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The Port begins new chapter

By SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Panorama Times staff

October 21, 2018, was a typical Sunday at The Port on Lake Panorama's main basin. It was late afternoon, and the restaurant was closed, after being open earlier in the day for brunch. An employee doing paper-work in an office on the lower level smelled smoke, and discovered flames. A stray cigarette butt started a fire that ran up the outside of the building, getting into the kitchen walls and ceiling. The Panora and Guthrie Center fire departments put the fire out, and no one was injured. While the flames didn't do a huge amount of damage, the water it took to put out the flames did. The restaurant closed, and planned events for the rest of the calendar year were canceled. The Port building and business is more than 40 years old. In 1972, lake property



A fire in October 2018 closed The Port, which now is undergoing major renovations. The restaurant is expected to reopen in late spring.

owners and others began discussions that led to the formation of Lake Enterprises, Inc. (LEI). The company purchased half of a five-acre tract of land overlooking Lake Panorama's main basin. Company officials said they would build a restaurant and cocktail lounge first, with hopes of later purchasing the other half for a motel. More than \$270,000 worth of stock was sold to finance The Port. Newspaper reports in the fall of 1973 said construction would begin soon. Yet it was 1975 before that happened, with the restaurant opening in early 1976. Court records show the company lost \$200,000 that first season. By the end of the year, LEI had accumulated debts in excess of \$500,000, and was declared insolvent. One of LEI's founders, David Garst, took over the operation. Paul and Linda Wendl purchased The Port from Garst in 1982 and operated it for 12 years, before selling it in 1994. The restaurant moved through several hands over the next 10 years, before being purchased by Dr. Mark Menadue in 2004. Fast forward to February 2018, when Mike

McGuigan was hired as head chef. "We were on target for a record year," McGuigan says. "We had just reopened after being closed four days for a deep cleaning. We had a full calendar, and were gearing up for the holiday season." While the fire and its aftermath has been tough on the business, it's also given Menadue, McGuigan and their staff the chance to create a new space for their customers, and themselves. "We are pleased to be restoring a brand new Port, down to the building studs, with services and cuisine the lake has clamored for," says Menadue. "It's our intent to turn this difficult and untimely casualty loss into a net gain for the lake community, building on the improved reputation, food quality and services that accompanied the hire of Chef Mike." "People will see a completely new layout," McGuigan says. The biggest change was bringing the bar out further into the

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2019 LPA  
annual  
meeting  
May 11

The 50th annual meeting of the Lake Panorama Association will be Saturday, May 11, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Lake Panorama National conference center. Each year, the LPA annual meeting provides a formal statement of the association's financial position, plus reports on activities during the past year and plans for the coming year. Reports will be given by Jim Spradling, LPA board president; Gary Evans, LPA board treasurer; and John Rutledge, LPA general manager and LPN, LLC director of operations. The results of the annual election for the LPA board of directors will be announced at the end of the meeting, and there will be time for audience questions and comments. An official announcement of the meeting will be sent to all LPA members in mid-April. Included in this mailing will be a ballot, plus a numbered envelope in which to return the ballot. Ballots must be returned in the numbered envelopes to ensure ballot authenticity. If an envelope is lost, contact the LPA office for a replacement. There are no issues this year that require a special vote. The 2019 ballot is simply for electing three members to the LPA board of directors. Members are asked to deliver or mail their completed ballot in the numbered envelope to the LPA office before Friday, May 10. This allows the majority of the ballots to be counted in advance of the annual meeting. Ballots also can be brought to the annual meeting. Three people are running for three seats on the LPA seven-member board. Both Gary Evans and Jim Spradling will be completing their first, three-year terms on the board, and are running for a second term. Neil Wright is seeking to return to the board after serving from 2010 to 2016. LPA bylaws require each board candidate to provide a 100-word statement. This year's candidate statements are printed here in alphabetical order.

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Gary Evans

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LPN superintendent opens course for 39th year

By SUSAN THOMPSON  
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This month's Q&A is with Dan Wollner, who on March 22 opened the Lake Panorama National golf course for his 39th time. Wollner was hired in 1981 as the LPN grounds superintendent. His wife 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. Q. Tell us about some of the biggest changes and improvements you've been a part of at Lake Panorama National for these 39 years. A. I think the irrigation system that was installed in 2008 is the biggest change for the course. Twenty-eight years of manual

irrigation involved a huge amount of time and labor cost. The irrigation heads were moved by hand one by one after running an hour at each setting. The 14 heads watering six hours a day took about 25 hours to do the front nine, and another 25 hours to water the back. One of the crew or myself would start watering about 3 a.m. after the greens and tees were done with their water cycle. We would put out 14 heads on the first four holes of either the front or back, sit for about 10 minutes, then go move 14 heads, then wait for 10 minutes, then go move 14 heads etc. We ended on the last holes of each 9 about 9 a.m., hoping to be ahead of all golfers, yet on the last cycle of 14. By the time you were done, you usually were soaking wet. Another huge improvement is the asphalt cart paths. We had days we had to close the

course or at least not allow carts after big rains because of standing water. A decision was made to put in a continuous cart path. We started cutting sod and laying rock first on the worst areas, and kept at it for years until all 18 holes had paths, 4.8 miles in total. The rock paths were an improvement, but were high maintenance. Cart traffic and water runoff meant the paths needed constant



Dan Wollner

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middle of the south dining area. The U-shaped bar will be lined with 20 stools. A row of high-top tables will line the wall where the bar was originally. Another row of high-tops will be in the north dining room.

Two large padded corner booths will be added to the south dining area along the windows, plus other tables. The dining room originally had two doors leading to the deck. The one on the north was removed, and replaced by a large window. All these changes mean the bar and north dining room now will seat 108, up from 96.

Two service stations have been added, plus a pass-through at the bar, all designed to improve efficiency for servers. A new point-of-sale system will be in use, with servers at tables placing orders on electronic devices. Servers also will be able to handle payments at their tables using the new system.

McGuigan's daughter, Jaime, is The Port's front-of-the-house manager. "She has worked for me for 15 years, and knows what I expect," McGuigan says. Jaime will have an office tucked into a corner of the bar area, so she can be more available as needed. Her previous office was in the building's lower level.

Before the fire, there were five televisions throughout the bar area. McGuigan is

dropping that number to three. "I'm not a big fan of TVs in a restaurant. Unless there is a big sporting event everyone wants to watch, we plan to have the TVs simply showing what's going on in our kitchen," he says.

"This is a big restaurant, that also has a large outside seating area when the weather is good. When we're really busy, I want our customers to see how hard the kitchen staff is working to get everyone's food out to them," McGuigan says.

The kitchen will feature all new equipment and appliances. McGuigan is most excited about an \$85,000 state-of-the-art exhaust system. "The old kitchen didn't have a good exhaust system, or air conditioning. Sometimes the temperature in there would reach 140 degrees. With the addition of air conditioning and this exhaust system, conditions in the kitchen will be much better," he says.

Another result of the fire was the need to bring all electrical wiring up to code, and renovate bathrooms to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Two store-rooms were added near the front entrance. All new light fixtures, flooring, furniture and artwork will round things out.

Renovations also extended to the lower level. With a parking lot to the east that sits higher than the building, water seeping into the basement long has been an issue. Repairs to foundation walls and an improved drainage system mean the lower

level is dry and ready for large groups. The catering manager also has an office there.

Cost of the restoration work and building and equipment upgrades is estimated at \$1.3 to \$1.5 million. The work has taken longer than originally hoped, but the harsh winter made everything more difficult.

"At first, we looked at demolition and starting over, but that would have taken even longer," McGuigan says. "Now when people walk in the door, they're going to find a new, modern building."

McGuigan, who grew up on the East Coast, started his cooking career at a high-end New York hotel. "I was the guy in the kitchen who thought I was better than I was," he admits. "But the head chef saw something in me, and the company sent me through the two-year program at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park."

His employer required him to sign on for five more years, in exchange for the free education. That led to him being transferred across the country for six-month stints at various locations. One of those was the Johnny and Kay's restaurant at the Hyatt near the Des Moines airport.

He met his future wife Peggy during his time in Des Moines. They married before he transferred back to New York, where they lived for two years. When Peggy became pregnant, they moved back to Des Moines. Mike was hired at the Savery Hotel, where he was the chef from 1979 until the 1993 floods.

McGuigan was involved in a couple of other restaurants in Des Moines before opening The Radish in Grimes, which he owned and operated for eight years before taking the position at The Port. He and Peggy have been married 40 years, and live in Waukee.

Besides the physical changes to the restaurant, there also will be changes to the lunch and dinner menus. "We're going to increase our focus on fresh seafood, and also offer more daily specials," McGuigan says. "We need to streamline the menu, and remove some of the things that were the most time-consuming to prepare."

The Port will be open this summer Wednesday through Saturday for lunch, and Sunday for brunch. Dinner will be served beginning at 5 p.m. seven evenings a week. A full slate of live music on weekends is being developed.

Three nights a week – Friday through Sunday – there will be a special menu for outside diners. This will be limited to a few items available on a grill, and prepared side dishes. "We started this last year, and it worked well," McGuigan says. "We're enhancing this for 2019, with a better exhaust system, better lighting and more kitchen staff."

The adjacent hotel was not damaged in the fire, and has remained open throughout the construction. McGuigan, who now also is general manager of the overall operation, says plans were in place to begin updating hotel rooms last fall, but those renovations are on hold for the time being.



The fire started outside the building, near the kitchen. Flames got into the walls and ceiling of the kitchen, which suffered extensive damage.

It's too early to confirm an opening date for the restaurant, although Mendue says he's looking forward to seeing everyone again in "late spring."

"We appreciate the patronage of our loyal clients, lake denizens and local customers who have always supported the efforts of the Port to serve the community, especially during this difficult restoration period," Menadue says. "Stop by and experience the new Port on Lake Panorama – see you next sunset!"


McGuigan encourages pa-

trons to watch for updates on The Port's website and Facebook page.

"You can't get a better view than what we have here," McGuigan says. "After last year, we realize the volume of business this place can generate. We know we made some mistakes last year, not understanding how busy we would be, and how far behind we might get in the kitchen. We'll be much better prepared this year. We're anxious to have people return to experience what we have to offer."








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# GARY EVANS

Candidate for LPA Board of Directors


My wife, Kathy, and I discovered the beauty of Lake Panorama in 2005. We became homeowners in 2008 and each year we have a greater appreciation of what a unique gift we have here and how important it is to be protected.

Since I have had extensive experience working with committees and boards of governments, nonprofits and national organizations, the governing process of the LPA was of great interest to me. As a result of this interest, I attended the LPA Board meetings regularly and was appointed to the Building Codes Committee.

Three years ago, I was elected to serve on the LPA Board and was able to put my experience to work for the people living at the Lake. I continue to serve on the Building Codes Committee and for the last two years, I've been the Board's treasurer.

The LPA Board is the body responsible for maintaining and improving the quality of life at the Lake. Many important decisions need to be made to fulfill this responsibility. One good example is the importance of the water quality at the Lake - both our drinking water and the safety of the Lake water itself.

I am asking for your vote to allow me to serve a second term and use my experience to continue protecting your interests as Lake residents.



Paid for by Gary Evans



# Wollner

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upkeep. Replacing the rock paths with asphalt was a needed upgrade. Having 18 continuous holes of cart paths allows us to open the course earlier in the spring and keep the course open even during wet spells.

The course was built with 18 tee boxes. Juniors, women, seniors, men, pros all used the same 18 tees with markers set not very far apart on some of the smaller tees. We started new boxes because the course was too difficult for women to play from the original tees, particularly the par 5s. Forward tees were built on the six longest holes — 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 18. Eventually those tees became the senior tees and new forward tees were added. Over the years we have added 19 tees, so currently there are 37 tee boxes.

**Q.** When construction on the LPN golf course began in 1970, the layout was mostly pastureland. Tell us about the process that turned a pasture into a tree-lined golf course.

**A.** When I started in 1981, there were only around 50 trees on the course. There had been more planted when the course was built, but many were lost during the early bankruptcy years because they weren't cared for properly.

We started our first tree nursery around 1983 on the right side of the 14th hole. You can still see a couple of those trees that got too big to move on the edge of Brandon Waddle's yard. We moved about 500 out of that nursery. A lot of those were ash trees because they were common and easily available then. We also dug trees by hand out of surrounding timber and planted those on the course. Ed Clark from Rosehill Nursery helped us on weekends by moving trees with his tree spade.

Our second nursery along the west side of the 11th hole was planted about 10 years ago with the amazing help of Charles and Judy Schnack. We moved about 300 trees out of that nursery, with more variety of species this time. Overall there have been more than 1,000 trees planted since 1981.

The ash trees will eventually be hit with Emerald Ash Borer infestation, which is a death sentence to untreated trees. We have 350 ash trees and have treated 80 trees to save them. We will remove about 25 of the most unhealthy ash trees that are out of play

each year before the disease hits hard.

The tornado of 2014 took out about 100 trees. There are still a few we are pruning to clean up and reshape. The branches we are picking up right now and will continue to remove all season probably are from the tops of trees that were damaged in the storm, but are out of reach with our equipment.

**Q.** We had so much snow this past winter – was that good or bad for the golf course? What are the steps you take each spring to open the course?

**A.** The snow cover actually has been a good thing this year. The turf froze and went dormant before the snow, so the snow cover provided both protection from the arctic cold and needed moisture. If the snow comes and stays before the turf is dormant there can be winter disease, which obviously is a bad thing. If the turf goes dormant and there is no snow cover the arctic cold and desiccation from no moisture is also very bad for the greens. So even though the winter seemed very long, the greens should come out healthy this spring.

All equipment has been tuned and sharpened and is waiting for green grass. Meanwhile we go from hole to hole picking up sticks and winter debris. Then all the tee markers, fresh cups, and flags are put out.

Soon the irrigation system will be activated. That is the most worrisome spring item. No matter how carefully the system has been shut down before winter, there is always something that could go wrong.

**Q.** How many employees do you have during the golf season, and what's the work they do on a regular basis?

**A.** The LPN grounds crew is pretty varied. I'm the only full-time employee. We generally have eight retired people, who each work 25 hours or less each week. I hire six to eight high school and college students, who each work less than 40 hours per week. I can't do this without the time and dedication these employees put towards the course.

Once the grass is growing nicely, we have a regular maintenance schedule. The greens are mowed seven days a week, which takes about 30 hours each week. Tees are mowed Monday, Wednesday and Friday by two mowers, 30 hours per week. Two

mowers also mow fairways the same days, for another 30 hours per week.

Traps are groomed five times a week, which takes about 18 hours. Cups are moved anywhere from four to seven days a week, and ball marks are fixed daily for a minimum of 35 hours per week. The greens roller is out Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and for special events, up to 18 hours a week. The rough is mowed twice a week for a total of 75 hours per week. Equipment repair takes about 20 hours each week.

Then there are all the other jobs to be done—spraying, fertilizing, ongoing equipment maintenance, tree pruning, weed eating, edging and redistributing sand in the 30 bunkers, irrigation maintenance, seeding, topdressing, working on tee boxes and trying not to fall behind on my paperwork.

**Q.** Some tee boxes on the course have been renovated recently. Tell us what's being done, and what more is planned.

**A.** After 35 years the original forward tees have slowly been falling into disrepair. We reworked two of them last year. The #10 senior tee had the railroad ties removed, and was made bigger and seeded. The senior tee on #8 was made one-third bigger, leveled with railroad ties, and has a walk-up side along both the back and the cart path. So far it looks great, and will be sodded this

spring so it can open quicker.

There is no specific time line for the next few that will be repaired, although we plan to work on at least a couple more this season as time allows. We will keep working on tees each year until all are updated. All future repairs probably will be similar to what we did on the #8 senior tee—bigger, leveled with railroad ties, walk-up without steps, and sodded for quicker recovery.

**Q.** Anything else golfers will see this spring at Lake Panorama National?

**A.** Fountains will go into the ponds in early May. The fountain on #13 cannot go back in until the pond is dredged. The pond has a lot of runoff from the east and is a small silt trap for runoff before it gets to Lake Panorama. Unfortunately, the silt has made the pond so shallow that two pump motors have burned out because these were literally pumping mud.

New trash receptacles are in the works. In the past we had 39 trash bins, one on every tee. That was a lot of labor and not very efficient. The new plan is to have only five trash receptacles on the course, on holes 4, 7, 12, 16, and at Spikes. These will be a combo of three bins, one each for trash, plastic, and cans. The idea is to be proactive and environmentally friendly, plus more efficient and save on labor costs.

## LPA

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**Jim Spradling**  
7005 Andrews Terrace

Having served one term on the LPA Board, I would appreciate a second term to continue work on a number of initiatives, including the water plant upgrade, new maintenance building, LPN reorganization, conference center improvement plan, and water quality programs. My objectives are providing progressive leadership, maintaining and enhancing Lake



Jim Spradling



Neil Wright

Panorama's unique amenities, sustaining property values, and enriching quality of life. After receiving bachelor's degrees and master's degrees from the University of Iowa, I completed a 37-year career in city management. My wife Emily and I have lived full-time since 2013 on the lots we purchased in 2001.

**Neil Wright**  
5105 Panorama Road

My wife Jolene and I have been property owners since 1995. My early working career was in sales and management of agribusinesses. For the past 35 years I have worked in the solid waste management and recycling industry. Currently, Jolene and I own and operate a solid waste collection and recycling business in Webster City, "The Trashman." We have 25 employees, 19 trucks on the road per day, doing business in 33 communities and five counties with 20,000 customers. My long time business experience makes me amply qualified to help lead our Association into even greater successes in the future.

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# Friends of Lake Panorama survey

December 2018 marked the fifth anniversary of Friends of Lake Panorama. Friends is a 501(c)3 nonprofit charity dedicated to improving existing facilities at Lake Panorama's two golf courses and three beaches, plus developing new recreational amenities. The charity was established in response to members asking if there was a way they could give back to the Lake Panorama community with an estate gift or other tax-deductible donations. Now the Friends of Lake Panorama board of directors is conducting a survey of LPA members to gather ideas for future projects, plus get feedback on past projects. The charity's first project was a destination playground at Sunset Beach. Friends raised \$80,000 and LPA provided an additional \$50,000.

The playground opened in 2016. The second project was sports courts at Boulder Beach. Friends raised \$75,000 and LPA provided an additional \$100,000. The courts opened in 2018. A \$473,000 estate gift from James and Joyce McLuen was presented to Friends in 2017, designated for the Panorama West golf course. This gift was used in 2018 to install a new irrigation system, cart paths, new signage and tee box amenities, and clubhouse landscaping. Additional work is planned on turf improvement and sand traps. Donations to Friends of Lake Panorama also have funded renovations in the LPN dining room in memory of Dr. David Wang; memorial benches at Boulder Beach, Sunset Beach and Panorama West; and a rain garden at

Panorama West. The Friends board will use information gathered from the online survey to discuss and prioritize potential projects. Ten possible projects are listed in the survey. Respondents are asked to assign a priority level to each project, while also indicating which of the projects they would use and financially support. Four questions give respondents the opportunity to provide additional information on proposed projects, and offer ideas not listed in the survey. Next steps will be recommendations to the LPA, and Friends and LPA working together to research project specifics and feasibility. The online survey launched April 3 and will close April 24. The link to the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YH82HKW>

# WSO home tour in its 45th year

Five Lake Panorama homes will be featured June 6 for the 45th annual Women's Service Organization (WSO) home tour. Tickets are \$20, and include both the home tour and lunch at the Lake Panorama National Conference Center. WSO was established in the fall of 1972 when women who worked together to help pass a school bond issue decided they could further benefit the community as a formal organization. The home tour is the WSO's major fundraiser. The first tour group leaves the LPN conference center at 9 a.m., with three additional groups leaving on

the half-hour through 10:30 a.m. Each group tours three homes before returning to the LPN for lunch, followed by tours of the remaining two homes. Participants are asked to arrive at the LPN conference center 20 minutes ahead of their tour time, in order to join the vehicle lineup, sign up for lunch and receive instructions and description sheets. Various WSO committees work in advance to gather information for a one-page description sheet, and to determine the best order and route. The route isn't always the most direct, but is designed for safety and to accommodate the parking of many vehicles at each home. Thought also is given

to avoid road construction and crossing paths of other tour groups. A renewable scholarship is awarded to a graduating Panorama student each year, making four scholarships paid annually. Additional annual WSO donations go to the Panora Library, Food Pantry, Panora Streetscapes, Guthrie County Historical Village, Heritage Park, Tori's Angels, Relay For Life, Panorama prom and yearbook. Other contributions are considered as projects become apparent. Tickets for the home tour may be purchased from any WSO member, or by calling Mary Beidelman at 641-757-0425 or 641-755-2716.



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# Golf goodies cookbook offered by Panorama West women

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

Each Tuesday morning during the summer, members of the Panorama West women's golf league gather in the course parking lot. Nearly 60 women tee off between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m., randomly matching up in groups of three or four at the first tee. As players finish their round, they head into the clubhouse to see what goodies await. League members take turns providing a wide variety of food items for players to enjoy as they finish up scorecards and discuss that

day's golfing challenges. During one of these after-golf discussions, Judith Schnack suggested the league sponsor a cookbook, asking members to submit recipes, including ones prepared for their fellow golfers. Last fall, the women's league committee acted on that suggestion, and began soliciting recipes for a cookbook. Brenda Dinkla, one of the committee members, had worked with online publisher Morris Press on her own cookbook, and recommended the company. The title of the cookbook is Golf Goodies. It contains 200 recipes submitted by 50

contributors, most who are current or past members of the golf league. Recipes are divided into seven categories—appetizers and beverages; soups and salads; vegetables and side dishes; main dishes; breads and rolls; desserts; and cookies and candy. A special event to introduce the cookbook and make it available to buyers for the first time is planned for Wednesday, April 24, in the Panorama West community room. "Rolling Out the Golf Goodies" is a recipe tasting event, offered in two sittings. The first sitting will begin at 4 p.m., with a second sitting at 5:30 p.m.

At each sitting, participants will have the chance to taste 13 of the 200 recipes in the cookbook. Just 50 tickets are available for each sitting. The cost is \$10 per person, which covers the recipe tasting and a copy of the Golf Goodies cookbook. Tickets are available for purchase at Fashions on 44 Boutique at 130 West Main in Panora, Panorama West clubhouse, or by contacting Emily Spradling (espradling@msn.com, 515-669-9326) to reserve tickets in advance. Wine and beer will be available for a donation. The league committee ordered 225 copies of the cook-

book. It's expected the first 100 will be distributed at the April 24 tasting events. The remaining 125 will be available for sale after the event for \$7 each on a first-come basis. The cookbooks will be offered at both the Panorama West women's league kickoff luncheon April 30, and the LPN women's league kickoff dinner May 2. If any remain, the books will be available in the Panorama West pro shop. Any profits from cookbook sales will be used to support the Panorama West women's league, and the Panorama West clubhouse operation.

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# Deadline nearing for reduced price on history book

The deadline for purchasing a book detailing Lake Panorama's history at a reduced price is fast approaching. Lake Panorama – The First 50 Years, is a full-color, hardcover 96-page book. Books ordered through May 13 are being sold at a reduced price of \$30, including tax. The price will increase to \$35 on May 14. May 13 also is the dead-

line for buyers who want their books shipped. Up to five books can be shipped to a single address for a flat fee of \$9. These shipments will come directly from Donning Publishers. Shipping is only available on pre-orders placed through May 13. Books pre-ordered may be picked up at either the LPA or LPN at no addition-

al charge. The books will be delivered to the LPA office in mid-summer. Pickup details will be distributed through LPA newsletters. Books also will be available for direct purchase at the \$35 price. The coffee table commemorative book includes both historic and contemporary photos. Chapters in the book describe the area landscape

that made the lake possible, plus six decades of planning and development. There also are special topic chapters, highlighting Lake Panorama's two golf courses, infrastructure, and water quality efforts. Sidebar stories highlight various groups and activities through the years, such as HALO, Lake Panorama ski team, street and cove

name origins, Fin and Feather, and more. The book is being sold online with all major credit cards accepted. Buyers complete an order form by providing name, email address and phone, then selecting the number of books being purchased. Once an order is placed, the buyer receives an email confirmation.

Anyone not comfortable ordering online, or who has questions, can contact the LPA via email at [lpa@lakepanorama.org](mailto:lpa@lakepanorama.org), or call 641-755-2301. Place online orders here: <https://lakepanorama.formstack.com/forms/order>

## LPN Easter brunch April 21

The Lake Panorama National's annual Easter Brunch will be Sunday, April 21, with reservations available every half hour from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Executive Chef Brent Gaffney is offering a wide variety of both breakfast and lunch entrees. For breakfast, there will be an omelet station and a waffles and toppings station. Other breakfast items will include cinnamon rolls and pastries, scrambled eggs, Eggs Benedict, biscuits and

gravy, pancakes, French toast sticks, hickory smoked bacon, sausage patties, kielbasa, and potatoes O'Brien. Lunch items will include a Carved Beef Steamship station, carved ham, classic meat lasagna, chicken Marsala, mashed potatoes, Parmesan au gratin potatoes, sautéed squash medley, and dinner rolls. A salad station will feature fruit and veggie displays, garden salad with dressings, Caesar salad, potato salad,

macaroni salad, and coleslaw. Dessert options will include pie, cheesecake, rice crispy treats and brownies. The cost is \$23.95 for adults, \$9.95 for children 5-12, and free for children ages 4 and under. The Links regular breakfast menu will not be available that day. Reservations are required. An 18 percent gratuity will be added to groups of eight or more. Call the LPN front desk at 641-755-2080 or 800-879-1917 to reserve a table.

## Panorama West open house April 28

An open house will be held at the Panorama West golf course and clubhouse Sunday, April 28, to celebrate recent improvements on the course. The Friends of Lake Panorama board of directors is sponsoring the event to formally recognize the \$473,000 estate gift from James and Joyce McLuen, which made the improvements possible. The estate gift was presented to Friends in August 2017. The open house will be 2-4 p.m., with a short program at 3 p.m. Some members of the McLuen family plan to be in attendance, and will be introduced at that time. Light

refreshments will be served. A silent auction will be held throughout the afternoon, so those interested can place bids on old tee markers, signs, trashcans, ball washers, ball washer stands and other items that were replaced as part of the golf course improvements. T-shirts sporting the Friends of Lake Panorama logo and name will be available for purchase. Shirts are \$20, with both checks and cash accepted. Money raised by the silent auction and shirt sales will be used for small projects at the Panorama West clubhouse. If weather permits, a putting contest on the practice green and a closest-to-the-pin contest on the first hole

will be part of the festivities. Prizes will be awarded to the three people closest to the pin. Those who complete the putting course will be included in a prize drawing. Golf carts will be available so visitors can tour the course to see the improvements. A new irrigation system was installed, additional concrete cart paths added, and clubhouse landscaping renovated. Remaining funds from the McLuen gift have been earmarked for sod and seed to restore turf along the new cart paths; aeration, seed and fertilizer to improve turf conditions on tee boxes and fairways; and sand trap renovations.

## Ice-out channel catfish are biting

**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

Channel catfish move close to shore and are eager to bite in many lakes and the large reservoirs across Iowa just after the ice is gone. The bite starts sooner in the southern Iowa impoundment since they lose ice a week or two before northeast Iowa natural lakes. After eating light during the winter, channel catfish go on a feeding frenzy in early spring cleaning up small fish that died over the winter. Search for actively feeding fish on

windblown shorelines and points where dead fish are piled up and the shallow water warms quickly. Keep the wind in your face and move often until you find actively feeding fish. Use cut bait or shad sides fished on the bottom. To keep the bait on the hook, try using a 1/0 to 3/0 bait holder hook and enough weight (3/8th to 1/2 ounce) to cast into the wind. Bring along disposable latex gloves to handle the bait and help keep the smell off your hands. Ice-out catfishing can be good in any lake that has an abundant catfish population.

Iowa's flood control reservoirs, Rathbun, Red Rock, Coralville and Saylorville usually offer the best action. Try catfishing in Storm Lake, East Okoboji, Clear Lake or Black Hawk Lake in northwest Iowa soon after the ice is gone. Small impoundments in southern Iowa, like Greenfield City Reservoir, Big Creek, Lake Darling, Green Valley or Lake Icaria, also offer good early spring catfishing. Catfish can be found in almost every body of water across Iowa. Check the weekly fishing report to find out where catfish are biting.

## Stay safe this paddling season

**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

As Iowans start to thaw out from a brutal winter, paddlers and other boaters are itching to hit the water. While some river levels have dropped, others remain high and unsafe. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recommends that paddlers wait for warmer weather to let the water temperatures rise slowly. It could be several weeks before water temperatures are ideal and safe. "Regardless of how warm the air may feel in first weeks of spring, the water is still dangerously cold and can be deadly to boaters," said Todd Robertson, Iowa DNR River Programs Water Trails coordinator. "Cold water shock and hypothermia can set in fast if you are not dressed for cold water immersion." After snowmelt and heavy rains, water levels can rise quickly and produce strong and fast

current. "Strainers" are numerous on most rivers, especially after high water events. A "strainer" can be a pile of tree limbs and debris, usually found on the outside of river bends where they continue to collect and pile up. The river's current can suck you under a deadly "strainer" and hold you underwater with little chance of escape. Review these simple safety tips before you head out on the water.

- Check your canoe or kayak for any needed repairs or maintenance after being stored for several months. Look for holes and leaks, make sure all hatch lids fit snug and securely and check your paddle blades for signs of cracking or splitting.
- Dust off your life jacket and make sure all buckles and zippers work properly and look for holes and tears. Replace the life jacket if it has damage that cannot be repaired. Wear a life jacket at all times while on the water, regardless of your swimming ability. "We encourage all boaters to wear their lifejackets and not just store them on board. When you need it, it won't be

there," said Robertson. "Put the lifejacket on, if not for you, for the ones you love."

- If paddling in colder conditions, wear a wet-suit or dry suit, along with layers, to help avoid hypothermia or cold water shock. Do not wear cotton. Dress for water immersion, not the air temperature. You can adjust your clothing needs as the water heats up over the next several weeks.
- Always bring along a dry bag with a set of extra clothes you can change into if you get wet, a first-aid kit and a protected cell phone or weather radio. Pack plenty of water to stay hydrated.
- Let a friend or loved one know where you are going and when you are expected to return. It will be easier to find you if you need help.
- Explore the Iowa DNR's interactive paddling map at <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Things-to-Do/Canoeing-Kayaking/Where-to-Paddle> to help you plan your first paddling trip this year.



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# Bonnie, Clyde and the Barrow Gang

## The infamous duo is remembered in Guthrie County

By **PAIGE GODDEN**  
editor@gctimesnews.com

As a boy Dexter native Rod Stanley remembers searching for bullets that may have been shot by Bonnie and Clyde and the Barrow Gang at the top of a hill near his hometown. His Boy Scout troop leader would tell the tale of how America's most wanted couple ended up in a shootout in that very spot.

That spot, where the Dexfield Park Shootout occurred, is one of several in Guthrie and Dallas Counties where the infamous robbers Bonnie and Clyde visited.

More than 80 years later, the duo are still talked about in Iowa.

So much so, the Stuart Revitalization Group has announced the first ever Bonnie and Clyde run/walk.

The run/walk will be held at 9:30 a.m. April 13. The entry fee for the race is \$35 before April 5 and \$15 after April 5. Anyone can register for the race by searching for the race at getmeregistered.com. Or, mail in entry fees to Andrew

Kaldenberg at 2706 350th St., Stuart, IA 50250.

While Stanley wasn't sure what to think about Bonnie and Clyde as a boy, he now spends much of his life researching the two robbers. He focuses on the time they spent in Iowa.

He knows the story of what happened on that hill near Dexter he used to hang out at well.

As the story goes, Bonnie and Clyde found an abandon campground near Dexter that used to overlook Iowa's largest amusement park.

The two found a spot in the woods about half-mile up from the campground and settled in for about five days.

Eventually a local man named Henry Nye, who was picking blackberries, stumbled upon the robbers' camp. He found bloodied shirts and bandages and went into town to tell Dexter night marshal John Love about what he found. Love notified Dallas County Sheriff C.A. Knee in Adel.

They formed a posse, drawing in young men and law enforcement officials from Stuart, Panora, Redfield, Des Moines and even Oskaloosa.

Stanley, who has spent much of his life studying the events that unfolded on July 24, 1933, said he's not sure how many people were in that posse, although he guesses between 50 and 100.

At about 5:45 a.m. July 24, the posse headed toward the camp site.

The men didn't know what they were getting into. They carried small .410 shotguns and only one person had a machine gun.

Bonnie and Clyde, along with Clyde's brother Buck Barrow and his wife Blanche, and their accomplice W.D. Jones were ready for a fight.

The posse would later find four Browning shotguns, which could fire 20 shots in 2.5 seconds, and 37 Colt .45s left in the Barrow's campsite.

Despite the difference in firepower, the posse won out and drove Bonnie and Clyde from the campsite.

Bonnie, Clyde and W.D. Jones took off on foot.

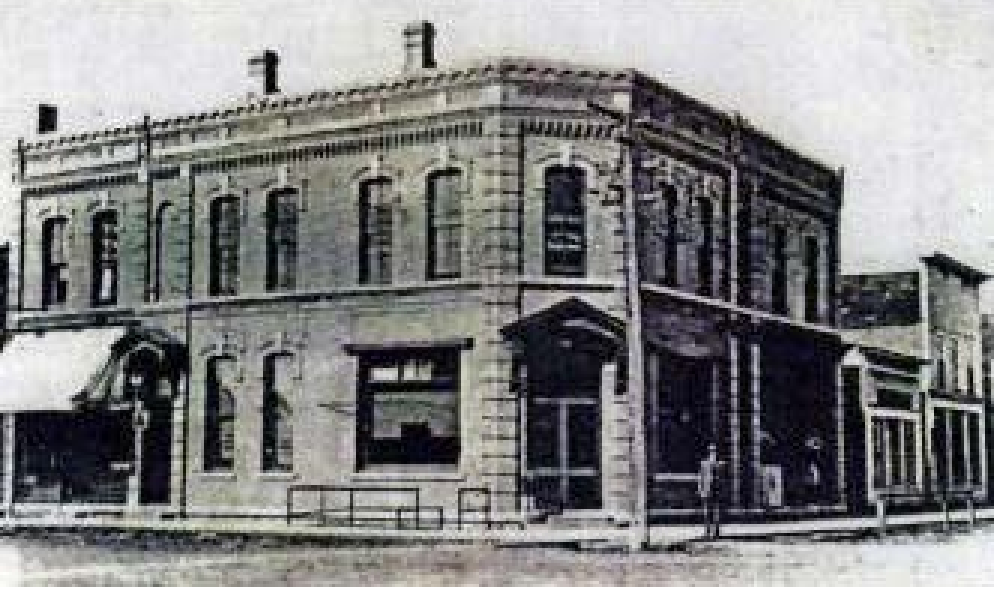
Buck was shot in the back and Blanche was captured.

Word got out around town Bonnie and Clyde were involved in the shootout so a crowd of about 400 people gathered on the streets of Dexter to see Buck and Blanche.

Buck was taken into the Dexter Library to get checked out by Dr. Osborn while Blanche was in handcuffs on the street.

Stanley said those in attendance remember how bad the two smelled, and he suspects the odor was coming from a head wound Buck received a week earlier in Platte City, Missouri.

Buck died five days later at the Kings Daughter hospital in Perry. Blanche was first taken to the jail in Adel. But, the jail didn't have a women's ward so they moved her to Des Moines and then extradited her to Illinois, where



**Submitted Photo Bonnie and Clyde robbed this bank, which is the old First National Bank in Stuart.**

she plead guilty to attempting to murder the Platte County sheriff.

Nearly a year later Bonnie and Clyde would return to the area. This time, they planned to rob a bank in Stuart.

It was a spring day in April when a car pulled up to the gas station in town. The gas station attendant remembers the occupants of the car were acting funny. They only rolled down their window to hand him their money.

He also noticed the car's license plate. It had a two-digit code that identified the license plate was from Calhoun County. It had the numbers 1234. 131234, the license plate read.

The gas station attendant nor anyone else in town was too suspicious because odd people rolled through town all the time back then.

Back in the 1930s Stuart had more than 70 businesses and one of the only transcontinental highways in the United States, Highway 6, ran through the town.

"It was bumper to bumper traffic back then," Stanley said. "Until the interstate was built in the '60s."

Bonnie and Clyde and their new accomplice, escaped convict Henry Methvin, parked in an ally behind



**Submitted Photo This photo of Bonnie was found on a camera left and Bonnie and Clyde's campsite near Joplin, Missouri.**

the Dexter bank.

Clyde and Henry went to have a soda at the drug store across the street from the bank. Bonnie, who burned her leg in a car crash several years before, stayed in the car.

The two then walked into the bank, showed their weapons and demanded money. They got away with a little more than \$1,000. It was the last bank the two would rob.

When Bonnie and Clyde were killed in Louisiana in May of that year, officers found a stack of license plates. The Iowa plate, numbered 131234 was among the plates found.

Stanley said it was the late '50s when he started going to the scene of the infamous Dexfield Park shootout location. Back then he thought the tale of Bonnie and Clyde was "ancient history."

"That's the way you think when you're 9 or 10 years old,"

Stanley said.

Since then he's found many people around Guthrie County who encountered Bonnie and Clyde, including Marvel Feller, who claims the Barrows still owe him money.

After the shootout near Dexter, Bonnie and Clyde, who fled the shootout on foot, stole a car from his family's farm.

Feller told Stanley Clyde apologized for stealing the car and promised to send money. He's been waiting for the money for 77 years, and supposes at this point he'll never get it.

Stanley will tell more of his stories during a discussion called Shootout at Dexter: Local History of Bonnie and Clyde on May 4, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. The discussion will take place at the Guthrie County Historical Village and Museum on West South Street in Panora.



**Submitted Photo This photo of Bonnie and Clyde was found on a camera that was left at one of their camp sites near Joplin, Missouri.**



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Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.26 (0.02 - 0.29)	08/03/2016	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	1.97 (1.20 – 2.55)	12/31/2018	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) [TTHM]	80 (N/A)	LRAA	5497 Chimra Rd. 14.00	7/23/2018	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb) [HAA5]	60 (N/A)	LRAA	5497 Chimra Rd. 6.00	7/23/2018	No	By-products of drinking water disinfection
03 - WELLS 2 OR 3; & 4 @ CLUB HOUSE						
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5 (0)	RAA	<1.0 (ND - 4.0)	07/13/2016	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium (ppb)	30 (0)	RAA	<2.3	07/13/2016	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Alpha Emitters (pCi/L)	15 (0)	SGL	<2.3	07/13/2016	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	SGL	1.77	10/18/2011	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	279	11/13/2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	1.012	05/9/2018	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb -- parts per billion.
- ppm -- parts per million.
- pCi/L – picocuries per liter
- N/A – Not applicable
- ND -- Not detected
- RAA – Running Annual Average
- IDSE – Initial Distribution System Evaluation
- Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- SGL – Single Sample Result
- TCR – Total Coliform Rule
- LRAA -- Locational Running Annual Average

GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. LAKE PANORAMA WATER COMPANY is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

CONTAMINANT VIOLATIONS

No violations in 2018

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

The Lake Panorama Association water supply obtains a portion of its water from the Cretaceous (Dakota Sandstone) aquifer. The Cretaceous (Dakota Sandstone) aquifer was determined to be not susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials prevent easy access of contaminant to the aquifer. The Lake Panorama Association Cretaceous (Dakota Sandstone) aquifer wells will not be susceptible to most contaminant sources except through pathways to the aquifer such as abandoned or poorly maintained wells. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the IDNR, and is available from Lake Panorama Association at 641-755-2301.

The Lake Panorama Association water supply obtains a portion of its water from the Cambrian (Jordan Sandstone) aquifer. The Cambrian (Jordan Sandstone) aquifer was determined to be not susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials prevent easy access of contaminant to the aquifer. The Lake Panorama Association Cambrian (Jordan Sandstone) aquifer wells will not be susceptible to most contaminant sources except through pathways to the aquifer such as abandoned or poorly maintained wells. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Lake Panorama Association at 641-755-2301.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact LAKE PANORAMA WATER COMPANY at 641-755-2101. Decisions regarding the water system are made at the Lake Panorama Association Board meetings held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Lake Panorama office and are open to the public.





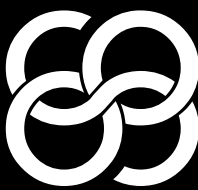
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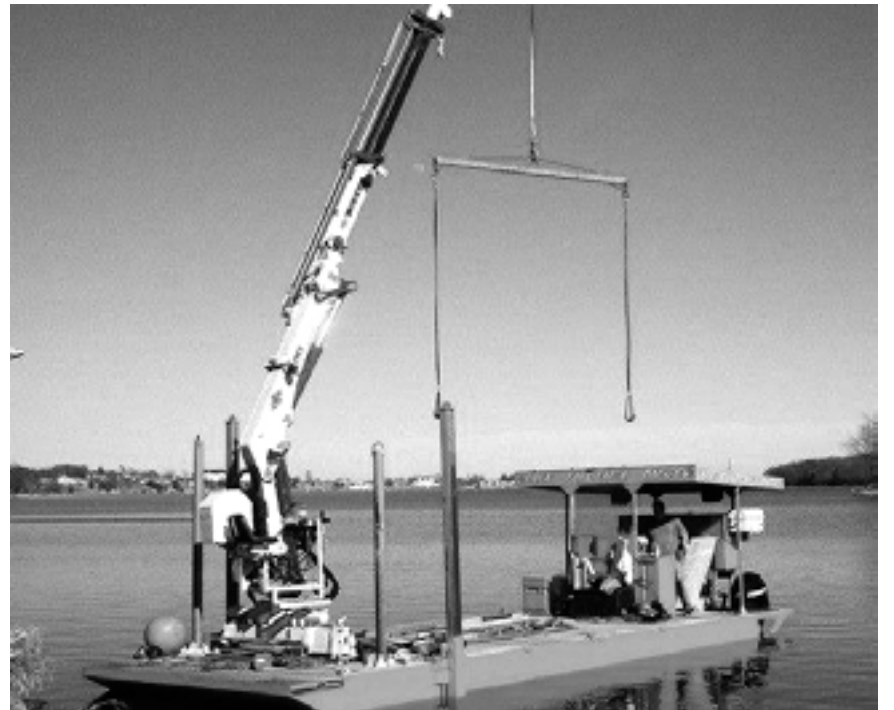
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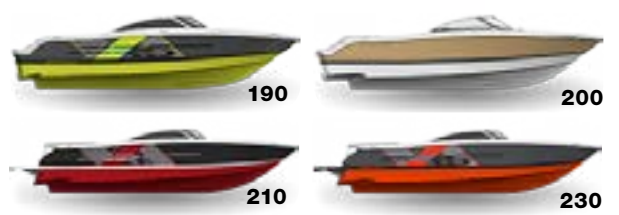
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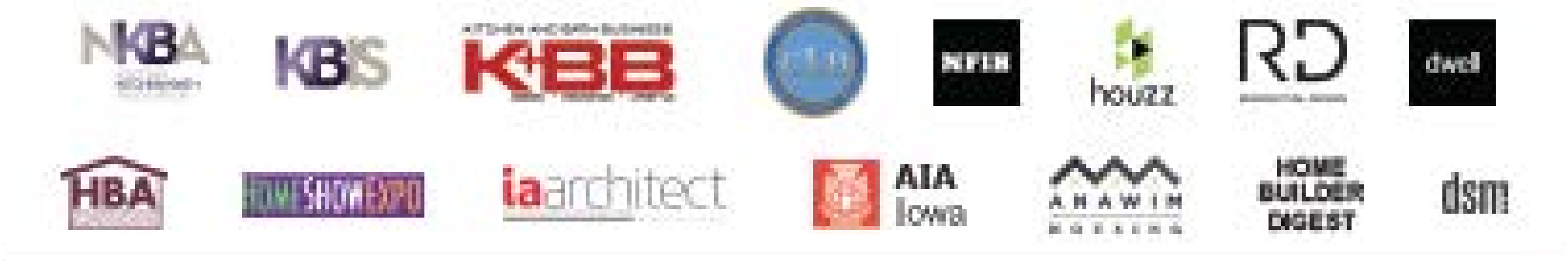
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