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CY-HAWK BATTLE BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER FOR THE WIN



Local celebrities (from left) Devan Moylan, Todd Blythe and Jordan Carstens sign a few autographs during the Panora RVTV event at Lake Panorama in Panora on Monday, Sept. 4. Moylan played football for the Hawkeyes and Blythe and Carstens for the Cyclones.

By ASHLEY SCHABLE | Lake Times staff

The Cy-Hawk battle in Panora on Lake Panorama's Boulder Beach was fierce.

Both teams entered the game unbeaten. The beach was packed. That's how it is with the biggest athletic event in the state of Iowa, it's more than just a game. It brings a community together. In the end, Panora won.

"Panora scored big," said Maurreen Lubeck, one of several volunteers on the local RVTV committee made up of Panora Chamber members, who helped organize WHO-TV Channel 13's RVTV in Panora on Monday, Sept. 4. RVTV is a week-long tour of tailgating stops in various towns around the state leading up to the annual Cy-Hawk football game featuring Iowa State and Iowa. The RVTV tour kicked off this year with the stop in Panora. It was one of the most anticipated events for the community since the town's annual Panorama Days held each August. It was a big time game. And Panora showed up to play.

The rivalry between the Cyclones and the Hawkeyes divided people across the beach, but it was all in good taste. The crowd featured a mixture of people, mixture of ages, and everybody just came together to root for their own team. There were activities for adults and children in a family-friendly event with sand volleyball, tug of war, human foosball, and a dunk tank. Several games of bag toss were played. Tori's Angels and Deardorff Highland Cattle were selling food throughout the day. The Funky Zebras Panora were selling Iowa and Iowa State gear. Co-owner Karla Bristle might have had one of the youngest fans there with new



Mascots Herky and Cy take a quick rest on a pontoon of Scott and Mindy Kurtz, owners of the Owl's Nest in Panora, Monday afternoon during the Panora RVTV event at Lake Panorama.

grandson Brooks in attendance. Brooks, who was born on August 24, visited with his parents Ryan and Chrissy, each of them dressed to cheer for the Cyclones. Local celebrities mingled with the crowd, posed for photos and signed autographs. Sporting their cardinal and gold were former Cy-clone players Jordan Carstens of Bagley, a 1999 graduate of Panoramahigh school, and Todd Blythe of Ankeny, who enjoys visiting his family at Lake Panorama. Both Carstens and Blythe play rounds of golf at Lake Panorama National.

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RECREATION

Sports courts construction underway

By SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Times staff

Ground preparation for the new sports courts at Boulder Beach has begun, and plans are to have the concrete surfaces poured before the end of September. Soon after, the courts will be surfaced with a combination of blue and green sport court PowerGame surface tiles, and fencing installed. The courts will include one regulation tennis court with white lines. Two regulation pickleball courts will be adjacent, also with white lines. These three courts will be inside the same fenced enclosure. A separate fence will surround a basketball court that is slightly smaller than regulation size. It will feature two half courts with Goalsetter MVP basketball systems and white lines. There will be some space between the two fenced court areas, with plans to install at least two benches between the courts. The \$150,000 project is being financed by \$75,000 in private donations raised by Friends of Lake Panoramaplus a \$75,000 match from the Lake Panorama Association.

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BUSINESS



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Los Altos restaurant in Panora has murals of Panora on one wall and murals of Mexico on another.

Los Altos Mexican Restaurant opens in Panora

By AMANDA GIRRES
Lake Times

When Billy Vee's restaurant moved from Panora to Valley Junction earlier this summer, Los Altos Mexican Restaurant co-owner Luis Huerta saw an opportunity to open a fifth location on Main Street in Panora. Through his kids' extracurricular activities, Huerta, who lives in Stuart, became familiar with Panora. "I saw that there were not very many places to eat," said Huerta. "The previous place was leaving, so we decided to come here." On the afternoon of September 9, a post on the Los Altos Facebook page announced that the Panora location would be opening the following day. At 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 10, Huerta said people were lined outside of the door. "Everybody was excited," said Huerta. "We were excited because for a few days, we were working day

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Panorama high school and junior cheerleaders perform for the crowd during Monday's RVTV event at Lake Panorama.

RVTV

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Blythe ran into college friend Emily Reynolds wearing Iowa gear Monday.

"We are no longer friends,"

he kidded her.

Iowa State athletic director Jamie Pollard visited with fans and encouraged those like John McDermott, who was dressed in a Hawkeye shirt and hat to change sides.

"What is this?" Pollard said,



Cyclone fans pull their Hawkeye opponents during a beach tug-of-war at Lake Panorama on Monday, Sept. 4 during the RVTV event.

pointing to McDermott's black and yellow sweatshirt.

Devan Moylan, a 2003 graduate of Panorama, who played for the Hawkeyes and head coach Kirk Ferentz, rallied the Iowa crowd. Moylan, who lives in Denver where he works as a Software

Engineer for Elwoodz, returned home for the Labor Day event.

"I loved playing in this game," Moylan said of the in-state rivalry. "The environment our fans create, especially for this rivalry, is what makes playing at Iowa unique and special."

Andy Piro, executive director of development and Matt Henderson, senior associate AD, both from the University of Iowa, also attended the event and brought with them some Hawkeye giveaways.

Football autographed -- one by Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz and another by Cyclone head coach Matt Campbell -- both went home with joyous fans.

Local celebrity Kent Stephenson, who coached at Iowa from 1974-76 and later spent 17 years as an assistant coach in the National Football League, wore a Santa beard and delivered gifts throughout the beach, including footballs, hats and T-shirts.

The Panorama Junior Class After Prom fundraising committee kept the fans pumped up throughout the day as they challenged rivals to make a donation in return for playing each school's fight song.

"We have a 10 dollar donation for the Iowa State fight song," said Jaime Waddle, who helped with the fundraiser.

The juniors also sold spirit beads and had raffle items, including Iowa and Iowa State baskets, a grill and a Yeti cooler.

Arguably the most popular people on the beach Monday were the school mascots as both Cy and Herky made an appearance at Lake Panorama. The fun-loving pair went for a boat ride, danced with the Ghostriders during a live music performance in the shelter house, played tug-of-war with kids on the beach, joined a sand volleyball game, and posed for photo after photo with fans of all ages. Cy joked with Iowa State fans Shawn Holloway and wife Angie, kidding the Panorama Schools Super-

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Iowa-Iowa State game brings Cyclone, Hawkeye fans together



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Kent Stephenson (left) from Lake Panorama and Jordan Carstens from Bagley have a football connection that includes both the Iowa Hawkeyes and Iowa State Cyclones. Stephenson coached Dan McCarney at the University of Iowa and McCarney later coached Carstens, a Panorama high school graduate, at Iowa State. Both Stephenson and Carstens look forward to sharing their football memories during the RVTV event at Lake Panorama in Panora on Monday, Sept. 4. WHO-TV will broadcast live from the Boulder Beach at 4, 5, 6 and 10 p.m.

Jordan Carstens, Kent Stephenson have Cy-Hawk ties

By ASHLEY SCHABLE
Lake Times staff

PANORA

The Iowa-Iowa State rivalry is meant to divide the state.

But sometimes the bragging rights, trash talk and general unruliness that can accompany a Cy-Hawk football game also bring people together.

Jordan Carstens and Kent Stephenson cheer for different teams. Carstens, who grew up in Bagley and graduated from Panorama High School, played for the Iowa State football team and bleeds red and gold. Stephenson, a native of Anita who lives at Lake Panorama, coached football at the University of Iowa and sports the black and gold colors.

Both men are friends with Dan McCarney, who has spent 45

years coaching football and cheers for both the Hawkeyes and Cyclones.

"I do cheer for both of them," McCarney told the Lake Panorama Times in a phone interview last week. "It will tug on my heart pretty good when those two teams play."

McCarney, who was a player for Stephenson at the University of Iowa and later coached Carstens as head football coach at Iowa State, connected the local pair. Carstens and Stephenson play golf at Lake Panorama National in Panora and enjoy talking about any win over Nebraska.

"Two incredible people," McCarney said. "It's funny how this big, huge, expansive athletic world that many of us are a part of seems pretty small sometimes when it comes to relationships. No question, football brings people together."

CONNECTIONS

Stephenson, 75, grew up in Anita, about 30 miles southwest of Panora. After high school, he attended the University of Northern Iowa, where he competed for the football team. He got his first coaching job at Wayne State College in Nebraska, where he earned his master's degree.

Later he was assistant coach at North Dakota, Southern Methodist, Iowa, Oklahoma State and Kansas before joining the Seattle Seahawks, where he coached from 1985 to 1991. Stephenson then joined coach Bill Cowher as an offensive line coach for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

He retired after 17 years as an NFL assistant in 2000. His offensive lines were known for their excellent run blocking, and the Steelers were one of only three NFL teams to average 2,000 yards rushing per season since 1992 under Stephenson.

It was around 1974 when Stephenson first met Dan McCarney as a player at the University of Iowa.

"He was a great kid," Stephenson said. "I loved coaching him."

After playing for the Hawkeyes, McCarney was asked to join the Denver Broncos as a free agent in the NFL, but he wasn't sure it was for him.

"I got a call from the line coach in Denver and he says, 'McCarney left camp, but tell him to get back here, he's going to make the team,'" Stephenson recalls. "Not sure what it was, but he hated it and he wasn't going back."

So, Stephenson invited McCarney to be his graduate assistant at Iowa that year. Hayden Fry was the Hawkeye head coach that year.

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Sand volleyball drew players throughout the afternoon at Lake Panorama during the Panora RVTV Cy-Hawk Beach Battle.

RVTV

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intendent about his bald head.

Iowa and Iowa State fans gathered around WHO TV news anchors Keith Murphy and Ed Wilson during live broadcasts from the beach at 5, 6 and 10 p.m. Staffer John Sears, whose family joined him on the beach that day, went tubing on the lake during one of his segments.

"This is the most fun we've had," Sears said. "You guys have done a great job."

Brad Halterman, Lake Panorama Association Projects Manager, who volunteered on the RVTV committee helped the Channel 13 crew pack up that night.

"They told me this was the best RVTV they had done," Halterman said. "They had a blast."

The sentiments have been echoed throughout the community.

"Everyone I talk to is just beaming about how great the day was," said Chris Arganbright, a RVTV committee member. "I think we all wondered how it was going to go. Far exceeded our expectations."

"I've heard nothing but positive comments," added Jaime Waddle. "Several are asking if we are going to make this an annual event."



ABOVE: Iowa and Iowa State fans surround WHO 13 weatherman Ed Wilson during a live broadcast from Boulder Beach at Lake Panorama during the Panora RVTV event held their Monday, Sept. 4.

RIGHT: Iowa and Iowa State fans were on the beach and on the water at Lake Panorama on Monday during WHO TV 13's RVTV event.

LEFT: Brian Bahrenfuss, high school teacher and baseball coach at Panorama, encourages kids to miss the target in a dunk tank event run by the Panorama FFA members at the RVTV event Monday in Panora.



Morgan Johnk, a junior at Panorama, is surprised when Cy jumps into her photo with Herky at Panora's RVTV event at Lake Panorama on Monday, Sept. 4.



Main Street Dance Studio tumblers entertain the crowd during Panora's RVTV event at Lake Panorama.



Human Foosball had Iowa and Iowa State fans playing with and against each other at Boulder Beach on Lake Panorama Monday, Sept. 4.



Lake Panorama's Boulder Beach was full of Iowa and Iowa State colors on Monday, Sept. 4 during the RVTV Cy-Hawk event in Panora.



Cy, the Iowa State mascot, gives a young Hawkeye fan a "thumbs down" during Panora's RVTV event in Panora on Monday.



Panorama high school cheerleaders perform stunts and entertain the crowd during Monday's RVTV event at Lake Panorama.



This little fan shares her love for both the Iowa State Cyclones and the Iowa Hawkeyes during the RVTV event in Panora.

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Estate Gifts from former Lake Panorama couple distributed

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**
Lake Times staff

A couple who wintered in Florida and spent their summers at Lake Panorama left behind a legacy that will have a lasting impact on six Panora groups, plus some students attending Drake University.

James and Joyce McLuen both died in 2016. The McLuens were some of the first homesteaders at Lake Panorama. Their home was located near Sunset Beach, and they enjoyed boating, fishing and golfing.

In April, it was announced seven groups would receive bequests from the McLuen estate. Those bequests were received August 23, as checks were presented at the Bump & Bump law office in Panora. William Bump was the McLuen estate executor.

On hand to help present the estate gifts were Dru McLuen of Indianola, Jim's sister-in-law, and her two sons, Steve and Eric. They shook hands and chatted with check recipients, asking about plans for the gifts and saying they were pleased Jim and Joyce could be so generous.

Also assisting with the check presentations was Dave Grove, an Edward Jones financial advisor in Panora, who helped managed the McLuen estate.

The largest gift, 30 percent of the estate, went to the Drake University College of Pharmacy for student scholarships. John Smith, Drake University's vice president of university advancement, traveled to Panora to receive a check for \$710,550.

"I was overwhelmed by the demonstration of philanthropy from the McLuens," Smith said. "To see so many beneficiaries of their generosity is a true testament of a life well lived."

Twenty percent of the estate was directed to Friends of Lake Panorama, a 501(c)3 nonprofit charity dedicated to improving recreational amenities at Lake Panorama. Members of the Friends board were presented a check for \$473,700. The gift will be used as stated in the McLuen will, for the "upkeep, beautification or expansion" of



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Four members of the Friends of Lake Panorama board of directors were on hand to accept the gift that will be used at the Panorama West golf course. (from left) Jody Muench, Emily Spradling, Kim Lubeck, and Jan Reinicke. Check presenters (from left) William Bump, who handled the McLuen estate; nephews Steve McLuen and Eric McLuen; sister-in-law Dru McLuen; and Dave Grove, Edward Jones.

the Panorama West golf course. Both the Panora Library Foundation and the Panora United Methodist Church received 15 percent of the estate, and were presented checks in the amount of \$355,275.

Ten percent of the estate, which was more than \$236,000, went to Panora P.E.T.S.

The Panora Volunteer Fire Department and Panora EMS each received five percent of the McLuen estate, and accepted checks in the amount of \$118,425.

Joyce McLuen attended Drake University in the early 1950s, then worked for the Department of Natural Resources in the state fish hatchery.

Jim McLuen was a graduate of Drake University College of Pharmacy. He served in the United States Army and in 1958 went to work for Burkey Drug in Indianola. He purchased the business in 1966 and renamed



Accepting the check on behalf of the Panora United Methodist Church were Bob VandeVenter and Beverly Marshall-Goodell. Check presenters (from left) William Bump, who handled the McLuen estate; nephews Steve McLuen and Eric McLuen; sister-in-law Dru McLuen; and Dave Grove, Edward Jones.

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Process underway to determine use of estate gift

Lake Times staff

The process of determining how the McLuen estate gift to Friends of Lake Panorama will be used is underway. Friends, a 501(c)3 nonprofit charity, is dedicated to improving recreational amenities at Lake Panorama. The McLuen will states the \$473,700 gift is for the "upkeep, beautification or expansion" of the Panorama West golf course.

A meeting was held at Panorma West September 11, where those who wanted to offer suggestions in person had a chance to speak. Representatives of each of the three Panorama West golf leagues made presentations, sharing ideas gathered from earlier meetings where league members discussed options.

Prior to the September 11 input meeting, more than 40 people submitted ideas by leaving cards or completed survey forms in a suggestion box in the Panorama West pro shop.

A task force made up of three representatives each from the Friends of Lake Panorama board of directors and the Lake Panorama National board of managers will hold its first meeting in late September. Task force members will review all input, prioritize potential projects, and work with staff to gather project cost estimates and discuss feasibility.

Although no deadline has been established, the next step will be the development of a formal report to present to the Lake Panorama Association board of directors. Since the Panorama West golf course is owned by the LPA, formal action on the task force recommendations rests with the LPA board.

LPA members who have not yet submitted their suggestions are welcome to do so through the end of September. This can be done via the suggestion box in the Panorama West pro shop, or by sending an email to staff@friendsoflakepanorama.org.

The McLuens were some of the first homesteaders at Lake Panorama. Their home was located near Sunset Beach, and they enjoyed boating, fishing and golfing.

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Tori's angels receives donation from Ten Squared Men of Guthrie County

By AMANDA GIRRES
Lake Times staff

Over 60 Guthrie County men met at the Lake Panorama Conference Center to select a local project to receive an \$11,000 donation on Tuesday, August 22.

The group, Ten Squared Plus Men of Guthrie County, consists of 110-120 members who are tasked with finding county projects in need of financial assistance. Before every meeting, members submit projects, and three projects are selected at random to present during the meeting. Following the presentations, members vote on which cause they believe should receive the donation, and the project with the most votes receives \$100 from each Ten Squared member. Members unable to attend are still obligated to write the check, creating a total donation of \$11,000-\$12,000 for the winning project every meeting.

For the August 22 meeting, eight projects were nominated. Ten Squared Men founder Barry Monaghan, who is the Chief Business Development Officer at Guthrie County State Bank, selected random bank customers to draw numbers, and the projects chosen to present included Tori's Angels, Yale City Park and the Guthrie County Fairgrounds.

Prior to the three main presentations, Steve Smith, ACGC schools superintendent, gave an update on how the Kid's Zone Daycare has used donation money from the last Ten Squared Meeting to make improvements.

"I'm in two Kids Zone centers, and we put up two playgrounds, and then on the Guthrie side, we had an air conditioner and furnace that was older than I am, so we used money spread across both centers to take care of those things," said Smith. "For kids, it's a great thing. Young families need those things. It's hard to move to a community and not have those things, and so thank you very much."

Following Smith's update, Bill Ridgley presented for Tori's Angels, a nonprofit organization that assists children with life-threatening diseases.



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Bill Ridgley presents for Tori's Angels at the Ten Squared Men of Guthrie County meeting on August 22.

"What we do is we pay for exempted children," explained Ridgley. "We pay all their copays and all their deductibles. We pay all of their medical traveling expenses, which includes mileage to and from doctors, meals for the child and the parents, airline fees, hotel accommodations and transfers."

Ridgley explained that there are currently 24 children in the

program, four of which live in Guthrie County. Any money donated by Ten Squared Men would be used specifically to assist those four children.

"We're going to put out about \$20,000-\$21,000 this year for these four kids," said Ridgley, who noted that the total budget for all 24 kids was approximately \$140,000. "We usually put out between \$4,000-\$7,000 per child

per year."

Ridgley explained that Tori's Angels is a 100 percent foundation, meaning that the foundation has no administrative costs.

"We have no employees. We're all volunteers," said Ridgley. "Any expense the foundation has like food for events, rent for a building for an event or our liability insurance is all paid out of the board of directors' personal pockets."

Scott Fredrickson presented on behalf of the Yale City Park project, which is primarily being organized by his daughter, Emily Albers.

Fredrickson explained that his daughter and other mothers wanted playground equipment that was more suitable for younger children and decided to organize a project that would include new playground equipment and security cameras in the park.

"With your vote tonight, (Emily) would get phase one done on the city park project," said Fredrickson. "That would get her initial first part of the playground equipment done, and then she will continue on her fundraising with the Guthrie County Community Foundation and so on



Scott Fredrickson presents for Yale City Park at the Ten Squared Men of Guthrie County Meeting on August 22.



John Rutledge presents for the Guthrie County Fair at the Ten Squared Men of Guthrie County meeting on August 22.



Ten Squared Men of Guthrie County founder Barry Monaghan welcomes members and introduces the August 22 speakers.

to get the rest of it done."

The City of Yale has already agreed to put security cameras in the park to monitor activity and keep the area safe for kids. The total budget for the project is approximately \$30,000.

"Really we're trying to help her get her funding done for phase one to get the initial installation done," said Fredrickson. "It's really about getting those younger kids some playground equipment to use, getting the total city park safe by putting

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LPA Updates offered at GM Coffee

By SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Times staff

A "Coffee with the GM" session was held September 7 at the Lake Panorama National conference center. John Rutledge, Lake Panorama Association general manager, provided an update on LPA activities, plus responded to audience questions.

Rutledge said during 2017 the dredge removed 185,000 cubic yards of sediment from Lake Panorama's upper basin and the Middle Raccoon River between the debris trap and the Fansler bridge. The dredge has moved to Burchfield Cove, where it will operate through October, and perhaps into November.

Since dredged material from Burchfield is pumped into the Scott Basin, this move allows the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) to make some improvements to the County Sediment Basin. Currently the structure that holds back basin water is all removable concrete blocks. Now the water level in the County Basin will be lowered, and concrete will be poured for the bottom half of the outlet structure. The remaining half will continue to be concrete blocks.

Rutledge said the Helen's Cove CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) wetland is functioning as designed, and cattails are starting to show. Areas surrounding the wetland pool have been seeded, but these native grasses take a couple of years to establish. Public site tours will be offered once more vegetation is present.

The Hughes Cove CREP project is done, but with the dry summer, the wetland pool is still about one-foot from being filled. Rutledge said one good rain should bring that wetland into service protecting Lake Panorama.

"These wetlands are multi-purpose," Rutledge said. "They help reduce nutrients and sediment from entering the lake. We can always dredge

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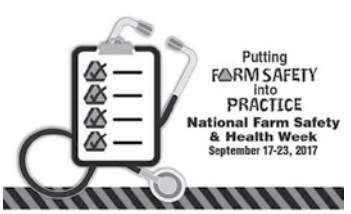


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out sediment, but wetlands are a preventative, proactive step.”

To that end, a third wetland is in the design phase. RIZ purchased 33 acres of land from Mike Potthoff near the intersection of Highway 4 and 200th Street. This was traded to Marvin and Judi Smith for 42 acres of their land north of Burchfield Cove. Construction on an 11-acre wetland pool that will filter water from 2,000 acres above it is expected to begin in the spring.

Some funding for this project will come from a grant from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, in co-operation with the Agribusiness Association of Iowa and the Soil and Water Conservation Society. Rutledge said Lake Panorama RIZ is “on the short list of organizations in a position to work with these groups on experimental funding models.”

Rutledge reported RIZ also recently purchased a 71-acre farm within the Burchfield watershed. He said the land isn’t suitable for a wetland, but should be good “trading stock” for future wetland projects. The next meeting of the RIZ board is Tuesday, October 3, beginning at 7 a.m.

at the LPA office. Meetings are open to the public.

The LPA maintenance crew is busy wrapping up 2017 projects. Final landscaping work around the new LPA-owned boat storage building is being done. Work has begun to prepare the area at Boulder Beach for new sports courts to be built in late September.

Rutledge said the 2018 LPA budget process is underway. The LPA board will consider possible capital expenditures at its September meeting, then turn its attention to operational expenditures at its October meeting. The budget should be finalized at the board’s November meeting, and LPA bills will be distributed in December.

This timeline has worked well for several years, Rutledge said. It gives those who travel elsewhere for the winter the opportunity to pay their bills before they leave, which in turn provides funds to the LPA during the low point in its annual cash flow.

Turning to the security department, Rutledge said water patrols will continue, but taper off as the weather cools. He encouraged members who see something on the water that concerns them to call security.

Winter house checks are being offered again this year. This

involves the homeowner placing a thermometer in a window so a security officer can check it periodically. If the temperature drops to an unsafe level, the homeowner’s plumber is contacted.

The annual deer hunt will continue as it has the last three years. Rutledge acknowledged there are “pockets” where deer populations are higher because the proximity to homes makes it impossible to hunt. He said the LPA goal is to control, not eliminate, deer from the lake development, and he believes the current hunting program makes that possible.

Following the last GM coffee in July when complaints of speeding were aired, Rutledge said LPA borrowed a speed control trailer from the Guthrie County sheriff’s office. He said the sign was used as an educational tool, to show drivers how their current speed matched up with the speed limit.

“Our goal isn’t to issue a lot of speeding tickets,” Rutledge said. “If we do pull people over, it’s usually because we’ve been getting complaints from members about areas where people are driving too fast.”

Rutledge said the LPA water safety committee spent more than two hours at its July meet-

ing discussing boat length limits. In the end, the committee voted to keep the current limits of 24-feet for ski boats and 27-feet for pontoons, including swim platforms. The LPA board concurred with the committee’s recommendation.

There are plans for a membership survey later this fall, and Rutledge said the topic of boat length will be one focus of the survey.

A physical inspection of the dam, done every five years, is complete. Rutledge said no serious concerns were uncovered. Some work on the berm between the dam and the emergency spillway may take place at a later date, but he said the dam is “in great condition.”

Rutledge talked about possible upgrades to the Lake Panorama water plant. The current system relies on two 200-foot-deep wells in the Dakota Aquifer, and a 2,500-foot-deep well in the Jordan Aquifer. Water from the Dakota wells is softer, but is susceptible to drought, iron and manganese. Water from the Jordan well is harder, and blending water from these two types of wells is a constant challenge.

A reverse osmosis pilot plant operated for three months at the water plant, which was the first step towards possible plant

improvements. Reverse osmosis is a widely used process to pull pollutants out of water.

Rutledge said the pilot plant was successful. “The study showed we could expect very good results from a reverse osmosis system. The black water experienced by some customers would go away completely, because the two Dakota wells would be closed,” he said. “The other good news was that the operational cost of the new system would be almost the same as the current system.”

The construction cost of the new system is estimated at \$3.5 million. That includes about \$1 million to drill a new Jordan well. It also includes the cost of running a waste discharge pipe from the water plant to below the Lake Panorama dam.

Rutledge said options for paying for the new system will be explored and the membership survey will include questions related to those options. If a decision is made to proceed with the water plant upgrades, it would take 18-24 months to complete.

The meeting was opened to questions. One was about empty boat lifts sitting on land. Rutledge said one of the most challenging issues the LPA faces is general care and appearance of member-owned property. He made a note of this issue for staff to review.

Two other questions were related to algae blooms and the fish kill that occurred in late July. Rutledge explained this summer’s dry weather meant less sediment being carried into Lake Panorama. Less sediment resulted in clearer water, which allowed the sun’s rays to reach deeper into the water.

“That led to more algae growth,” Rutledge said. “Algae consumes oxygen, so oxygen levels got too low for some fish. We don’t believe there was any permanent damage to the number and quality of fish in the lake. While it was a good thing to have less sediment in the lake this summer, we did pay the price in algae blooms and some fish being lost.”

Rutledge thanked those in attendance and said he plans to schedule one more GM coffee before the end of 2017.

ANGELS
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in security cameras and going from there.”

John Rutledge finished out the night’s presentations by speaking on behalf of the Guthrie County Fairgrounds.

“Not long ago, the fairgrounds were in pretty tough shape, and any of you that have been over there over the years have grown up seeing the same buildings that have always been there,” said Rutledge. “The fair board has done a really good job replacing the core buildings, and the current project I’m asking you to support right now is a pair of animal buildings that are critical to sustaining a viable 4H program down at the fairgrounds.”

Rutledge acknowledged that while the barns are complete, \$45,000 is still needed to finish paying off the project. A donation from Ten Squared Men would be used to support this cause and add any additional features necessary to make the barns functional for the upcoming fair.

“The underlying value of the project is that it helps to ensure the viability of a 4H program in Guthrie County,” said Rutledge. “4H is, in my opinion, one of the more well-rounded experiences we can offer to young people between the fourth and 12th grade. I think anytime we can expose young people to those practical skills, we’re helping them have a successful future.”

Following all three presentations, Ten Squared Members voted on which cause they would like to see the money go toward. Votes were counted, and Tori’s Angels was announced as the meeting’s donation recipient.

The foundation will receive \$11,000-\$12,000 to support the medical expenses of Tori Heckman, Emma Reinhart, Emma King, and Morgan Sheeder, the four Guthrie County children who are currently supported by the Tori’s Angels Foundation.

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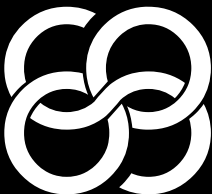


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Q&A: Mike Gliem, LPA Water Department Supervisor

UPGRADES TO LAKE PANORAMA WATER PLANT BEING CONSIDERED

By SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Times staff

Construction of the Lake Panorama water plant began in 1969, the same year work on the Lake Panorama dam got underway. Since then, the operation has become increasingly complex. Mike Gliem, who supervises the Lake Panorama Water Company, answers questions about potential updates to the water operation.

Q: Tell us about LPA's current water treatment system.

A: LPA currently operates a water treatment facility to provide potable water to roughly 1,000 homes at Lake Panorama. Our system is comprised of both Dakota Aquifer and Jordan Aquifer wells, with water from these wells blended and treated at the LPA water plant. The system is functioning effectively, but mitigating the high iron and manganese content in the Dakota wells is an ongoing challenge. LPA is in the process of exploring improvements to the plant, which will position the association to provide high quality potable water to its membership over the long term.

Q: LPA recently has been talking about a reverse osmosis pilot plant. Explain what the terms "reverse osmosis" and "pilot plant" mean?

A: Reverse osmosis is a type of water treatment pro-

cess that uses membranes to remove impurities from the water. It is widely used and is a highly reliable approach to water treatment.

The term "pilot plant" essentially means a small scale version of what the LPA would run as a full scale reverse osmosis water plant. Pilot plants are required by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to permit changes of this nature. The pilot plant also provided LPA with a good prediction of what finished water quality and annual operating costs would be, if such a system is constructed.

The 2017 pilot plant study provided a wealth of relevant information to the staff, board and membership of LPA. First of all, we're pleased to report the preliminary findings indicate this would be a very appropriate type of system for LPA. The pilot plant function was excellent at removing impurities and achieving the desired results.

Second, the pilot plant indicated annual operating expenses would be very similar to what LPA spends today to operate our current system. Chemical use would be decreased at the plant, which would offset additional reverse osmosis expenses for filters and electricity. LPA still needs to discuss options for paying for the initial construction cost of this plant, but it is good news to learn the day-to-day operating expenses would not represent a more expensive process.

Q: How does this potential upgrade relate to the improvements of 2010 and 2011?

A: The proposed pilot plant project would build on the improvements of 2010 and 2011, with almost all of our existing assets remaining an integral part of the future system. The major exception would be the Dakota Aquifer wells, which would no longer be used by LPA. LPA has enjoyed a long period of use from these wells, but we believe it would be prudent to discontinue reliance on these wells because of the chronic challenges they present with regard to iron and manganese, which causes periodic brown and black water.

A reverse osmosis plant would be coupled with the construction of a second Jordan well, which would replace the volume lost by abandonment of the Dakota wells. The two Jordan wells are a good fit for reverse osmosis and would be a much more reliable combination of source water and treatment technology.



Q: What is the cost and timeline of this project?

A: The timeline for a project of this nature can be as long as three years. LPA has already completed the pilot plant phase, which means another 18 to 24 months would be needed from the time a decision is made.

The cost of this project is estimated at \$3.5 million. Around one-third of this is for a new Jordan well, with the other two-thirds for the reverse osmosis system and a waste discharge system into the Middle Raccoon River, below the LPA dam.

Funding will be discussed by the LPA board, with input from the LPA membership requested as part of a fall 2017 membership survey. A variety of funding options exist with regard to rate increases and/or assessments. But as an example, the cost is equivalent to roughly \$30 per month, per household, over a 10-year period.

Q: Why is this important to members?

A: Municipal water systems are highly regulated and it takes up to three years to implement substantial improvements. We believe it is a staff responsibility to be proactive and ensure we plan for improvement and upgrades in a timely fashion. Upgrading to a reverse osmosis plant during the 2018-2019 timeframe would allow us to manage the current system for another two years, and then move away from the questionable reliability of the Dakota aquifer wells.

Also, the quality of the finished product will be far superior to what we're able to provide today. Most members operate a water softener in their home and spend a substantial amount of money on salt to soften our water from 440 mg/l down to 140

mg/l. LPA's increase in water rates would likely be offset, to some degree, by reduced salt consumption by individual members. Those who like their water really soft could continue to use their softeners, but the amount of salt consumed would be less than it is today.

Q: What else should members know about this?

A: \$3.5 million is a large number, but is very manageable for a community of our size. LPA's water rates remain very competitive compared to other communities, which gives us a great opportunity to have a discussion about funding options. I encourage members to participate in the upcoming survey, as both the LPA board and staff values your questions and input on the future of our water treatment system.

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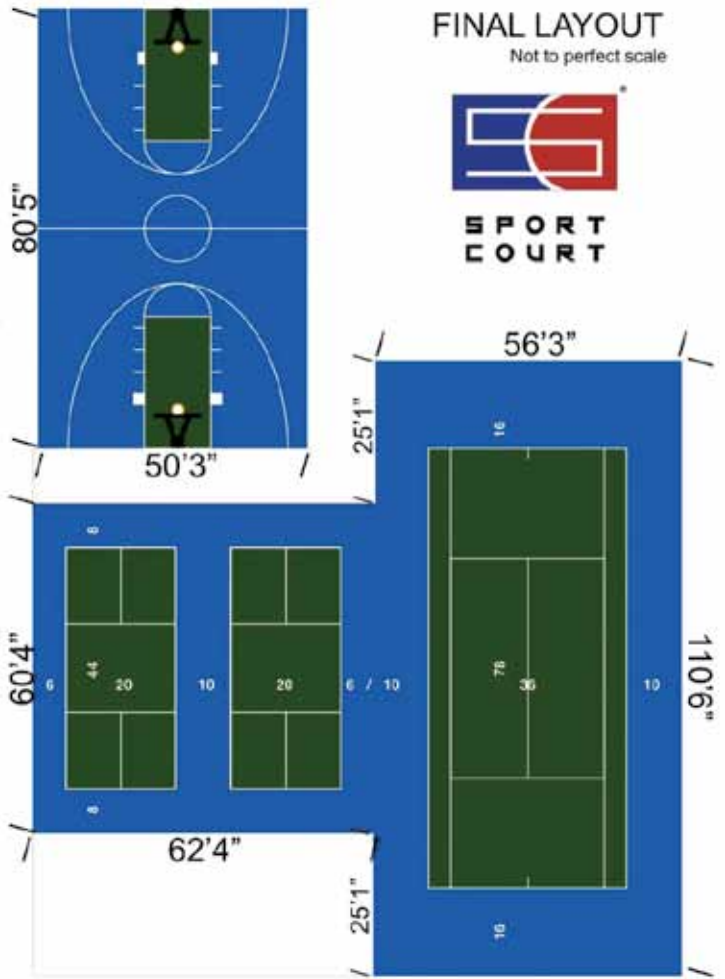
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This graphic shows the layout for the new sports courts at Boulder Beach. The courts will include a single regulation tennis court, and two regulation pickleball courts. The adjacent basketball court will be slightly smaller than regulation size. All courts will be fenced, plus topped with PowerGame sports courts tiles.

COURTS

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LPA staff is managing the project in consultation with Friends of Lake Panorama. The location is south of the road leading into Boulder Beach, and east of the restrooms.

Friends of Lake Panorama will continue to solicit donations for this project until March 2018, which will be used to help pay for additional expenses such as benches and signage. While donations of all sizes are welcome, only donors of \$500 or more are recognized on the Friends website. A sign listing these larger donors will be installed next spring near the courts.

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Accepting the check on behalf of the Panora Public Library (from left) Linda Wendl, Sandi Lowe, Carolyn England, Kim Finnegan and Mary Jones. Check presenters (from left) William Bump, who handled the McLuen estate; nephews Steve McLuen and Eric McLuen; sister-in-law Dru McLuen; and Dave Grove, Edward Jones.



John Smith (second from the left), Drake University's vice president of university advancement, accepted the check that will be used by the Drake University College of Pharmacy for student scholarships. Check presenters (from left) William Bump, who handled the McLuen estate; nephews Steve McLuen and Eric McLuen; sister-in-law Dru McLuen; and Dave Grove, Edward Jones.



Curtis Twigg and Matt Harmann (second and third from left) accepted the check on behalf of the Panora Volunteer Fire Department. Check presenters (from left) William Bump, who handled the McLuen estate; nephews Steve McLuen and Eric McLuen; sister-in-law Dru McLuen; and Dave Grove, Edward Jones.

ESTATE

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it McLuen Drug. He retired when he sold the business to his brother Ed.

Joyce passed away April 19, 2016, in Sarasota, Florida. Following her death, Jim returned to Indianola and passed away November 21, 2016. Inurnment of their remains was May 16 at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery near Van Meter.



Joe Hupp with Panora EMS received a second check from the William Bennett Trust in the amount of \$155,133. Bennett and his wife Eileen lived at Lake Panorama following his retirement. She passed away in 2004 and he died October 13, 2016. Presenting the check was William Bump, who handled the McLuen estate, and Dave Grove, Edward Jones. Bump said Bennett added Panora EMS as a beneficiary a few years ago after going on an unexpected ride in one of their ambulances.

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CY-HAWK
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“I had people offering me jobs not even close to coaching football to get me on my feet, to help me get started, and Kent was one of them who told me I needed to get my butt into coaching,” McCarney said. “He was the one who really directed me and pushed me and guided me. Sometimes people see things in you that you can’t even see in yourself, and that’s exactly what it was with Kent.”

McCarney has spent 45 years coaching, including 41 at the Division I level, 12 of them at Iowa State.

“I’m pretty blessed, and I don’t know if I would have ever gotten into coaching if it weren’t for Kent Stephenson,” McCarney said. “He was an incredible coach, and as I got through all those years of coaching and reflect back on things and (on) who was a great example — boy, that was sure Kent Stephenson for me.”

Jordan Carstens graduated from Panorama high school in 1999 and decided to join the Iowa State football team as a walk-on.

“Jordan was an undersized guy; he had incredible character but was undersized,” McCarney said of Carstens, who played for the NFL’s Carolina Panthers at 6-foot-5, 300 pounds. “I had guys in that (Iowa Shrine) all-star game and they said we needed to get this guy on our team, in our 105.”

McCarney said Division I football programs are allowed to bring 105 players into their two-a-days for camp before the school year starts.

“He was the last guy we brought into the 105,” McCarney said of Carstens.

It didn’t take long for McCarney and Carstens to make history together in Ames.

“He not only earned a scholarship as time wore on and a starting position, he ended up being one of the best players that Iowa State University ever had in a uniform and went on to play in the National Football League,” McCarney said of Carstens. “He’s just an amazing

story, and you know why if you have ever spent time with him.”

McCarney said with Carstens on the field, the Cyclones were able to achieve many things they wouldn’t have without him.

“He had that big of an impact on the program,” McCarney said. “You want to go out and find more Jordan Carstens — if there were more guys like Jordan Carstens in the program, we could keep winning. He was a joy to coach and just a tremendous, tremendous football player.”

Carstens totaled 306 tackles, 10 sacks and 21.5 tackles for loss in his career as a Cyclone. He was a three-time all-Big 12 performer and a three-time Academic All-American.

RIVALRY

Carstens and Stephenson first crossed paths during a football camp they both worked in Panorama with Panorama head coach Lyle Alumbaugh several years ago.

“It was a lineman camp,” Stephenson said. “I met Jordan and was real fond of him.”

Stephenson attended games at Jack Trice Stadium and remembers watching Carstens and the Cyclones beat Nebraska in Ames.

“When you cross-faced with them all day long, it was awesome,” Stephenson said as both he and Carstens remembered the game.

“That was a last-minute thing we decided to do, and they didn’t have a counter to it,” Carstens added.

Carstens, who along with his father, James, grew up a Hawkeye fan. His mom, Joni and brother Ben always cheered for the Cyclones. Today, the entire Carstens family wears the cardinal red and gold.

Jordan Carstens said that as a student at Iowa State, the Cy-Hawk rivalry is felt all across campus.

“You just know what it is,” he said. “You weren’t a fan of both; you were either Iowa or Iowa State. I had friends who would talk to somebody out around town and they would undress those people who cheered for both.”

Carstens said he played with

guys who didn’t grow up in Iowa, but they learned quickly how important the Cy-Hawk rivalry is.

“They explain it to us as student-athletes — we are the only show in town,” he said. “Most states have a pro team or two pro teams, but Iowa and Iowa State football, and basketball, that’s what it is.”

Carstens remembers very clearly the Cyclones’ 36-31 comeback win in 2002 at Kinnick Stadium.

“We were down 24-3 at half-time and went into the locker room — yes, the pink one — and McCarney started throwing things and knocked over a table,” he said. “For whatever reason, we weren’t ready to play in the first half, but after half-time we went out and ended up winning the game.”

Carstens was part of Cyclone teams that won twice in Iowa City. He lost at home to the Hawkeyes his senior season, a tough departure from past successes. He said games against Iowa were some of his most memorable games in a Cyclone uniform.

CLOSE TO HOME

As Panorama prepared to host WHO-TV Channel 13’s RVTV, which celebrates the Cy-Hawk rivalry, at Lake Panorama on Monday, Sept. 4, both Carstens and Stephenson say they look forward to a healthy rivalry among many of their friends.

“Iowa people are great, and the people are what make it,” Stephenson said.

RVTV is a week-long tour of tailgating stops in various towns around the state leading up to the annual Cy-Hawk football game featuring Iowa State and Iowa. The RVTV tour kicked off this year with the stop in Panorama.

Chris Arganbright, a member of Panorama’s RVTV committee, made up of Panorama Chamber members sponsoring the event, said the community was ready to host RVTV.

“It’s neat to see the excitement build for RVTV coming to Panorama,” Arganbright said. “What a great opportunity to showcase our community.”

Committee members planned activities for adults and children in a family-friendly event,

including sand volleyball, tug of war, human foosball, a dunk tank, bags and temporary tattoos. Fans were encouraged to make signs to show their support. The RVTV crew judged the signs, with a prize going to the winner.

Tori’s Angels and Deardorff Highland Cattle were selling food throughout the day.

Festivities kicked off at 2 p.m. with live broadcasts from the beach at 5, 6 and 10 p.m.

Both Carstens and Stephenson looked forward to the event and wore their team colors.

“We’re a lot closer to Ames, so I assume they’ll be more Cyclones,” Stephenson said of the fans he expected to see in Guthrie County.

Carstens added, “I think it’s close to half. Statewide is 75 to 25, so we’re half or two-thirds Cyclones, I’d say.”


McCarney said fans of both the Cyclones and Hawkeyes should be proud of their teams.

“I go to the national coaches convention every year, and there’s over 10,000 football coaches there, and I can only imagine how many of them would have liked to coach at either Iowa or Iowa State in their careers,” McCarney said. “I have over 30 years. I love both universities, I really do. I stay in touch with both Kirk (Ferentz) and Matt Campbell, and both (schools) are lucky to have those guys leading their football programs.”

McCarney said the Cy-Hawk battle is a good, healthy rivalry where both teams feel like they have a shot to win the game.

“There is no rivalry if you always win,” he said. “And the people of Iowa are the best part of it.”

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Los Altos co-owner Luis Huerta stands at the front of the new restaurant location in Panora.

LOS ALTOS

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and night to get stuff (ready).”

From the time Huerta took the building in early August until now, he and others have been working hard to get everything ready. In just a little over a month, six murals were painted on the walls of the restaurant. One wall contains paintings of Panora while another depicts Mexico.

“Basically what I tried to show is something about our community (on one wall),” said Huerta. (The other) wall is Mexico, so we get the two different (cultures).”

Los Altos first opened in Greenfield in 2013 and quickly began to expand. Only five months later, the restaurant opened a Stuart location, and the Story City location quickly followed. The Ames restaurant, previously the newest, opened last year.

Huerta believes the success and expansion has been possible because of the restaurant’s great cooks and hardworking staff.

“We try to get as many fresh things as we can,” said Huerta. “We have good companies here in Iowa, and they bring



A mural in Los Altos restaurant in Panora depicts Lake Panorama.

our meats and everything fresh from Iowa. Spices we buy from Mexico, but everything else is from here.”

Huerta expressed the benefits of living and working in small towns, noting that the friendless of the communities makes him feel at home.

“I’ve been living in Stuart for four years, and everybody knows me,” he said. “I know everybody, not by name sometimes, but I talk to a lot of people, and it’s nice to meet different people.”

With the opening of the Panora location, Huerta is excited to get started in a new small community, and he hopes that Los Altos will be a nice addition to the town.

The restaurant will be open seven days a week. Hours are 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. More information on Los Altos and the menu can be found at <http://www.losaltosmenu.com/>

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Solheim Cup visitors experience “Iowa Nice”

By SUSAN THOMPSON | Lake Times staff

The 2017 Solheim Cup held at the Des Moines Golf and Country Club August 14-20 set an attendance record. Fans visited from more than 25 countries, with half the attendees coming from outside of Iowa. Some of those out-of-state visitors found accommodations at the Clover Ridge Resort, which has offices at the Lake Panorama National conference center. Clover Ridge is an interval owner resort, and people who own vacation weeks elsewhere can trade into Clover Ridge.

Lisa Leiby lives in Fleming Island, Florida, about 20 miles southwest of Jacksonville. “The day the United States won the last Solheim Cup in 2015, I sent a text to my friends saying, “Solheim Cup 2017 Des Moines, Iowa. Road Trip!” I am a timeshare owner, found the Clover Ridge Resort was about 45 miles from Des Moines, and booked a unit,” Leiby says.

One of the friends receiving the Leiby’s text was Leigh Florez, another timeshare owner. It didn’t take her long to jump onto Leiby’s road trip bandwagon, and booked a second two-bedroom unit at Clover Ridge.

Two other Fleming Island friends joined the planning — Pattie Jenkins and Jane Smith. Unfortunately, Smith became ill over the past year, and a month before the trip decided someone else should fill her spot. That person was Melonie Whitaker, who lives in Lenoir City, Tennessee.

She and Leiby first met in September 2015 on a cruise ship. They hit it off immediately, and as Leiby tells it, “even our husbands like each other. We all just get along so well, and have so

much in common.”

The weekend before the Solheim, the three from Fleming Island set out by car for Tennessee. They stayed overnight at the Whitaker home, before making a second daylong trip to Lake Panorama.

None of the four had spent time in Iowa, although some had been in other Midwest states. Whitaker was born and raised in Ohio. “I knew Iowa would be farmland, but I had no idea of the expansiveness of the farms. I took several pictures of the farms with multiple grain silos. We grow lots of corn in Ohio, but it’s not the same as in Iowa. The rolling fields are beautiful,” she says.

Leiby is originally from Philadelphia, and had never been to the Midwest. “I knew Iowa was famous for its corn, agriculture and friendly people,” she says. “I was pleasantly surprised at how much corn I would see and how friendly the people really are. When we first entered the state, we saw beautiful fields of corn for miles and miles and miles. It was amazing.”

Jenkins had visited other Midwestern states, but never Iowa. “Iowa was what I expected geo-



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During a visit to the Britches n’ Bows Country Store, owner Kandi Meinicke snapped a picture of the foursome in front of a nearby cornfield. Pictured left to right are Lisa Leiby, Melonie Whitaker, Leigh Florez and Pattie Jenkins.

graphically — beautiful farmland, open spaces and corn. I anticipated the good people of Iowa to be conservative, friendly, down-to-earth and caring, and I hit the nail on the head,” she says.

Once the foursome found their way to Lake Panorama, the real fun began. Their first day they visited the Britches n’ Bows Country Store east of Panora. Whitaker tells the story. “What a unique little place, down a gravel road on a farm, a great shop,” she says. “The owner, Kandi Meinicke, took our picture by the corn field. As we were leaving, she gave us fresh tomatoes from her father’s garden.”

The visitors asked Meinecke where to find fresh sweet corn. She told them to go to Hometown Foods where there would be a shopping cart in the produce aisle filled with corn picked that morning. “We followed her directions, found the corn, and had the best evening meals three times of corn on the cob, fresh tomatoes and cheese curds,” Whitaker says.

That evening the women decided to take lawn chairs and sit at Boulder Beach, where they got another dose of “Iowa Nice.” Jolene Wright had taken her two Yorkies on a golf cart ride, and stopped to chat with the women.

“Earlier in the day, we had talked about how to get out on the lake,” Whitaker says. “We wanted a boat ride, but couldn’t find any place to rent a boat or take

a tour of the lake.”

After hearing their desire for a boat ride, Wright said she might be able to help them. “She did not take our name, and had no way to find us,” Whitaker says. “I really didn’t think anything would happen.”

This is where this author steps in. Jolene told me of her encounter the next morning as we were on our way to women’s golf league at Panorama West.

I checked with hubby Larry on our schedules for the week, and decided to track down the foursome. A call to Clover Ridge got me a phone number, and the offer of a two-hour Lake Panorama tour Thursday afternoon was made and accepted.

“It was just amazing, and really unheard of, you tracked us down and agreed to take four ladies you had never met out on your boat,” says Whitaker.

Now back home, Leiby says they have been spreading the word about Iowa. “When we told our ladies golf group about how we met you, and how you took us on a two-hour ride on your pontoon boat, they literally dropped their jaws. Lake Panorama is so beautiful,” she says.

All the women offered praise for their experiences at Lake Panorama. “The staff at the front desk was wonderful,” Jenkins says. “We soon became known as the Florida Girls around the resort.”

The “Florida Girls” ate several meals at The Links in the LPN conference center. “The food at the restaurant was fabulous,” Leiby says. “Every meal was delicious and the walleye was the best fish I’ve had in a long time. John Dinnebieer was very engaging and always wanted to know how we were and how he could assist us. The condos were very clean, larger than expected, and the beds were comfortable.”

Whitaker also commented on The Links. “We all had the walleye at least once. For dinner one night, I asked the chef if he could grill or bake my walleye, although the menu shows it breaded or potato encrusted. The chef agreed to grill my fish, and it was fantastic,” she says.

The four women enjoy playing golf, and squeezed in some rounds at Lake Panorama National. “The golf course was wonderful,” says Jenkins. “It was nice

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The main reason for their Iowa trip was to attend the Solheim Cup. Pictured at the event in front of photos of some of the U.S. team members are Pattie Jenkins, Lisa Leiby, Melonie Whitaker and Leigh Florez.



Lisa Leiby and Pattie Jenkins, both of Fleming Island, Florida, are shown enjoying time at Lake Panorama's Boulder Beach.

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The women praised the layout and condition of the Lake Panorama National golf course. Here Pattie Jenkins tees off on the fourth hole, while Leigh Florez looks on.

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to play a course that is not as flat as they are in Florida.”

“The golf course is really pretty and very challenging,” says Whitaker. “They let us leave our clubs on the golf carts and stored them for us the entire week we were there. We thought that was a nice extra.”

One afternoon the group headed to Winterset. “We had a wonderful afternoon in Winterset, and the bridges of Madison County were a highlight of the trip,” says Jenkins.

The women saw several of the bridges, strolled the Winterset square, and came back to Clover Ridge to end the day by watching the “Bridges of Madison County” movie. “It was so much fun watching the movie right after we had just been there,” says Leiby.

Of course, the main event for the Iowa visitors was the Solheim Cup in West Des Moines. They attended Wednesday to watch practice rounds and the junior teams competition, then returned Friday.

“We arrived bright and early and got an opportunity to see the ladies practice their putting and caught a few great pictures,” says Leiby. “The golf course was beautiful and the tournament was very organized. It was exciting to see each team approach the 18th hole to complete their round and receive a congratulatory hug from Julie Inkster, the U.S. team captain.”

Florez says the intensity and patriotism of the fans at the Solheim was reminiscent of when she attended the Olympic Soccer Games in Athens, Georgia, in the 1990s.

“There was great pride in the accomplishments of the U.S. golfers, and polite regard for the European’s successes. It was a very different experi-

ence from other tournaments I’ve attended in that this was not about the golf course, but rather about the players and the team spirit,” Florez says.

“Our experience at the Solheim Cup was lovely and everyone from the bus drivers, shop attendants, food service and entrance ticket attendants were so polite and informative,” Jenkins says. “I have been to many PGA and LPGA tournaments and my experience in Iowa was the best, by far.”

Whitaker says she also loved the Solheim competition. “I think Des Moines did a great job setting it up. At first, we thought the bus ride from the parking lot was too long. But really, it was a great location. They had plenty of buses ready and waiting to get us to the gates,” she says.

And Iowans continued to do what they do. “While we were watching the golf, we talked to several people who were

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Top players for 2017 in the Panorama West women's league were, left to right, Kathy Feilmeyer in 10th place; Karen Eby, ninth; Donna Daniels, eighth; Ruth Allen, sixth; Jolene Wright, fifth; Carla Fitzgerald, fourth; Sharon Wedemeyer, third; Paula Hanson, second; and Emily Spradling, first. Not pictured, Laura Preussel, seventh place.

Panorama West Women's League Wraps up 2017 Season

The Panorama West women's golf league wrapped up its 2017 season Tuesday with a four-gal best-shot tournament. John Dinnebier, Lake Panorama National operations director, hit four tee shots for each team on the ninth hole.

The league had 59 members this year, and played 14 weeks. The Tuesday tournament was followed by an awards luncheon in the Panorama West Clubhouse community room, catered by Lake Panorama National.

Following lunch, cash prizes for play throughout the season were distributed based on pars, birdies and chip ins. Donna Smith was recognized as the

"most improved player" for the decrease in her handicap during the season.

The top 10 players in the league received cash awards. They were Emily Spradling in first place; Paula Hanson, second; Sharon Wedemeyer, third; Carla Fitzgerald, fourth; Jolene Wright, fifth; Ruth Allen, sixth; Laura Preussel, seventh; Donna Daniels, eighth; Karen Eby, ninth; and Kathy Feilmeyer, tenth.

Sharon Wedemeyer served as league chair for the past year. Emily Spradling will be league chair in 2018, with Sue Merryman as vice-chair. Paula Hanson will serve as treasurer, and JoAnn Johnson as secretary.



Paula Hanson was presented a fall mum in recognition of her hole-in-one during Panorama West women's league play earlier in the season.

HOLE IN ONE FOR LUKE BARNES, BOB BATSCHELET

Luke Barnes, age 15 from Clive, shot a Hole-in-One at the Par-3 West Golf Course at Lake Panorama in Panora on August 18.

His ace was on the 144-yard Hole No. 7 and he used a 5-iron. Witness was Alan Barnes.

Bob Batschelet of Lake Pan-

orama got a Hole-in-One during the final night of league on Tuesday, August 29 at the Par 3 West Golf Course. He hit his on

the 140-yards Hole No. 1 using a 5-iron. Witnesses were Mitch Kempf, Jerry Pieper, and Bryce Laughlin.

COMMUNITY

Guthrie County Relay for Life nets nearly \$56,884

Team Wichita is top fundraising team

The books are closed for the 2017 Relay for Life of Guthrie County with a final tally of \$56,884 raised for the American Cancer Society. The funds will be used by the American Cancer Society to serve cancer patients and survivors, fighting all cancers, for research, and for advocacy to pass laws to protect us from cancer.

Unfortunately, fundraising was down this year from the 2016 Relay total of \$60,880. The number of teams at the Relay grew from 21 to 24, and those teams raised \$45,779, which is a decrease of almost \$4,000 compared to last year. All teams continued to work hard and have the passion to finish the fight against cancer. For the first year new teams come to Relay to experience it, see what it's all about and it takes time to figure out fundraising that works for them.

Sponsorship continued to remain strong and raised \$11,650.

"A huge thank you to the teams, individuals and businesses who support our mission," said Kim Durst, Senior Community Manager for Relay for Life.

Team Wichita was the top fundraising team with \$12,382. Angels Fore Life raised \$4,100; Breastfriends raised \$5,000; the Betty Smith Family Team contributed \$2,812; and the GC Little Chargers raised \$1,883.

Other teams who were Rising Stars surpassing the \$1,000 mark were Guthrie County Hospital raising \$1,487; Live & Love Life contributed \$1,285 and the Shirley Hall Family raised \$1,000.

"We would like to acknowledge all teams who came out to support our cancer survivors through fundraising. Thank you

to AC Elementary, Beattie Survivors, Brokers International, Casey Crusaders, Charging For A Cure, Givin' Cancer the Boot, Homestead Steppers, Krysty's Krew, Monteith City Council and Steppin For A Pink Cure," Durst said.

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Cancer never sleeps. We are grateful for everyone's tireless efforts to fundraise and finish the fight for everyone who has cancer and all cancers.

"The Relay for Life really is a county-wide community effort, and we can all be proud of every dollar raised," said Becky Peterson, cancer survivor and

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Five Tips for Women Business Owners

Women are an integral part of the workforce, but they have had to overcome many obstacles along the way. Of course, challenges still remain, but women's success in the working world is worth commemorating—which will happen on American Business Women's Day Sept. 22. Are you a woman considering "setting up shop" on your own? If so, here are five tips to consider:

BALANCE YOUR GOALS.

It's possible—perhaps even likely—that your business goals will conflict with your personal financial goals. After all, if you're purchasing new equipment or services for your business, you've got less money—at least for the time being—to put away for your own retirement or your children's education. Hopefully, your investment in your business will pay off in greater income, but, in any case, you will need to balance your personal and professional goals.

CREATE A RETIREMENT PLAN.

As mentioned above, your ability to contribute to a retirement plan may be affected by the amount you put into your business—but that certainly doesn't mean you shouldn't have a retirement plan. In fact, for your future financial security, it's essential that you launch such a plan.

Fortunately, small-business owners have a choice of plans, including an "owner-only" 401(k), SEP-IRA and SIMPLE IRA. Although the various plans have different requirements and contribution limits, they all offer tax-deferred earnings, which means your money has the opportunity to grow faster than if it were placed in a vehicle on which you paid taxes every year. (Taxes are due upon withdrawal, and withdrawals prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.) Plus, your contributions to a retirement plan may be tax deductible.

ARRANGE FOR "BACKUP."

Virtually all working women are familiar with the conflict between their careers and their roles as caregivers. Women are still more likely than men to drop out of the workforce for an extended period of time to care for young children or elderly parents. And your caregiving responsibilities won't end just because you are now a business owner. Consequently, you need to have someone you trust available to step in for you when

your family obligations call you away from work.

DESIGN A SUCCESSION PLAN.

When you want to retire, would you like to keep the business in your family? If so, you'll need to create a succession plan that works for you and whomever you'd like to take control. Such a plan can be complex, so you will need to work with your legal and tax advisors—and you'll want to give yourself plenty of time to work out the details.

BUILD AN EMERGENCY FUND.

Maintaining an adequate cash flow will always be a key task—one that involves your sales, billing cycles, inventory and other elements of your business. One way you can help yourself avoid troubles is to maintain an emergency fund consisting of a few months' worth of your business expenses. You'll want to keep this fund in a liquid, low-risk account.

Running your own business can be extremely rewarding, but it's never going to be an easy road. However, with perseverance and careful planning, you can smooth out some of the bumps along the way—and give yourself reason to celebrate American Business Women's Day.



Dave Grove

SCHOOL

Panorama football stadium receives new flag pole



AMANDA GIRRES | LAKE TIMES

A new flag pole is installed at the Panorama Panthers football stadium on Thursday, September 7. The new pole was made possible by contributions from Jason Clark with Iowa Trenchless and Josh Arganbright with Arganbright Land Improvement. Midwest Vac Professionals, Miller Plumbing, Heating and Electric and employees of the city also assisted with the installation.

By AMANDA GIRRES | Lake Times

When the Panorama Panthers hosted their first home football game on August 25, Jason Clark and Josh Arganbright decided it was time for the stadium to get a new flag pole.

"We were standing over by the concessions and people were like, 'Where's the flag?'" Clark explained. "From over there, (you couldn't see it well). Our flag pole was 15 feet high." Following the building of a new stadium two years ago, Clark said he kept thinking that the school would add a larger flag pole. Without it, he felt that the stadium seemed almost incomplete.

"It didn't take us very long once we decided to do it," said Clark, who explained that the new pole had been expedited from Wisconsin. Work began on Tuesday, September 5 when Midwest Vac Professionals (MVP) dug a five-foot deep hole for the pole. Miller Plumbing, Heating and Electric out of Menlo installed the lighting. On Thursday, September 7, city employees helped install the new flag pole. The entire project from the idea to its completion took just two weeks.

"The location of our flag pole is far enough away from the seating and bleacher area that just the size (of the new one) is just much more attractive," said Panorama Superintendent Shawn Holloway.

The new pole stands at 40 feet tall and features a larger flag, making it easier for people to see it from all parts of the stadium. The new pole was installed and ready for Panorama's second home football game on September 8. Clark, who is the president of Iowa Trench-



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Midwest Vac Professionals (MVP) drills a hole for a new flag pole at the Panorama Panthers football stadium on September 5.

less, provided funding for half of the pole while Arganbright with Arganbright Land Improvement picked up the other half. "Both of those guys, individually and through their businesses, do a nice job of volunteering and doing things for the school," said Holloway. "We appreciate what they do for Panorama and making our district a better place."



AMANDA GIRRES | LAKE TIMES

A flag is raised on the new flag pole installed at the Panorama Panthers football stadium on Thursday, September 7.

Pheasant hunters should expect a repeat of 2016

Iowa DNR

It happens about as often as a total eclipse, but results from the Iowa roadside pheasant survey, conducted during the first two weeks of August, are not lining up with what is being reported from the field and by landowners from around the state. "Survey results indicate a statewide average pheasant population decline of 30 percent and quail population decline of 23 percent, but pheasant brood sightings are up statewide and quail are being reported everywhere in the quail range," said Todd Bogenschutz, upland wildlife biologist for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources who coordinates the survey. So what happened? The lack of dew in Iowa's ditches and fields during the survey timeframe is likely a major factor skewing this year's survey results, he said.

"Most of Iowa was listed as somewhere between being abnormally dry, in a drought or in a severe drought, during the survey. We need heavy dew when we do our surveys because it's the dew that causes the hen to move her brood from the protective cover to the gravel road to dry off before they begin feeding," said Bogenschutz. "We coordinate our routes with that dry-off period. Without the dew, there is no reason for her to expose her chicks." He said major factors influencing annual changes in pheasant numbers are overwinter hen survival, brood survival and nest success. In years when snowfall is less than 30 inches, pheasant survival is good. Warm, dry springs increase nesting success. A mix of the two will nudge the counts one way or the other. Most of Iowa had a below-average winter and a wetter-than-normal spring. Based on those

weather indicators, Iowa should have a stable to a slight decrease in the pheasant population. "During the past 54 years, we've had three years with weather similar to this year, the most recent in 2015, and in two of those years our pheasant population was status quo and one year it increased. This year's results do not agree with these past years with similar weather," he said. "In a nutshell, drought conditions probably lead to a poor survey count in 2017," he said. Bogenschutz said he expects almost a repeat of 2016 pheasant season, where hunters harvested about 250,000 roosters. He said the drought is also

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UPLAND HABITAT TRENDS IN IOWA

Iowa is experiencing a gradual change in its upland habitat. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, between 1990 and 2016, Iowa lost nearly 3,000 square miles of small grains, hay land and land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)—all potential pheasant habitat. "That's equivalent to a strip of habitat 10 miles wide stretching from Omaha to Davenport. With the loss of small grains and hay lands to corn and soybean production, CRP is critical for Iowa pheasants," said Bogenschutz. CRP is a federal farm program. Congress is scheduled to begin discussion on the 2018 Farm Bill this fall.



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A new flag pole is installed at the Panorama Panthers football stadium on Thursday, September 7. The new pole was made possible by contributions from Jason Clark with Iowa Trenchless and Josh Arganbright with Arganbright Land Improvement. Midwest Vac Professionals, Miller Plumbing, Heating and Electric and employees of the city also assisted with the installation.

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The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met July 25, 2017, at 5 p.m., at the Lake Panorama Association Office. Board members present were Larry Babcock, Mary Jane Carothers, Gary Evans, Tom Jeschke, Mindy Larsen Poldberg, Charles Schnack, and Jim Spradling.

LPA Staff present: Danna Krambeer and John Rutledge

Visitors present: Everett Grasty

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

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

Agenda Item 2 – Open Forum. No one was present for open forum.

Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda. Jeschke moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.
Consent agenda to include:
a) LPA General Manager's Report
b) Approval of minutes from 6.27.2017 LPA Board Meeting
c) Acceptance of the 6.30.2017 LPA LPN Consolidated Financial Statements
d) Confirm date and time of next LPA Board Meeting

Agenda Item 4a – LPN, LLC Board of Managers' report. Acceptance of June 20, 2017, LPN, LLC Board of Managers' minutes.

Evans moved to accept the June 20, 2017, LPN, LLC Board of Managers' minutes. Motion seconded, carried

unanimously.

Agenda Item 4b – Offer on Lot 474. The owners of lot 475 would like to purchase lot 474 to be combined to lot 475 for the building of a detached garage. At the recommendation of Rutledge, Spradling moved item to closed session.

Agenda Item 4c – Review of Deer Hunting Rules. The Board of Directors reviewed the deer hunting policy and confirmed the program's primary goal continues to be herd reduction and population management. Board discussed the addition of "no free muzzle loader tags" being added as part of the rules. Rutledge did not expect this to negatively impact the program, as very few have been requested over the years. The bulk of hunting is completed by bow hunting in October and November.

Jeschke asked why there is a limit of only two guests registered per member. Rutledge explained the two guest policy was implemented following a meeting with hunters several years ago. Hunters suggested there was too much hunting pressure in some areas, which was reducing their ability to harvest antlerless deer. Rutledge stated the current policy was implemented to address the hunters' concern and he believes it has worked well for several years. Jeschke suggested the option of allowing unlimited guest registrations, with only two guests allowed to hunt with a member at any given time. Spradling noted the impact of any changes could be reviewed by the board before the 2018-19 hunting season, to ensure these did not have unintended consequences.

Schnack moved to change the current Deer Hunting Policy to state members may register an unlimited number of guests, with only two guests allowed to hunt with

the member at any time and to add language clarifying no free muzzle loader tags will be distributed. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 – Old Business – Boulder Beach Wall. Discussion on the type of wall that should be used for the retaining wall at Boulder Beach, with both poured concrete and a block wall being reviewed. Rutledge to research the cost and durability of the two alternatives and move forward.

An energy audit of the LPN Conference Center has been completed. Jeschke asked how results are going to be implemented. The audit was shared with the LPN Board of Managers and will be incorporated with the capital and operational budgets for 2018.

Agenda Item 6 – Other Business – LPA Strategic Planning – Spradling passed out information regarding goal statements for the board and asked the board to bring information to the August meeting for discussion. A member survey will be conducted in the fall.

Agenda Item 7 – Closed Session. The Board entered closed session at 5:40 p.m. to discuss legal matters and exited closed session at 6:15 p.m.

Poldberg moved to approve counter offer on lot 474, as discussed in closed session. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Danna Krambeer,
Recording Secretary

Mindy Larsen Poldberg,
Board Secretary

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Fall is a great time to catch fish

Iowa DNR

Fall is a great time to be outdoors with family and friends. The air is cool, the views are picturesque, lakes are less crowded and the fish are easy to catch.

"Fall fishing is one of Iowa's best kept secrets," said Joe Larscheid, chief of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Fisheries Bureau. "Fantastic fishing opportunities await both new and expert anglers. Get out and enjoy them."

Cooler temperatures and shorter daylight times trigger fish to actively search for food to build energy reserves to survive the long winter. These predictable movements make them easier to find.

"Yellow perch, muskies,

crappies, walleyes, largemouth and smallmouth bass go on a feeding frenzy before winter," explained Larscheid.

The fall bite in lakes and ponds shifts to the main part of the day. Fish are more active during the day and will be close to shore. Target areas of a lake where the water is warmer, mostly in shallow water bays along the north shore.

"Use live bait, particularly minnows, small tackle and fish slowly when fishing in cooler water," Larscheid said.

Look for panfish schools in open water near structure like a brush pile, underwater hump, drop-offs and rock reefs. Largemouth bass will be close to some type of structure during the fall like underwater brush piles, old road beds, rock

reeks or weed lines. Quickly find fish structure locations with the online fishing atlas or download structure location maps from the DNR's Where to Fish website.

Fish in streams start to move to their wintering areas in October. Stream flow is often lower in the fall; allowing better angler access. Channel catfish will move downstream from smaller streams to the deepest holes they can find in larger streams. Walleyes will move to the next deepest holes and pike to the next deepest.

Find tips for catching yellow perch, crappie, walleye, bass and catfish on the DNR website at www.iowadnr.gov/fishing. Check the weekly fishing report to find out what is biting where.

Iowa hunters encouraged to keep food safety in mind this hunting season

Iowa DNR

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Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey and Chuck Gipp, director of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, are encouraging Iowa hunters to follow proper field-dressing and handling procedures this hunting season to ensure they are able to enjoy safe and high-quality meat.

"The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship oversee the local locker plants that provide processing for many hunters throughout the season. Following best practices in the field can help make sure you are able to enjoy safe, high-quality meat," Northey said.

"Iowans look forward to hunting each year and the sport continues to gain great traction," said Gipp. "We hope that hunters will heed these practices to ensure safety and enhance quality of their game."

Best practices:
Plan ahead – If a hunter is planning to take a deer or other game to a locker or other facility for processing, it is recommended they call or talk to the processor beforehand to ask how they prefer to receive the meat. Many processors prefer to receive the whole, hide-on, field-dressed carcass as the hide protects the meat during transport. Hunters should take their deer to the locker as soon

as reasonably possible for best safety and quality.

Act quickly – It is important to field-dress game promptly after harvest, ideally within a half-hour. A game animal's body begins to decompose within one to two hours of death, especially if temperatures are unseasonably warm (above 40 degrees).

Proper equipment – Wear disposable gloves and use clean knives and utensils, both to keep the meat clean and to protect you from the animal's blood. (There are several illnesses which hunters can acquire from the blood of an infected game animal).

Proper containers – If you will be boning out the carcass yourself, be sure to use food-safe containers to store or transport the meat. Clear plastic, "zipper-lock" style bags (found in the food-storage section of most grocery stores) are food-safe, available in large sizes, and will not leech chemicals or cause off-odors or flavors. Do NOT use plastic garbage bags or other containers not designed and approved for food-storage to store your meat. Plastic garbage bags are NOT food-safe and may have been treated with scents, deodorants, or other compounds meant to reduce odors and discourage pests.

These compounds can leech into your meat and cause off odors, off flavors, or safety issues. Processors are well within their rights to refuse game meat delivered in unsafe containers.

Disposal – Iowa law allows lawfully taken game carcasses and waste from home meat processing to be disposed with other residential waste, although your solid waste hauler may have some restrictions regarding the maximum size or weight of an individual bag. The waste should be sealed in plastic bags in lots that are similar in size and weight to a typical bag of residential waste.

No Dumping – Dumping a game carcass in a road ditch or on other public property creates a nuisance and is subject to enforcement under Iowa's littering laws.



SUSAN THOMPSON | LAKE TIMES

A trip to see the covered bridges in Madison County was a highlight, followed by an evening watching the Bridges of Madison County movie. Pictured are Leigh Florez, Pattie Jenkins and Lisa Leiby.

VISITORS

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local and were members of the Des Moines Golf and Country Club," Whitaker says. "Everyone we talked to was so friendly."

Lake Panorama may not have seen the last of these travelers. "I would love to come back to Iowa again, and I think my husband would enjoy it," Jenkins says. "I didn't realize how many golf courses you have there."

Leiby says she also hopes to visit with her husband someday. "I think he would really enjoy the challenging golf course, the beauty of the lake and beach, and the friendly people. And I would love to show him The Bridges of Madison County."

"I can't say enough about the friendly people of Iowa," Leiby continues. "From the front desk staff at Clover Ridge, to the owner

of PJ's Grill in Panora, and the staff at the Hy-Vee Pavilion at the Solheim Cup, we were always greeted with a smile and they wanted to know where we were from and what our plans were during our stay."

The next Solheim Cup in 2019 will be in Scotland. Shortly after that, attention will turn to the 2021 competition in Toledo, Ohio. All four of these recent Iowa visitors are already thinking the same thing – "Road Trip!"



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likely responsible for fewer quail counted.

"I've been hearing from land-owners and field staff who reported numerous males calling this spring, which indicates good winter survival. If a person has ever thought about hunting quail, they should head to southern Iowa this fall. This could be the best quail hunting we've had in nearly 30 years," Bogenschutz said.

The complete August roadside survey can be found at www.iowadnr.gov/pheasant-survey.

RELAY

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co-chair of the event leadership team for the past four years.

Planning will begin soon for the 2018 Relay for Life, slated for Friday, June 15 and location is yet to be determined. It might be time for a change to the Relay event. More information to come.

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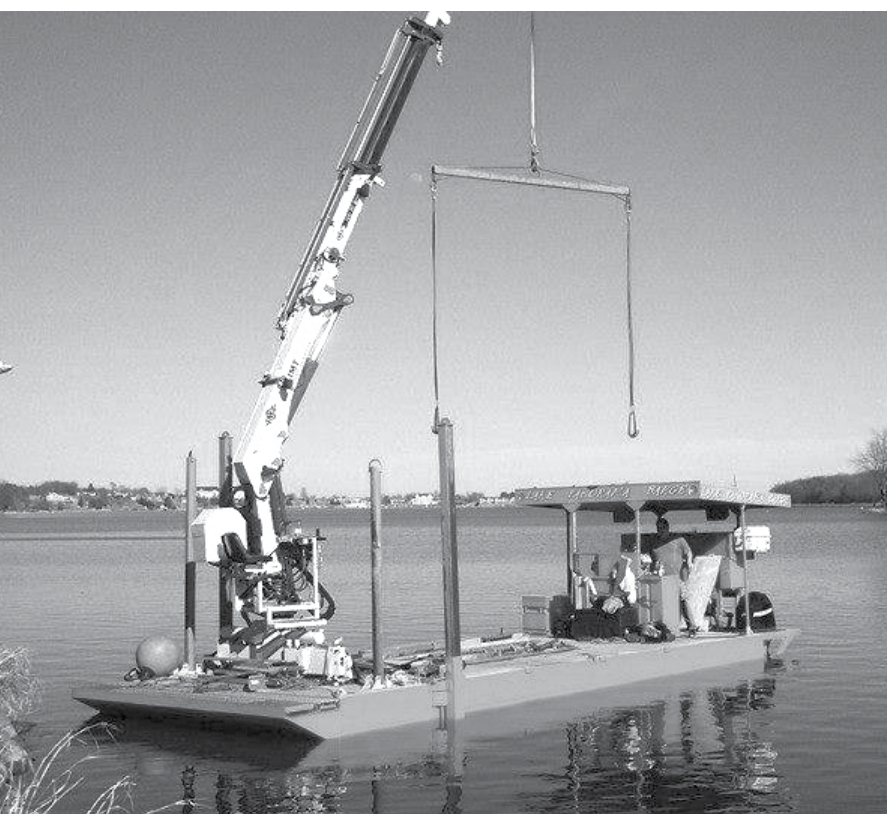
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