



PAST OWNERS OF MEMORIAL COMPANY MEET AT LAKE PANORAMA

Lana Leander didn’t know Bob White but heard a lot of good things about him from company employees who had worked with him.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Des Moines-Winterset Memorials is ranked 15th on the list of the 20 oldest businesses in Des Moines. The company’s roots are traced to 1878 with the founding of Winterset Monument. That company purchased Capital City Monuments in Des Moines in the early 1950s, and the name was changed to Des Moines-Winterset Memorials.

Two separate owners of the company have homes at Lake Panorama. Bob and Betty White have lived on Lake Panorama’s Christmas Tree Point for more than 30 years. Their first house on Andrews Terrace was purchased in 1987, and they split time between there and Urbandale. By 1992, they were living fulltime in a waterfront home they built nearby.

Bob was born in Guthrie Center, and his family moved to Winterset a year later. His father was a partner in the Winterset Monument company beginning in the late 1920s. Bob started working summers during high school in the family-owned granite finishing plant. He and Betty were high school sweethearts and married in 1948.

Bob was drafted into the Army in 1952 and discharged in 1954. He returned to the family business and began selling monuments. In 1958, the couple moved to Des Moines, and Bob became president of Des Moines-Winterset Memorials. Over the next 30 years, the couple purchased controlling interest in the company.

During Bob’s time with the company, he designed and placed more than 200,000 granite and bronze memorials and other granite pieces such as church altars and war memorials. Two of the most well-known are the Korean and VFW memorials at



Betty and Bob White and Lana Leander are shown with the bench the Whites were surprised with by their children in 2019. The Whites are past owners of Des Moines-Winterset Memorials. Leander owned the company from 2008 to 2019 and now is general manager. The Whites have owned a home at Lake Panorama since 1987. Leander and her husband Ryan Gruhn have owned a home at the lake for six years.

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2021 PANORAMA DAYS THEME IS ‘COME TOGETHER’

Festivities will kick off Friday, Aug. 6 with an emphasis on family-friendly activities.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
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Members of the Panora Chamber are working on plans for the 2021 Panorama Days, which will be held Aug. 6-8. Chamber members have formed several committees to help

organize specific events. Panora Chamber board members Marla Hammer and Dale Hochreiter are co-chairs for the 2021 community celebration. Hochreiter says this year’s theme — “Come Together” — was settled on during a brainstorming session where Chamber members were discuss-

ing options. “So many of the things we were talking about involved how divided the country has become politically and the struggles caused by COVID-19,” he says. “We wanted a theme that would reflect our desire to have a fun weekend together, in Panora and at Lake Panorama,

and put aside some of the worries of the past year.” Panorama Days will kick off Friday, Aug. 6, with an emphasis on family-friendly activities. The usual Friday evening farmers market will be on the west side of the square. There will be special music in the gazebo beginning at 5 p.m., followed

by performances from the Main Street Dance Studio and the Bill Riley Talent Show on a stage in the town square park. A kid’s cake walk will be in Vet’s Auditorium. Plans are being finalized for special entertainment to wrap up the evening.

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Economic development group is full of PRIDE

BY SHANE GOODMAN
Editor and Publisher

About a year ago, I joined the Panora and Lake Panorama Area Economic Development group, known as PRIDE, which serves as the principal economic development organization in the area. PRIDE began in the 1980s as an informal group of business leaders “looking to attract, support and grow area businesses and promote housing.” That’s what economic development organizations do, and this one follows suit — but it is also unique. I have belonged to other economic development groups through the years, and they are usually a bunch of bankers and me. Don’t get me wrong, the bankers are essential, and this one has its fair share as well. But there are folks from all other walks of life in PRIDE, too. Insurance

agents. Lawyers. Financial planners. Retailers. School superintendents. Realtors. The list goes on. I attended my first meeting last year right before the pandemic hit, and we did not meet again in person until last week. John Rutledge reminded me that they did not have any attendance problems prior to me joining. Coincidence? Maybe. Seeing as how June is national PRIDE month and honors those who were involved in the Stonewall Riots on June 28, 1969, when police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay club in Greenwich Village, you might wonder if the name of this economic development group has any tie-in. It doesn’t. Prior to 1987, the group was an unincorporated entity known as “Panora Regional Industrial Development Enterprise,” which is where the name PRIDE

was derived. And it stuck. Now you know. With nearly 40 businesses represented, this diverse economic development group is filled with brilliant minds to help keep our economic engine rolling. That’s important to the residents of Guthrie County and Panora, as well as all the property owners of Lake Panorama. I am glad to be part of it. If you would like to join us, please reach out to me, any PRIDE member, or board president Curt Thornberry of Panora Telco. And to learn more, simply visit the PRIDE website at <http://panora.org/about/>. Thanks for reading. ■

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Vendors offering a variety of items also will be in the town square beginning at 4:30 p.m. Friday and again at 10 a.m. Saturday. Anyone interested in being a vendor at this year's Panorama Days can contact Hochreiter at 641-757-0605 for details.

Saturday starts early with a bass fishing tournament on Lake Panorama beginning at 5:30 a.m. The traditional pancake breakfast will be available in the Community Center from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Parade registration starts at 9 a.m. at the Panorama Elementary School, with the parade at 10 a.m. One of the features of this year's parade will be a Belgian horse team.

The Panora Citizen of the Year and parade category winners will be announced in the gazebo following the parade. A kid's zone will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and a variety of musicians will entertain from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The annual beef-burger lunch will be at the First Christian Church 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and a classic car show at P.J.'s Drive-In throughout the afternoon. The Panorama alumni banquet will begin at 5 p.m. at the Community Center.

The Lake Panorama ski team show will begin at 3 p.m. The Lake Panorama Association will present its annual fireworks display from the south shore at dusk.

At 8 a.m. Sunday, a community church service will be held outside of The Port. Those attending can arrive by boat and stay in their boats to participate, or come by land. A breakfast at the Community Center will be served 8 a.m. to noon. The kid's fishing derby, sponsored by the Lake Panorama Fin and Feather, will be 9-11 a.m. at the Lake Panorama marina. A golf tournament to raise money for the annual alumni banquet will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Panorama West golf course.

Plans are evolving so check the Chamber's Facebook page and panorachamber.org website to keep up-to-date as events are added to the schedule.

Panorama Days is expensive to put on, because many of the activities are free or low cost. To help raise money, the Panora Chamber sponsored a golf tournament May 2 at Lake Panorama National. A total of 28 teams competed in the four-person, best-shot event, which raised more than \$4,000.

Direct donations to Panorama Days are welcomed. Donations can be sent by check to P.O. Box 73, Panora, Iowa, 50216, and should be marked as a Panorama Days donation. Donations also can be made electronically using Venmo@panorachamber. ■



The 10 Squared Plus Men's group presented a check for \$16,300 to the Panora Avenue of Flags on May 25, 2021. Pictured are Chuck Rockwell, Dave Carstens, Lynn Zajicek, Mike Arganbright, Brian Johnson and Pat Moylan. Moylan and Johnson were the 10 Squared members who nominated the project.

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VOLUNTEERS KEEP GOLF COURSE LANDSCAPES BLOOMING

Displays are the result of dedicated volunteers who not only purchase and plant flowers, but also weed, water and decorate.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Lake Panorama National and Panorama West boast flowers throughout the golf season on tee boxes and other locations. Most of these colorful displays are the result of dedicated volunteers who not only purchase and plant flowers, but also weed, water and decorate.

Lake Panorama National has volunteers who help clean flower beds and add flowers on many of the golf holes and some areas near the conference center. Volunteers confirmed for 2021 include Julie Tibbles and Sherri Miller along the pro shop walkway, and Sue Merryman and Mare Langel on the east side of the conference center.

On the first tee, Barb Wollner and Becky Rolfes handle the “flag side,” and Rolfes and

Carolyn Koberg handle the tee side. Trish Steffen manages the landscaped area on the back tees on the second hole. Doug and Dee Eckley and Lorrie Motsick team up to keep the tee box on the third hole looking good. On the fourth hole, Shirley Stephenson manages the back tee box, Danielle Navarro does the forward tee box, and Julie and Larry Wykoff manage the landscaped area around the bathrooms near the green.

A flower bed that runs along the rail fence behind the back tees on the fifth hole was adopted this year by Bill Winkleblack. Linda Reis has taken over the forward tee box on the sixth hole this year. Darwin and Janet Luing are overseeing the back tee box on the seventh hole, and Kathy Moline handles the front tee box on that hole. Sue Greiner plants annuals each year on tee



Bill Winkleblack adopted this landscape bed along the back of the fifth tee box at Lake Panorama National this year. He added the block edging and renovated some of the perennial plantings.



These shasta daisies brighten up the flag side of the first tee at Lake Panorama National. Barb Wollner and Becky Rolfes manage the landscaped bed here, with Rolfes and Carolyn Koberg teaming up on the tee box side.

boxes on the eighth hole. Several couples have adopted the ninth hole tee box, including Mark and Deb Jorgensen, Larry and Julie Wykoff, and Gary Soreide and Mary Ellen Perkins.

Moving to the back nine, Julie Clausen has the 10th tee, Lisa Grossman and Shanell Wagler have the 11th tee and Kim Kent has the 12th tee. Barb Wollner plants flowers behind the forward tee on the 13th hole. Gary and Mary Dusenberry manage the landscaping on the 14th hole, and Carla Fitzgerald has the 15th hole. Matt and Marilyn Schultes have the 16th tee, and Dee Tometich and Deb McDermott manage the 17th tees.

Volunteers are needed to

complete a cleanup of existing beds around Spikes and the swimming pool. Other areas that need a summer commitment are the Irv Gerlich Memorial area north of the conference center, the perennial bed on the pond dam on the fifth hole, and around the restroom between the 12th and 13th holes.

If you are interested in volunteering for a summer commitment to a tee box or a one-time work session with others, contact Shanell Wagler at shanell.wagler@gmail.com or 515-371-0505.

At Panorama West, there are raised brick planters on each tee box. Volunteers for 2021 are Virgil and Barb Hoehne, first hole; Bill and Karen Eby, second hole; Lyle

and Paula Hansen, third hole; Jan Reinecke, fourth hole; Trent and Sheryl Crawmer, fifth hole; Dick Ellis, sixth hole; John and Cheryl Crawmer, seventh hole; Jim and Emily Spradling, eighth hole; and Jay and Sue Merryman, ninth hole. Bob White cares for the par 4 tee box on the second hole. JoAnn Johnson planted annuals in the clubhouse flowerpots this year. Paul McCool manages the bluebird houses scattered around the course.

Maureen Lubeck, Panorama West clubhouse manager, coordinates volunteers there. Those interested in learning about 2021 opportunities can email her at mlubeck@lakepanorama.org or call the pro shop at 641-755-2250. ■

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the Iowa Capitol. In 1992, the couple sold the company, and Bob retired. The same year, Atlantic Memorials was added to the business.

Lana Leander started her career in 1998 as a sales support person at Atlantic Memorials in Atlantic, which was her hometown.

“This industry was new to me,” she says. “But I soon learned I enjoy helping families create a memorial for a loved one.”

In 2000, the company was sold to Rock of Ages in Barre, Vermont, the largest granite quarrier in North America. Leander worked as a regional sales manager for the company, which continued to operate under the same names.

In 2008, Leander and her husband Ryan Gruhn purchased Des Moines-Winterset Memorials and Winterset Monuments and Atlantic Memorials. At the time, Gruhn was working in a different industry before joining Leander in the monument company. They purchased a home at Lake Panorama six years ago.

In 2019, they sold the mon-

ument company to Rayser, an employee stock ownership plan holdings company in Cedar Rapids. Leander now is general manager for the company, and Gruhn runs a plastic manufacturing company the couple purchased this year.

“We do all types of cemetery memorials, using both granite and bronze,” Leander says. “We offer granite urns and mausoleums. We focus on telling the loved one’s story in stone because personalization is important. We also do granite signage in neighborhood developments, granite pavers for school projects and churches, and natural boulder-style granite that can be used for signage.”

Leander hadn’t met Bob White but heard a lot of good things about him from company employees who had worked with him.

“Years ago, Bob contacted me about a granite bench for one of his friends to be placed on the Panorama West golf course,” she says. “Then more families became interested in doing the same thing.”

Over the years, Bob’s con-



The Korean War Memorial, located south of the Iowa State Capitol, includes 51 tons of granite. Iowa was the first state in the nation to create a memorial for Korean War veterans. Bob White, who designed the memorial, was president of Des Moines-Winterset Memorials at the time.



This photo of the Winterset Monument yard, where headstones were displayed, was taken in the 1950s.



This photo of the Winterset Monument cutting room floor dates to the 1940s. Winterset Monument was founded in 1878 and purchased Capital City Monuments in Des Moines in the early 1950s. The name was changed to Des Moines-Winterset Memorials.



In January 1987, the design of a memorial to honor the 85,314 Iowans who served in the Korean War was approved, and a fund drive was launched. The design was created by Bob White, as shown in this drawing that was included in the printed program when the memorial was dedicated May 28, 1989. White was a Korean War veteran.

tinued connections with Des Moines-Winterset Memorials helped make it possible to add four granite benches to the Panorama West golf course. In the spring of 2019, Bob and Betty were surprised when their children had a granite bench installed near the par 4 tee box on the second hole.

Years ago, Bob helped create par 4 tees on some holes at the course. On the second hole, he mowed, cleared trees and bushes, and then planted shrubs. The couple has maintained the shrubs and sometimes flowers near the par-4 tee box ever since. They added a wooden bench, which stood for many years until the wood rotted away.

The bench their family purchased for them was the fifth granite bench on the golf course. This spring, the sixth such bench was installed on the ninth hole, in memory of Courtney Allen Sr.

Leander offers a discounted price for the Panorama West benches.

“Lake Panorama is special to me,” she says. “I own a home there, and with Bob living on the lake as well, it just makes sense to offer a discount for families who want to purchase a memorial bench for their loved one. These are nice additions to the golf course.”

The Whites celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 2018. In 2019, they both turned 90 years old. Their bench is inscribed with the couple’s names, and states it is “in recognition of their many con-

tributions to Lake Panorama and the Panorama West golf course.”

Bob was elected to a three-year term on the LPA board of directors in May 1995 and served as board president his final year. He was instrumental in getting board approval to build the Panorama West clubhouse, which was completed in 1997. The couple guided the decision-making process on many of the finishes, kitchen equipment and furnishings for the clubhouse.

Bob served for more than 15 years on the Panorama West advisory committee. He also has served for many years on the Guthrie County board that oversees the Lake Panorama On-site Wastewater Management District.

For at least the past 25 years, the Whites have kept the Panorama Road entrance to Lake Panorama looking good by trimming bushes, painting signs and planting flowers. They relinquished that volunteer job this year, when Jim and Emily Spradling, who also live on Andrews Terrace, offered to take it over. The Spradlings got help this spring with advice and plants from JoAnn Johnson.

Leander and her husband recently moved from West Des Moines to Ames. When they have time, they escape to their second home on Helen’s Cove.

“We like Lake Panorama’s proximity, and that the lake is private,” she says. “Relaxing at a small, friendly lake community is very nice. This is where we plan to retire.” ■

26th YEAR FOR ANNUAL FIREWORKS ORGANIZED BY SCHEIRING FAMILY

The annual fireworks display is now on a Saturday either before or after the official holiday.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

This year’s annual “Fire in the Sky” display will be Saturday, July 3. This is the 26th year the Fourth of July holiday tradition has been organized by the Scheiring family. Joe Scheiring passed away in August 2014, but family members decided to continue to organize the event to honor his memory.

“The Fire in the Sky show is a family tradition, and what better way for us to honor Joe’s legacy than to continue to organize the Lake Panorama fireworks,” says Rita Scheiring, Joe’s widow. “The 2011 Fourth of July fireworks show was our last family holiday prior to Joe’s stroke. The holiday will always hold a special place in our hearts and wonderful family memories.”

Joe Scheiring moved to a Lake Panorama waterfront home north of Shady Beach in 1990. He and Rita had a small dog they named Pyro, plus Joe earned the nickname Pyro Joe, because of his fascination with fireworks.

In 1997, Joe asked the Lake Panorama Association board of directors for permission to set off a small fireworks display at Shady Beach. That location allows boats to anchor on either side of the “elbow” in front of the beach while keeping an area right in front clear. The LPA board gave its blessing, and Scheiring purchased the necessary permits and liability insurance. He drove to Missouri and brought home \$850 worth of fireworks.

That first show went well, and the annual fireworks display grew steadily. Soon J&M Displays, a southeast Iowa company that supplies fireworks and licensed pyrotechnic specialists for special events, was hired to help plan and operate the annual show. Rita works with



Stephanie Hummel is shown with her mother, Rita Scheiring. They are wearing hardhats as they prepare to push the launch buttons for the first two fireworks at a past “Fire in the Sky” Fourth of July display at Lake Panorama.

company officials to design the show.

“When Joe was alive, he would purchase fireworks in Missouri and do his own pre-show fireworks display,” Rita says. “If he was still alive, we are certain he would purchase in Iowa, now that it is legal to buy fireworks here, and continue that tradition.”

Rita moved to Polk City in 2017. Her daughter, Stephanie Hummel, and granddaughters, Maddie and Evelyn, have a home at Lake Panorama. Rita says the new tradition is for her and Stephanie to hit the switch for the first two fireworks of the show, then jump on their boat to watch the show from the lake.

The annual fireworks display used to always be 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.

The main cleanup takes place immediately following the show, as the tubes and electronic equipment are packed up. The morning after requires additional cleanup at Shady Beach, gathering the thousands of small pieces of paper scattered there. The LPA uses its beach groomer to get the beach ready for families to use, but Rita and Stephanie also help, just as Joe did when he was alive.

“The lake has experienced so much growth, we thought the 10-year anniversary of Joe’s last year with the show was a good time to share the Fire in the Sky history,” Stephanie says.

“The 4th of July holiday has always been an opportunity for families to gather and share in the experiences Lake Panorama and Panora have to offer. Generous community support and donations continue to make this one of the best fireworks displays around.”

Stephanie says, over the years, it has been a Mother’s Day weekend family tradition to mail requests for donations to LPA members.

“In the beginning, we would stuff envelopes with flyers, but now we design a postcard to be printed and simply add labels,” she says.

Donations for the 2021 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. ■



LAKE PANORAMA FIREWORKS REMINDERS

The Fourth of July holiday brings two types of fireworks to Lake Panorama.

The annual “Fire in the Sky” fireworks sanctioned by the Lake Panorama Association, and put on by the Scheiring family, will be at dusk on Saturday, July 3. The fireworks will be set off from the traditional spot at Shady Beach. For safety reasons, the LPA Lake Patrol and the Iowa DNR require boats to be anchored and have running lights on during the show.

The other type of fireworks is consumer fireworks, which can be legally sold in Iowa because of a bill passed in the 2017 Iowa legislative session. In May 2017, the LPA Board of Directors passed a motion that states the LPA does not consent to the use of fireworks on LPA-owned property, such as beaches, campgrounds, parking lots, roads, the marina, golf courses and community areas.

Guests of Lake Panorama National Resort are being notified of this action. Both LPA members and guests can be found in violation of LPA rules if they use fireworks on LPA property and could be subject to a monetary fine.

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BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The 52nd annual meeting of the Lake Panorama Association will be Saturday, June 26 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Lake Panorama National conference center. The meeting was originally scheduled for May 8 but postponed due to COVID-19 prevention measures.

Reports will be given by Mary Jane Carothers, LPA board president; Gary Evans, LPA board treasurer; and John Rutledge, LPA general

manager and LPN, LLC director of operations.

An official announcement of the meeting will be sent to all LPA members in early June. Included in this mailing will be a ballot, plus a numbered envelope in which to return the ballot. Ballots must be returned in the numbered envelopes to ensure ballot authenticity. If an envelope is lost, contact the LPA office for a replacement.

LPA asks that members include ONLY their ballot in the ballot envelope. Do not use these special envelopes for other purposes, such as

paying water bills.

There are no issues this year that require a special vote. The 2021 ballot is simply for electing three members to the LPA board of directors.

Members are asked to deliver or mail their completed ballot in the numbered envelope to the LPA office before Friday, June 25. Ballot envelopes can be deposited in the tan drop box near the LPA office at any time. This delivery deadline allows the majority of the ballots to be counted in advance of the annual meeting. Ballots also can be brought to the annual meeting.

Three people are running for three seats on the LPA seven-member board. Both Emily Donovan and Rich Schumacher are completing their first, three-year terms on the board, and are running for a second term. Julie Fulton is seeking a first term on the board. The LPA will distribute a special email to members in early June that includes additional information on the candidates.

The director elected with the third-most votes will complete the unexpired term of the late Neil Wright, who was elected in 2019 and resigned

because of health reasons in July 2020. Wright's seat was temporarily filled by the appointment of Larry Babcock. The remaining year of this term will end in May 2022.

The results of the annual election for the LPA board of directors will be announced at the end of the meeting, plus there will be time for audience questions and comments.

Newly elected board members normally begin their terms at the May board meeting, but instead will do this at the June 29 board meeting, three days after the annual meeting. ■

OBITUARY

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Jerrold Stratton Ross

March 28, 1951 - May 25, 2021

Jerry Ross of Ames, 70, died from complications of Parkinson's Disease on Tuesday, May 25.

Jerry, the son of J.C. and Joyce Ross, was born in Bethany, Missouri, and spent his childhood years in Missouri, Tennessee, Mississippi and Iowa. He graduated from Keokuk High School in 1969. He then attended Iowa State University where he met his

wife, Mary Noethe, while working at Cave Inn Pizza. The couple married at St. Ann's in Vail, Iowa, in 1973.

Jerry and Mary then moved to Moscow, Idaho, where they worked for Karl Marks Pizza. They returned to Ames so Jerry could complete his degree in industrial administration. Jerry had many jobs throughout his life including: slinging pizza, selling Fuller Brush, working

on the Chicago Northwestern Railroad, and Bonanza Steakhouse. After graduating from Iowa State, he began his career in computers with Burroughs Corporation selling computers to city and county governments. At the time, computers were just being introduced to the mainstream, and there was much resistance and little support. In 1981, Jerry and friends branched out on

their own to start a computer business that included customer support, which was much needed in this new environment. Computer Management Services went on to supply the counties and municipalities of Iowa and surrounding states with software and hardware systems, the first of their kind. They sold the company to Tyler Technologies in 1998, and he continued working until his retirement in 2016.

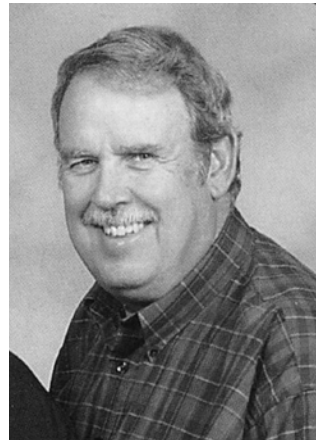
Jerry loved sports, especially his Cyclones. He was a proud supporter of Iowa State athletics and had season tickets for football and basketball (both men's and women's) for many years.

There was nothing he enjoyed more than being with friends and family at tailgates and the Big 8/Big 12 Basketball Tournament. He spent many a Saturday watching nieces and nephews play soccer. He also enjoyed boating and spending time at Lake Panorama with the people

he loved. He was involved in many community and church activities and helped those in need without being asked. He was generous and kind, with a sly sense of humor... and always ready to smile.

He is preceded in death by his parents and parents-in-law, Ed and Marcella Noethe, and many good friends lost along the way including his best friend and business partner, Dan Lehman, his fellow Cyclone enthusiast, Curt Lindholm, and former boss/employee/friend, Karl Gilbertson.

He is survived by his loving wife Mary, his daughter Kate Ross and Chris Lucht. His siblings: Jim and Janet Ross, Jeanette and Roy Adcock, John and Sharon Ross, and Amy and Robert Vaughn. His in-laws: Nancy and Melvin Bobo, Edward and Julie Noethe, and Rose "Duck" Miller. His nieces and nephews: Julia Ross and Tom Boyle, Jeff Ross, Jerome Bobo, Matt and Krista Bobo, Megan and Jayson Pope, Michelle



Dickerson, Clare Noethe and Jackson Noethe, and nine great nieces and nephews. Jerry has a countless number of friends and extended family who will miss him greatly.

Parkinson's Disease is a horrible thing that you would not wish on anyone you love. Jerry fought hard but lost his battle. In lieu of flowers or gifts, please help the family keep fighting by donating to the Michael J. Fox Foundation. ■

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2021 Retirement Confidence Survey

Will your retirement dreams match your reality?

For more than 30 years, the Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI) has conducted the Retirement Confidence Survey, which gauges the views and attitudes of working-age and retired Americans regarding retirement and their preparations for retirement.

• 26% of workers plan to work for pay in retirement. In reality, only 7% of retirees do.

Surprised? We're not. These numbers are consistent year after year. For most, retirement is the "next chapter" in life. It's critical that your finances support your retirement vision, so there are no surprises when it's your turn.

Here are a few highlights of the 2021 survey:

• Only 33% of workers expect Social Security to be a significant source of retirement income. In reality, 62% of retirees say it's a major source.

• Further, more than 50% of workers believe that workplace retirement savings plans will be a significant source of retirement income. But the 2021 survey found that workplace plans are a major source for only 20% of retirees.

Let us know if there's a change in your retirement dream. We'd welcome the chance to hear what prompted the difference, and we'll be sure to make any needed adjustments in your financial strategy.

Visit www.investgcsb.com to read this article in its entirety and as always, contact our office to discuss your specific retirement goals.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



2021 Heart of Guthrie County Garage Sales
Friday, June 11, 3-8 p.m.
Saturday, June 12, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
www.facebook.com/events/254437773030379
Co-sponsored by Panora and Guthrie Center Chambers of Commerce.

It’s garage sales season, and whether you are buying or selling, this is the event to partake in. Look for the yard signs and have your cash at hand.

LPA Building Codes Meeting
June 14
6 p.m.
www.lakepanorama.org



Fore Fun Friday Couples
Friday, June 18
5 p.m.
Panorama West
www.lakepanoramanational.com

This two-couple scramble with fun twists and strategies will be held June 18, July 9, July 23, 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.

Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors Meeting
April 27, 2021

Lake Panorama Association
The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met April 27, 2021, at 5 p.m. at Lake Panorama National Conference Center. Board members in attendance were Larry Babcock, Mary Jane Carothers, Emily Donovan, Gary Evans, David Finneseth, Rich Schumacher and Jim Spradling. LPA Staff in attendance: Danna Krambeer, Corey Larsen, Lane Rumelhart and John Rutledge. Visitors in attendance: Gary and Mary Dusenberry, Lori Whiton-Damron, Kay Kjergaard, Paul Mueller, Paul Nagel, Howard Natzel, Mark Reese, members, and Julie Fulton, BOD candidate/member.

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

Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the Agenda –

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

Agenda Item 2 – Open Forum – Gary & Mary Dusenberry, Lori Whiton-Damron, Kay Kjergaard, Paul Nagel, Howard Natzel, Mark Reese.

Dusenberry spoke on behalf of the group concerned about the Panorama Drive / Bean Bend intersection, pointing out safety issues with increased traffic and walkers in this area. There is also increased housing starts in this area and this has added to increased traffic. Possible solutions offered were – a three-way stop sign and / or speed bumps. Mark Reese asked if there was a possibility of striping lines on the road. Rutledge also read an email from Galen Redshaw that recapped the same concerns regarding safety in this area.

Agenda Item 4a – Intersection of Bean Bend and Panorama Drive

Rutledge advised the board the LPA management team had reviewed the concerns and agrees the intersection of Bean Bend and Panorama Drive is worthy of fur-

LPA Annual Meeting
Saturday, June 26, 10 a.m.
Lake Panorama National Resort and Conference Center
www.lakepanorama.org

Attend the annual meeting of the Lake Panorama Association and learn about how the association operates and who represents your interests. Cast your vote for your choice of board candidates, review financial and audit reports and learn about the progress on key projects and plans for the future.

Fin and Feather Banquet
Saturday, June 26
5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner and silent/live auction
LPN Conference Center
www.panoramafinandfeather.com

In the fall of 2020, Fin and Feather stocked \$14,375 worth of fish in Lake Panorama. Species stocked were: Walleye (2,500), Smallmouth Bass (1,200), and Largemouth Bass (1,000). Fish stocked were between 3” and 7”, depending on species. Show your support to this 501(c)3 organization by joining the BIG SKIPPER CLUB for \$125, which includes 2 fundraiser dinner tickets (\$70), Big Skipper raffle (\$15), name in program and family membership (\$40). A Family Membership (1/1/21 to 12/31/21) can also be purchased separately for \$40; annual fundraiser dinner tickets are \$35 each, and kids 12 and younger dinner tickets are \$20 each.



The Jimmy Buffet Beach Party
June 27, 4-9 p.m.
Boulder Beach

Bring your own lawn chairs. Cheeseburgers, chips, and cookies will be served from 5-7 p.m. Water, tea, beer and margaritas will also be provided. No need to bring a side dish this year. This is an adult event, as no guest under age 21 is allowed. This event is for Lake Panorama Association members, and guests are welcome by donation. RSVP at https://forms.gle/vhzz2idFgBvWytn7. Your tickets will be sent via email a week before the event. The committee will need a valid email address and RSVP by June 16.



LPA monthly board meeting
Tuesday, June 29, 5 p.m.
www.lakepanorama.org

If you want the scoop on land sales, roof pitch variances and general updates from Lake Panorama operations, then be sure to attend the LPA monthly board meeting.

Beach Ball
Friday, July 30
Lake Panorama National
www.friendsoflakepanorama.org

The 2021 Beach Ball will feature live music, a 50/50 raffle, and both live and silent auctions. Seating is available either in the LPN banquet room or outside under tents between the conference center and the golf course. Registration now is open for those who want to attend this event. There will be 30 round tables available with seating for eight at each. Proceeds from the event support various projects at Lake Panorama, which can be viewed at the Friends website. Friends of Lake Panorama is a public charity organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes, and is separate from the Lake Panorama Association and Lake Panorama National. All contributions to the nonprofit 501(c)(3) charity are tax deductible.

Panorama Days
Friday, Aug. 6 through Sunday, Aug. 8
www.panorachamber.org

Old favorites such as the fireworks sponsored by the Lake Panorama Association and the Saturday morning parade will be joined by new activities. Mark your calendars now for this fun community festival.



Fireworks
Saturday evening, July 3



Fireworks for Panorama Days
Saturday evening, Aug. 7

aesthetic integrity of LPA, and was similar to many previous requests, Brown made a motion to grant the request. Evans seconded, and the request was unanimously approved.

Donovan moved to approve variance for a 4/12 roof pitch for new home construction, per the plans submitted, lot 6005, 4643 Panorama Drive. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4c – Variance Request – Lot 854, Roof Pitch Variance Request

Excerpt from the Building Code Committee minutes:

Emily Stevens from 6010 Dougan Drive (lot 854) requested a variance for a 1/12 roof pitch on a proposed new home. The committee reviewed the plans for the home. Based on the fact that the proposed home met all other requirements, held aesthetic integrity of LPA, and was similar to many previous requests, Powell made a motion to grant the request. Miller seconded, and the request was unanimously approved.

Evans moved to approve variance for a 1/12 roof pitch for new home construction, per the plans submitted, lot 854, 6010 Dougan Drive. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4d – Variance Request – Detached Garage Variance Request, Boulder Cove Condo Association

Excerpt from the Building Code Committee minutes:

Brian Harper and Heather Soener of Boulder Cove Homeowner’s Association requested a variance to build a pole-built detached garage instead of a stick-built detached garage, and a variance to build a detached garage with an exterior that would not match the existing dwellings on lot 9006. Westercamp led the discussion by starting with the pole-built construction request. Westercamp asked Harper and Soener why they preferred a pole-built over stick-built structure. Harper explained this style of building would save the association money. Westercamp noted that no variance has ever been granted for the sole purpose of saving money. Miller added

that pole buildings are built in agricultural related communities, and Lake Panorama is a residential community. With no further discussion, Miller made a motion to deny the request for a pole-built detached garage. Brown seconded, and the request was unanimously denied.

Brown asked Harper why the garage needed an exterior that would not match the existing condo units. Harper explained the condos were built with a very light colored, vinyl siding. Harper and Soener worry that light colored siding would make the building stick out and become covered in scum, as it is going to be built in a very wooded and shaded area. Harper also mentioned the closest condo would sit at least 80 feet away from the garage. Soener had a color that resembled a dark brown chosen and showed the committee. After further review of the color, Brown made a motion to accept the request to allow the detached garage to be built with a color previously approved by the committee that resembled an earth tone shade to help the building remain aesthetically pleasing. Gebard seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Evans moved to confirm the request for a pole building detached garage was denied and moved to approve variance request for the color of the stick-built detached garage to be an earth tone shade for the Boulder Cove Condo Association, variance granted based on the location distance from the other units. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4e – Land Sales Submission Deadline and other feedback from Land Sales Committee

The Land Sales Committee met in-person on April 20. The group appreciated the feedback from the LPA board of directors and remains on-track with their efforts to review all offers. Two items of note resulted from that meeting:

1. The \$20k minimum lot price was in-line with their viewpoint, although they noted many lots will exceed the bare minimum value. The board can expect the committee’s recommendation to

frequently be above \$20k for any buildable properties.

2. The committee and LPA staff recommend a submission date of the 10th of each month for offers. The committee will then strive to have their feedback returned to LPA management by the 15th of the month. This will provide time for LPA management to convey a counteroffer and include the materials in the monthly LPA board packet.

Finneseth moved to establish a monthly cutoff date of the 10th of the month for lot purchase offers. Offers received after the 10th of the month will be processed the following month. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4f – Adjustment to LPA Fine Schedule – Include removal costs of brush dump violations. (No verbiage was deleted. *Italicized* verbiage added re: 8.01 Brush and Tree Disposal.)

LPA Schedule of Fines
Lake Panorama Association

Rules and Regulations Schedule of Fines

8.01 Brush and Tree Disposal	
1st Offense	\$100
2nd Offense	\$250
3rd Offense	\$500

In addition to the above listed fines, the cost of removing any improperly disposed materials will be the responsibility of the member and may be assessed to the member by LPA.

Schumacher moved to include removal costs of brush dump violation to be assessed to the member to the fines schedule. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 – Old Business
Rutledge updated the board on Friends projects that are being researched. Walking trails is one of the topics being considered.

Agenda Item 6 – Closed Session – The board entered closed session at 5:59 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Board existed closed session at 6:33 p.m.

Agenda Item 7 – Other Business - None

Adjourn - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m. ■

Manage mosquitoes to better enjoy your outdoor space

Using a combination of mosquito-managing tactics will allow you to enjoy and benefit from your time outdoors.

BY MELINDA MYERS

Dine, play and enjoy your outdoor spaces more than ever this year by managing annoying and disease-spreading mosquitoes. Use a multifaceted approach to boost your enjoyment and help keep mosquitoes away.

Plan your outdoor activities when mosquitoes are less active. Females are the ones looking for a blood meal and are most active at dusk and dawn when looking for warmth and food.

Screened-in porches add a layer of protection but only when they are intact and properly sealed. The same applies to your home. Check screens and seals around doors and windows to help keep these pests from entering your home.

Use bug lights in light fixtures by entryways and in outdoor entertainment spaces. These emit yellow light that is not as attractive to mosquitoes and other insects. Bug lights will not eliminate every unwanted insect but will reduce the number visiting your lights at night and finding their way into your home.

Enhance the ambience and reduce mosquito issues when entertaining outdoors. Use a fan to create a cooler space and keep these weak flyers away. Provide fragrant subtle lighting with citronella oil and scented candles. Scatter them throughout the area and within a few feet of the guests for short-term relief.

Reduce the overall mosquito population in your yard by eliminating their breeding grounds. Empty water that collects in items left outside. Change the water in your birdbath at least weekly or whenever you water your container gardens. Add a bubbler or pump to keep water moving in fountains and ponds so mosquito larvae cannot survive.

Toss an organic mosquito control like Mosquito Dunks and Bits in your rain barrel, pond or other water fea-



Scatter citronella oil and candles throughout outdoor entertainment areas and within a few feet of guests for short-term relief from mosquitoes. Photo credit: MelindaMyers.com

ture. Mosquito Bits quickly knock down the mosquito larval population, while the Mosquito Dunks provide 30 days of control. The active ingredient is *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*, a naturally occurring soil bacterium that kills the mosquito larvae but is safe for children, fish, pets, beneficial insects and wildlife.

Keep your landscape looking its best by managing weeds and grooming neglected gardens. This eliminates some of the resting spaces for hungry adult mosquitoes.

Always protect yourself whenever outdoors. Cover as much of your skin as possible with loose fitting, light colored clothing. Mosquitoes are less attracted to the lighter colors and cannot readily reach your skin through loose clothing.

Further protect yourself by using a personal repellent approved by the EPA. For those looking for DEET-free options, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has approved products with the active ingredient picaridin, IR3535, and the synthetic

oil of lemon and eucalyptus. Check the label for a list of active ingredients and safety recommendations when shopping for mosquito repellents. Avoid products that contain both sunscreen and insect repellent since you need to apply sunscreen more often than the repellent.

Spending more time outdoors is good for our mind, body and spirit. Using a combination of mosquito-managing tactics will allow you to enjoy and benefit from your time outdoors. ■

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by *Summit* for her expertise to write this article. Myers' web site is www.melindamyers.com.

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Orientation sessions planned for new Lake Panorama owners

Topics covered will be the Lake Panorama Association, Lake Panorama National, perks and amenities available to LPA members, and resources for learning more and getting involved.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The Lake Panorama community changes each month, with people who have been here for a few years, or a few decades, selling their property. New people buy that property and then find themselves with lots of questions.

In 2019, a few people who have been through this process started to think there should be an organized way to welcome new property owners to Lake Panorama. The result is a new program titled “Lake Panorama 101.”

Two sessions originally were planned in 2020 but had to be canceled because of concerns about COVID-19. Now the group has set two new dates for these informational sessions.

The first will be Friday, June 18, 5-6 p.m. The second will be Saturday, Aug. 14, 10-11 a.m. Both meetings will last one hour and be held in the dining room at the Lake Panorama National Conference Center.

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

Refreshments will be available. Special invitations are being mailed to new property owners who have purchased at Lake Panorama within the last 18 months. However, the Lake Panorama 101 sessions aren’t limited just to those who receive invitations or who are new property owners. Any LPA member

interested is welcome to attend. One of the organizers is Sue Merryman, who moved to Lake Panorama with her husband Jay more than six years ago.

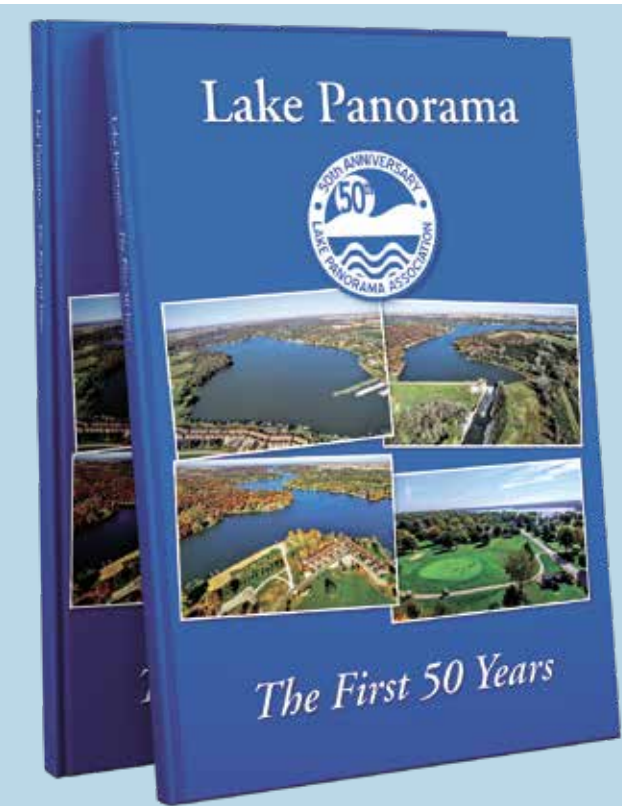
“We did not know one person here,” Merryman says. “We just wanted a large private lake, big enough for skiing, and within an hour of Des Moines and Ames. We had no idea what the Lake Panorama Association had to offer. I like to exercise and play bridge, but I had to search that out. After that it was a domino effect for me, and I was lucky to have a good neighbor who gave me some information. I would have loved attending one of these meetings.”

Merryman now serves on the Lake Panorama National board of managers and is in her second year as president of the Panorama West women’s golf league.

Julie Wykoff, who served on the LPN board of managers for a time, will be the main presenter at the orientation sessions.

“We were part-timers when we first bought here,” Wykoff says. “It took us a long time to figure out how things worked. I continue to meet people who feel the same way, or don’t know about some great feature of our community. It’s my hope that anyone who attends this session will have a better understanding of what a great decision they made when they chose Lake Panorama.”

Those planning to attend one of the Lake Panorama 101 sessions are asked to RSVP by calling the LPN front desk during daytime business hours at 641-755-2080. ■



Copies of “Lake Panorama – The First 50 Years” remain available for purchase. Author Susan Thompson will be at both sessions of Lake Panorama 101 to sell books and talk with those interested about the book’s development.

LPA HISTORY BOOK AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT LP 101 SESSIONS

The book “Lake Panorama – The First 50 Years” will be available for purchase at the Lake Panorama 101 sessions. The LPA financed the book’s production, which was delivered to the LPA office July 19, 2019. Just over 1,000 books were printed, with less than 350 remaining in stock.

The book was authored by Susan Thompson, who will be at the LP 101 sessions to handle sales. The book’s cost is \$35, which includes tax. Purchases can be made at the LP 101 events with cash or check.

The full-color, hardcover 112-page book includes both historic and contemporary photos. Book chapters describe six decades of planning and development. There also are special topic chapters on Lake Panorama’s two golf courses, infrastructure, and water quality efforts. Sidebar stories highlight various groups and activities such as the Lake Panorama ski team and Fin and Feather.

The book also can be purchased from the LPA office Monday through Friday during business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The LPA will ship books for an additional \$5. Call 641-755-2301 to make arrangements.

Books also are available for direct purchase at the front desk of Lake Panorama National during daily business hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Purchases can be made at the LPA and LPN via cash, check, or credit card. The book also is available at the Panora Library, with purchases cash or check only. ■

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TRISH HART'S NATURE PHOTO OF THE MONTH

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Panorama Times

Trish Hart is a local photographer who specializes in pictures of birds and other wildlife at Lake Panorama and provides a monthly nature photo for this publication.

While there is no denying Canada geese cause some problems at Lake Panorama, the sight of recently hatched goslings swimming with their parents can make even the most cynical person smile.

The Canada goose is naturally migratory throughout North America. However, populations have grown substantially in places like Lake Panorama. This problem is partially due to the removal of natural predators and an abundance of safe, human-made bodies of water near food sources.

During the second year of their lives, Canada geese find a mate. They are monogamous, and most couples stay together for life. The female lays an average of five eggs, and both parents protect the nest while the eggs incubate 24 to 32 days.

Hart says each year this pair returns to the cove where she and her husband Scott live. She named them Otis and Mable.

As soon as goslings hatch, they are able to walk, swim and find their own food. Parents are often seen leading them in a line, usually with one adult at the front, and the other at the back. Hart's photo shows Otis and Mable are typical Canada geese parents, out for a swim with their four goslings.

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RECIPE

A cobbler full of summer flavors

BY JOLENE GOODMAN

(Culinary.net) This summer, get a little wild in the kitchen and make something different. It's alright to mix up the seasonal menu now and again by creating dishes out of the ordinary as a change up from the usual warm-weather favorites.

It's true for many fruits that the summer months are their ideal season. However, eating fruit plain can be boring and bland on a hot day.

This summer, when heading to an event like a family reunion, picnic or just a day at home, try making this Oh-So-Berry Cobbler.

It's served warm and is a perfect sweet treat when berries are at their freshest. Full of summer goodness, it's a treat for everyone to enjoy with strawberries, blackberries, blueberries and a splash of lemon juice served with ice cream.

Next time you're thinking about grabbing a fruit tray from the supermarket for an upcoming gathering, think again. This cobbler is the perfect addition to any party menu or special occasion.

Find more summer recipes at Culinary.net.

If you made this recipe at home, use #MyCulinaryConnection on your favorite social network to share your work. ■

Jolene Goodman is the advertising director for Lake Panorama Times and resides with her husband Shane on Lake Panorama.



Jolene Goodman

OH-SO-BERRY COBBLER

Servings: 8

- 2 cups strawberries, sliced
- 2 cups blackberries
- 2 cups blueberries
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 ½ cups brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- nonstick cooking spray
- ice cream

Directions

Heat oven to 350 degrees F.

In large bowl, mix strawberries, blackberries and blueberries then add lemon juice and cornstarch; mix to combine. Refrigerate 20 minutes.

In medium bowl, whisk flour, baking powder and salt. Set aside.

In bowl of stand mixer, beat butter, brown sugar and vanilla extract on medium speed until blended. Gradually add flour mixture until crumbles form.

Spray 9-by-13-inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.

Pour berries into bottom of dish.

Top berries with crumbles.

Bake 30-40 minutes, or until lightly browned.

Serve with ice cream.



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‘We Are Watching Eliza Bright’

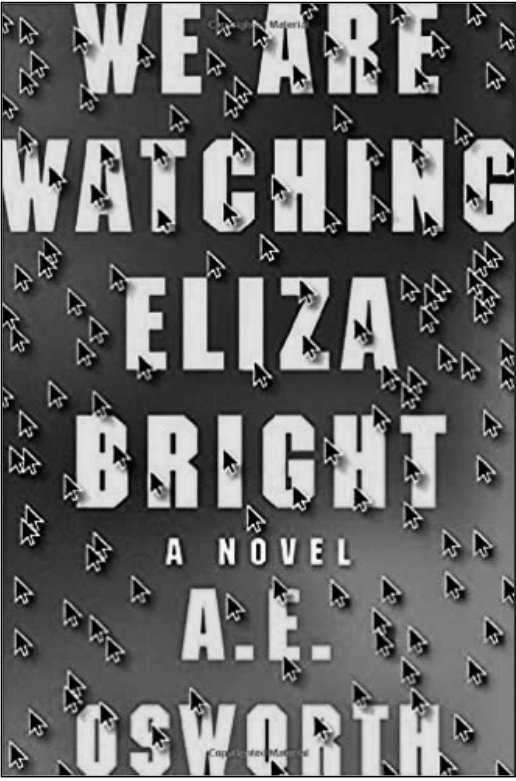
Advance warning: This is not an easy read. Both in structure and in subject matter, Os-
worth demands a lot from readers, but it is worth the effort. This is a timely and important novel rich with powerful themes that feel painfully relevant. This may not be a breezy beach read, but it is powerful in myriad ways.

The eponymous Eliza Bright is a coder at Fancy Dog Games, a job she loves and worked hard to achieve, but there is a dark side in her industry that she refuses to ignore. After her claims of harassment are ignored, she turns to the media for help, only to be thrown to the wolves. The perspective of the men who instantly begin to stalk and harass Eliza both online and in person for her very existence is particularly difficult to read. The format can be jarring, but the effect is spot-on. The reader is just as unnerved and confused as Eliza as her life begins to spiral from the toxic notoriety she endures.

This is an excellent book for anyone looking for a sharp take on modern media and culture, or for those interested in just how destructive misogyny and public shaming can be. For all of that, this is also just a thrilling, plot-twisted novel with an incredibly strong cast of characters. Highly recommended. ■

— Reviewed by Julie Goodrich

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‘While Justice Sleeps’

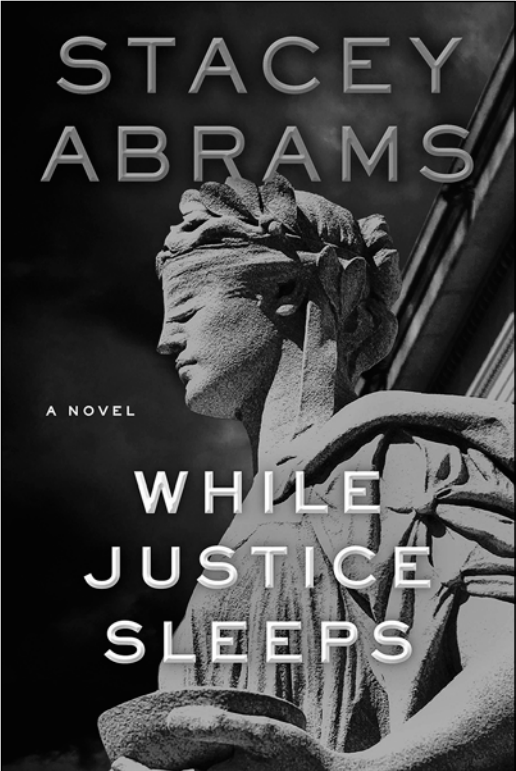
I would like to state that I am not a big reader of political thrillers. It's just never been my genre of choice. However, when Stacey Abram's book came across my desk, I was more than a little intrigued. I decided to give it a chance. I am glad I did.

Avery Keene is a hardworking, brilliant young law clerk for a larger-than-life Supreme Court Justice. She is thrust into a nearly impossible situation when said Justice falls into a coma, and Avery is shocked to find herself neck-deep in conspiracies and vicious power plays as she wrestles with a life she never expected to have. More than just plot twists and action scenes, Abrams is a talented wordsmith, and I found Avery's character to have a surprising amount of depth for such a high-speed thriller.

There is plenty here for long-time fans of the genre, as well as those, like me, who are just curious about the literary skills of such a talented public figure. I finished this one in one sitting; it's that good. I don't know where she'll find the time, but I hope Abrams gives us a sequel. She may make a thriller fan of me yet. ■

— Reviewed by Julie Goodrich

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Two new benches honor long-time Lake Panorama resident

Courtney P. Allen Sr. had a long history at Lake Panorama.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

Courtney P. Allen Sr. passed away Oct. 11, 2020. Three days later, a Celebration of Life gathering was held at the Panorama West clubhouse. Burial of his remains was Oct. 19 at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery near Van Meter.

Allen had a long history at Lake Panorama. He was a stockholder in Mid-Iowa Lakes in about 1965, bought his first lot in 1969, and traded it in 1971 for the one near Sunset Beach where he and his wife Dilma built a home in 1980. They moved to Lake Panorama permanently in 1984.

After his death, many Lake Panorama friends donated money for a future memorial. That money was used to provide two new benches honoring Allen — one at the Pan-

orama West golf course, another at Sunset Beach.

The bench at Panorama West is located on the ninth tee box. The granite bench is engraved with these words: “Golf is a beautiful walk spoiled by a little white ball.”

Courtney Allen Jr., who moved to the Allen home at Lake Panorama more than a year ago to help his parents, says much of the financial support for this bench came from Courtney’s golfing buddies at Panorama West.

“He loved and so looked forward to his Thursday morning league play, and any other chance he had to play a round of golf,” Allen Jr. says.

Allen Sr. turned 93 on June 25, 2020, which was a Thursday. He said at the time he thought it would be fun to have a party for himself with his best friends. He celebrated with the Panorama West Thursday morning



This bench honoring Courtney and Dilma Allen was installed in May on the ninth hole of the Panorama West golf course.



Courtney Allen Jr. and his mother Dilma Allen are shown on the bench at Sunset Beach that was given in memory of Courtney P. Allen Sr.

men’s golf league by throwing a surprise party for himself. He brought pastry items for league members, then paid for ice cream, candy and drinks for anyone else who played at Panorama West that day.

“One consolation for our loss is that he enjoyed a life well-lived,” says Allen Jr. “We placed that bench on the golf course so his memory and presence can live on to celebrate his full life of love, laughter and kindness.”

A dedication of the bench at Sunset Beach was held May 25 with friends from the neighborhood attending. Courtney Allen Jr. said his father “wasn’t all about himself. He was about everyone else.” He handed helium-filled balloons to several people in the crowd.

Dilma Allen, sitting on the new bench, was the first to release her balloon. Allen Jr. then called on others, one at a time, to release theirs.

“It’s each of you, and the people you represent, who make the Lake Panorama community what it is today,” he said.

Several in attendance told stories about their connections to Courtney Allen Sr. There were nods of agreement when one person said, “They broke the mold when they made Courtney.”

The bench at Sunset Beach is positioned near a small jetty of land protecting the beach area and was chosen because Courtney Allen Sr. loved to sit and watch the lake, especially at sunset. The memorial plaque on the bench calls Allen “One of Lake Panorama’s First Friends” because of the many friends he had and his long-time involvement in the community. ■

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LPA GENERAL MANAGER REVIEWS SEVERAL TOPICS

June 2021 offers a brighter outlook than June 2020, but 2021 is not without its own challenges.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

In this month's Q&A, John Rutledge, LPA general manager and LPN, LLC director of operations, provides an overview on several topics of interest to LPA members.

Q: How has the 2020-2021 drought impacted Lake Panorama?

A: Despite recent rains, Lake Panorama and its watershed remain very dry. Lake Panorama's water level was normal as of Memorial Day, but that cannot be guaranteed throughout the entirety of the 2021 summer. We are entering the 2021 summer with the continued impact of drought conditions and the ground has an unseasonably high "carrying capacity" for the summer rains our watershed does receive.

LPA will do everything we can to maintain a full pool level for lake users, but it is not unreasonable to think the lake level could drop by a few inches over the course of the 2021 summer. Boaters will need to be especially cautious as the summer progresses. Please remember hazard buoys do not mark a single, pinpoint area of concern. Instead, hazard buoys mark a general area of concern that should be given a wide berth by boaters.

Q. What can you tell us about the LPA water

plant?

A. LPA's contractors are essentially finished with the water plant project. A few minor items are being wrapped up, but the improvements are otherwise completed. I'm happy to report this was a successful capital project with no major challenges being experienced during the construction process.

From a technical standpoint, all aspects of the plant are performing as expected. We value all the positive and supportive member comments about our greatly improved water quality. We recognize this was a substantial investment and appreciate the trust the LPA membership placed in the board of directors and staff to proceed with this course of action. This investment will serve our community for decades into the future.

Q. 2021 is proving to be a much different year than 2020. What opportunities and challenges does this dynamic present to Lake Panorama?

A. I think I speak for most people when I say June 2021 offers a brighter outlook than we experienced in June 2020. But 2021 is not without its own challenges.

Property values are on a steep climb upwards, and home listings rarely last very long. This is a good dynamic for sellers, but buyers are forced to act quickly or risk los-

ing an opportunity. This can create a situation in which buyers have time to focus only on the major components of their due diligence and are subsequently surprised by the fine print of LPA's building codes, boat length regulations or home rental rules. LPA encourages all prospective buyers to become familiar with BOTH the property they are buying AND the Covenants, By-Laws and Rules/Regulations of the association.

2021 also has caused widespread availability challenges and price inflation on everything from building materials to mechanical parts. Members are encouraged to understand much of this is beyond the control of local vendors, who are doing their best to operate in this unprecedented environment.

For example, both Coulter's Panorama Marine and Lake Panorama Barge have advised boat lifts and associated repair parts are in short supply, and prices are on the way upward. Boat and lift prices are projected to be up 20 percent higher this year, with parts and accessories increasing by 30 percent. Boat trailers are up as much as 45 percent.

Q. How is LPA doing with regards to invasive species?

A. LPA places an extremely high priority on invasive species preven-

tion. We installed a 24-hour security camera at the marina and are able to track any boats that come and go after hours. We are pleased to report this has not unveiled any problems or concerns, but we will continue to monitor this carefully.

The scarcity of boat lifts has caused members to make purchases on the used market. LPA's rules on this topic are scheduled for review by the LPA water safety committee at their June 2021 meeting. Members should know they are strictly prohibited from bringing any water-related equipment (docks/lifts) to Lake Panorama without first having these inspected by LPA security and following a quarantine period.

LPA performs an annual test of our waters for Zebra Mussel veligers. This test theoretically will provide LPA advance notice of one to three years if Zebra Mussels ever make their way into the lake. The 2020 test confirmed no presence of Zebra Mussel veligers in Lake Panorama. The 2021 test will be performed later this summer.

Q. Final thoughts?

A. I want to recognize Friends of Lake Panorama for their continued efforts to enhance LPA's three beaches. In the last year, Friends of Lake Panorama and their donors have funded playground additions and new benches



John Rutledge

at all three beaches. If you have not yet had the opportunity to see this for yourself, I suggest a tour of the beach facilities to experience all of the good things happening. Thanks to Friends of Lake Panorama, their many donors and the LPA maintenance staff for pulling together to make these improvements possible.

I also encourage those interested in additional recreational amenities to consider attending the Friends of Lake Panorama

Beach Ball, which will be Friday, July 30 at the Lake Panorama National resort. Donated items for both silent and live auctions are being sought, and seats still are available but are filling up. Funds raised this year will support the dog park, swings at Sunset Beach, and signs and benches for an existing trail near the Panorama West golf course. For more information, email staff@friendsoflakepanorama.org. ■

10 TABLES REMAIN FOR JULY 30 BEACH BALL SPONSORSHIPS

Fundraiser is set for Friday, July 30 at Lake Panorama National.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Panorama Times

The Friends of Lake Panorama's fourth Beach Ball fundraiser is Friday, July 30 at Lake Panorama National with tables available either in the LPN banquet room or outside under tents between the conference center and the golf course.

There will be 30 round tables with seating for eight at each. As of June 1, just 10 tables remain for sponsorship opportunities. Seats for those purchasing only event tickets are available at some of the sponsored tables.

New this year is the Friends Beach Club. People who choose one of the four Friends Beach Club levels will be making an additional contribution to the nonprofit charity, while getting some extras. The levels are:

Friends Beach Club - Premier: \$600—includes 1 Table Sponsorship; 8 Fund Raiser Dinner Tickets; 20 tickets in the 50/50 raffle; Name in the 2021 Beach Ball program

Friends Beach Club - Sponsor: \$150—includes 1 Table Sponsorship; Name in the 2021 Beach Ball program

Friends Beach Club - Couple: \$200—includes 2 Fund Raiser Dinner Tickets; 5 tickets in the 50/50 raffle; Name in the

2021 Beach Ball program

Friends Beach Club - Individual: \$100—includes 1 Fund Raiser Dinner Ticket; 2 tickets in the 50/50 raffle; Name in the 2021 Beach Ball program

Besides the Beach Club options, just dinner tickets can be purchased for \$50 each, with half of that going to Friends, the other half to the LPN. The planned dinner menu includes charcoal-grilled 10-ounce NY strip steaks, chicken kabobs, pasta primavera, fruit bowl, dinner rolls, and desserts of strawberry shortcake cups and triple chocolate Ghirardelli brownies.

Three projects will receive funds from this year's Beach Ball. One is the Lake Panorama Dog Park. The goal is \$50,000 to construct the park and provide all desired amenities, with nearly \$42,000 in donations so far. That includes more than \$3,700 raised from a benefit sale of donated items held May 22.

The park will be located at the corner of Sage Trail and East RV Road. There will be two sections, one for small dogs and one for large dogs. A single entrance will be protected by a keyless lock, and the park will be available for Lake Panorama property owners and their guests.

Another project that will receive Beach Ball funding is enhancements for an

existing timbered trail near the Panorama West golf course that is estimated to cost \$5,500. Plans include marking a 2.5-mile trail, which will include a 1.5 mile out-and-back section and an optional 1-mile loop. A trail map will be placed on a kiosk at the trail head. Directional signage and distance markers will be installed. Locations for two benches will be identified.

Three swings added to the Sunset Beach playground is the third project that will receive Beach Ball proceeds. These will be the same swings as the ones now at both Boulder and Shady beaches. The budget for this project is \$8,000.

The 2021 Beach Ball will feature live music, a 50/50 raffle, and both live and silent auctions. Anyone interested in donating an auction item, becoming a Friends Beach Club member at one of the four levels available, or purchasing just Beach Ball dinner tickets, can contact Susan Thompson, thomcomm@netins.net, or 515-240-6536.

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

Lake Panorama Fin & Feather Banquet set for June 26

The Lake Panorama Fin and Feather banquet will be Saturday, June 26 at the Lake Panorama National Resort with social hour beginning at 5 p.m. A dinner and silent/live auctions will follow at 6 p.m. All ages are welcome.

Dinner tickets to the event are \$35 each, with children 12 and younger \$20. Another option is to join the Big Skipper Club at a cost of \$125. This covers two dinner tickets, Big Skipper raffle ticket and an annual family membership. The cost of an annual family membership is \$40.

Due to the 2020 banquet being cancelled, all dinner tickets, Big Skipper tickets and memberships can be used this year. Those who would like to use their 2020 payment as a donation can do so and also make 2021 purchases.

Supporters can either mail a check or register online with a credit card or PayPal account at the group's website: <http://panoramafinandfeather.com/banquet/>

If payment is made by check, make it payable to Fin & Feather and mail to Doug Hemphill, Farmers State Bank, P.O. Box 110, Yale, Iowa, 50277, along with a completed membership application, which is available on the website.

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PRIDE group meets in person again

The Panora and Lake Panorama Area Economic Development Group, known as PRIDE, met in person at the Lake Panorama National Conference Center on June 3 after a year of video conferencing due to COVID-19 restrictions.



Curt Thornberry and Maggie Armstrong



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10 SQUARED WOMEN OF GUTHRIE COUNTY PRESENT SECOND QUARTER DONATION

After hearing three presentations, the group announced a lump sum of \$10,500 to be presented to St. Thomas More Center.

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

First, Kristen Crouthamel spoke on the Guthrie Center Revitalization Group, a 501(c)3 whose current project is rehabilitating and renovating the Williams Building in Guthrie Center.

Next, Laura Robson presented for the Guthrie County 4H Foundation. The Guthrie County 4H Foundation is the 501(c)3 fundraising arm that helps the local 4H youth with their current projects and goals such as improvements to the 4H Horse Barn and a Social Media Photo Backdrop at the static exhibits building at the County Fair.

Last but not least, Kim Patrick spoke on behalf of the St Thomas More Center. After hearing all three presentations, the group announced a lump sum of \$10,500 to be presented to St. Thomas More Center. This consists of 10 Squared Women member donations and several employer matches. The group expects more member donations and matches to come in as well.

During the summer, the St. Thomas More Center is home to Catholic Youth Camp in Panora but accepts all campers, regardless of religious beliefs. The Camp is an oasis for young people to leave behind the difficulties of life to discover adventure, community and true joy. The center combines dynamic spirituality with the fun and activities of camp. Every day features adventure activities that are designed to challenge campers and create memories. The team at CYC is committed to making the summer camp experience available to all families through their robust sponsorship program. Every year the center dedicates \$30,000 of its operating budget to sponsorships, and no child is turned away.

During the year, the St. Thomas More Center hosts more than 30 retreats and events from September

to May. These events include many day-long leadership and confidence building retreats for middle and high school students. Other groups that commonly use the facility are the boy scouts, bereavement retreats, addiction therapy groups, Hispanic youth ministry teams and young adult groups. When the conservation center at Springbrook closed, the St. Thomas More Center worked to fill the void and provide outdoor education opportunities for school groups.

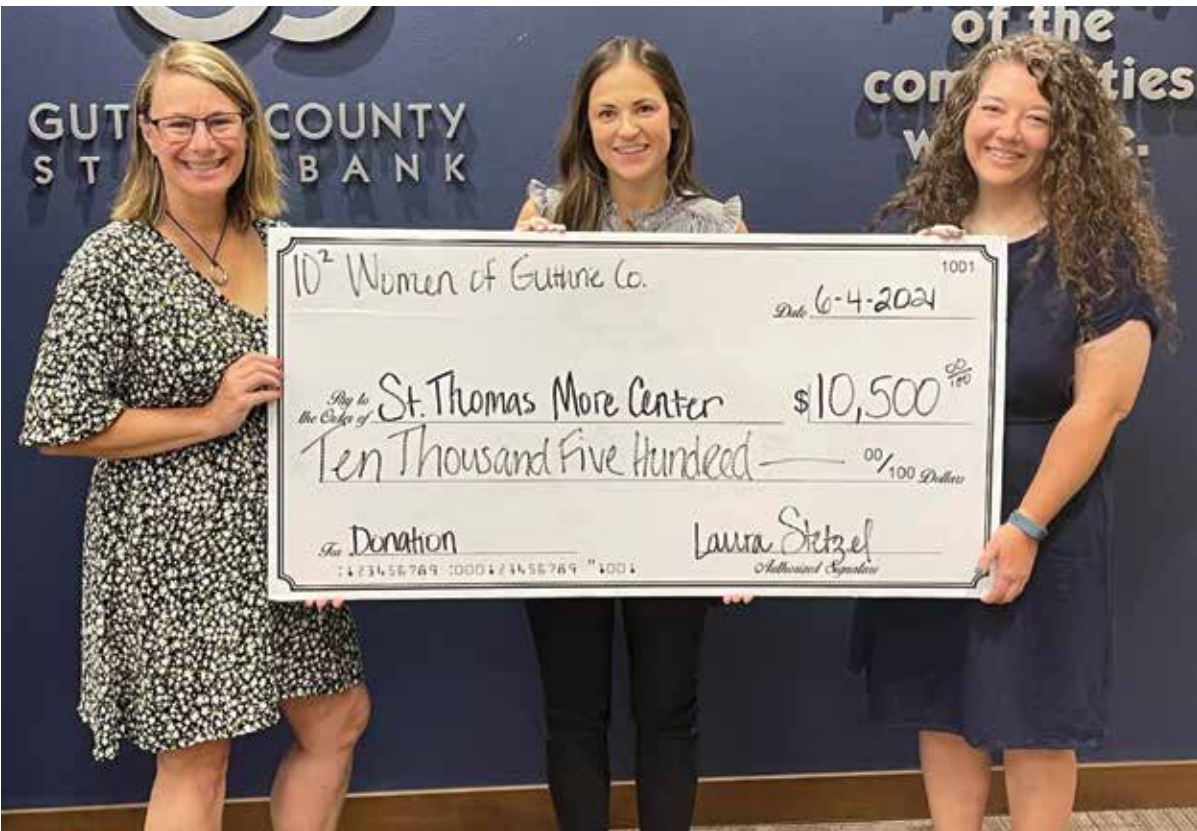
The center welcomes the chance to serve the county. They encourage participants to patronize local businesses and be active in our communities. They have paid staff positions along with volunteer and community service opportunities that our county residents benefit from.

The donation from 10 Squared Women will pay to get water run to the “big field” — an area containing a confidence course, zipline, crate stacking and high ropes as part of an outdoor education and activity area. Many activities go on there, and a source of water will help not only avoid dehydration but also open opportunities for outdoor science experiments and art projects during retreats.

The St. Thomas More Center Executive Director, Alex Kautzky, along with the staff and board of directors expressed their sincere gratitude to the 10 Squared Women of Guthrie County for their generosity.

“Ever since we purchased the Center in 1983, this is a project that has needed to be done,” said Kautzky. “You have stood in the gap between what we could have done on our own and what we needed to do to move our mission forward. So many people will be blessed by this gift. Thank you.”

The 10 Squared Women’s group holds meetings quarterly at Lake Panorama Conference Center the fourth Tuesday in February, May, August and November, subject to change. Upcoming meeting dates are Tuesday, Aug. 24 and Tuesday,



Kim Patrick (10 Squared Women Member, and nominator), Alex Kautzky (STMC Executive Director) and Kelly Ruby (STMC Director of Camps & Retreats)

Nov. 16 (held a week earlier due to Thanksgiving). Members in attendance hear from three nominated organizations, drawn from “the hat” of member-nominated organizations at random, and vote on the winning cause that night.

10 Squared Women is focused on helping and donating to local organizations that vow to put those charitable funds to work right in our back yards. The funds are used in various projects to benefit Guthrie County community’s residents.

The group currently has approximately 96 members and 22 organizations nominated. They strongly encourage additional philanthropic organizations and new members to come forward. Since 10 Squared Women of Guthrie County was formed in January 2017, they have contributed more than \$196,000 toward various causes in the county.

These have included Cities of Yale and Jamaica park improvements, City of Bagley (Library project), Daycare & Preschool programs in Adair and Guthrie Center (KidZone) and Panora (Little Panther), Guthrie Center and Panora Fire Departments, School Backpack programs a AC/GC, West Central Valley and Panora, as well as programs that benefit residents from all corners of Guthrie County: Guthrie County Helping Hands (habitat for humanity projects in Stuart, Casey, Guthrie Center, Adair, Panora, Yale, Menlo, Jamaica, and Bagley), New Opportunities, Panora P.E.T.S., Guthrie Activity Center, Tori’s Angels Foundation, Guthrie County Sheriff’s Chaplains, Guthrie County Historical Village Foundation, Guthrie County Hospital Foundation, Guthrie County Arts Council, and now, St. Thomas More Center.

10 Squared Women members are encouraged to talk to their friends, neighbors and family about the group and to share the group within their social circles. Members are not required to attend meetings, however, in order for their vote to count, they must be in attendance at the live meeting or virtually. All members are expected to write their donation checks whether they can attend the meeting and vote or not.

The group is continually looking for new members who are excited about helping their communities and Guthrie County. To learn how to get involved, visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/10squaredwomengc>, or email 10squaredgc@gmail.com. Membership Forms and Frequently Asked Questions can be found on their Facebook page or by contacting them through Facebook or email. ■



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LAKE DOG: SCOTCH

Meet Scotch, a chocolate and white Border Collie. Scotch is almost 9 months old. She splits her time between the family's farm in northwest Iowa and here in the narrows. Her family is the Ortner — Jillian, Steve, Wesley and Posey. Being new on the lake, Scotch is not so sure of the water. She barks at the waves. In the winter, she enjoyed walks, and she has made friends just down the lake. She enjoys chasing birds, ice cream, Frisbees and balls. Her pet peeves are the heating and cooling vents and hearing dogs bark on podcasts on the drive to the lake, when she barks back at them. Scotch has been a great fit for the Ortner family, and they are enjoying watching her grow. ■



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