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# SURVEY YIELDS INSIGHT ON WATER SAFETY CONCERNS

LPA will target three areas for improvement in 2021.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Panorama Times

In recent months, the LPA has received comments, questions and suggestions on how to create a safer environment on Lake Panorama. Most of these ideas revolved around buoy placement, water patrol and boater education. The LPA created a member survey covering these topics to try to resolve some issues and come up with better solutions for future boating seasons.

A survey summary was presented to the LPA Water Safety Committee at a meeting Oct. 22 and to the LPA board of directors Oct. 27.

There were 515 respondents to the survey, with 97 percent of those saying they participate in some sort of water recreation on Lake Panorama. The three most popular forms of recreation were pleasure boating (95 percent), swimming (85 percent) and tubing (77 percent). Fishing, kayaking/canoeing and water-skiing represented a second tier of interest, with more than 55 percent indicating an interest in these three pursuits.

Buoy placement is a hot topic among some waterfront owners. Yet when members were asked to rate LPA's current buoy placement for the overall lake, 76 percent said they think the current placement is either good or excellent. In addition, LPA's policy to keep a static buoy map was met with 80 percent satisfaction.

Regression analysis showed waterfront cove owners differed slightly from main channel owners, as 69 percent of cove owners felt the placement was good or excellent, and 9 percent thought current placement was poor. Turning to main channel owners, 86 percent thought placement was good or excellent, and only 2 percent thought buoy placement was poor. Although cove waterfront owners were less satisfied, it is notable about seven out of 10 offered a response that was supportive of current buoy placement.

When members were asked to rate their level of satisfaction with the LPA Water Patrol, 80 percent said they were satisfied with patrol efforts.

There were 89 fines handed out on the water this season and 83 warnings. The survey

showed the preferred level of enforcement on the lake falls somewhere between somewhat firm and somewhat casual.

Thirty-five percent of respondents want patrol to be somewhat firm and hand out fines for most violations, and 53 percent want patrol to be a bit more casual and only hand out fines for the worst violations. Around 5 percent want patrol to be very firm and issue fines for all violations, with another 5 percent saying patrol should be very casual and not issue any fines. The results of this question are generally in-line with LPA's current approach to water patrol.

The most common feedback on patrol was the need for more officers on the lake, especially during evening hours.

The survey asked members to rate overall boating safety on the lake. Ninety-one percent of respondents thought boating on Lake Panorama was either somewhat safe or very safe, with six percent of members saying boating was either dangerous or very dangerous.

A common complaint LPA often receives is about boat density. When asked on a scale of one to 10 (one being very open and 10 being very crowded) to rate the level of boat traffic on weekends, the average number was 7.6. Thus, members judged the lake to be both crowded and safe, which indicates a generally responsible level of conduct by lake boaters.

A lot of LPA's complaints come back to the fault of guests. If given more resources to help educate, 49 percent of respondents said they would prefer enhanced printed materials the most. Online references were the next popular choice at 32 percent and a brief online training course came in third with 25 percent. Online safety videos were just behind at 22 percent.

Most comments in the final section of the survey involved speeding in the back of coves and concerns with wake boats disrupting other boaters and shorelines. John Rutledge, LPA general manager, says both concerns can be attributed to a couple different factors.

"The first involves how easily buoys can be read and understood. Feedback on the survey showed there could be substan-

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# OCTOBERFEST RAISES \$6,225 FOR DOG PARK

Total now at \$18,000.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Panorama Times

Fundraising for a proposed dog park at Lake Panorama got a big boost from a day-long Oktoberfest event Oct. 17. A total of \$6,225 was raised that day from participants in a morning walk/run, afternoon golf tournament and evening open house at the LPN conference center.

A volunteer committee planned the event, designed to increase awareness of the dog park plan, while raising money and collecting donations. Friends of Lake Panorama is managing the donations with a goal of \$50,000 to build the park and provide all desired amenities.

The Friends board of directors has set an interim goal of raising \$25,000 by May 1 to make sure this is a financially viable project. No matching funds from the LPA are available, so all funding needs to come from donations and fundraisers.

Nearly \$9,000 had been donated to the dog park in advance of the Oct. 17 fundraiser, and additional funds have come in since. The total raised to date is more than \$18,000.

Because Friends is a 501(c)3 non-profit charity, all donations are tax deductible. Donors of at least \$500 will be recognized on a sign at the dog park, plus on the Friends website. If the needed funds are raised, the facility will be located at the corner of Sage Trail and RV Road, near the east campground.

The "Going to the Dogs" walk/run had 12 participants and took place on the back nine cart paths of the LPN golf course. Registration was at Spikes, where freewill donations were accepted and water and dog bandanas handed out.

A trailer was set up throughout the day between the No. 12 green and No. 13 tee box, where volunteers provided information, took donations and showed the layout and location of the proposed park.

Nine teams participated in the "Going to the Dogs" nine-hole, four-person best shot golf tournament. The cost was \$40 per person with \$20 going directly to the dog park. The winning team was Jim and Julie Tibbles and Scott and Sherri Miller. They donated their \$40 cash prize back to the dog park.

At the open house, five donated items were used in a silent auction that raised \$400. Raffle tickets were sold for 21 donated items. A 50/50 raffle raised \$310. The holders of the winning ticket were Jim and Julie Tibbles, who donated their half back to the cause.

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Tammy Deal and Ruth Rowedder are shown before taking part in the morning walk/run. Deal's dog Zoey is sporting a handmade bandana. Jan Remley, who is Julie Tibbles' sister, made 50 of the bandanas, which were sold for \$5 each. Remley continues to make the bandanas, which now are being sold at Crafty's Coffee in Panora, with all proceeds going to the dog park fund.



Randy Walz and Gretchen and Dan Wilhelmi are shown at the evening open house. The day-long fundraising event raised \$6,225 for a proposed Lake Panorama dog park.

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# LAKE PANORAMA RIZ ELECTION DEC. 8

Trustees Doug Hemphill and JoAnn Johnson are running for re-election.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
*Lake Panorama Times*

Voting for two positions on the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) board will take place Tuesday, Dec. 8. The polls will be open from noon until 8 p.m. in the lower level of the LPA office, 5006 Panorama Drive. Or voters can request absentee ballots from the Guthrie County Auditor for the “Special Election” and fill in Lake Panorama RIZ. Voters also can vote absentee at the auditor’s office in the Guthrie County courthouse from Nov. 23 through Dec. 7.

Trustees Doug Hemphill and JoAnn Johnson are running for re-election. Other trustees on the RIZ board are Bill Dahl, Larry Petersen and Corey Welberg.

Voting is limited to individuals whose voter registration address is located within the Lake Panorama subdivision. LPA members who do not consider Lake Panorama their primary residence for voting purposes are not eligible to

cast a ballot. This is a government election, not an LPA election. Every eligible voter can cast a ballot. This differs from LPA elections, where each membership is allowed just one vote.

The trustees are responsible for administering the RIZ, which includes the plat- ted portions of the Lake Panorama development. The Lake Panorama RIZ is a local government entity designed to manage erosion control and water quality at Lake Panorama and within its watershed.

The RIZ was formed in 1997 by the initiative of the LPA through legislation in Des Moines. The tax increment financing district allows tax growth dollars to stay within the Lake Panorama development for water quality purposes.

The board of trustees oversees the annual budget and associated expenditures. Estimated revenue for the 2020-2021 fiscal year is \$2.45 million. These funds are used exclusively to fund improvements allowed under IA Code 357.H, which

includes dredging operations, erosion control practices and water quality improvements.

A key focus of RIZ continues to be the dredging of sediment from Lake Panorama. This ensures lake depth remains suitable for safe enjoyment by LPA members and their guests.

In addition to the annual contract performed by LPA, RIZ hired Dredge America this year to remove nearly \$4 million worth of sediment from the area immediately downstream of the Fansler Bridge. This sediment has been pumped into the far reaches of the County Basin to make full use of flood easements secured in the early-2000s.

In addition to dredging, RIZ has completed three wetland projects and has acquired the property needed for a fourth. These wetlands provide substantial nitrogen reduction and are designed to assist in sediment buffering. For more information on Lake Panorama RIZ, visit [www.lakepanoramaliz.org](http://www.lakepanoramaliz.org). ■

## ON THE LAKE

# Lake time, gift ideas, home improvements and what we have in common

By SHANE GOODMAN  
*Editor and Publisher*

With the weather we have been experiencing lately, it has been difficult to fully let go of “lake time.” That’s something that those of you living on the lake year-round don’t have to worry about, as you are able to fully experience all the seasons. But for those of us at Lake Panorama part time, it feels like we should still be out on our boats — at least on this 73-degree day as I write this column. Of course, by the time you are reading this, we could be back to snowfall.

We bought our lake home a year ago, and we spent the first few weeks cleaning up the outdoor stuff and enjoying the autumn season. We could not yet envision what summertime at the lake would truly be like. Those hot months are clearly the reason most of us buy homes here, but not the only reason. Truth be told, many of us choose to live in Iowa because we really do enjoy the change of seasons. And get ready, because change is coming.

and services to assist you in your plans.

### Holiday gift ideas

If you have not yet come up with ideas for all your holiday gift giving (and who has?), then look inside this issue for a few. Many of you have already purchased a copy of “Lake Panorama – The First 50 Years,” but be sure to buy a copy for your family members, your neighbors and, if you have not already, yourself. Jolene and I bought three copies last year, and we will be buying at least one more now. It is truly a wonderful read about the history of Lake Panorama.

Another gift idea that you can find information on in this issue is for the Lake Dogs and Cove Cats calendar. This is a beautiful piece that you can purchase at many locations in the area with proceeds going to a wonderful organization.

In fact, why not buy the book and the calendar? Anyone who enjoys Lake Panorama would certainly appreciate them both.



Shane Goodman

I have long believed that if we would take a fraction of the time and money that is spent on dividing us and use that to celebrate all the things we actually have in common, this nation would be a much better place. And, fortunately for all of you reading this, we do have something we truly all enjoy, and that is Lake Panorama. So as we put Election Day behind us and look to Thanksgiving, let’s not forget the need to celebrate that common ground. We will all be better for it.

### A little lake humor

My Bluetooth speaker quit working the other day, so I threw it into the lake. Now it’s syncing.

I did say “a little” humor. And, no, I did not really litter in the lake.

Have a great November, and thanks for reading. ■

## SURVEY

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tial improvement to the legibility and clarity of buoys on the lake, and our security team has begun discussing options,” he says. “Location of the buoys is not an issue for most people, but getting people to follow the rules of each buoy is a different story.”

Rutledge says the second factor and perhaps the more challenging problem is the lack of patrol on the lake.

“The security department did the very best it could this past season with who we had, but scheduling turned out to be very difficult and not all shifts could always be filled,” he says. “In order to solve this problem, LPA may need to find more staff or raise wages of security officers on the water.”

After the water safety committee reviewed the survey Oct. 22, Rutledge

told members the LPA will target three areas for improvement in 2021. These include improved readability of buoys, increasing the number of hours during which water patrol is on the lake, and improving and increasing boating education resources.

The committee will meet again in the spring to review steps being taken to make improvements in these three areas for the 2021 boating season. ■

### Home Improvement Guide

Be sure to look for a special section inside this edition that is packed with stories and photos that relate to home improvement projects. And also be sure to reach out to the local businesses that have advertised their goods

### Goodbye, election campaigns

If you are like me, you have had your fill of negative election advertising. I am thankful that the campaign season is over. As divisive as it all has been, we now all have a responsibility to join together.

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# NEW WALL BEING INSTALLED AT BOULDER BEACH

LPA expects this project to cost around \$35,000.

**BY SUSAN THOMPSON**  
*Lake Panorama Times*

Work began in late October on a new beach wall at Boulder Beach. The existing wall consisting of railroad ties has been deteriorating for several years, and the large landscaped beds on top of the wall were overgrown. The first step was for the LPA maintenance crew to remove the old wall, boulders and vegetation. One row of ties remained to hold back dirt during construction, but these will be removed prior to backfilling.

Jorgenson Brothers Concrete Construction was hired to install a new poured concrete wall. It is 300 feet long and 4 feet high. The new wall will have a brick face, with the concrete dyed dark tan. Two sets of steps, each 5 feet wide, are being placed in the wall to provide access to the beach.

Six 8-foot by 8-foot concrete pads are being poured behind the wall near the steps. The Panorama Garden Club is donating a large planter to be placed on each of these pads. Next spring, the LPA will provide funds to purchase flowers for the pots, and volunteers will manage the planting and maintenance. Future plans call for the addition of metal swings or benches on concrete pads positioned behind the wall so users will have a view of the beach and lake.

No one on the current LPA staff knows when the old wall was installed, although they know it was prior to 1999. In preparation for this new wall, remnants of an even older wall were found. Using a poured concrete wall with a footing under it should eliminate any maintenance to this new wall for decades to come. LPA expects this project to cost around \$35,000. ■



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# LPN Gets Support from Granite Club Members

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.

Original Granite Club members who renewed for 2020 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 10th hole.

One new member — Lake Panorama Barge — joined the Granite Club this year and is featured on the seventh hole.

Minnesota Cabinets joined in 2019 on the 18th hole and renewed for 2020. Five new members joined in 2018 and renewed this year. These are R&K Bristle Farms on the first hole; Iowa Trust

& Savings Bank on hole four; 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.

Five holes remain available for sponsorship — two, 10, 11, 12 and 14. 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 the LPN.

Details of the Granite Club, along with a request



A new member of the LPN Granite Club for 2020 was the Lake Panorama Barge Service. The sign is posted on the tee marker on the seventh hole at Lake Panorama National.

form for more information, can be found on the LPN website at lakepanorama-

national.com. Or call Royce Shaffer, LPN operations manager, at 641-755-2080. ■

## DOG PARK

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One of the nine teams playing in the afternoon golf tournament was made up of, left to right, Chris and Brenda Duree, Keith Ketcham and Brandon Monaghan.



Gretchen Wilhelmi and her dog, Lilly, participated in the afternoon golf tournament.

The biggest part of the fundraising came from eight individuals or couples who that day each made a direct donation of \$500 to the dog park.

Plans for the park include a 6-foot-high chain link

fence 650 feet long and 155 feet wide. There will be two sections, one for small dogs and one for large dogs, with chain link fence dividing the two areas. A single entrance will be protected by a keyless lock. Once inside this gate, users can choose a gate to either the large dog or small dog areas.

Crushed rock will create a 5-foot-wide walking path along and under the fencing to provide a weed barrier and keep dogs from digging. A small gravel parking lot will be adjacent to the park.

Amenities inside the park fence included in the \$50,000 cost estimate are four benches, four stations where bags for dog waste would be available, and two domed waste receptacles. A dual station pet fountain placed in the fence line between the two sections would make it possible for dogs to access drinking water from either side.

The facility will be open to LPA members and their guests. Checks made payable to Friends of Lake Panorama can be mailed to P.O. Box 488, Panora, Iowa 50216. Other donation options and more information are available at [www.friendsoflakepanorama.org](http://www.friendsoflakepanorama.org). ■

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# ANNUAL STOCKING PROMISES BETTER FISHING

Totals for 2020 included 2,500 walleye, 1,200 smallmouth bass and 1,000 largemouth bass.



On Nov. 3, \$14,000 worth of fish were added to Lake Panorama. Fish stocking totals for 2020 included 2,500 walleye, 1,200 smallmouth bass and 1,000 largemouth bass.

**BY SUSAN THOMPSON**  
*Lake Panorama Times*

More than \$14,000 worth of fish were added Nov. 3 to Lake Panorama by Fin and Feather. Fish stocking totals for 2020 included 2,500 walleye, 1,200 smallmouth bass and 1,000 largemouth bass.

Fin and Feather stocks fish 4-6 inches in length to promote high survival rates. Fingerlings are less expensive, but survival rates are lower. Experience has taught group leaders that stocking larger fish is a good investment.

Volunteers in the non-profit Fin and Feather group have been stocking fish and working to improve fishing conditions in Lake Panorama since 1984. When the dam was closed in 1970, the only thing natural to the lake was crappie, largemouth bass, carp and catfish.

The long-time supplier for the fish-stocking program is North Star Fish Hatchery, a third-generation, family-owned business in Montour, Iowa. North Star brought the fish to Lake Panorama's Boulder Beach, where the fish were introduced into the lake via a

tube attached to the water-filled truck.

Besides stocking fish, the group works to help improve fish habitat for smaller fish. Fin and Feather raises its money through annual memberships and a fundraising banquet each spring.

The 2020 banquet was canceled due to COVID-19 concerns. However, the organization was able to continue the 2020 fish stocking effort through its use of fund reserves generated at previous fundraising banquets. The 2021 banquet is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 8, the same date as the LPA annual meeting. ■



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## RECIPE

# Easy pumpkin dessert

**BY JOLENE GOODMAN**

Impress your guests when you bring this tasty treat to the table this fall. This is a no fuss, easy to prepare dessert that includes the traditional seasonal pumpkin flavor. ■

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



Jolene Goodman

## EASY PUMPKIN DESSERT

| Ingredients                   | Directions   |
|-------------------------------|--|
| 1- 15 oz. can pumpkin puree   | Grease 9x13 pan.   |
| 1- 12 oz can evaporated milk  | Mix together pumpkin puree, evaporated milk, eggs, sugar, pumpkin pie spice and cinnamon until well blended. |
| 3 eggs                        | Pour into pan.   |
| 1 cup sugar                   | Sprinkle with dry cake mix.  |
| 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice | Drizzle butter over cake mix.  |
| 2 teaspoons cinnamon          | Top with nuts.   |
| 1- 18.25 oz yellow cake mix   | Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.  |
| 3/4 cup melted butter         | Serve warm with ice cream or whipped cream.  |
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# LAKE DOGS AND COVE CATS

By CHERYL TEMPLE  
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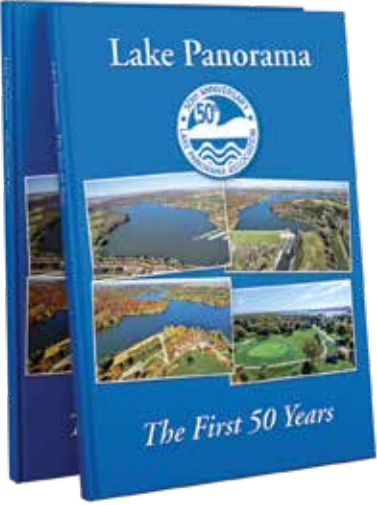
**12 weeks old Domestic Tabby but may have some Maine Coon in her**  
Dahlia was adopted from Furry Friends Rescue. Her owners are Emily, Billy, Natalie and Dylan Donovan. Dahlia likes to explore behind, under and in things like cupboards, boxes and bags. She likes to have her ears and chin scratched and enjoys cuddling. Dahlia is getting used to the dogs and is training them well. She hisses or bats at their noses if they get too close. She's already showing her hunter instincts and stalks flies and wiggling toes under the covers. ■



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Copies of the "Lake Panorama – The First 50 Years" remain available for purchase. The LPA now is offering online purchases with shipping through the winter months.

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## Courtney P. Allen

Courtney Powell Allen, 93, son of Bert and Velma (Jenkins) Allen, was born June 25, 1927, in Lynn, Massachusetts. He passed away Oct. 11, 2020, at the Guthrie County Hospital, in Guthrie Center.

Courtney graduated from Pinkerton Academy in Derry, New Hampshire. He enlisted in the United States Navy during WWII, serving from June 1945 until July 1946. He then graduated from the University of New Hampshire in Dover with a degree in genetics.

He was recalled back into the United States Navy during the Korean War, serving from May 1951 until August 1952. During this time, he met Dilma Galmeyer while serving on the island of Curacao in the Caribbean. They were married on March 16, 1953. They first made their home in Des Moines, followed by Johnston, Urbandale and finally, in 1982, they built a home on Lake Panorama. In 1988, they made the lake house their fulltime home.

Courtney worked for Pioneer in its poultry division. In 1972, he started his own company called Sunny Time Foods. In 1988, he built a manufacturing plant in Panora for Sunny Time. In 1989, he sold the company to Cargill and worked for them until he retired in 1992 at the age of 65.

Courtney enjoyed golfing, traveling, telling stories and being with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Dilma Allen of Panora; sons, Courtney Allen, Jr. of Panora and Clifford (Joelle) Allen of Barnstable, Massachusetts; daughter, Cynthia Merritt of West Des Moines; five granddaughters, six great-grandchildren; and brother, Bert Allen, Jr. of Hampstead, New Hampshire. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and a brother.

A Celebration of Life gathering was held at the Panorama West Clubhouse Oct. 14. Burial of his remains was Oct. 19, 2020, at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery near Van Meter.

Twigg Funeral Home, Panora, handled arrangements. ■



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*Lake Panorama*

## TIMES

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

**Q: Are there any rules on where I can or can't store my boat in the winter?**

**A:** LPA members are not allowed to store their boats at the marina, campground or along the roadways of Lake Panorama. Storage of a member's boat is permitted on his or her property, but LPA discourages outside storage due to the possibility of mice or raccoons damaging the vessel. Members who do choose to store their boat on their own property are allowed to do so but must ensure their property remains kept in a tidy manner. Members cannot use their residential property for commercial storage of other boats. LPA encourages members to consider using LPA-owned storage through Coulters Panorma Marine, as that helps to support both the marina and LPA.

**Q: Do I need to have my driveway cleared of snow if I am not at my lake house during the winter?**

**A:** Although you are not required to do so, the LPA recommends having your driveway cleared to give the appearance of winter activity and to avoid any potential theft. If you sign up for winter house checks, having a cleared drive is also greatly appreciated. And for general safety sake, it is always a good idea to have your driveways and sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

**Q: Can I ride my snowmobile on the lake?**

**A:** LPA doesn't govern use of the lake itself for snowmobiles, but DNR rules do apply. Safety during early-ice and late-ice conditions is strongly encouraged. Lake Panorama appreciates the local snowmobile groups that support the conference center by using designated pathways for access to the facility. Members are also encouraged to utilize the Raccoon River Valley Trail, which is groomed by the Raccoon Valley Snow Chasers club. ■

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

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were printed, with about 350 purchased online in advance, and another 250 purchased since the book's arrival. About 400 remain in stock.

In-person promotions of the book planned for 2020 haven't been possible because of COVID-19. The book's cost is \$35, which includes tax. To make it easier to purchase the book now and through the winter months, LPA is offering to ship at an additional cost of \$5 per book. Once ordered online, books will be shipped from Panora in 7-10 business days.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Submit items for events calendar at [www.lakepanoramatimes.com](http://www.lakepanoramatimes.com). Event dates and times are subject to change. Contact hosts for updated details.

**Friday, Nov. 13 - Saturday, Nov. 14**  
**Girls HS Swim State Meet**  
Marshalltown  
[www.panoramaschools.org](http://www.panoramaschools.org)

**Monday, Nov. 16**  
**4 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Girls JH Game vs. Earlham**  
Earlham  
www.panoramaschools.org



**Monday, Nov. 16**  
**4 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Boys JH Game vs. Earlham**  
Panorama High School  
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**Thursday, Nov. 19**  
**4 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Girls JH Game vs. Ogden**  
Panorama High School  
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**Thursday, Nov. 19**  
**4 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Boys JH Game vs. Ogden**  
Ogden High School  
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**Thursday, Nov. 19**  
**6 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Girls Varsity Jamboree vs. Audubon**  
Audubon High School  
[www.panoramaschools.org](http://www.panoramaschools.org)

**Saturday, Nov. 21**  
**TBD**  
**Basketball: Girls Varsity Scrimmage vs. Newell-Fonda Community**  
Newell Fonda High School, Newell  
[www.panoramaschools.org](http://www.panoramaschools.org)

**Monday, Nov. 23**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Panora City Council Meeting**  
[www.cityofpanora.com](http://www.cityofpanora.com)

**Monday, Nov. 23**  
**4 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Girls JH Game vs. Nodaway Valley**  
Nodaway Valley High School  
[www.panoramaschools.org](http://www.panoramaschools.org)

**Monday, Nov. 23**  
**4 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Boys JH Game vs. Nodaway Valley**  
Panorama High School  
[www.panoramaschools.org](http://www.panoramaschools.org)

**Tuesday, Nov. 24**  
**5 p.m.**  
**LPA Board Meeting**  
[www.lakepanorama.org](http://www.lakepanorama.org)

**Tuesday, Nov. 24**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Harlan Community**  
Harlan Community High School  
[www.panoramaschools.org](http://www.panoramaschools.org)

**Saturday, Nov. 28**  
**Small Business Saturday**  
[www.panorachamber.org](http://www.panorachamber.org)

**Tuesday, Dec. 1**  
**4 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Girls JH Game vs. Madrid**  
Panorama High School  
[www.panoramaschools.org](http://www.panoramaschools.org)

**Tuesday, Dec. 1**  
**4 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Boys JH Game vs. Madrid**  
Madrid Elementary School  
[www.panoramaschools.org](http://www.panoramaschools.org)

**Tuesday, Dec. 1**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Wrestling: Varsity Duals vs. Multiple Schools**  
Manson Northwest Webster High School  
[www.panoramaschools.org](http://www.panoramaschools.org)

**Tuesday, Dec. 1**  
**6 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Mount Ayr Community Schools**  
Mount Ayr High School  
[www.panoramaschools.org](http://www.panoramaschools.org)

**Tuesday, Dec. 1**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Mount Ayr Community Schools**  
Mount Ayr High School  
[www.panoramaschools.org](http://www.panoramaschools.org)

**Thursday, Dec. 3**  
**4 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Girls JH Game vs. Exira-Elk-Horn-Kimballton**  
Exira Community High School  
[www.panoramaschools.org](http://www.panoramaschools.org)

**Thursday, Dec. 3**  
**4 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Boys JH Game vs. Exira-Elk-Horn-Kimballton**  
Panorama High School  
[www.panoramaschools.org](http://www.panoramaschools.org)

**Friday, Dec. 4**  
**6 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Woodward Granger**  
Panorama High School  
[www.panoramaschools.org](http://www.panoramaschools.org)

**Friday, Dec. 4**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Woodward Granger**  
Woodward-Granger High School  
[www.panoramaschools.org](http://www.panoramaschools.org)

**Saturday, Dec. 5**  
**10 a.m.**  
**Wrestling: Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools.**  
Treyner High School  
[www.panoramaschools.org](http://www.panoramaschools.org)

**Saturday, Dec. 5**  
**1 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. IKM-Manning**  
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**Saturday, Dec. 5**  
**2:30 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. IKM-Manning**  
Panorama High School  
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**Sunday, Dec. 6**  
**10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
**Dance Team Show of Shows**  
Panorama High School and Middle School Gyms  
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**Monday, Dec. 7**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
**Deadline for Building Code Variance Requests**  
[www.lakepanorama.org](http://www.lakepanorama.org)

**Monday, Dec. 7**  
**4 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Girls JH Game vs. Van Meter**  
Van Meter High School  
[www.panoramaschools.org](http://www.panoramaschools.org)

**Monday, Dec. 7**  
**4 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Boys JH Game vs. Van Meter**  
Panorama High School  
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**Monday, Dec. 7**  
**6 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Pleasantville**  
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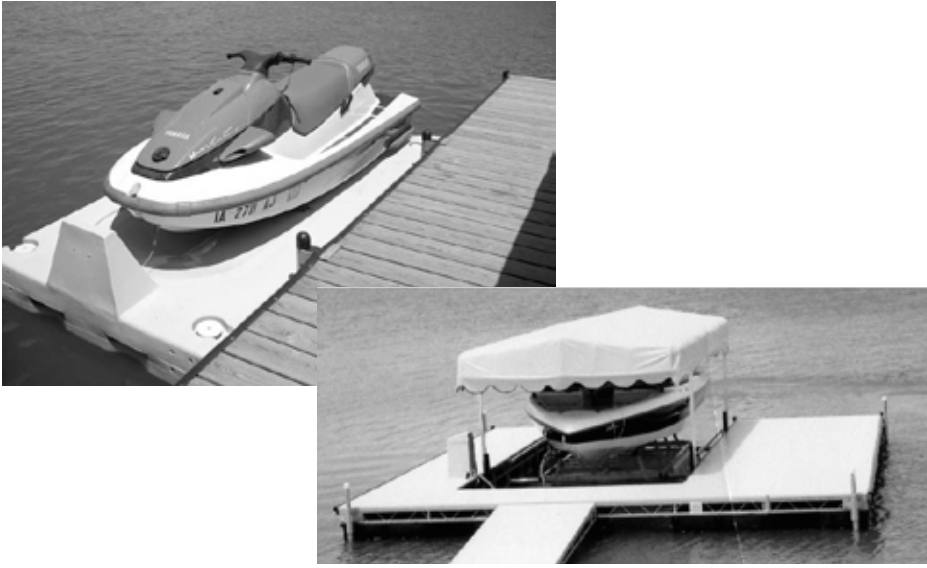
**Monday, Dec. 7**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Pleasantville**  
Panorama High School  
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**Tuesday, Dec. 8**  
**2020 RIZ election**  
**Noon until 8 p.m.**  
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**Tuesday, Dec. 8**  
**6 p.m.**  
**Wrestling: Varsity Duals vs. Multiple Schools.**  
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**Get organized.** Ensure that your documents are up to date and remain aligned with your wishes. Consider a financial power of attorney and a power of attorney for your healthcare needs. Both can play a role should you become too ill to make decisions.

Also, consider adding "Transfer on Death" or "Pay on Death" to non-retirement assets.

**Be flexible.** Tax laws change over time. For example, the SECURE Act passed at the end of 2019 did away with "stretch IRAs." The change forced some to consider a new approach to that portion of their estate.

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## Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors Meeting

Sept. 29, 2020

LPN Conference Center

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met Sept. 29, 2020, at 5 p.m., at the LPN 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, Lane Rumelhart and John Rutledge.

Visitors in attendance: John Coghlan, Sunset South HOA

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

No one present for open forum

### Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda

Donovan 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 08.25.2020 LPA Board Meeting

c) Acceptance of 08.31.2020 consolidated financial report – LPA & LPN, LLC

d) Set date for next board meeting, 10.27.2020

e) Accept minutes of the 09.14.2020 Building Code Committee meeting

f) Accept minutes from 08.24.2020 LPN LLC Board of Managers meeting

Carothers invoked point of privilege and moved to Agenda Item 4c

### Agenda Item 4c – Consider request to swap parcels with Sunset South

John Coghlan, on behalf of Sunset South HOA, requested a parcel swap between LPA and Sunset South of approximately 35 feet to preserve two Cottonwood trees while creating a concrete golf cart path to the water and LPA obtaining a section near

the Sunset Sewer lift station. Rutledge advised the board this trade would be beneficial to both parties.

Schumacher moved to authorize a parcel exchange with Sunset South as discussed. Closing and survey costs to be shared equally between LPA and Sunset South. The parcel exchange is contingent upon Sunset South confirming the easement for existing LPA sewer lines. LPA attorney to review all documents. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

### Agenda Item 4a – Variance Request for 4/12 roof pitch on house – Lot 3248

Wanninger is purchasing lot 3248 for new home construction.

Excerpt from Building Codes Minutes:

*Luke Wanninger at 4159 Panorama Drive asked the committee for a 4:12 roof pitch variance for his home on lot 3248. Westercamp made a motion to approve a 4:12 roof pitch variance for a new home on lot 3248, based upon similarity to past requests. Knudsen seconded the motion, and*

*motion carried unanimously.*

Schumacher moved to grant a 4/12 roof pitch variance for new home construction on lot 3248, Luke Wanninger. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

### Agenda Item 4b – Request for storage shed that exceeds 200 square feet – Clover Ridge HOA

Excerpt from Building Codes Minutes:

*Gary Soreide, Clover Ridge Homeowners Association (CRHOA) president, presented plans for a new storage facility on Karen Drive that would exceed the maximum 200 square foot allowance. Soreide requested a variance for a 160 square foot exception, which would allow for a 360 square foot storage shed. Soreide explained CRHOA had maintenance crews that would utilize the shed for storage of equipment and materials necessary for the tasks required for upkeep on the facilities. Soreide did not have plans or drawings of what the shed would look like. Rumelhart noted that the area the shed would be built is in a "special use plat" and was not limited to strictly residential buildings. Knudsen mentioned the location of the proposed shed was in a good location and would not take away any members' parking space. Miller asked Soreide to provide clear drawings and plans of what the shed would look like. Soreide agreed to provide*

*the requested materials, and Rumelhart suggested the committee look via email once the plans were submitted. Soreide hoped to have recommendation from the committee before the September board meeting to save money for rental space he is currently using to store CRHOA's equipment.*

Evans made a motion to recommend a variance to the Clover Ridge Homeowners Association for construction of a 360 square foot structure, based upon the request being made by a condo association and the property existing in a special use plat. The recommendation is contingent upon committee's email confirmation the design and color match the existing structures on Karen Drive, and the appropriate plans are supplied to LPA, Westercamp seconded the motion, and motion carried unanimously.

Donovan moved to grant a variance to Clover Ridge Homeowner Association (CRHOA) to build a 360 square foot storage shed for use by the CRHOA maintenance crews. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

### Agenda Item 4d – LPA Capital Budget request for 2021 and review of LPA's five-year capital budget projection 2021 – 2025

Rutledge reviewed the proposed 2021 LPA Capital Budget and the five-year projected

capital budget. Board discussed the proposed 2021 Capital Budget and after review of specific items, supported the overall budget. LPA Staff will do a final review of the Capital Budget and present for approval at the October board meeting. Rutledge asked the Board to approve purchase now of the security truck, slated for replacement in 2021. The backup security truck is starting to require costly maintenance repairs and with current vehicle purchase incentives available, it will prove to be cost effective to move forward with the purchase in 2020. Board agreed to this purchase.

Evans moved to approve the purchase of a new security pickup truck in 2020, proposed in the 2021 capital budget. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

### Agenda Item 5 – Old Business – None

### Agenda Item 6 – Closed Session – None

### Agenda Item 7a – Review LPA Rule 9.2 regarding prohibited signage

A discussion was held on the current LPA Rules regarding signage. The Board is in full agreement the current rules and enforcement strategies are appropriate, and no changes were implemented at this time.

**Adjourn - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. ■**

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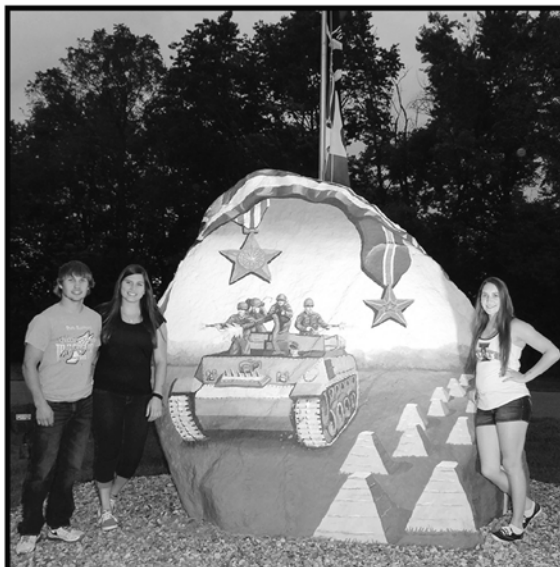
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# \$70,000 GOAL REACHED FOR NEW PLAYGROUNDS

The Boulder Beach play equipment will be ordered in early December for spring delivery.

BY SUSAN THOMPSON  
*Lake Panorama Times*

The \$70,000 goal set by Friends of Lake Panorama to provide new play equipment at both Shady and Boulder beaches was reached in late October. Fundraising kicked off just a year ago and had strong support from donors throughout the last 12 months. The August 1 Beach Ball, which raised about \$30,000, provided a big boost.

The equipment for Shady Beach, which was ordered in late July, was installed the third week in October. A drainage tile and final grading and mulching was completed the first week of November, and the playground now is open.

The new equipment includes a multi-faceted play set, three swings and a free-standing “spring rider” designed to accommodate a physically challenged child. The spring rider has space for two children. One bench is located within the mulched area of the Shady Beach playground. It was given by the Pauk family in memory of Ray Michael Pals. A memorial plaque will be installed on the bench next spring.

The Boulder Beach play equipment will be ordered in early December for spring delivery. The gray mountain and play set currently there will remain. A spring rider like the one at Shady Beach will be added. The Bill Priestley family has purchased a swinging bench in his memory, which will be installed in the spring in the original playground footprint. A new playground nearby will include a play set with features geared to both older and younger kids, plus three swings.

For those still interested in helping with these two playground projects, there is room for more benches and more spring riders at both locations. Any additional donations designated to the playgrounds through the end of 2020 will be used in this way.

All donations are tax-deductible. Checks made payable to Friends of Lake Panorama can be mailed to P.O. Box 488, Panora, Iowa, 50216. Donors should include a note the funds are to be used for the playgrounds.

Donors of \$500 or more will be recognized on signs erected in the spring near both playgrounds and on the Friends website. More information about the playgrounds and other ways to donate are available at [www.friendsoflakepanorama.org](http://www.friendsoflakepanorama.org). ■



The Boland Recreation crew installed the Shady Beach playground equipment in one day the third week of October. The following day brought a snowstorm to Lake Panorama so it was early November before everything dried out enough for the LPA maintenance crew to finalize drainage, mulching and grading.



Installation by Boland Recreation included pouring concrete footings to secure a bench, three swings, spring rider and the playset.



This bumblebee spring rider at Shady Beach is designed to accommodate a physically challenged child and has space for two children. The same spring rider will be installed in the Boulder Beach playground.



The playset chosen for Shady Beach is geared to a bit younger child than similar ones at Sunset Beach. The idea was to give families with younger children a place to play without competing with much older kids.



# Q&A: FRIENDS OF LAKE PANORAMA PRESIDENT PROVIDES UPDATE

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**  
*Lake Panorama Times*

Friends of Lake Panorama is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity dedicated to supporting recreational amenities at Lake Panorama. The first meeting of the Friends of Lake Panorama board of directors was Dec. 3, 2013. An application for nonprofit status was filed with the IRS in January 2014 and approved in July 2014.

The charity is governed by a volunteer, seven-member board of directors. In this month's Q&A, Jan Reinicke, current Friends president, talks about current projects and future goals.

**Q. A year ago, Friends kicked off a \$70,000 fundraising campaign to purchase new play equipment for Shady and Boulder Beach. Give us an update on that effort.**

A. I'm happy to say we reached our playground fundraising goal in late October. By July, we were far enough along the Friends board voted to go ahead with the purchase of the equipment for Shady Beach.

That arrived at Lake Panorama in early October and was installed just ahead of one of our October snowstorms. Featured are a multi-faceted play set, three swings, and a freestanding "spring rider" designed to accommodate a physically challenged child, that also has room for two children.

The LPA maintenance staff will be finalizing the mulching and grading there once the ground is frozen, and the playground will open. Hopefully there will be some warmer days yet in 2020 and into next spring for children to begin to enjoy this new playground.

The Boulder Beach play equipment will be ordered soon, for delivery in the spring. The gray mountain and play set currently there will remain. A spring rider like

the one at Shady Beach will be added. A new playground nearby will include a play set with features geared to both older and younger kids, plus three swings.

We will be posting a sign at each of the playgrounds showing donors who gave \$500 or more. If someone still is interested in helping with this project, we have room for both more benches and more spring riders, so we welcome additional donations.

**Q. Friends recently launched a new fund drive for a proposed dog park. Tell us about that.**

A. To help prioritize future projects, the Friends board of directors conducted a survey in April 2019 to gather input from Lake Panorama Association members. A total of 171 people responded to the six-question online survey over a three-week period.

Ten potential projects were listed in the survey. Questions were asked to help prioritize those projects, based on survey respondents ranking their top priorities, plus the likelihood of them both using and financially supporting each project. Based on those results, the playground upgrades we're doing now were chosen as the first project.

Also getting some attention was the possible development of an LPA dog park. While a dog park didn't rank as high in the survey as other projects, there was strong support from a segment of the LPA membership. For that reason, the Friends board recruited volunteers to serve on a dog park task force to study location, design, costs, and rules.

That group shared their proposal with the Friends board this summer, which endorsed the plan and sent it to the LPA board of directors for consideration. At its August meeting, the LPA board agreed Friends could raise funds for a dog park. All funds will need to be raised with

support from dog park enthusiasts, as LPA will only be partnering with in-kind contributions such as running a water line.

The members of the dog park task force took a very high-profile role once the project was approved by the Friends and LPA boards. Their original plan was costed at \$50,000 with the inclusion of all desired amenities, so the Friends board set a goal of \$25,000 to be raised by May 1 to make it viable. The Board believed it could be scaled back if necessary and add the additional amenities as more funds were raised.

What resulted was a group of people who recruited other dog lovers to the cause and successfully organized a fundraising event on Oct. 17 at the LPN, raising \$6,225 with a dog walk, golf tournament, raffle, auction and reception. It was a great display of team work. Total contributions are now \$18,000.

There is a lot of hard work remaining to reach the fundraising goal but the enthusiasm remains as additional events and appeals are planned for this year and next. Most importantly, it demonstrates what a small group of committed people with some well-defined goals can accomplish to make their community a better place for them and their furry friends.

**Q. What are the various ways people can donate to Friends?**

A. First, I want to remind everyone that all donations are tax-deductible, and donors receive a confirmation letter for tax purposes. Statistics indicate a high percentage of charitable contributions are made in the last few weeks of the year, so we're looking forward to additional contributions coming in to support additional benches or spring riders at the playgrounds on the beaches or help make the

dog park a reality.

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**Q. Are there other efforts underway as a result of the Friends survey?**

A. Yes, the survey helped the Friends board identify other areas of interest. In 2021, we plan to give attention to additional beach amenities, walking trails and a disc golf course. All of the ideas we will be pursuing came to us from the survey and were expanded on by volunteer committees. Many hours of work went into looking at the possibilities for improving the recreational opportunities here at Lake Panorama.

The survey was an extremely valuable tool for us. We learned we have an incredibly engaged community with some diverse interests. The lake and golf courses are, of course, the center of much activity but people are interested in adding other amenities such as the dog park and walking trails.

As we proceed to work on these other priorities, we hope to engage more new people willing to step forward, do the planning work and assist with raising the necessary funds. If you have a particular interest, we'd like to hear from you and welcome your interest and involvement.



As we look forward to new projects and celebrate the past accomplishments of beach playgrounds, sports courts and the upgrading of Panorama West with an estate gift, the board has reflected on our need to build a sustainable organization for the future.

We have for the last few years been very project focused with some very good results, and now need to ensure we have a vibrant Friends organization well into the future. We are hoping our donor base can expand and we can seek funds specifically for organizational and administrative purposes. We know people feel good about supporting the projects closest to their heart, but we're hoping there are LPA members who appreciate the good work being done and can just help support our

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Gretchen Wilhelmi and her dog, Lilly, participated in the afternoon golf tournament.

Fundraising for a proposed dog park at Lake Panorama got a boost from a day-long event Oct. 17. A total of \$6,225 was raised from participants in a morning walk/run, afternoon golf tournament and evening open house.

Nearly \$9,000 had been donated to the dog park in advance of the fundraiser, and additional funds have come in since. The total raised to date is \$18,500.

An estimated \$50,000 is needed to build the park and provide all desired amenities. The Friends board of directors set an interim goal of raising \$25,000 by May 1 to ensure this is a financially viable project.



Tammy Deal, her dog Zoey, and Ruth Rowedder are shown before taking part in the morning walk/run.

**All donations are tax-deductible. Donors of \$500 or more will be recognized on signs erected near the playgrounds, dog park, and on the Friends website. Checks made payable to Friends of Lake Panorama can be mailed to PO Box 488, Panora, Iowa, 50216.**

More information about the playgrounds, dog park, and other ways to donate is available at [www.friendsoflakepanorama.org](http://www.friendsoflakepanorama.org).

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ongoing expenses. Those donations add to the good of the community, too.

**Q. What kind of impact do you think Friends of Lake Panorama has had so far on the Lake Panorama community, and can have in the future?**

A. Fundraising began in October 2014. In May 2016, Friends completed an \$80,000 fundraising campaign to build the Sunset Beach playground, with the LPA providing an additional \$50,000. The playground equipment was installed in mid-July that year. A year later, Friends had raised \$75,000 for sports courts at Boulder Beach. The LPA board agreed to provide matching funds and the sports courts opened in mid-July 2018.

In August 2017, Friends of Lake Panorama received \$473,000 from the estate of James and Joyce McLuen to be used at the Panorama West golf course. That money transformed an already nice golf course into something very special.

One impact I think this estate gift had on Friends was for our board

to establish and test a protocol for handling future estate gifts. And I think we passed that first test with flying colors. The McLuens' generous gift is a wonderful example of long-time Lake Panorama residents who cared about this particular recreational amenity and made a decision to help support something they loved by including a bequest in their will.

We hope this gift will encourage others to think about the future impact they can have on recreational amenities at Lake Panorama, either through an estate gift, some other financial planning mechanism, or a direct donation now.

There have been a few smaller projects — renovation of the Lake Panorama National conference center dining room in memory of Dr. David Wang, a rain garden at Panorama West, and several memorial benches.

Friends of Lake Panorama is the perfect opportunity to forge a strong partnership with the Lake Panorama Association to improve the recreational opportunities here at the

lake. Working together, we have the potential to really improve the quality of life for current and future residents. While the LPA's focus, out of necessity, needs to be on safety, security and infrastructure needs, Friends of Lake Panorama can be a catalyst and support group focusing on the amenities our community members desire.

Our working relationship with the LPA is a good model as we move forward. The LPA board has provided financial contributions when possible

and many in-kind contributions. LPA staff have spent many hours helping make each of the projects come to be a part of life at Lake Panorama.

We are proud of our commitment to engage LPA community members in establishing priorities and continuing our work to provide additional amenities. We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you to raise the necessary funds to complete additional projects as well as build a strong Friends organization for the future. ■



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