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By SUSAN THOMPSON
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The Lake Panorama National Junior Golf School marked its 22nd anniversary this year. Young people ages 5 to 17 are eligible to attend the school, which took place each Wednesday morning in June.

There were 42 participants this year. During the school, juniors learn full swing, pitching, chipping and putting fundamentals along with golf etiquette and rules of golf. Par-

ticipants are divided into three age groups, and rotate between the putting green, chipping area and driving range. At the end of the hour, the juniors head to Spikes to choose a free drink.

The school was led by Michael Kleinwolterink, LPN pro shop manager. Assisting were Gary Babcock, LPN head golf professional, plus several current and past players from the Kirkwood Community College golf team and the Panorama High School boys golf team. Also volun-

teering were David Van Ahn, coach of the Panorama boys golf team, and LPN member Jim Tibbles.

The Junior School has two sponsors that have supported the school for many years — the Lake Panorama Association (LPA) and Guthrie County State Bank (GCSB).

“LPA and LPN are proud to support junior golf,” says John Rutledge, LPA general manager and LPN director of operations. “We view it as

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Gary Babcock, LPN head golf professional, talks with junior golfers about the basics of putting.

RAGBRAI XLVII

MEET TEAM CURBSIDE

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The Panora team traces its RAGBRAI roots back to 1975

By SUSAN THOMPSON | Times staff

It won't be long before Iowans see vans and buses loaded with bikes headed west. The Des Moines Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) July 21 to 27 starts in Council Bluffs and ends in Keokuk. In between, riders will stop overnight in Atlantic, Winterset, Indianola, Centerville, Fairfield and Burlington. One of those buses will be loaded with Team Curbside members, which is based in Panora and has members from many locations. Dan and Barb Wollner founded the biking group.

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IN THE PHOTO

Each year Team Curbside has 25-30 riders registered for RAGBRAI. Those who aren't from the Panora area get alternate transportation to the starting location and home from the final town, but the bus is “home” to everyone during the ride.

Panorama Days start Aug. 2

By SUSAN THOMPSON
Times staff

The first Lake Panorama Day was August 2, 1969. It was originally scheduled to celebrate the completion of Lake Panorama's dam, but weather and other delays meant that didn't happen until the summer of 1970. Yet the party went on as planned.

Activities that first year included a pancake breakfast, parade, water fight between Panora and Guthrie Center firemen, and a free watermelon feed. Lake Panorama bus tours were available throughout the day, and there was a teen dance in Panora's new fire hall that evening.

Now 50 years have passed and what began as a single day stretches over three days. Chaille Crandall is employed by the Panora Chamber as Panorama Days coordinator. A Panora native, she's the daughter of Ron and Kristie Reynolds, and a 1999 graduate of Panoram High School.

In this month's Q&A, Crandall talks about plans for this year's event, and why she likes being involved:

Chaille Crandall

Q. How did you get involved coordinating Panorama Days?

A. My husband Damon and I moved back to Panora from Waterloo with our two boys in 2011. That next year there was an ad in the Panora paper submitted by the Panora Chamber seeking a Panorama Days coordinator. I

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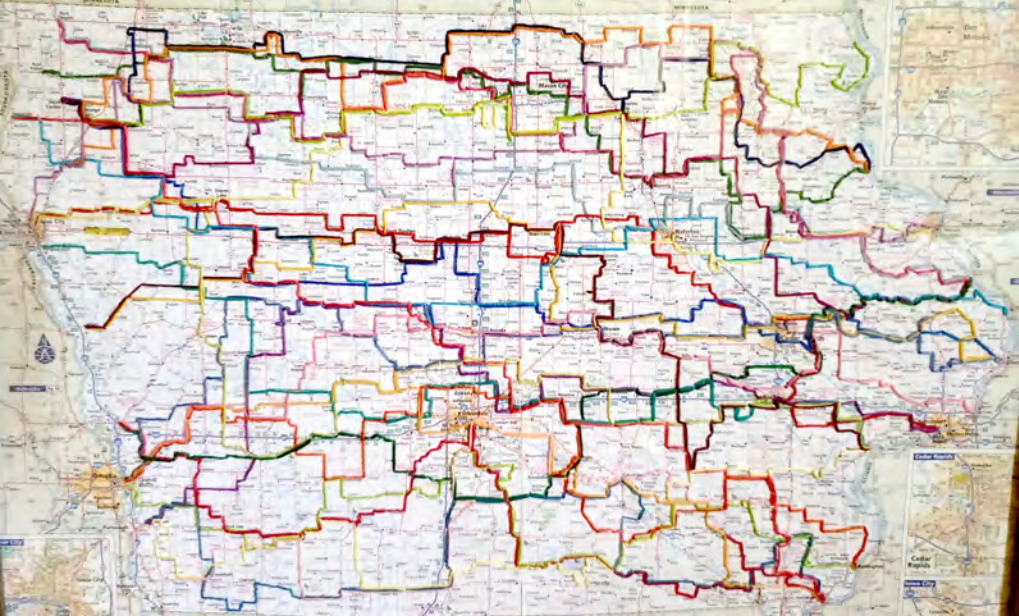


Barb and Dan Wollner are shown in their Team Curbside jerseys beside the team bus. They have been riding RAGBRAI together since 1993, and have had the bus since 2003.

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The couple has been at Lake Panorama since 1981, when he was hired as the LPN grounds superintendent. Barb started as the course horticulturist the same year. The pair met while attending Iowa Lakes Community College in Emmetsburg, where they graduated with horticulture degrees. Their three children were raised in the log cabin they built in 1983 near the #13 green. Barb was the first to ride RAGBRAI. 1975 was its third year, and the route started in Hawarden in northwest Iowa and ended in Barb's hometown of Fort Madison.

A couple of high school friends from Fort Madison suggested Barb join them for the ride, and she did. But life happened and Barb's next RAGBRAI was number 19 in 1991. Dan's brother had been following the biking stories over the years. He and a cousin wanted to try it, and asked Barb to join them. Dan's parents drove a van pulling a pop-up camper, eight-year-old son Jacob and his cousin went along for fun, and Barb, brother Dave and cousin John rode. The next year, Barb rode with some friends and Dan helped drive part of the week. In 1993, Dan refused to drive—he wanted to ride! Since 1993, Dan has ridden every



Dan and Barb Wollner's daughter Bailey used embroidery thread in multiple colors on an Iowa map to trace each RAGBRAI in which the couple has participated.

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was currently working part-time at UPS in Guthrie Center so I had the time to pursue this position. I had found in 2011 when we attended Panorama Days that it wasn't as I remembered it as a kid, so I wanted to do what I could to help make it better.

Q. What are your responsibilities?

A. Coordinating all events, creating registration

forms, contacting all vendors, including food vendors. I send out a sign up sheet for certain events and Chamber members sign up to help. There are some businesses and groups that take on certain events. For instance, Reshape handles the annual 5K, and Guthrie County State Bank hosts Bingo. Fin & Feather hosts the Kids Fishing Derby on Sunday morning.

Q. Give us some details about this year's celebration.

A. The 2019 Panorama Days will be Friday, August 2, through Sunday, August 4. The theme this year is "Your Ticket to Paradise!" Panora Chamber members brainstorm at some of our earlier meetings. We throw out a few ideas and vote on each year's theme as a group. Some Friday highlights this year will be the annual cribbage tournament, cake walk, Bill Riley Talent Show, and 5K run/walk. Panora Telco is celebrating its 100th anniversary, so is sponsoring a free

barbecue and open house Friday 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Fireworks over Lake Panorama's main basin will be that evening. Saturday will feature the parade, a Kid's Zone, a variety of vendors, live music, a bean bag tournament, and an afternoon ski show on Lake Panorama. Things wrap up Sunday with a kid's fishing tournament at the Lake Panorama marina and a barbecue contest. We'll have full details on these

events and more as the celebration gets closer. In keeping with this year's theme, we're holding a special "Your Ticket to Paradise!" raffle. Only 400 tickets are available at a cost of \$25 each, with the winner receiving a travel voucher worth \$3,700. The winning ticket will be drawn during Panorama Days, and all funds raised will be used to help support the annual celebration. Travel arrangements will be booked through

an agency. A typical resort trip would include all-inclusive accommodations for two adults for four nights, plus round trip airfare from Des Moines.
Q. For 50 years, this annual celebration has been a way to bring the communities of Panora and Lake Panorama together. How have you experienced this?
A. As an adult, I have lived

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Notes from the Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors meeting

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The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met May 28 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.

Election of Officers

Jeschke moved to nominate the following slate of officers, to take effect upon adjournment of the May 28, 2019 board meeting: President Mary Jane Carothers, Vice President Rich Schumacher, Secretary Emily Donovan and Treasurer Gary Evans. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum

Jason and Shari Clark addressed the board concerning boat length. Clark purchased a pontoon boat, which in his interpretation

of the rules is under the 27-foot length. The method used by security to measure boat length includes measuring the transom, which is contiguous to the center pontoon. Clark cited wording on the LPA website, which references the pontoon but not the transom. Clark brought the boat to the meeting to illustrate to the board how he was interpreting the rules.

Rutledge and the board confirmed their interpretation of the rules was to measure entire length of boat, including the transom, swim platform, etc. Rutledge noted Clark's request was very similar to a request two years ago, in which the transom and pontoon were judged to be one piece. In that instance, the boat was considered over-limit and denied a sticker. Rutledge also noted that boat owner was allowed

a temporary sticker during the timeframe his boat was reviewed and a decision was made.

Wright moved to request review by the water safety committee. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Carothers moved to authorize a temporary sticker until the water safety committee can meet and rule on this boat. Motion seconded, motion carried.

Committee Appointments

The board discussed the General Manager's recommendation for committee appointments and board members for each committee, including building, water safety, land sales and appeals. The suggestions passed unanimously.

Other Business

Rutledge presented the board with a member's confidential offer to purchase 16 lots at the north end of the lake for an amount below the LPA per-lot minimum price. The board declined the offer.

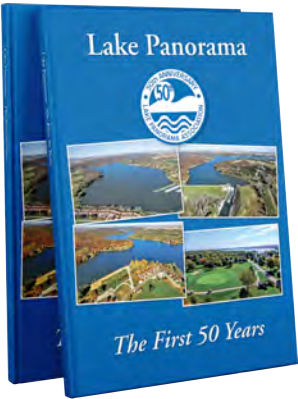
Lake Panorama history book to arrive soon

By SUSAN THOMPSON
Times staff

A project several years in the making is about to come to an end. If all goes as planned, the book titled Lake Panorama – The First 50 Years will arrive at the Lake Panorama Association office before the end of July.

People who ordered the book online by May 13 purchased at a reduced price of \$30. Buyers who paid for direct shipment will receive their books at about the same time, which will come directly from the publisher. Those who purchased and said they would pick up their books in person will be able to do so at the LPA office.

Once delivered to the LPA, the books also will be available for direct sale at the LPA and LPN front desks. The cost will be \$35, which includes tax. Purchases can be made



quality efforts. Sidebar stories highlight various groups and activities through the years, such as HALO, the Lake Panorama ski team, origins of street and cove names, Fin and Feather, and more.

Once the books are ready for pickup, a notice will be placed in LPA and LPN electronic newsletters and Facebook pages.

Tentative plans are being made to hold a celebration of the book's completion at Lake Panorama National in August. This will be a time where people can pickup books already purchased online, or can purchase in person. Some historical items will be on display. A short program will include details of the book's development, and a few invited guests will share memories about the early days of Lake Panorama.

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mile of every day for the full week. Barb rode every mile for most of those years, too, but recently has cut back to about half of the week.

In the beginning, the Wollners biked with a small group. Gradually they added more family members—brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, and sons Jacob and Ben, so they used the name Team W to register with RAGBRAI.

One year Dan, Jacob, Ben and several other team members were sitting on the curb having a cold beverage and watching the crazy parade of bikers, and the name Team Curbside was born.

Jacob and Ben still ride when their jobs and babies allow. Dan says their daughter Bailey rode for several days one year and said she couldn't understand what her family sees in it. "It's not for everyone, I guess," he shrugs.

The team added Sandy Lowe of Panora, then more friends joined as family members stopped riding. "Our numbers slowly grew to an average of 25 riders," Barb says. "We try to keep between 25 to 30 because of what our bus and the overnight hosts can support."

"We started with mostly Guthrie County friends, but the group has evolved," Dan says. "We have riders from all over Iowa and have had riders from Illinois, Washington, California, Kansas, Minnesota and New York. They are college friends, family of friends, and friends of friends. Our only 'rule' is that we are a riding group. If you want to be a team member, you need to train enough to be able to ride every mile of every day."

Team Curbside has had a bus since 2003. It was already a RAGBRAI bus with a deck on top to transport the bikes, plus the interior benches moved to provide space for people, luggage and a primitive shower.

The bus can hold 22 people, bikes and luggage tubs for the trip to the start town or the return from the end town. There are people who can't start and end in Panora, so they get alternate transportation to the start and finish, but are with the team for the week.

Over the years, the team has had several drivers to get their support vehicle to the next town each day. Their present driver is Gary Soreide, who used to be a rider but was promoted to Wagonmaster.

"This year we have 20 week-long riders and 10 half-week riders," Dan says. "We charge \$25 per day, which gets team members the bus, cold beverages and snacks. That also covers bus maintenance, gas, insurance, and storage. In addition, registration with the Des Moines Register is \$175 for a full week rider."

Each year RAGBRAI hosts about 10,000 registered riders, but it's estimated the number of riders is closer to 20,000.

"We are all registered riders," Dan says. "Registration gets you RAGBRAI. There is an amazing amount of staff and preparation for a ride this big, plus law enforcement at busy intersections, medical staff that patrols all day, and hundreds of port-a-potties across the daily route, just to name a few amenities."

Once the bike route is announced, the search begins for local residents in the overnight towns willing to host the team. "Usually a team member knows someone who knows someone who lives in each overnight stop," Barb says. "We camp in their yard and all we ask is bathroom privileges. We talk about the



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This photo taken during an earlier RAGBRAI shows Barb Wollner with Team Curbside's "rating board," along with son Ben Wollner. Also shown are Dan Wollner and bus driver Gary Soreide.



Items featured on the back of the current Team Curbside jersey tell the team's story. EFM encourages team members to ride every mile; the stick figure is the team's mascot Wilson; the second place trophy sticking out of the back pocket is a reminder RAGBRAI isn't a race, but rather a ride to enjoy what Iowa has to offer.

day's ride over a cold beverage while we set up camp and wait our turn for the shower, and chat with our hosts about their town and families. Then it's off to one of the many local churches or schools or civic groups serving food, and entertainment the overnight town provides."

The team's bus and jersey features the letters EFM, which stand for Every Friendly Mile. EFM started with Dan's sister Anne. She came to Iowa from the state of Washington each summer and rode at least 15 RAGBRAIs. One year she and a few friends rode from Washington to Iowa on the Lewis and Clark Trail and joined the team in western Iowa to ride RAGBRAI. The next year she and her husband rode self-contained from Washington to Iowa, rode RAGBRAI, then kept on going to her son's house in Boston.

Then Anne was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She rode RAGBRAI one more time while in remission,

but passed away in 2015. In 2016, Team Curbside members wore "Remember Anne" wristbands in teal blue in her honor. Each year Dan and Barb pick a day to wear one of her old Washington bike club jerseys and stop for a Beekman's ice cream—her favorite food stop on the ride.

The team's bus and jersey also feature a stick figure named Wilson. When the group was Team W, members would hold their hands in the shape of a W in pictures. So Jacob drew a stick figure holding his hands in a W for some team t-shirts.

"After the movie 'Cast Away' came out, someone noticed our guy looked like the face on the soccer ball, so now our stick guy had a name," Dan says. "Once we changed to Team Curbside, Wilson came

along as our mascot. When we are trying to get the attention of a teammate in a large crowd, or acknowledge teammates as we pass each other on the road, we holler Wilson!"

Several years ago, Team Curbside started using a "rating board" to add even more humor to their annual ride across Iowa. "The board is a fun answer to the very common question, are you winning the race?," says Dan. "RAGBRAI is definitely not a race. We have fun randomly posting the names of teams we know and events during the week—like a broken down bus."

Barb agrees the rating board is fun, and random. "There's no real order or reason to what we do. Maybe a team hosted a party, so their



Gary Soreide rode RAGBRAI before becoming Team Curbside's Wagonmaster, which means he drives the bus. He's shown with the team's rating board, which is updated throughout the ride with random and humorous rankings.

name gets moved to first. Or we rode with a team for a while, and just to nudge them, their name gets posted behind Team Curbside," she says.

To reinforce the fact RAGBRAI is not a race, there are no winners, and because it is funny, the Team Curbside jersey has a second place trophy sticking out of its back pocket.

Team members train by riding....a lot. "We are so lucky to have the Raccoon River Valley Trail here in Guthrie County and we definitely take advantage of riding it," Barb says. "There are multiple long rides and many short fun rides all over the state to take part in, too."

Barb has a goal of riding at least 500 miles before RAGBRAI. Dan's goal is at least 1,000 miles. "I really enjoy riding on the Raccoon River trail in the evenings after work to relax and get my miles in," he says.

Ask the Wollners what they like and dislike about RAGBRAI and you get the same answer. "We like RAGBRAI because for the most part it is 20,000 people on vacation. Everyone is there because they like to ride bicycles," Dan says. "And the worst part is 20,000 people—a lot of waiting in lines, and bikes

too close together."

But there are more likes than dislikes. "We have been riding long enough that we have friends on many other teams, and every year is a reunion," Barb says. "Another plus is 'Iowa nice.' The towns we go through put so much effort into providing food and entertainment and showing off the best of their communities. You really get to see Iowa up close when you are on a slow ride across the state."

Team members don't ride as a pack. "Some people like to ride early to beat the heat, others like to sleep in," Dan says. "Some riders are slow and steady and take their time. Others are stronger and faster. Somehow we manage to see each other off and on all day."

The Wollners say Team Curbside is always evolving. "Members come and go as jobs and families change," says Barb. "We always have new members who want to join us, and past members who love to come back when they can. It's our bike family."

This year's RAGBRAI is the 47th edition. It covers 427 miles. And you can bet at least Dan Wollner, and probably most other Team Curbside members, will ride "Every Friendly Mile."

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Sandy Lowe joins LPN staff



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Sandy Lowe of Panora began work as the LPN, LLC chief accountant in May.

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**
Times staff

There is a new employee with a familiar face at Lake Panorama National. Sandy Lowe now is the LPN, LLC chief accountant, but she and her family have a long association with the operation.

Lowe began work at the LPN May 20, replacing David Thompson, who retired after holding the position for six years. She is a native of Peterson, Iowa, which is located in Clay County in northwest Iowa. After high school, she attended Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville, earning an associate of applied science degree in accounting.

“I am excited to welcome Sandy to the LPN,” says John Rutledge, LPA general manager and LPN, LLC director of operations. “She brings a strong work ethic and a sharp mind to the position and has already become a key contributor to our management team.”

Lowe came to the LPN after 17 years as senior accounting specialist for Brokers International. Earlier, she was Panora’s deputy city administrator, bookkeeper for Quam & Associates in Jefferson, and an accounting specialist at Microware Systems Corporation in Clive.

Lowe says she was looking

for a position close to home that fit her skill level when she was hired at the LPN. Her responsibilities include managing LPN, LLC accounts payable and receivable, preparing monthly financial statements, assisting with annual budget preparation, cash flow analysis, processing payroll, and processing sales and use tax.

Sandy married Mike Lowe in 1985 and moved to Panora. “The conference center had not been open very long,” Lowe says. “Mike was working for Boulder Cove Construction, owned by Irv Gerlich, who built the conference center. We were members of the golf course and leagues for several years.”

Lowe started working part-time as a server at LPN in 2007 and continued through 2016. “During that time I gave up golf, and decided to spend my free time cycling,” she says. “Mike had shoulder surgery a few years ago, and isn’t able to golf as often as he would like anymore.”

In 2008, Mike Lowe and Benji Searl built Spikes, the snack and restroom facility located between the first and 10th tees.

The couple has two children. Michael and his wife Taryn live in Dallas Center with their two children. Clara is two years old, and Alden is five months. Mallory and her husband, Bob

Seeger, live in Hickman, Nebraska, with their two sons. Ben is four years old and Cole is one.

Mallory had her wedding reception at LPN in June 2014. And there are more connections. When Mike was in college, he mowed as part of the LPN grounds crew, and also worked in the pro shop. Michael also worked on the grounds crew and for the LPA maintenance department while attending college. And Mallory was a server while she was in high school.

Lowe says she spends most of her free time with her grandchildren, but cycling also is a big part of her life. She currently serves as chair of the Raccoon River Valley Trail Association board of directors. Her hobbies also include sewing and crocheting.

“I mainly make things for my grandchildren, but I also make some items for the local Farmers Market Square Friday’s with my friend Barb Wollner,” Lowe says. “Our vendor name is ‘Never Enough Time,’ because there is never enough time to do the things you really want to do.”

“I am very happy to be a part of the LPA/LPN family,” she says. “I am enjoying the short commute, working with some familiar faces, and meeting many new ones.”

LPN gets support from Granite Club

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**
Times staff

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 between the first and 10th tees. In exchange, the businesses received a sponsorship sign on an LPN tee box.

Several of these businesses have maintained their sponsorship ever since. Donor signs are made of granite, and words such as unwavering and steadfast define granite. Thus, members of the Granite Club are recognized as unwavering, steadfast LPN supporters.

Original Granite Club members who renewed for 2019 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—Minnesota Cabinets—joined the Granite Club this year, and is featured on the 18th hole.

Five new members joined in 2018 and renewed this year. These are Bristle Farms on the first hole; Beer Can Alley on #2; Panora State Bank on #4; Hawley Insurance on the sixth hole; and Robert Carr/State Farm on #16.

Three members joined in 2017, and have renewed annually. These are Martin Brothers on hole 12, Jensen Sanitation on #13, and Tometich Engineering on the 17th hole.

Four holes remain available for sponsorship – seven, 11, 14, and 15. Annual sponsorships are \$500. New sponsors also are asked to pay the cost



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A new member of the LPN Granite Club for 2019 is Minnesota Cabinets in Clive. The sign is posted on the tee marker on the 18th hole at Lake Panorama National.

of the sign, which is \$250.

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.

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

“Coffee with the GM” Update

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**
Times staff

At a June 28 “Coffee with the GM,” John Rutledge, LPA general manager and LPN, LLC director of operations, provided an update on several projects.

The LPA maintenance staff is preparing community roads for the annual seal coat application. This involves grinding out rough spots and filling holes with crushed limestone. Rutledge said the hope is the contractor will be able to do the work a little earlier this year than the past two. Once a firm date is set, LPA staff will do “touch up” work on the miles that will be seal coated.

Construction is underway on the new maintenance shop, which is being built along 200th Road, west of the Brethren Church. Concrete footings and subwalls have been poured. Rutledge said the target date for completion is October 7, with plans to have the maintenance staff moved to the new facility by November 1.

In response to a member question, Rutledge explained financing for this project has been arranged through a four-party loan led by Guthrie County State Bank, which also includes Panora State Bank, Farmers State Bank, and Peoples Bank.

Replacing the tiles on the two pickleball courts at Boulder Beach with an acrylic surface still is in the plans, and will be done as soon as the chosen vendor can get here. Rutledge said a rainy May put the vendor behind schedule.

Before heading to the GM coffee, Rutledge said he stopped at Boulder Beach to check on the beach groomer being operated there. The groomer was purchased in 2016 and first used that year in advance of the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

“It’s still working as well as it did on day one,” Rutledge said. “It aerates the sand, picks up sticks, trash and other nasty stuff, and leaves the sand behind. We’re very pleased with this purchase.”

Rutledge said the LPA office continues to get calls about buoy placements, so he outlined recent steps to determine proper buoy locations. Last summer the water safety committee spent several hours reviewing this issue. Working with Shive-Hattery engineers, a map was developed showing chosen buoy locations, which is available online. The LPA board voted on the final map at its September 2018 meeting.

At that time, the board agreed a full summer of use was needed before any additional changes could be considered. Rutledge said despite ongoing publicity on this topic, this summer has found some members surprised by a buoy location that changed. He suggested people with concerns note the number of the buoy and send an email to the LPA office with details. Another option is to attend an LPA board meeting and speak at the open forum, which is offered at the beginning of each meeting.

Rules regarding what can be left at the two “brush dumps” are posted at those locations. But Rutledge said prohibit-

ed items continue to be dumped there, including such things as railroad ties and old lumber. Cameras at both entrances capture license plates, which LPA Security staff use to track down offenders, who then are required to return and remove banned items. Repeat offenders can be fined, but Rutledge noted almost all concerns involve first-time offenders.

“Most times it’s a contractor who doesn’t know the rules, or doesn’t follow them,” Rutledge said. “If you’re working with a contractor who may not be familiar with our rules, please help educate them. It will save Security a lot of time.”

Plans for improvements to the LPA water system are on hold until the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) 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. Rutledge said DNR officials have said they don’t see any problems with the plans, but have not yet completed the necessary paperwork.

The Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) has solicited bids for an outside contractor to dredge between the Fansler bridge and the upper basin of Lake Panorama. The RIZ board decided this would be the best way to get this area upstream cleared, plus use available storage in the county silt basin before some land leases there expire.

Rutledge said this work will supplement 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. LPA will continue to dredge alongside this contractor.

Improvements at Panoramawest as a result of the McLuen estate gift are mostly complete, Rutledge said. The only remaining project is to renovate the six existing bunkers on the course, which is planned for this fall.

The pool at Lake Panorama National is busy. Some early issues with water quality have been solved and things are running smoothly. An audience member asked why no one is there to collect daily fees, as has been done in the past. Rutledge said past years showed having a staff person at the pool just to collect fees and sell snacks wasn’t a sound financial investment.

Posted signs state those who are not annual members need to pay the daily \$3 fee in the pro shop or LPN front desk, where they receive a temporary wristband. Annual members have permanent silicon wristbands. Rutledge said he would investigate options for better enforcement of daily fee collection, using existing staff.

Rutledge pointed out a new vending area was created near the pool as an additional source of revenue. “Pools don’t make money,” he said. “But it’s a nice amenity for us to offer, and a recreational opportunity for our younger members and guests.”

A recent conversation thread on Nextdoor Lake Panorama prompted Rutledge to provide some information regarding the

use of golf carts and utility vehicles on Lake Panoramaroads. He said LPA doesn’t have an official role to provide information on the social media site, but does monitor and sometimes weighs in when appropriate.

Such was the case when questions were raised on Nextdoor about young people driving golf carts on the road. Rutledge said LPA rules require golf cart drivers to be at least 16 years old and have a valid drivers license to operate the cart independently.

“Being 14 years old and having a school permit also is acceptable, if they are under the direct supervision of an adult,” he said. Rutledge noted some members object the LPA rules are stricter than Iowa’s school permits, which allow a 14-year-old to drive without direct adult supervision. “Being inside a car provides more protection than a golf cart. We have so many heavy, commercial vehicles on our roads. For this reason, LPA has determined extra caution is needed,” he said.

The other issue discussed on Nextdoor was the difference between rules related to an ATV (all-terrain vehicle) and UTV (utility task vehicle). An ATV, also known as a “quad” or “four-wheeler,” is designed for one person, and has the driver straddling the seat. Lake Panorama Association rules only allow ATVs on a member’s own property, although these can be used to pull a trailer to a brush dump when doing property maintenance.

A UTV generally allows at least two people to ride side-by-side. These also usually have a roll bar, seat belts and other additional protection. LPA rules allow the use of UTVs on Lake Panoramaroads, as long as the driver is at least 16 and has a valid drivers license.

Another issue raised on Nextdoor was speeding by commercial drivers within the Lake Panorama community. One person commented these drivers can’t be fined, so they ignore speed limits. Rutledge said it’s true only LPA members can be fined for speeding or other infractions. However, LPA can and has contacted employers of drivers observed driving too fast, with the threat that person can be banned from LPA property. “That usually is enough to get them to play nice,” he said.

Rutledge encouraged anyone not receiving the LPA electronic newsletters – the weekly Panoramaprompt and quarterly Panoramapost – to call the LPA office to sign up. He also encouraged those who use Facebook to consider “liking” the LPA Facebook page to get updates.

“When we announced the recent boil order on Facebook, 10,000 people saw the notice within the first 48 hours,” Rutledge said. “So using Facebook as a good way to communicate with our members is hard to ignore.”

These periodic “coffees with the GM” provide LPA members an informal chance to get updates on what’s happening within the Lake Panorama Association. The next one will be Friday, August 9, at 10:30 a.m. at the LPN conference center.



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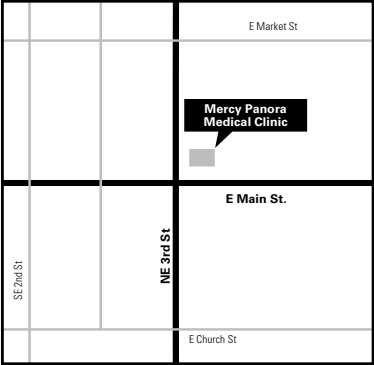
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Q. What is your favorite thing about being the Panoram Days coordinator?

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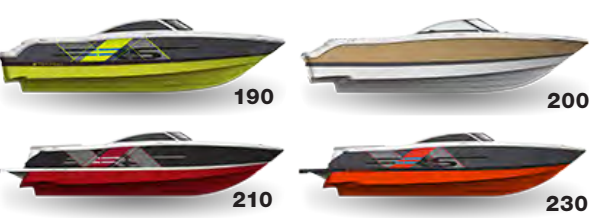


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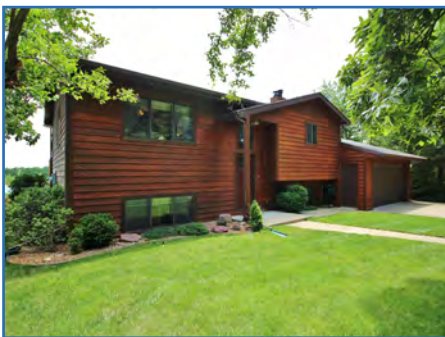
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