Statement**

d) Set date for next board meeting 06.25.2024

e) Approval of minutes from the 05.11.2024 LPA Annual Meeting

f) Approval of minutes from the 05.11.2024 LPA Board organizational meeting to elect officers for 2024-2025

g) Accept minutes from

04.22.2024 LPN LLC Board of Managers Meeting

h) Accept Water Safety committee meeting minutes from 04.29.2024

Agenda Item 4a - Treasurer's report

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

Agenda Item 4b - Committee appointments

The board discussed the recommendation for committee appointments and Board members for each committee.

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- Curtis Thornberry
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Flanery moved to approve the committee member appointments as listed with term dates. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4c - Offer to sell LPA owned lot 6117 - 4870 Panorama Drive

LPA received an offer from Cade Kelly for purchase of lot 6117. Land Sales Committee recommends a price of \$28,500.

Flanery moved to approve sale of lot 6117 for sale price of \$28,500 to Cade Kelly, contingent on acceptable perc. Lot is to be combined with adjacent lot 6116 at closing. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4d - Proposed LPA

rule change to delete section 5.6(d) regarding personal marker buoys

DNR asked LPA to modify our rules regarding personal marker buoys so our rules are not in direct conflict with Iowa Law. The water safety committee met on April 29, 2024, and accepted our management team recommendation to strike this language from the rules.

The recommendation is as follows - Delete section 5.6(d) LPA members shall be allowed not more than one personal marker buoy per waterfront property. Personal marker buoys shall not extend further from shoreline than the member's dock, shall not have a horizontal diameter of more than 18 inches, and shall be of a high visibility color.

Flanery moved to delete Section 5.6(d) from the rules. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 - Other BusinessNone

Agenda Item 6 - Closed Session

The board entered closed session at 5:37 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Board exited closed session at 5:47 p.m.

Adjourn - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m. ■



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