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Fin & Feather banquet raises record numbers

By ASHLEY SCHABLE
Lake Times staff

Plenty of smiles and good fun greeted those who came out to support the annual Lake Panorama Fin & Feather banquet and fundraiser Saturday, May 12 at Lake Panorama National Resort.

The fundraiser, which helps maintain and improve recreational fishing at Lake Panorama, was able to stock over \$12,000 of walleyes, largemouth bass and perch in Lake Panorama in the fall of 2017 due to the success of the non-profit organization.

"It was a huge success," said Scott Stanley, who chairs the local Fin & Feather. "We do not have a total dollar amount raised as



Fin & Feather Chair Scott Stanley flips a quarter as members of the audience compete during a game of Heads and Tails at the Fin & Feather Banquet on May 12 at Lake Panorama National Resort.

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NEW RESTAURANT MANAGER AT LAKE PANORAMA NATIONAL

By SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Times staff

A 2009 Panorama graduate who worked at Lake Panorama National as a teenager has returned. Matt Mikkelsen started work in late April as the new LPN restaurant and events manager.

Mikkelsen began working in the LPN cart barn at the age of 16. For the next five years, he worked part-time in various capacities, including the cart barn, pro shop and kitchen.

After high school graduation, he attended DMACC and later AIB. At both colleges, he majored in hospitality and event management and played on the golf team.

As a college student, Mikkelsen was hired at Beer Can Alley in downtown Des Moines, where he worked for three years before transferring to manage a second Beer Can Alley location in Okoboji. After two years there, he moved to Whiskey River in Ankeny, where he was the assistant manager and special events coordinator.

Now he's bringing the school and work experiences he gained over the last eight years to Lake Panorama National. "I really like this kind of work, because you're always on the move," he says. "I enjoy working with people, and wouldn't want to sit in an office all day."

"I'm going to use what I've

learned in my earlier positions, combine it with what's already happening at the LPN, and make this position my own," Mikkelsen says. "I've got an interest in food, beer, wine, and liquor. I like to study all these things, and look forward to developing new offerings for our guests."

One small change is already in place. A board on the front porch of the conference center lists daily food and drink specials in the Links, plus the location of special events being held in the building.

Mikkelsen is in the process of developing a drinks menu, which will be delivered along with the

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Matt Mikkelsen is the new restaurant and special events coordinator at Lake Panorama National. A 2009 Panorama graduate, he comes to the position with about eight years of experience.



Emily Donovan and Rich Schumacher were elected to the LPA Board of Directors at the 49th LPA annual meeting May 12.

LPA annual meeting includes 2017 reports, 2018 outlook

By SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Times staff

The 49th annual meeting of the Lake Panorama Association was May 12, with about 100 people in attendance. The meeting provided an update on activities during the past year, plus a look ahead at the remainder of 2018.

Emily Donovan and Rich Schumacher were elected to fill two open seats on the LPA board. They will replace Mindy Larsen Poldberg and Charles Schnack, who were completing their second three-year terms

on the board. Jason Grossman, Andy Harrelson and Todd Hyde also were on the board ballot.

Gary Evans, LPA board treasurer, provided the 2017 financial and audit report for the LPA and its subsidiary, LPN, LLC. For 2017, Evans said the LPN operation showed an operating loss of \$73,216. "However, this is an improvement from 2016, in which LPN, LLC lost \$116,574," Evans said. "Improvements to inventory and ordering processes and

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Committee focuses on golf course improvements

By SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Times staff

A board of managers that oversees the Lake Panorama National operation is entering its third year. The LPA Board of Directors created and appointed the LPN Board of Managers, which held its first meeting October 6, 2015. The board works with John Dinnebier, LPN director of operations, to oversee LPN policy and direction.

In May 2017, the Greens and Grounds committee was formed, with Dave Greiner as

chair. This committee is responsible for generating and reviewing recommendations to the LPN board for both Lake Panorama National and Panorama West golf courses. The Board of Managers must approve a committee recommendation prior to implementation.

The committee now is chaired by Brice Oakley, who serves on the LPN board. Other committee members are Brian Denham, Mary Hills, Bob McCleary and David Van Ahn.

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"I'm looking into internships in Washington this coming summer. I would like to work in journalism or health and development all relating to international work."

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regular food menu as patrons arrive. This booklet will include a specialty cocktail menu, a beer menu, a Moscow Mule menu, a seasonal cocktail menu and a wine list. The house wine will be changing, and the list of wines available by both glass and bottle will be expanded.

This additional drinks menu should be ready by early June. "These offerings will help increase the average revenue per transaction for our servers," Mikkelsen says. "That will be better for the servers, because they will make more, and it also will be better for the bottom line of the Links."

Turning to the Links food menu, Mikkelsen says he thinks it's in good shape right now. The menu was assembled by

Drew Labath, a 2004 Panorama graduate who has been the LPN executive chef for two years.

"Drew has done a good job putting together a menu that meets the varied needs of our clientele," Mikkelsen says. "It's a nice mix of appetizers, sandwiches, salads and entrees that offer something for everyone we serve. We may experiment with a late night menu, and perhaps a seasonal food menu, which would give Drew a chance to offer some dishes not currently on the menu."

For now, the Links will continue the popular prime rib special each Friday night. On Saturdays, Labath will offer some higher-end entrée specials, which can be paired with a glass of wine.

The LPN is generally quite busy spring through fall, with only one Saturday evening not already booked between now and the

end of September. "We're really busy with events already, something I learned in my first three weeks, when we had about 15 events," Mikkelsen says.

"As special events coordinator, I will be in charge of planning events to draw in people during the time of year when we're not as busy. For instance, I've set a goal of having a special event every Saturday evening next January and February. I really like live, local music so I'm sure we'll be doing some of that. Dueling Pianos was popular, and I would think we'll do that again. And I'd like to host a murder mystery," he says.

Mikkelsen says he'll rely on social media, such as regular Facebook postings, to help spread the word about special events and new food and drink offerings.

John Dinnebier, LPN director of operations, will continue to be the point person for wed-

dings, golf tournaments and other large banquets. "I'll help John with whatever he needs. I'll be creating the staff schedule, and managing the staff during the event," Mikkelsen says. "I want to do what I can to alleviate some of the pressure on John, so he has time to do other things he needs to be doing."

In high school, Mikkelsen was on the Panorama boys golf team, and a state qualifier. He loves to golf, and is glad to have the opportunity to get onto the LPN course whenever he has a bit of free time away from the clubhouse.

"I'm really happy to be back," Mikkelsen says. "It's almost like I never left. John Dinnebier always says there is no place like Lake Panorama, and I agree. It's a unique place, and I'm looking forward to helping expand business at Lake Panorama National."

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of adding everything up and waiting to receive some bills, but the amount raised will be the highest on record.”

Stanley said 163 meals, prepared by Lake Panorama National Chef Andrew Labath, were served and 102 “Big Skippers” purchased for the banquet. The “Big Skipper Club” has become a mainstay of the program. For just \$125, guests receive two dinner tickets, entry in the Big Skipper Raffle, their name in the program, and a one-year family membership in Lake Panorama Fin and Feather.

Fin and Feather was formed in 1984 by a group of LPA members who wanted to improve fishing at Lake Panorama. The dam was completed in 1970, and the lake filled from the flow of the Middle Raccoon River. At that time, the naturally occurring species of fish in the Middle Raccoon were largemouth bass, crappie, catfish and carp. Members wanted to expand fishing options to include walleye, which are widely considered the best fish to eat.

The group has continued ever since,

and experimented with various fish stocking strategies. Walleye do not naturally reproduce in Lake Panorama, which is why annual stocking is undertaken. Fin and Feather continues to look at ways to increase the fishery, such as the addition of smallmouth bass and largemouth bass to the lake.

The formation of this independent group has provided a significant boost to fishing conditions at Lake Panorama. Members should note that Fin and Feather’s efforts extend not only to Lake Panorama, but also to the section of the Middle Raccoon River that lies below the LPA dam. This area represents some of the best river fishing that can be found in central Iowa.

The evening included a silent auction with 34 donated items, including Mother’s Day baskets, Outdoor Motion Lights, Fisherman’s Bait Bucket and Tackle, and 30-minute golf lessons with Lake Panorama National Pro John Dinnebier, to name a few.

There was also a live auction, called by auctioneer Joel Ambrose, with 37 items that brought in over \$10,000. A week long stay in Keystone, Colorado

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Rich Schumacher, a Fin & Feather committee member visits with guests during the annual Fin & Feather banquet and fundraiser held Saturday, May 12 at Lake Panorama National Resort.



Cynde Cronin takes her shot at targets during a Shooting Gallery Game at the Lake Panorama Fin & Feather Banquet Fundraiser on Saturday, May 12 at Lake Panorama National Resort. Cronin hit a couple targets and left saying, “That was fun, I need to get one of these for the grandkids.”



Scott Stanley, chair of the Fin & Feather committee, thanks the hundreds of guests who came out to support the annual banquet and fundraiser at the conclusion of the event Saturday, May 12 at Lake Panorama National Resort.



Steve Brannan displays a Custom Built Wooden Truck donated by Melvin Beavers during the live auction at Saturday’s Fin & Feather banquet. The truck sold for \$115.

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Steve Brannan, Fin & Feather Committee member watches as Avery Ambrose plays Plinko! during the annual banquet Saturday evening at Lake Panorama National Resort in Panora. Plinko was one of several games played by kids and adults that helped raise funds for the organization.



Guests at the annual Lake Panorama Fin & Feather banquet and fundraiser browse through over 30 items on the Silent Auction.



A custom made Laser Engraved Lake Panorama map donated by Kelly Reeve was on the live auction, bringing \$250 during the Fin & Feather banquet this year.

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sold for \$1,700, a Liberty Gun Safe brought in \$1,075, and both a NASCAR Xfinity Series package and a 12-foot Long Paradise Pad donated by Austin Hayden, both brought over \$500.

During social hour, there were fundraising games of PLINKO, Fantastic Four, Flippy Fish, which was for the kids, but also drew several adults, and a Nerf shooting Gallery.

Cynde Cronin took her shot at the targets after getting a little help loading her Nerf gun. “That was fun,” Cronin said, after striking a couple targets. “I need to get one of these to shoot the grandkids.”

Guests played a Heads and Tails game during a break in the live auction. Stanley flipped a quarter as participants placed their hands on their head or on their rear, as they were eliminated throughout the contest. The winners kindly donated their cash prize back to Fin & Feather.

Maureen Lubeck also lead the crowd in a song of “Happy Birthday” to honor Stanley, who not only helped organize the fundraiser, but celebrated his birthday that night.

“I would like to thank the

Lake Panorama Fin & Feather committee members for volunteering their efforts to organize this banquet,” Stanley said. “A lot of time and planning goes into making this a successful event.”

Committee members include: Damon Crandall, co-chair; Doug Hemphill, treasurer; John Rutledge, secretary; Tom Ulrichson; Steve Brannan; Brad Halterman; Ted Reeve; Tom Jeschke; Bill Eby; Merlin Muench; Karl Eby; Scott Rolfes; Rich Schumacher; Mark Buster; and Larry Bergemann.

On behalf of the committee, Stanley thanked everyone who was a “Big Skipper”, and the many businesses and individuals who donated cash and prizes for the silent and live auctions.

“Without them, this event wouldn’t be a success year after year,” Stanley said. “It’s a great community to live in and be part of and we can’t thank everyone enough.”

Stanley said he knows there are many fundraisers in Guthrie County and a lot of these businesses get asked time and time again for cash prize donations and the majority always give something.

“We are very thankful,” he said. “The least everyone can do is try to shop local to sup-



Kaylee Pflieger takes aim during a Shooting Gallery game at the Fin & Feather banquet at Lake Panorama National Resort on Saturday, May 12.

port them as they support all of us.”

Committee member Mark Buster has launched a new website for the Fin and Feather as they attempt to increase their digital presence to grow membership and volunteer efforts, all of which, Buster says support the organization’s work on improving sporting opportunities and quality on the lake. Visit the website at <http://panoramafinandfeather.com/>

The 2019 Fin & Feather Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, May 11.

“We look forward to seeing everyone then,” Stanley said.



John Rutledge, secretary for the Lake Panorama Fin & Feather, welcomes guests and gives an update on the history of the organization during the annual banquet.



The Fin & Feather Banquet and Fundraiser held Saturday, May 12 at Lake Panorama National Resort drew a large crowd. The Lake Panorama Fin & Feather Association is a 501(c)3 nonprofit entity, operated by volunteers, dedicated to maintaining and improving recreational fishing at Lake Panorama. It was formed in 1984.

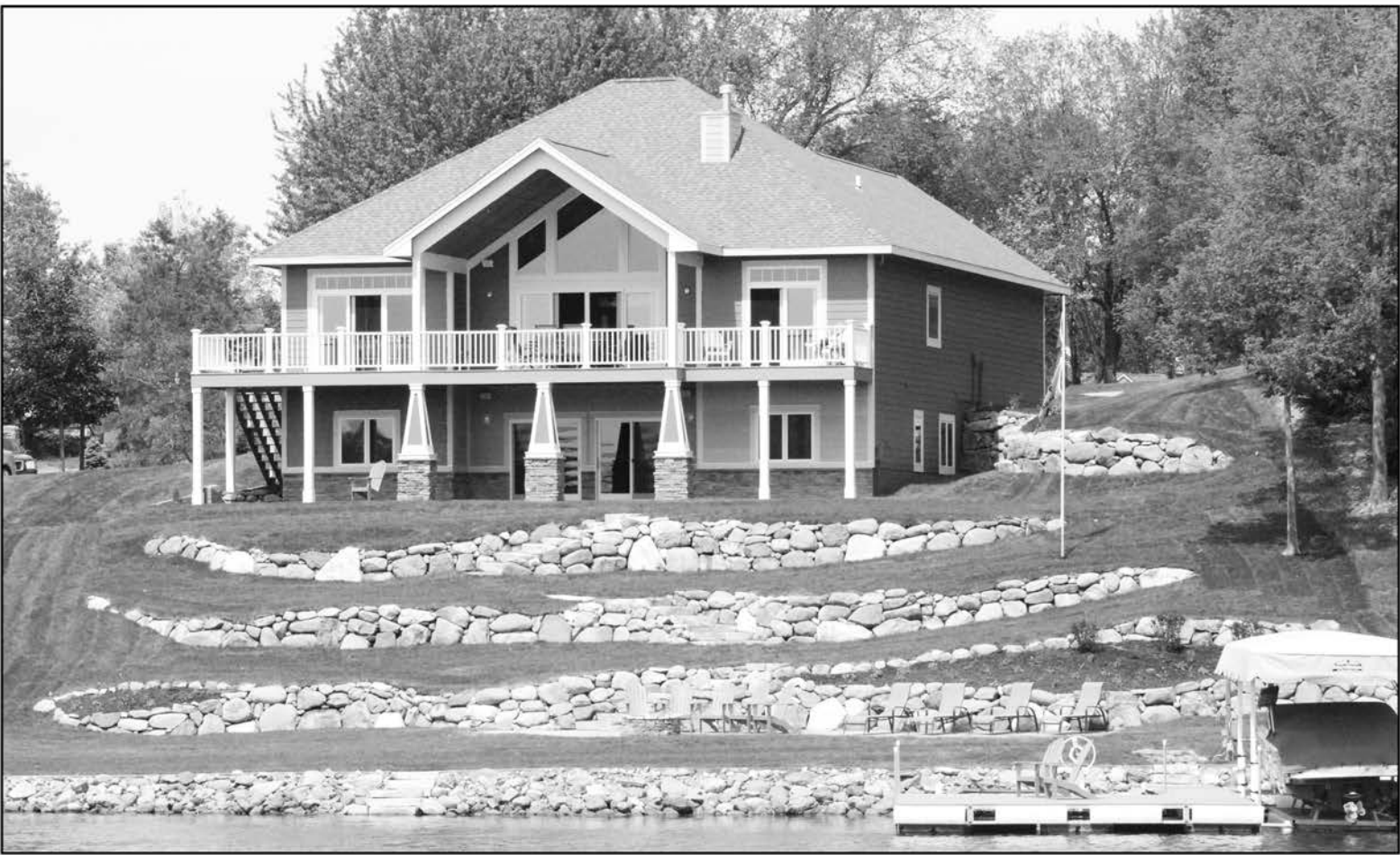


Doug Hemphill (left), treasurer and John Rutledge, secretary of Lake Panorama Fin & Feather, greet visitors to the annual banquet and fundraiser at the Lake Panorama National Resort on Saturday in Panora. Fin & Feather was formed in 1984 by a group of LPA members who wanted to improve fishing at Lake Panorama.

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LPA SECURITY CHIEF TALKS BOATS

Jerry Armstrong was Lake Panorama's first security officer in 1969 for one year, before taking other jobs for many years. He then spent 10 years working the LPA security night shift full-time, before stepping into the LPA security chief role in October 2016. In this month's Q&A, Armstrong talks about boating on Lake Panorama.

Q: What's new this year for boaters at Lake Panorama?

A: LPA and DNR rules for boating remain largely unchanged for 2018. However, DNR has advised us their existing rules regarding unattended vessels will be an enforce-

ment priority for their officers in 2018. DNR rules state vessels may not be left unattended on open water unless they are secured to a dock or a legal mooring buoy. This is primarily a concern for members who like to raft in coves and spend their time in the water, next to the boat.

Lake Panorama does not offer any legal mooring buoys, and members should NOT tie off to LPA's marker buoys. This means when rafting, at least one responsible operator must remain on the vessel at all times to comply with Iowa Law. Unless the boat is tied securely to a dock, one person must remain on-board.

Q: Can you remind members about the navigational buoys?

A: Members are reminded to observe the navigational buoys. Centerline buoys are intended to mark the channel of the lake, with boaters travelling on the right-hand side of the buoys. This is easy to remember because it is the same as driving on the highway. Centerline buoys are marked with a flashing white light so they are visible at night.

Hazard buoys are placed in areas that are known to be shallow or hazardous. Please be aware these buoys are not a

guarantee of exact hazard location, but rather a warning to steer clear of that general area. Some hazard buoys are marked with a flashing amber light to ensure boaters steer clear of these areas.

When boating at night, it's important to avoid amber lights, and stay immediately to the right of white lights.

Q: What are some common mistakes made by boaters?

A: One common mistake is the misunderstanding about boat capacity. Most boats are rated for a maximum number of persons and a maximum total weight. Boaters must remember they are not allowed to exceed either of these numbers. This is especially relevant with kids and grandkids, who simply don't weigh a substantial amount. Regardless of how small the passenger is, everyone counts as one passenger in the boat capacity limit.

Q: What items should boat owners have in place before they take their boat out for a ride?

A: Fire extinguishers and floatation devices are both priorities for DNR and LPA, as both are key safety items. Boats with greater than 10 horsepower are required by Iowa law to have at least one Type B-I fire extinguisher on-board the vessel. Some larger boats are required to have one B-II fire extinguisher, or two B-I fire extinguishers, on-board the vessel. Boat owners should check the extinguishers periodically to ensure they remain in a good, useable condition.

All vessels are required to have at least one United States Coast Guard (USCG) approved life jacket for each person on board. In addition, vessels over 16-feet in length must have a throwable floatation device (excluding kayaks and canoes). Iowa Law requires children under 13 years of age wear their life jacket while the vessel is underway.

Boaters are ultimately responsible to comply with all Iowa State Law and can find more information at the DNR's boating website: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Things-to-Do/Boating>

Q: Final thoughts for the summer?

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Join in the comfort of air conditioning at the event center for a cook-out starting at 5 p.m. Throughout the evening there will be kid's games, silent auction, cake walk, photo booth and a live pie auction. The opening ceremonies will start at 6 p.m. to celebrate cancer survivors and their caregivers; recognize sponsors and teams along with a special luminaria time. There will be a walking track within the Event Center and one outside between the grandstands and campgrounds.

Following the Relay there will be entertainment in the grandstands with The Pale Moons at 8:30 p.m. and then the hypnotist, Randall Andrews at 10:30 p.m. Entertainment will be \$10 per person at the gate and cancer survivors are free. Beverages and popcorn will be available for sale. It will be an awesome evening under the stars. The stage and grandstands will be lined with beautiful luminaria bags to honor and remember our cancer survivors.

Please join to support the incredible survivors of Guthrie County, you don't have to be a team to participate. The entire community is invited to come out and join local volunteers and participants and celebrate cancer survivors, remember those lost to the disease, and take action to save more lives from cancer.

The Relay For Life Team Monteith City Council will be hosting a Bags Tournament on Saturday, June 16, at the fairgrounds. Sign-up starts at 9 a.m. and costs \$20/team. Race to 21 with double elimination. Breakfast burritos for breakfast and brats/hot dogs for lunch.

Come camp at the Guthrie County Fairgrounds for the weekend for \$15/day. No reservation required.

The Relay For Life Team Bank Night will be held on Monday, June 11 at the Guthrie County State Bank in Guthrie Center

from 5-7 p.m.

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• **Build an emergency fund.** Some of your job changes may be involuntary, so you'll want to have a cash cushion handy – just in case. One smart move would be to build an emergency fund, containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

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• **Make sure you've got health insurance.** The health insurance offered by your new employer may not begin the minute you start your job. Given the high costs of medical care, you'll need to make sure you are protected until your coverage kicks in. So, for that interim period, you may need to consider the federal health insurance marketplace, COBRA continuation coverage or private medical insurance. You might also be eligible to be covered under your spouse's health insurance. And you may want to learn what your options are for health savings accounts (HSAs), if available.

• **Review your new benefits package – and take**

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improved management practices added to the decrease in costs and ultimately a smaller operating loss.”

“Maintaining a profitable subsidiary that specializes in the golf and restaurant industry is a challenge,” Evans said. “The LPN board of managers continues to work with LPN staff to ensure our subsidiary is pursuing improved strategies to maximize performance in future years.”

Turning to the LPA, Evans drew attention to the association’s income statement, which showed actual 2016 and 2017 revenues and expenses, plus the 2018 budget numbers for comparison. He said the 2017 operating income figure of \$255,146 includes about \$200,000 that was the auditors’ adjustment for land sales expense. LPA’s operating profit before this adjustment was \$54,821.

Evans said the LPA board of directors decided a five-percent dues increase should be applied for 2018. “The board’s budgeting process focuses extensively on cash flow,” he said. “Cash balances are targeted for 20 percent, with the possibility these will be in the 17 to 18 percent range if non-budgeted expenditures are approved as a mid-year budget amendment.”

Evans said it’s important to remember the LPA board does not set its annual operating budget with the expectation of selling land. All operating expenses are covered by LPA’s recurring operating revenues.

Jim Spradling, who has served the past year as LPA board president, chaired the meeting. In his president’s report, he said the mission of the LPA Board is “to serve the interests of LPA members, and to solidify and sustain Lake Panorama as the premier place to live in Iowa. We do this with the assistance and effort of our staff, the LPN Board of Managers, the RIZ Board, Friends of Lake Panorama, various vol-

unteers and committee members. It takes a lot of dedicated people to achieve our goals and fulfill our responsibilities,” Spradling said.

Spradling encouraged those in attendance to review the LPA board’s 2018 goals, which were adopted in October 2017 and distributed at the registration table. “These seven goals guide and drive the board’s work,” he said.

He focused on two goals during his report. The first was “sustain high quality of lake life/environment.” Spradling said an important step towards this goal is to upgrade the LPA water supply. “This project addresses our water capacity issue with the construction of a deep Jordan well to replace failing wells. In addition, the conversion of the treatment system from a conventional chemical process to a reverse osmosis filtration system will enhance water quality,” he said.

The second goal highlighted was “increase organizational performance.” Spradling said attaining profitability within all LPN enterprises is “a formidable quest given the highly competitive and unpredictable nature of the golf and hospitality industry. We’re taking it on through an ad hoc task force comprised of LPN and LPA board members.”

Spradling said task force members and LPN managers are working together on customer service, marketing and other operational improvements. “Reaching the ultimate goal of profitability is still in the future, but progress is being made with renewed energy,” he said.

Under the same goal of increasing organizational performance, Spradling said the LPA board is considering the construction of a new maintenance facility. “This will enhance public works operations, creating more efficient use of time and space, and removing an unsafe work environment,” he said. “Once completed, the facility will improve maintenance performance, resulting in bet-

ter service to the membership.” John Dinnebie, LPN director of operations, introduced key staff. “These individuals truly care about this operation, and are passionate about making it even better,” he said.

Looking back at 2017, Dinnebie said the number of golf rounds played at Panorama West were up slightly at about 9,000, while rounds played at the LPN were down slightly at about 26,000. Memberships at both courses held steady.

Dinnebie said 2018 is off to a good start. “The early bird promotion gave us a nice membership boost at both golf courses,” he said. “We have a lot of special events on the calendar already, with just one open Saturday in the LPN banquet room between now and the end of September.”

Dinnebie talked about the LPN board of managers, saying they are instrumental in helping the business operation improve. “Our primary focus now is on three things — controlling expenses, growing revenues and improving the experience for both members and guests,” he said.

Beginning June 1, the Links Restaurant will be open seven days a week, and have extended Sunday hours, at least for the summer months. Usually, the Links is closed on Mondays.

A new system for both members and guests to provide feedback on all departments of the LPN operation is being developed. “We want to know what we’re doing right, and what we’re doing wrong,” Dinnebie said. “Our goal is for all of our members and guests to have a quality experience each time they visit.”

John Rutledge, LPA general manager, introduced key staff and thanked them for their work. Rutledge then focused on two major projects. The first was the LPA water infrastructure.

Portions of the LPA water plant were upgraded in 2009 and 2010. “At that time, we were truly in ‘crisis mode’ due to the failure of our original Jordan well and our dependence solely on the Dakota

wells. This was causing black and brown water from manganese and iron,” Rutledge said.

An infrastructure assessment and rate adjustment supported the \$1.75 million investment in plant improvements and a new Jordan well. Rutledge said those improvements have served LPA members well for nearly a decade and have several decades of useful life remaining.

The Dakota aquifer wells were not modified as part of that project and now are failing. Rutledge said these two wells exist on the fringe of a lobe of the aquifer, which makes them difficult to replace. After several years of researching alternate water sources, it has been determined replacing those two wells with a second Jordan well is the best option.

“Because our system will be exclusively Jordan water, we will need to treat it to remove hydrogen sulfide, radium and reduce overall hardness,” Rutledge said. “This is why we’ve coupled this project with the installation of a reverse osmosis system. The total investment is slated to be \$3.6 million.”

LPA has applied for and received approval from the Iowa State Revolving Loan Fund to pay for the project. This money can be paid back over 20 years at two-percent interest.

Rutledge said the project will take about 18 months. “LPA and our engineers will spend the summer obtaining permits, finalizing plans and securing bids,” he said. “Once those tasks are completed, we can finalize the loan and issue a notice to proceed on three construction contracts.”

Rutledge said there are a variety of options for paying back this investment. “The board recently directed me to draft proposals that split the \$3.6 million between rate increases and a flat assessment. If LPA takes advantage of the full 20-year option, this could mean a \$25-\$30 per quarter increase for water users, and an annual assessment of \$65 per lot. To retire the debt

faster, the rate increase and annual assessment would be more significant,” he said.

Rutledge said the LPA board could package the loan repayment plan in dozens of different ways depending on how long they want to maintain debt and how to balance the split between rates and assessments.

The board can make rate adjustments at a monthly meeting, but a special ballot of the membership is needed to alter dues and assessments,” Rutledge said. “Depending on timing, we are probably looking at a May 2019 annual meeting ballot to approve a debt repayment strategy that blends assessments with user fees.”

The second project Rutledge discussed was the replacement of the LPA maintenance facility. “Our current shop is 4,000 square feet, was built in 1973 and struggles to support our current operations,” he said. “Signs of corrosion were discovered in late 2016 and our engineers have determined it would be more expensive to repair the building than to construct a new one.”

A committee is working with engineers to review building design and site selection. “We are pursuing an 11,000 square foot structure at either our current location, or at an alternate location along 200th Road. Unlike the water plant, we don’t have a regular revenue stream of user fees for this structure,” Rutledge said. “So we will be looking at strategies to fund this investment and ensure our maintenance crew can continue to function for the next 40 years.”

Rutledge said it’s understood maintenance buildings are a tougher “sell” than items like a water plant or an amenity improvement. “But you rely on us to be forward thinking and direct with you about the necessities we face,” he said. “We’re working to ensure the development continues to perform consistently from year to year, and a current maintenance facility is essential to achieving that goal.”

Other items Rutledge cov-

ered were:

- LPA is providing construction management support for two projects Friends of Lake Panorama has underway in 2018 — the sports court facility at Boulder Beach and the Panorama West Golf Course irrigation project.

- A 20-year draft plan for the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) district is being developed, and should be ready for RIZ board review by early summer.

- Dredging will occur in the upper basin through late-June, then relocate above the debris trap until Labor Day. No small cone work is planned for 2018.

- The third of three wetlands to provide erosion control and improve water quality will be located north of Burchfield Cove and is scheduled to be bid this summer or fall. Construction will occur in late-2018 and early-2019.

- Guthrie County completed a traffic study on Sage Trail. The results showed a very high traffic count and should help LPA’s case for the county to provide improved surfacing.

- Regarding property assessments implemented this spring by the Guthrie County Auditor, final numbers indicate most LPA members were able to navigate this process with some guidance from LPA and the assessor’s office. Fifty-five property owners met with the assessor and Vanguard appraisals in March. Sixty-five met with the assessor for an informal protest in April. Thirty property owners have filed for a formal review.

- To stay informed, members who haven’t already signed up for the weekly newsletter are encouraged to do so. In addition, two GM coffees are scheduled. Both will be at the conference center at 10 a.m. The dates are Friday, June 29, and Friday, September 7.

Rutledge closed by thanking LPA members who volunteer to help make Lake Panorama a great community, then answered audience questions before the meeting adjourned.

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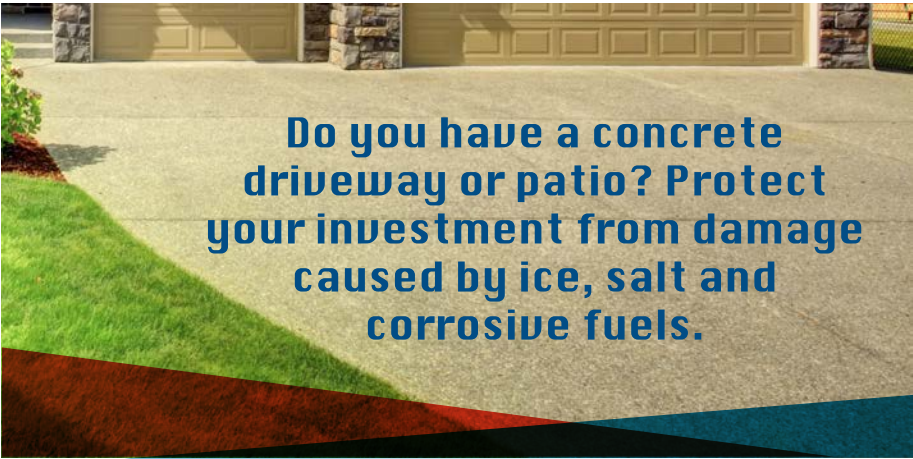
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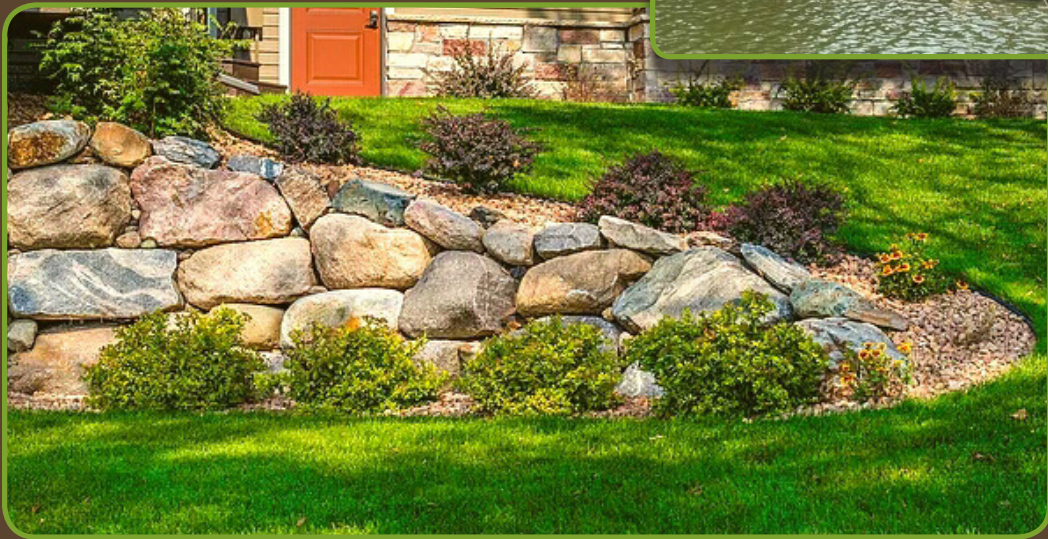
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Estate gift being put to work at Panorama West

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**
Lake Times staff

Significant progress is underway to put an estate gift to work at Panorama West. Jim and Joyce McLuen, who died in 2016, were some of the first homesteaders at Lake Panorama. Their home was located near Sunset Beach, and they enjoyed boating, fishing and golfing.

Twenty percent of their estate was directed to Friends of Lake Panorama, a 501(c)3 nonprofit charity. Last August, members of the Friends board were presented with a check for \$473,700.64. The McLuens stated the bequest was to be used for the “upkeep, beautification or expansion” of the Panorama West golf course.

To determine how to use the funds, a public meeting was held, Panorama West golf leagues made recommendations, and other comments were accepted via email and a suggestion box. A task force reviewed all input, prioritized potential projects, and gathered cost estimates.

A report was presented to the LPA board of directors at its November meeting. Projects approved by the board included new irrigation, ad-

ditional concrete cart paths, new signage and tee box amenities, landscaping around the clubhouse, and improving turf conditions on tee boxes and fairways.

The first step was to solicit bids for a new irrigation system that will cover fairways, tees and greens. Bid specifications were developed in January, and four contractors submitted bids. The low bid of \$279,400 from Landscapes Unlimited was accepted. Additional electrical work at the pump station will push the total cost of the irrigation project to \$282,700.

A contract with Landscapes Unlimited has been signed. The company’s home office is in Lincoln, Nebraska. It also has offices in Arizona, California, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Texas and China.

Work will begin in early June and be completed by July 30. The first materials will be delivered May 21-22. There is a long lead time on the pump, so the contractor may need to hook the irrigation system up to the old pump for a few weeks, then return to install the new pump in August.

The course will remain open during construction. As work gets underway on individual holes, it’s anticipated each hole will be closed for a few days at a time.

New signs, yardage markers, ball washers and trash receptacles have been ordered and

should arrive around the end of May. These will be installed as time allows, in coordination with the irrigation construction.

Improvements to the landscaping around the clubhouse are underway. Wood Brothers Landscaping has removed undesirable plants and trimmed shrubs that will stay. Up to 40 shrubs and 80 perennials will be added to the landscaped beds on all four sides of the clubhouse.

A six-foot metal bench has been ordered, and will be placed in the landscape bed near the clubhouse entrance. A bronze plaque on the bench will express appreciation to the McLuens. A second plaque with additional detail will be displayed in the clubhouse.

A cart path improvement plan has been developed and bids received. Once the irrigation construction is complete, a final decision on the extent of the cart path additions will be made.

In the fall, a three-year project to improve turf conditions of fairways and tees will begin. Fifteen acres of tees and fairways will be aerified and interseeded, plus starter fertilizer applied. This project will result in better disease and drought-tolerant turf conditions.

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Lake Panorama Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 20, 2018
Lake Panorama Association Office

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met March 20, 2018, at 5 p.m. at the Lake Panorama Association Office. Board members present were Larry Babcock, Mary Jane Carothers, Gary Evans, Thomas Jeschke, Mindy Larsen Poldberg, Charles Schnack, and Jim Spradling.

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

LPN Staff present: John Dinnebier

Visitors present: Mark Daoust, LPA Member

2018 LPA BOD Candidates - Emily Donovan, Andy Harrelson, Rich Schumacher
Everett Grasty, Guthrie County Supervisor

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

Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the Agenda. Carothers moved to approve the agenda. Motion second, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 – Open Forum. Mark Daoust, lot 791, 6113 Reese Point, addressed the board requesting a septic field be allowed on the LPA owned property across from his lot located at 6113 Reese Point. Daoust's property has a current perc of 199.6 completed in 2011. State of Iowa laws prohibit any type of septic system on land with a perc over 120. Daoust's lot was leveled off during the construction of the road on Reese Point and for better access to the water and use of the lot. Daoust spoke with Steve Patterson in 2012 and discussed options for where a septic system could be installed. Patterson indicated the septic system could not be installed on disturbed ground. Patterson offered to perc the area across the road, on property owned by LPA. A perc was done in late 2012; results were 13.2. Daoust is requesting an easement to put a septic system for lot 791 on the LPA owned property across the road. The LPA owned property in question is an area that is steep with trees and would have to be researched with legal to determine what rights would be available. Rutledge and the board recommended Daoust contact Mike Stringham at the Guthrie County Sanitarian office and ask if it would be possible to perc the lot again in an area that may be more acceptable; also questioning if the disturbed ground, that has not been disturbed for 50 years, could this area now be used.

Agenda Item 3 – Consent

Agenda. Schnack moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion second, carried unanimously.

Consent agenda to include:
a) LPA General Manager's Report

b) Approval of minutes from 12.19.2017 LPA Board Meeting

c) Acceptance of the 02.28.2018 LPA LPN Consolidated Financial Statements

d) Acceptance of the 12.31.2017 Audited LPA LPN Consolidated Financial Statements

e) Set date for next board meeting

f) Increase capital threshold from \$ 2,000 to \$ 2,500

g) Approve 2018 notice of annual meeting and annual meeting ballot

h) Accept minutes from 12.19.2017 and 02.28.2018 LPN Board of Mangers Meeting

Agenda Item 4a – John Dinnebier, LPN LLC

Dinnebier reported on the 2018 year-to-date activities and financial position of the LPN, LLC. The early bird golf membership campaign was successful and the Conference Center Resort has held many successful events in 2018, in addition the calendar is booked through the summer with events of some sort every weekend.

As is common during March and April, cash flow is a struggle, with property taxes coming due and the summer business not yet having ramped up. LPN, LLC requests \$45,000 cash infusion to carry them over for a few months. The intention is to pay the money back as soon as possible, with a goal to pay in full by September 30, 2018.

Schnack moved to issue \$45,000 to LPN, LLC as a line of credit, with intention of LPN paying it back in full. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4b – Offer on Lot 6631

Ben and Joleen Chiodo have agreed to purchase lot 6631 for \$10,000, contingent on perc and the acceptance of offers they have made on lots 6630 and 6632. The LPA land sales committee recommended the acceptance of this price.

Schnack moved to sell lot 6631 to Ben and Joleen Chiodo for \$10,000, providing the contingencies of acceptable perc and the other lot offers are accepted. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4c – Offer on Lot 6061

LPA received an offer of \$3,000 for lot 6061. LPA land sales committee recognized this lot does have an inferior value as a standalone corner lot, but believes we should still be close to the

\$10,000 minimum. The LPA land sales committee recommended the LPA board of di-

rectors respectfully decline this offer.

Schnack moved to respectfully decline the offer on lot 6061 for \$3,000. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4d – Offer on Lot 3633

LPA received an offer of \$8,000 for lot 3633. The LPA land sales committee believes this property is worth \$10,000 and recommended the LPA board of directors respectfully decline this offer.

Carothers moved to respectfully decline the offer on lot 3633 for \$8,000. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4e - Review 2017 LPA survey results and analysis

Rutledge presented an executive summary of the 2017 LPA member survey. He reported the response to the survey was strong, with 503 members responding. This surpassed the 2012 survey, to which 478 LPA members responded. The board reviewed the results and noted they are a great source of reference moving forward. It was discussed that future surveys should be conducted on a periodic basis. This survey remains available for further analysis as requested by the LPA board, LPN board or the various committees serving LPA.

Agenda Item 4f – LPA water infrastructure project

Rutledge presented information on the status of the State Revolving Fund (SRF). The initial application is being determined today, March 20, to add LPA's request to the Intended Use Plan. The next step, upon notice of acceptance from the SRF, is to move forward with the final application process, including the construction bid documents for the project. To continue this process, LPA will need to enter into a contract with SEH to continue with the bid documents, etc. The overall engineering budget for this project is budgeted at \$350,000, with \$159,000 of that amount required for the next steps of planning, bidding and related reports for the loan application.

Jeschke moved to approve the contract with SEH for \$159,000 to move forward with the work to complete the State Revolving Fund application. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding repayment of this project. Rutledge explained the LPA board would need to propose any assessment to the LPA membership for a vote. Rutledge noted the project can proceed based upon rate increases, and that the assessment could be implemented to "buy down" the debt and allow for a more moderate increase in water rates.

Poldberg moved to proceed by developing a proposal that splits repayment of the project cost, with 50% from rate increases and 50% from a flat assessment of all lot owners. Motion seconded.

Poldberg discussed the value of sharing the cost with all property owners. All board comments were in support of sharing the payback between a flat assessment and a rate increase. However, it was noted the board is still operating on engineer's estimates for this project. It was suggested the exact division of funding should be finalized when project costs are better defined through the bid process.

Poldberg withdrew the motion. Poldberg moved to proceed with the intent of proposing a membership ballot that shares the responsibility for paying the loan back between water user rate increases and lot assessments, with a preference the division be equal in nature. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 – Old Business

Rutledge discussed the future of the old tennis courts. LPN board of managers has confirmed they do not want to repurpose the slab and are agreeable to converting the space into additional practice area or something of that nature.

Jeschke has suggested we hold off demolishing the courts until fall of 2018, as we may find the interest in pickle ball exceeds

the space provided by the new sports court. If this is the case, then rehabilitation of the old courts could prove to be more affordable than attempting to expand the new sports courts at our current site.

Rutledge noted a fall or winter 2018 demolition would be more practical than to demolish it at this point in the year. However, Rutledge explained the courts may have to be restricted if their condition deteriorates to the point where a safety concern exists.

Jeschke moved to postpone a final decision on the future of the existing tennis courts until more research is completed. The Board authorized LPA management to restrict access to the courts if a safety concern develops. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 6 – Other Business –

An LPA member is requesting a sticker for a boat that has been deemed "unconventional" by the LPA general manager. The boat is currently over length, but could easily be modified. Rutledge noted his authority in this matter was to deny a sticker until such time when the water safety committee and the board of directors can view the vessel.

He has scheduled a review of this vessel for the April board meeting. Rutledge noted the review will focus on safety, most notably on the occupancy of the boat. This vessel is a houseboat and the capacity of the upper deck raises potential concerns about the boat being too top-heavy. The board acknowledged they will view the vessel on April 24 at 5 p.m., with the water safety committee also being invited to offer input.

Rutledge asked the board for a two or three member Shop Committee to work with LPA Staff on future shop plans. Evans, Jeschke and Spradling volunteered. Rutledge advised the committee he would schedule a meeting as the weather improved.

Agenda Item 7 – Closed Session. The Board entered closed session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss legal matters and exited closed session at 7:40 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Danna Krambeer
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Reshape LLC will hold Grand Opening Celebration May 19

By ASHLEY SCHABLE
Lake Times staff

With a love of fitness and a desire to challenge others, Sue Bump and Julie Fulton, are opening Reshape LLC in Panora. Located at 111 1st Street, in the old Treasures building, just across the street from the Panora Public Library, the beautifully renovated fitness studio will of-

fer a variety of classes tailored to fun, focused and sustainable exercise. The first classes were held there Sunday, April 29. A Grand Opening is planned for Saturday, May 19. Sue Bump, a 2004 graduate of Earlham high school, and husband Neil, who grew up in the area, have lived in Panora for six years. They have a two-year

old daughter Stella and are expecting their second little girl in August. Neil Bump is a contractor for J&K Builders and Sue is a dental assistant for Dr. Larry Spray at Lakeshore Family Dentistry in Panora. Bump has taught Kickboxing classes twice a week and a weekly Strength Training class at Progressions Fitness in Panora, a 24-hour gym with weights and cardio equipment on the town's main street, for nearly three years.

"We've outgrown it," Bump said. "We are completely out of space. I have the clients but I don't have happy clients when I don't have enough space, and you can't ask a 24 hour place to shut down for your classes." Bump began considering options to expand her classes. She wondered about her garage. "Neil would hate me," she thought. "I looked at a couple places, but it's hard to just go buy something as a young individual." Then she met Julie Fulton, a guidance counselor at Johnston high school, who lives with her husband, Keith at Lake Panorama. They have two grown sons, Derek and Seth, who live in Des Moines, and have four grandchildren. Fulton has eight years of Yoga experience and has been an instructor at Adel Yoga and Wellness Studio for the last year a half. "We started talking and got serious in August," Bump said. "If we found the right spot we could do this." Keith and Julie Fulton purchased the Treasures building from Kass and Karen Duis, who ran the consignment shop with vendors on display for a number of years, but due to aging health were ready to sell.



Julie Fulton (left) and Sue Bump are opening Reshape, a fitness studio at 111 1st Street in Panora. A variety of classes, including kickboxing, spinning and yoga, will be available seven days a week. The first classes will be held this Sunday, April 29.

They began renovations in March. The new studio has exposed brick with a galvanized ceiling, giving it an industrial and rustic feel, with several repurposed pieces. They replaced windows and installed new flooring and lights. Big store front windows give the studio an inviting touch. Reshape will offer classes seven days a week. Fulton will instruct three different types of Yoga classes, including a Gentle Flow Yoga, Hot Yoga, and Yoga Fit. "I look forward to sharing Yoga here, it encourages you to be more mindful," Fulton said. "It's stability, balance and strength all at the same time."

Bump will continue to teach her Kickboxing and Strength training classes, as well as stationary cycling classes. Sandy Leiferman of Panora will also teach the cycle spinning classes. Kellie Lewis, who resides in Monteith, will teach a Step Aerobics class and Brittany Harney, who owns Britt's Family Hair Care in Panora, will teach a Saturday morning Strength Training, and possibly a Barre class. "We want to know what the community wants," Bump said. "We want to provide what people want." Bump said she consistently hears a need for Zumba, a dance-based workout.



Sue Bump (left) and Julie Fulton are opening Reshape LLC, a fitness studio in Panora. Fulton will lead three different types of yoga classes, including gentle, hot and fit and Bump will lead kick-boxing, strength training and spinning classes. A few other instructors will also provide classes in the studio which will be open seven days a week. Classes will begin on April 29.

"I have yet to find a Zumba instructor, but it's something we would consider," she said. Reshape classes can be booked through the Mindbody App. After downloading the App, each person can view Reshape's class

schedule and prices. Currently there is a new client special of \$15 for three classes and also a spring special that includes eight classes for \$50. Those with questions can email: reshapepanora@gmail.com. They also have a facebook page. "We're just really excited," Bump said. "We hope people join us for a class, and stop by to see us."

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Entries sought for June 21 LPN Women's Golf Tournament

Lake Times staff

The Lake Panorama National women's golf league will host a four-gal best-shot tournament Thursday, June 21. For many years, the women's league sponsored a June tournament with two-gal teams. This is the second year the league is holding a four-gal tournament. The committee's goal is to bring more women into the tournament, and promote participation from a wider range of players. For those reasons, each four-person team is limited to a maximum of two members of the LPN women's league. Teams also can consist of all non-league women, or just one league member. Interested players can sign up as a twosome and be paired with another twosome by the tournament committee.

Check-in will begin at 8 a.m., with breakfast available. There will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m., with prizes awarded in several flights. Golf will be followed by a luncheon in the LPN banquet room, where awards will be presented and drawings held for raffle gifts. Entry fees are \$40 for LPN members and \$60 for non-members, and cover green fees, cart, breakfast, lunch and prizes. This tournament is limited to the first 36 teams and 144 players, and is expected to fill up quickly. Entries are due by June 15 to Dee Eckley, 5154 Panorama Drive, Panora, IA 50216. Questions can be emailed to deckley30@msn.com. Entry forms are available online at lakepanoramanational.com.

WSO Home Tour in its 44th Year

Lake Times staff

Five Lake Panorama homes will be featured June 7 for the 44th 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. The home tour is the WSO's major fundraiser. A renewable scholarship is awarded to a graduating Panoramian student each year, making four scholarships paid annually. Additional annual donations go to the Panora Library, Food Pantry, Panora Streetscapes, Guthrie County Historical Village, Heritage Park, Tori's Angels, Relay For Life, Panoramia prom and yearbook. Other contributions

are considered as projects become apparent. 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. Tickets may be purchased from any WSO member, or by calling Sue Merryman at 641-755-3949.

LPN MEMORIAL DAY COUPLES EVENT

The annual LPN Memorial Day Couples tournament will be Monday, May 28, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Cost is \$35 per couple for LPN members and \$120 per couple for non-members. The format is a four-person scramble, so sign-up as a two-couple team. Afterwards, there will be a potluck at Spikes so bring a dish to share, and if you like, something to throw on the grill. Call the pro shop at 641-755-2024 with questions, or to register.

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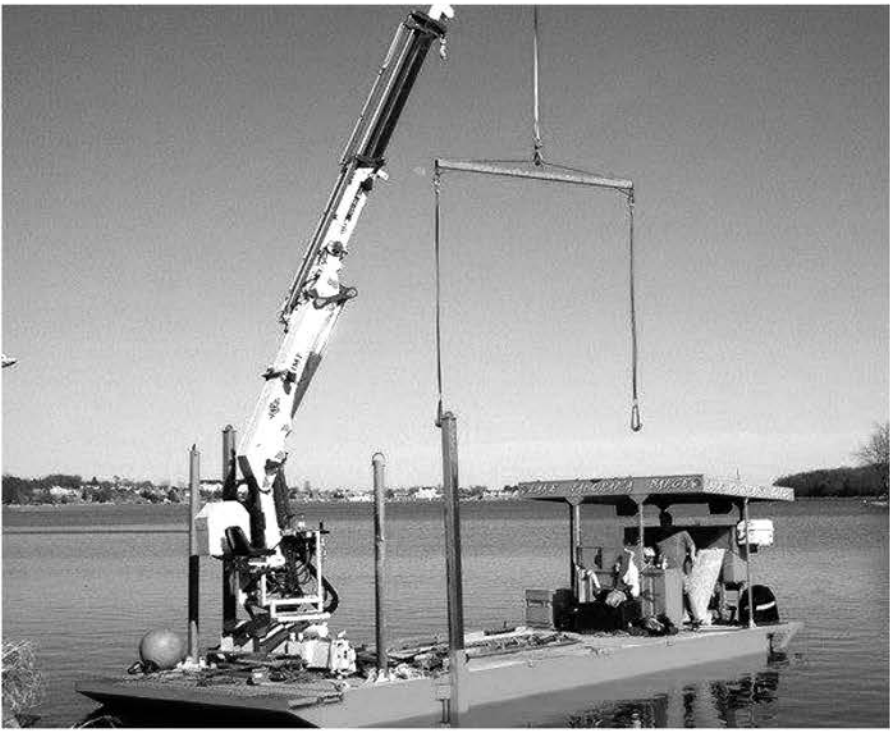
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SWIMMING POOL AT LPN TO OPEN MAY 15

On sunny days, there often are 40-50 children and adults enjoying new pool and hot tub at the LPN.

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**
Lake Times staff

The swimming pool and spa on the south side of the Lake Panorama National conference center was scheduled to open for the season May 15, and is expected to remain open until September 15.

During the summer season, pool hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, weather permitting. Private pool parties can be scheduled, based on availability, in two-hour increments at a cost of \$150.

The pool is a cooperative effort between the Clover Ridge Interval Owners Association and

the Lake Panorama Association, with operations handled by Lake Panorama National.

Guests of Clover Ridge and Lake Panorama Inn and Suites have access to the 1,500 square-foot pool and 8-person spa at no charge. All others must have an annual membership or pay the daily fee of \$3. Both the pool and hot tub are heated, with covers in place overnight.

Anyone using the pool must check-in at the window near the pool. Those purchasing an annual membership will receive permanent silicon wristbands.

Annual memberships for LPA members are \$110 for a single and \$150 for a family. Non-LPA members can get an annual membership for \$120 for a single and \$165 for a family.

Assorted drinks, snacks and ice cream will be available for purchase at the pool counter. In addition, a separate pool menu has been created to offer food and beverages from the Links. Orders placed at the

The pool and hot tub adjacent to the Lake Panorama National conference center provides entertainment for many during the summertime days.

pool counter are transmitted directly to the LPN kitchen, and delivered to the pool. No glass is permitted at the pool, but beverages in plastic glasses can be purchased in The Links.

Membership applications can be picked up, completed and paid for at the pool window. Applications also are available online at lakepanorama-national.com, and can be printed and returned with full payment to the pool window. For more information, call the LPN at 641-755-2080.



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