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Lake Panorama known for family time



Holidays often were celebrated with family at the Shoen Lake Panorama home.

By Susan Thompson
Lake Panorama Times staff

Over the last couple of years, I've made occasional requests for photos and stories for a book I'm writing about Lake Panorama. As I talk with people who respond, a common theme emerges — Lake Panorama has always been a great place to spend time with family.

The latest example was a phone call from Tiffany Thompson. She and her husband Shane purchased their Lake Panorama house in March 2016. While they are

relatively new to the lake, Tiffany's love affair with Lake Panorama began when she was a child.

Her grandparents, Harold and Della Shoen, first bought a lot on Christmas Tree Point in 1973, before Tiffany was born. When it came time to build a house, the ground wouldn't perc so a septic tank wasn't an option. Then they bought two lots on Horseshoe Cove, and in 1976 started the process of clearing trees and building a house.

Their son, Ernie Shoen, and his wife Judy, are Thompson's parents. One recent fall

morning, they joined Tiffany and me to talk about three generations of family time at Lake Panorama. They live in Cambridge, where they raised Tiffany and her younger brother Troy.

Harold and Della Shoen lived in Ames, where Harold worked as an administrative assistant for academic affairs at Iowa State University. Ernie and Judy say they enjoyed coming to Lake Panorama on weekends to help with the house-building project, and then to visit once the house was complete.

Harold and Della had a tent



Enjoying Lake Panorama are, left to right, Cassidy and Alliyah Thompson, and their cousins Brooklyn, Dillon, and Austin Shoen. Cassidy and Alliyah's mother, Tiffany, has fond memories of spending time with her own cousins at Lake Panorama.

and small camper. The Lake Panorama Association prohibited camping on private lots. But there was a small campground on the west side in the timber along the road that now leads to the LPA yard waste site.

"It was primitive," Ernie says. "There were no showers, just outhouses. There were usually quite a few campers there on weekends, probably 15 or more. It was a fun atmosphere. You could walk



The Shoen house and boathouse were completed in 1978.

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Whiton Brelsford named to Simpson College Hall of Fame

By SUSAN THOMPSON
Times Vedette staff

A Panora woman who played basketball for four years at Simpson College has been named to that college's

Athletic Hall of Fame. Katelyn Whiton Brelsford was inducted October 5 at the annual Red & Gold Celebration held on the Simpson campus. She and other 2018 award winners also were introduced

the following day during the Simpson-Coe football game. Membership in the Hall of Fame is reserved for individuals who have lettered in a varsity sport at Simpson, have outstanding athletic and

academic backgrounds, and have been successful citizens since their college years.

Nominees for the award must have graduated from Simpson at least 10 years ago. Since Brelsford graduated in

2008, she was chosen for the honor the first year she was eligible.

Brelsford was a key component to the most successful run in Simpson women's basketball history. She led Simp-

son to two IIAC Championships, three IIAC Tournament Championships, four NCAA tournament berths and two Sweet 16 appearances. She

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Family

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chitect, and designed the house. A crew from a Pan-ora lumberyard framed the house, and Harold did most of the rest.

“He had never built a house before, but he knew a lot about building,” Ernie says. “Later he was hired by the LPA to inspect houses being built at the lake.” Harold also helped make the “Welcome Home” and “Godspeed” signs for the guardhouse at the lake’s main west entrance. While the guardhouse has been reduced to four posts and a roof, the signs remain.

The Shoen house, located at 227 Panorama Drive, was finished in 1978. Harold retired from Iowa State, and the couple moved from Ames to live at Lake Panorama full time. “Mom wasn’t very happy about leaving Ames, but Dad was a real outdoorsman,” Ernie says. “He loved to fish, and I’m sure he fished every cove of this lake many times.”

Harold joined the Panora Lions Club and helped with the annual Panorama Days. Della made friends, got involved in women’s card clubs, and became a Lake Panorama fan.

Soon the couple was entertaining family and friends. Everyone enjoyed going to the restaurant at the West Lodge. And they attended LPA picnics where tables were spread under the trees surrounding the lodge.

Thompson remembers taking Red Cross swimming lessons at the lodge pool, and playing ping pong in the game room on the second floor. In 1983, the LPA sold the lodge

and surrounding land to the Des Moines Catholic Diocese. The St. Thomas More Center began hosting campers the next year. “We were sad to see it go,” says Ernie.

Asked what else she remembers about growing up with grandparents living at Lake Panorama, Thompson offers plenty. “Me and one of my cousins both have summer birthdays, so our parties were always at the lake. All of those party pictures show us in swimsuits,” she says.

In the summer, she and her brother and cousins would get to stay with their grandparents for a week or more at a time. They swam, and they learned to ski behind their grandfather’s small fishing boat.

“I enjoyed going fishing with Grandpa,” Thompson says. “He liked to fish for catfish at night, and it always seemed like we were out at midnight, although I’m sure it wasn’t that late. Sometimes he wanted to fish early in the morning, and got us up at 5 a.m.”

The fishing boat featured an eight-track tape player. “We got to take turns picking out our favorite tape to listen to while we fished,” Thompson says. “There was a CB radio base in the boathouse, and he had a receiver in the boat. Sometimes Grandma would get worried about the weather, and she’d be calling him to get us back home.”

A neighbor had a pontoon, and sometimes they would take an evening cruise, complete with snacks provided by Della. “She was great at feeding people,” Ernie says. “She could put out a spread of food faster than anyone I’ve ever known.”

Thompson says her grand-



Tiffany Thompson learned to ski behind her grandfather's small fishing boat. This photo was taken in 1989. Today, her daughters prefer wake surfing on Lake Panorama.

mother also loved to play cards and board games with her grandchildren. “Parents get tired of playing games with their kids sometimes, but she never did. She would play with us as long as we wanted,” she says.

Winter brought a different kind of fun. The Shoens had snowmobiles, and enjoyed poker runs and other snowmobiling on the frozen lake. Harold scooped snow from the ice near their house so the family could ice skate, and there was sledding.

In the early 1990s, the elder Shoens’ health began to fail, and they had to leave Lake Panorama. Their home was sold, and they both died within a few years.

Ernie and Judy Shoen say there were times they considered buying a lot at Lake Panorama themselves. But they were settled in Cambridge, and had a good life there. She was a secretary on the Iowa State campus, while

he worked 14 years in banking, and later maintenance.

Yet Thompson was set on someday living at Lake Panorama. She, Shane and their two daughters lived in western Iowa for a few years, before relocating back to Huxley in 2015. They live full-time in a home on the Ballard Golf and Country Club north of Huxley. Cassidy and Alliyah attend Ballard Community Schools.

The couple learned the home Tiffany’s grandparents built on Horseshoe Cove was on the market, and she and Shane came to take a look. “As a kid, I thought that house was huge,” she says. “But as an adult, I realized it would be too small for us. We looked at houses a couple more times, but didn’t find anything we liked.”

In March 2016, they set up appointments to look at another batch of houses. “We wanted to buy something that would be a location where

we could retire someday,” Thompson says. “I didn’t want to look at this house, but Shane talked me into it. When we got here, I walked down to the water and fell in love with this location. It was perfect.”

The two-story cabin is nestled among trees on a small cove on the lake’s east side, near the Narrows. The sellers just wanted two televisions, and left everything else. “We didn’t have to do a thing. There were dishes in the cupboards, the house was fully furnished, there was a boat and kayaks and deck furniture,” Thompson says.

Shane Thompson is an owner of WestWind Logistics in Des Moines, a transportation, pallet and recycling company. Tiffany Thompson is chief compliance officer for a health care company in Dallas, Texas. With the exception of a few trips to Dallas each year, she works from home.

That means she gets to spend more time at Lake Panorama than the rest of the family, since she and the family’s dog, Barron, drive to the lake a few weekdays each month. As she works on her laptop, Barron lays in the sun near the sliding glass door to the upper deck.

When the girls aren’t in school, they come along for the ride. “In the summer, we’re here every chance we get,” Thompson says. “The girls can be swimming off our beach or canoeing in the cove, and I can keep an eye on them. Shane joins us for the weekend.”

“In the fall, the whole family comes a couple of weekends a month, and in the winter, at least one weekend a month. It gives us variety, and an opportunity to decompress. It’s very cozy,” she says.

Thompson says when the girls graduate from high school, and she and Shane retire, they may tear down the house and build a larger house at the same location. For now, the house serves the family’s needs. While Tiffany was the one who dreamed of owning a Lake Panorama house, Shane “loves it here, and thinks it’s the best decision we’ve ever made,” she says.

“When we’re in Huxley, we’re always busy with other things. But when we come to the lake, it’s family time. We play more games together, and we’re outside more,” Thompson says. “When you have teenagers, it’s hard to get them to spend time with you. But when we’re here, we take the boat out and they will spend the entire day with us.”

Whiton

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was a two-time All-American, a three-time All-IIAC First Team member, the 2008 IIAC Most Valuable Player, West Region Player of the Year, and WBCA First Team All-American.

In her 118 games at Simpson, she amassed 1,592 points, which ranks third in school history career points. She is fourth with 700 rebounds, second with 230 steals, and 10th with a 52.5 field goal percentage.

Brelsford is the daughter of David and Melodie Whiton, who have lived at Lake Panorama since 1983. She and her brother Jackson attended Panorama schools as young children.

David was co-owner of the

Whiton Feed Mill in Perry, and in 1994, Melodie opened a State Farm agency there. The family owned a second home in Perry, and decided to open enroll Katelyn and Jackson in the Perry schools so they could participate in more school activities.

Brelsford was recruited to Simpson while playing on the Perry girls basketball team. She was part of Perry’s 2002 Girls State Tournament team, with a 28-0 record.

During her acceptance speech, Brelsford said her four years at Simpson were priceless. “Not only did I receive an education that is unmatched, but the experience of being a student athlete helped shape me more than I could have ever hoped,” she said. She praised her head coach and teammates for helping give her the “opportunity to

dream big, set high goals, and then accomplish every one of them.”

She thanked her family and friends for their support, singling out her parents. “They were at every game since I was in grade school. That is a lot of practices, games, commitment, sacrifice, motivation, lessons, wins, losses, injuries, and most importantly, support,” she said.

Brelsford also singled out her husband, Colby, who was her boyfriend at the time she played basketball at Simpson. “He is my rock. He played a more important role than he will ever know then, and an even bigger role now,” she said. The couple built a home at Lake Panorama in 2013. Their daughter Fran was born in February 2018.

Brelsford continues a family tradition, as Melodie Whiton



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Brelsford accepts her Simpson College Hall of Fame award from Jay Simmons, Simpson College President.



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was a Hall of Fame athlete in basketball and tennis at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Brelsford graduated from Simpson in 2008 with a degree in business management. She began a career as

a State Farm underwriter in Lincoln, Nebraska. While in Lincoln, she also was an assistant women’s basketball coach at Nebraska Wesleyan, where her mother is in the Hall of Fame. She moved to

Milwaukee as a State Farm agency field recruiter in 2010, and has been an agent for the Melodie Whiton State Farm Insurance Agency in Perry since January 2014.



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Snow covered the ground near Lake Panorama on October 14.



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This deer spotted on the Panorama West golf course didn't seem to mind the snow Oct. 14.



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It was a snowy day around Lake Panorama on October 14.



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The beautiful fall colors at Lake Panorama over shadowed the snow in October.



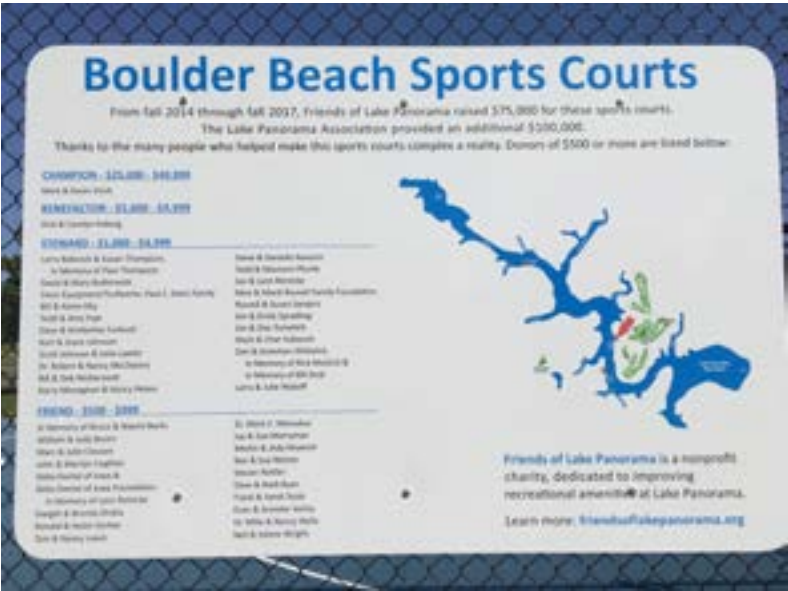
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It would have been a cold day to golf at Panorama



DONOR SIGN INSTALLED AT BOULDER BEACH SPORTS COURTS

A donor recognition sign was added to the Boulder Beach Sports Courts complex in mid-September. The sign recognizes private donors of \$500 or more who contributed to the three-year fundraising campaign that began in 2014 and ended in 2017. During that time, Friends of Lake Panorama raised \$75,000 for the courts. The Lake Panorama Association provided an additional \$100,000 to complete the project this summer. There is one basketball court, one tennis court and two pickleball courts. The courts are available on a first come, first served basis whenever Boulder Beach is open.



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This photo was taken at Lake Panorama’s main west entrance in early October. The structure was originally a guard house built in the late 1960s. Now reduced to four posts and a roof, the original signs remain — “Welcome Home” as drivers enter, “Godspeed” as they depart.



Guthrie County Chaplains assist local police

By MARY PORTER AND PASTOR GARY FREELAND

Guthrie County Chaplains assist the Guthrie County Law Enforcement Departments sharing support, comfort and encouragement during emergency situations, through ride a longs, delivering death notices, and jail visits when inmates request a chaplain.

Guthrie County Chaplains Deacon Dennis Patrick, Pastor Denis James, Deacon Dick Ziller, Pastor Dean Porter, and Pastor Gary Freeland just returned from 2 1/2 days of intensive training in Rapid City, South Dakota presented by International Conference of Police Chaplains(ICPC), hosted by ICPC Region #3, Rapid City Police and Pennington County Sheriff’s Departments. All five of the Guthrie County Chaplains have fulfilled the Basic level of training.

The chaplains are all very appreciative of the funding received from the ten squared men of Guthrie County. It has made it possible to have basic protection while on calls, uniforms to make it possible for people to easily identify the Chaplains, ongoing membership fees and training from ICPC, and to pay for incorporating and setting up a non-profit group to take care of ongoing activities of the chaplains group.

Classes at the Regional Training attended included: Ride Alongs, Police Culture, Midwest Drugs, Internet Safety, Shoot/Don’t Shoot Simulator, Peer Support & Officer Wellness, ALICE & Active Shooters, human trafficking, and a tour of the Rapid City police department.

While supporting law enforcement in Guthrie County, Chaplains have helped during the fatal fire in Guthrie Center, the drowning at Lake Panorama, death notifications, and many other calls. They also are available to inmates who request a visit with a chaplain.

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Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met August 28, 2018, at 5 p.m., at the Lake Panorama Association Office. Board members present were Larry Babcock, Mary Jane Carothers, Emily Donovan, Gary Evans, Tom Jeschke, Rich Schumacher, and Jim Spradling.

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

Visitors present: LPA Members – Ted Hawley, Kirk Henderson, John McDermott, Duane Ross, Jennifer and Bill Vanderpool.

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

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

Agenda Item 2 – Open Forum

Duane Ross – Duane Ross reported he also attended the last board meeting and spoke regarding the letter that was sent out on the campground rules. Ross again stated floating decks larger than 100 sq. ft. should be allowed. When he constructed his decks, he followed the rules that were in place at the time. Ross additionally requested the current registration license requirement be waived, if the camper is a seasonal camper and also stores the camper on site for the winter months. Ross explained he has been a lot owner and member for several years; pays yearly association dues, camping fees, boat sticker fees, uses the Marina for boat lift, storage, fuel and repairs. Ross also explained they have occasional camping guests and some of which have gone on to become property owners and Lake Panorama Association members; we support Lake Panorama Association and the local community in many ways. Ross repeated his request from last month for the Board to review the deck size and current registration rules that are scheduled to be enforced January 1, 2019.

John McDermott spoke on behalf of Tim McGuire, owner of lots 935 & 3149 (combined) at 4291 Panorama Drive. McGuire feels there is drainage that is occurring over his lot from a tube across the road. Previously, McGuire had met with Rutledge regarding this project asking for LPA assistance and Rutledge informed McGuire this is not a project in which the LPA would participate. McDermott asked about previous projects that were similar and which were completed by LPA. Rutledge acknowledged LPA did provide labor on three similar projects around 2009 as a trial, when LPA maintenance staff had some downtime. LPA determined shortly thereafter the quantity of the projects would overwhelm LPA's limited resources. LPA discontinued providing labor on the installation of privately owned drainage improvements. Joel Williams, LPA legal counsel, stated previous board actions

do not bind the current board in their policy actions. He confirmed the LPA did not create a legally binding precedent by conducting this trial in 2009 and LPA's decision to discontinue the practice was acceptable.

Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda

The July 24, 2018, Board minutes have been corrected to reflect typographical errors of member names and the addition of guests who were at the July 24, 2018 meeting.

Jeschke moved to approve the consent agenda with the corrected 7.24.18 minutes. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Consent agenda to include:

a) LPA General Manager's Report

b) Approval of minutes from 7.24.2018 LPA Board Meeting

c) Acceptance of 7.31.18 consolidated financial report – LPA & LPN, LLC

d) Set date for next board meeting as September 25, 2018

e) Accept minutes from July 2018 LPN, LLC Board of Managers Meeting

f) Accept minutes from 08.13.18 Water Safety committee

g) Accept minutes from 08.13.18 Building Codes committee

h) Correct minutes from 06.26.18 LPA BOD Meeting

Spradling moved to item 6b

Agenda Item 6b – Follow up discussion on campground policy changes

Members have questioned the requirement of current license registration for campers that are Seasonal Campers and Winter Storage users. Rutledge noted LPA staff has researched and reviewed the registration requirements and

recommended the license requirement be waived if the member is paying the Seasonal Camping and Winter Storage Fee continuously. Valid tags still will be required for periodic guests.

The board directed the staff to adjust policy as recommended, which will allow campers with Seasonal Camping and Winter Storage to be exempted from the current registration requirement.

Jeschke asked whether we were providing a campground or a trailer park, noting the atmosphere is very different for each environment. He stated a campground is typically "in and out" campers, rather than campers who camp continually for a year. Jeschke noted LPA seems to have a blend of both trailer park and campground elements, which makes this difficult to govern. He suggested LPA take a long term look at providing a trailer park location for seasonal campers and a campground for daily/weekly campers.

Members have objected to the 100 sq. ft. size of decks. Discussion was held on allowing a larger size deck, possibly similar to the size of the camper awning. These decks are supposed to be temporary and removable if work needs to be completed on the site. Rutledge noted these decks are not currently subject to building code inspections or permit fees, and noted this should be reviewed if proposed size restrictions are to be contemplated.

Spradling asked the board to consider the size of the deck and bring their thoughts to the next meeting. Jeschke, Schumacher, Halterman and Rutledge will review and present to the board next month.

Rutledge and Halterman will review with Mike Gliem, LPA building codes supervisor, to ensure no conflict with LPA building codes.

Agenda Item 4a – Offer to purchase lots 894 and 895

An offer has been received from Scott and Nancy Nelson to purchase lots 894 and 895 for a total purchase price of \$94,000. The land sales committee has reviewed the offer and is in favor of accepting.

Jeschke moved to accept the offer to purchase lots 894 and 895 from Scott and Nancy Nelson for \$94,000. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4b – Offer to purchase lots 6218 and 6219.

An offer has been received from Charles and Kimberly Truka to purchase lots 6218 and 6219 for a total purchase price of \$18,000. The land sales committee has reviewed the offer and is in favor of accepting.

Donovan moved to accept the offer to purchase lots 6219 and 6220 from Charles and Kimberly Truka for \$18,000. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4c – Offer to purchase lot 1587.

An offer has been received from David and Mary Brown to purchase lot 1587 for a purchase price of \$12,000. The sales committee recommends the offer be declined at \$12,000 and a counter of \$15,000 be made.

Schumacher moved to counter the offer to purchase lot 1587 from David and Mary Brown at \$15,000. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4d – Accept resignation of Brice Oakley from LPN, LLC board of managers and consider appointment.

Schumacher moved to accept the resignation of Brice Oakley. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Discussion regarding the appointment of a replacement member for the remaining 2018 term and for the three (3) year term 2019 through 2021.

Schumacher moved to appoint John Coghlan to the LPN Board of Managers to fulfill the remainder of the 2018 term and the three (3) year term 2019 through 2021. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4e – Rule change per water safety committee regarding intentional vandalism or unauthorized relocation of buoys.

The Water Safety committee and security staff feels strongly that vandalism and unauthorized relocation of buoys represents a member safety concern and should not be tolerated by the LPA. The committee has recommended the following rule addition. (Underlined and italicized language is new. No existing language has been modified or deleted.)

5.1 (c) Authorized Personnel for Enforcement

The Lake Panorama Association is authorized to appoint an agent, agents and employees to enforce rules of the Association and to purchase necessary equipment to patrol the area.

1. Intentional vandalism or unauthorized relocation of buoys shall result in an automatic 3rd offense under LPA rules 5.1(f)(3). In the case of vandalism, the offending member shall pay both the stated fine and damages.

Evans moved to revise rule 5.1(c) Authorized Personnel for Enforcement. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

ended, carried unanimously.

5.1(c) 1. Intentional vandalism or unauthorized relocation of buoys shall result in an automatic 3rd offense under LPA rules 5.1(f)(3). In the case of vandalism, the offending member shall pay both the stated fine and damages. Rule to be effective immediately. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5a – Update on rehab of existing tennis courts for pickle ball – review proposal from Shive Hattery

Several pickle ball enthusiasts have requested the existing tennis courts be reworked into pickle ball courts. LPA staff reached out to Shive Hattery and asked if they had an interest in leading a meeting to gather information regarding a potential project of rehabbing the existing tennis courts to four (4) pickle ball courts, with specific surface requirements, based on the user's requirements. Shive Hattery conducted the meeting, at no charge, with representatives of LPA Staff, board members and representatives of the pickle ball users group. Several possible concepts were determined from the meeting.

Rutledge presented a proposal from Shive Hattery to take the project through concept, design and specifications, including final cost estimates for completion of the project. The contract is an hourly contract, not to exceed \$6,500, and is structured in phases. The contract can be terminated at any phase, cost to be only for what has been completed. Shive Hattery would be representing the LPA position. Rutledge explained LPA does not have

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the expertise to do the concept, design and specification phase of this project.

The Board directed Rutledge to engage with Shive Hattery to complete the concept and design phase of the rehab for the existing tennis courts to become four (4) pickle ball courts.

Agenda Item 5b – Consider LPN, LLC request for LPA member email list to promote LPN, LLC

Rutledge explained the request of the LPN Board

of Managers to get the LPA email list for solicitation to the LPA members.

Board discussion on the restrictions and available use of the list occurred. Donovan expressed the importance of the ease to opt out of the marketing by “unsubscribe” to the emails. The frequency and importance of the emails is important. Spradling spoke in favor of the request, if the LPN has success than the LPA will have success in return.

Jeschke moved to provide the LPN, LLC the LPA email list for solicitation by the LPN, LLC. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 6a – Development of a phased improvement plan for the conference center using an architect/engineer

Rutledge informed the BOD the LPN Board of Managers have requested consideration be made on making several capital improvements which include physical changes and major remodeling to the Conference Center Building, including the layout and location of various components of the Conference Center; example bar relocation, banquet floor, etc.

Rutledge recommended an architect and / or engineer be

contracted to do a development phased improvement plan for the facility, to determine a long term direction for the use of the building and the improvements required. To choose a firm, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) would be developed, which will have a list of requirements, including references and previous projects, along with our requirements of the study.

The LPN BOM has placed a high priority on the kitchen floor and the banquet room floor. The study will help the board determine the timing and importance of these items

in regards to capital expenditures.

Board discussed the request and agreed to the concept. Spradling and Rutledge will begin preparation of a RFQ.

Additional Other Business - Rutledge discussed Jones Cove buoy placement. Several members have responded to the change of the buoy placement at Jones Cove and the safety concerns regarding the movement of the buoy. Members feel the current location of the no wake buoy and the 10 mph buoy are affecting the safety and use of Jones Cove for families, rafting, kayaking, etc. The Board decided

to leave the buoys as they are currently set. The buoy map will be presented to the membership in the weekly Prompt asking for feedback and input by the membership, to be taken into consideration and discussed at the September board meeting.

No other business was discussed during open session.

Agenda Item 7 – The board entered closed session at 6:40 p.m. to discuss legal matters. The board exited closed session at 7:10 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Q&A with Brad Halterman, LPA project manager

By Susan Thompson
Lake Panorama Times staff

The Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) and the Lake Panorama Association (LPA) work cooperatively on projects to protect and improve the lake's water quality. Some additional projects target protection of erodible land. In this month's Q&A, Brad Halterman, LPA project manager, provides an update on several current water quality and conservation projects.

Q: Two wetlands to protect Lake Panorama are nearing two years of operation. The Helen's Cove wetland was completed in fall 2016. Another wetland that helps protect Hughes Cove was completed in 2017. Give us an update on these wetlands.

A. These two completed CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) wetlands had a fantastic year. We were able to control water levels all spring, summer and fall to optimize wetland vegetation growth. Restoring wetlands is not an easy task. Because wetlands tend to be systems in constant change, conditions are not consistently favorable for getting diverse wetland plants to

establish and grow.

Wetland plants are specially adapted to water. These plants can only grow where the correct amount of soil saturation or depth of standing water allows them to receive the right amount of sunlight, oxygen and nutrients. Wetland plants are very effective at filtering soil and chemical pollutants from runoff. Wetlands serve as a transition area between developed land and lakes, ponds, streams, and groundwater sources. Where wetlands border lakes or streams, the water is clearer and less polluted. Wetland plants also protect groundwater as they use up excess nitrogen, one of the most common pollutants in Iowa's drinking water. Think of it this way, a wetland is a huge sponge that soaks up excess water and then slowly releases it into lakes, streams, or underground water sources. In times of heavy rainfall or snow melt, wetlands lessen the chance of destructive floods and erosion. In times of drought, many wetlands continue to slowly release their stored water supply.

The recent fall rains allowed the wetlands to remain full. Water levels were dropped before the anticipated rains

started. Boards were put back in as rains arrived, letting us catch the rain and runoff in the wetlands, which greatly decreased the rush of water below the wetlands. That slowing of the water flow allows the sediment in the runoff to settle out before reaching the lake.

The ground surrounding the wetlands was put into the federal CRP practice of CP23 Wetland Restoration on Floodplains. A native grass and native wildflower mix was seeded. The mix included eight different types of native grasses and 30 different native wildflowers. Twenty-six acres were put in at the Helen's CREP and 22 acres at the Hughes CREP. These types of seeding provide vital habitat for waterfowl, grassland birds, and other wetland species. They also filter sediment and nutrient runoff while helping to reduce downstream flooding damages.

There are several other reasons why native plants are used in these practices. Native plants are perfectly adapted to local conditions and weather. They are extremely hardy, so they can survive the cold of winter, the heat of summer, and any drought or windy conditions Mother

Nature throws at them. Once these native species are established, they require little or no irrigation as the root structures are extensive and can grow up to 14 feet below the surface. Native species also are resistant or at least tolerant to most insect pests and diseases. Native grasses and wildflowers are members of a plant community that can balance itself when there is diversity. That is the reason for the large number of different species seeded.

Q: Tell us about the hunting that will be allowed at the Helen's Cove wetland this fall.

A. The RIZ Board decided to allow hunting only on the Helen's Cove CREP wetland this year. Hunting rules for the area include only non-toxic shot can be used. No rifle, muzzleloader or shotgun slug hunting. No permanent blinds, and no target practice or clay bird shooting allowed. All Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) rules and regulations apply for season dates, licenses, and hunting hours.

Q: Speaking of hunting, anything new in the LPA deer harvest plans this year?

A. Last year a total of 87 hunters harvested 106 deer. The LPA deer hunting pro-

gram and regulations are the same this season as last. Eligibility to participate in the program is limited to LPA members and guests of LPA members who are registered to hunt, have purchased a deer license, and have paid LPA a \$50 registration fee. Members who are not hunting are not allowed to register guests. Members may register an unlimited number of guests, but only two guests may hunt with the member at any given time.

Hunters use the standard statewide tags provided by DNR, and licenses and tags can be purchased at the LPA office. LPA hunters are subject to all state and federal hunting laws, and every hunter is expected to understand and adhere to all applicable hunting laws. Unique to the LPA is

that every hunter is required to harvest two does prior to harvesting a buck. Hunters can qualify to harvest a buck in the current year in one of two ways. Either the hunter harvests and reports two does during the current year prior to harvesting a buck, or the hunter has pre-qualified for immediate buck harvest by having harvested two additional does during the previous year.

LPA hunters are required to report all deer harvested to LPA Security. Both doe and bucks are to be reported. Hunters also are required by law to report their harvests to DNR. The DNR compares LPA and DNR harvest reporting records at the end of each season to ensure there is com-

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pliance. Failure to report harvests to both entities may result in fines and penalties. Hunting is only allowed in LPA-designated hunting zones. There are two different zones — archery and muzzleloader. Archery hunting is allowed in the Bow Only Zones and the Bow/Gun Zones. Muzzleloaders are the only firearm allowed under LPA deer hunting regulations. Muzzleloaders can only be used in the Bow/Gun Zones, and are strictly prohibited in the Bow Only Zones. Muzzleloaders must be used from an elevated position, to enhance safety. Tree stands can be used but cannot be permanent. All tree stands must

be clearly marked with the owner's name and mobile phone number with identification located not more than six feet off the ground. Q: Returning to the topic of wetlands, planning is underway on a third one. Tell us about that. A. A third wetland is getting closer to going out for bid, with hopes this can happen late this fall to at least start tree removal. This wetland will be built on RIZ-owned ground east of Sage Trail, and north of 180th Street, north of the Burchfield Cove Bridge. We have been working with Agribusiness Association of Iowa, Soil and Water Conservation Society, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, and Shive-Hattery engineering to get this wetland constructed. We have

received the proper permitting, which takes some time, and have the design in place. This wetland project will be a little different in design than the first two. It will have a higher percentage of deeper water for the wetland basin. The interesting thing about all three of these wetlands will be seen once this third one is built. Through Iowa State University, testing will be done both upstream and directly downstream at all three of the wetlands. This testing will show nitrogen levels in the water before it enters the wetland and just after it leaves the wetland. This will allow comparisons to be made to see if there is any advantage to a shallow water wetland, or if a deeper water wetland will do the same in the nitrogen removal process.

Q: Finally, let's talk about LPA-owned land that could be in row crops, but instead has been put into programs that help keep soil in place. A. In 2016, some LPA acres came out of the CRP, and were not eligible to get back in that same program. But we were able to enroll these in a different CRP program — the CP42 Pollinator Habitat program. Agriculture is directly dependent on pollinators, especially bees, for producing more than one-third of our food products. Bee-pollinated commodities account for around \$20 billion in annual U.S. agricultural production and \$217 billion worldwide. In addition to bees, other pollinators, including butterflies, moths, beetles, flies, wasps, birds and bats are necessary for pollinating more

than 80 percent of the plants out there. Without pollinators providing pollen, many plants would not set seed and reproduce. We enrolled a total of 95 acres into the Pollinator Habitat program. Late last fall we seeded a mix of 30 native wildflowers and nine native grasses into those 95 acres. These Pollinator acres are comprised of nothing but native plant species. The species mix included a variety of plants that flower at different times throughout the growing seasons. This provides a diversity of pollen sources that are critical for pollinating species. These 95 acres are in four different locations. There are four acres north of the Narrows, 38 acres south of the water plant, 31 acres on the

south shore, and 22 acres west of Burchfield Cove. These acres are still in the infancy stages of development. The native grasses and wildflowers seeded are warm season plants and slow to establish, devoting most of their energy the first year to developing their root system. We didn't expect to see a lush green carpet and full ground cover of wildflowers and native grasses the first year. The key to any native plant stand is to be patient. It takes much longer to establish a stand of native warm season plants than it does to establish a stand of cool season grasses. Tours will be planned in the future for these areas when they have matured and the final results are more visible.



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The Panorama High School homecoming court take a picture on the field. Pictured from front to back: Noah Kirtley, Levi Richey, Dylan Douglass, Morgan Johnk, Bailey Beckman, Kennedy Kuta, Bryn Steffen, Jaelyn Waddle.



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The 2017 Homecoming Queen Taylor Prince and King Elijah Keith returned to Panorama High School to hand off their crowns this year.

Lake Panorama Homecoming



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Last year's Homecoming Queen Taylor Prince crowing 2018 Homecoming Queen Morgan Johnk pictured with Trey Cobb.



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The Panorama High School homecoming court takes the field at halftime. Those pictured include Bryn Steffen, Noah Kirtley, Bailey Beckman, Spencer Hunt, Morgan Johnk, Trey Cobb, Kennedy Kuta, Levi Richey, Jaelyn Waddle and Dylan Douglass.



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Trick or Treat Night in Panorama will be Tuesday, Oct. 30 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For Guthrie Center it is Halloween night from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the downtown area and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the residential areas.

Guthrie, Adair counties declared 'storm ready'

By PAIGE GODDEN
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Adair and Guthrie Counties were recognized as "Storm Ready" counties by the National Weather Service last week. The designation means the county can warn people of impending storms 24-hours a day, has more than one to receive severe weather forecasts, has a formal hazardous weather plan and actively promotes the importance of public readiness. "This is something that I spent about a year, year-and-a-half, working on," said the county's emergency management director Robert Kempf. "The last time I knew there were only 44 counties in the state of Iowa that are actually storm ready counties." He said his main concern has always been preparedness. In order to be prepared, he said, he spends a lot of

time putting notices on social media and in the paper and speaking on the radio. He also said the county uses an instant messaging program to communicate with the National Weather Service in real time and has wi-fi in its truck so emergency crews have access to that messaging program all of the time. Chad Hahn, a representative of the National Weather Service, said the weather service's primary mission is to protect life and property, and this new program helps to do that by ensuring communities have the ability to give early warning notifications. He said the National Weather Service, which has a bureau in Johnston, can't reach every community all of the time, so it depends on local emergency crews when winter storms or thunderstorms happen. "98 percent of FEMA declared disasters are weather related," Hahn said. "If you're

going to have something bad hit your town, the odds are it's going to have a weather component to it." Locally, he said, there have been some pretty big storms in the last 30 years. An F4 hit Guthrie County on May 27, 1995, he said, and another

touched down on the northwest side of Adair County on April 8, 1999. "We get big tornadoes," Hahn said. "Early warning systems are absolutely critical to help our citizens make the most appropriate actions."



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Representatives from the National Weather Service, Frank Boksa, left, and Chad Hahn, right, present a Storm Ready certificate to Guthrie and Adair Counties Emergency management Director Robert Kempf.



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PAIGE GODDEN/LAKE PANORAMA TIMES LAKE

Panorama saw some early snow this year with a brief storm on Oct. 14. Some of the snow stuck around through the night, but melted by the next day.



PAIGE GODDEN/LAKE PANORAMA TIMES
Some snow fell early in the season on October 14, making for Lake Panorama look like a Christmas wonderland in fall.

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A flag at Panorama West is still out, despite the mid-October snow fall.



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Panorama FFA puts on a show at the fair

By **GORDON CASTILE**
Times Vedette staff

Panorama FFA members and vocational agriculture instructor Evan Babcock spoke to school board last Monday evening about participation at the Iowa State Fair.

Twenty-one members competed in the categories of horses, swine, cattle, dairy goats, photography and ag mechanics (five tractors and

two welding projects). Reagan Gibson had the reserve grand champion Poland guilt and took 10th place in showmanship.

Kassidy Bremer won 4th place in the photography photo essay class.

Jamy Randol won fourth place in the dairy goat senior showmanship.

Panorama FFA placed fifth overall in ag mechanics among 63 chapters entered.

Other chapter highlights included:

The chapter in 2018 celebrated its 50th machine restoration project. All of them are pictured with a before and after photo on the Ag Hall of Fame outside the shop classroom.

Maisie Knapp had the 50th restoration project and received publicity on her tractor. Hy-capacity Corporation had a blog story on her in

September 10. The restoration was highlighted with a feature for the

Facebook page 'Whose Your Iowa Farmer'. Raccoon Valley Radio also did a feature on her this spring.

The livestock judging team of Molly Simmons, Hannah Woodworth, Jamy Randol and Reagan Gibson placed sixth out of 36 statewide teams at the state contest. The four competed at many county

fairs this summer, practiced twice a week with faculty member Steven Hameister and received coaching from farmer Jim Gibson.

Molly Simmons also attended a one week FFA leadership conference in Washington, D.C. Besides learning leadership skills, she made friends around the country, toured famous sites and gained knowledge on how

to benefit her community. At the school board meeting, Hope Arganbright told of horse competition at the fair, Kennedy Andersen on photography competition, Maisie Knapp on the Farmall tractor restoration and Molly Simmons on

livestock judging and her trip to Washington, D.C. Knapp confessed, "I learned how to drive a tractor a week before I had to drive it."



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\$415,000

5173 Panorama Drive, Panora



This beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bath home sits in the heart of Lake Panorama. This open floor plan allows you beautiful views of the lake and lets your friends enjoy it with you. The walk-out basement allows you to access the lake to get on your boat or go out the front door and get on your golf cart. You can enjoy all of the amenities Lake Panorama has to offer. You are within 5 minutes of the conference center, the pool, golf course, pickle ball, basketball and tennis courts. This can be achieved by golf cart. Priced right to sell. Don't miss this one!

\$450,000

4289 Panorama Drive, Panora



This low maintenance two bedroom (possible three bedroom) two bath sits on the main channel amongst mature shade trees. The galley kitchen is easy to navigate while enjoying the conversations in the dining room. On nice summer days sit on the two tiered deck with great shade the entire day. The cantilevered dock allows a great setting for viewing the boats and fun of the lake. The landscaping has been professionally done which allows minimal attention. If you like lake living, this is the one for you!

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