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Reflections: History of the LPA History Book

By Susan Thompson
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At least a dozen years ago, probably more, my husband Larry and I were eating at a Chinese restaurant in Des Moines. As usually happens, the bill arrived with two fortune cookies wrapped in cellophane. We each reached for one. I have no memory of what Larry's fortune said, but I've never forgotten mine.

“You are a lover of words, someday you should write a book.” How interesting, I thought. I am a “lover of words” but never considered writing a book. Also interesting was that I got that fortune cookie, not Larry.

I brought that slip of paper home and taped it to my desk, just above my computer monitor. I didn't think I'd ever write a book, but reading it made me smile.

We've lived at Lake Panorama since 1998. As we became more involved in the com-

munity, I started writing feature stories for the Lake Panorama Times. I enjoyed learning about Lake Panorama's history. I also enjoyed learning about the business side of the Lake Panorama Association, and Lake Panorama National. I served on an LPN advisory committee, and spent six years on the LPA board of directors.

A few years ago, I told John Rutledge, LPA general manager, I thought a book about Lake Panorama's history should be written. And if he and the LPA board approved, I'd like to be the author.

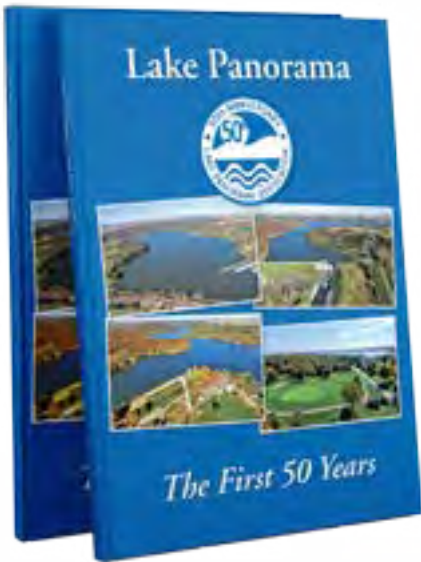
Once plans for the book were announced, LPA members past and present gifted me with newspapers, photos, old promotional materials and more. Six or seven cardboard boxes of varying sizes, some with water damage, were unearthed from the basement of the LPA office and came home with me.

Minutes of every LPA board meeting from the first one in 1968 to the present

were scanned by LPA staff and made available. I now had a wealth of information at my fingertips. I just needed to review it all, pick some images to accompany the text, and a book would appear.

It turned out to be much more complicated than that. Those musty boxes from the LPA included a treasure trove of material, and I enjoyed reading all of it. In fact, I enjoyed the research so much it delayed the writing. And when I did start to write, I wrote way more than would ever fit in a 98-page book.

To help me sort out what should stay and what could go, I relied on three people. Cheryl Mullenbach has authored several published books. She and her husband, Dick Wohlgamuth, have lived on Lake Panorama's Jones Cove for 17 years. I've written articles about some of Cheryl's books, and



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Bacon hobby becomes a business

By Susan Thompson
Lake Panorama Times

The average American consumes 17.9 pounds of bacon each year, but Jim Reis of Adel probably exceeds that number. In 2011, his love of bacon led him to found the Des Moines Bacon and Meat Company.

"I got tired of buying bad bacon, and thought I could do better," Reis says. "After some reading, sourcing some pork bellies, experimenting with rubs, then smoking the meat in my backyard, I produced my own bacon."

Reis shared his bacon creations with family and friends, who gobbled it up and asked for more. "I decided to try selling bacon at the Des Moines Downtown Farmers' Market. To do that, you have to work with a processor who has a state or federal license," he says. "The owners of the State Center Locker

were willing to work with me.”

To make his bacon, employees at the State Center Locker start with a fresh pork side or belly from conventionally raised Iowa pigs. Mixtures of salt and seasonings Reis developed are rubbed into the meat. Then the pork is



Jim and Rachel Reis, owners of Des Moines Bacon and Meat Company, took home the “best bacon” award from the 2019 Blue Ribbon Bacon Festival.



Shown serving at the Iowa City Food Festival are Rachel Reis and her grandparents, Howard and Vicki Mayer of Elkader.

placed in a cooler and cured for five to six days.

“This is dry cured bacon,” Reis says. “We never add water.” Next the pork is smoked, hand cut and packaged to his specifications.

Once Reis started selling at the Des Moines farmers' market, he got repeat customers and interest from local outlets. Soon the Gateway Market in Des Moines, plus central Iowa Fareway and Hy-Vee stores, were interested in his bacon.

Jim graduated from Perry High School, before earning a bachelor's degree in business at Iowa State University. He farms with his uncle, Scott Seeley. They don't have livestock,

which makes it possible for Reis to farm and also manage his growing business.

As interest in his bacon increased, Reis expanded the Des Moines Bacon and Meat Company line of fresh meat products. While some items vary with the seasons, the company offers ribs, sausage, brats, pork chops, hot dogs, bone-in and boneless hams, and specialty holiday hams and turkeys.

"The ribs are super popular," Reis says. "We do a really good business with those, especially in the summer. These are fresh,

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What's happening at Lake Panorama National

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Lake Panorama Times

This month's Q&A is with Royce Shaffer, who was named operations manager for Lake Panorama National Resort in December 2018. Shaffer graduated from Audubon High School, before earning a bachelor's degree at Buena Vista University. He and his wife, Lisa, have two sons, Landry, age 5, and Carsten, 10 months. Lisa is an interventionist in the Dallas-Center Grimes School District.

Q. Tell us about the various positions you've held at Lake Panorama National.

A. I started working at Lake Panorama National Resort during the summer of 2002, doing setup, banquets, and the front desk. After I earned my degree in 2003, I started to intern at the resort. Most of my duties included back office tasks, while also working the front desk a couple days a week. In March 2004, I began managing the pro shop, which I did until leaving to be the general manager at Majestic Hills Golf Course in Denison in March 2006.

I returned to LPN in November 2007 doing back office work. Later information technology and marketing tasks were added to my duties. When John Dinnebier took a position at Briarwood Golf Club in Ankeny, I

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was asked to be the LPN interim operations manager. In December, I was named operations manager. I also continue to manage the information technology for LPA.

Q. Tell us about your responsibilities with this new position as LPN operations manager.

A. I work with department heads to ensure the resort operations run smoothly. I oversee the Links Restaurant, LPN golf shop, Panorama West clubhouse, front desk/lodging and conference center. Reporting to me are Matt Mikkelsen, restaurant and events manager; Brent Gaffney, executive chef; Gary Babcock, head golf professional; Becky Galvan, hospitality manager; and Chris Cox, facility maintenance coordinator.

Q. One of your first tasks was to hire a chef. Tell us about Brent Gaffney, and some of the new things he's bringing to the Links Restaurant.

A. Brent is a native Iowan. He earned his culinary arts degree at Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Minneapolis, and has worked in several kitchens in Minnesota and Arizona. He was easy to talk to during our interview process, and it was clear he would be a good addition to our team. He started February 5 and hit the ground running, executing a two-day Valentine's dinner just over a week later. Since Valentine's Day he has run specials for Mardi Gras, Lent, St. Patrick's Day, and other "national days."

Brent has created a special brunch menu just for Sundays with new and classic breakfast and lunch items. Classic items such as our popular pork tenderloin sandwich still are



available, plus new items like Eggs Benedict. All items on the menu are offered during our Sunday hours, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Our hope is that we can generate enough Sunday business to justify a Sunday brunch buffet later this spring.

Brent also has started offering weekly lunch and dinner specials. These run Tuesday to Saturday, and will rotate weekly. These dishes will give customers a chance to try some new items not on the regular Links menu. Watch our Facebook page and the LPN Resort Weekly newsletter for details on these specials each week.

When dining with us, I encourage everyone to tell us about your meal and service. A comment card will be brought to your table with your chit. We value your comments and will take these into consideration as we work to serve you even better in the future. Comments also will help Brent gauge what may work well on a new menu later this year. Comment cards can be placed in the box provided in the lobby.

Q. What's new in the LPN golf shop for 2019?

A. We kicked off the 2019 golf sea-

son with a member mixer March 9. We had a great turn out with approximately 100 LPN and Panorama West members stopping in. Members received their 2019 membership packet, signed up for leagues and early season tournaments, and learned about the USGA golf rule changes for 2019. Best of all, this was a great time to meet new members and reconnect with others. Those who have joined for 2019 but couldn't attend the member mixer can pick up their membership packet at the LPN golf shop.

For those who have not yet purchased their 2019 golf membership, there still is time to do so. Contact Gary or Michael at the LPN golf shop, 641-755-2024, or find membership forms on our website, lakepanoramanational.com.

Gary, Michael and Maureen have another great year planned for our member golfers. In addition to regularly scheduled events, plans are underway for a member/guest play-day at both Lake Panorama National and Panorama West May 4. Also new to the calendar so far is an LPN Couples Kickoff May 3 and a member/member tournament at LPN July 21. Details for these events will be coming soon.

Q. LPN had displays at two golf shows and a bridal show this winter. What's the reason to participate in these sorts of events?

A. Gary, Michael and I attended the Des Moines Golf Expo in early January and the Nebraska Golf Show in February. These events gave us the opportunity to introduce Lake Panorama National to new potential customers, and to reconnect with some old friends. During the shows, we marketed our 2019 stay-and-play packages and membership options. We also gathered contact information from

attendees, which will be useful as we continue our marketing efforts this golf season.

In early March, Matt, Brent, and Julie Wykoff, LPN marketing consultant, attended the Central Iowa Bridal Show in Des Moines. Feedback from this group was positive. They had discussions with many brides and networked with other vendors in central Iowa. This event also provided us with a list of future brides for follow-up marketing.

Overall these events went well. LPN has not been to these types of shows recently, and it was nice to introduce or reintroduce Lake Panorama National Resort to potential guests.

Q. It sounds like you're trying several new avenues to shine more attention on what Lake Panorama National Resort has to offer.

A. Yes, this winter the emphasis has been put on drawing customers into the Links restaurant. Events celebrating "national days" such as National Margarita Day, watch parties for Iowa and Iowa State basketball games, Mardi Gras and others have increased our traffic. Moving forward we will continue these types of events and try other new ideas to encourage people to join us for good food and drinks at the Links.

Along with attending the bridal show, making more use of social media, and other marketing efforts to fill up the conference center calendar, we are asking Lake Panorama Association members to help out. We've created an incentive program for LPA members when they book a new catered event or refer a non-LPA member to book a catered event. Incentives range from \$35 to \$150 LPN member credit or LPN gift card. While many people think of our facility for weddings, we frequently

host family reunions, business retreats, birthdays and anniversary parties. To learn more about this program, or to inquire about dates for your event, call Matt Mikkelsen at 641-755-2080.

Q. If the snow ever melts and the temperature warms up, people will start to think about spending time at the LPN swimming pool. Anything new for 2019?

A. The last few years we staffed the pool to collect daily fees and sell concessions. This year, daily fees will be collected at the front desk or in the pro shop. Daily fees are \$3 per person, or annual memberships can be purchased. Memberships are available to LPA property owners starting at \$110 for a single, \$135 for a couple or \$150 for a family. Membership forms can be found by clicking on the "Wellness" tab at the top of our website. These forms can be mailed to the address on the form with payment, or dropped off to the LPN front desk.

We are in the process of creating a vending area between the pro shop and fitness center to sell concessions. This area will have vending for candy, chips and other sundries, as well as a Reis & Irvy's frozen yogurt robot. This robot dishes and tops frozen yogurt with toppings of your choice in a matter of seconds. We also will continue to have a limited Links menu available for order, with delivery to the pool.

To stay up to date on what's happening at Lake Panorama National Resort, follow us on Facebook at LPNResort. If you don't already receive the LPN Resort Weekly newsletter, you can subscribe by visiting lakepanoramanational.com, then scroll to the footer and sign up under the "Stay Informed" section.

LPN Golf Member Mixer

The 1st annual LPN golf member mixer was March 9 at the Lake Panorama National conference center.

The two-hour event was a kickoff for the 2019 golf season at both Lake Panorama National and Panorama West.

Membership packets including metal bag tags and information on upcoming events were distributed.

A video showing U.S. Golf Association rule changes for 2019 and free copies of the latest USGA rulebook were available.

New members for 2019 were introduced, and a door prize drawing held.



Gary Babcock, LPN head golf professional, welcomed the more than 100 people who attended, and joked spring was clearly right around the corner, as snow fell outside the banquet room windows. Also shown are Royce Shaffer, LPN operations manager, and Michael Kleinwolterink, LPN pro shop manager, as they prepare for the door prize drawing.



Gary Babcock, LPN head golf professional, presents Mitch Johnk with the LPN gift card he earned for paying his 2019 golf membership by the end of January.

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The specialty holiday hams and turkeys are available Thanksgiving through Easter. Reis sources turkeys from a family-owned farm in Minnesota. “These are free-range birds, free of antibiotics and nitrates, a very high-quality product,” he says.

In the beginning, it was just Reis and his wife Rachel, who is a partner in the business. Jim would take orders on Mondays, then make deliveries to retail outlets, with the occasional help of a “few retired guys,” he says.

As the business expanded, Reis hired Jesse Moore, who has been the company’s full-time account manager for two years. Moore takes orders and manages weekly distribution from a Des Moines cold storage facility. Retail outlets and restaurants in Omaha, Iowa City and Cedar Rapids now are customers, in addition to those in central Iowa. As time permits, Reis makes personal contacts with potential new customers.

He also continues as a vendor at the Des Moines Farmer’s Market, plus the indoor winter market held



A display of bacon and sausage produced by Des Moines Bacon and Meat Company in a Fareway store meat case.

four days each fall. And he competes at the annual Blue Ribbon Bacon Festival, held for the 12th time February 15. Again this year, the Des Moines Bacon and Meat Company took home the “best bacon” prize, an honor bestowed on the company a total of six years... so far.

The same group that organizes the Des Moines event hosts a similar bacon festival in Colorado each June, where Reis’ bacon has won the top prize twice.

As if Reis wasn’t busy enough, now he is a partner in a new deli in downtown Perry called Common Wealth Provisions, which opened February 7. “It gives us an outlet for our deli meats,” Reis says. “Sand-

wiches are made-to-order, and customers also can buy sliced meats and cheeses by the pound.”

The deli is open 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed on Sunday. “We’ve been really busy, and the response has been great,” Reis says. “What we’re offering is fresh, chemical-free products. My goal is to offer the freshest, leanest products at a reasonable price.”

As a bonus, Common Wealth Provisions also has a coffee bean roaster, and is selling bags of whole coffee beans. Reis says some businesses that offer Des Moines Bacon and Meat products soon will carry Common Wealth coffee beans.

Jim is the son of Bruce and Linda Reis, who moved from Perry to Lake Panorama 10 years ago. The couple also has three daughters – Kasey and Kate live in Des Moines, with Fran in California. They have six grandchildren, including Benton, age 7, and Tyson, age 5, who are Jim and Rachel’s sons.

The Des Moines Bacon and Meat Company website provides details on its products, locations and contact information to ask questions or place special orders. The company also has a Facebook page. The website address is: www.desmoines-baconcompany.com.

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 planning to prepare a wide variety of both breakfast and lunch entrees.

For breakfast, there will be both an omelet station and a waffles and toppings station. Other breakfast items will include scrambled eggs, Eggs Benedict, pancakes, hickory smoked bacon, sausage patties, kielbasa,

and potatoes O’Brien. Traditional lunch items will include a Carved Beef Steamship station, classic meat lasagna, chicken Marsala with mashed potatoes, Parmesan au gratin potatoes, sautéed squash medley, and more. The cost is \$23.95 for adults, \$9.95 for children 5-12, and free for children ages 4 and under. Because of the brunch, The Links regular breakfast menu will not be available that day. Reservations are strongly recommended. Call the LPN front desk at 641-755-2080 or 800-879-1917 to reserve a table.

Panorama West open house April 28

The year 2018 was a big one at the Panorama West golf course, with numerous improvements made as a result of a \$473,000 estate gift from James and Joyce McLuen. The estate gift was presented to Friends of Lake Panorama in August 2017.

The Friends board of directors is sponsoring an open house this spring to celebrate and show off the changes, while formally recognizing the McLuen gift. The event will be held in the Panorama West clubhouse community room Sunday, April 28.

Light refreshments will be served from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for this come-and-go event. 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 were added, and the clubhouse landscaping was renovated.

New tee box items were purchased, and will be used for the

first time in 2019. These include new tee signs, tee markers, distance markers, garbage receptacles, ball washers, and six directional signs.

This means old tee markers, signs, trashcans and other assorted items no longer needed are looking for new homes. As part of the open house, these “vintage” items will be offered for sale using a silent auction format. A complete list of items available will be publicized in advance of the open house.

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. Money raised by the silent auction and contests will be used for small clubhouse projects.

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 in both 2019 and 2020; and sand trap renovations.



Ribs offered by Des Moines Bacon and Meat Company on display in a Hy-Vee store. The ribs are fresh, all natural, and very popular during grilling season.



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Since I have had extensive experience working with communities 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 - both our drinking water and the safety of the Lake water itself.

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she kindly agreed to review as I wrote.

Her advice was invaluable, pointing out sentences that weren't easily understood, and raising important questions about information that perhaps I had overlooked. She also said some nice, encouraging things.

“Overall, I thought you did a great job of presenting what could be complex information and making it very concise and ‘readable’ for a general reader. I’m surely learning a great deal about our history! Great to have this overview of our community,” were some of Cheryl’s comments as she returned sections she had reviewed.

Another reviewer was my 26-year-old nephew Samuel Felderman. He’s a lover of words and books, wise beyond his years, and has spent the last 15 months battling leukemia. Thankfully, a bone marrow transplant now has him in remission. I asked him to be a reviewer for a couple of reasons.

One, he had time on his hands during his horrific fight against cancer. Two, I knew he’d be brutally honest. He was the one I counted on to point out sections he found boring, or at least unnecessary. If you think sections of the book are particularly concise, you have Samuel

to thank. He also helped me choose images for the book, finding bits and pieces of old brochures and newspaper articles I hadn’t previously considered.

The third, and most important reviewer, was John Rutledge, the guy who stuck his neck out by arranging for the LPA to fund this book project in hopes of recouping some or most of the cost from book sales.

Despite John’s busy work and home life, he found the time necessary to read and reread every word. He made sure it fairly represents Lake Panorama’s past, present and future. He provided valuable background information, and got other LPA staff involved to make sure the information in the book is as accurate as possible.

“I grew up as the son of a librarian and have always loved to read, with my favorite topic being history. I strongly believed the legacy of Lake Panorama’s first 50 years deserved to be documented. We began this project with the goal of writing the definitive history of Lake Panorama, from inception to current day,” Rutledge said. “Although Susan and I both underestimated what this project would require, I can honestly say the journey was enjoyable. Susan’s research and authorship brings it together in a way that reflects a great deal of knowledge and passion about Lake Panorama.”

All text and images now are in the hands of The Donning Company Publishers, based in Brookfield, Missouri. The company’s history began in the mid-1970s when its founders published a pictorial volume of their hometown, then realized every organization has a rich story to tell. The company specializes in limited-edition commemorative books, and is the perfect choice to publish Lake Panorama’s history.

When I started this project, it seemed I had plenty of time to get a book done in time for it to be unveiled at the Lake Panorama Association’s 50th annual meeting. That will be Saturday, May 11, beginning at 10 a.m., at the Lake Panorama National conference center.

However, I grossly underestimated the time it would take me to research, organize, write, rewrite, choose photos and images, and submit everything to the publisher.

Now we’re told the book should be at the LPA office by early August, and there’s a good chance the company will beat that date by a couple of weeks. There still are many steps in the publishing process, but the end is in sight.

I’m being paid a flat fee for this project, so I don’t earn extra money for each book sold. I’m clearly prejudiced, but I believe everyone who has some sort of connection with Lake Panorama will want to own and read this book. I’m proud of it, and I think readers will enjoy

HOW TO ORDER THE BOOK

Lake Panorama – The First 50 Years, is a full-color, hardcover 96-page book. 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.

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, shortly after the LPA’s 50th annual meeting.

To make the book sales process as smooth as possible for the LPA staff, 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.

Books pre-ordered may be picked up at either the LPA or LPN front

desks at no additional charge. Buyers who plan to pick up their purchase will be notified via email when the books have been delivered locally.

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the stories it tells both in words and pictures. Information on how to order is included in a new item elsewhere in this paper.

As for that fortune taped to my computer table, it came true! The

next time the lottery reaches some amazing amount, I’m going to take the six “lucky numbers” included on that slip of paper, and go buy a ticket. Maybe that part of the fortune will come true, too.

Colorful history for Highway 44 bridge

By Susan Thompson
Lake Panorama Times

One of the things I enjoyed the most about researching Lake Panorama’s history for my book project was reading through old issues of area newspapers. Sometimes news stories included comments that today might be labeled as commentary, rather than simple reporting on the facts.

Good examples are stories published in the early 1970s about the Highway 44 bridge over the Middle Raccoon River that was closed to two-way traffic for nearly two years.

On August 5, 1970, a fatal crash occurred on the bridge. The car hit a bulldozer that had been partially jarred loose from a flatbed truck when the bulldozer’s blade caught the bridge’s steel structure. The driver was killed, with four passengers seriously injured.

The old iron bridge was closed because engineers determined it had been weakened to the point it wasn’t safe for two-way traffic. The Iowa State Highway Commission established a 22-mile detour. The detour ran on paved highways north to Highway 141 and crossed the Raccoon River west of Springbook State Park.

The Des Moines Register reported the “closing of the bridge cut off

much of the Lake Panorama recreational development from Panora. The private development has created a large lake by damming the river less than a mile above the damaged bridge. The Panorama club house is on the west side of the river.”

The August 27, 1970, Bayard News Gazette included a story and photo of how Lake Panorama officials took matters into their own hands.

“When state bureaucracy got involved in holding up the repairs on the bridge, private ingenuity took over and traffic can now cross the river on a runaround built by LeRoy “Jiggs” Bryan, employee of Lake Panorama. Bryan got permission from the Natural Resources Council to place a huge tube in the river to carry the water and then he built a road over it,” according to the news report.

The Des Moines Register story reported Jack Cummins, Lake Panorama project manager, said Lake Panorama “paid 25 percent of the cost of constructing the bridge bypass in order to save its patrons the lengthy detour. The by-pass road lies on Panorama land,” Cummins said.

The Register didn’t list LeRoy “Jiggs” Bryan as an LPA employee, but rather a part-time bulldozer and tavern operator. The report also stated “various Panora and Guthrie

Center businessmen have made donations to Bryan to help defray the cost of the crossing.”

The Register reported the by-pass was posted with “No Trespassing” signs, but Cummins said “we haven’t chased anybody off. Neither have we given anybody permission to use it. The temporary crossing is padlocked at night. It’s not lighted and there are no guard rails and we don’t want to be liable in case of an accident.”

The Bayard News Gazette story said Bryan “reportedly offered to sell his road to the state for just what he has invested—something under \$5,000—but Iowa will pay Al Munson of Boone \$14,549 to fix the old bridge so motorists can enjoy one-way traffic across it. Munson is supposed to have the bridge ready for use within a month. In the meantime, Bryan’s runaround probably will be used by local traffic while through traffic will follow the posted detour and go 20 miles out of the way.”

“Highway Commission officials have said a new bridge will be built someday, and it may be in the area where the runaround is. Bud Hollar of Guthrie Center, Democratic candidate for State Representative, tried in vain to get the commission to buy Bryan out and thus save the taxpayers some money but his plea



This photo first appeared in the August 27, 1970, issue of the Bayard News Gazette. The bridge over the Middle Raccoon River on Highway 44 just west of Panora was closed for seven weeks because of damage that occurred during a car crash.

fell on deaf ears.”

Seven weeks after the accident, the bridge was open to one-lane traffic controlled by stoplights. Eight months later, a story in a July 1971 Guthrie Center Times reported “an agent for the Iowa Highway Commission threw doubt on the construction of a new bridge over the Coon river west of Panora that has been open to one way traffic for more than eight months.”

“Hector Hogue, who is purchasing right of way for the commission, met recently with the Panora city council to purchase additional land west of the West End Cafe and said bids to let a contract for a new bridge will not be advertised until

all right of way property is acquired. Earlier it had been announced the bridge would be built this year.”

A story in the August 1971 Panorama Profile reported “The way things look now it will be next spring or summer before the river bridge near the west Panorama entrance will be replaced, so the stop lights at the old bridge will continue to be a nuisance to motorists.”

A contract finally was let that fall, with a start date of September 6, 1971, and a finish date of September 30, 1972. The new bridge was located about 250 feet north of the old bridge. The cost was \$360,000, which included building new approaches to join onto Highway 44.



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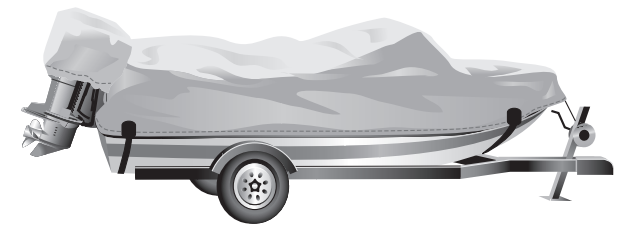
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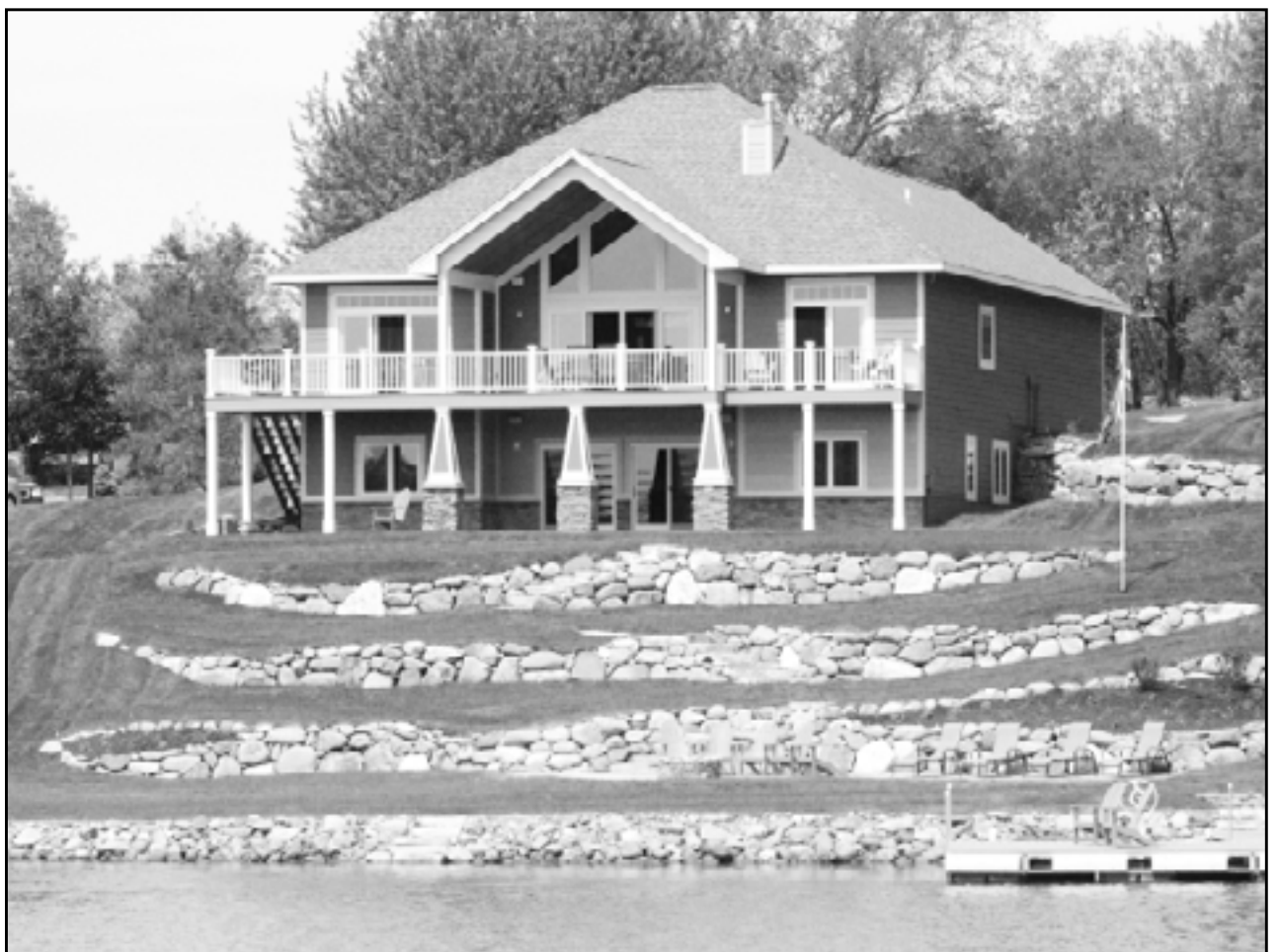
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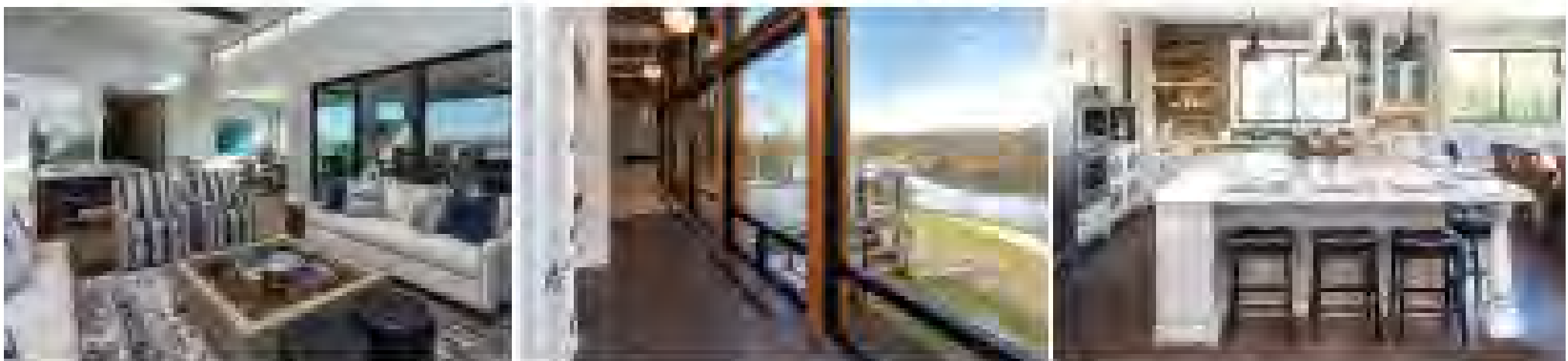
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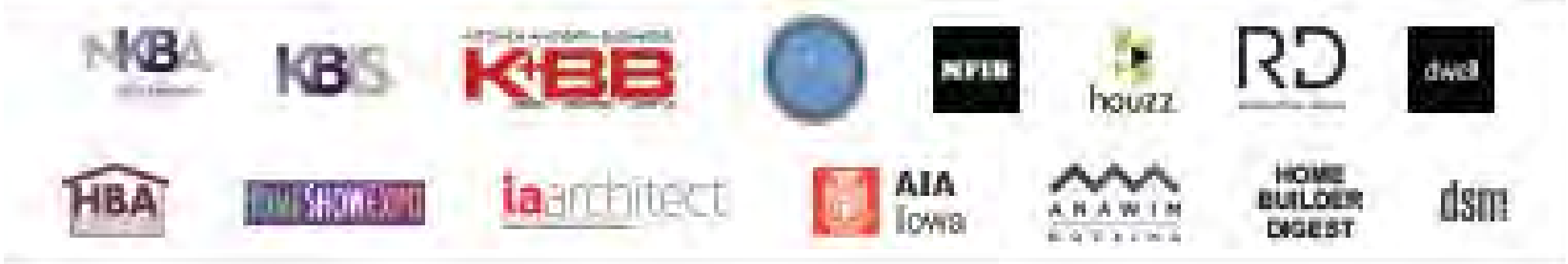
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