



FAMILY-OWNED LAKE LUMBER SOLD TO ANOTHER LOCAL FAMILY

Kelvin Hafner purchases longtime Panora business from the Neel family.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

2021 marks the 94th year the Neel family has been in the lumber business. 2021 also marks the first year for the Hafner family to be in the lumber business, with Kelvin Hafner's recent purchase of Lake Lumber.

The transfer of ownership was announced to Lake Lumber employees July 19 in a meeting that involved Tom and Sharon Neel and Hafner.

"I told them I want to learn from them," says Hafner. "Customer service has always been important at Lake Lumber, and I want to continue that emphasis."

The succession plan calls for the

Neels to continue to work at Lake Lumber. No final date has been set for them to retire.

"We'll be here for a while," Tom says. "We want to help him succeed, and we'll be available as needed."

Hafner calls the arrangement exciting. "I'll be a sponge, learning from Tom and Sharon and the rest of the staff. It's going to take me a while to process everything, to learn their internal programs. I want our contractors and customers to know this will be a seamless change."

The Neel family's long history in the lumber business began in 1900 when George Neel and Sons purchased a lumberyard in Rippey. One of those sons, Leonard, started Neel Lumber



Kelvin Hafner, left, is buying Lake Lumber from Sharon and Tom Neel, who will continue working as Hafner learns the business.



The main Lake Lumber building was constructed in 1997. In 2005, a large addition was added to the west side of the current building, which made it possible to expand the building materials showroom and add office space.

in Grand Junction in 1927. His son, Bob, took over the business in 1954. Bob and Dorothy Neel purchased Lake Lumber in 1977 and continued to operate the Grand Junction location until it closed in 1982.

Bob and Dorothy's son, Tom, joined the business in 1984. Tom and Sharon met in Minnesota, where he attend-

ed Mankato State, and she attended the University of Minnesota. When they married and moved to Panora after graduation, Sharon worked for Midwest Landscaping. She joined the lumber business in 1992, taking over management of the hardware line, so Tom could focus on building materials.

Working in the lumber and construction business isn't new to Hafner. While attending college, he worked part-time for Beach Building Center in Muscatine and transitioned to a full-time position there after graduation.

Next was a sales manager position with Moehl Millwork, a locally owned wholesale distributor of millwork prod-

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2021 BEACH BALL RAISES \$25,000

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An estimated 200 people attended the Friends of Lake Panorama 2021 Beach Ball on July 30 at the Lake Panorama National Conference Center. After expenses, the event had a profit of \$25,000.

The Friends board will meet in mid-August to discuss how to allocate the funds. Three projects had been designated to receive Beach Ball funding: Lake Panorama dog park, three swings at Sunset Beach, and enhancements to the Panorama West trail.

Information about these three

current projects, plus two future projects, were on display at the Beach Ball. One of the new projects involves developing a proposal for a multi-use recreational area on Lake Panorama's south shore on the main basin. The proposal is expected to include a disc golf course and a walking/hiking trail with additional recreational amenities considered. The plan will need approval from the LPA board of directors before work begins.

The other new project is half-court basketball at Sunset Beach. The LPA board approved this project at its

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Joel Ambrose ran the Beach Ball's live auction. Here he sells a set of Lake Panorama-themed bag boards, built and donated by Kurt and Joyce Johnson. Several bidders competed for the bag boards game with \$625 being the winning bid.

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FUNDRAISERS, FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESSES, FESTIVALS AND PATIENCE

BY SHANE GOODMAN
Editor and Publisher

Much has happened since our last issue of Lake Panorama Times with an incredible Beach Ball event, the sale of a longtime local business, an amazing community festival, and a reminder that we need to be patient with — and continue to support — our local business community.

Beach Ball impresses

If you attended the Beach Ball on July 30, you know that it was another wonderful event that raised significant money for projects at Lake Panorama. This gala is spearheaded by Friends of Lake Panorama, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization operated exclusively for charitable purposes and consisting of volunteers. Susan Thompson, who writes much of the content in this newspaper, works tirelessly to lead the Beach Ball activities, and I thank her for her commitment to the organization. I was also pleasantly surprised at the efforts of those in attendance who jumped in to help move items indoors and tear down tables and chairs as the storm approached. Those actions exemplify what Friends of Lake Panorama — and the lake community — are all about.

Lake Lumber sells

In this issue, you will see a story about the sale of Lake

Lumber. I especially enjoyed reading this article because I appreciate what Tom and Sharon Neel and their family have done for the community for decades. In this world of chain stores and corporate takeovers, it is refreshing to see that our local hardware and lumber store will continue to be locally owned (and that Tom and Sharon will continue to help). Be sure to check out the story and stop in and tell new owner Kelvin Hafner hello and thank him for being here.

Panorama Days returns

I am writing this column on the Friday of Panorama Days with a full expectation that the festival will be a huge success. I say this because I have complete confidence in Marla Hammer and Dale Hochreiter, who co-chaired this year's event, along with the many volunteers who worked diligently to bring this event back to the area.

Algae blooms

None of us like to see algae blooms on the lake, but we are unfortunately learning to deal with it. That doesn't mean we have to accept it. Water quality is going to continue to be an important issue for our entire state, and lake residents understand this better than most. Jolene and I took our family to Okoboji recently, and the algae blooms on the

Shane Goodman

Upper Gar made it look like a green lawn. We can do better.

Patience needed

Speaking of Okoboji, we experienced the pain of the business owners and operators there who were operating with reduced hours and limited options. Many of the pools were closed as well. The primary reason for their struggles is the same that many local businesses here face — a shortage of workers. As more people get back to work, this will certainly improve. In the meantime, we need to do all we can to be patient and continue to support our local businesses.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer, and, as always, thanks for reading. ■

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The LPN banquet room was filled for the Beach Ball live auction. Impending rain brought those who had been seated outside into the banquet room for the live action, which raised \$8,000.

June meeting, and fundraising will begin this fall. Both outdoor and indoor spaces were used for the Beach Ball. Outside tables were under a series of tents, located on the grass between the conference center and the golf course. A buffet dinner was served outside and included steaks and chicken kabobs cooked on a nearby charcoal grill. Little Joe McCarthy, a singer and songwriter who lives in Omaha, provided live music under an outdoor tent. After dinner, with weather radar showing heavy rain headed to the area, a decision was made to move the live auction into the banquet room. Those sitting outside moved their chairs inside to participate in the live auction, while volunteers quickly took down tents and stacked tables and chairs as the rain arrived.

New in 2021 was the Friends Beach Club. Those who joined at one of these levels paid a little extra to get a little extra, while also making an extra donation to Friends of Lake Panorama. Friends Beach Club members were listed in the program. There were 17 businesses and groups of individuals that spent \$600 to join the Premier level of the Beach Club. Fourteen couples spent \$200 to be in the Couples Beach Club, with 12 businesses or individuals spending \$150 for the Sponsor level. There were 77 items donated for the silent auction, which brought in nearly \$5,000. The live auction of 13 items raised \$8,000, and the profit from a 50/50 raffle was \$2,250. Donations to Friends of Lake Panorama are accepted at any time and can be

designated for a current or future project, or for the general fund to be allocated by the Friends board. Checks can be made payable to Friends of Lake Panorama and mailed to PO Box 488, Panora, IA 50216. Direct donations also can be sent via Venmo @Friends-Panorama. Credit cards are accepted on the Friends website, although Friends is charged a 2.9% processing fee on these donations. Donors are asked to consider increasing their donation to help cover this additional cost. All donations are tax-deductible. Donors of \$500 or more will be recognized on signs erected near specific projects they designate and on the donor page of the Friends website. More information is available at www.friendsoflakepanorama.org. ■

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Lake Lumber owners Tom and Sharon Neel are shown with Tom’s mother, Dorothy, in the company’s kitchen showroom. This photo was taken in 2016, the year Dorothy officially retired from the business at the age of 86.



Bob and Dorothy Neel are shown at Lake Lumber in 1977, as they celebrated the 50th anniversary of Neel Lumber Company.

ucts based in Ankeny. The company serves lumber dealers throughout Iowa and contractors in the Des Moines metro area. Through that position, Hafner met the Neels and has worked with them for many years.

Tom Neel says he put out some feelers to industry contacts in the past year about possibly selling the business. Hafner had, in conversation, inquired about the Neel’s succession plans, which was to someday sell. Hafner later expressed serious interest, and they started working through the details.

Bob and Dorothy Neel were among the first people to own a home at Lake

Panorama. They moved into the house they built in 1979. Bob passed away in 2000. Dorothy continues to live in her Lake Panorama home, although she spends some time at Lakeside Village during the winter months. In January 2016, at the age of 86, she officially retired from her Lake Lumber bookkeeping duties.

Tom and Sharon both turn 60 years old this year and say it was never their goal to beat Dorothy’s record of working until the age of 86.

“We’re ready to slow down,” Tom says. “We hope to travel more. I want to spend more time fishing, and hunting, and laying in my hammock. I

hope we can have at least 20 good years of retirement.”

Three years ago, Tom and Sharon moved from Panora to a new home they built at Lake Panorama, on a lot next to Dorothy. Their daughter Breanne is the branch manager at Lincoln Savings Bank in Clive. Daughter Emily is a graphic designer with Two Rivers Marketing in Des Moines.

While both girls worked at Lake Lumber during high school, they didn’t have an interest in being involved long-term in the lumber business.

“This is a very tough, competitive business. There aren’t many independent, locally owned lumber compa-

nies anymore,” Tom says.

Hafner recently resigned from Moehl Millwork after 25 years to take on this new opportunity as the owner of Lake Lumber. He has lived at Lake Panorama since 2000. His family consists of two sons — Drew, a junior at Iowa State University, and Ethan, who will be a freshman at Iowa State this fall — and his fiancé, Stephanie Hummel.

“We’ve always been community oriented,” says Sharon. “I think it’s great for someone who is already in our hometown to be taking over the business, rather than a corporation that doesn’t know the community

and customers.”

“The Neels have established a great legacy here, and I’m humbled to have the opportunity to carry it on,” Hafner says. “I’m looking forward to taking some of the load off their plates and helping make this a positive transition for them and their customers.”

Hafner acknowledges another thing he’s happy about is the short commute. He’s been traveling to Ankeny each work day for the past three years, and for 21 years before that driving at least 1,000 miles a week.

“Now I have a 5-minute commute,” he says. “I don’t even have time to finish my coffee.” ■

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Lake Panorama Association
Board of Directors Meeting

June 29, 2021

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met June 29, 2021, 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, Corey Larsen, Lane Rumelhart and John Rutledge.

Visitors in attendance: Bob Goldsmith, Russ Hawley, Jan Reinecke, and Susan Thompson, LPA members.

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

Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the Agenda

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

Agenda Item 2 – Open Forum – No one spoke

Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda

Carothers 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 05.25.2021 LPA Board Meeting
- c) Acceptance of 05.31.2021 consolidated financial report – LPA & LPN, LLC
- d) Set date for next board meeting, 07.27.2021
- e) Accept minutes from 05.24.2021 LPN LLC Board of Managers meeting
- f) Accept minutes from 06.14.2021 Building Codes Committee Meeting
- g) Accept minutes from 06.08.2021 Water Safety Committee Meeting
- h) Quit Claim Deed for Lot 6253 to correct for missing Mid IA Lakes Deed
- i) Approve minutes from the 06.26.2021 LPA Board of Directors organizational meeting

Agenda Item 4a – Friends of Lake Panorama update and request for project approval

Jan Reinecke, president of Friends of Lake Panorama, presented an update on the Dog Park project progress and future projects. Conceptual development of a multi-use recreational area on the South Shore, including walking trails and developing additional uses including a Disc golf course. Second project is a half basketball court on Sunset Beach. Reinecke asked for approval to proceed with conceptual and feasibility studies.

Evans moved to approve Friends request to pursue the concept of a south shore multi-use trail and encourage the further development of this concept by Friends of Lake Panorama. Final approval to be obtained from the LPA board of directors prior to any construction. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Evans moved to approve the Friends project for construction of half-court basketball court at Sunset Beach, contingent on Friends of Lake Panorama raising 100 percent of the funding for this project. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4b – Offer to purchase 30' wide section of land on south end of Boulder Beach, for combination with existing lot/home on adjacent Lot 1506

Russ Hawley presented an offer of \$40,000 to purchase a 30' wide section of land adjacent to existing owned lot 1506, plus all closing costs, including survey, abstracting, document preparation fee and closing costs.

Carothers moved to table this item to the next board meeting. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Schumacher moved to Agenda Item 4j.

Agenda Item 4j – Building Code change 2860 Boathouses: define maintenance vs. structural repair and establish rules for both

Bob Goldsmith spoke to the board regarding his boathouse, asking for approval of a permit to repair and rebuild his boathouse. The building committee was unable to approve, based on the request for structural change.

Excerpt from the Building Code Committee Minutes:

Rumelhart asked the committee for guidance on the direction of boathouse construction and maintenance at Lake Panorama. Rumelhart explained that members interpret the rule differently and the section in the Building Codes needs to be clarified. The issue is in 2860.2, where it states: "Any construction on existing boathouses will be for the purpose of maintenance of the boathouse with no structural changes, including change of roofline, allowed." Marckres agreed the rule offered no guidance on what was considered a structural change, and it should not be left up to interpretation of LPA Management. Rumelhart informed the committee it was his understanding the rule was placed to eventually eliminate boathouses at the lake. Brown disagreed and asked why LPA would prohibit members from spending money on a structure inherited with the lot. Brown believed if an engineer gave LPA written approval of the foundation of the boathouse that allowed a safe structure to be built, members should be able to build back a boathouse to the exact same dimensions as what was previously there. The entire committee agreed with Brown's point, and Schumacher added that we would not want to let anyone change a foundation, because we might as well let anyone build a brand-new boathouse. Rumelhart asked the committee if anyone were opposed to the addition or subtraction of windows and doors to a boathouse. Brown commented that LPA does not require a permit to add a window or door to a home, as that is not changing the roof pitch or footprint. Brown then made a motion to add verbiage to section 2860 in the LPA Building Codes to allow boathouse to be built back to the exact same dimensions, size and roof pitch pending a licensed engineer's approval of the foundation. Motion seconded by Miller and unanimously approved.

Carothers moved to table the rules discussion until the next meeting, by which time LPA management and attorney can rewrite the building codes regarding boathouses. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4c – Committee Appointments for 2021-2022 year

The board discussed the recommendation for committee appointments and Board members for each committee. Rutledge noted the board would need to

select two members of the board of directors to serve on each committee.

Building Committee/Term Expires

Andy Harrelson	2024
Jon Marckres	2024
John Miller	2023
Dirk Westercamp	2023
Terry Gebard	2023
Kent Brown	2022
Ken Powell	2022
Gary Evans	LPA Board Member
Julie Fulton	LPA Board Member

Water Safety Committee/Term Expires

Chad Tope	2024
Mike Appleseth	2024
Therese McConeghey	2023
Todd Nevenhoven	2023
Dale Behrends	2022
Todd Hyde	2022
Marina Tenant	Lyn Coulter Continuous
Emily Donovan	LPA Board Member
Jim Spradling	LPA Board Member

Land Sales Committee/Term Expires

Charles Schnack	2024
Bob Batschelet	2023
Kathleen DeLucca	2023
Tom Jeschke	2022
Maureen Lubeck	2022
MJ Carothers	LPA Board Member
Dave Finneseth	LPA Board Member

Appeals Committee/Term Expires

Mindy Larsen Poldberg	2024
Pam Johnson	2023
Dan York	2023
Linda Reis	2022
John McDermott	2022

Finneseth moved to approve the committee member appointments, as listed with term dates. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4d – Side lot Variance request, lot 374, 6324 Panorama Drive

Excerpt from the Building Code Committee Minutes:

Dale Behrends, owner of lot 374, requested a two-foot side lot variance to build stairs to a deck. The committee reviewed the plans for the deck as Behrends explained the stairs would block doors and windows if placed anywhere else on the home. Rumelhart pointed out that the lot next to Behrends was an LPA Community Area and would take 100% membership vote to sell the lot. Based on the fact that the proposed deck and stairs met all other requirements and LPA would still have sufficient access along the side lot area, Gebard made a motion to grant a two-foot side lot variance for lot 374. Motion seconded by Schumacher and unanimously approved.

Evans moved to approve variance request for two feet side lot setback variance for deck stairs, on lot 374, 6324 Panorama Drive, Dale & Laura Behrends. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4e – Fence Variance Request, 5112 Karen Drive, Promontory Point Condo

Excerpt from the Building Code Committee Minutes:

Chris and Brenda Duree at 5112 Karen Drive requested a variance to build a fence up to two feet taller than the 48-inch required fence in LPA Building Codes. Rumelhart pointed out that the Duree's home was part of the Promontory Point HOA and neighbored the Clover Ridge HOA. The Clover Ridge HOA engages in short-term rentals via a relationship with LPN, LLC. This allows more frequent rental than is experienced anywhere else, due to LPA's home rental rules. Durees also inherited a very tall retaining wall on the

edge of their property that could cause harm if someone unfamiliar with the area came across and fell over. Chris Duree pointed out that the terrain of the lot did not work well with a four-foot-tall fence, as the property drops off near the retaining wall and would need a higher fence to ensure privacy beyond the wall. Based on the fact the Duree condo is located in close proximity to LPN, LLC related lodging, Duree's privacy is restricted, and the retaining wall could pose a threat to a guest, Evans made a motion to grant a variance to allow for a fence up to six feet tall on the north side of 5112 Karen Drive, Promontory Point Condo. Motion seconded by Miller and unanimously approved.

Donovan moved to approve variance request to allow a six (6) foot tall fence on the north side of 5112 Karen Drive, Promontory Point Condo, Chris and Brenda Duree. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4f – Garage Door Variance request for detached garage, Parcel A of Lot 112, 6930 Donahey Drive

Excerpt from the Building Code Committee Minutes:

David Kruse with Grand Homes and Renovations represented Toby and Stephanie Geiger at 6930 Donahey Drive to request a variance for a garage door that was not a traditional overhead door. Kruse presented plans for swinging garage doors that met the size requirement of 8'x7' in LPA Building Codes. Rumelhart pointed out to the committee that the structure met all other guidelines in LPA's Building Codes, even though some members questioned the structure's true use as a garage. After further discussion, Westercamp made a motion to award a variance allowing swinging garage doors on the detached garage on Parcel A of Lot 112, 6930 Donahey Drive, as the doors were still aesthetically pleasing and met the size requirement of a regular eight-foot by seven-foot overhead door. Motion seconded by Powell and unanimously approved.

Evans moved to approve variance request for swinging garage doors on the detached garage on Parcel A of Lot 112, 6930 Donahey Drive, Toby & Stephanie Geiger. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4g – Building Codes addition 2901 Lighting Regulations – Prohibit flashing white lights from shore

Excerpt from the Building Code Committee Minutes:

Rumelhart asked the committee to look at some minor adjustments in three sections of the building codes.

The first section was to add a section under Lighting to prohibit white, flashing lights near shore with the exception of the Marina Lighthouse Jetty. Westercamp made a motion to approve the following language to prohibit white, flashing lights. Motion seconded by Powell and carried unanimously.

2901 Lighting Regulations: 2901.6 The use of white, flashing lights shall be reserved exclusively for LPA centerline lake buoys; the display of white, flashing lights from shore shall be strictly prohibited, with the exception of the marina lighthouse jetty. Members are responsible to ensure any lights displayed from shore are in good working order and that they cannot be reasonably mistaken for

an LPA centerline buoy.

Carothers moved to approve the following addition to the Building Codes. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

2901 Lighting Regulations: 2901.6 The use of white, flashing lights shall be reserved exclusively for LPA centerline lake buoys; the display of white, flashing lights from shore shall be strictly prohibited, with the exception of the marina lighthouse jetty. Members are responsible to ensure any lights displayed from shore are in good working order and that they cannot be reasonably mistaken for an LPA centerline buoy.

Agenda Item 4h – Building Codes addition 2802 & 2850 – Only storage sheds allowed on undeveloped lots

Excerpt from the Building Code Committee Minutes:

Rumelhart asked the committee to look at some minor adjustments in three sections of the building codes, second section review requested -

2802 Construction Types Prohibited: 2802.4 No building, other than a storage structure of 100 square feet or less, may be erected on any lot prior to the erection of a dwelling house.

2850 Gazebo Building Permit and Requirements: 2850.1 Only one gazebo or similar structure per lot. 2850.11 Gazebos may only be constructed on developed lots.

Donovan moved to approve adopting the following additions to the Building Codes regarding storage sheds and gazebos. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

2802 Construction Types Prohibited: 2802.4 No building, other than a storage structure of 100 square feet or less, may be erected on any lot prior to the erection of a dwelling house.

2850 Gazebo Building Permit and Requirements: 2850.1 Only one gazebo or similar structure per lot.

2850.11 Gazebos may only be constructed on developed lots.

Agenda Item 4i – Consider Building Code change to 2810 re: modular construction

Rumelhart asked the committee to look at some minor adjustments in three sections of the building codes, third section review requested -

Excerpt from the Building Code Committee Minutes:

Westercamp pointed out that the current codes allow residences to be stick built, modular, or log. Last meeting the committee voted to approve Insulated Concrete Forms (ICF). Westercamp felt that the term "modular" should be taken out of the codes, and stick built should be enhanced to read: "stick built stud construction." Rumelhart noted that modular homes can be pre-built with studs. Westercamp agreed with Rumelhart but felt "modular" could represent other building types that should not be allowed at LPA. With no further discussion, Miller made a motion to eliminate "modular" and add "stick built stud construction" to section 2810.0 of the LPA Building Codes. Motion seconded by Westercamp and unanimously approved.

Rutledge recommended the board table this recommendation from the Building Codes committee until further study can be completed by LPA management and the LPA attorney.

Spradling moved to table discussion on modular restrictions. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4k – Rule change 5.1(t) Prohibit self-powered hydrofoils and surfboards

From the Water Safety committee meeting minutes:

Rutledge proposed a rule change to 5.1(t) to add self-powered hydrofoils and surfboards to the prohibited activities list. Appleseth mentioned these types of watercraft require a lot of practice and pose a threat to other boaters as members fall off these pieces of equipment. Visibility was also noted as a serious point of safety concern. Behrends made a motion to approve the following rule change to 5.1(t), effectively banning self-powered hydrofoils and surfboards. Motion seconded by Tope and carried unanimously. (Strikethrough deleted and Underline added.)

5.1 (t) Prohibited Activities: Any authorized vessel operating on the lake shall not use any glider kits, motorized glider, kites, parasails, kite tubes, flyboards or like objects in connection with said use of vessel.

To ensure safe use of Lake Panorama, LPA prohibits the use of glider kits, self-powered gliders, kites, parasails, kite tubes, flyboards, self-powered hydrofoils, self-powered surfboards or like objects.

Spradling moved to approve the update to the LPA rules on Prohibited Activities as follows. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

5.1 (t) Prohibited Activities: Any authorized vessel operating on the lake shall not use any glider kits, motorized glider, kites, parasails, kite tubes, flyboards or like objects in connection with said use of vessel.

To ensure safe use of Lake Panorama, LPA prohibits the use of glider kits, self-powered gliders, kites, parasails, kite tubes, flyboards, self-powered hydrofoils, self-powered surfboards or like objects.

Agenda Item 4l – Rule addition 5.6 Prohibit deicers and bubblers around docks and lifts in winter

From the Water Safety committee meeting minutes:

Aerators were present during the 2020-2021 winter season, which caused concern from the membership. Appleseth mentioned the devices are a threat to winter recreation such as snowmobiles and ice fishermen. Rutledge asked the committee to make a motion to prohibit aerators and deicers in rule 5.6(c). Behrends made a motion to approve the following rule change to 5.6(c), which will prohibit aerators and deicers during the winter season. Motion seconded by Nevenhoven and carried unanimously. (Strikethrough deleted and Underline added.)

5.6 LAKE USAGE / PROPERTY RIGHTS ISSUES: 5.6(c) The use of bubblers or deicers around docks and lifts is prohibited. This rule shall not apply to LPA or Rural Improvement Zone operations.

Carothers moved to approve the following update to the LPA rules on lake usage of bubblers or deicers. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

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Agenda Item 5a – Rule change 5.5 Invasive spe-

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RECIPE

A PERFECT PAIRING FOR SUMMER SUPPER

BY JOLENE GOODMAN

(Family Features)
Few moments make summers quite as special as family meals, whether you're soaking up the sun's rays on the patio or beating the heat at the dining room table. You can make evenings the highlight of the day with loved ones by centering dinner around the flavors of the season.

Fish, for example, is a popular choice for many with its lighter texture and a flavor profile that's easily paired with a variety of veggies. These Blackened Salmon Sliders with Pickled Beet Relish can feed a family in a fun, handheld way with Aunt Nellie's Pickled Beets serving as a perfect partner for the fish fillets.

To find more summer-inspired meal ideas perfect for sharing with family and friends, visit readsalads.com and auntnellies.com. ■

Jolene Goodman is the advertising director for Lake Panorama Times.



Jolene Goodman

Blackened salmon sliders with pickled beet relish

Recipe courtesy of tarateaspoon.com

Prep time: 40 minutes

Yield: 12 sliders (2 per serving)

- 4 single-serve cups Aunt Nellie's Diced Pickled Beets
- 1 finely chopped scallion (about 2 tablespoons)
- 1/2 cup shredded radishes
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1/2 cup finely crumbled feta cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 2 teaspoons chopped oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt, plus additional, to taste, divided
- 1 pinch ground black pepper
- 2 pounds salmon fillets, skinless
- 3 tablespoons blackened seasoning
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 12 slider buns
- 1 cup baby arugula

- Drain beets well. In medium bowl, combine diced beets, scallions and radishes. Set aside.
- In small bowl, combine yogurt, feta, parsley and



- oregano. Stir in 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt and black pepper. Set aside.
- Cut salmon into 12 roughly 2 1/2-inch squares, about 1/2-inch thick. Slice thick parts of fillets in half to make thinner, if needed.
- Sprinkle fillets with salt, to taste, on both sides. Sprinkle evenly with blackened seasoning until well coated.

- Heat nonstick skillet or cast-iron pan over medium heat and add oil. Add salmon, in batches if needed, and cook, turning once, until salmon is crisped and almost cooked through, about 1 1/2 minutes per side. Remove and let rest.
- Spread each slider bun with about 1 tablespoon yogurt sauce. Layer arugula, salmon and beet relish on each slider and serve.

LPN RECEIVES SUPPORT FROM GRANITE CLUB MEMBERS

New members are the Kluster Klub, Lake Panorama Realty and The Trash Man.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

In 2008, 12 businesses made monetary or in-kind contributions to Lake Panorama National to support the construction of Spikes, the snack and restroom facility located near the first tee. In exchange, the businesses received a granite sponsorship sign on an LPN tee box. Several have maintained their annual sponsorship since.

Five original Granite Club members who renewed for 2021 now are in their 13th year supporting LPN. These are Panora Telco on the third hole; Guthrie County State Bank & GCSB Investment Center on hole five; Exterior Sheet Metal on the eighth hole; Bryton Insurance on the ninth hole; and Total Financial Solutions on the 15th hole.

New members for 2021 are the Kluster Klub, which is made up of a group of LPN supporters, and is on the second hole; Lake

Panorama Realty on the 11th hole; and The Trash Man on No. 14.

Lake Panorama Barge joined the Granite Club in 2020, is featured on the 7th hole, and renewed for 2021.

Minnesota Cabinets is on the 18th hole and has been a member for three years. Five members joined in 2018 and are in their fourth years. These are R&K Bristle Farms on the first hole; Iowa Trust & Savings Bank on No. 4; Hawley Insurance on the sixth hole; and Robert Carr Insurance Agency-State Farm on No. 16.

Two members joined in 2017 and have renewed annually. These are Jensen Sanitation on No. 13 and Tometich Engineering on the 17th hole.

Just two holes remain available for sponsorship – 10 and 12. Annual sponsorships are \$500. New sponsors also are asked to pay the cost of the sign, which is \$350.

Granite Club members receive a free round of golf for a foursome, including

carts, when they purchase or renew their annual membership. Club members also are recognized on the LPN website and in the LPN Resort Weekly e-newsletter.

Granite Club membership isn't restricted to businesses. Individuals, couples or groups are welcome to become club members, showing their support and appreciation for Lake Panorama National. All money raised is used for improvements at LPN.

Details of the Granite Club, along with a request form for more information, can be found on the LPN website at lakepanoram-anational.com. Or call Royce Shaffer, LPN operations manager, at 641-755-2080. ■

A new member of the LPN Granite Club for 2021 is Lake Panorama Realty. The sign is posted on the tee marker on the 11th hole at Lake Panorama National.



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cies quarantine period for used lifts and docks

From the Water Safety committee meeting minutes:

At the May Board of Directors Meeting, LPA's rule on Invasive Species protection was reviewed. Rutledge explained our current rule, 5.5(h) requires members to bring used lifts, docks, or similar items to Lake Panorama and sit out for the winter season before being placed in the lake. With the shortage of steel across the country, local vendors are struggling to provide members with new lifts. This has led to members searching for lifts outside of the Lake Panorama Community. With lifts being brought in from lakes with known invasives, Larsen and Rumelhart were looking for direction from the Board on how to handle going forward. Rutledge recommended an adjustment to the rule, which would allow the lifts to enter Lake Panorama following a successful inspection by LPA and completion of a 30-day quarantine period. This period would start once the lift has been inspected and approved by LPA Management. Behrends made a motion to approve the following rule change to 5.5(h), which will allow boat lifts, docks, or similar structures to enter Lake Panorama after a successful inspection by LPA and a 30-day quarantine period. Motion seconded by McConeghey and carried unanimously. (Strikethrough deleted and Underline added.)

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have the right to require the member drill drainage holes in select locations of the equipment to ensure the equipment is not retaining water within the internal components of the structure.

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Evans moved to approve the following update to the LPA rules on Invasive Species Protection, adding quarantine option. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

(Strikethrough deleted and Underline added.)

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able quarantine location.

Schumacher moved to Agenda item 7

Agenda Item 7 – Other Business – Request to use goats for vegetation management on LPA property

Steve Jayne and Karen Shaff requested the Board consider the “Goats on the Go” be allowed on lake lots to maintain vegetation. Rutledge advised the board he had denied their request based upon his understanding of the LPA covenants. Rutledge asked the board to review his interpretation and confirm or correct his decision.

Williams, legal counsel, advised the board the LPA Covenants state “No animals or fowl shall be kept or maintained on said lots except customary household pets in reasonable numbers.” In his legal opinion, this covenant prohibits the keeping of livestock on-property, even if it is for a short period of time.

Based upon legal counsel guidance, the board confirmed management's denial of the Jayne/Shaff request.

Rutledge discussed request from member regarding fireworks. Paul Davis called and requested permission to shoot fireworks from South Shore on July 4. Rutledge noted Davis annually obtains a permit from Guthrie County for use on his own property, and his neighbor's property. Rutledge advised Davis that he is free to launch from his own property, but LPA does not allow members to launch fireworks from LPA-owned property. The only exception is for members who coordinate a show in advance and use a fully-insured fireworks company. Rutledge asked the board to confirm or correct his decision to deny Davis' request.

The Board confirmed management's denial of Davis' request, noting fireworks cannot be set from LPA property without proper permits and approved authorization by LPA.

Agenda Item 6 – Closed Session – The board entered closed session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Board exited closed session at 7:05 p.m.

Adjourn - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m. ■

ORIENTATION SESSION AUG. 14 FOR NEW LPA MEMBERS

Invitations were mailed to new property owners who purchased at Lake Panorama within the last 18 months.

The second Lake Panorama 101 session will be Saturday, Aug. 14 from 10-11 a.m. in the dining room at the Lake Panorama National Conference Center. Refreshments will be available.

The idea for Lake Panorama 101 came from a group of volunteers who believed there should be an organized, face-to-face opportunity to welcome new property owners to Lake Panorama. The first session was held June 18, with more than 30 people in attendance.

Topics covered during the presentation portion will be the Lake Panorama Association, Lake Panorama National, amenities available to LPA members, and resources for learning more and getting involved. There will be time for questions.

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property owners who purchased at Lake Panorama within the last 18 months. Yet the Lake Panorama 101 sessions aren't limited to those who receive invitations or who are new property owners. Any LPA member interested is welcome to attend.


The book “Lake Panorama – The First 50 Years” will be available for purchase at a cost of \$35. The full-color, hardcover book includes both historic and contemporary photos. Book chapters describe six decades of planning and development. There are special topic chapters on Lake Panorama's two golf courses, infrastructure and water quality efforts.

Those planning to attend the Aug. 14 session are asked to RSVP by calling the LPN front desk during daytime business hours at 641-755-2080. ■

GIANT FLAG PART OF JULY 4 CELEBRATION



For the fourth year in a row, a giant American flag was created on the lawn of Lyle and Paula Hansen's Lake Panorama home to help celebrate the Fourth of July. Their son, Chip Hansen, is the mastermind behind what has become an annual tradition. The flag is made to scale and is five times the size of a standard 3-foot x 5-foot flag. Chip prepped the site by mowing the grass July 1. On July 2, Chip, Lyle and three of Chip's friends started on the flag, using a commercial paint sprayer to apply the white. Spray cans were used for the red and blue colors. The process of measuring and staking out the flag, sprayer set-up and paint drying time took about six hours. Drone photo taken by Andy Harrelson.



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It's all about inflation. Social Security cost of living adjustments (COLA) are based on the consumer price index, which rose 5.4% in June — its largest 12-month increase since 2008. The official announcement is expected in October and, once it's confirmed, the revised payment will go into effect in January 2022.

More than 65 million Americans receive Social Security, and the annual cost of living adjustments

are designed to help recipients manage higher costs. At the start of 2021, recipients saw a 1.3% increase.

Social Security can be confusing. One survey found only 6% of Americans know all the factors that determine the maximum benefits someone can receive. If you have any questions, please reach out. We have a number of resources and tools at our fingertips to help our clients maximize their social security benefits.




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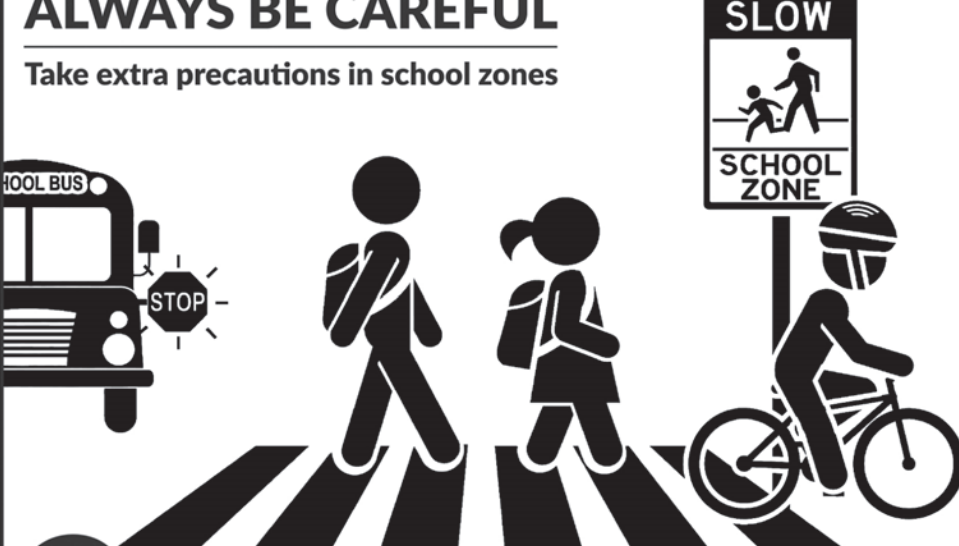
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Friday, Aug. 13, Friday, Aug. 27 5 p.m.
Panorama West
www.lakepanoramanational.com
This two-couple scramble with fun twists and strategies will be held Aug. 13 and Aug. 27. Play begins at 5 p.m. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m., with couples asked to arrive early to learn about that week's event, get hole assignments, and pay the \$1 per couple entry fee. Those who aren't Panorama West annual golf members also will need to pay green fees. No preregistration is necessary,



but those who need a cart should call the Panorama West pro shop at 641-755-2250 to reserve. Entry fees are returned as prize money as players gather on the deck after the round. For more information, contact Bill and Karen Eby at 515-480-4633.

Aquarobics classes
Monday, Aug. 16, Wednesday, Aug. 18, Monday, Aug. 23, Wednesday, Aug. 25, Monday, Aug. 30, Wednesday, Sept. 1 9:30 a.m.
www.lakepanoramanational.com
Aquarobics classes are offered every Monday and Wednesday at the Lake Panorama National Resort pool. Classes begin at 9:30 a.m. and are free of charge to Lake Panorama National Resort pool members. Those who haven't purchased an annual LPN pool membership will need to pay the \$3 daily fee in the LPN pro shop before entering the pool. No signup needed.

Open house and dedication
Friday, Aug. 20 4:30-6:30 p.m.; remarks at 5:30 p.m.
A plaque will be unveiled commemorating the 6:6 Girls Basketball All Star Series held in Guthrie Center from 1985-1990.

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www.lakepanoramanational.com



First day of school
Monday, Aug. 23
www.panoramaschools.org

Panora City Council meeting
Monday, Aug. 23 6:30 p.m.
www.cityofpanora.com

LPA monthly board meeting
Tuesday, Aug. 24 5 p.m.
Lake Panorama National
www.lakepanorama.org
If you want to learn about land sales, roof pitch variances and general updates from Lake Panorama operations, then be sure to attend the LPA monthly board meeting.

OUT & ABOUT



Caleb Pelzer, age 8, recently caught this crappie on the shoreline of Party Cove and released it back.



Tracy Welberg sent these photos of sand castles created by kids on Boulder Beach.

COFFEE WITH THE GM

Seal coating, boat permits, emerald ash borers and more.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

At a July 29 "Coffee with the GM," John Rutledge, LPA general manager and LPN, LLC director of operations, provided an update on three entities — the Lake Panorama Association, Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ), and Lake Panorama National Resort.

For the LPA, Rutledge said seal coating of 4.38 miles of roads on Lake Panorama's west side is complete. Because of issues with oil bleeding through in hot weather, the seal coat vendor recommended using an alternative product that costs more but is less prone to bleed-through and tar splatter.

"We're pleased with this new product and think this adjustment will help us get the tar splatter issue under control," Rutledge said. "Bleed through may still be an issue in very hot weather, but we're already seeing signs that this will be an improvement."

Seal coating is expected to be done in late August on the east side.

"Sometimes a late summer application also causes problems because the pea gravel doesn't adhere as well in cooler temperatures," he said. "But this new product is expected to be better for this, as well."

Rutledge said the maintenance staff now is raking the three beaches twice a week to remove goose manure and debris.

"Our beach grooming equipment does a good job of picking up these items, while also aerating the sand. It's not perfect, but doing this twice a week, rather than just once a week, is making a difference," he said.

Dead fish are being found in some areas of the lake, attributed to blue-green algae. Rutledge said the LPA continues to monitor blue-green algae in the lake.

"Dry weather and clear water have created ideal conditions for a 'bloom' of blue-green algae," he said. "This has happened earlier

than normal, and it's happening across Iowa, not just at Lake Panorama."

Rutledge said the LPA will continue to test for microcystin concentrations in blue-green algae blooms. Tests are conducted weekly and LPA will issue notices for any swimming advisories that are warranted. He encouraged the use of common sense, such as keeping dogs from drinking lake water in areas of heavy bloom. If conditions look scummy or the water appears like paint, swimming and water recreation should be avoided.

The number of boat stickers sold to members each year is something the LPA board and staff tracks.

"We don't want to see a substantial increase in boat stickers annually because of boat density concerns," Rutledge said. "We need to protect the lake space for the safe enjoyment of our members."

Through July, there were 1,332 permits for boats with motors over 10 horsepower, compared to 1,298 in 2020. The number of jet skis was down eight, with the number of small fishing boats unchanged from 2020. Boat stickers for kayaks and similar low-impact vessels increased from 1,097 in 2020 to 1,134 this year.

Deer hunting rules for this fall will remain the same. Last year 116 non-antlered deer were harvested by 90 hunters. Rutledge said of those hunters, about three-fourths were LPA members and the remaining were guests.

"This program is working really well at keeping the deer population at Lake Panorama in balance," he said.

New buoys that have improved readability and visibility are receiving good feedback from LPA members. Rutledge said the LPA spent \$10,000 this year on taller buoys and new stickers for existing buoys, and

he expects to transition to the taller buoys throughout the lake in the future.

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"This will create a well-defined separation between the two spillways, to ensure water going over the emergency spillway doesn't impact the concrete spillway," he said.

Turning to RIZ, Rutledge reported the 2021 dredging program is going well. RIZ funding is being used to riprap the west side of the Burchfield stream and create a "bench" that will allow an excavator to dredge sediment in that area.

RIZ also is financing some

erosion repair work along the road near the county basin, and a new fuel tank and cold storage shed at the dredge dock. Plans to raise the sides of the CIPCO sediment basin are in the works.

At Lake Panorama National, Rutledge said the golf side of the business is doing well. The food and beverage side is more of a challenge, because of the many job openings for servers and kitchen support.

"We have some really talented people on board now, but we're still short-staffed," he said. "We're concerned about burning out our good employees, which is why the LPN restaurant continues to be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays."

A contractor has been hired to build a wall along the north end of the pond on LPN's fifth hole, with work planned for this fall. The approach area between the green and the pond has been deteriorating. It's believed building a vertical wall will be more effective than the usual rock riprap.

The hole may be out-of-play for a couple of weeks as this work is done.

Rutledge said emerald ash borers have reached the area, and LPA soon will need to budget for the removal of dead ash trees. Some success has been shown with a chemical treatment done every two years by a certified specialist. He said the LPA chose to have about 100 trees in "critical locations" treated.

"We'll probably lose about 400 ash trees located on the two golf courses, three beaches and the marina area," Rutledge said. "That will be more than our staff can handle, so we'll contract with an outside vendor to remove the dead trees. We believe the cost to remove trees could be substantial and will do our best to absorb this into our budget in phases."

The next GM coffee will be Thursday, Sept. 2, beginning at 10:30 a.m., at the Lake Panorama National conference center. ■

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NEW WATER SAFETY VIDEO

An ongoing goal of LPA security and the water safety committee has been to better understand the demographics of those who violate LPA boating regulations. One trend observed by LPA water patrol is a high number of violations committed by personal water craft (PWC) and boat operators who are operating a member vessel, but who are inexperienced operating a vessel on Lake Panorama. In other words, new and guest operators represent a large percentage of LPA water enforcement interactions.

The LPA water safety committee set a goal of developing a brief, educational video that could be used by LPA members before they allow guests to operate their vessels. This video now has been created by Todd Hyde, a member of the LPA water safety committee, who also served as the committee chair from 2019 to 2021.

Hyde describes the video as a "labor of love." Having been active at Lake Panorama since 1989, Hyde wanted to give back to the association and provide members an effective tool they could use to educate their guests before allowing them to captain a boat or operate a PWC. The video is available on YouTube and can be found at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kTqgEQxeoM> ■

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WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S IN PANORA IN SEPTEMBER

Fundraising events are held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide.



BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

For the first time, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's will be held in Panora. These fundraising events are held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide and constitute the world's largest fundraiser for Alzheimer's care, support and research.

One in three seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia. More than six million Americans are living with the disease. In 2021, Alzheimer's cost the United States \$355 billion, a number that is projected to rise to more than \$1.1 trillion in 2050.

There are 18 walks scheduled in Iowa this fall, with Panora being the smallest town to host one. Others are in cities such as Ames, Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Iowa City, Mason City, Ottumwa, Sioux City, Spencer and more.

The walk is Saturday, Sept. 11. It begins at the Michael Mills Memorial Park at Southeast 5th Street in Panora and is titled the Raccoon River Valley Walk. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with a special ceremony at 9 a.m. The opening ceremony will immediately be followed by the 2-mile walk.

On Aug. 1, there were nine teams with 34 participants registered for the Raccoon River Valley Walk. A fundraising goal of \$12,500 has been set for this event, and nearly half



The Lakeside Village 2021 Walk to End Alzheimer's team delivered \$1,532 in late July to the Alzheimer's Association of Iowa. As of Aug. 1, the Lakeside team that will be walking in Panora Sept. 11 had raised \$4,011 and had 22 team members.

of that had been raised by Aug. 1.

Edwards Jones is a national presenting sponsor of the Walk to End Alzheimer's. Dave Grove, an Edward Jones financial advisor based in Panora, and Melissa Loest, an Edward Jones financial advisor in Guthrie Center, were instrumental in getting the local walk scheduled.

"Alzheimer's is a disease that affects almost every family," says Grove. "We lost my grandmother, Kay, to Alzheimer's in early 2019, and my family will be walking in her memory as Team Kay Grove. The walk is a great opportunity to raise up families who are impacted by the disease, and we look forward to the first survivor."

Grove says even though the Iowa/Iowa State football game is Sept. 11

at 3:30 p.m., he hopes those planning to head to Ames for the game still will participate in the morning walk.

"I can't think of a better way to start a football Saturday than by coming out and helping make the world a better place," he says.

In addition to Edward Jones, the Lakeside Village in Panora and the New Homestead in Guthrie Center have been key supporters.

"Lakeside has always participated in the Des Moines walk, but this year we are honored to support an issue so close to hearts right here in Panora," says Amanda Creen, Lakeside's director. "We are working with the Alzheimer's Association of Central Iowa to encourage local businesses and community mem-

bers to sign up to walk by starting a team." Or, Creen says those interested can join The Lakeside Village team at <https://bndfr.com/Qr4g3>.

The New Homestead also has been a key supporter of the walk, both financially and with their time. Grove says former employee Nancy Wells and current manager Mel Borgeson have volunteered countless hours to prepare and organize the event. Jaime Waddle of Panora Telco also has been a key force in the planning.

While there is no fee to register for the walk, all participants are encouraged to raise funds that allow the Alzheimer's Association to provide 24/7 care and support and advance research toward methods of prevention, treatment and, ul-

timately, a cure. The Alzheimer's Association is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Every registered participant who achieves the fundraising minimum of \$100 will receive an official Walk to End Alzheimer's T-shirt via USPS. To receive a shirt in time for the walk, participants must raise the T-shirt minimum at least four weeks prior to the event.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the Sept. 11 walk, or who would like to start a team, join an existing team, or make a donation, can get more information and register online at <https://act.alz.org> and enter the Panora zip code of 50216. Or contact Natalie Rork, 515-512-9101, narork@alz.org. ■

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Army vet stops at Lake Panorama.



Alex Seling and Jillian Ortner are shown on the Ortner family dock located in the Narrows on Lake Panorama. Seling is hiking across the United States to raise money for military veteran suicide prevention and spent three nights at the Ortner home after walking nearby trails during the day.



Alex Seling spent three nights at the Steve and Jillian Ortner home on Lake Panorama in July. Jillian would pick him up at the end of a day of walking then deliver him back to the same spot the next morning. Here Seling is being left about 10 miles east of Audubon, armed with Casey’s doughnuts.

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BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

A chance meeting in California in 2017 between two U.S. Army veterans led to one visiting the other at Lake Panorama for three nights in July. But this second meeting wasn't by chance; it was part of a much larger story.

Alex Seling is a U.S. Army veteran whose home is in California. He served as a combat medic with the 25th Infantry

Division, 2-27 Wolfhounds and deployed to Iraq in 2008.

“For years after leaving the military, I struggled with severe depression, anxiety and insomnia, eventually leading to serious suicidal thoughts,” Seling says. “In 2017, I’d finally had enough suffering, so I decided to do something different that would force me to grow and transform into a healthier, happier person.”

That “something different” was to hike the 2,650-mile Pacific Crest Trail, from Mexico to Canada over a period of seven months. It was outside a general store in Kennedy Meadows, which is known as the gateway to the Sierra Nevada, that he talked with Jillian Ortner, who now lives at Lake Panorama. Ortner grew up in California and was in the area with family members.

“We grab ice cream there when we take a day to be in Kennedy Meadows,” she says. “I saw a few hikers, restocking and resting, and I asked what they were doing. Alex gave me his card, explained why he was hiking, and was on his way. I thought it was a very cool thing he was doing, and I’ve followed him on Instagram ever since.”

Ortner also is an Army veteran, serving four years in Louisiana, Kuwait, Germany and Iraq, where she was stationed for the initial invasion. She

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empathized with some of the feelings Seling expressed about feeling lost and unsettled after her Army discharge.

Seling says hiking the Pacific Crest Trail ended up being much more than he expected.

“It brought me more joy and fulfillment than anything I had ever done in my life,” he says. “The journey tested me constantly and forced me to grow as a person in order to break through new challenges.”

Once back home, Seling says he handled challenges much differently than he had before his journey.

“I now had the courage and confidence to face challenges head on,” he says. “Instead of feeling stuck and hopeless, I fought for better outcomes and followed through making important changes and difficult decisions.”

Seling started a job that paid well and he enjoyed.

“I found I was much happier, loving, and accepting of people and new situations. I had more joy in my life,” he says.

Three years after returning from his hike of the Pacific Crest Trail, Seling says he felt called to take on an even greater challenge, hiking across the United States on the American Discovery Trail (ADT).

“Knowing the positive effects this type of adventure can have on a person, I decided to dedicate this hike to raise funds for other veterans to go on similar long-distance adventures,” he says. “I know from experience that, for many veterans living on the brink of suicide, embarking on a long-distance adventure could transform their lives.”

Thus was born “Alex’s Coast to Coast Hike for Veteran Suicide Prevention.” He started in late December 2020 on a beach in Delaware. That was followed by difficult winter weather in West Virginia, where he used snowshoes to walk through knee-deep snow and sometimes across snow drifts 6 to 8 feet tall.

“Ohio was tough, as there was a lot more wilderness, and the trail was really overgrown,” he says. Next was Indiana and Illinois, before crossing



Alex Seling preparing to start another day of hiking near Coon Rapids.

the Mississippi River into Iowa at Davenport June 9. He soon became ill and spent more than a week in a hotel in Muscatine, recovering and resting.

“When I saw on Instagram he was hiking the American Discovery Trail, I reached out,” says Ortner. Since Seling is hiking the northern route of the trail, she knew he would be going through Iowa and close to Lake Panorama. She offered housing and food for the stretch of trail in the Guthrie County area.

The ADT is a series of much shorter trails, many of them rails to trails, especially in Iowa. That means Seling didn’t hike a straight line across the state. From Davenport, he worked his way north to Waterloo, before heading back south to Des Moines. That’s where he got on the Raccoon River Valley Trail.

Ortner picked him up south of Yale late in the day on July 7. After an overnight stay with her and her

family, she delivered him back to the same spot the next morning. That evening, she picked him up near Coon Rapids and returned him to the trail there the morning of July 9. She picked him up again that evening, and once again returned him to the trail the next morning, about 10 miles east of Audubon. Seling crossed into Nebraska July 19.

In an interview at the Ortner home July 8, Seling reflected on his time so far in Iowa.

“There is a big bike culture here, which means Iowa has a lot of nice, paved trails,” he said. “And I’ve learned Iowa is hillier and more scenic than both Illinois and Indiana.”

Seling carries a small tent, backpack and a ukulele bass he enjoys playing in the evening. He started out cooking meals as he camped along the trail but found it was easier to rely on bagels with tuna, protein bars, and food picked up at convenience stores. Occasionally, he treats him-

self to a restaurant meal.

Sometime in November, Seling’s 4,800-mile trek will end in Pt. Reyes National Seashore in California. Between Iowa and there, he will walk through Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Nevada and California. When he first started, he was walking 12-15 miles a day, but now tries to average 20-25 miles. Seling says this pace is necessary to get him through mountain passes to the west before winter weather gets too bad.

His website is www.alexanderseling.com. That’s where information about the two nonprofits he is raising money for can be found and donations made. Eighty percent of all donations go to Warrior Expeditions, which specializes in long-distance adventures for veterans.

“Their programs are perfect for those who are new to this type of adventure, as they outfit veterans with everything they need to embark on long-distance hiking, cycling, or

kayaking adventures,” Seling says.

“They provide top-of-the-line gear, orientation and training, a monthly allowance, and coordinated assistance with local supporters.”

The remaining 20 percent goes to Mission 22, a nonprofit that helps veterans in many different ways, such as comprehensive health programs, fitness, martial arts, outdoor recreation, community and other creative methods.

While Seling spent a year saving money for this trip, contributions to help pay for his personal expenses also are welcome. Some donors provide regular support and are rewarded with early access to his videos, adventure journals and photos.

In addition to his website, it’s easy to track Seling’s hike across America on social media, where he has a presence on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. ■

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Rob Riggins, LPN head golf professional, helps these golfers get a feel for the follow through they need to learn to be good putters.



David Van Ahn oversees a group of junior golfers working on pitching and chipping.



Mike Kleinwolverink, LPN pro shop manager, works with one of the junior golf school participants on the driving range.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

A total of 42 young golfers participated in the 2021 Lake Panorama National Junior Golf School. Two sessions with four weeks each were offered in June and July with a final event held at Panorama West. There

the juniors played a few holes before being treated to a pizza party and gift bag. Young people ages 5 to 17 are eligible to attend the annual school. The juniors learn full swing, pitching, chipping and putting fundamentals along with golf etiquette and rules of golf. Participants are

divided into age groups and rotate between the putting green, chipping area and driving range. At the end of the hour, the juniors head to Spikes to choose a free drink. Rob Riggins, LPN head golf professional, and Michael Kleinwolverink, LPN pro shop manager, led the golf school. Assisting were several past

and current players from the Panorama High School boys golf team and other LPN staff. David Van Ahn, who retired this spring after coaching the Panorama boys golf team for several years, also volunteered his time for the junior golfers. The Junior School has two sponsors that have supported the school for

many years — the Lake Panorama Association and Guthrie County State Bank. Sponsor funds made it possible to give each junior golfer a gift bag on the final day of each four-week session, filled with a \$15 LPN gift card, a free round of golf at Panorama West, three sleeves of golf balls and a bag of golf tees. ■

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LPN WOMEN’S LEAGUE RAISES \$7,000 FOR TORI’S ANGELS

Foundation provides financial support to Iowa children with life-threatening medical challenges.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

On July 15, the usual Lake Panorama National women's league night turned into a Rally for Tori's Angels. The result was a donation of \$7,104 being presented to the Tori's Angels Foundation, which provides financial support to Iowa children with life-threatening medical challenges.

This is the fifth year for this event. The evening included a nine-hole, four-gal best-shot tournament, with 66 players participating in games and fundraising events on the golf course.

The winning team of Linda Reis, Carla Fitzgerald and Kathy DeLucia ended their round with a 29. Pin events were closest to the beach on the first hole, won by Carrie Mary; hitting inside the halo on the third hole — Katelyn Brelsford, Carla Fitzgerald and Laura Tofteland, and closest to the pin on the third hole, Laura Tofteland.

The foundation's namesake is Tori Heckman of Panorama, who had life-saving heart surgery in 2011 at the age of 5 after several other heart surgeries. Ten years later, the foundation has provided assistance to 83 children, with four new applications

pending.

After golf there was a silent auction and a presentation by Bill Ridgley, president and CEO of the Tori's Angels Foundation.

"Our biggest challenge is there are more children who need help than we can support," he said. "We're really just scratching the surface of the needs families have when a child has a serious illness."

He said about 60 percent of sponsored children are battling cancer. Others have heart or lung issues, or a variety of other serious health concerns. Sponsorship of a child can begin at birth, with sponsored children aging out at 19.

Ridgley said the foundation's budget for the current year is \$340,000. "If insurance doesn't cover something needed, we do," he said. "Sometimes children need to go to another state for treatment, so we pay for airfare and hotel rooms for their parents to get to and from as needed."

Ridgley stressed all money donated to the foundation goes to supporting sponsored children and their families. No foundation expenses are taken from donations; instead, members of the foundation board cover all operating expenses.

The work of the foundation is done

by volunteers. Kathy Klinge, who lives at Lake Panorama, was introduced as the Tori's Angels volunteer coordinator. Ridgley said the foundation has about 40 volunteers scattered around Iowa, but they could use more, especially in Guthrie County.

Ridgley closed by thanking the LPN women's league for organizing the fundraiser and those in attendance who helped make it a success.

"Our kids say thanks, too," he said.

A member of the LPN women's league, Lorrie Motsick, said the granddaughter of one of her cousins is receiving support from Tori's Angels. Motsick said she recently held a garage sale, donated the \$1,000 proceeds to the foundation, and encouraged others to look for ways to support the foundation.

Jordan Douglass, a recent Panorama high school graduate and member of the LPN women's league, provided entertainment with her award-winning dance routine.

The LPN women's league board got the fundraising ball rolling with a \$500 donation. Money raised at the July 15 event included the purchase of donated silent auction items, activities on the golf course, the sale of raffle tickets for six centerpieces, the sale of Tori's Angels T-shirts, and direct donations.



Bill Ridgley, president and CEO of Tori's Angels Foundation, speaks at the July 15 LPN women's league fundraiser. Looking on is Becky Rolfes, who chaired the committee for the event.

Becky Rolfes chaired the event planning committee, which also included Nancy Clawson, Mare Langel, Sherri Miller, Carol Redshaw and Julie Tibbles.

"Over the years, I've been involved in many fundraisers for different causes," said Rolfes. "This one, for children with life threatening illnesses, seems to bring out the most generous spirit in everyone. One-hundred-percent of all costs incurred, facilities used and items

sold were freely given. This allows us to donate all of the funds raised to Tori's Angels."

Donations can be mailed at any time to Tori's Angels Foundation, 4677 Panorama Drive, Panorama, Iowa, 50216. Online donation options are available on the foundation's website, www.torisangels.org, and its Facebook page. To request an application for support for a child, contact Ridgley at bridgley@netins.net or 712-249-6423. ■

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BENCHES AT BEACHES

Memorials can be purchased for a loved one or by those who want to leave their mark on Lake Panorama while they are alive.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

A survey conducted by Friends of Lake Panorama in April 2019 showed LPA member interest in additional amenities at Lake Panorama’s beaches. This led to Friends promoting high quality benches at beaches to some families looking for options to memorialize a loved one. In 2019, a metal bench on a concrete slab was installed at Boulder Beach, in memory of Kim Lubeck. This spring, a metal swinging bench was installed at the Boulder Beach playground, in memory of Bill Priestley. Another metal swinging bench was installed at Sunset Beach, on concrete, in memory of Lois and Dean Porath. A stationary metal bench also was installed on concrete at Sunset Beach, in memory of Courtney Allen Sr.

LPA and Friends personnel have worked together to identify locations at all three beaches for these heavier metal benches, either stationary or swinging, with final placement determined prior to installation. Each would be placed on a concrete pad. For instance, the area behind the new Boulder Beach wall is suitable for four or five concrete pads with a bench on each.

The Friends board has endorsed this “Benches at Beaches” project. The current cost of either a stationary or swinging bench on a concrete slab is \$3,200. In keeping with the colors used for new playground equipment, bench colors available are blue and green.

These benches can be purchased either as a memorial for a loved one, or by those who want to leave their mark on Lake Panorama while they are alive. The benches include signs that can be engraved with up to four lines of text.

Friends will not be conducting a general fundraising campaign. Instead, this Benches at Beaches project targets individuals, couples and families interested in sponsoring a single bench. The goal is to find sponsors for several benches before installation would occur, which would mean a cost savings on concrete pours and possibly reduced shipping costs.

Those interested in discussing the sponsorship of a bench at one of Lake Panorama’s three beaches can email staff@friendsoflakepanorama.org, or call Susan Thompson at 515-240-6536. ■

BILL PRIESTLEY MEMORIAL BENCH

A green swinging bench was installed earlier this year in the mulched area of the Boulder Beach playground. Placed at an angle, it provides a nice view of both the two playground areas and Lake Panorama. The bench was donated by the family of Bill Priestley. Priestley was diagnosed with ALS in 2016 and passed away in April 2019. He was born and raised on a family farm near Guthrie Center. Following graduation from Guthrie Center High School, Bill studied building trades at DMACC in Des Moines. He and his wife, Marcia, who were married in 1972, raised their two children, Andy and Ali, in Guthrie Center.

In 1977, Bill started Priestley Construction and spent his career building more than 150 beautiful homes at Lake Panorama and the surrounding area.

Bill was a devoted member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Guthrie Center. He designed and erected the three 20-foot metal crosses north of Highway 44 on the east edge of Guthrie Center. As the family made plans for the bench, they asked to incorporate an image of three crosses into the memorial plaque.

While Marcia Priestley had visited the bench after it was installed, the first time Andy Priestley and Ali Coppola saw the bench was July 22, when this photo was taken with their mother, Marcia. Bill Priestley was well known for the wooden swinging



benches he built, and which both Andy and Ali still have at their homes. They agreed this swinging bench at a Lake Panorama beach, while not handmade by him, was a fitting tribute to their father. ■

LOIS AND DEAN PORATH MEMORIAL BENCH

A blue swinging bench overlooking Sunset Beach was installed earlier this year. It sits on a concrete base and is in memory of Lois and Dean Porath. The Poraths were Lake Panorama residents from 1971 through 2000.

The couple married in 1954. Dean Porath died in February 2008, with a celebration of life held that July at The Port. Lois Porath died in November 2020. The couple lived in Ames for several decades. They also spent summers at Lake Panorama until retirement, when they lived at the lake year-round. At the time of Lois’ death, the family asked that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in her name to Friends of Lake Panorama.

After discussing possible bench options with Friends of Lake Panorama personnel, the family decided to use the memorial gifts sent to Friends, plus additional family funds, to purchase a swinging bench at Sunset Beach. A plaque on the bench reads: In Loving Memory of Lois & Dean Porath, Lake Panorama Residents, 1971-2000.

Family members met July 10 to dedicate the bench. Shown in the back row, left to right, are Jessica Boyd, granddaughter; Jolene Goodman, daughter; Taranique Sampson, great-granddaughter; Joe Ovalle, son-in-law; Samantha Goodman, granddaughter; and Samantha’s fiancé, Brady Lorenz.

Front row, left to right, Davon Roberson, Jr., great-great grandson; AJ Boyd, great-grandson; Sara Goodman and Abby



Goodman, granddaughters. Not pictured but in attendance were Jim Sundell, Lois Porath’s cousin, and his wife Kathleen Sundell. ■

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Q&A: WITHOUT THE DAM, THERE WOULDN'T BE A LAKE

History and statistics about the Lake Panorama dam

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The 1,250-foot earthen dam on the Middle Raccoon River doesn't get a lot of attention. But without it, there wouldn't be a Lake Panorama. This month, Mike Gliem, who is the water treatment and dam operations supervisor for the Lake Panorama Association, answers questions about both the dam and the LPA water treatment system.

Q. Give us some history and statistics about the Lake Panorama dam.

A. Just like the Lake Panorama Association, the dam is now 51 years old. The Leonard Nelson Construction Co. of Red Oak was awarded the contract in the spring of 1969 to build the dam at a cost of \$1.115 million. Construction began April 25, 1969, with completion expected in three months. Heavy rains stopped construction in June, and it was more than a year later, on June 8, 1970, before the dam gate was closed and Lake Panorama began to fill.

The dam is made up of an 850-foot-long earth embankment, a 100-foot-long gate, and a 300-foot-long emergency spillway. The earth embankment is 400 feet wide at its base and 20 feet wide on top.

The steel gate, which is raised and lowered using a hydraulic control system, is about 10 feet high. Below the gate is a reinforced concrete chute spillway

100 feet wide and 290 feet long. It ends in a St. Anthony Falls Stilling Basin, which is a series of raised concrete blocks in an area 33 feet long that dissipates energy from the flowing water to protect the riverbed from erosion.

The emergency spillway on the east side is a grassed surface spillway. Water has gone over it twice, in 1986 and again in 1993.

On the west side, there is a 30-inch diameter concrete pipe under the earthen dam for controlling the lake level during periods of low river flows. This also is used when water needs to be diverted away from the dam gate for inspections and repairs.

George Ohm, who was on the original construction crew, managed the dam for more than 30 years. I took over in 2000, after training with George for three years. I started with the LPA in 1993 doing water patrol part-time, then moved to a full-time position in security and trained with George.

Q. Some work is planned at the dam for this year, correct?

A. I do two informal inspections of the dam each year, and we have a formal inspection done every five years by our engineering firm and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR). During some of the recent inspections, it has been noted that in the north-east embankment between the main spillway and the emergency spillway, the slopes have

begun to sluff off from weather and deterioration of the shale.

This makes it very hard to maintain this area. This fall, we will be reshaping the berm to a more manageable slope and adding some tile along the wall of the spillway. This project is very similar to the project we did on the lower portion of the berm when new riprap was added below the spillway in 2008.

Q. The LPA notified members the lake was about 3 inches low earlier this summer. Where are we now, and what do you expect for the rest of the year?

A. What is considered "normal" for Lake Panorama is an elevation of 1,045.5 feet above sea level. That puts the water surface 24 feet below the top of the dam. Our goal is to keep the water as close to that level as possible.

The rains we got July 12 filled the lake back up, but that has not lasted long. We are down 3 inches again, with hot temperatures and no rain in the extended forecast. Late July, August and going into the fall is traditionally a drier time of the year.

If we stay dry, I expect the same as last year, which was about 3 to 4 inches lower than normal going into the winter. The DNR requires Lake Panorama to maintain a minimum outflow of 20 cubic feet per second, unless the inflow is less than that. In that case, we can match our outflow to the inflow.

Q. Let's turn our attention to the water treatment aspect of your job. The LPA membership seems pleased with the recent upgrades to the water plant.

A. The latest upgrades at the water plant included a new Jordan well, which allowed us to discontinue the use of our two old Dakota wells, so we no longer have iron and manganese issues. We also added two reverse osmosis (RO) units to treat the water from the two Jordan wells that now provide all of our water; one Jordan well was built with the last upgrade. We also installed a lift station and bored in 3 miles of pipe for our RO concentrate outfall line.

The RO system has made a great improvement in water quality. LPA water previously had a hardness of 615 parts per million or 36 grains per gallon. The new system is providing water that is 120 parts per million or 7 grains per gallon. The DNR completed their final walk-through inspection June 4 and the project passed without any concerns.

Q. There have been some additional improvements to the water distribution system in recent years, with more planned. Talk about that.

A. The lake is 50 years old and so are a lot of the valves and fire hydrants. We have been replacing valves that don't work and replacing old "blow off" hydrants with fire hydrants. A lot of the cul-de-sacs didn't have any way to flush the main at the end so we have added blow off hydrants to those.



Mike Gliem

Water mains have had to be added, or replaced with larger pipe, and sometimes rerouted to make them more functional. Plus new mains have been added as Lake Panorama continues to grow. We had to replace a river crossing in Burchfield Cove in 2020, which opened our eyes to the remaining three river crossings we have in the water distribution system. Looking ahead, we are planning a booster station project to help improve water pressure in the Chimra Road area. It may not seem like it, but there is a method to our madness.

On behalf of the LPA staff, I want to thank the LPA membership for their strong support of both the dam and water departments. We work hard to ensure these critical infrastructure items are well maintained and the membership's consistent support makes that possible. ■

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