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Survey: Beach projects are priority for lake residents

By SUSAN THOMPSON  
Times staff

December 2018 marked the fifth anniversary of Friends of Lake Panorama, a 501 (c)3 nonprofit charity dedicated to improving recreational amenities at Lake Panorama. The charity was established in response to members asking for ways they could give back to the Lake Panorama community with an estate gift or other tax-deductible donations.

Major projects so far have been a playground at Sunset Beach and sports courts at Boulder Beach. A \$473,000 estate gift made significant improvements possible at the Panorama West golf course. Donations also have funded renovations in the LPN dining room, memorial benches, and a rain garden.

To help prioritize future projects, the Friends board of directors conducted a survey in April 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, which Friends board members felt was a good response rate.

A total of 10 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.

Additional questions asked for input on how to implement specific project ideas, additional projects to suggest, and anything survey takers wanted to share about past or future projects. These questions garnered 175 written comments.

The Friends board met June 24 to review and discuss the survey results, then developed a formal analysis and related action items. The next step was sharing this report with the Lake Panorama Association board of directors at their July meeting, where the LPA board voted to accept the report.

The Friends board analysis showed the top four projects chosen by LPA members are “beach” related, and where the main focus should be. The projects included general beach improvements such as shelters, tables, and landscaping; gaming areas for such things

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LAKE PANORAMA NATIONAL

Anthofer hired to boost special events



A former casino hotel manager takes newly created job of marketing and events coordinator for the golf course

By SUSAN THOMPSON | Times staff

A new staff position recently was created and filled at Lake Panorama National, in an effort to increase the number and quality of special events held at the LPN conference center. Sheri Anthofer, who lives in Jefferson, began work July 17 as the LPN marketing and events coordinator. Anthofer came to the LPN after four years as general manager of the Cobblestone Hotel, which is attached to the Wild Rose Casino in Jefferson. There she oversaw a staff of more than 20 people on a daily basis, covering the front desk, housekeeping, maintenance and accounting.

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Lake Panorama history book now available

Special to the Times

The book titled ‘Lake Panorama – The First 50 Years’ arrived at the Lake Panorama Association office July 19. The LPA financed the book’s production. Just over 1,000 books were printed, with about 350 of those purchased online in advance.

People who ordered online and said they would pick up their books in person can do so at the LPA office. Buyers who purchased online and paid for shipment had their books shipped directly from the publisher.

Books now are available for purchase at the LPA and LPN front desks, and Panorama West Clubhouse, during regular business hours. The cost is \$35, which includes tax. Purchases can be made at these locations via cash, check, or credit card.

The book also is available at the Panora Library, with purchases there cash or check only. To make it possible for those interested to read the book without purchasing, the LPA delivered one free copy to each library in Guthrie County, which includes those in Bagley, Bayard, Casey, Guthrie Center, Jamaica, Menlo, Panora, and Stuart, plus a copy to the Linden Library in Dallas County.

The full-color, hardcover 112-page book includes both historic and contemporary photos. Chapters in the book describe six decades of planning and development. There also

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# LPN women’s league raises \$5,000 for Tori’s Angels

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**  
*Times taff*

On July 18, the usual Lake Panorama National women’s league night turned into a Rally for Tori’s Angels. The result was a donation of more than \$5,000 being presented to the foundation, which provides financial support to Iowa children with life-threatening medical challenges.

This is the second year for this event, which last year raised \$3,300. Expenses were kept to a minimum, with more than 95 percent of funds collected being donated.

The evening included a nine-hole, four-gal best-shot tournament, with the emphasis on fun and comradery, rather than having a competitive score. In total, 33 league members and seven non-league players participated.

For the second year, Tori Heckman, the foundation’s namesake, attended along with her grandmother, Jackie Wicks. Tori had life-saving heart surgery in 2011 at the age of 5 after several other heart surgeries. The foundation has now accepted 56 children for assistance.

After golf there was a pizza party, silent auction, and a presentation by Tori’s Angels board member Barb Bahde, plus Tori’s grandmother, Jackie Wicks.

The 52 items donated for the silent auction netted about \$1,900, and a freewill donation bucket brought in about \$1,400. The rest of the funds collected were from individual donations and entry fees. LPN women’s league leaders say they’re already planning for the third annual Tori’s Angels fundraiser sometime during the 2020 golf season.

**ABOUT THE FOUNDATION**

Tori’s Angels Foundation raises funds to support the families of children accepted for assistance who have life-threatening medical conditions. The idea of Tori’s Angels Foundation began in July 2010 with a community breakfast fundraiser, hosted by the Panora United Methodist Church, to assist with the medical expenses of then-five-year-old Tori Heckman of Panora, Iowa, who has had multiple heart surgeries since birth. The fundraiser was so successful that the idea of a founda-

tion to help other children with life-threatening medical conditions was born. Tori’s Angels Foundation, a non-profit under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, was created in June 2011 and was named for the community “angels” who generously supported Tori.

The foundation pays for all medical expenses not covered by insurance, including: travel expenses to treatment (airfare or mileage, hotels, meals), co-pays, deductibles, and prescription medicine. Each sponsored child is supported from the date of acceptance until his/her 19th birthday.

Tori had her life-saving surgery in early 2011 at Boston Children’s Hospital. She has had subsequent procedures and checkups and will be monitored closely for years to come. Tori’s grandmother has repeatedly expressed her thanks for the foundation’s help: “If it wasn’t for the foundation paying for the travel expenses for Tori and her parents to go to Boston for 3 weeks, we wouldn’t have Tori with us today. The family just couldn’t pay for all that expense.”

# Lake Panorama couple named Panora Citizens Of The Year

*Special to the Times*

Bill and Connie Ridgley, who have lived at Lake Panorama full-time since 2005, were honored August 3 as the 2019 Panora Citizens of the Year. The award was presented at the Panora gazebo during Panorama Days.

This annual award generally goes to one person, but the Ridgleys were nominated together because so much of the volunteer work they do is done together.

The couple was living in Harlan when they purchased a summer home at Lake Panorama in 2003. In Harlan, Bill ran Agriland E.S.

and Design before taking a position as director of research for Growmark, a large farm cooperative. They became full-time Lake Panorama residents in 2005, and he retired in 2012.

The Ridgleys are probably best known for their work with Tori’s Angels. This non-profit foundation assists families of Iowa children with life-threatening medical challenges by paying travel expenses to treatment, as well as medical copays, deductibles and medications not covered by insurance.

Bill Ridgley has served as chairman and CEO of the To-

ri’s Angels Foundation board of directors since its inception. He and Connie, along with other board members and many volunteers, conduct a host of fundraising efforts throughout the year. To date, the foundation has accepted 56 children for assistance.

Connie Ridgley leads the Children’s Clothes Closet in Panora, better known as 3 C’s, again assisted by many volunteers. The couple also is involved in Habitat for Humanity, volunteer as members of the Panora United Methodist Church, and Bill is the current president of the Panora Lion’s Club.

# August coffee with the GM report

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**  
*Times staff*

Updates on several projects were provided by John Rutledge, LPA general manager and LPN, LLC director of operations, at the August 9 “Coffee with the GM”

He said the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) board is moving into its most active time of the year, as dredging and current construction projects wind down and plans for the next spring ramp up.

Earlier the RIZ board put out a request for bids for an outside contractor to dredge in the upper reaches of the Middle Raccoon River between the Fansler bridge and Lake Panorama’s upper basin.

Now a \$4.1 million contract has been signed with Dredge America.

“The contractor will begin to mobilize this fall, and may get some dredging done before winter. But the bulk of this work will be done in spring and summer next year,” Rutledge said. “The RIZ board decided this is the best way to get this area upstream cleared, plus use available storage in the county silt basin before some land leases there expire.”

This work will supplement



**John Rutledge**

LPA’s annual dredging contract with RIZ, and will help “catch up” on some of the more challenging areas of the lake and river channel. “We’re expecting to move a lot of yards of sediment in 2020,” Rutledge said.

Last fall, the RIZ board finalized \$11 million worth of debt certificates, which are similar to bonds, to finance this and other future projects. “RIZ is a tax increment financing (TIF) entity,” he explained. “This state program allows RIZ to take on debt to pay for future projects, which then is paid back through a portion of annual property taxes collected on property within the Lake Panorama RIZ district.”

Currently RIZ receives about \$2 million annually from property tax collections within the Lake Panorama district. In response to an audience question, Rutledge confirmed RIZ has successfully leveraged TIF property tax revenues to achieve cost share funding on three wetland projects. These projects enjoy support from state and federal sources, which target

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# LAKE PANORAMA SKI SHOW



LARRY HILLS | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

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# WATER RESCUE EQUIPMENT TRAINING SESSION HELD



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES



By **SUSAN THOMPSON**  
*Times staff*

On September 27, 2018, Kim Lubeck died while waterskiing on Lake Panorama. Lubeck had been diagnosed with Lyme disease, after being bitten by a deer tick in his Lake Panorama backyard earlier in the year. An autopsy stated his death was caused by a sudden cardiac event, with a likely link to Lyme disease.

Many people gave generous financial gifts in Lubeck's memory. Phillip Lubeck lives and works in New Zealand. An avid scuba diver, he is part of that country's Coast Guard water rescue team. After his father's death, Phillip encouraged Maureen Lubeck to see if there was equipment that might help with Lake Panorama water rescues.

LPA staff research came up with a floating backboard system, which the Lubeck family reviewed, then purchased with funds given in memory of Kim.

Jerry Armstrong, LPA Security chief, showed it to members of the Pan-

ora Fire Department at their meeting May 6. A hands-on training session for the members of the fire department and the LPA staff was held at Lake Panorama's Boulder Beach July 17. Phillip and Maureen Lubeck also were on hand to see the rescue equipment in action.

The backboard is made of heavy plastic that can be rolled up similar to a sleeping bag. The board includes inflatable packs on the sides and front. Once a person is secured to the backboard with a series of straps, the inflated packs keep the backboard afloat, plus ensure the person remains face-up in water.

All needed equipment comes in a large orange bag. Besides water rescues, where the victim needs to be pulled from the water into a boat or onto a dock, the backboard also can be used to drag a victim across land.

The Panora Fire Department has 24-hour access to LPA security boats, so if a kit is needed and LPA security officers haven't yet arrived, the device still will be available to rescuers.

**LEFT:** At the July 17 training session, members of the Panora Fire Department first tested the backboard on land, to become familiar with how the straps and inflatable packs work.

**BELOW:** The next step was for a small group of firefighters to work together to get a volunteer onto the backboard while treading water.

**TOP :** Once secured to the floating backboard, the volunteer was pulled onto one of the Boulder Beach docks with the help of firemen in the water and LPA security and firemen on the dock.





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REPORT

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nutrient reduction in Iowa's rivers and streams.

At the two completed wetlands, Iowa State University researchers have installed automated water sampling systems at both inflow and outflow points. The samples are packaged and sent weekly by LPA staff to Iowa State, where nutrient levels and other water quality indices are tested and compared.

A third wetland, which is slightly deeper than the first two, is under construction north of Burchfield Cove. Once completed, it also will be fitted with a water sampling system.

"As test results on the water coming into and leaving these wetlands are tracked over the next few years, ISU researchers will attempt to determine if this deeper wetland works as well as, or perhaps better than, the shallower wetlands," Rutledge said. "If that's true, more funding opportunities for wetlands better suited for the west side of the lake could be available."

Turning to Lake Panorama National, Rutledge said new menus for the Links Restaurant are coming soon. "Many items will be the same, with some added, and some gone," he said. "It's difficult to have such a wide variety, while controlling input costs. Restaurants with a narrow menu generally are more profitable. But we know we need to offer a wide range of items to satisfy our members and guests, and keep them coming back."

Rutledge said the LPN is looking for part-time workers for both the golf course and restaurant during August and September, as summer seasonal employees go back to school. "We lose a lot of kids this time of year, so if you know of anyone who might like to pick up some hours on the grounds crew or at the conference center, send them our way," he said.

Property tax bills are starting to arrive from the Guthrie County treasurer's office. Rutledge said these bills are based on the property tax assessment notices received

in spring 2018. "When you receive an assessment notice, and if you don't think the value is fair, you need to file a protest within the time window provided," he said. "Once you receive that tax bill a year later, it's too late."

Rutledge acknowledged the majority of growth in Guthrie County can be attributed to Lake Panorama. This is happening at the same time many smaller communities in the county are in decline, which means lake property owners carry more of the burden.

In addition, he said state law requires the county assessor to increase or decrease property values if annual sales show a class of property sales is higher or lower than assessed values by five percent. "If you sold property at Lake Panorama in the past year, you're probably pretty happy with the price you got," Rutledge said. "But those higher prices do have an impact on the assessed value of similar properties nearby."

The LPA maintenance staff continues to prepare community roads for the annual seal coat application, which is expected to begin in mid-August.

Updates on other projects included:

— Tiles from the two pickleball courts at Boulder Beach have been removed by LPA workers, in preparation for Tennis Services of Iowa to apply a three-layer acrylic paint to the concrete surface. The paint will match the present green and blue colors on the tennis and basketball courts, plus white lines. Members will be notified through the weekly Panorama Prompt when the courts reopen.

— Construction is going well at the new maintenance facility along 200th Road. The maintenance department should be able to begin the move to the new facility in mid-October.

— Plans for improvements to the LPA water system continue on hold until the Iowa Department of Natural Resources issues a construction permit. The work will involve drilling a second deep well into the Jordan aquifer, installing a reverse osmosis system, and related water plant upgrades.

— Blue green algae is blooming in some coves, especially along the Narrows. This isn't simply water with a green tinge, but rather a slick-looking green slime on top of the water. Members are urged to use common sense and stay out of these areas, plus keep pets away. The LPA does regular testing of the algae, and counts remain well below federal limits. These blooms feed on phosphorus in the water, and will move on with rain, cooler weather, boat action and wind.

— The Guthrie County engineer notified LPA the planned work to improve the surface of Sage Trail will be delayed until 2020. The delay is the result of a wet spring and summer, which caused significant damage to Guthrie County roads.

In response to audience comments about drivers running stop signs, and high-speed boating after dark, Rutledge praised the LPA security staff, while agreeing these problems exist.

"Every year we budget for more overtime and part-time help during the busy summer, both on water and land," he said. "But the reality is we can't find enough qualified people to take these jobs. The crew we have does a great job, but we simply need more people to fill the shifts. We're looking at ways to make this more appealing to part time officers."

He said tickets are written every week to LPA members who ignore stop signs, and the security department will look into keeping some lake patrol officers on duty longer to slow down speeding boats after sunset.

Barry Monaghan closed the meeting with an update on the Clover Ridge Interval Owners Association dissolution process. He said the association is close to being able to put the 22 units it owns along Karen Drive on the market.

Lake Panorama Realty has been chosen as the listing agent. Monaghan encouraged those who might be interested to get their name on the realty company's waiting list to be contacted when the units are available for purchase.

What's with all those butterflies?



CAITLIN YAMADA | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The Painted Lady butterflies are numerous this year, and while some residents are tired of the colorful insect corpses covering their cars, experts urge Iowans to enjoy the butterflies while they're here.

By CAITLIN YAMADA  
Special to the Times

In a colorful invasion, Carroll and surrounding areas have seen a recent increase in Painted Lady butterflies.

Thousands of the insects, which sometimes are confused with monarch butterflies, can be seen in the ditches and on plants throughout town.

Nathan Brockman, curator of the butterfly wing at Reiman Gardens in Ames, said butterfly populations

fluctuate, but this year has lined up very well as far as weather conditions go.

The Painted Lady, or Vanessa cardui, is the most widely distributed butterfly in the world. It feeds on more than 100 different plants and moves from one nectar spot to the next.

"They have been building up to a really good number in the recent past," Brockman said.

Painted Ladies are fairly common in most of the Upper Midwest, said Donald



Lewis, a professor at Iowa State University in the department of entomology and extension entomologist. Because they cannot make it though the Midwest winters, they migrate to the South, and a new batch of them migrate back up after the cold season is over — and this migration was incredibly successful, Lewis said.

He added that farmers were reporting more Painted Lady caterpillars

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as bocce ball and horse-shoes; playground equipment at Boulder and Shady beaches; and miniature golf.

The report to the LPA board said the Friends board believes beach maintenance and major infrastructure improvements fall outside of its nonprofit guidelines, so must defer to the LPA to fund those items. However, the Friends board is committed to raising funds for such things as playground equipment, benches, and other items to make the beaches more appealing.

Two action items for beach-related projects were adopted. First, the Friends board and staff, working in conjunction with LPA staff, will research new playground equipment options for Shady and Boulder beaches. Once proposals have been developed, interested LPA members will be asked to provide input.

Second, the Friends board is asking for volunteers to serve on a task force to study gaming options that could be added to any of the three beaches. This task force also will consider basketball courts at Shady and Sunset beaches. Basketball courts at these two

beaches ended up in 10th place on the priority list. But because the Boulder Beach basketball court receives more play than the other sports courts there, the Friend board will include this in the gaming discussion.

The projects that ranked fifth and sixth in the survey were related to walking trails. So the Friends board is seeking volunteers to serve on a task force to study upgrades to the existing trail near Panorama West, plus the creation of a new trail on the south shore.

Disc golf and dog parks ranked eighth and ninth on the priority listing. While these items didn't rank as high as other projects, survey comments showed strong support for both from segments of the LPA membership.

A father/son team instrumental in the creation of a disc golf course elsewhere has volunteered to study the possibility of a course at Lake Panorama. They will work with Friends and LPA staff to investigate possible locations, plans, maintenance requirements, and budget.

The Friends board is seeking volunteers to serve on a dog park task force to study location, design, costs, and rules for dogs and owners.

The remaining project included in the survey was

a handicapped-accessible fishing dock. While this project did not rank high, nor have a solid group of supporters, the Friends board will keep this idea for future consideration.

The reports that result from these efforts will help inform future decision-making by the Friends of Lake Panorama board. A completed report that shows a project is "possible" is not a guarantee the board will proceed with fundraising and implementation.

Once the Friends board decides on projects to pursue, a second report will be presented to the LPA Board, which has final authority over new projects on Lake Panorama property.

To review, volunteers are being sought for three task forces — gaming options for any of the three beaches; walking trails; and a dog park. In addition, LPA members also are needed to provide input on playground equipment and disc golf, once proposals are developed. Task force meetings will begin in early September.

LPA members who would like to help Friends of Lake Panorama research these proposed recreational amenities are asked to email [staff@friendsoflakepanorama.org](mailto:staff@friendsoflakepanorama.org). Or call Susan Thompson at 515-240-6536.

ANTHOFER

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"Sheri is a natural 'people person' with a strong understanding of customer service and events coordination," says John Rutledge, LPA general manager and LPN, LLC director of operations. "LPN's success is dependent on our ability to provide customers with a high-quality and highly organized guest experience. Sheri will help us advance toward that goal."

"I am excited to welcome Sheri to our staff," says Royce Shaffer, LPN, LLC operations manager. "Her addition to our team increases our ability to market and sell new events, plus increase the quality of our existing events. I look forward to working with Sheri to create an event space of which all Lake Panorama property owners will be proud."

A graduate of Jefferson High School, Anthofer was born in Minnesota. Her family moved a lot during her early years, since her father was a cement mason and traveled where jobs were available. The family settled in Jefferson when she was in the seventh grade.

After high school, Anthofer worked in the corporate offices for Iowa Realty in Des Moines. There she did general office tasks, but also worked in the company's advertising and relocation divisions. "I feel like every job I've had since then has helped me learn and grow, and I'm bringing a variety of skills with me to this new position," she says.

Anthofer's husband Duane is a Coon Rapids native. The couple lived in Des Moines for about five years before moving to Jefferson to be closer to their families. Duane works for Baker Electric in Des Moines.

The couple has three children. Their oldest son Andy works on the Anthofer family farm near Coon Rapids. Daughter Karli is a junior at Iowa State University, and

son Mitchell is a senior in the Greene County Community School District in Jefferson.

Sheri spent 15 years as office manager for the physical therapy department at the Greene County Hospital. Her next stop was Whiterock Conservancy near Coon Rapids as guest services manager, where she spent two years before taking the Cobblestone Hotel position.

"This move to Lake Panorama National is taking me back to some of the things I've enjoyed doing the most at my previous jobs," Anthofer says. "For instance, at Whiterock Conservancy, I helped guide and organize weddings and many other types of special events. I like to help make people happy, whether it be a bride on her wedding day, or a simple family reunion."

Anthofer describes herself as a detail-oriented person. "I believe in providing good customer service," she says. "I'm always looking for ways to make things better organized. I also love decorating, and making things look nice."

At Lake Panorama National, Anthofer is in charge of coordinating all events held in the conference center. She'll also take on some marketing tasks, helping increase awareness of what the resort has to offer. To do that, she'll use social media, but recognizes personal contacts and word-of-mouth are important.

"I'm looking forward to new challenges," she says. "Right now I'm working to get 2020 bridal contracts updated, and starting to meet with brides. We already have five or six weddings scheduled for next year, and I'll be looking at ways to increase that number. As the golf season winds down, I'll be looking at some special events to draw in our regular customers, as well as others from Lake Panorama and surrounding communities."

Having lived in Jefferson for many years, Anthofer was familiar with Lake Panorama,

but hasn't had a direct connection. "I enjoy small communities, and look forward to getting involved in the Panora Chamber. I also look forward to meeting more people at Lake Panorama, and hearing what we can do at Lake Panorama National to serve their needs," she says.

Anthofer says she's already enjoying her new colleagues at the LPN, after four years of working for a company with corporate offices in another state. "Everyone has been super friendly and helpful," she says.

The LPN has an incentive program for Lake Panorama Association members who book new events at the conference center. "While many people think of our facility for weddings, we frequently host family reunions, business retreats, birthday and anniversary parties. We also can offer on-site lodging options," says Anthofer.

The incentive program provides LPN member credits when a new event is booked. For instance, a new event with catered meal for 50-100 will result in a \$50 LPN member credit. A new event with catered meal for 101-200 means a \$100 LPN member credit, and a new event with catered meal for 201 or more will result in a \$150 LPN member credit.

Events must be billed on a single ticket, and cannot be a group event where attendees pay individual tickets. Credits will be applied once final payment is received. Only one incentive per event, and the incentive isn't available for events already booked. In addition, if an LPA member refers a non-LPA member who books a catered event for at least 35 people, the member will receive a \$35 credit.

Anyone interested in talking with Anthofer about a special event they're considering hosting, or who has public event ideas to share, can reach her by calling the LPN front desk at 641-755-2080. Or email [Santhofer@lakepanorama.org](mailto:Santhofer@lakepanorama.org).

BOOK

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are special topic chapters on Lake Panorama's golf courses, infrastructure, and water quality efforts. Sidebar stories highlight various groups and activities such as HALO, Lake Panorama ski team, Fin and Feather, Fourth of July fireworks and more.

A celebration of the book's completion will be Tuesday, August 20, at the Lake Panorama National conference center. A social hour beginning at 4 p.m. will include light appetizers and a cash bar. Attendees can purchase books, or pick up books they purchased earlier online.

There will be several historical displays, including maps, photos, promotional

material, and advertising pieces. The book's author, Susan Thompson, will be available to answer questions, and sign books on request.

A program at 5 p.m. will include comments about the book's development from Thompson and John Rutledge, LPA general manager, followed by a question, answer and comment period.

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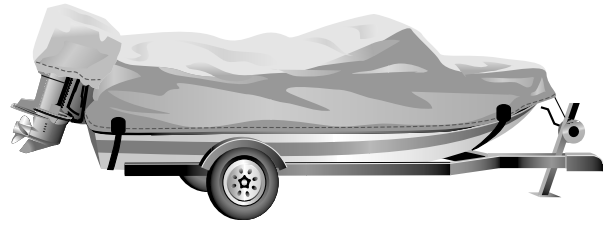
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Lake Panorama Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 25, 2019  
Lake Panorama Association Office

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met June 25, 2019, at 5 p.m., at the Lake Panorama Association Office. Board members present were Mary Jane Carothers, Emily Donovan, Gary Evans, Tom Jeschke, Rich Schumacher, Jim Spradling and Neil Wright.

LPA Staff present: Brad Halterman, Danna Krambeer, and John Rutledge.

Visitors present: None

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

**Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the Agenda** – Evans moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item 2** – Open Forum – No one present

**Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda** The water safety committee minutes will be presented at the next meeting.  
Schumacher moved to approve the consent agenda with the removal of the water safety committee minutes. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.  
Consent agenda to include:  
a) LPA General Manager’s Report  
b) Approval of minutes from 05.28.2019 LPA Board Meeting  
c) Acceptance of 05.31.2019 consolidated financial report – LPA & LPN, LLC  
d) Set date for next board meeting as 07.23.2019  
e) Accept minutes from May 2019 LPN, LLC Board of Managers Meeting  
f) Approve updated Banking Resolution to reflect staffing changes

**Agenda Item 4a – Mid-year review of LPA financial performance** Rutledge reviewed the LPN Financial Statements and the operations. Several items were discussed, including possible ways to control costs and improve the bottom line. Menu and food costs were reviewed. A new menu is in the works and will include price and item changes and updates.

Lodging is being reviewed and various ways to improve this department are being researched. Clover Ridge Time Share closing has had a bigger effect on the overall business than originally thought.  
Marketing was discussed, including ideas and options for marketing plans. An events manger position has been advertised and interviews are underway. A greater focus will be placed on recruiting corporate events as well as other events for weekdays and historically slow periods of business.

**Agenda Item 5 - Old Business – No Old Business**

**Agenda Item 6 Other Business** – The board discussed the music exemption, requested each year by The Port. The music exemption, which allows for noise exemption, allows music on Friday, Saturday and Holidays from Memorial Day through Labor Day until midnight and until 12:30 a.m. for one day each on Memorial Day weekend, 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, Panorama Days weekend and volume is to be reduced at 11 p.m. Violations of the time extension and/or volume will result in one warning and further violations will result in revocation of the time extension.

Jeschke moved to approve a revocable noise exemption allowing music on Fridays, Saturdays and Holidays from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day until midnight and until 12:30 a.m. for one day each on Memorial Day weekend, 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, Panorama Days weekend and Labor Day weekend; the volume is to be reduced at 11 p.m. Violation of the time extension and/or volume reduction will result in one warning and further violation will result in revocation of the time extension. This exemption will continue each year, provided there are no revocations of the time extension. If revoked, then will have to present to board to be reinstated for future years. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item 7** – The board entered closed session at 6 p.m. to discuss legal matters. The board exited closed session at 6:30 pm.

**Adjourn** - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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# Late summer underwater aquatic plant control for ponds

Iowa DNR staff

A healthy pond needs aquatic plants, but too many can upset a fishing pond's balance and become a nuisance. Many pond owners struggle with how to control the amount of aquatic plants, without completely removing all of them, so they can enjoy their pond.

Pond owners can use herbicides to kill underwater plants, but in August their growing season is almost over.

Pond rakes or cutters, although more labor intensive, are perfect this time of year to control aquatic plants in small areas to create fishing lanes, swimming areas and dock access.

Pond rakes tear plants from the bottom and let you re-

move them from near shore or around docks. Attach a float to the rake to let it skim and remove plants and moss or algae from the surface.

A cutter will sink to the bottom and cut the plant stems as it is dragged back, allowing the plants to float to the top. The pond plants are often carried away by the wind or you can pick them up with a floating rake.

Use a rope attached to a long-handled rake or cutter that you can throw and pull back. You can use these handy tools for many years, and they cost less than a gallon of some aquatic herbicides. Local hardware or pool stores may carry these, or try an online search for "pond rake or cutter."

A few tips to remember:

— Many plants spread by fragmentation, so if growth is not throughout the pond, do not use these methods.

— Once out of the water, let the plants dry out before moving them too far. This will greatly lighten your load.

— Obey State Law. Don't haul the plants off your property; you cannot transport aquatic vegetation in Iowa. Once out of the water, leave the plants onshore to dry and compost or move dried plants to your garden where they make excellent mulch.

— Lakeshore property owners on a public lake can physically remove a 15 foot wide path of vegetation for navigation to the main lake without a permit; you cannot use herbicides to remove the aquatic plants in a publicly-owned lake.

# 6 cool things you should know about dragonflies

Iowa DNR staff

Dragonflies are fascinating bugs you can spot right here in Iowa. Check out these cool things you might not know about these insects:

**Water-dwelling young**

Nymphs, or dragonfly larvae, live underwater as wingless insects. This stage of the dragonfly life cycle can last up to four years in some species.

During the nymph stage, dragonflies move quickly in the water by forcing water out of their hind ends, similar to the way Jet Skis move.

Dragonflies can move and rotate each of their four wings independently. Thanks to this unique ability, these insects can fly backwards, up and down. They can turn on a dime and can hover | Iowa DNR

While living in the water, nymphs undergo a series of growing stages, or instars. During each instar, the nymphs grow larger until they're ready to become an adult. At the right temperature and with the perfect weather, the nymphs crawl out of the water, usually onto a plant stem or leaf. Then, they shed their skin and emerge into a young adult. If you look along the water's edge, you might spot the left behind skin, called exuvia.

**Incredible flyers**

Dragonflies hunt other fly-

ing insects, so agility is key. To aid in this, dragonflies can move and rotate each of their four wings independently. Thanks to this unique ability, these insects can fly backwards, up and down. They can turn on a dime and can hover, all contributing to their great flying abilities.

**Fierce predators**

Both nymphs and adult dragonflies are top predators in the insect world. Larger nymphs will eat tadpoles and minnows. Nymphs have a modified lower jaw they can extend using hydrostatic pressure to capture prey as it swims past.

As adults, these insects capture up to 95 percent of the prey they hunt. The adults will chase down their prey and ambush it from behind.

**Unique sun protection**

Dragonflies can't use sunscreen, but they do have a method to protect themselves from the sun — obelisking. An adult dragonfly will perch with its abdomen held vertically, exposing a minimal amount of their body to the sun's rays, to avoid overheating.

**Swarming dragonflies**

Large groups of these bugs will congregate to hunt in places with abundant insects. Different species of dragonflies swarm together, working to eat their fill. Some species

migrate, and they will create swarms to move together as well. To find out more about the different dragonfly species, you can look at the Iowa Dragonflies website.

These swarms last for a very short amount of time, so there's not a lot known about this behavior. If you're lucky enough to spot a swarm of dragonflies, you can report it to help with researching and understanding how these insects operate.

**Mating wheel**

The heart-shaped mating wheel makes dragonfly mating easily identifiable. Usually around the water's edge, a male dragonfly will grab a female by the back of her neck with claspers at the end of his abdomen, creating the mating wheel. These structures fit into species-specific grooves.

Once the pair has formed their wheel, they will fly together in tandem until the female lifts her abdomen up to the male's accessory organ. The process may take a minute or two or several hours, depending on the species.

After mating occurs, the pair may separate and fly away, or the territorial male may follow the female to guard her from other males while she lays eggs in the water. After laying the eggs, dragonflies will mate a few more times before dying of old age - in only a month or two.

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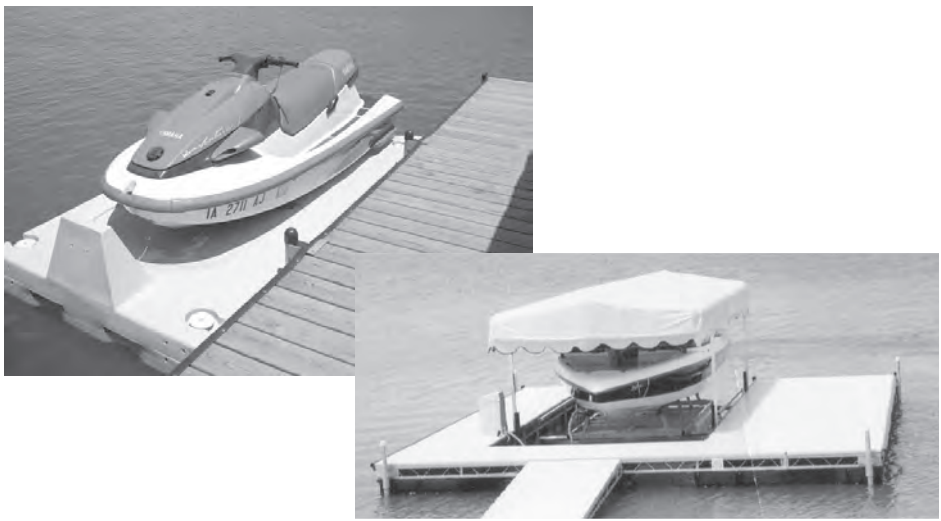
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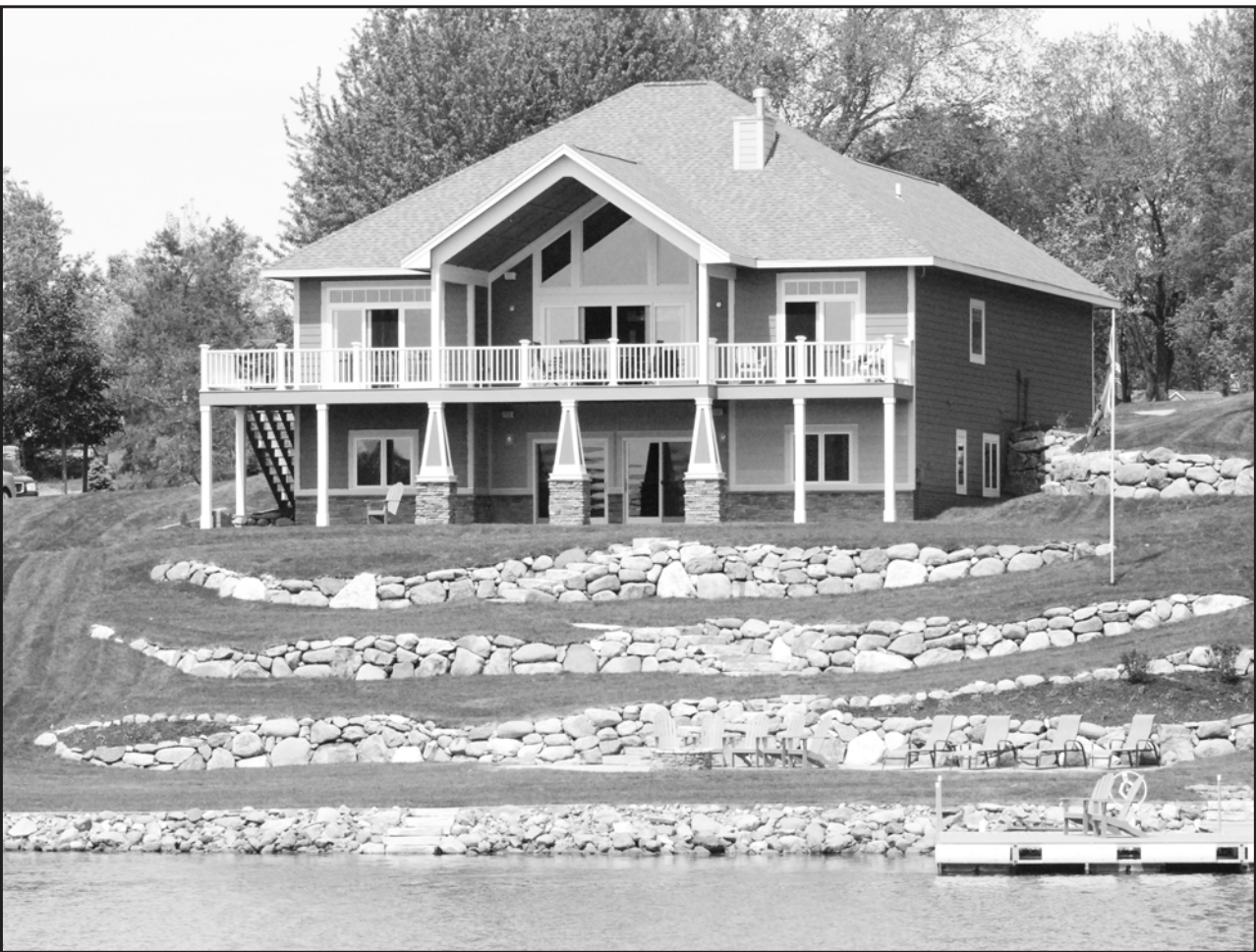
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For the second year in a row, this giant flag was created on the lawn of Lyle and Paula Hansen's Lake Panorama home to help celebrate the Fourth of July. Their son, Chip Hansen, came up with the idea last year, and decided to make it an annual tradition. The flag is made to scale, and is five times the size of a standard 3 x 5 flag. He prepped the site June 30 by mowing the grass and removing the clippings, then he and Lyle painted the flag the afternoon of July 1. The project required about 10 gallons of field turf paint, the same product used on athletic fields.

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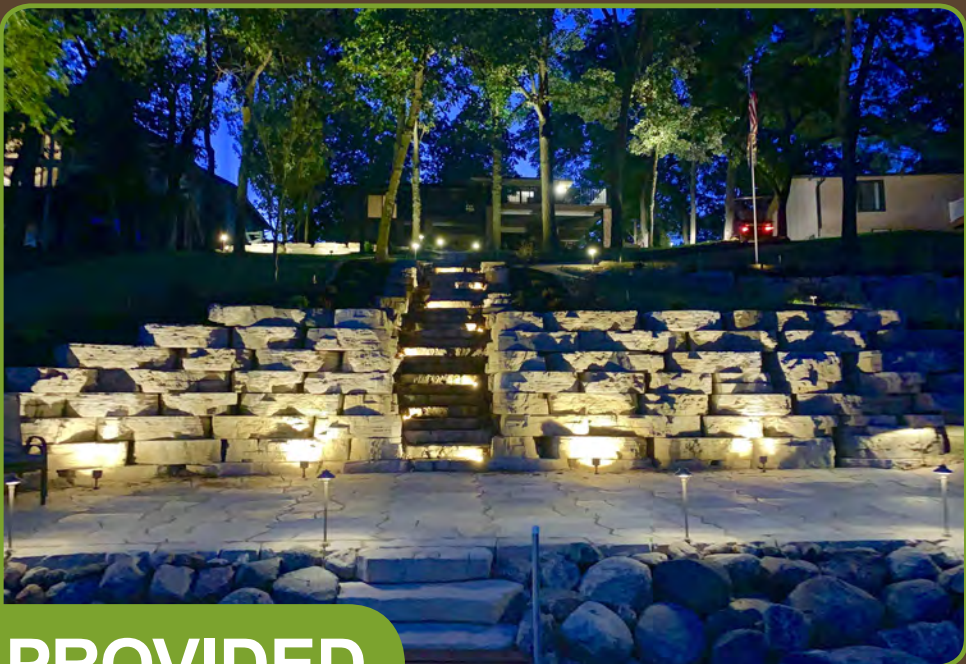
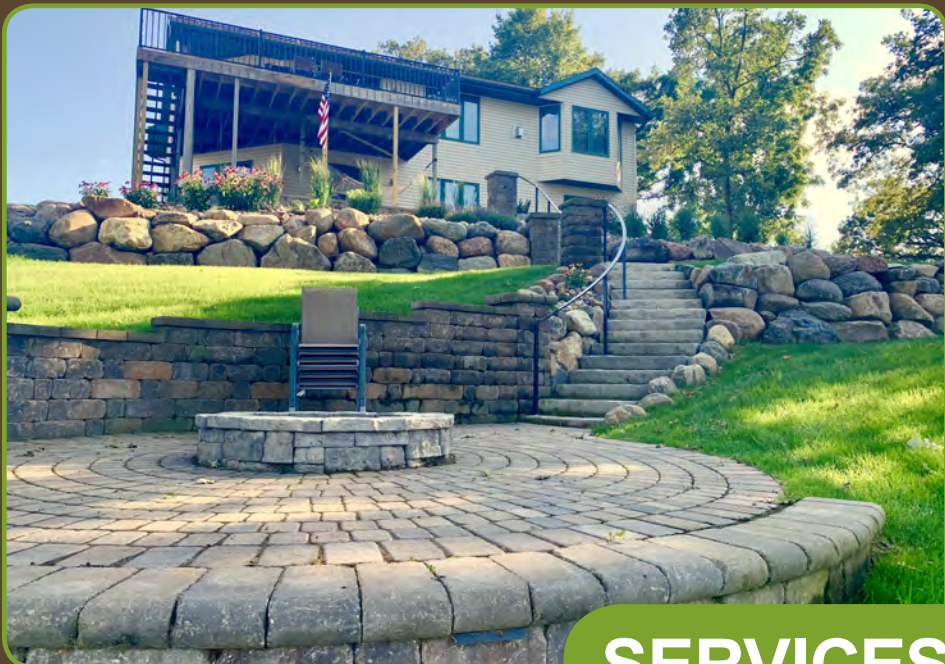
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