

TAKE A GARDEN TOUR BY BOAT ON JUNE 29

The Panora Garden Club hosts the fundraiser.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
*Lake Panorama Times*

An opportunity to see featured landscaping and gardens along Lake Panorama’s shoreline is planned for Wednesday, June 29. The Panora Garden Club is hosting this fundraiser to continue the many projects club members conduct to beautify the community. Guests will remain onboard for a lake tour that will begin at the Boulder Beach docks and last 60 to 75 minutes. Boats will leave each hour from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with room for about 20 participants during each time slot. Refreshments will be available, and some vendors present at Boulder Beach for participants to visit before and after their boat tour.

Signs along the tour route will highlight the gardens and landscaping of Panora Garden Club members. Maps marking the coves will be distributed. Tickets cost \$20 each and will go on sale May 22. Call and leave a message or text 641-431-1440 with requests for number of tickets and desired time slot. Tickets must be paid for in advance of the tour date. Arrangements for payment and ticket pick-up or delivery will be made once your message has been received. A rain date of Thursday, June 30 has been set. If the tour needs to be moved to that day, tour times will remain as originally set. If weather prevents this event, money paid for tickets will be considered a donation to the Panora Garden Club. ■



Carolyn England pitched in with her rake to help during a Panora Garden Club cleanup session at the Panora Library.



Carol Evans runs a trimmer while Paula Wachholtz pulls dead grasses from the south side of the Panora Library.



Lori Hammer and Kim Peters worked together to clear leaves and other debris in the area between the Panora Library and the east sidewalk.



Members of the Panora Garden Club had a cleanup day April 11, clearing landscape beds on all four sides of the Panora Library. Paulette Chambers uses a hedge trimmer to tame this evergreen that was blocking windows along the south side of the building. Chambers is co-chair with JoAnn Johnson of the Panora Garden Club.

WITH BOATING SEASON HERE, LPA PLACES EMPHASIS ON WATER SAFETY

LPA security chief Corey Larsen says boat operators often misunderstand boat capacity rules.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
*Lake Panorama Times*

Boating is one of the most enjoyed activities at Lake Panorama. With the main boating season fast approaching, the LPA security team is emphasizing water safety. Corey Larsen was named the Lake Panorama Association’s security chief in March 2021. He had been on the LPA security staff in a part-time capacity since 2018, working on both land and water. Larsen says water safety

needs to begin before a boat is launched for the first time each year. “Members must have their Iowa DNR registration up to date and their current LPA stickers on the vessel before it goes in the water,” he says. Since both fire extinguishers and flotation devices are key safety items, these are priorities for the Iowa DNR and LPA. “Boats with greater than 10 horsepower are required by Iowa law to have at least one Type B-I fire extinguisher on-

board the vessel,” Larsen says. “Some larger boats are required to have one B-II fire extinguisher, or two B-I fire extinguishers. Boat owners also need to check their extinguishers periodically to make sure these are ready if needed.” Turning to flotation devices, all vessels are required to have at least one United States Coast Guard approved life jacket for each person on board. In addition, vessels more than 16 feet in length must have a throwable flotation device, excluding

kayaks and canoes. “Also, Iowa Law requires children under 13 years of age to wear their life jacket while the vessel is underway,” Larsen says. Larsen says boat operators often misunderstand boat capacity rules. “Most boats are rated for a maximum number of persons and a maximum total weight,” he says. “Boaters must remember they are not allowed to exceed either of these numbers. This is especially relevant with

young people who weigh less than adults. Regardless of how small the passenger is, everyone counts as one passenger in the boat capacity limit.” It is also important to know that, when anchored, at least one person must be on board the water vessel at all times. “This goes for personal watercraft as well as boats,” Larsen says. “This becomes important when boaters decide to anchor and take a swim, or tie together

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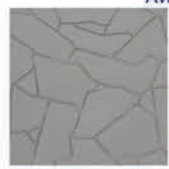



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# ON THE LAKE

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION, VOTING AND SOME FIN AND FEATHER LAKE HUMOR

BY SHANE GOODMAN  
*Editor and Publisher*

Jolene and I attended “Lake Panorama 101,” the LPA’s new member orientation, on April 29 at the Lake Panorama National conference center. We had planned on attending one of these for the last few years, but COVID-19 and other conflicts seemed to steer our plans elsewhere. I thought this would be beneficial to new and old members alike, and I was right. We joined about 20 people in the room for a great presentation led by Julie Wykoff and assisted by others. We learned about the many perks and amenities available to LPA members, ways to learn more, and ways to get involved. If you haven’t attended one of these sessions, I would encourage you to do so. If attending in-person isn’t your thing, then check out the two videos that have been created. Visit [www.lakepanorama.org](http://www.lakepanorama.org) or check out the story in this issue of Lake Panorama Times.

**Make your voice heard and vote**

In our recent years owning homes at Lake Panorama, and through a decade of visiting my in-laws here, I heard grumblings from lake residents who feel they have not been properly represented on the county level. The way the voting districts have been aligned, those sentiments make some sense. With new Guthrie County voting precincts and county

supervisor districts, there is an opportunity now for lake residents to have that voice. But, as Thomas Jefferson said, “We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate.” I am not including this in my column to endorse any candidates, but I am asking you to take the time to vote however you see fit. Voter turnout in primaries is typically quite low, so your vote can — and will — make a difference. The primaries are June 7, and we included a story in this issue of Lake Panorama Times with information on when, where and how to vote. If you are like me and have your primary residence elsewhere, then you can’t vote here, but you can educate yourself on the issues and encourage eligible voters to show up at the polls. If you are like me and are an independent, then you can’t vote in the primaries — but all is not lost. What you can do is declare a party at the polling site and then vote. Then, if you choose later, you can change back to being an independent. Lake Panorama property owners deserve a voice in Guthrie County, but that voice only counts if you vote. As Susan B. Anthony said, “Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it.”

**Enough politics. How about a chuckle?**

Here’s one for the feathers:

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A friend of mine lived on a lake filled with ducks, but he moved out when he got fed up with all the bills. And here is one for the fins: Two guys were out fishing on Lake Panorama when a hearse and a funeral procession passed the boat on a nearby road. Bill stood up and held his fishing hat over his heart as the hearse passed by. His buddy Larry commented, “Gee, Bill, that was really nice and respectful.” Larry replied, “Well, after all, we were married 40 years.”




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LOCAL FILM REVIEWS

SET YOUR SIGHTS ON ‘THE NORTHMAN’ AND LOSE ‘MEMORY’

BY MICHAEL C. WOODY



**“Tokyo Vice”** (on HBO/Max)  
This crime drama stars Ansel Elgort (“Baby Driver” and “West Side Story”) and Ken Watanabe (“The Last Samurai” and a couple of “Godzilla” movies) in the story of a young man who wants to be the first American to be hired to work at a legendary Japanese newspaper.

GRADE: A (so far)



**“All The Old Knives?”** (in theaters and on Amazon Prime)  
The story is of two lovers and former co-workers who went through a traumatic event that was sabotaged by someone on the inside. All these years later, they are still trying to get to the bottom of just who on their team betrayed them. A great cast and a great setup, but the filmmakers were too impressed with their film’s structure and less concerned with delivering a satisfying conclusion for the audience. The movie starts well and felt like a B+/A-, but, as it dragged on, it fell to a C and barely escaped a C-.

GRADE: C

**“Ambulance”** (in theaters)  
Director Michael Bay has given us some of the largest and definitely loudest movies ever made including five “Transformer” movies, “Armageddon” and “Pearl Harbor.” In “Ambulance,” it feels like he is trying to outdo all of those movies put together. I’m pretty sure that the theater was selling adrenaline flakes for the popcorn. This movie starts with a bang (more like 100) and ends with a crash (or 50).



In between is a ton of loud, mindless scenes with cars racing, crashing and a ton of people shooting at each other. The movie is simple. A bank robbery goes bad and continues to get worse. If you love your movies loud and stupid, this is must-see.

GRADE: D



**“Everything, Everywhere at the Same Time”** (in theaters)  
The title tells it all. The movie is literally about Everything, in multiple places and time periods (Everywhere) all at the same time in an editing style that might send you into some type of seizure. The story is about a woman who runs a laundromat with her husband. There are some issues with their daughter and her girlfriend and a pending tax audit. Realistically, there are about 100 storylines swerving in and out in dizzying styles. Ambitious and well-made but not necessarily entertaining.

GRADE: B



**“Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore”** (in theaters)  
This is the third film in this series, which seems to be loosely related to the Harry Pot-

ter world. So we are three movies in, and I couldn’t name a single character or storyline. Visually stunning for sure, but it’d be nice if they paid the writer a little more than the special effects team.

GRADE: B-



**“Father Stu”** (in theaters)  
Marc Wahlberg plays a real-life boxer who quits and becomes a priest. I have a sneaking suspicion that the real story is a lot better than the movie. Wahlberg does a nice job, but this story is just kind of blah.

GRADE: B-



a dangerous drug lord who is secretly trying to get him to help get a screenplay produced. Crazy hijinks follow.

GRADE: B



**“Memory”** (in theaters)  
Didn’t Liam Neeson already give us his annual man “with a particular set of skills” movie? Clearly he pushed his luck, because this very violent movie about an assassin with Alzheimer’s disease (which seems to come and go throughout the movie) is not only offensive but tremendously stupid. Feel free to skip this one.

GRADE: D

I’ve also started to watch “The Offer” (on Paramount +) about the making of “The Godfather” (on Paramount +) and “Under the Banner of Heaven” based on the Jon Krakauer book about murders in the Mormon community in Utah (on Hulu). Too soon to review those, but they both have great promise.  
Don’t worry, summer is on its way with great promise and the much-anticipated and oft-delayed sequel “Top Gun: Maverick” finally about to see the light of day. See you at the movies. ■

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with another boat.”

Lake Panorama essentially is a wide river. That why it’s critical for boaters to understand the various types of buoys deployed by the LPA staff each spring and obey rules related to these buoys.

Centerline buoys mark the channel of the lake with boaters traveling on the right-hand side of the buoys. These buoys are marked with a flashing white light to be visible at night. Hazard buoys are placed in areas that are known to be shallow or hazardous. These buoys are not a guarantee of exact hazard location but are a warning to steer clear of that general area.

“Some hazard buoys are marked with a flashing amber light to ensure boaters steer clear of these areas,” Larsen says. “Remember, when boating at night, avoid amber lights, and stay immediately to the right of white lights.”

In 2018, a map showing the type and location of all buoys was proposed by the water safety committee and approved by the LPA board. The buoy map is available on the LPA website. Go to lakepanorama.org, click on the “Documents” tab, then the “Boating Regulations” tab to find both the buoy map and a map that identifies all Lake Panorama coves.

Also on the LPA website is a boating safety video that outlines specific rules related to Lake Panorama. It is under the “Helpful Links” tab on the home page. Information about Iowa boating laws is on the DNR’s boating website: www.iowadnr.gov/Things-to-Do/Boating.

Larsen says boaters who don’t obey the rules related to buoys risk being stopped by a security officer and being given either a warning or a ticket.

“Also in place is a rule adopted by the LPA board concerning the moving of buoys by members,” he says. “Intentional vandalism or relocation of buoys will result in an automatic third offense, which, under LPA rules,

is a \$500 fine and loss of boating privileges for the season.”

The LPA schedule of boating fines also includes \$100 for the first offense and \$250 for the second offense. Larsen says LPA Security has the right to stop a boat at any time if a rule violation is suspected or to make sure all required equipment is aboard.

Another LPA rule restricts towing through the Narrows during busy times. The Narrows is limited to no towing (tubes, skiers, or any other towed devices) or wake surfing from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Two platform signs remind boaters of this restriction.

“The reason for no towing in the Narrows at certain times is to promote safety,” Larsen says. “This is the narrowest part of the lake. During times of high boat traffic, we need to keep people safe. If boat traffic is especially heavy at times beyond those already designated, security officers have the authority to put the flags on the markers to show no towing is allowed. If security officers see you towing in the Narrows during the regular hours, or other times when it is deemed unsafe, they can issue a warning or a citation.”

There also is a rule against harassment of an LPA security officer.

“This means no one should use foul language, threaten or intimidate a security officer,” Larsen says. “A member or guest may be subject to having their privileges suspended or terminated for up to one year and be fined according to the LPA schedule of fines.”

Larsen says LPA boaters must be mindful of invasive species regulations.

“Any vessel leaving any lake must be cleaned, all compartments drained, and the vessel should dry at least five days before re-entering Lake Panorama,” Larsen says. “The vessel owner will need to be able to show they have not been on an



Corey Larsen, LPA security chief, is shown in one of the three lake patrol boats used by him and his staff. He says the goal of the lake patrol is to enforce LPA boating rules to keep members and their guests safe while on the water.

infested lake, have no water in compartments, no plant debris or mud, or any other sign of potential contamination. This is an Iowa law and is enforceable with a \$500 fine. The LPA also has set fines for violators and for falsified information on questionnaires.”

Another LPA rule related to invasives species prevention requires members who want to bring in used pieces of equipment like docks or lifts to have the equipment inspected by LPA security.

“From the date of inspection and pending the equipment has been cleaned, members must find an offshore location to store the equipment for a minimum of 30 days,” Larsen

says. “This allows any potential invasives to perish before the equipment enters the lake. Members should always call the LPA office ahead of time if they are considering purchasing a used dock or lift.

While it may seem like the LPA has a lot of rules related to boating, Larsen says much of it is just common sense.

“All boaters should practice safe boating. Make sure to stay far enough away from other boats and people being towed or wake surfing,” he says. “Have a plan for the boating party, which includes having a sober person operate the vessel.”

Larsen says it also is important for LPA members to make sure their guests are familiar

with the different types of buoys, plus Iowa DNR and LPA rules and requirements, before they are allowed to operate the member’s vessels.

“Again this season, I am making it a priority to get security boats out on the water,” Larsen says. “We will do our best to make sure the security boats are enforcing the rules and keeping people safe.”

LPA Security’s phone number is 641-757-9035. Contact LPA security with questions or concerns related to LPA’s rules and regulations. Members are reminded to call 911 in the event of a fire, medical or police emergency. ■

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# PROGRAM PROVIDES FREE BOOKS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Our Communities Health Foundation is a local affiliate of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Panorama Times

A program that provides free books to young children is now available in Guthrie County. The Guthrie County Health Services established the nonprofit “Our Communities Health Foundation” to administer the program. It now is a local affiliate of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, which first launched in 1995 in honor of her father, who did not know how to read. It is a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books each month to children from birth to age 5, regardless of the family’s income.

The program started with books being distributed to children living in Sevier County, Tennessee, where Parton grew up. It became such a success that, in 2000, a national replication effort was underway. It’s now available across the United States and has expanded globally to Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia and the Republic of Ireland.

“We know education and literacy and health outcomes in a community are intertwined,” says Jotham Arber, executive director of the Guthrie County Public Health office. “Investing in a child’s literacy is investing in a healthier child and, ultimately, a healthier community. That’s why we in the health department look for ways to create and partner with programs like the Imagination Library. Our kids are the future of our communities. The more we can do for our children’s literacy, the healthier and brighter our future will be.”

The program got its start in Guthrie County with a \$2,000 grant from the Panora United Methodist Church as part of the church’s “Change a Child’s Story” mission program. That grant made it possible for the program to launch in the Panoram Community School District.

Liz Ratcliff, Panoram Elementary principal, says reading books with children strengthens their imagination.

“There are so many cognitive benefits when engaging children with literature at an early age, such as language development, listening skills and building empathy,” she says. “Children’s first teachers are



**Gunnar Gerth is 4 years old and the son of Ryan and Mickell Gerth. He recently received his first book from the Imagination Library, the same one all children receive first — “The Little Engine That Could.” Gunnar’s mom says he was “super excited when he got his book. It comes in a clear plastic wrap so he could see the book right from the start, and he was really happy.”**

their parents and caregivers, and having that bond from infancy through early childhood is so important for their well-being.”

Tamara Deal is the current chair of the Panora United Methodist Church’s “Change a Child’s Story” mission program. She’s also a volunteer for Guthrie County Health Services, which is encouraging parents to enroll their young children in the program and encouraging donors to help expand the program in Guthrie County.

Deal has made presentations on child literacy to some local service organizations and has meetings with the Bayard Friends of the Library and Guthrie Center Lions scheduled.

“Statistics show the importance of children being exposed to books at a young age,” she says. “Three out of four people on welfare can’t read. Three out of five people in American prisons can’t read. Eighty-five percent of juvenile offenders have problems reading, and 45 million Americans cannot read above a fifth-grade level. Low literacy is estimated to cost the



**A \$2,000 grant from the Panora United Methodist Church made it possible to launch the Imagination Library program in the Panoram Community School District. Stella Albers, daughter of Ryan and Emily Albers, is shown sharing her first book with Jay Merryman, chairman of the Panora United Methodist Church Board of Trustees. In May, Stella will have her fifth birthday and will receive a customized version of the book “Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come.” The first month in the program, each child receives a letter from Dolly Parton encouraging them to read and the book “The Little Engine That Could.”**

United States \$2.2 trillion annually.”

The books are chosen by a panel of early childhood literacy experts, who review hundreds of potential titles to meet the needs of children as they progress from birth to age 5. All books are Penguin Random House titles because the Imagination Library has negotiated an agreement with that publishing company. This makes it possible to provide monthly books at a cost of just \$2.10 per child. Every child in a specific age group, even twins in the same household, receive the same book title each month.

Recent studies suggest participation in the Imagination Library leads to higher measures of early language and math development,

and these skills are an advantage that carries with children throughout their school years.

Guthrie County has approximately 700 children 5 years old and younger. Currently only those living in the Panoram Community School district are eligible to enroll in the program. But as more funds become available, the program will expand to other parts of the county. Donations are tax-deductible.

Guthrie County Health Services encourages parents and caregivers of children from birth up to 4 years and 10 months old to register their children using a simple four-step online process at [www.OurCommunitiesHealthFoundation.org](http://www.OurCommunitiesHealthFoundation.org). It takes about two months after en-

rollment for the first book to arrive. The final book comes in the month of the child’s fifth birthday.

Electronic donations to support the Guthrie County program can be made on the same website. Click on the red “Donate” button under Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library logo and follow the prompts. Donors receive a tax receipt via email once the process is complete. Donations also can be made by check and sent to Our Communities Health Foundation, 2002 State St., Guthrie Center, Iowa, 50115.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library program has gifted nearly 200 million books around the world. More information about the program is available at [imaginationlibrary.com](http://imaginationlibrary.com). ■

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Lake Panorama Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 22, 2022

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met March 22, 2022, at 5 p.m. at Lake Panorama National Conference Center. Board members in attendance were Mary Jane Carothers, Emily Donovan, Gary Evans, David Finneseth, Julie Fulton, Rich Schumacher and Jim Spradling.

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

Visitors in attendance: Dennis Flanery, Dirk Westercamp, BOD candidates.

President Schumacher asked Donovan to act as president, as he was attending remotely.

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

Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the Agenda

Carothers moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 – Open Forum – No One Present

Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda

Finneseth 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 12.14.2021 LPA Board Meeting

c) Acceptance of 02.28.2022 consolidated financial report – LPA & LPN, LLC

d) Set date for next board meeting 04.26.2022

e) Accept minutes from 12.14.2021 LPN LLC Board of Managers Meeting

f) Accept minutes from the 03.14.2022 LPA Building Codes Committee

g) Approve notice of annual meeting, president's letter and annual meeting ballot

Agenda Item 4a – Beach Variance Lot 758

Building Codes Committee Guidance follows -

Excerpt from the building codes committee minutes:

Dave Hemberger request-

ed a variance to allow a wider opening and more area allowed for a sand beach on his property at 5235 Tie Road (lot 758). Hemberger asked for a 45' wide opening and 675 square feet of sand. Rumelhart explained to the committee that the rule of a 12' wide gap was in place to make sure members never claimed exposed shoreline as "beach" to get out of maintaining the shore. Brown recognized that Hemberger's lot was in an unusual location that did not experience much wave action, as the lot sits back in a cove about 200' from the main channel. Westercamp thought that allowing over half of the total shoreline was unreasonable but thought 12' was too narrow for a low impact area inside a cove. Fulton was familiar with the area and agreed that the beach would be able to handle a wider space due to location away from boat traffic. Brown made a motion to allow a 20' wide opening and allow all the 675 square feet of area due to the unique location, natural flat and low grade, historically shallow area, and overall improvement to the area that had never been ripped previously. Fulton seconded and carried unanimously.

Evans moved to approve variance for a 20-foot-wide beach opening and 675 square feet of beach on lot 758, 5235 Tie Road, David/Barbara Hemberger. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4b – Building Codes – 3201.6 Firepits and Fireplaces

Building Codes Committee Guidance follows -

Excerpt from the building codes committee minutes:

Rumelhart brought the committee a final draft of the newly proposed language regarding firepits and fireplaces at Lake Panorama. Fulton questioned the size limitations for members that would like to add an outside fireplace with a chimney. Westercamp believed adding a sentence "with the exception of chimneys" would resolve the issue, and the committee agreed to add this to the proposed language. Brown thought 100 square feet was

a lot of area, and suggested the maximum area be reduced to 50 sq. ft. The rest of the committee agreed and adjusted the language from 100 to 50 square feet. Evans made a motion to accept the proposed language as amended during the meeting. Brown seconded and unanimously approved. Language below:

3201.6 Firepits and Fireplaces

3201.61 A Firepit shall be defined as a structure, which is not higher than 12" above grade level and is used for the purpose of containing a fire for enjoyment purposes.

3201.611 Firepits shall be subject to setback limitations, except for shoreline setback limitations, which do not apply. Firepit shall have an established perimeter, such as rocks, metal ring, bricks, or similar material. A land disturbing permit is not required.

3201.62 A Fireplace shall be defined as a structure, which exceeds 12" above grade level and is used to contain a fire and may also be used for cooking.

3201.621 Fireplaces are subject to all setback limitations. A land disturbing permit is required. Fireplaces shall not exceed 36 inches in height, with the exception of chimneys, and not exceed 50 square feet of area.

Evans moved to approve the addition of section 3201.6 to the LPA building codes as described above. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4c – Building Codes – 2740.3 Electrical Inspection

Building Codes Committee Guidance follows -

Excerpt from the building codes committee minutes:

Rumelhart brought the committee a final draft of the newly proposed language regarding electrical inspections at Lake Panorama. Brown believed it was a good idea to have all electrical work done near the lake to require inspection by licensed officials. With no other amended items, Fulton made a motion to accept the proposed language. Brown seconded and unanimously approved. Language below (Underline is

new verbiage, strikethrough is deleted):

2740 Inspection Procedure Required

2740.1 LPA is not a certified building inspector and all inspections shall be done by a certified building inspector at the cost of the property owner on all residential structures and all commercial structures that are intended for human occupancy or have habitable space.

2740.2 The only inspection, except emergency inspections calls, required that is done by the LPA will be to check staking for setback compliance prior to issuing building permits and which verification of setback does not check title to property and is limited to setback rules.

2740.3 LPA does not permit electrical work nor does LPA perform electrical inspections, and such permits and inspections must be completed pursuant to Iowa law and in compliance with any applicable Guthrie County regulations in addition to all LPA rules and regulations. All electrical work shall be compliant with the State of Iowa's requirements for permitting and inspections. This includes not only electrical work associated with buildings and structures, but also electrical work associated with docks, lifts, boats, chargers, irrigation systems and other non-building uses.

2740.4 Neither the LPA nor its officers, directors, employees, committees or agents assumes or shall have any liability for any damage, death or injuries to persons or property arising from a Member's failure to obtain permits and inspections.

Carothers moved to approve the recommended modifications to building codes section 2740, contingent upon final review by LPA's attorney. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4d – Appointment to the LPN Board of Mangers

Jim Koch has resigned from the LPN Board of Managers (BOM), as they have moved from the Lake Panorama area. Koch's term was set to expire on

12/31/2022. Royce Shaffer, LPN Operations Manager and Rutledge discussed possible candidates with LPN BOM president John Coghlan and LPA BOD president Schumacher and jointly recommend Barry Monaghan be appointed to fill the remainder of Koch's unexpired term. Monaghan has agreed to serve if appointed.

Spradling moved to appoint Barry Monaghan to serve the remainder of Koch's term, ending on 12/31/2022. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4e – Land Trade between Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) and Lake Panorama Association (LPA) for West Fork Burchfield Wetland

Rutledge proposed land trade between RIZ and LPA. LPA will receive Lots 6814 and 3736 from RIZ; RIZ will receive a parcel of 12 acres m/l. The trade is proposed as an equal exchange with no money changing hands. The purpose of the land trade is for the development of West Fork Burchfield Wetland, which will be located in the area between Bartholemew Bend and Parnecius Road.

Schumacher moved to approve land trade between Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone and Lake Panorama Association as outlined in legal documents reviewed by LPA attorney. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4f – Change of Speed Limit on Select Sections of LPA Roadway

LPA Security has recommended LPA adjust speed limits on several sections of LPA roadway.

Decrease from 35 mph to 25 mph:

Jeanie Lane, between Cornelius Road and Panorama Drive AND Panorama Drive, between Jeanie Lane and Sage Trail (Burchfield Bridge)

Panorama Drive, between Parnephalene Lane and Sommars Point

Panorama Road, between 6803 Panorama Road and 6915 Panorama Road

Increase from 25 mph to

35 mph:

Panorama Road, between Poplar Avenue and 6036 Panorama Road

Carothers moved to adjust speed limits on select portions of LPA roadways, as outlined above. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4g – Land Sale – Lot 3107

LPA received an offer, presented by Sunset Realty, from buyers Marc and Dana Miller, for purchase of lot 3107. Offer was in the amount of \$20,000. Offer also includes request for septic easement for under road septic line between lot 3107 and lot 908, currently owned by Millers with home. Their current septic system was damaged / failed and requires new lateral system.

This lot is a B lot on the East side of the lake. Land sales committee (LSC) reviewed the offer. The LSC agreed on a counteroffer of \$25,000. Buyer accepted the counteroffer of \$25,000. LSC recommends the Board accept the offer of \$25,000 for sale of lot 3107 and a septic easement for under the road septic line to run from lot 908 to lot 3107. Cost of easement preparation, etc. to be paid by buyer in the amount of \$750.

Schumacher moved to approve sale of Lot 3107 for \$25,000 to Marc and Dana Miller with septic easement for under the road septic line to run from lot 980 to lot 3107. Cost of easement documentation to be paid by buyer in the amount of \$750. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 – Closed Session – The board entered closed session at 5:33 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Board exited closed session at 6 p.m.

Agenda Item 6a – Offer to purchase Lots 3383 and 3384

Evans moved to decline offer presented on lots 3383 and 3384. LPA is not prepared to develop and proceed with sales of lots in this area at this time. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Adjourn - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. ■

# ASK Lake Panorama TIMES

If you've got questions, we'll find the answers.

Q: I voted on the LPA issues via mail. Can I still attend the annual LPA meeting?

A: Yes, you can attend, but you can only vote once. The 2022 LPA annual meeting will take place on May 14 at 10 a.m. in the LPN Conference Center.

Q: I recently bought a home on the lake and learned that the dock permit expired a few years ago. What do I do now?

A: You should pay it, and quickly, or you risk being fined. See the Q&A story with Jeremy King, the Iowa DNR conservation officer for Guthrie and Audubon counties, in this month's issue of Lake Panorama Times for details.

Q: I don't fish or hunt, but I appreciate those who do and would like to support them. Can I attend the Fin and Feather banquet?

A: Absolutely. The Fin and Feather Banquet is Saturday, May 14. Social hour begins at 5 p.m. with a live auction at 6 p.m. The Fin and Feather Club is a volunteer group of property owners and association members who share a passion for the outdoors. All ages are welcome at the banquet. You can find details at [www.panoramafinandfeather.com/banquet](http://www.panoramafinandfeather.com/banquet).

Q: I read somewhere that overnight parking is not allowed on LPA roads, yet I still see that some people do it. What gives?

A: The LPA Rules prohibit vehicles and trailers from parking on the street overnight, and LPA Security may issue tickets without warning. The LPA says if you have a legitimate reason for needing to park along a street overnight, you are to call security and work out an alternative location. If you are aware of a violation, you should also contact LPA Security.

Q: When are the Fourth of July fireworks at the lake?

A: The Fourth of July fireworks will be shot off at dusk on Saturday, July 2. ■

Submit your questions at [www.lakepanoramatimes.com](http://www.lakepanoramatimes.com) or email [shane@dmcityview.com](mailto:shane@dmcityview.com).

## FORMER LAKE PANORAMA RESIDENT WRITES NOVEL

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Panorama Times

Ellie Brooks, who, with her husband Loy, lived at Lake Panorama for 23 years, has written a book and will be featured in an upcoming "Meet the Author" event in Des Moines.

The couple lived on the west side of the lake for 18 years before moving to a Boulder Cove townhome for another five years. They now divide their time between Surprise, Arizona, and a condo on Grand Avenue in Des Moines.

Ellie Brooks has been a gene-

alogist for 40 years. In 2020, when normal life was impacted by COVID-19 restrictions, Brooks used her genealogy experience as a volunteer with searchangels.org. Using DNA test results and traditional paper records, Brooks was able to help several adoptees identify their birth parents.

That volunteer work, and the stories she discovered and shared with her clients, inspired Brooks to write a fictional story about adoptees. "Amanda's Journey—A DNA Adventure" features Amanda Springs, a young lawyer, who is searching for her biological family and dis-

covers she was separated at birth from a twin sister.

Many Des Moines restaurants, local sites and sculptures are mentioned in the book, since the main character lives and works in downtown Des Moines.

On Wednesday, May 18, Brooks will participate in a "Meet the Author" event at Beaverdale Books, 2629 Lower Beaver Road, Des Moines. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. The book is available on Amazon in both paperback and electronic versions. More information is available online at [elliebrooksaauthor.com](http://elliebrooksaauthor.com). ■

## 2022 JUNIOR GOLF SCHOOL SIGNUP

Registration for the annual Lake Panorama National Junior golf clinics is open. Young people ages 5 to 17 are eligible to attend. Two sessions are being offered this year with a limit of 24 students per session.

All dates are on a Wednesday and run for one-and-a-half hours, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Session One dates are June 1, 8 and 15, with a registration deadline of

May 26 or until full. Session Two dates are July 6, 13 and 20, with a registration deadline of June 30 or until full. The registration fee is \$55 per junior golfer.

Rob Riggins, LPN head golf professional, says he and his staff are dedicated to growing the game of golf for juniors.

"Our junior golf clinics are conducted in a way that improves the skills of junior golfers, along with

their life skills," he says. "And while we will be focusing on fundamentals of the game, we also will be moving more toward getting kids ready to play the game."

The LPN junior golf clinics have two long-time sponsors — Lake Panorama Association and Guthrie County State Bank. For more information, or to get registered, call the LPN pro shop at 641-755-2024. ■

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# 10 SQUARED WOMEN PRESENT FIRST CHECK OF 2022 TO PANORA GARDEN CLUB

The 10 Squared Women of Guthrie County held its first quarter 2022 meeting both live and with the option of virtual attendance and voting. Three organizations were presented to the group.

Robyn Corkins spoke on the Bayard Community Center, which is in need of repairs and upgrades. It is used for many community events, both public and private.

Stacey Wedemeyer and Colleen Conrad presented for the Casey Service Club, which is the organization tasked with fundraising and organizing volunteers to bring revitalization and recreation opportunities to residents and visitors of the community. Included in their list of projects is to complete a walking path at the city park.

Paulette Chambers spoke on behalf of the Panora Garden Club.

After hearing all three presentations, the group announced a lump sum of \$11,000 was presented to Panora Garden Club. This consists of 10 Squared Women member donations and several employer matches.

"The Panora Garden Club is excited and eager for spring so we can begin working on Heritage Park, thanks to the generous donation of the 10 Squared Women," said Paulette Chambers, president of the Club.

"As the north entrance into Panora, beautification of Heritage Park has been a long-time project for the Garden Club, but this donation will help us realize our goals of having a working water fountain for the thousands of bikers and walkers along the Raccoon River Valley Trail, dressing the walkways, removing over-grown brush, and planting new drought-resistant perennials," Chambers said.

Comprised of approximately 40 volunteer members, the Panora Garden Club primarily focuses on making a positive impact on the Panora community by maintaining the landscaping at Heritage Park, Michael Mills Park, the Panora Library, and planting/decorating the pots along Main Street. Planning has begun to sponsor a Garden Tour of Lake

Panorama in June via pontoon boat. The Club recently became affiliated with National Gardeners of America, which provides members with educational information on gardening techniques, an invitation to attend their annual conference, and a 501(c)3 designation for fundraising purposes.

Panora Garden Club meetings are scheduled by a consensus of the members for workdays, field trips and programs. The club welcomes anyone from the community who is interested in beautifying the area. No experience in gardening is required. Annual dues are \$20. If interested in joining, check out the Facebook page for Panora Garden Club, or contact Paulette Chambers at 712-304-0077 or JoAnn Johnson at 515-975-9407.

10 Squared Women is focused on helping and donating to local organizations that vow to put those funds to work, right in our backyards. The funds are used in various projects to benefit Guthrie County community projects and residents. To date, the group has donated \$228,450 since its inception in 2017.

The 10 Squared Women's group holds meetings quarterly, typically at Lake Panorama Conference Center, the fourth Tuesday in February, May, August and November, subject to change. The next meeting for 2022 will be on Tuesday, May 24. Members in attendance hear from three nominated organizations, drawn from "the hat" of member-nominated organizations at random, and vote on the winning cause that night.

10 Squared Women currently has approximately 105 members. Twenty organizations have been nominated, and the group encourages additional philanthropic organizations and new members to come forward. These have included Cities of Yale and Jamaica park improvements, City of Bagley (Library project), Daycare & Preschool programs in Adair and Guthrie Center (KidZone) and Panora (Little Panther), Guthrie Center and Panora fire depart-



Back row: Connie Ridgley, Karen Sievers, Jody Muench, Karla Bristle, Carolyn England, Linda Dahl, Ruth Rowedder. Front row: JoAnn Johnson, Paulette Chambers (nominator)

ments, School Backpack programs at AC/GC, West Central Valley and Panoram, as well as programs that benefit residents from all corners of Guthrie County: Guthrie County Helping Hands (habitat for humanity projects in Stuart, Casey, Guthrie Center, Adair, Panora, Yale, Menlo, Jamaica and Bagley), New Opportunities, Panora P.E.T.S., Guthrie Activity Center, Tori's Angels Foundation, Guthrie County Sheriff's Chaplains, Guthrie County Historical Village Foundation, Guthrie County Hospital Foundation, Guthrie County Arts Council, St. Thomas More Center, Guthrie Center Christmas Lights project, Guthrie Center Revitalization, and now, Panora Garden Club.

Members are not required to at-

tend meetings; however, in order for their vote to count, they must be in attendance at the live meeting or virtually. All members are expected to write their donation checks whether they can attend the meeting and vote or not.

One newer (and generous) member is so excited about what the group is doing, she has presented a challenge for existing members. At the May meeting, she will pay the first \$100 worth of drinks (promoting to arrive early) and offer a drawing for two \$25 gift cards to Bella Sorrella. For each new person brought to the meeting, the member and the guest each get their name put into the drawing for the gift card. Members are encouraged to reach out

to their networks with invitations. She strongly believes this can help build the group, really make a difference in these communities and have a little fun, too.

10 Squared Women is continuously looking for new members who are excited about helping their communities and Guthrie County. There may be some exciting announcements about upcoming meetings in 2022, so to learn how to get involved, you can visit their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/10squaredwomengc](http://www.facebook.com/10squaredwomengc), or email them at [10squaredgc@gmail.com](mailto:10squaredgc@gmail.com). Membership forms and Frequently Asked Questions can be found on their Facebook page or by contacting them through Facebook or email. ■



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# ROASTED VEGETABLE EGG DISH

BY JOLENE GOODMAN

As the summer draws close, I am starting to prepare for the weekends when we will have guests at the lake. Experimenting as a cook has not been a focus for me for years. However, pleasing my guests with interesting meals has me researching new recipes. I tried this one out on our staff a few weeks ago. It was a bigger hit than my standard cheese and sausage egg dish! I made it again this past weekend and invited our neighbors, Becky and Brian Peppmeier and Ron Masek, for brunch. The dish received praises again. Give it a try! It will be sure to please your crowd, too. ■

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



Jolene Goodman

## ROASTED VEGETABLE EGG DISH

- 2-3 cups broccoli, chopped
- 2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 8 oz. mushrooms
- 1 red pepper, diced
- 12 large eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp pepper
- 1 tsp Italian seasoning
- 1 garlic clove minced
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 1 cup (or more) mozzarella cheese



- Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly coat 2 large baking sheets and 9x13 with nonstick spray. Set 9x13 aside.
- Place vegetables in a large bowl and drizzle with olive oil, sprinkle with salt and pepper and toss.
- Spread veggies on 2 baking sheets evenly. Roast for 20 minutes, tossing vegetables and turning pans occasionally for even cooking. Place one pan of veggies into 9x13. Reduce oven to 350.
- Beat together eggs, milk, garlic and Italian seasoning. Pour this over veggies in 9x13, slowly.
- Add remaining pan of veggies over this, arranging evenly in pan. Sprinkle cheese over top.
- Bake 35-40 minutes or until casserole no longer jiggles when you shake it and is golden brown. Enjoy!

# LOVE OF MOVIES TURNS INTO 35-YEAR HOBBY FOR WOODY

Lake resident Mike Woody and his wife, Sue, enjoy time away from Des Moines.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Panorama Times

This issue of the Lake Panorama Times includes Michael C. Woody's sixth column offering his opinions on recent movies. Woody has been reviewing movies on radio and television stations since 1986, but this column is the first time his reviews have appeared in print.

"I've always loved the movies. While working at a Des Moines cable company in the mid-1980s, I finagled a short movie review segment that ran locally on CNN Headline News," Woody says. "That started my 35-year hobby of reviewing movies in central Iowa on several radio stations and an occasional TV outlet. I've worked with radio personalities from Marty Tirrell at KXTK to Steve Deace at WHO Radio."

Currently, Woody can be heard talking movies with Keith Murphy and Andy Fales on KXnO 106.3 on Wednesday afternoons at 2:30 p.m.

He and his wife, Sue, live in Des Moines full-time and also have a home at Lake Panorama. This will be their seventh summer at the lake.

"We found our lake home thanks to Dr. Al Swett and his wife, Lisa, who live two doors away from us on Big Rock Cove," Woody says. "Al and I were fraternity brothers at Iowa. We had been out to visit them many times when one of their neighbors listed their home for sale."

Sue Woody is director of the Des Moines Library. Mike Woody has been in the advertising business since 1982. He owns what he calls a "boutique" advertising agency, named Capital Ideas. He has 15 to 20 local accounts, including the Iowa Cubs, Iowa State Bank, Goode Greenhouses, Iowa Radiology, K Renee, Wilson Toyota and more. He writes, produces and places all advertising campaigns for his clients.

Woody grew up in Peoria, Illinois, but his family moved to Sioux City when he was a sophomore in high school, so he claims Sioux City as his hometown.

"I attended the University of Iowa,

wandering from pre-med to journalism, before settling on English with an emphasis on creative writing," he says. "It's ironic. I took a film criticism class and remember being told by the instructor that I had no future as a film reviewer."

Sue Woody was born and raised in Des Moines. She attended Lincoln High School and was a business major at the University of Iowa. The couple met in Des Moines at a wedding shower at her aunt's house, where Mike and her cousin Dave had crashed while searching for their first jobs.

While Woody's column includes reviews of movies that can be seen both on streaming services and in theaters, he's not a big fan of watching streamed movies.

"In my opinion, all movies should be shown on the largest screen possible with a great sound system," he says. "In Des Moines, that is the IMAX screen at the Palms Theatre in Waukee, just 15 minutes from my home and only 30 minutes from Lake Panorama."

Asked to list his all-time favorite movie, Woody says that's a moving target.

"My top three would always include 'Casablanca' and 'The Godfather Part 2,'" he says. "The third film could be 'Blade Runner,' 'Chinatown,' 'The Exorcist' or 'Pulp Fiction,' depending on the day."

Mike and Sue have two grown sons, Tom and Jack, a feisty Fox Terrier named Buster, and two cats they adopted two years ago from a Lake Panorama resident.

While it's too early to say if and when the couple someday will live full-time



Mike and Sue Woody have owned a home in Big Rock Cove on the west side of Lake Panorama for more than six years. Their full-time residence is in Des Moines. They've grown to love Lake Panorama in the winter for its peace and quiet.

at Lake Panorama, Woody sees it as a good possibility. But it's not necessarily the lake that will pull them in.

"I admit I'm not really fond of boating, but I have found lake life growing on me more and more each year," Woody says. "I'm the weird guy who enjoys the winter months almost more than summer. I enjoy the peace and quiet in the dead of winter. If my work gets overwhelming, I throw it all in my car and spend a few days at the lake."

One thing is sure. Woody will continue watching movies and share his insights and recommendations with others. ■

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# REGISTRATION OPEN FOR JULY 22 BEACH BALL

Attendees can become members of the Friends Beach Club at one of three levels.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
*Lake Panorama Times*

Plans have been finalized for the Friends of Lake Panorama's fifth Beach Ball fundraiser. It will be Friday, July 22 at Lake Panorama National with seating available either in the LPN banquet room or outside under tents between the conference center and the golf course.

Registration now is open for those who want to attend. There will be 30 round tables available with seating for eight at each. The 2022 Beach Ball will feature live music, a 50/50 raffle, and both live and silent auctions.

For the second year, attendees can become members of the Friends Beach Club at one of three levels. Friends Beach

Club members will be making an additional contribution to Friends, while getting some extras. The levels are:

Friends Beach Club - Premier: \$700—includes 1 Table Sponsorship; 8 Fund Raiser Dinner Tickets; 20 tickets in the 50/50 raffle; Name in the 2022 Beach Ball program

Friends Beach Club - Sponsor: \$150—includes 1 Table Sponsorship; Name in the 2022 Beach Ball program

Friends Beach Club - Couple: \$250—includes 2 Fund Raiser Dinner Tickets; 5 tickets in the 50/50 raffle; Name in the 2022 Beach Ball program

Dinner tickets are available at a cost of \$50 each. Anyone interested in becoming a Friends Beach Club member, or pur-

chasing just dinner tickets to the Beach Ball, can contact Susan Thompson, thomcomm@netins.net, or 515-240-6536. Those with auction items to donate also are asked to contact Thompson.

The Friends of Lake Panorama board of directors will meet after the Beach Ball to determine how proceeds will be used. One project already approved by the LPA board in June 2021 is a basketball half-court at Sunset Beach. Other projects related to a recreational concept for Lake Panorama's south shore are under discussion, such as a disc golf course and walking trails, and will be presented to the LPA board soon for consideration.

The 2021 Beach Ball raised

\$25,000. Those funds are being used to complete the dog park, purchase three swings for the Sunset Beach playground, and enhance an existing trail near Panorama West.

Details on the 2022 Beach Ball, plus all past and current projects, are available on the Friends website. Friends of Lake Panorama also has a Facebook page.

Tax-deductible donations can be made at any time by check payable to Friends of Lake Panorama, and mailed to Friends of Lake Panorama, P.O. Box 488, Panora, Iowa, 50216. Donations also can be made through Venmo @Panorama-Friends, or by credit card on the Friends website at friendsoflakepanorama.org. ■

## LAKE PANORAMA 101 VIDEOS AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Lake Panorama community changes each month. People who have been here for a while sell their property, new people buy that property, then find themselves with questions. A group of volunteers decided there should be an organized way to welcome new property owners to Lake Panorama. The result is a program titled "Lake Panorama 101."

Three in-person sessions have been held, with 20 people attending the most recent one on April 29. Topics covered are the Lake Panorama Association, Lake Panorama National, perks and amenities available to LPA members, ways to learn more, and ways to get involved.

Two videos have been created to share the information covered in those sessions. Start by visiting the Lake Panorama Association website at lakepanorama.org. The two Lake Panorama 101 videos are under the "Helpful Links" tab. Members who have questions after viewing the videos can call the LPA office at 641-755-2301, or the Lake Panorama National front desk at 641-755-2080. ■

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## FAMILY LEGACY OF LOCAL GROCERY STORES CONTINUES

Troy Reinhart is in the process of purchasing the corporation from his father and uncles.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
*Lake Panorama Times*

It was 1974 when two brothers raised in Carroll — Don and Tom Reinhart — formed a corporation to purchase a grocery store in Clarion. A year later, that store was sold, and the corporation, now joined by brother Dave, purchased a grocery store in Guthrie Center.

“Don had taken some schooling in food management and was in the business initially,” says Tom Reinhart of Panora. “When he moved to Guthrie Center, I joined him and started to learn the business. First, I learned to cut and package meat, then kept learning other aspects of the business.”

From 1975 until 1988, the Guthrie Center grocery was supplied by Super Valu. The brothers switched wholesale suppliers in 1988 to M. & J.R. Hakes of Laurens, Iowa. In 1989, they replaced their existing store in Guthrie Center with a new building.

Small grocery stores owned by different people in Panora and Stuart interested the brothers.

“We negotiated for a few years to buy those stores, which would allow us to grow big enough to improve our buying power as a group,” says Tom. “In 1994, both owners decided to sell to our corporation.”

This allowed each of the three brothers to have their own store to manage, with Tom moving to the Panora location and Dave to Stuart. Don continued as manager of the Guthrie Center store.

In 2005, an enclosed entrance was added to the front of the Panora store. Improvements also included a larger deli case for grab-and-go items in the produce area, and more energy-efficient enclosed coolers and freezers.

In 2010, the corporation joined the AWG food cooperative.

“AWG is nationwide and the largest wholesaler for independent grocery stores,” Tom says. “It allows us to be more competitive, and we can pass on the savings to our customers.”

The move to AWG led the brothers to change the name of their stores from Jubilee Foods, which was tied to their former supplier, to Hometown Foods.

“We talked about various names for a while and decided we liked the idea of Hometown Foods because it reflects who we are,” says Tom.

Soon, the corporation will be in the hands of the next generation. Tom’s son Troy is in the process of purchasing the corporation from the three brothers. Dave and Don are retiring. Don’s daughter Amy, plus long-time employee Eric Grove, will manage the Guthrie Center store. A husband and wife who have worked fulltime at the Stuart location for many years — Zach and Heather Ingwers — will take over day-to-day



Troy Reinhart and his father, Tom Reinhart, in the first aisle of Panora Hometown Foods, which features fresh produce, grab-and-go options, and deli and bakery items.

management duties there.

In Panora, Tom will transition to part-time employment and continue as an investor in the corporation. He’s looking forward to more free time to fish, golf and ride his motorcycle, plus a few months each winter in Mesa, Arizona.

Troy grew up in the Guthrie Center store, working there from the time he was 12 through high school. He moved away for advanced schooling and spent some time with Hy-Vee. In 2002, he and his family moved to Panora, and he began working for his father in the Panora store.

Troy’s wife, Steph, is a nurse practitioner in West Des Moines. They have six children, with five of them now ages 18 to 23 who all followed in Troy’s footsteps, working in the Panora store before heading off to college or other careers. A 6-year-old daughter is in kindergarten. Troy says it’s too early to tell if any of his children will become the third generation in the family grocery business, but he would welcome that if it happens.

There are 35 employees in the Panora Hometown Foods. One of those is Tom’s daughter and Troy’s

sister, Katie. She is the store’s office manager and also handles other duties. There are about 90 employees between the three stores. Each store has a full-time person in each of four departments — meat, produce, dairy/frozen, and deli. The remaining employees are part-time.

“We’re lucky to have good people working in all three stores, so each one is pretty self-sufficient,” Troy says. “I’ll continue to spend most of my time in the Panora store but will be traveling to the Stuart and Guthrie Center locations as well.”

Looking back over his long career in the grocery business, Tom Reinhart says there have been many changes in what consumers buy.

“When I first started, we had a full-service meat department. We had a lot of bone-in meat, and it took a lot of time to cut and prepare meat for sale,” he says. “Our meat case still is an important part of the business, but now everything is boneless, and customers are looking for cuts that are simple to prepare.”

Tom says families today are smaller, and busier, which impacts buying decisions.

“Now customers are looking for more convenient, pre-packaged items, rather than buying ingredients to make a meal from scratch,” he says. “We also see people more often, as they come in to buy a few items at a time. It used to be customers would come in with a long list of ingredients to plan meals for the week ahead.”

When the COVID pandemic hit in early 2020, Hometown Foods remained open, and business was brisk.

“With restaurants closed, people were forced to cook more,” Tom says. “Many also were working from home and began to shop local. They discovered we have everything they need, and we ended up gaining many new customers.”

Troy says the main market for each of the three stores is generally within a 20-mile radius. Both he and Tom are grateful to have Lake Panorama so close to the Panora store.

“The lake has had a huge impact on our business,” Tom says. “It has been a big plus for us and helped make this store what it is today.”

As Troy takes over the corporation, he knows his stress level will increase. But he’s also excited for the opportunity.

“I have some goals to streamline things,” he says. “I want to see more consistency in the way each operates, so the stores mirror each other.”

This means upgrading cash reg-



Troy and Tom Reinhart in front of Hometown Foods in Panora. The corporation Tom and his two brothers own purchased the Panora store in 1994, and Tom has managed it since then. Troy has worked at the Panora store since 2002 and is in the process of purchasing the corporation from his father and two uncles.

## STATE DEVELOPMENT OFFICIAL VISITS GUTHRIE COUNTY



Debi Durham, Iowa Economic Development Authority director, visited three communities in Guthrie County on May 3. In Panora, she and her staff toured the new GCH Clinic, which opened to patients Jan. 31. Clinic staff told Durham the new building was a result of four years of planning and was spurred by an increase in patients and a desire to expand medical services in the Panora area. Shown left to right are Peter Johnson, Midwest Partnership executive director, who organized the Guthrie County visit; Dr. Josh Strehle, who is based out of the Panora GCH Clinic; and Durham. The goal of Durham’s visit was to see firsthand the economic development successes in Guthrie County plus discuss other areas of opportunity throughout each community. She also made stops in Guthrie Center and Stuart. ■

isters in the Guthrie Center and Stuart stores to what is already being used in Panora. Gift cards purchased in one store will be accepted in any of the three stores. A customer loyalty program already in place in Panora will expand to Stuart and Guthrie Center. Prices for most products will be the same in all three locations.

“I’m excited about serving all of Guthrie County from our three Hometown Foods locations,” Troy says. “Our family has been doing

this for a long time, and I look forward to having our stores continue to evolve and offer new things to our customers.”

Tom Reinhart says he is happy to be cutting back while continuing to be involved in the business.

“I’ve enjoyed the Panora and Guthrie Center communities and customers,” he says. “I’ve made a lot of good friends here, and I look forward to continuing to be a part of this business and these communities.” ■



# Q&A: LAKE PANORAMA DOCKS MUST HAVE PERMITS

Jeremy King, the Iowa DNR conservation officer for Guthrie and Audubon counties, shares the steps that need to be taken and the reasons why.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Panorama Times

Docks on Lake Panorama are governed by a State of Iowa law passed in 2008. Management of the program falls under the jurisdiction of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Jeremy King is the Iowa DNR conservation officer for Guthrie and Audubon counties. King grew up in Guthrie County and has been an Iowa DNR conservation officer since 2004. In this month's Q&A, King reviews the rules and regulations for docks, as these impact Lake Panorama owners.

## Q. Explain the reasons for the state law regarding dock permits and how this applies to Lake Panorama.

A. The intent of this law is to have a numbering system on the water like there is on land. This law also provides guidance on distance from property lines, how big docks can be, how many slips are allowed, and other things. Lake Panorama is a unique lake that provides private access to public water. Since the water is public, docks need to be registered. This is to help locate houses, or to provide an E911 address in case of an emergency, should it happen on land or on the water, so emergency crews can respond to the location faster.

## Q. What are the various classes of docks, and which are most common on Lake Panorama?

A. There are four classes of docks. Generally, the only ones that affect residents of Lake Panorama are Class I and Class III. Class I docks are standard private docks that can have one dock with up to two hoists. There are additional restrictions on the size and configurations that can be used. There is no

cost for a Class I permit, but it must be renewed every five years.

Class III docks typically are docks that don't fall under Class I. The Class III permit application fee is \$125 for one or more individual private docks. Each dock permit is issued for a term of five years unless a shorter term is needed due to specified circumstances. Here is an online link to the exact language regarding docks and how it may apply to your situation: [www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/iac/chapter/03-18-2015.571.16.pdf](http://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/iac/chapter/03-18-2015.571.16.pdf)

## Q. If someone is new to Lake Panorama and putting in a new dock/lift, what do they need to do to get their first permit?

A. The best way is to go to [www.iowadnr.gov/boatdocks](http://www.iowadnr.gov/boatdocks). You will have to create a user name and password. Once you have done that and are logged in, it will walk you through the process of renewing, updating or initially registering a dock.

If someone purchases a home or lot and the dock/lift comes with the purchase, the dock permit is automatically transferable to the new owner of the shoreline property upon request of the new owner.

## Q. What about Lake Panorama property owners who may have had a dock for quite a while but never gotten the necessary permit?

A. They need to go to the DNR online link provided in the last answer and get the dock registered. Failure to comply could result in being cited to court and a fine. I have been patrolling Lake Panorama for more than 14 years, and since the inception of the dock laws, unregistered docks have been a growing problem. With over 800 docks on the lake, and new construction going up daily, it is hard for me

to keep up with all unregistered docks.

There are enough docks now that are not in compliance that action is needed. For property owners who have docks that are not in compliance, they have until July 1, 2022, to get everything that way. After that date, citations may be issued.

## Q. Do dock owners receive notification when their dock permit is about to expire?

A. Dock permits are to be renewed every five years, which is based on the date it was originally permitted, so the dates differ for each dock owner. If an email is on file for the dock owner, an email reminder is sent out. If there is no email, then a letter is mailed. Dock owners can begin renewing their permits on Dec. 15 of their renewal year.

## Q. When it is time to renew, what should the dock owner do?

A. To renew permits, dock owners need to log on to [www.iowadnr.gov/boatdocks](http://www.iowadnr.gov/boatdocks) to access their account and renew their permit. They will need their A&A Account ID (or user name) and password to access their account. If they don't remember their information, they will have to follow the prompts on the screen to recover it, or call the help desk at (515) 281-5703 for assistance.

Once in the system, users can renew their permit from the account home page. Users can always call the DNR district office located at Cold Springs State Park near Lewis and ask for Holly at 712-769-2400 and she can assist in renewing their permit, once they are in the system. Holly cannot help them with IT or login issues. Holly can help most people over the phone if they are having trouble accessing or renewing their permit.

## Q. Any final thoughts?

A. Swim platforms also need to be registered and can be done in the same manner as docks. Here is what Chapter 16 says about permit criteria for rafts, platforms, or other structures: "A raft, platform, or other structure maintained on a public water body requires authorization in a permit. The raft, platform, or other structure may not be placed more than 250 feet from the shoreline, shall be equipped with reflectors that are visible from approaching boats, and shall be subject to the winter removal requirement unless specifically exempted by the permit."

These need their own registration and signage, along with reflectors on all sides. This would include inflatable rafts people leave in the water. Some of the common ones we see at lakes are giant flamingos and swans — those technically would have to be permitted if they are left in the water overnight. We have had people leave these in the middle of lakes, and boats run into them when it is dark. That is why there are distance and reflector requirements.

Dock and swim platform signs with the address must face out toward the middle of the body of water. There are a number of



Jeremy King

them that are facing down the bank and are hard to find or see.

It's important to make sure you are getting the correct dock permit based on the number of slips, size of your dock, and other things. There are some docks that have a Class I permit but should be a Class III because they have too many slips. Those will need to be brought into the correct class.

I recommend reviewing the DNR website link provided earlier to get caught up on all the dock rules and regulations. Anyone with questions can contact me either by phone at 712-250-0061 or email at [jeremy.king@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:jeremy.king@dnr.iowa.gov). ■

## DOCK SIGNS MUST BE PURCHASED FROM LPA

Once a permit is received from the Iowa DNR, Lake Panorama dock and swim platform owners need to use that information to order a sign through the LPA office to attach to their dock. This is an LPA program that exists in addition to the DNR regulations.

After the dock permit law was passed in 2008, the LPA board wanted to ensure uniform signage for aesthetic and safety reasons. Calling an ambulance from the water is confusing, and these signs ensure addresses are easily identified by everyone.

Signs can be ordered by contacting the LPA office. Some general information will be needed, including 911 address and the DNR permit number. The LPA office will let the member know when the dock sign arrives, which can be picked up from the LPA office. ■

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# COVENANTS, OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED AT LPA INFORMATIONAL MEETING

LPA general manager addressed the condition of Sage Trail and said they will continue to advocate for improvements to the road and for “decisions to be made based on traffic counts, not political pressures.”

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Panorama Times

An LPA informational meeting was held April 28 to review proposed changes to the association’s covenants, plus other topics related to the LPA, Lake Panorama National, and Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ).

Current LPA President Rich Schumacher opened the meeting, encouraging members to vote “yes” to adopt the proposed covenants. The LPA by-laws, rules and regulations, and building codes draw authority from the LPA covenants. The covenants were last adopted April 26, 2003, and must be renewed within 21 years. If approved at the May 14 LPA annual meeting, the updated covenants will be filed in the office of the Guthrie County Recorder and be in place until May 14, 2043.

After discussion on the covenants, John Rutledge, LPA general manager, turned attention to LPA projects.

“The annual sealcoat of our roads is suffering from inflation,” he said. “The 2022 cost will be \$26,800 per mile, compared to about \$22,000 per mile in 2021. Because of this additional cost, we expect to sealcoat eight miles this year, rather than our usual nine-and-a-half miles. We will re-evaluate the budget for 2023, and hope costs will come down by then.”

Rutledge said LPA has several infrastructure proj-

ects under review, but not yet finalized. A water main crossing near Sunset Beach is at the top of the list, with other items also being explored. Yet what he termed “a frightening period of inflation” is making all infrastructure projects cost more, so decisions are yet to be made on projects on the 2022 drawing board.

The Lake Panorama Dog Park, financed with donations to Friends of Lake Panorama, is nearing completion. Rutledge reported some final construction work is needed, and the turfgrass needs to become better established. It’s hoped conditions will make it possible to open the park in early June.

Rutledge reminded members this is the year DNR boat registrations must be renewed, a process that happens every three years. This must be done before LPA boat stickers can be received. LPA invasive species forms also must be updated this year.

Invasive species regulations apply to used lifts and docks.

“Some members have purchased used lifts that have been in other lakes,” Rutledge said. “LPA rules require these to be quarantined for 30 days and inspected by LPA Security before being put into Lake Panorama. So far, three people have purchased lifts from lakes we know are infested with zebra mussels. Two of those were found to have zebra mussels on them when inspected. LPA believes

this demonstrates our strict protocol for quarantine is essential to protecting the lake. I encourage members to understand our invasive species rules are absolutely critical to the lake’s health.”

The lake was lowered earlier this spring to allow for an annual inspection of the dam. Rutledge reported there were no “red flags,” and the dam continues to be in good condition. He said the annual inspection always includes a review of the concrete portions of the dam, but this year the bascule gate that is raised and lowered to keep the lake at normal pool also was inspected.

Rutledge addressed the condition of Sage Trail, which runs on the east side of the lake from 200th Road to the Burchfield bridge. Requests to have that section of gravel road hard-surfaced by Guthrie County have been made, without success. Rutledge said the cost to do so would be at least \$2 million, and this is money Guthrie County does not have. He said LPA will continue to advocate for improvements to the road and for “decisions to be made based on traffic counts, not political pressures.”

Turning to the LPN, Rutledge said recent staff shortages have caused hours at the Links restaurant to be scaled back.

“Servicing our scheduled events is our top priority,” he said. “A task force of LPN and

LPA board members are doing a deep review of the LPN food and beverage operation, and all options are on the table. We hope the reduced hours are temporary, and we can soon return to expanded hours.”

The removal of ash trees from the LPN and Panorama West golf courses is complete with more than 350 trees taken out. Rutledge said this project cost \$158,000 and would have been more expensive, and dangerous, if delayed until more trees were showing signs of being infected by the emerald ash borer. Stump grinding will be done by LPA maintenance staff this summer and will begin once a stump grinder ordered last fall arrives. About 30 trees have been replanted at LPN and nine at Panorama West.

Rutledge said Friends of Lake Panorama is raising money for a project in front of Spikes on the LPN golf course to account for the loss of trees in that area. Six metal poles will be installed in concrete footings, with two heavy-duty fabric sails attached to the poles at angles, 10 to 16 feet from the ground. The sails will be taken down each fall and reinstalled each spring. A total of \$22,000 is needed for the project.

Engineers are reviewing options for installing rip rap on the south shore, with RIZ likely to fund this project. The initial cost estimate is \$750,000, with 5,000 tons of field stone needed. Rutledge

said obtaining that much stone will be difficult, so engineers are considering the use of limestone under the water line in some areas. In exchange for RIZ funding this project, the LPA will sign an agreement that land on the south shore will not be sold or developed for at least 15 years. Work may begin this fall.

Expansion of the old CIPCO basin, which has been renamed the 180th Trail Basin, is underway. Once completed, RIZ expects the project to exceed \$4 million in total cost. This will be the basin used in the future for dredging spoils once the current silt basin is full.

Land trades and acquisitions were completed in the last couple of years to position RIZ for additional wetlands and sediment basins.

“RIZ continues to pursue a two-pronged approach by investing in both sediment removal/storage and the prevention of sediment entering the lake,” Rutledge said. “Two additional wetlands are planned, but one has been held up due to changing regulations. The west fork of Burchfield wetland should be a 2022 project.”

In closing, Rutledge said the RIZ budget for the July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, fiscal year includes about \$3 million in annual TIF revenue this year.

“This continues to be a very important program for Lake Panorama,” he said. ■

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# LAKEVILLE VILLAGE RECEIVES GRANT FOR SUMMER INTERNS

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
*Lake Panorama Times*

In April, Gov. Kim Reynolds awarded 35 projects with \$2.26 million in state grants to launch youth internships across Iowa this summer. This is the fourth consecutive year for the Future Ready Iowa's Summer Youth Internship program.

The grants will directly support efforts to increase the career opportunities available for Iowa's youth, including in areas with at-risk or under-represented communities. Across the state, the \$2.6 million will fund internships for an estimated 659 students from 85 Iowa communities.

The Lakeside Village on Lake Panorama's eastern shoreline was awarded \$136,000 to support 21 youth interns, including 15 who will be new to the program and six who were interns last summer. Interns will be provided eight weeks of on-the-job training as well as complete a certification in their field.

The internships are open to 15 students ages 14 to 21 years of age. Five students will intern in nursing, three in maintenance, three in culinary, two in activities,

one in management, and one in marketing. Lakeside summer Interns will be paid to job shadow and complete on-the-job training while gaining certificates in CNA, OSHA, and ServSafe.

A new feature this year is the involvement of six Legacy students. Still employed at Lakeside after participating in the 2021 program, they will be eligible to continue their education and mentor the new interns. The Legacy students will be offered higher level coursework such as assisted living manager, advanced CNA and other certificate programs of interest. This also will be the first class of students at The Lakeside Village's newly approved CNA school.

"Employers across the state have been stepping up and creating innovative ways to introduce themselves to our youth," says Beth Townsend, Iowa Workforce Development director. "Internship programs are proven opportunities to earn valuable skills that pay off in whatever career path our youth will take. Additionally, teaching our youth the value of work will help create a more stable and successful future workforce." ■

# LPN EMPLOYEE DEPARTURES DICTATE CHANGES

Dave Chubb and Amber Rowley left at the end of April.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
*Lake Panorama Times*

Two key employees in the LPN food and beverage department have resigned to pursue other opportunities, which has resulted in reduced hours at the Links restaurant. Dave Chubb, who began as the department manager in late February, and Amber Rowley, restaurant and events manager since July 2021, left the end of April.

Special events and golf tournaments continue to be a priority, and all will be held as planned. Bill Moore, who has been LPN's executive chef since May 2021, will lead the culinary team into the 2022 season. Kashley Sneller, who has been with the LPN for 11 years, now is the contact for events. To apply for a position in the conference center, call LPN at 641-755-2080 or email Sneller at ksneller@lakepanorama.org.

Hours for the Links restaurant have been scaled back until further notice. Current hours are Wednesdays through Fridays 3 p.m. to close, and Saturdays 11 a.m. to close. On Sundays when the weather and tee time reservations warrant, Spikes will offer a variety of freshly grilled items.

The LPA and LPN boards are working with current staff to review next steps to resuming a schedule that provides members more days and hours of operation at the Links. Watch for updates in the LPN Resort Weekly, which is distributed each Monday at noon via email, plus the LPN Facebook page.

Members are encouraged to provide comments at feedback@lakepanorama.org. John Rutledge, LPA general manager and LPN director of operations, will handle feedback related to food and beverage and Spikes. Royce Shaffer, LPN operations manager, will handle all other LPN topics. ■

# TOM FLANERY CANDIDATE FOR GUTHRIE COUNTY SUPERVISOR

On March 17, Tom Flanery of Panora announced he is running for county supervisor in Guthrie County's 3rd District, which includes Cass Township, the town of Panora, and parts of Lake Panorama and surrounding rural areas. Flanery said if he is elected county supervisor, he would like to continue the good things happening in Guthrie County.

"I will be committed to common sense government and conservative with Guthrie County taxpayer's money," Flanery said. "I will be a strong advocate for making improvements for law enforcement, public safety, bridges, roads, bike/snowmobile trails, libraries, and our fairgrounds. I also plan to work with the cities and economic development groups to bring more jobs and economic opportunities to our county. If elected, I will strive to maintain and improve the quality of life for all the citizens of Guthrie County."

Flanery and his wife, Kel-

lie Flanery (Book), both were raised in Guthrie County.

"We've been married for 25 years. We moved back to our hometown of Panora in 2017 and currently have two daughters enrolled in the Panorama Community School District. I am a fourth-generation Guthrie Countian," he said.

Currently, Flanery is a member of the Panora City Council and on the committees for the electric board, public works, public safety, and the Panora Veterans Auditorium.

"Throughout the years, I have volunteered for the Panora, Woodward Granger, and Perry Parks and Rec softball leagues," he said. "I also have been a member of the Perry Elks and Panora Lions Club."

Flanery worked as a natural gas distribution contractor for 18 years before being hired at MidAmerican Energy in 2008.

"In 2011, I went through a four-year apprenticeship program to be a journeyman



Tom Flanery

lineman and am currently working as an electric serviceman," he said. "I have extended hands-on knowledge of how infrastructure is built and budgeted. We have also owned several successful small businesses and understand what struggles businesses can face."

In closing, Flanery said he feels his life, work, and volunteer experience will be an asset as a Guthrie County Supervisor. ■

**Editor's note:** *Lake Panorama Times has run profiles on other District 2 and 3 candidates in prior issues.*

# WSO HOME TOUR FRIDAY, JUNE 3

The Women's Service Organization (WSO) fundraising home tour returns Friday, June 3 after taking the last two years off because of COVID-19 concerns. Five Lake Panorama homes will be featured with three on the west side of the lake and two on the east side.

Tickets are \$25 and include both the home tour and lunch at the Lake Panorama National Conference Center.

WSO was established in the fall of 1972 when women who worked together to help pass a school bond issue decided they could further benefit the Panora community as a formal organization.

The home tour is the WSO's major fundraiser. The first tour group leaves the LPN conference center at 9 a.m. with three additional groups leaving on the half-hour through 10:30 a.m. Each group tours three homes before returning to the LPN for lunch, followed by tours of the remaining two homes. Participants are asked to arrive at the LPN conference center 20 minutes ahead of their tour time in order to join the vehicle lineup and receive instructions and

description sheets.

Several vendors will be present at the LPN conference center for participants to visit during their lunch break.

Various WSO committees work in advance to gather information for a one-page description sheet and to determine the best order and route. The route isn't always the most direct but is designed for safety and to accommodate the parking of many vehicles at each home.

Money raised through this home tour funds a renewable scholarship awarded to a graduating Panorama student each year, making four scholarships paid annually. Additional WSO donations go to the Panora Library, Food Pantry, Panora Garden Club, Guthrie County Historical Village, Heritage Park, Tori's Angels, Relay for Life, Panarama prom and yearbook. Other contributions are considered as projects become apparent.

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# JUNE 7 PRIMARY VOTING LOCATIONS ARE NEW FOR MANY RESIDENTS

The county map approved March 3 by the Guthrie County supervisors cut the number of voting precincts from eight to six, with the number of supervisor districts remaining at five.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Panorama Times

New voting precincts and changes in the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors districts mean voters may need to do some research before they head to the polls for the June 7 primary.

Supervisor districts are redrawn every 10 years to reflect the most recent census numbers and ensure each supervisor represents an equal portion of the county population. The county map approved March 3 by the Guthrie County supervisors cut the number of voting precincts from eight to six, with the number of supervisor districts remaining at five.

The plan divides Lake Panorama into two supervisor districts, which had been expected because the lake community is spread across both Cass and Victory townships. During redistricting, townships generally are kept intact.

Lake Panorama is split between the Yale precinct (Supervisor District 2) and the Panora precinct (Supervisor District 3). Both of these districts represent open seats, since none of the five incumbent supervisors live in these newly drawn districts.

The Yale precinct includes Lake Panorama voters who live in the Victory Township portion of the lake, plus the towns of Yale, Jamaica and Bagley. Voting for this precinct will take place in the Yale Community Building.

The Panora precinct includes Lake Panorama voters who live in the Cass Township portion of the lake and the town of Panora. Voting for this precinct will take place in the Vets Auditorium in Panora.

Danielle Fink, Guthrie County Auditor, says all registered voters will receive a notice from the Iowa Secretary of State's office informing them of their new polling locations.

"These will begin showing up within 30 days of the primary election," Fink says. Voters also can use a link on the Secretary of State's website to find their voting precinct: [sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/search.aspx](https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/search.aspx)

Fink says there are options for those who want to complete an absentee ballot, rather than vote in person June 7.

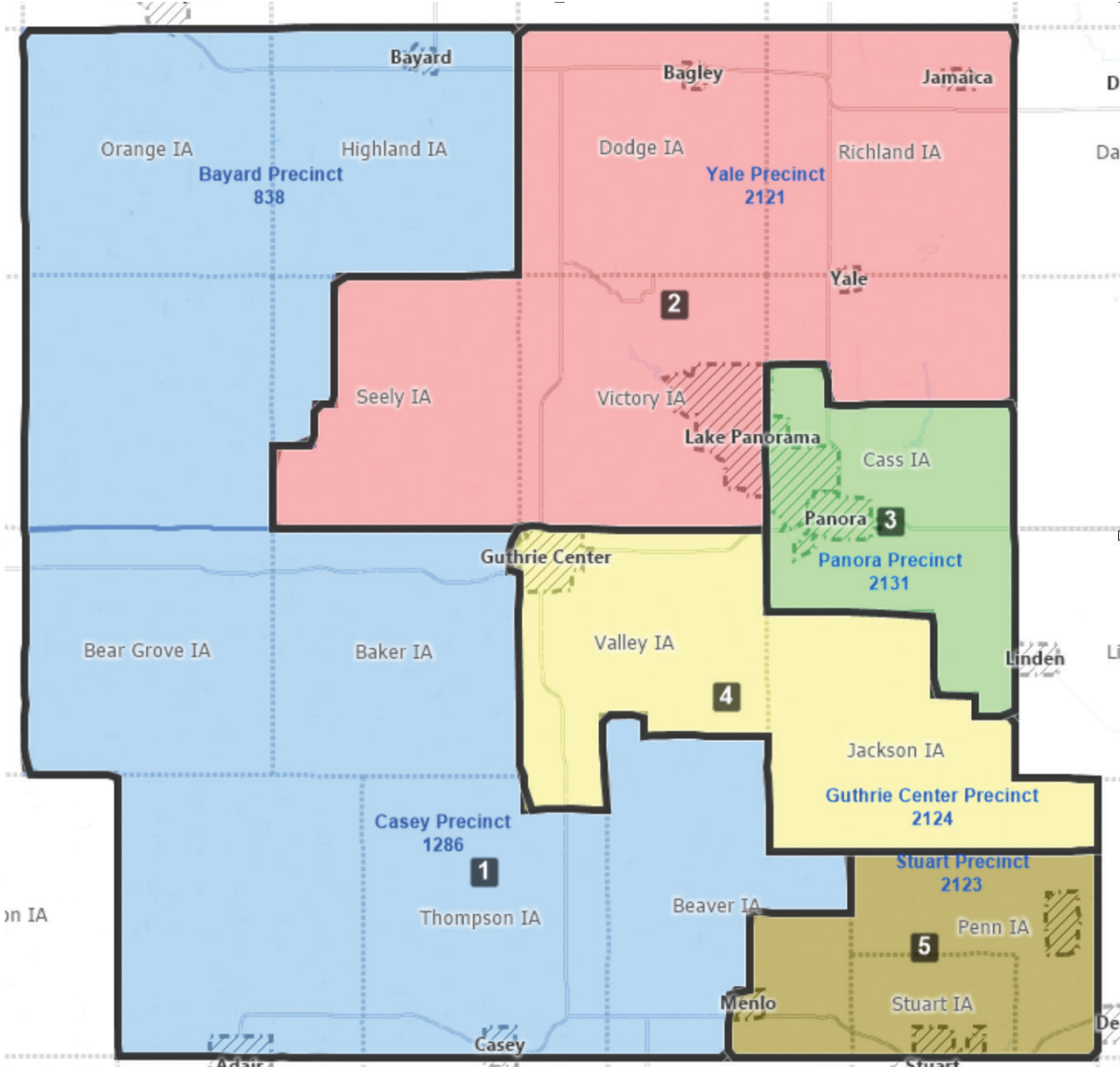
"If a voter wishes to receive an absentee ballot by mail, they may call our office at 641-747-3619, and we will mail them a request form to complete and return to us," she says. "We will begin mailing requested absentee ballots May 18. May 23 is the last day we will mail absentee ballots, and the last day to request absentee ballots by mail."

The absentee ballot request form also is available online: [sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/absenteeballotapp.pdf](https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/absenteeballotapp.pdf).

People can vote absentee in person at the county auditor's office in the Guthrie County Courthouse during regular business hours May 18 through June 6. The auditor's office also will be open for absentee voting Saturday, June 4, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To vote in the primary election, voters must declare a party affiliation, either Democrat or Republican, and will vote only on candidates running in their chosen party. If someone is not yet registered to vote in Guthrie County, they can register at the polls the day of the election, and then vote. If the person's driver's license or approved identification shows his or her current address, nothing else is needed. If it does not, some other proof of residence will be needed, such as a utility bill or bank statement.

Those running as Democrats for a Guthrie County position include Jacki Sloss, Guthrie Center, County Supervisor District 1; Tom Flanery, Panora, County Su-



This graphic shows the new Guthrie County voting precincts and county supervisor districts. Lake Panorama is divided between the Yale precinct, which will be represented by someone in the new County Supervisor District 2, and the Panora precinct, which will be represented by someone in the new County Supervisor District 3.

pervisor District 3; Michael Herbert, Guthrie Center, County Supervisor District 4; and John A. Maschman, Coon Rapids, County Attorney.

Three people are on the Republican ballot for Guthrie County Supervisor in District 1 — Clifford Carney, Adair; Jerome J.D. Kuster, Guthrie Center; and Jack Lloyd, Bayard. Lloyd announced he has dropped out of the race, but that decision was too late to keep his name off the ballot.

Two people are on the Republican ballot for Guthrie County Supervisor in District 2 — Clinton Deardorff, Yale, and Brian Johnson, Panora. There also are two people on the Republican ballot for Guthrie County Supervisor in District 3 — Maggie Armstrong, Panora, and William Halling, Panora. For County Supervisor in District 4, JT Herron and Steve Smith, both of Guthrie Center, are on the Republican ballot.

Also on the Republican ballot are candidates for two county offices. Brenda Campbell, Guthrie Center, is running for county treasurer. Tristen Richard, Panora, is running for county recorder.

Supervisor Mike Dickson, of Stuart, lives in the newly established Supervisor District 5. He is not required to run this year, because he is the only incumbent residing in the new district. To maintain staggering of terms, the supervisors placed District 2 and District 3 in a hat, and drew for which district would be a two-year term to run again in 2024. Supervisor District 2 was drawn as the two-year term and will be on the ballot again in 2024 to run for a four-year term, along with District 5. District 3 is a four-year term to run again in 2026, along with Districts 1 and 4. ■

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Male Baltimore oriole



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LPA member Chris Duree shares these photos of a male goldfinch, a male rose-breasted grosbeak and a male Baltimore oriole on May 4. He says he “took these after the sun appeared for a while.” Regarding the oriole, Chris says, “The orioles have consistently arrived in numbers at Lake Panorama around the first week of May, and they are right on schedule this year.” ■

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TRISH HART’S NATURE PHOTO OF THE MONTH



GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
*Lake Panorama Times*

In mid-April, Trish Hart snapped this photo of a bird that isn’t often seen at Lake Panorama. The Great Crested Flycatcher is more common in states further east and south. Iowa and states to the north and south are the furthest west these birds are found. They winter in Mexico and Columbia with some in Florida.

Once the birds fly north to their breeding grounds, they prefer to perch in the tops of trees as they look for their prey, then swoop after flying insects. They spend very little time on the ground and do not hop or walk. They have a distinct, high-pitched call, which Hart says caught her attention.

“I quickly got my camera out and started looking in the trees,” she says. “He was perched high on a branch near the lakeshore, likely on the hunt for a snack.”

These colorful birds feed on a wide variety of insects, including caterpillars, moths, butterflies, katydids, tree crickets, beetles and others. They also eat fruits and berries, which are a major part of their diet as they spend their winters in warmer climates.

The Great Crested Flycatcher prefers to nest in natural cavities in dead trees but will use large, abandoned woodpecker holes, nesting boxes and hollow posts.

Hart offers custom prints of her nature photos on canvas, paper, metal and glass. For more information, visit @NaturesCanvasPhotos on Facebook. ■

LAKE DOG & COVE CAT

By CHERYL TEMPLE  
*Lake Panorama Times*

**Name:** Lilly  
**Age:** 9  
**Breed:** Shih Tzu  
**Owners:** Dan and Gretchen Wilhelmi

When the Wilhelmi triplet children graduated from high school and went to college, Gretchen decided to get a dog that she could “mother.” Dan and Gretchen adopted Lilly from the Perry Humane Society when Lilly was 2 years old. She loves to go golfing with Gretchen, boating and riding with her “sister” Rosie (an English Setter) and Dan in the UTV. Lilly is a sweet, delightful, easy-going dog with a wonderful personality and loves to snuggle. She hates thunderstorms and fireworks, so the Fourth of July at the lake is a challenging time.



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