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AC/GC high school student group won the Critic’s Choice award in the Musical Theatre category.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Eight students from the Adair-Casey/Guthrie Center (AC/GC) high school won a top award at the Iowa High School Speech Association (IHSSA) Large Group All-State Festival. The festival was held in Ames Feb. 19.

The student group, led by Kelsey Dinkla, won the Critic’s Choice award in the Musical Theatre category. In announcing his choice, Joel Waggoner, a Waterloo native and Broadway artist, said it was impossible to compare the musical theatre performances he had seen that day, but the one that touched him the most was “Come From Away,” performed by the AC/GC students.

Dinkla teaches vocal music for grades seven through 12 and is the head large group speech coach and theatre director at AC/GC. She grew up in Bayard and graduated from Coon Rapids-Bayard in 2008. She earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education in 2011, went back to school for music in 2017, and is working toward a master’s degree in music education. She has been teaching for 10 years with nine of those in the Guthrie Center and AC/GC School District.

“If you had asked me in December if I thought we would be named the best musical theatre group in the entire state of Iowa, I would have laughed,” Dinkla says. “Not because I didn’t believe in my kids, but because I know the reality of being in a small school. My kids are stretched thin between work, academics and activities.”

In Iowa state speech competitions, schools aren’t divided by class size, as is done in athletics. There are four districts, with AC/GC in the southwest district. Dinkla terms it “the most competitive and difficult district in the state. If you scroll through the Southwest District’s All State Nominations list, you will see several large schools, including many from the Des Moines metro area.”

Musical Theatre speech performances contain singing, dancing or blocking, and dialogue.

“This category is very broad and purposefully left open for interpretation. Some schools choose to perform just one musical selection, while others may perform multiple pieces,” Dinkla says. “At the end of the day, students are

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ASH TREES REMOVED FROM
LPA GOLF COURSES

More than 200 trees were planted on the two courses over the past several years in anticipation of ash trees being lost.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

It was 2008 when I wrote my first story for the Lake Panorama Times about the havoc the emerald ash borer (EAB) could cause on the two Lake Panorama golf courses.

The EAB is a dark green metallic beetle. It was discovered in southeastern Michigan in the summer of 2002. The pest probably arrived in the U.S. on solid wood packing material carried in cargo ships or airplanes originating in its native Asia.

Although adult EAB beetles feed on ash leaves, it is the larval stage that kills trees. These creamy white, flattened larvae feed just under the bark. They produce winding tunnels that cut across the vessels carrying water, minerals and nutrients throughout the tree. Trees infested by EAB larvae starve and die, usually within two to four years.

In that 2008 story, Dan Wollner, who at the time was the LPN golf course superintendent, said he’d been attending meetings and hearing about the EAB danger for several years.

“It’s not a question of ‘if’ this will happen, but ‘when’ it will happen,” Wollner said.

The pest was first found in Iowa in 2010 along its eastern border. Since then, it has been working its way west across the state and was found in Guthrie County in 2020.

All ash trees on the LPN and Panorama West golf courses were evaluated a few years ago. About 100 deemed to be in “critical locations” were chosen to receive a chemical treatment that has proven effective, in some cases, in fighting off EAB infestations. About \$10,000 is being spent for this biennial treatment.

That left a total of 355 ash trees on the golf courses. The LPA board decided removing these trees was too big of a job for staff to take on. In January, seven bids were received for a project to remove 355 trees, with 304 of those at the LPN and 51 at Panorama West. Bids ranged from \$148,000 to \$409,000. The low bidder was Xtreme Tree Service out of De Soto.

Lane Rumelhart, LPA project manager, coordinated the tree removal effort.

“It was important to remove these trees now rather than wait a couple more years. Ash trees

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Crews working for Xtreme Tree cut down 304 trees at LPN and 51 at Panorama West. The process involved throwing a rope up through the top of the tree. One person used a chainsaw to cut the base of the tree, with another person pulling on the rope to bring the tree down in the chosen spot.

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ON THE LAKE

MORE GOOSE DROPPINGS,
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BY SHANE GOODMAN
Editor and Publisher

Let’s start this column off with a little lake humor: I have a great idea for a new business, but the bankers don’t agree. They say making a boat out of stone would be a hardship. Read it again. You will get it. More to come ...

O Canada!
The warmer weather has most all of us itching to get ready for summer. It won’t be long before the grass will need mowed, the docks will be back in the water, and the sound of boats will be heard across the lake. Oh, and the Canada (not Canadian) geese may move on. Yes, more on the Canada geese. After my column last month, I received information from Josh Gansen, a wildlife biologist with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Regarding the Canada geese, he told me that one thing that is important to consider is that during major migration times in the fall and winter, geese must spend a significant amount of time foraging for food.

“This means a large portion of their time is spent in crop fields feeding,” Gansen said. “Also during the migration, a significant number of the birds stay on the Bays Branch Wildlife Management Area now that goose hunting is allowed on Lake Panorama.”

Gansen said that providing an alternative location where the geese are not exposed to hunting helps limit the total amount of time they spend on Lake Panorama. He added that the resident goose numbers have been steady to decreasing

in the 10 years he has been involved here.

“Geese do contribute to the nutrient load in the system like everything else in the watershed; however, the contribution is insignificant compared to other factors in the systems,” he said.

LPA General Manager John Rutledge responded to the Canada geese manure question with, “This has been asked before. Some would like to use this argument to lobby for reduction in Canada goose population. Others use it to defend agriculture and cite other sources of nutrients in the water. LPA has found both debates to be very complex and larger than merely a ‘local issue.’ ”

Rutledge added that the Canada geese population is roughly broken into two categories: resident and migrating.

“The resident population isn’t nearly as high as what we see during the winter, when northern birds travel south,” he said. “Lower population coincides with summer lake use, which is good.”

He said the impact on the entire lake and river system is hard to quantify.

“But the impact to our beaches is obvious. The goose droppings are gross and increase bacterial counts in the adjacent swimming areas. For this reason, LPA operates a beach groomer to clean the beaches and minimize (not eliminate) this concern.”

Some more lake humor

A local dentist has been asking about opening an office on his boat on Lake Panorama. And what will be the boat’s name, you ask? The Tooth Ferry, of course.

Shane Goodman

Corn-based and intelligent

Several of you commented on our business feature last month about Dr. J. (Hans) van Leeuwen’s IngeniOz vodka and asked where it is available. Those of you looking for an alternative to Russian vodka may find this interesting as well. You can find IngeniOz vodka at Hometown Foods in Panora, most Hy-Vee stores in the Des Moines area (including the Hy-Vee Wall-to-Wall Spirits on Jordan Creek Parkway) and Central City Liquors on Second Avenue in Des Moines, among other places.

One last chuckle

Some of you may know that I started a boat-building business in the attic of my house. Sails are going through the roof.

More of this kind of stuff

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LOCAL FILM REVIEWS

TOP 10 FILMS OF 2021 AND THIS MONTH'S REVIEWS

"Studio 666" is officially the worst movie I have ever seen.

BY MICHAEL C. WOODY

I promised my Top 10 of 2021 last issue, so here it is with the shortest of explanation so we can squeeze in a few more current reviews.

• **"Belfast"** ... 1960s unrest through the eyes of a child.

• **"The Power of the Dog"** ... so dark but so good and the best final scene of the year.

• **"Dune"** ... a director at the top of his form takes on an almost unfilmable book series.

• **"Spider-Man: No Way Home"** ... I didn't expect to cry.

• **"A Time to Die"** ... Daniel Craig's last Bond, and I didn't cry, but it was excellent.

• **"Black Widow"** ... it was a bit lost in the rush back to the theatres, but this was an excellent movie.

• **"Cruella"** ... so creative, so well done and an excellent cast lead by Emma Stone.

• **"Being the Ricardos"** ... over looked but very, very good look behind the scenes of "I Love Lucy."

• **"tick BOOM"** ... I will tell you nothing except you will love it.

• **"Pig"** ... Nicolas Cage and another dark film but so well made and so well told.

Best documentary ... **"Summer of Soul."** Harlem in 1969, and the place is rocking!

Animated... **"Raya and the Last Dragon."** Charming from the opening scene to the end.

Guilty pleasures... **"The Jungle Cruise," "Cruella," "Ghostbusters: After Life," "American Underdog"** and **"The Tender Bar."**

And now this month's movies and amazingly, two Zoe Kravitz movies. COVID craziness remains.



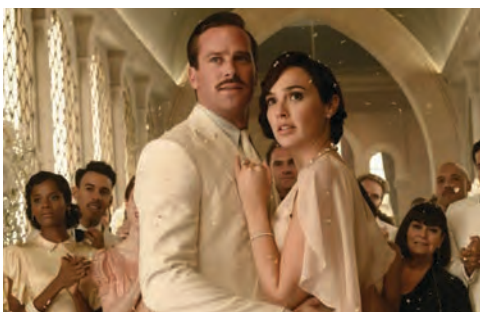
"Moonfall" ... This is a dreadful film, starring Halle Berry and Patrick Wilson, about an issue with our moon and how, or if, it can be fixed. I found myself wishing that it couldn't so I could leave the theater sooner. This one will end up as one of the worst movies of 2022. **Grade: D**

"Home Team" ... Kevin James plays real-life NFL head coach Sean Payton who was



suspended by the NFL. He ended up home and helping to coach his son's football team. Crazy hijinks follow. It is stupid and silly but still has a certain harmless charm. **Grade: B-**

"Blacklight" ... The annual shoot 'em up, beat 'em up from Liam Neeson, this time about a former FBI agent trying to track down bad guys inside the agency. If you like these types of movies, this one is slightly above average. **Grade: B**



"Death on the Nile" ... I'm on record for not being a fan of the type of mysteries where anyone and everyone could be guilty. I find them to be manipulative. Like the 1978 version, this has an all-star cast led by Kenneth Branagh (who also directs), Annette Bening, Armie Hammer and Gal Godot. If you are a fan of Agatha Christie, you will like it. **Grade: B**

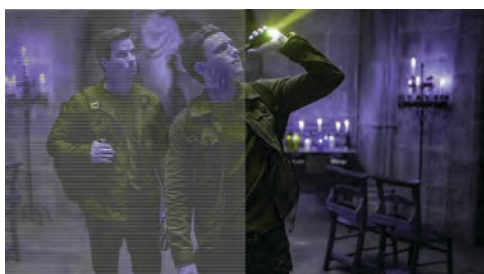
"Kimi" ... A hidden gem on HBO/Max streaming service, "Kimi" stars Zoe Kravitz (Lenny's daughter) as a young woman working for an Apple-like service. She scans and answers questions on their Siri-like service. When she thinks she hears



a crime committed, all the bad guys come looking for her. It has echoes of the Hitchcock thriller "Rear Window," and that's never a bad thing. **Grade: B+**



"Dog" ... Channing Tatum, in an effort to get back in the military after health issues, volunteers to drive a fallen soldier's service dog to Texas for his funeral. Wild and completely unbelievable antics follow, which also include Tatum removing his shirt multiple times and being soaked with water once, too. Harmless but brainless. **Grade: B**



"Uncharted" ... Tom Holland ("Spider-Man") and Mark Wahlberg join forces to find a mythical treasure with many, many, many bad guys on their tails. This is an action-adventure movie that would be perfect for grade-school-aged kids. It is charming and funny at times, and the special effects are great. **Grade: B**

"The Worst Person in the World" ... An art film from Norway about a young woman and her search to find love. This won't be for everyone, but my wife and I both loved it. Funny, poignant and, at many times, surprising. **Grade: A-**



"Studio 666" ... The Foo Fighters rent a haunted mansion to record their new album. This is officially the worst movie I have ever seen. Stupid, heinous and gruesome with over-the-top violence including two people cut in half with a chainsaw. Not sure how it ended, as



I left the theater after the chainsaw scene. **Grade: F**



"Cyrano" ... A musical interpretation of the classic tale of a man (Peter Dinklage) who helps another man fall in love with a woman who has no idea who she is falling in love with. Steve Martin tackled this years ago in "Roxanne." It's a non-traditional musical, but I absolutely fell in love with it. It is also exactly what I needed to cleanse myself after the Foo Fighters debacle. Dinklage should have received an Oscar nomination. **Grade: A**

"The Batman" ... Robert Pattinson (the "Twilight" series) dons the cape and cowl in this new interpretation of the Dark Knight — with an emphasis on dark. This might be The Godfather of Batman movies. Long, violent and very dark. Batman is the hero who can be fun and funny but also very serious. This is the very serious Batman. If you like your Batman dark, hurry to see this epic movie (nearly three hours). **Grade: A-** ■



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judged on their ability to tell a story through music but how they accomplish this is left up to each group.”

The Broadway play “Come From Away,” conceived by Irene Sankoff and David Hein, is based on the book, “The Day The World Came To Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland” by Jim DeFede. It chronicles the events of 9/11 through the eyes of the local people of Gander, as well the 7,000 “Plane People” who were diverted to Gander when the U.S. airspace shut down.

“Because the rights to perform this show are not available yet, I wrote to Musical Theatre International and obtained special permission to use three songs from the show,” Dinkla says. “I chose the selections and crafted them together in such a way that would give audience members a small snapshot of the entire Broadway production.”

Around Thanksgiving last fall, the students began working on their performance. On Jan. 23, they received a Division I rating at the district contest at Ankeny Centennial High School. They advanced to perform at the state contest at Valley High School Feb. 5. On Feb. 7, they learned they would advance to the All-State Festival.

Musical Theatre performances can

last 10 minutes.

“Our performance pushed the time limit, coming in at 9 minutes and 58 seconds,” Dinkla says. “It’s hard to put on an entire show in less than 10 minutes.”

Dinkla and her assistant coach, Colin Shawgo, have had groups nominated for All-State Large Group Speech each of the last five years, including three in 2022. Besides Musical Theatre, AC/GC students performed in both the group improvisation and group mime categories.

Dinkla says her goal for next year’s speech season is to continue to provide her students with a safe space to explore the art of communication through quality speech and theatre experiences.

“The awards and recognition are incredible, but that’s not why we do what we do,” she says. “Pulling together kids with different talents, abilities and experiences, getting them to rub shoulders with people they may have never dreamed of being friends with, and helping them conceptualize the true meaning of empathy in motion is the heart and soul of the AC/GC large group speech program,” Dinkla says. “I’m just lucky enough to be along for the ride.” ■



These AC/GC High School students won the Critic’s Choice award at the Iowa High School Speech Association Large Group All-State Festival in Ames on Feb. 19. They were awarded a plaque to keep. The purple banner will be displayed at the AC/GC high school for the next year. Pictured left to right, front row, Coach Kelsey Dinkla, Kelsey Carlson, Taylor Carlson, and Justin Reinhart. Back row, Tommy Bates, Andrew Mahaffey, Owen Dinkla, Haedyn Grasty, and Victoria Soto.

LPA COVENANTS VOTE IS ON 2022 BALLOT

LPA by-laws, rules and regulations, and building codes draw authority from the LPA covenants document.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The LPA annual meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m., Saturday, May 14 at the LPN Conference Center. On the ballot this year will be the proposed adoption of LPA’s Amended and Substituted Covenants and Restrictions, plus the election of three directors.

The covenants serve as the foundation of the LPA’s governing documents and are an essential piece of LPA’s organizational structure. The covenants were last adopted April 26, 2003, and must be renewed within 21 years. If approved, the updated covenants will be filed in the

office of the Guthrie County Recorder and be in place until May 14, 2023.

Two informational meetings were scheduled to give members the opportunity to learn more. The first was Feb. 24 at the LPN conference center. Another will be held Thursday, April 28, 6 p.m., at the LPN.

At the Feb. 24 meeting, John Rutledge, LPA general manager, distributed copies of the proposed covenants.

“These proposed covenants don’t contain any substantive changes from the covenants currently in place,” he said. “Some formatting changes were made and some language cleaned up. But what these

amended covenants say and do for the LPA hasn’t changed.”

Rutledge said the LPA by-laws, rules and regulations, and building codes draw authority from the LPA covenants document.

“It is a concise and to-the-point document that is essential to LPA’s continued success,” he said. “A vote in favor of adopting the Amended and Substituted Covenants and Restrictions will be a vote to continue the more than 50 years of success that is Lake Panorama.”

A mailing will be sent to all LPA members in mid-April. This will include the official announcement of the annual meeting, a full copy of the pro-

posed amended and substituted covenants, the ballot, information provided by candidates for the LPA board of directors, a ballot on which members will vote on the covenants and board members, and a numbered envelope.

The question on the ballot will be: “Shall the proposed Amended and Substituted Covenants and Restrictions for Lake Panorama Subdivision be adopted?” Members will be asked to mark “yes” or “no.” A simple majority is needed to approve the adoption, but Rutledge said he hopes for a higher percentage of “yes” votes. “This will make the covenants document stronger, because it will demon-

strate a high level of support by LPA members,” he said.

LPA members must return their completed ballot to the LPA office in the numbered envelope. Ballots in the numbered envelopes also can be brought to the annual meeting; however, members are encouraged to deliver to the LPA office in advance to allow ballot counters to quickly finish their jobs once the annual meeting is underway.

Members who want to compare the existing covenants with the proposed covenants can go to the LPA website at lakepanorama.org. The current covenants can be found under the “Documents” tab. ■

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become much more brittle as they decay, and more dangerous to work with,” he says. “Most of our bidders said they would increase their price by about 20 percent each year for the removal of these trees, as clean-up would become increasingly difficult, and their crews would need to be more cautious.”

Rumelhart says by removing the untreated trees, the treated trees will have a much better chance at survival.

“Treated ash trees have a 70-80 percent survival rate. We hope by removing all the untreated trees, we will maximize that survival rate,” he says.

Work began in mid-January and ran through much of February.

“The timing was appropriate, as a number of trees were showing signs of emerald ash borer infestation,” says John Rutledge, LPA general manager. “During the pre-bid meeting, many of the attendees mentioned they had already taken on large ash tree contracts for other golf courses and municipalities. If we had waited,



The area at LPN where the impact of tree removal is most noticeable is around Spikes and near the back tees for the first and 10th holes. Eight large trees were removed, and planting new trees here will be a priority.



Branches from downed trees were run through a shredder and collected in the back of a large truck. This pile of wood chips near the LPN maintenance shed will be used for mulch on the golf course.

there was a good chance these contractors would have been booked, and the tree removal may not have taken place for several more years.”

Rutledge says Xtreme Tree employees did an excellent job, with the work completed while the ground was frozen so turf damage was kept to a minimum. He said this also will allow golfers to get on the courses right away this spring with minimal impact to play.

The LPA has ordered a stump grinder that can be attached to a skid loader. Once it arrives, LPA maintenance staff will grind the stumps, add dirt and coordinate seeding with the golf course turf staff.

Shortly after the Xtreme Tree trucks pulled out, members of the LPA and LPN staff gathered and toured both golf courses, making notes on where trees should be replanted. They estimated about 30 trees are needed

on the LPN course and another 10 at Panorama West. Staff is working on a planting plan.

“These trees will go in areas that were most heavily impacted,” says Rutledge. “It’s important to remember more than 200 trees were planted on the two courses over the past several years in anticipation of ash trees being lost.”

Those trees came from a tree nursery established in 2009. Charles and Judith Schnack are avid golfers who financed the tree nursery and spent hundreds of hours over several years tending the trees and later getting them replanted to appropriate locations.

The idea was to purchase young trees at a lower cost and grow them for a few years before transplanting. In spring 2009, Charles Schnack worked with Wollner to establish the nursery in the “no mow” area



Taken in 2009, this photo shows Charles Schnack in the LPN tree nursery he and his wife, Judith, helped establish and finance. Over a period of years, more than 200 trees were moved from the nursery to spots on the LPN and Panorama West golf courses where it was known ash trees would someday be removed.

west of the No. 11 tee box.

Schnack ordered tree seedlings from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. He worked with LPN staff to kill the grass in the nursery area, dig holes and plant the trees. The Schnacks purchased 300 trees that first year, which included sugar maples, Norway spruce, white pine, sycamore and red oaks. They also took on the task of watering the seedlings.

The next spring, they purchased

another 200 trees. The 2010 crop of seedlings included Kentucky Coffee trees, plus more Norway spruce and sugar maples. The Schnacks also added trees to the nursery in 2011 and 2013. Many trees in the nursery were lost to deer damage, but, in the end, more than 200 trees now on the two golf courses got their start in the Schnack nursery.

In the fall of 2010, 47 sycamore trees were transplanted on the LPN golf course. In 2015, another 100

trees were moved from the nursery to the LPN golf course. Fifty trees were transplanted in 2016, with some of those going to Panorama West.

“With those 200 trees already in place for several years, we are in pretty good shape,” Rutledge says. “We’ll add trees in key areas as soon as possible. The only issue is that it will take a number of years to enjoy the shade provided by the mature trees that had to be removed.” ■



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BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The Lake Panorama Association began operating a small marina in 1970. Over the next few years, it was leased to four different operators, but none lasted. That changed in 1982. In this month's Q&A, we hear from Lyn Coulter, owner of Coulter's Panorama Marine, about the early days and more recent developments.

Q: Tell us how you became the operator of Lake Panorama's marina?

A: In the summer of 1982, my brother John and I were right out of college and looking for a summer job. Prior summers were spent working at our father's Sinclair service station in Linden. We knew the LPA had trouble with prior leases with the marina, and the membership was not happy. The LPA leased us the gas dock for \$1 if we promised to stock the dock with some basic marine accessories and keep consistent business hours. That summer we kept the gas dock open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, pretty much like we do now. The first couple of years we lived with our parents and didn't pay ourselves anything so we could invest everything into the business. We started our

business in 1983 with the \$7,000 profit we made from the first year running the gas dock. No bank would lend us any money to purchase boat inventory, so the Century Boat Company and Harris Flote Bote pontoons guaranteed our bank they would take back any boats if our business failed. Without those guarantees, our business never would have gotten off the ground. When it came time to pay the \$10,500 rent in December 1983, we didn't have the funds to do so. The LPA Board decided to forgive the rent that year, but made it clear they would not ever forgive it again. Luckily the business took off in 1984 and we have not missed, or ever been late, on a lease payment to the LPA since.

Q. There have been ups and downs for your business. Was there one season that was tougher than the others?

A. Without question the toughest year we ever faced was 1993, the year of the Great Flood of '93. It rained every single weekend that year. Most boats just remained unused on their lifts. No one was in the mood to buy boats or anything. The marina was like a ghost town on most weekends, as people simply stayed home trying to stay dry. April through June of

that year we cautiously watched as 8-to-12-inch rains pounded various parts of the state. On July 9, 1993, it rained 10 inches in Carroll, right in Lake Panorama's watershed. The next morning, LPA general manager Red Lowe stopped by the marina and said, "A wall of water is coming in 24 hours — get ready." In no way was it possible to get all the boats off the lake in that short amount of time. It would take weeks to do so. There was a lot of devastation to all the boats, docks and lifts because of that flood.

Q. How has the COVID pandemic impacted your business?

A. The COVID years of 2020, 2021 and now 2022 have raised havoc on the marine industry, just like it has on everything else in all our lives. It has been very difficult for us, as well as all other dealers, to get product to sell. Steel shortages makes it difficult to get trailers. Aluminum shortages makes it difficult to get pontoons. Microchip shortages meant General Motors, Mercury, Yamaha, Kawasaki and Honda couldn't build enough engines to meet the demand. All manufacturing for everything marine simply stopped as factory workers were told to stay home during the virus outbreak. With nothing being built, we all know

what that leads to — massive shortages of everything. This year is a little better getting product. We ordered 32 Godfrey Pontoons, and we are actually going to receive all of them. We ordered 17 Mastercrafts but will receive just 11. We ordered eight Four Winns but will get only three. The biggest disappointment was with Kawasaki Jet Ski; we ordered 21 but only received six. As of the end of February, we have seven Godfrey Pontoons, two Mastercrafts, one Four Winns, and no jet skis available to sell. We did receive our order for 30 Shore Station boat lifts, of which six are still available. There is no problem getting VW dock. We are hoping product shortages will be over in time for the 2023 model year.

Q. Tell us about your staff and the facilities you manage.

A. Service to Lake Panorama boaters is the backbone of our business. It helps keep the marina financially steady, independent of boat sales. Boat service and repair, slip rental, fuel dock sales, and lift and dock sales are the most important aspects to our business. Of course, none of this would be possible without our dedicated fulltime employees. I work in sales, and my brother John is the service

and parts manager. Scott Kemble, who works in sales, has been with us since 1985. Our other full-time employees all work in marine tech, with Brian Dorsett starting in 1986, Mike Webb in 1990, Mike Mobley in 1994 and Justin Boettcher in 2020. We also employ eight additional part-timers to operate the gas dock each summer. The marina boat storage stores around 250 boats and uses nine buildings for inside boat storage. The LPA owns five buildings, and we own four. There are 122 LPA-owned slips and 40 jetty spaces. There are two sales buildings. The LPA owns the one at the marina. Coulter's owns another sales location in Panora behind Panora Plaza, which is used to display pontoons.

Q. Let's talk more numbers. Give me some statistics that help explain what Coulter's Panorama Marine all is about.

A. Last year the marina sold 89,713 gallons of fuel. The record was in 2020, when 101,915 gallons were sold. For 2021, the marina paid the Lake Panorama Association \$355,752 in rent. A formula to arrive at that figure has been in use since 1986, and includes a percentage of slip rental, boat storage, fuel dock sales, and sales office rent. Since the business opened in 1983, we have



Lyn Coulter

paid the LPA a grand total of \$4,398,211 in rent. We have sold 1,187 new Four Winns boats since we started selling those in 1986. A total of 317 Mastercrafts have been sold since 1988. We have sold 880 new pontoons from Godfrey and Harris Flote Bote. More than 1,300 used boats have been sold since 1983, and 490 Kawasaki jet skis have been sold since 1995.

Q. Anything else you'd like to add?

A. We are very grateful for the support we have received throughout the years from our customers and from the Lake Panorama Association. I know we have made mistakes over the years, but we do try to operate an open and honest business. We are so fortunate to operate a business that serves one of the very best clientele found anywhere in the world. ■

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BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Once the federal tax filing deadline of April 15 is behind us, most people are ready to clean out files and discard previous year's tax returns. Again this year, the folks at the Panora Public Library are poised to help.

“We like the shredding truck to come after tax time, so people can safely dispose of old documents and tax-related forms,” says Kim Finnegan, director of the Panora Public Library. “This is a service we like to

provide to the Lake Panorama, Panora and surrounding communities, because they support us throughout the year.”

Finnegan says there is no cost to individuals to drop off paper documents they want to have shredded. The Panora Public Library uses donated funds to cover the cost of this community service.

The “Shred-It” truck will be at the Panora Public Library Saturday, April 23 from 9-11 a.m. Those who plan to drop off paper to be shredded are asked to pull into the driveway north of the library. ■

JASON GRAY CONCERT MARCH 26 AT FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

Limited number of tickets are available for the American contemporary singer/songwriter.

Faith Bible Church is hosting a concert Saturday, March 26 with Jason Gray, an American contemporary singer/songwriter. He has been featured on Sirius XM Radio's "Acoustic Storytime with Jason Gray" and can be heard on major radio stations across the country. Recently, he has found a passion for just him, his guitar and the stories behind his songs.

Gray's performance at Faith Bible Church, 2096 Highway 4, north of Panora, will begin at 7 p.m. A limited number of VIP tickets are available for \$25, which includes a 45-minute meet-and-greet with Gray that will begin at 5 p.m., followed by priority seating. The regular ticket price is \$15, and doors open at 6:15 p.m.

Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase with all funds going to the Faith Bible Church/TRIBE Mission trip. Members of the church family will travel to Costa Rica June 6-12, where they will be involved in building homes for single moms, Vacation Bible School and other ministries.

There will be limited seating for Gray's concert, so those interested are encouraged to purchase tickets online as soon as possible. If there are open seats the evening of the concert, tickets will be sold at the door. To purchase online, visit the Faith Bible Church website at fbcpanora.com,



and scroll down to the Jason Gray Concert details and ticket link. Tickets purchased online can be printed from the confirmation email or saved to a smartphone for scanning at the door. ■

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LAKE PANORAMA?

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Following an informational meeting on proposed updates to the LPA covenants, John Rutledge, LPA general manager, provided project updates for the LPA, Lake Panorama National and the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ).

Key points related to the Lake Panorama Association:

The new LPA website is up and running. LPA did not secure a new vendor to replace the old website. Rather, the current vendor was purchased by a larger company and this was a cost-free transition to their platform.

The annual spring road embargo can be expected in early March and will run two to four weeks. The details of the embargo will be announced on a Thursday, and go into effect the following Monday. This gives the LPA time to coordinate bus pickup points with Panorama Schools and members the chance to get any last-minute deliveries. LPA limits vehicle weight to 5 tons during the spring thaw, while the frost is coming out of the ground and the roadbed is soft. This limited inconvenience for LPA members saves hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage, which would otherwise be caused during this vulnerable time of year.

The water safety committee has a number of items on their 2022 schedule. No meeting date has been set, but it is expected to be sometime after the LPA annual meeting. This is a dynamic time in the watersports industry, and there is a lot for the committee to process. Most notable are recommendations on jet powered pontoons and the upcoming rollout of electric motors for personal watercraft, pontoons and ski/wakeboard boats.

The LPA is monitoring the redistricting of Guthrie County and how that will impact voting precincts. The Iowa Secretary of State's office determined Guthrie County officials did not accomplish the necessary work in a timely fashion and now are handling this. The timeline will be compressed for candidates, but Rutledge said he expects the new districts and precincts will be fair for voters. He expects Lake Panorama to continue to be divided into two districts, because the development is spread across both Cass and Victory townships, and townships generally are kept intact.

Key points regarding the Lake Panorama National Resort:

A change in the organizational management structure has been made. The new structure splits management responsibilities between two people. Royce Shaffer, who has

been LPN operations manager since December 2018, will continue to oversee all aspects of the golf operation, lodging, information technology, accounting and facilities. A new hire is David Chubb, food and beverage manager. He will oversee the LPN's food and beverage operation, including the kitchen, Links Restaurant and Spikes snack shop. Rutledge said the LPA and LPN boards have been evaluating the LPN organizational strategy for several years. The conclusion, with the agreement of Shaffer, was the LPN Resort is too diverse and demanding for one individual to manage. Rutledge stressed this change in management structure was not performance related but rather the result of the mutual conclusion that it was unreasonable for one individual to manage everything.

The new wall along the south end of the pond on the fifth hole is complete, and staff is pleased with the final result. The hole has been closed to play since last fall and should reopen in the spring to good reviews from golfers.

A reminder the community room at Panorama West is a great facility for family gatherings, graduate parties, wedding receptions and other special events. Contact Maureen Lubbeck, Panorama West manager, by leaving a message at the clubhouse – 641-755-2250.

Key points related to the Lake Panorama RIZ:

The RIZ board has determined installing riprap on the south shore is a project RIZ funds can be used for, as long as LPA continues to own the land and no housing development is allowed. Shive-Hattery is developing plans for this project, and a request for bids should go out this spring.

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

Two additional wetlands are planned, but one has been held up due to changing regulations by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Under these new regulations, the \$450,000 cost of this wetland would increase by another \$150,000. Iowa Senator Charles Grassley has been contacted with details, and RIZ will continue to work on this challenge. In the meantime, the wetland for the west fork of Burchfield Cove should be a 2022 project, and is not hindered by these regulatory changes.

The FY 2022-23 RIZ budget was approved at the RIZ Board meeting Feb. 24. RIZ expects to receive about \$3 million in tax revenue this year. ■

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- 8 thin slices green pepper
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- lemon juice
- lemon slices, for garnish (optional)
- In bowl, mix cream cheese spread, mozzarella cheese and salt well.
- Split English muffins in half. Cut each muffin half into shamrock shape.
- Spread cheese mixture over each muffin half.
- Place three cucumbers on each “shamrock,” one on each “leaf.” Use green pepper slice as stem. Place cilantro leaf on top of each sandwich.
- Sprinkle sandwiches with lemon juice and add lemon slices, for garnish, if desired.



RECIPE

MAKE YOUR ST. PATRICK’S DAY SPREAD GREEN WITH ENVY

BY JOLENE GOODMAN

(Culinary.net) Freshen up your St. Patrick’s Day menu with easy, light sandwiches inspired by the traditional color of the festivities. These open-faced noshes can be perfect for lunch, snack time or even as an appetizer for get-togethers with friends and family.

Layered with a smooth cream cheese and mozzarella mixture then topped with crisp cucumber and a stem of green bell pepper, these St. Patrick’s Day Sandwiches are easy and cute, which makes them a fan favorite at nearly any green gathering. They’re also sprinkled with lemon juice to add a little acidity and create a nice, light bite.

Plus, this recipe is quick to make. When you’re in a rush to get everything on the table for the party, it’s easy to throw to-

gether and get on the platter in next to no time.

The sandwiches pop off the plate with their bright, seasonal garnishes. While sure to attract attention and have your loved ones asking “Where did you get this idea?” they’re also an easy way to sneak a few vegetables into your kids’ diets.

Find more festive recipes and ideas at Culinary.net. ■



Jolene Goodman

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

NEW MANAGER

David Chubb has joined Lake Panorama National Resort as the Food and Beverage Manager. He began his responsibilities on Feb. 28.



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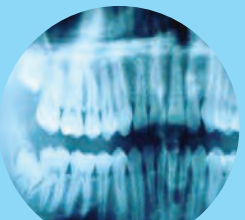
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FAMILY KEEPS PANORAMA TIRE ROLLING

Tom and Sarah Smith didn't have to look far for employees in their latest venture.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Tom Smith of Yale has been in the tire business for 40 years. He started at the age of 20 with a small shop in Yale. Later he moved into a bigger building in Yale and also opened Smith Tire locations in Perry and Jefferson.

His latest venture, in partnership with his wife, Sarah, is Panorama Tire. They sold their other three locations to employees and, in June 2019, purchased the former Panora Oil Company building at 418 E. Main St. in Panorama. They spent a couple of months renovating the building to better suit their needs.

Smith farms several hundred acres of row crops on both rented land north of Lake Panorama and land he owns in the Yale area. He also has a small Angus cow/calf herd.

He says he enjoyed the first few months in the building.

"We were able to get our own farm equipment here and everything fixed up," Smith says. "Then, one by one, people started coming in to ask if we were open. We never advertised or had a specific opening date. We already had a tire machine and plenty of other equipment here, so we started to help people."

They didn't have to look far for employees. Tom's daughter, Amanda Doran, works fulltime in the shop, changing tires and oil, and handling whatever else comes her way.

Besides working at Panorama Tire, Amanda helps Tom with his farm operation, and 2022 will be her second year managing 125 acres of row crops on land she rents from Tom and Sarah. Amanda is a 2003 Iowa State University graduate in animal science. She and her daughter Kylie, a junior at Panorama, live with Amanda's significant other, Darrell, on his family farm near Yale. She has a small collection of animals including cattle, chickens, ducks, rabbits and pot belly pigs.

A grandson, Kade Arganbright, has been working in the Panorama Tire shop since it opened. He was in high school then. Now he's specializing in auto mechanics at Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) and will graduate in August. He currently works in the shop Fridays and Saturdays. After graduation, he plans to work full-time alongside his grandfather and aunt.

Kade has two younger sisters who help out. Hallie, age 16, and Lillie, age 13, come after school and spend time cleaning, sweeping, resupplying product and other tasks.

"Tom likes to keep a clean shop, and they're a big help doing that," says Sarah.

Sarah took a different route to the family business. She moved to Yale in 2008 after buying the Yale Hotel. It was built in the 1890s near the railroad, which now is the Racoon River Valley Trail. She began to renovate the hotel, which she



Owners Sarah and Tom Smith are shown with grandson Kade Arganbright and daughter Amanda Doran outside Panorama Tire in Panora.

named The Windsor, and planned to open it as a bed and breakfast when it was finished.

Tom's shop was across the street from the hotel. They met, and as often is said, the rest is history. They've been married nine years. A decision was made to move The Windsor to Tom's farm north of Yale and make it their home. Three guest bedrooms

and bathrooms were created on the second floor. The couple operated The Windsor bed and breakfast for five years until early 2020 when the COVID pandemic hit.

"We had people from all over stay with us," Tom says. "Germany, Bulgaria, Florida, plus people locally using it for reunions or special events. Some came to stay who were riding the bike trail. We met some really interesting people."

Sarah calls those five years of running the bed and breakfast "really fun," and says she hated to shut it down.

"But with all the issues surrounding COVID, it just made sense. Now we come to work each day, then go home at night to relax, not worry about getting ready for guests."

Sarah works in an office adjoining the shop. She answers the phone, schedules appointments, handles the billing and taxes, and places orders for all tires and parts.

"I try to keep things at a nice, steady flow, and leave enough time between appointments in the schedule to take care of unexpected tire repairs," she says.

About 20 percent of the business comes from a tire service truck Tom takes on the road when a call for help comes in. He lists Rose Acre Farms, UPS, Lake Panorama Association, Guthrie County Conservation, and semis stranded on Interstate 80 as some of the tire service calls he handles. Calls from area farmers are year-round but become more

frequent during spring planting and fall harvest.

Before selling his shops in Yale, Perry and Jefferson, Yale was a hub for service calls, and he spent most of his days driving from job to job.

"This place allows me to be more in touch with our customers instead of in a truck all day," he says.

Smith says he, Amanda and Kade do oil changes, fix brakes, work on air conditioners, handle some tune-ups and repair, replace and sell lots of tires and tire tubes.

"We sell most brands and sizes of tires, to fit anything from lawn mowers and trailers, to cars and trucks, up to tires on ag equipment that are 7-foot-tall," Smith says.

He used to work with three specific tire suppliers.

"When COVID hit, we couldn't keep enough tires in inventory, so we had to expand. Now we have up to nine tire suppliers we work with to make sure we have what our customers need," Smith says.

Business has been increasing 10 percent each year.

"People have been really friendly, and we've enjoyed meeting more people in the area," Smith says. "This seemed like a good opportunity, and Sarah knows I like taking chances."

Sarah smiles. "This was a big undertaking, and I wasn't sure at first. But we do enjoy working together, so here we are," she says.

Panorama Tire hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. ■



Kade Arganbright has been working at Panorama Tire since he was in high school. He's now an auto mechanics student at DMACC and will work fulltime for the business when he graduates in August. Here he's replacing a tire on a Panorama school bus.

PRIDE MEMBERS MEET

Members of PRIDE, Panora & Lake Panorama Economic Development, met at Lake Panorama National Resort on March 2. The organization meets the first Wednesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. to promote development in the Panora and Lake Panorama Area. For more information, visit <https://panora.org>.



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GRANTS AWARDED TO NEW DAYCARE CENTER IN PANORA

Panorama Daycare Center, LLC, is co-owned by Amanda Green and Christine Litwiller.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

In mid-January, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds awarded nearly \$37 million in Child Care grants to 108 projects in 72 communities that will create nearly 5,200 new child care slots across Iowa. Two projects in Panora and one in Guthrie Center were among those receiving funding.

A new facility, the Panorama Daycare Center, was awarded \$450,000. Panorama Daycare Center, LLC, is co-owned by Amanda Green and Christine Litwiller, both Guthrie County residents. Green is a licensed nursing home admin-

istrator with a bachelor's degree in business management. She has six years of experience managing licensed long-term care centers. Green will serve as chief financial officer for the child care center.

Litwiller has an associate degree in early childhood development and is a registered certified nursing assistant. She has two-and-a-half years of experience as a supervisor in a licensed childcare center with one additional year of experience as a teaching assistant. Litwiller will be the director of the Panorama Daycare Center.

The pair negotiated a purchase agreement for a building at 1301 E. Church St., which had been part of

the Brokers International training complex. Because the area is zoned light industrial, the purchase was contingent on receiving a zoning variance, which was approved at a Feb. 15 meeting of the Panora Board of Adjustment.

With the appropriate renovations, the building is expected to provide 80 daytime childcare openings. A tiered opening approach as construction allows would have the facility open by the summer of 2022 and grow to maximum capacity by the end of the year.

The owners say they plan to expand to weekend, evening and maybe even overnight daycare options as they grow. Next


steps are to secure financing for the property and its renovation, receive program and licensing approval, recruit and train staff members, and implement quality educational metrics.

At capacity, the daycare will provide 20 new jobs, including assistant directors, teachers, helpers, culinary staff and overnight housekeeping. Applications for both jobs and child placements will be available later this spring. Those interested in learning more can email panoramadaycarecenter@gmail.com. Follow the facility's progress on Facebook at Panoramam Daycare Center.

The Little Panther Daycare, lo-

cated near the Panorama Elementary School, received \$230,610 to help support a 1,440-square-foot addition to the current facility. Construction is underway, and when complete, it will increase the daycare's capacity by 15 children.

Little Charger Early Learning Center in Guthrie Center received a total award of \$449,850. It is the only licensed childcare provider in Guthrie Center and currently is licensed for 30 children in its existing building and 15 children at the school for before and after school care. This funding will support work on a new building on an adjacent property, increasing the center's capacity from 45 to 77. ■



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RMDs Get a Small Reprieve

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What's my RMD?


We determine the required amount you must withdraw annually by dividing the previous year-end balance of your qualifying accounts by what the IRS calls a "life expectancy factor." The newest tables assume we'll live longer, which may impact the amount you need to withdraw.

What about inherited accounts?

There are some exceptions, but you must generally withdraw all assets within ten years, regardless of your life expectancy. The Secure Act eliminated the ability to "stretch" your withdrawals across your lifetime if the original account owner passed away in 2020 or later.

While most RMD calculations are straightforward, the process can get more complicated if you have multiple accounts or other sources of retirement income, or if your spouse is more than 10 years younger than you. Before modifying your current strategy, please reach out so I can help explain your situation to you and your tax professional.

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The home page of the new LPA website features scrolling aerial photos. Tabs take visitors to a history, frequently asked questions, LPA documents, helpful links and a contact page. LPA members can use the "resident" tabs at the top of the page to both create an account on the LPA Portal and sign-in once an account is established.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The new website for the Lake Panorama Association (LPA) launched in early February, replacing a site that had been in place since 2009. The new website is simpler to use while continuing to provide LPA staff the ability to communicate directly with members and provide important documents members need. There are both public and private sides to the new website. The home page on the public site includes information about Lake Panorama and the LPA. The private side of the website, which is termed the LPA Por-

tal, is restricted to Lake Panorama property owners. The LPA had more than 1,300 unique member email addresses tied to the former website. Emails were sent to all existing addresses with details on how to set up new accounts. By the end of February, about 600 members had created accounts to gain access to the LPA Portal. The website address remains the same as the old site — www.lakepanorama.org. The home page has tabs for "Resident Sign-Up" and "Resident Sign-In." LPA members who had not registered for the old website wouldn't have received an email invitation, or

emails may have been lost in spam folders. Whether a member received an email or not, they can set up an account through the "Resident Sign-Up" tab and gain access to the private side of the website after being verified as an LPA member. The home page of the new LPA website features scrolling aerial photos. Several tabs below the photos take visitors to a brief history, a list of frequently asked questions about Lake Panorama and the LPA, and multiple documents that include LPA's boating regulations and buoy map locations; building codes and applications; rules and regulations and related schedule of fines; by-laws;

covenants; and home rental rules. Under the "helpful links" tab, visitors will find such things as the LPA water safety video and links to websites for Coulter's Panorama Marine, Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ), Lake Panorama National Resort, Friends of Lake Panorama, Fin & Feather, and more. The "contact us" tab takes the viewer to a page with LPA contact details. There also is a link to email the LPA office directly or a form to complete and submit electronically to LPA staff. LPA members who establish an LPA Portal log-in will find additional documents there that cannot be ac-

cessed on the public website. These include such things as LPA board of directors meeting agendas and minutes; variance applications for building permits; a "Who To Call" list with contact information for area service providers; camping and dock registration forms and information; miscellaneous membership forms; hunting information; yard waste site maps and information; and current and past issues of the weekly Panorama Prompt. Anyone who needs help getting an account set up or has questions can call the LPA office at 641-755-2301 or email staff at lpa@lakepanorama.org. ■

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Generous community support and donations make this one of the best fireworks displays around.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The date for the 2022 Fire in the Sky fireworks display has been set for Saturday, July 2. This will be the 27th year this Fourth of July holiday tradition at Lake Panorama has been organized by the Joe Scheiring family. Joe passed away in August 2014. Family members continue to organize the event to honor his memory.

The fireworks are launched from Shady Beach beginning around dusk. Rita Scheiring, Joe's widow, moved to Polk City in 2017. Her daughter Stephanie Hummel, and granddaughters Maddie and Evelyn, have a home at Lake Panorama.

In the past, the annual fireworks display was on the Fourth of July, but the Scheirings heard from people who were disappointed they couldn't attend when the holiday fell on a weekday. Now the display is on a Saturday either before or after the official holiday with the date chosen on a year-to-year basis well in advance for planning purposes.

The Scheiring family says generous community support and donations make this one of the best fireworks displays around. Donations for the 2022 Lake Panorama fireworks display can be sent to Rita Scheiring/Fire in the Sky, P.O. Box 605, Panora, Iowa, 50216. Or via Venmo at @Rita-Scheiring. ■



The 2022 Fire in the Sky Independence Day display at Lake Panorama will be Saturday, July 2. This photo showing the 2021 fireworks being launched from Shady Beach was taken by Michael Kleinwolverink, who owns Michael Kleinwolverink Photography.

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Q: How many paid golf memberships does Lake Panorama National have?

A: According to Royce Shaffer, operations manager at Lake Panorama National Resort, they have 172 paid memberships as of Feb. 28, 2022. Panorama West has 85 paid memberships through the same time period.

Q: I am enjoying your local business stories, and I have a great story idea for you. Are you interested?

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GUTHRIE CENTER CHAMBER DELIVERS HEALTHCARE WORKER APPRECIATION PACKAGES

The Guthrie Center Chamber of Commerce celebrated its city's healthcare professionals. With the two-year anniversary marking the beginning of the pandemic, the Chamber decided it was time to say thank you to the committed healthcare teams in the community.

Each healthcare professional received \$10 in Chamber Bucks that could be used at any participating Guthrie Center business. In addition, a "Healthcare Professional Survival Kit" accompanied the certificates with things such as a Snickers bar "to remind you that laughter is the best medicine" and a Lifesaver "to remind you of the many times you've been one." Some of the more humorous ones were an Andes Mint "for when you need a little extra encourage-MINT" and a Starburst "for a burst of energy when you need one." Aside from candy items, the survival kit also included things such as a crayon "to color your days cheerful and bright," a band aid "to aid you in the important work you do" and ending with a puzzle piece "because you're an essential part of our community," bringing the concept together that it takes many people working together to keep the community healthy and safe.

Chamber member Melissa Borgeson of The New Homestead created and assembled the 272 survival kits to hand out to 10 total businesses in the Guthrie Center community. Chamber member Kristen Crouthamel of GCSB Investment Center, along with Borgeson, handed out the kits on Monday, Feb. 28. Businesses recognized were Guthrie County Hospital, The New Homestead, Hospice of the Midwest, Guthrie County Public Health, Dowd Drug, Guthrie Family Medicine Center, Springbrook Family Dentistry, Allen Family Chiropractic, Central Iowa Family Eye Care, and the nurse for AC/GC Schools in Guthrie Center.



Dowd Drug (from left to right): Zach Garton, Rhonda Stanley, Aimee Noland, Jeannene Wilms, Christina Wilson, Johnnie Downing, Julie Priestley, Melissa Borgeson – Guthrie Center Chamber



Guthrie County Public Health (from left to right): Abby James, Cheryl Jensen, Lonnie Harris, Kristen Crouthamel – Guthrie Center Chamber

As the pandemic continued on, the Chamber wanted to do something to recognize the healthcare professionals within the Guthrie Center community. They were thrilled everything came together right at the two-year mark to really make sure the healthcare community knew how appreciated they are during these unprecedented times.

The Guthrie Center Chamber of Commerce advocates for and

supports the economic success of its members by leading the effort to grow and retain business. The Chamber had a record 84 paid members in 2021, which included 76 businesses and eight residential/family memberships. If you'd like to become a Chamber member either for your business or personally, contact gchamberofcommerce@gmail.com for an application and for more information. ■



Hospice of the Midwest (from left to right): Barb Jacobsen, Madison Onstot, Allie Dorpinghaus, Carly Fry, Robyn Van Zee, Sara Segreto, Nancy Buttry, Chaplain Kelly Gafkjen, and Kristen Crouthamel – Guthrie Center Chamber



Allen Family Chiropractic (from left to right): Kristen Crouthamel – Guthrie Center Chamber, Dr. Andy Allen, Michelle Heckman, Cindy Denniston



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NEW VOTING PRECINCTS AND SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS ADOPTED FOR GUTHRIE COUNTY

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

At their meeting March 3, the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors approved a state agency's plan for new voting precincts and supervisor districts. The number of voting precincts has been reduced from eight to six, with the number of supervisor districts remaining at five.

Supervisor districts are redrawn every 10 years to reflect the most recent census numbers to ensure each supervisor represents an equal portion of the county population. With the 2020 census information delayed because of the COVID pandemic,

the redistricting that should have been completed in 2021 dragged into 2022.

Guthrie County had submitted a plan to the Iowa Secretary of State's office that proposed reducing the number of voting precincts to six, along with five supervisor districts. That map was rejected, due to conflicting interpretations of technical requirements associated with a new redistricting process. The Legislative Services Agency (LSA) and Secretary of State took over to ensure the process could be completed before the candidate filing window.

The total population of Guthrie

County is 10,623. With five supervisors, the ideal population size for each county supervisor district is 2,125. In the LSA plan, each county supervisor district has a population of between 2,104 and 2,146 people.

The Lake Panorama Association has been monitoring the redistricting process and how the final plan would impact voting precincts and supervisor districts. The plan does split the lake community into two supervisor districts, which had been expected because Lake Panorama is spread across both Cass and Victory townships. During redistricting, townships generally are

kept intact.

"We feel the 2022 process was handled fairly and does not put Lake Panorama at any intentional disadvantage," says John Rutledge, LPA general manager.

"Guthrie County continues to see a population shift from the west to the east. Unfortunately, this results in some voters having to travel farther than desired," he says. "Voters in the Victory portion of Lake Panorama will have to travel to Yale or will need to vote in advance via absentee ballot. Lake voters are not alone in this challenge, as several other regions of rural Guthrie County also will have to travel. I believe

the county did the best they could with a very difficult task on a short timeline."

Lake Panorama will be 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.

Brian Johnson has announced his candidacy for the Supervisor District 2 seat. Maggie Armstrong has announced she will be a candidate for the Supervisor District 3 seat. The window for filing papers for county office opens March 7 and closes March 25. ■

Brian Johnson running for Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

On March 4, longtime Guthrie County resident Brian Johnson announced his candidacy for Guthrie County Supervisor in District 2. Johnson will be seeking the Republican nomination for supervisor at the June 7, 2022, primary election. Under the newly established boundaries, District 2 will represent Yale, Jamaica, Bagley, the Victory Township portion of Lake Panorama, and unincorporated areas north of Guthrie Center. Redistricting has resulted in District 2 being an open seat for the 2022 election.

Johnson spent 12 years in education before switching careers and representing a variety of entities at the Iowa Capitol. Brian has been a passionate volunteer for community enhancement and served as a basketball coach both while he was an educator and as a volunteer. He and his wife, JoAnn, are residents of Panora and Lake Panorama. Both are active in the community and enjoy their grandchildren, all of which live in the area.

"I am running first and foremost out of concern for the taxpayers in Guthrie County. My career has been spent watching government work, and I believe my experience would make me an effective Guthrie County supervisor," Johnson said. "I firmly believe government should provide full transparency and efficient orga-

nization to the taxpayers. I will be an advocate for a positive working environment and am committed to cooperatively addressing the concerns of Guthrie County residents. To grow and prosper in a rural county, we must all work together."

Johnson is a member of Guthrie County 10 Squared Men; Sons of the American Legion; the Guthrie County Judicial Magistrate Commission; the 2011 Guthrie County Redistricting Committee; and a Board Member of Panora Retirement Homes. Johnson maintains a relationship with several associations, including the Iowa Taxpayers Association and the Iowa Association of Business and Industry. Brian has also been a volunteer for the Guthrie County Auditor, processing absentee ballots on Election Day.

Johnson noted his priorities include supporting public safety, supporting the local agricultural and business economy and ensuring sound fiscal management of the county's finances. ■



Brian Johnson

Maggie Armstrong announces run for Guthrie County Supervisor

Panora area native Maggie Armstrong declared her intention to run for a seat on the Guthrie County Board of Supervisor. Armstrong seeks to fill the County's 3rd Supervisor District, which is currently an open seat due to redistricting. The 3rd Supervisor District includes the town of Panora, the Cass Township portion of Lake Panorama, and surrounding rural areas.

"Eastern Guthrie County has a strong, established economic base in the county and provides a vibrant quality of life and a fulfilling, rural lifestyle for the people who live here. These are just two of the many reasons why my husband and I chose to move back to this area in 2015," Armstrong said.

"We do many things well in our area, and it is vital to continue improving on the pillars of what makes Guthrie County so special. We need to ensure we have well-equipped law enforcement and public health departments, secure physical and digital county-wide infrastructure, ample economic development opportunities, affordable housing and daycare options, thriving school systems and diverse spaces for recreation," Armstrong continued. "These priorities need to be achieved while ensuring taxpayer dollars are managed responsibly and

transparently."

Armstrong has worked at the local corporate level and is currently a small business owner with experience in budgeting and planning. She grew up at Lake Panorama and now lives in the rural Panora area with her husband, Garret. She is active in the community and focuses her involvement in areas that can make a difference. She belongs to 10-Squared Women of Guthrie County, the Guthrie County Magistrate Commission, chairs the Prairie Woodland Conservation Foundation, and coaches basketball for Panora Community Schools and the Panora Parks & Recreation Department. Armstrong also supports economic and business development, serving as director and vice-president in the Panora and Lake Panorama Area Economic Development group (PRIDE). Armstrong is also a member of the Panora Chamber of Commerce. ■



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By CHERYL TEMPLE
Lake Panorama Times



Name: Rocky
Age: 10
Breed: Teacup Yorkie
Owner: Galen Redshaw

Rocky terrorizes the squirrels around the lake and, when going fishing with Galen, turns into a protector from the crappies. He enjoys taking long naps on lazy lake days.

Name: Myko
Age: 1.5
Breed: Mini Bernedoodle (1/2 poodle and 1/2 Bernese Mountain Dog).
Owner: Galen Redshaw

Myko enjoys boat rides and running in open spaces — taking lake life to its fullest!



Name: Bane
Age: Approximately 4 or 5 years old
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More than two years ago, one of the volunteers at Panora Pets was attempting to live-trap a young kitten that had been hanging around her house. What she got instead was a big strapping handsome guy they named Bane. Although he was not feral, he wasn't too sure of humans either and spent months in a foster home before moving to the shelter to continue his socialization with new experiences and people. With a little time and patience, Bane acclimated well into one of the free-roaming kitty rooms at the shelter. He is the epitome of the strong, silent type and would do best in a less active home without young children who will give him all the time and space he needs to trust and feel comfortable. Bane would be a wonderful companion for someone who wants to share a home with a self-sufficient kitty that minds its business and does not feel the need to be all over you or begging for attention. Bane is a BIG boy in stature with a stunning dark tabby coat. ■



TRISH HART'S NATURE PHOTO OF THE MONTH



BLUEBIRDS STAY IN IOWA FOR MEALWORMS

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

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

When nature photographer Trish Hart posted pictures of bluebirds in mid-February, commentors asked about this bird species and its migratory patterns. Trish and her husband Scott live full-time in a home on Andrew's Cove and have several different types of bird feeders on their deck.

"We see many bluebird families year-round but don't routinely feed them until the colder winter months," says Hart. "They love dried mealworms. We keep their feeder stocked in the frigid Iowa winter months, so they can count on a consistent food source."

The Eastern bluebird is found in all North

American states east of the Rockies. Many in northern states migrate south in the winter, but some remain near their nesting areas, if they can find a reliable food supply. Besides mealworms, they enjoy berries and seeds.

"They are such beautiful, colorful birds and a treat to watch," says Hart.

Eastern bluebirds pair up and mate for life. In spring and summer, bluebirds nest in holes, either in trees or in special houses put up for their use. Male bluebirds are in charge of gathering nesting materials for the female, who arranges these into a nest.

The bluebird is a symbol of hope, love and renewal. It is a favorite of gardeners because in addition to the beautiful colors, they provide a natural source of insect control. Bluebirds can reach up to 17 mph in flight.

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

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