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Sports Courts Construction to begin this fall

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**
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After a year of successful fundraising, the construction of new sports courts at Boulder Beach is expected to get underway this September.

In September 2016, the Friends of Lake Panorama board voted to raise funds for new sports courts, if the Lake Panorama Association board would commit matching funds in advance.

At its October 2016 meeting, the LPA board voted to commit \$50,000, contingent upon Friends raising \$50,000.

The total cost of the planned project has always been \$150,000, but the Friends board had set its initial goal at \$100,000. The thinking was it could take two years to raise the full amount, but perhaps the tennis and pickleball courts could be built first, with the basketball court at a later time.

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Panorama Days to be ‘Picture Perfect’

By **ASHLEY SCHABLE**
Lake Times staff

Panora will be packed with events and activities in August for the community’s annual Panorama Days celebration.

The celebration held August 4, 5 and 6 takes place all around Town Square and the Gazebo along Main Street in Panora, and has several events at Lake Panorama.

Chaille Crandall, who organizes the celebration, says this year is sure to be another success.

“We have some new events and have made changes to a few events in order to make them even better,” Crandall said.

One of those changes is a 5K Fun Run being organized this year by Sandy Leiferman and Trudy Hastings that will be contested on Friday night. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Guthrie County Historical Village with the race beginning at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 for individual racers or \$60 for a family of four competing.

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LPA General Manager provides updates, answers questions

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**
Lake Times staff

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

Rutledge reviewed the number of boat stickers sold for 2017. There was a significant increase in the number of non-motorized vessels — kayaks, paddleboards, canoes — with 780 stickers sold. These types of vessels previously were lumped into the under-10-horsepower category. For 2017, the LPA board approved a new category for non-motorized vessels, with stickers costing just \$10.

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LAKE PANORAMA COUPLE TAKES IN SIGHTS OF HAVANA



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A view of downtown Havana taken from the fort built on a rocky point near the city’s harbor.

By **SUSAN THOMPSON** | *Lake Times staff*

For decades, travelling from the United States to Cuba has been a complicated endeavor. In December 2014, President Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro announced the two countries would normalize relations after more than 50 years. This led to U.S. citizens being allowed to visit Cuba without special permits, although most still must go on a supervised group tour.

Darwin and Janet Luing have lived full-time at Lake Panorama since 2006. While a trip to Cuba may have been on the bucket list of many travelers, that wasn’t the case with the Luings.

The couple has been friends with Dave and Anne Noah of Des Moines since they all were students at Drake University in the 1960s. They’ve traveled together before, so when the Noahs decided to take a four-day cruise to Cuba, they invited the Luings to join them.

Their cruise ship departed from Miami June 19, and made the 90-mile trip while passengers slept, arriving in Havana at sunrise.

“It’s not a big port compared to some where you see several cruise ships,” says Janet. “The Havana port only has room for two ships to be docked at the same time. There was already another cruise ship there when we arrived.”

Some guided tours were available to cruise ship passengers. The Luings and their travel companions chose an afternoon tour for the first day, and spent the rest of their two days in Havana exploring on their own.

Cuba’s population is 11 million, with 2.1 million of those in Havana. The two Iowa couples spent their first morning and second day walking the narrow streets of the nation’s capital city. “You would see buildings that are nicely painted, right next to buildings that were in bad shape,” Janet says. “The streets weren’t littered, but everything was very old.”

“It’s pretty ‘third world’ because of Cuba’s government-run society,” Darwin says. “You can tell most of the nicer businesses are government-owned. The police force was very visible and there are lots of government jobs.”

Vintage American-made cars are used as taxis. “Those are cars that were already there before the Castro revolution,” Darwin says. “We were told Havana in the 1950s was a pretty nice, fancy place.”

After Fidel Castro came to power in 1959 and nationalized all U.S. businesses on the island, President Dwight Eisenhower blocked nearly all trade between the two countries. That meant for decades it was illegal to purchase Cuban cigars to take back to the United States, and



Janet and Darwin Luing spent two days exploring Havana, Cuba, using the cruise ship behind them as their home base.

is one restriction eased during the Obama administration.

During their first morning in Havana, the couples were approached by a woman who asked if they wanted Cuban cigars. Their friend said he did, so she had them follow her to an old building, and through a gate. They had to wait behind a locked door for a bit, then were ushered into a room where color-

ful boxes of cigars were displayed and could be purchased.

Despite the clandestine description of the cigar purchase, the Luings said they always felt safe and welcome. “The people are very friendly, very nice,” Janet says. “There are lots of beautiful flowers and landscaping, and many of

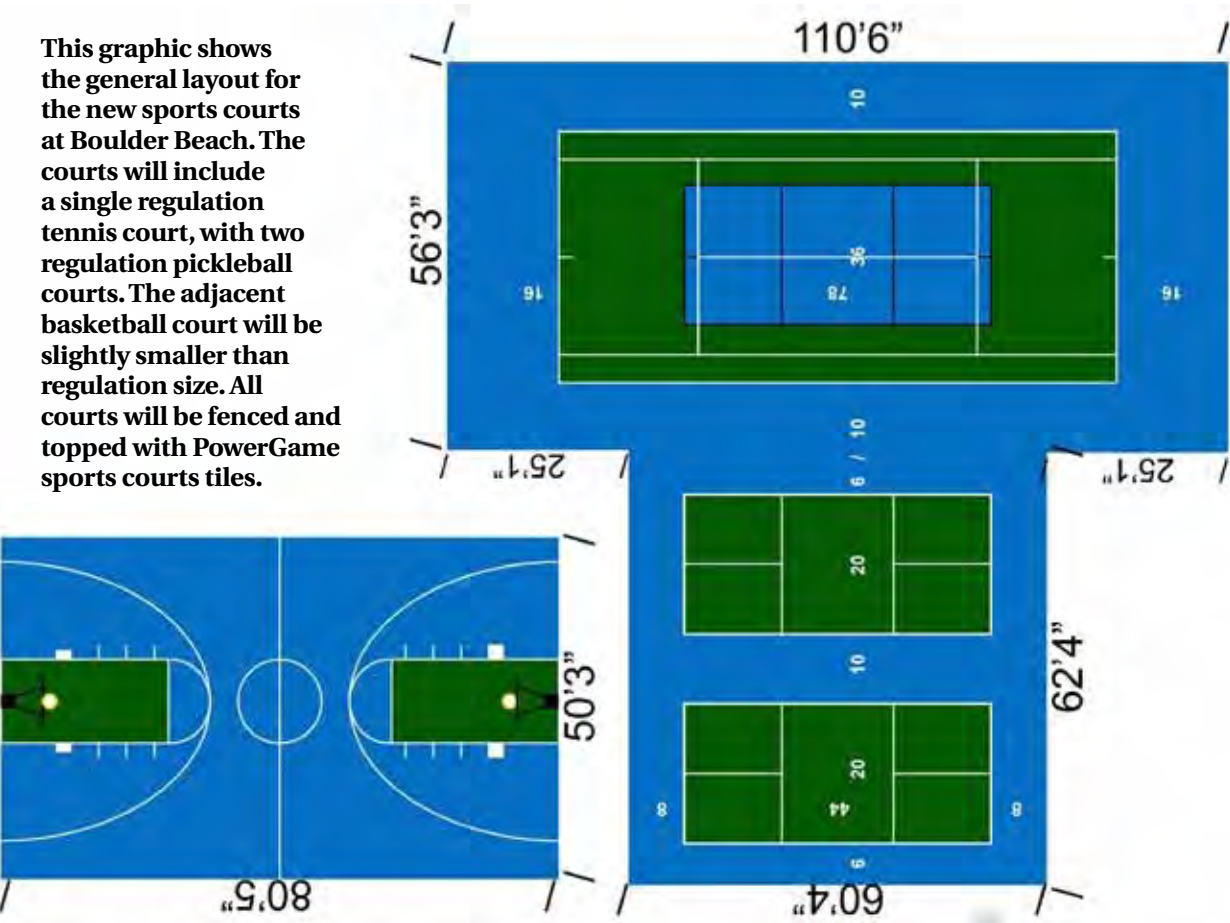
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This graphic shows the general layout for the new sports courts at Boulder Beach. The courts will include a single regulation tennis court, with two regulation pickleball courts. The adjacent basketball court will be slightly smaller than regulation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



COURTS

FROM PAGE 1

The fundraising campaign kicked off in November 2016. The Friends' mailbox was filled with good news throughout December and the first two weeks of 2017. During that six-week period, \$17,000 was received. That money added to the \$8,000 donated in 2014 for an earlier sports courts proposal put the charity halfway to its first fundraising goal. Donations continued to come in during the spring, and totaled \$32,000 by the time the Friends of Lake Panorama Beach Ball was held May 6. The Beach Ball raised nearly \$20,000, and pushed fundraising past its initial \$50,000 goal. That triggered a donation that was pledged last December. A \$1,000 check was accompanied by a note from donors who at the time

asked to remain anonymous. It read: "Since basketball has been a big part of our family over the years, if you hit your \$100,000 goal, we'll donate the \$25,000 for the basketball court. Good luck!" That donation now has been received, and the donors have agreed to be identified. They are Mark and Karen Einck of Perry, who also own a home on Lake Panorama's main basin. With \$75,000 now in hand, the final funding piece occurred when the LPA board voted in May to match what Friends had raised, and proceed this year with the full \$150,000 project. At its June meeting, the LPA board voted to accept a recommendation from the Friends board to modify the original project. Instead of two tennis courts marked with pickleball lines, there will be a single tennis court with two adjacent pickleball courts. The result is

three courts on a concrete slab that is smaller than the original layout with just two courts. This cost savings makes it possible to install the PowerGame sports surface on all courts, including the separate basketball court, plus fence all the courts. For now, pickleball lines won't be painted on the tennis court, so it can be used exclusively for tennis. If demand is strong in the future for an additional pickleball area, and the tennis court is open much of the time, lines can be added. LPA staff is managing the project in consultation with Friends of Lake Panorama. The location will be just south of the road leading into Boulder Beach, and east of the restrooms. A concrete vendor has been chosen, and will notify the LPA as soon as its know when workers

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Q&A: Brad Halterman, LPA project manager

UPDATE FROM LPA PROJECT MANAGER

By **SUSAN THOMPSON**
Lake Times staff

Summer is the busiest season for Lake Panorama Association (LPA) staff. In this month's Q&A, Brad Halterman, LPA project manager, provides an update on what's keeping him busy this summer.

Q: You've been on the LPA staff for a year. What have you enjoyed the most in the past year?

A: I have really enjoyed all the new people I have met and had the opportunity to work with. All of the LPA staff members are wonderful people both personally and professionally. I am blessed to work with them all, and LPA members are fortunate to have them working with and for them. I have equally enjoyed meeting and working with LPA members. I continue to be impressed at

what can be accomplished when we work together on issues. When we all listen to each other and are willing to work things out, great things happen.

Q: You're responsible for coordinating the LPA communications efforts. How important do you feel communication is for the relationship between the LPA and its members?

A: Communication is very important in all aspects of the community. I wholeheartedly believe the communication pieces we provide are very important for the LPA. These continue to be a great way for members to know what is going on and to be aware of issues that come up.

The weekly Panorama Prompt and quarterly Panorama Post are the main sources of communication

with LPA members, and providing accurate and timely information is critical. In the Prompt, I hope to start adding a little more about activities going on in Guthrie County and the surrounding area without sacrificing LPA information. For the Post, my goal is to get as much important information as possible into the six-page newsletter. And to find a balance between just enough to keep members informed, and too much so people stop reading.

I'm also responsible for the LPA website, Facebook page, and other electronic and printed forms of communication for the LPA membership, board of directors and staff. The website has a lot of useful information for both members and potential members, so we want it to be as user-friendly as possible. To that end, we're going to take a look at it over the winter and evaluate opportunities for enhancement and improvement. Our Facebook page is something we can use to communicate quickly and more informally. We can post a picture or some bit of information and reach thousands of people in a 24-hour period.

Q: Your title is LPA project manager. Give us an overview of other responsibilities that job title entails.

A: There are many



responsibilities to this job. I'm asked to recommend, plan, organize and implement projects that lead to improvement and enhancement of LPA property, operations, and the overall association. I serve as liaison between the LPA and the Friends of the Lake Panorama nonprofit group, as well as liaison for all ongoing Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) projects. I'm asked to research, evaluate, propose and make recommendations for projects and programs, including doing cost/benefit or other required analysis. I also review and recommend revisions in LPA rules, policies and procedures, and am a member of the Lake Panorama Onsite Waste Management committee.

Q: Tell us about the two wetlands being built on Lake Panorama's east side.

A: I have really enjoyed working on the wetland projects. The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) was specifically designed for nitrate removal while also improving habitat for wildlife. CREP projects strategically restore wetlands in locations that receive significant shallow subsurface drainage.

The Helen's Cove CREP wetland construction is 99.9 percent finished. There is a little more riprap to be placed to secure a bank, and

then the construction end of things will be completed. The vegetation will fill in as time goes on. The native grasses that were seeded will take a couple years to fully present themselves. This first year they are establishing their extensive root system so all the growing is underground. In the next couple of years, these will establish above ground. The brome grass is coming along nicely. The different water vegetation also will fill in as Mother Nature allows.

The Helen's Cove wetland has a fore bay, which slows water down and lets sediment settle down before reaching the actual wetland or further down, Lake Panorama itself. This fore bay is constructed so the silt can be excavated out when needed. Excavation will renew the fore bay, which will add years to the wetland itself.

Construction continues on the Hughes Cove CREP wetland. This project involves the construction of 23 acres of wetland plus cool season grasses and native grasses. The wetland will be a shallow water wetland with a control structure above a plunge pool, which will route water back into a creek leading into Lake Panorama at Hughes Cove. The native grass areas will be seeded with a mix of 13 species of native grasses and 18 species of native wildflowers. This project is a combination of a dam, sediment filtration area and wildlife habitat.

Both of these wetlands will trap nitrogen and other nutrients, plus stop some sediment from being carried into the lake. These projects take advantage of priority federal funding geared to reduce nitrates and siltation in the Mississippi Valley. The LPA cooperates with RIZ, which allows both organizations to do their part protecting the lake.

Q: What are some other projects you've been involved in, or continue to work on?

A: There are several projects going on right now. Installation of a net at the LPN driving range to protect the condos, construction of sports courts at the Boulder Beach area, the Hughes Cove CREP, and a new boat storage building. The last 12 months have been very busy with planning on these projects, plus the completion of the Helen's Cove CREP, the Sunset Beach playground, and the rain garden at Panorama West.

Q: Tell us about the weekly beach water quality testing.

A: Beach water quality testing begins in late May each year and goes into the first week of September. Samples are taken from Boulder, Shady and Sunset beaches. Testing is for coliform bacteria, which is an indicator of possible animal waste contamination. The samples are taken using methods recommended by the Iowa Hygienic Laboratory, and are the same used at state park beaches. Samples are sent to the lab in Ankeny for analysis, and testing results are usually available each Friday.

Beach testing results are reported in the number of bacteria colonies per a 100 milliliter water sample. If samples have 235 or more colonies of bacteria per sample, the beach is posted with "swimming not recommended" signs and results are posted in the shelters.

To receive weekly beach testing results via email, log into the LPA website, click on "my profile" and when your profile appears, click on the "subscriptions" tab at the top. Then select "beach water quality reports" and scroll down to click on "save changes." The results also are available on the LPA website by clicking on "Beach Water Quality" in the vertical menu on the home page.

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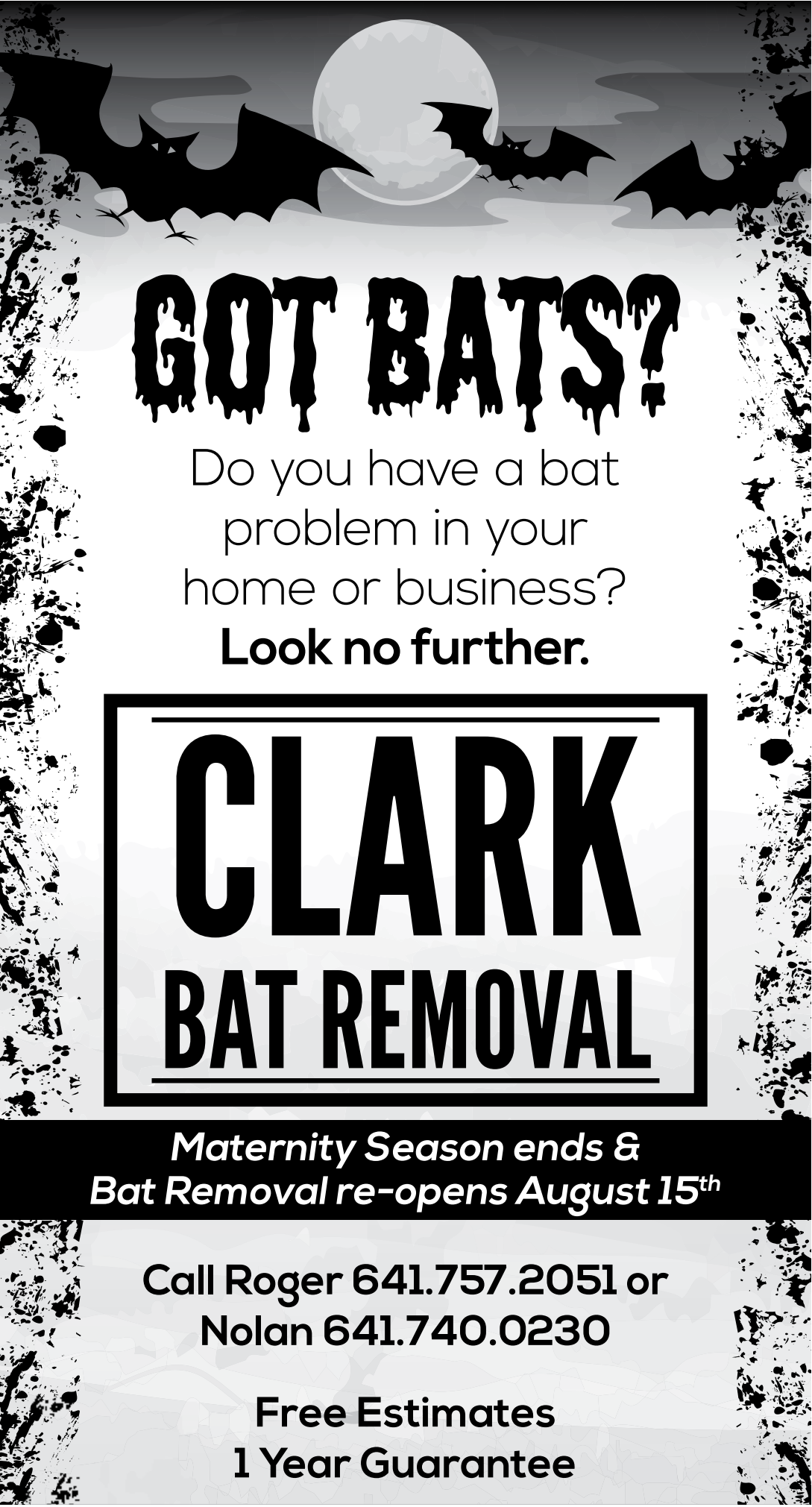
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MORE THAN 600 SUPPORTERS ATTEND TORI’S ANGELS BREAKFAST

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Friends and supporters of Tori’s Angels Foundation showed up by the hundreds at their annual breakfast and silent auction on Sunday. An estimated 600 people came to show their support for the foundation’s five honored Guthrie County sponsored children: Tori Heckman, Samuel Beal, Emma Reinhart, Emma King, and Morgan Sheeder—as well as other Tori’s Angels sponsored children. At one point during the morning, there was a line of supporters patiently waiting down the center aisle of the community center in Panora. Attendees were extremely generous with their donations for the free-will breakfast and donated over 125 silent auction items, making the event the top 5 fundraiser for the foundation. Family members of 12 of the foundation’s sponsored children were able to attend. Tori’s Angels raises funds to help the families of their supported children who have life-threatening medical conditions. The foundation pays all medical expenses not covered by insurance from the date of sponsorship. This includes travel expenses to treatment (airfare, hotel, meals), as well as medical co-pays, deductibles, and

prescription medicine. The foundation now supports 23 children in Central Iowa, having sponsored a total of 29 children since 2010. Tori’s Angels wishes to sincerely thank everyone who made this event so successful—from hard-working volunteers to each donor. They are grateful for the outpouring of support. An unusual Tori’s Angels benefit is coming up on Saturday, July 22, in Grimes. Families needing sports physicals for their children are invited to attend the Tori’s Angels event on Saturday at the Grimes Community Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nurse practitioners from the Ankeny Walk-in Clinic will provide sports physicals for all ages for a free-will offering. The free-will offering lunch will include walking tacos, hot dogs, chips, bars, and lemonade. The silent auction will feature a variety of valuable and interesting items. The silent auction will end at 1:30 p.m. Those who wish to donate to help Tori’s Angels children are invited to send donations to the foundation’s chairman, Bill Ridgley, at 4677 Panorama Dr, Panora IA 50216. An online donation option is located on the Tori’s Angels Facebook page. Supporters can “Like” the Tori’s



Community members pack inside of the Panora Community Center to support the Tori’s Angels breakfast fundraiser .

Angels Facebook page to receive regular updates on the children. For more information about Tori’s Angels or to request an application for support, contact the foundation’s chairman, Bill Ridgley, at bridgley@netins.net or 712-249-6423.



Community members bid on silent auction items at the Tori’s Angels breakfast fundraiser on July 16.



Members of Tori’s Angels sell t-shirts at the foundation’s breakfast fundraiser on July 16.



Tori’s Angels namesake Tori Heckman poses in front of the donation table at the foundation’s breakfast fundraiser on July 16.

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10 SQUARED WOMEN ON A MISSION OF GUTHRIE COUNTY CONTINUES TO GIVE



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10 Squared Women on a Mission of Guthrie County presented a check area school's Backpack Programs. Pictured are (from left) Diane Flanery, Guthrie Center Elementary; Dr. David Arnold, West Central Valley; Stacy Muench, Coon Rapids-Bayard; Liz Ratcliff, Panorama Elementary; Peg Snyder, Adair-Casey; and Lesley Halsey, who along with Flanery nominated the program for the donation.

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The 10 Squared Women on a Mission of Guthrie County recently donated \$11,050 to the Guthrie County Backpack Program, spreading their donation among programs within five school districts as members were able to chose which school their donation would go to.

Adair-Casey received \$1,300, Panorama \$2,800, Guthrie Center \$3,950, West Central Valley \$1,400, and Coon Rapids-Bayard \$1,600.

Guthrie Center elementary principal Diane Flanery and Lesley Halsey of Guthrie Center, nominated the Backpack Program, a free service that provides elementary aged kids with nutritious food on the weekends,

during the last quarterly meeting of the group. The food is discreetly placed in the student's backpack before they leave for the day on Friday. Anyone who would benefit from this program can contact Rhonda Huggins at New Opportunities at 641-747-3845.

The 10 Squared Women on a Mission of Guthrie County is a group of 100-plus women who

meet once a quarter. Each member has the ability to nominate a charity or cause serving Guthrie County residents, although it is not a requirement to nominate a charity. Twenty charities/causes have been nominated.

Each quarter the group of women randomly select three of the organizations that have been nominated and give them an opportunity to present why their group needs funding. The members then place a secret vote and the organization with the most votes receives the donation. Each member gives \$100, which totals \$10,000 each quarter. The most recent meeting was held Thursday, June 16 at the Lake Panorama National Resort and Conference Center

and the three organizations that were pulled out of the hat to present at the meeting were the Guthrie County Historical Village, New Opportunities, and the Guthrie County Backpack Program.

Guthrie County Helping Hands, a local branch of the Heart of Iowa Habitat for Humanity, was the first recipient of a 10 Squared Women of Guthrie County donation, receiving \$9,900.

For more information on 10 Squared Women on a Mission of Guthrie County, check out their Facebook page:

<https://m.facebook.com/10squaredwomengc/> or send an email to 10squaredgc@gmail.com.

Friends of Lake Panorama seeks input on estate gift

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 the Panorama West golf course. James and Joyce McLuen both died in 2016. In April, it was announced seven groups would receive bequests from the McLuen estate.

The largest gift, 30 percent of the estate, will go to the Drake University College of Pharmacy for student scholarships. Twenty percent will go to Friends of Lake Panorama, and be used according to the McLuen will for "upkeep, beautification or expansion" of the Panorama West golf course.

Other local beneficiaries are the Panorama Volunteer Fire Department, Panorama EMS, Panorama Library, Panorama United Methodist Church and Panorama P.E.T.S.

The final amounts of the seven bequests aren't yet known. It's anticipated distributions will be made in late July or early August.

The McLuens were some of the first homesteaders at the lake, having purchased a lot before there was water. Their home was located near Sunset Beach, and they enjoyed boating, fishing and golfing.

The Friends of Lake Panorama board has developed a plan to gather input on how the estate gift should be used. A suggestion box is being placed in the Panorama West pro shop. Golf leagues at the Panorama West course are being asked to hold informal meetings to

discuss options, and jointly develop a list of ideas. Suggestions can be emailed at any time to staff@friendsoflakepanorama.org.

A meeting to gather input is scheduled for Monday, September 11, at 6 p.m. in the Panorama West community room. Those interested in speaking will be asked to sign-in when they arrive, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

Information about the bequest will be shared, then speakers will be called in the order they signed in. Ideas presented at this meeting will be combined with other input. A task force made up of representatives from the Friends of Lake Panorama board of directors and the Lake Panorama National board of managers will review all input, and make recommendations to the LPA board of directors for final approval.

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

Joyce attended Drake University in the early 1950s, then worked for the Department of Natural Resources. James 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 named it McLuen Drug.

RRVT crossings near Yale will have construction

Beginning the week of July 24, 2017, work will begin on Raccoon River Valley Trail secondary road crossings between Yale and State Highway 141. When construction takes place, secondary road crossings including 150th Street, 140th Street, and 130th Street, will be closed at the junction of the Raccoon

River Valley Trail. Construction should take less than a week to complete each crossing, weather permitting.

Trail users will have to walk their bikes around the construction area as they use the trail. For more information, contact the Guthrie County Conservation Board office at 641-755-3061.

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LUING
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the buildings are painted bright pastel colors.”

Direct purchases also can be made in various open-air markets, where handmade jewelry and other craft items were available. The tour company encouraged cruise ship patrons to exchange dollars for the Cuban peso in advance, which the Luings did. But those selling items in the flea markets would bargain and negotiate, and were happy to take American dollars.

The afternoon tour included a bus ride through a tunnel that crossed under the bay to a large fort. Officially called the Castillo de los Tres Reyes del Morro, it was built by the Spanish beginning in 1589 and completed in 1640. It is built on a rocky point near the mouth of the bay area, with 12 large cannons on the harbor side of the port. A lighthouse was added during the 19th century.

The fort now is a museum, and houses some government-owned businesses. One was a room where Cuban cigars were being rolled, with a framed photo of Vladimir Putin, the president of Russia, on display.

Another tour stop was El Capitolio, which was built in 1929 to look like a replica of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. In the past, the building housed the parliament, as well as a few museums.



Vintage American-made cars are painted in bright colors and used as taxis. These cars were on the island before the Castro revolution in 1959.

It’s been undergoing renovations for a few years.

Revolution Square, the political and administrative center of Havana, was another tour stop. The group also toured the Colon Cemetery, named for Christopher Columbus. The 140-acre cemetery is noted for its many elaborately sculpted memorials and 500 major mausoleums.

The guide on the group’s tour bus was a government employee, and also a teacher. “It seemed a lot of people with jobs also did something else,” Janet says. “It was really interesting being there, and seeing how the people live.”

The cruise ship served as home base for the Luings. Darwin says if given the chance, he would go again and next time rent a taxi to explore other parts of Cuba. “We were told about a fancy European resort area on the other

side of the island, and I’d like to go there. But I would only come on a cruise, so we could sleep and eat on the ship,” he said.

While the Luings say they don’t have a travel bucket list, they’ve got a history of international trips, including a South American cruise that included stops in Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina and a visit to China. Their next big trip will be in early October from Montreal to Quebec and Nova Scotia, ending in New York.



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Revolution Square is the political and administrative center of Havana. This image of revolutionary guerrilla fighter Camilo Cienfuegos is on the front of the Ministry of Informatics and Communications building. The legend says: “Vas bien, Fidel,” which translates to “You’re doing fine, Fidel.”



El Capitolio was built in 1929 to look like a replica of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. In the past, the building housed the parliament, as well as a few museums. It’s now under renovation.



Most of the streets of Havana are very narrow, with not enough space for two cars to pass at the same time.



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Midwest Partnership to launch small business visit blitz in Panora

The Midwest Partnership Economic Development Corporation (MWP) is collaborating with the University of Northern Iowa's Business & Community Services (UNI) to pilot a new approach for expressing the region's appreciation for small business owners while also identifying opportunities to help businesses succeed. The Panora Small Business Visit Blitz, July 25-26, is an extension of MWP's existing business retention and expansion efforts and UNI's Regional Entrepreneurship Project (REP). The Blitz will involve MWP staff, volunteers, and UNI team members dropping by small to mid-sized business to thank business owners for their dedication, effort, investment and contribution to the Panora area economy. Sarah Gomez, Executive Director of Midwest Partnership, explains that small businesses are the foundation of the regions' jobs and economic wellbeing. "Our business owners spend sleepless nights and shed blood, sweat and tears to start, operate and grow their businesses," said Gomez. "The Blitz is our effort to learn about these businesses and what makes them successful." The Blitz will involve volunteers dropping by businesses July 25-26 to share a brief thank

you and asking owners to complete a survey. Business retention and expansion (BRE) surveys are used as a tool for economic development all across the state, including Midwest Partnership's four county region of Guthrie, Adair, Audubon, and Greene Counties. Typically focused on medium to large companies or leading employers, most BRE surveys are designed to identify the red flags, growth opportunities, and community issues affecting businesses in the targeted area. Regional and statewide service providers then rally around the needs of individual businesses. Andrew Conrad, Director of UNI's Institute for Decision Making, notes that small businesses, retail establishments and start-ups are seldom included in economic development BRE efforts due to the sheer number of businesses and the capacity of organizations and volunteers. "Midwest Partnership's Blitz in Panora is a unique approach to including smaller, locally owned businesses in the BRE process. Once specific needs are identified through the survey, Midwest Partnership will team up with small business development centers, community colleges, utility providers, the City

of Panora, universities and other partners to provide individual assistance," said Conrad. "Additionally, common issues affecting businesses in an area can potentially be identified and then addressed as a whole through this process." A successful pilot program in Panora would lend to additional visits throughout the MWP region, Region 1 in UNI's REP, as well as replicated in other regions across the state. In addition to participating in the survey, all Panora business owners are invited to attend the Blitz's special Profit and Marketing Mastery Dinner and Workshop on July 26, from 3:00-7:30 p.m. at the Lake Panorama Conference Center. This free event will be hosted by UNI's Center for Business Growth and Innovation and Midwest Partnership as part of the Regional Entrepreneurship Project. Attendees will benefit from advancing their financial literacy, proven strategies for boosting their bottom line and strategies for implementing effective marketing and promotion in the coming year. For more information about Panora's Small Business Visit Blitz contact Lynsi Pasutti at lpasutti@midwestpartnership.com.

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will be onsite. Then some site preparation work will be done by LPA staff. Friends of Lake Panorama continues to solicit donations 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 near the courts. Donations can be made in someone's memory or in honor of someone. Checks can be mailed to PO Box 488, Panora, Iowa, 50216. Donations also can be accepted electronically on the website at www.friendsoflakepanora.org.

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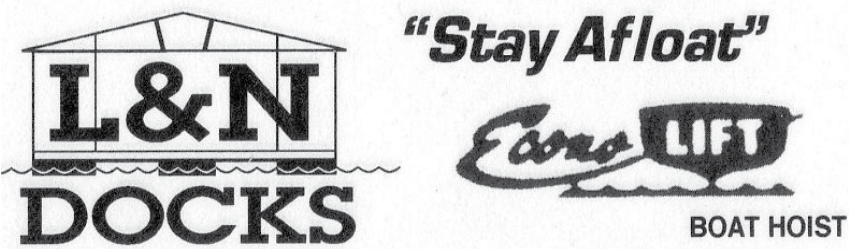
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GOLF



Will Babcock

Babcock earns Player of the Year honor by IHSGCA

Lake Times staff

Panorama senior Will Babcock was named the Class 2-A Player of the Year when the Iowa High School Golf Coaches Association recently released their Spring 2017 Players and Coaches of the Year in all classes.

Babcock drew the same honor as a sophomore for the Panthers.

Babcock was part of four strong years with the Panorama boys golf program as the team finished fourth, first, first and third at the state meet during his prep career. During his four years the team's record was 280-19.

Babcock set three records this year including nine-hole totals of 36 on a par 34 course and 37 (tie with Justin Smool) on a par 37 course and an 18-hole total of 142 on a par 144 course. Babcock, who was medalist in eight meets, had the Panther's low stroke average of 37.04 for nine holes. He plans to continue his golf career at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids next year.

Following are the Player of the Year Recipients:

Boys 1A - Chris Cookley (East Buchanan) and Kaleb Smith (Winnfield Mt. Union)

Boys 2A - Will Babcock (Panorama) and Carter Stockard (Hampton)

Boys 3A - Tommy Doyle (Gilbert)

Girls 1A - Casey Noble (New London)

Class 2A - Annika Patton (Alta-Aurelia)

Girls 3A - Emily Snelling (Clear Lake)

Girls 4A - Sarah Nacos (Washington)

Girls 5A - Tenley Moretti (Ankeny Centennial) and Brianna Hawkins (Dubuque Senior)

Coaches of the Year:

Boys 1A - Scott Zhiess (East Buchana)

Boys 2A - Eric Perry (Clear Lake)

Boys 3A - Brady Baker (MOC-Floyd Valley)

Girls 1A - no nomination

Girls 2A - Jim Stewart (Sumner)

Girls 3A - Kathy Hobson (Atlantic)

Girls 4A - Jessica Harklau (Humboldt)

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Wild Rose fall line-up features hard rock, Grammy winners, global sensations

Lake Times staff

JEFFERSON

Wild Rose Casino & Resort in Jefferson has added five dynamic acts to kick off its fall line-up, ranging from hard hitters and hard rock to Grammy winners, global sensations and even a 25th anniversary country music celebration.

Among the headliners taking the stage in the Greene Room from September through November are: Aaron Tippin, Aaron Lewis — back by popular demand, Gary Morris, Queensryche and Skid Row.

For MMA enthusiasts, it will be music to their ears to learn that Ultimate Productions is returning with its Extreme Martial Arts Challenge this Fall.

“We are continuing to bring in an amazing range of entertainment this year,” said Aaron Harn, Wild Rose marketing director. “The roster of talent on this Fall’s schedule appeals to a broad range of ages and interests. The casino along with shows, concerts and other events held here have attracted nearly a million people to Jefferson since July 2015.”

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SPECIAL TO THE LAKE PANORAMA TIMES

These players participated in a July 13 pickleball round robin tournament at the Panora Community Center gym (front row, from left) Mary Hansen, Nancy Clawson, Cathy VanGundy and Beth Muenzenberger, (back row) Duane Spicer, Tony Spencer, Kerry VanGundy, R.D. Coreman, Roger Hansen, Dennis Shepherd and Tim Hopson.

Pickleball interest growing in Panora

By SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Times staff

Cathy VanGundy and her husband, Kerry, learned to play pickleball while spending time in Arizona during the winter.

This spring, Cathy decided it would be fun to connect with other pickleball players closer to their Lake Panoramama home. She applied for and received a grant from the USA Pickleball Association, which helped her

purchase two nets, some paddles and balls. She worked with the City of Panora to gain access to the Panora Community Center gym, and offered free classes to anyone who wanted to learn to play.

“We had about 35 people take lessons in mid-May,” VanGundy says. “We now usually have 12 to 15 people come and play during each two-hour open play. Thanks to the City of Panora, it is free, and we welcome new and beginning players.”

Open play is Monday and Wednesday mornings 9-11 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6:30-8:30 p.m. Although VanGundy says pickleball is a great sport for all ages, this particular program is set up for men and women ages 55 and up.

Eleven players participated July 13 in a mixed round robin tournament. Each person played with

PICKLEBALL, PAGE 8B

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CARTOON MAP OF PANORA ALMOST READY FOR PRINT



ASHLEY SCHABLE | LAKE TIMES

A cartoon map promoting Panora Chamber member businesses and the community will be for sale during Panoram Days Aug. 4-6.

By ASHLEY SCHABLE | Lake Times staff

Deb Moylan says she's never done anything like it, although you wouldn't know it by looking at the Cartoon Map the local artist has hand-drawn to feature the Panora community.

The map features it all with cartoon drawings of the Main Street, the Guthrie County Historical Village, the plaza, city hall, the banks, and local churches. It features the police department, ambulance and fire departments. The Raccoon River Valley Trail and Lake Panorama also have a place on the map, which promotes 69 Panora

Chamber businesses.

"It's amazing," said Dave Grove, a Financial Advisor at Edwards Jones in Panora, who brought the idea of the Cartoon Map to the Panora Chamber. Grove had picked up a similar map a few years ago during a visit to Emmetsburg, the hometown of his wife, Sara, and thought it would be something

neat for the Panora community to look into.

"A combination of really fun artwork and a little bit of nostalgia convinced me this was an idea our chamber should explore," said Grove, who himself grew up in Marion, Iowa. "I see so many exciting things taking place in Panora and think it is our job as a Chamber and as business people in our community to promote it."

Members of the Panora Chamber agreed to fund the project with Panora Telco, Lake Panorama Association, and Panora Specialty each contributing \$500 as sponsors. Moylan agreed to design the map. She says she has over 100 hours into the project.

"The last three weeks I've worked 3-4 hours a night on it," she said. Main Street was the first thing she drew and it grew and grew, she said.

"I hope there's no more additions," she smiled.

Moylan, who owns Painter's Shingle, an interior and exterior painting business, said the most difficult part of the map was drawing streets that don't curve.

Moylan has produced art for the community in the past, including one at the Historical Museum in the 1980's and a more recent mural at the Panora Public Library.

MAP, PAGE 7B

Panorama will add soccer program

By GORDON CASTILE
lake Times staff

Soccer will join the list of sports at the Panorama school this spring as approval was given Monday evening by the school board to create the sport.

The vote came after Superintendent Shawn Holloway gave the board projected costs and recommended adding the sport, though his endorsement was reserved. "It's kind of a leap of faith," he said, citing the number of potential participants.

Board members Jon Stetzel, Deb Westergaard and Jenny Van Gundy cast yes votes with Deb Douglass voting no. Board president Bryce Wilke was absent, but was probably a yes vote since his daughter will be a participant.

Douglas said she was not confident in the longevity of the sport, feeling a school to share the program is needed. And, she noted, Guthrie Center is only lukewarm toward sharing.

Holloway projected costs of \$30,460 to begin the sport. The cost of coaches and transportation was placed at \$12,360. Other expenditures would be \$18,100 with uniforms the

major amoung at \$8,400. Next was referees at \$6,000 followed by soccer balls at \$2,800.

An email and Facebook survey done by the school drew 67 students responses from students in grades 7-12. Of these, 79 percent (53) said they would play soccer or consider playing. An earlier survey done by supporters of soccer showed 47 would participate.

Dual participation will apparently be allowed with the new program. The survey showed 39 percent would play soccer plus golf or track.

Holloway reported nearly all the PPEL (Physical Plant Equipment Levy) financed projects, such as carpeting and painting, are complete. He will be sending evaluation documents to board members.

Also, he sounded out the board on a practice in dealing with those

who seek open enrollment in or out after the March 30 deadline. Schools now pay annually for those open enrolled out of that school.

Holloway said two students want to come here. As an incentive for their school district to release them, Panorama would forgive one year's payment by that school. Ditto for a school receiving a late open enrollee from Panorama.

Also, he sought the board's input on retaining longtime school attorney Rick Engel, for whom had no complaints. Several members stated they personally liked an attorney who had handled other matters for the school. No decision was made.

Erin Ambrose, director of operations, spoke to the board about dissolving the sharing agreement with Carroll for high school girls swimming and joining up with Perry. Perry does not have a boys team, so local male swimmers would still go to Carroll. Less distance and time in travel is one selling point for Perry.

Board Action

--Contracts were extended to Agnes Perez Jover, middle school Spanish; Don Van Winkle, head custodian; Kelley Ellis and Angie Worth, cooks; David VanAhn, boys golf coach; and Steven Hammeister, junior high

football coach. Bus driver Roger Dorr had his contract adjusted.

--One open enrollment out to Guthrie Center was approved.

--Dominique Bryant was renamed the school's business official and treasurer.

--Farmers State Bank, Panora State Bank and Guthrie County State Bank was named the official school district depository banks where various funds will be deposited

--The Guthrie County Vedette and Bagley Gazette was named the official newspapers for the school district.

--a weight room garage sale was okayed. It will follow procedures contained the school

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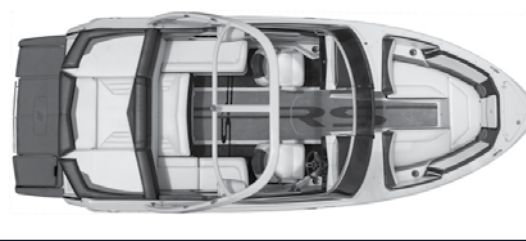


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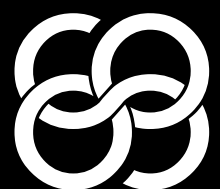
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July is Independent Retailer Month. As you know, local stores bring vitality, creativity and economic growth to their communities, so it's worth celebrating those "mom and pop" shops. But they aren't the only entrepreneurs in the country – about 10 percent of workers in the U.S. are self-employed, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. If you're thinking of joining these ranks, you may want to prepare yourself financially.

For one thing, you may need to pay more in taxes, depending on your income. Self-employed individuals typically have to pay twice the amount in Social Security and Medicare taxes because they have to cover the portion that employers normally pay.

Also, unless you're fortunate enough to have a spouse who can put you on their employer-based health insurance, you'll need to find your own, at least until you're eligible for Medicare.

Furthermore, you will need to take charge of your own retirement savings. Fortunately, several retirement plans are available to the self-employed. These plans typically offer tax-deferred growth potential and tax-deductible contributions.

Here are a few options to consider:

OWNER-ONLY 401(K)

This plan, which is also known as an individual 401(k), is available to self-employed individuals and business owners with no full-time employees other than themselves or a spouse. For 2017, you can put in up to 25 percent of your annual income as an "employer" contribution, and you can defer up to \$18,000 (or \$24,000 if you're 50 or older). The sum of your employer contribution and your salary deferrals cannot exceed \$54,000, or \$60,000 if you're 50 or older.

SEP IRA

If you have just a few employees or are self-employed with no employees, you may want to consider a SEP IRA. You'll fund the plan with tax-deductible contributions, and you must cover all eligible employees. As an employer, you can contribute the lesser of 25% of your compensation (if you're also an employee of your own business) or \$54,000.



Dave Grove

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Pension plans, also known as defined benefit plans, are still around — and you can set one up for yourself if you're self-employed or own your own business. This plan has high contribution limits, which are determined by an actuarial calculation, and, as is the case with other retirement plans, your contributions are typically tax-deductible.

SIMPLE IRA

A SIMPLE IRA, as its name suggests, is easy to set up and maintain, and it can be a good plan if your business has fewer than 10 employees. Although planning for your retirement is important, you also need to prepare for unanticipated short-term expenses, such as a major car repair or a new furnace. While everyone should be ready to meet these needs, it's especially important if you're self-employed and have a variable income. So, work to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

You may find self-employment to be quite rewarding — but you'll likely enjoy it even more if you make the right financial moves.



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Thanks to everyone who helped make the **FRIENDS OF LAKE PANORAMA BEACH BALL** a huge success! The \$20,000 raised helped Friends reach its \$75,000 goal, which is being matched by the Lake Panorama Association.

The result? Four new sports courts offering basketball, pickleball and tennis will be built this fall at Boulder Beach!

Special thanks to Terry Laughery of Laughery Auction for running the live auction, and Lonnie Carrick of JAC rentals for loaning and delivering 10 tables.

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Chicago book signing for Lake Panorama author



SPECIAL TO THE LAKE PANORAMA TIMES

Cheryl Mullenbach is shown at a “meet the author” and book signing at the 2017 American Library Association national conference in Chicago.

By SUSAN THOMPSON
Lake Times staff

Cheryl Mullenbach, an author of nonfiction books for young people, has lived at Lake Panorama for 15 years. In late June, she had a book signing in Chicago for her most recent book.

The book, *Women in Blue: 16 Brave Officers, Forensics Experts, Police Chiefs, and More*, is on the list of Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People 2017.

The book signing for *Women in Blue* was at the American Library Association national conference in Chicago. Mullenbach's publisher, Chicago Review Press, and distributor, Independent Publishers Group, sponsored the event.

“It was a wonderful opportunity to meet librarians from across the country,” Mullenbach says. “High school and public librarians were eager to add my book to their collections. Many were familiar with the ‘Women of Action’ series, which features books about remarkable women from the past and present who deserve recognition.”

Women in Blue is written for readers ages 12 and up, and includes profiles of 16 females with careers in law enforcement—from some of the first police matrons 150 years ago, to today's top forensic scientists and FBI agents.

The book highlights the progression of the role of women in law enforcement over the decades. It also showcases a variety of careers within law enforcement, and includes women from a range of ages, backgrounds and locations.

Mullenbach has written three other books—*The Great*



Depression for Kids, *The Industrial Revolution for Kids*, and *Double Victory: How African American Women Broke Race and Gender Barriers to Help Win World War II*. Mullenbach's books are available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

Her fifth book titled *Torpedoed!*, a recounting of a World War II attack on a passenger liner, will release in September.

Mullenbach is a former history teacher, public television project manager and social studies consultant. She and her husband, Dick Wohlgamuth, and their dog, Ink, live on Lake Panorama's Jones Cove.



HOLE-IN-ONE FOR HANSEN



SPECIAL TO THE LAKE PANORAMA TIMES

Paula Hansen (third from left) shot a Hole-in-One at the Lake Panorama Par 3 West Golf Course on July 11 during Ladies League. Witnesses were (from left) Ai Dunlap, Emily Spradling, and Mary Kay O'Grady.

Paula Hansen from Audubon and Lake Panorama shot a Hole-in-One at the Lake Panorama Par 3 West Golf Course on July 11 during Ladies League.

She used a five-wood to ace the 144-yard, Hole No. 7. Witnesses were Emily Spradling, Ai Dunlap and Mary Kay O'Grady, all of Lake Panorama.

PANORAMA WEST ACE

Rita Brannan of Panora had a hole-in-one on the No. 8 hole at the Panorama West par-3 course Friday,

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She used a 3-wood to cover the 126 yards. The ace was witnessed by husband Steve.

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DNR completes Operation Dry Water campaign

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The Iowa Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Bureau participated in the national Operation Dry Water campaign June 30 – July 2.

The goal of the campaign was to raise awareness about the dangers of boating while under the influence and promote safety while boating.

During the three-day enforcement operation, 153 officers participated, spending more than 1,800 hours making contact with 1,463 vessels and 5,808 boaters. Six Boating While Intoxicated (BWI) arrests were made and 478 citations/warnings were issued.

“We stress the dangers boating while under the influence of drugs or alcohol,” said Jeff Swearngin,

DNR law enforcement bureau chief. “It is no different than driving a vehicle under the influence; in fact, at times it can be more dangerous. It is a serious problem.”

As always, the DNR reminds boaters to boat sober, always wear your life jacket and take a boating safety education course.

Officers spent time at Okoboji, Clear Lake, Saylorville, Coralville Reservoir/Lake MacBride, Lake Delhi and both the Missouri and Mississippi rivers.

The DNR Conservation Officers were assisted by Arnolds Park Police Department, Louisa County Sheriff's Office, Clayton County Sheriff's Office, Johnson County Sheriff's Office, DNR Park Rangers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Polk County Conservation Board, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Illinois DNR and Wisconsin DNR.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LAKE PANORAMA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 23, 2017 LAKE PANORAMA ASSOCIATION OFFICE

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met May 23, 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.

Staff present were Brad Halterman, Danna Krambeer and John Rutledge.

Visitors present were: Sid Jones, Paul Nagel, Dan York, LPA members. Lyn Coulter, Coulter Marina, Everett Grasty, Supervisor.

President Jeschke called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. Jeschke noted Item 7 and 8 will be switched in order. Rutledge stated Consent Agenda Item 4(g) should state quit claim deed to heirs of John and Rosemary Flan.

Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the Agenda. Evans moved to approve the revised agenda switching the order of Item 7 and 8. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 – Election of Officers. Jeschke made a suggestion that in the future the election of officers be moved to the final item of the meeting. Jeschke noted the outgoing president has been involved with preparation of the meeting agenda and is therefore best prepared to facilitate the discussion of agenda items. He noted the incoming president should not be expected to facilitate discussion without the benefit of advance discussion with the general manager. Rutledge noted for next year's agenda.

Jeschke called for nominations for president. Schnack nominated Spradling as president, seconded. No other nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeschke congratulated Spradling and turned the remainder of the meeting over to Spradling. Rutledge thanked Jeschke for his service as president. Spradling thanked Jeschke and assumed respon-

sibility to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

Spradling asked for nominations for Vice President. Evans nominated Babcock for Vice President. Motion seconded. No other nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Spradling asked for nominations for Secretary. Jeschke nominated Poldberg for Secretary. Motion seconded. No other nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Spradling asked for nominations for Treasurer. Spradling nominated Evans for Treasurer. Motion seconded. No other nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Slate of elected officers for 2017 - 2018: President: Jim Spradling Vice President: Larry Babcock Secretary: Mindy Larsen Poldberg Treasurer: Gary Evans

Agenda Item 3 – Open Forum. Dan York spoke regarding the proposed boat length increase by the water safety committee. The boat length increase will increase the boat size at Lake Panorama. Losing visibility on the water is a main safety concern. York also expressed concern of members using fireworks. York has had damage in past years to boat cover, canopy and home roof and deck. York expressed concern of the increase in use of fireworks at Lake Panorama with the change in Iowa laws.

Sid Jones spoke regarding a new boat purchased in the spring of 2016 and the research done prior to purchase. Jones looked at several models and decided on the Avalon 25' class boat. Pontoon boats have 3 different length measurements in their specs. Jones never thought the 25' boat would be over the 27' length requirement; this boat measures 27'3". Jones provided information on several boat models and the specifications and the fact they are from 2" to 3" over the 27' limit. Jones requested the board review this information and consider approving the 27'6" length increase for pontoons. It was also noted the boat itself is not over, but the outboard mounting bracket causes it to exceed 27'.

Paul Nagel spoke and expressed concern and opposition to the increased length of boats, which will increase the wakes. US Coast Guard recreational stat-

ics state force of the boat wake is one of the top 10 contributing factors to accidents and casualties. Nagel spoke of concerns of the safety issues that will be caused by increasing the length.

Lyn Coulter provided information on the various types of boats and history on the lengths and the motor sizes.

Spradling thanked all the members for their comments and input.

Spradling moved agenda Item 5(b) (iii) Boat length, to continue the boat length discussion.

Agenda Item 5b(iii) – Boat Length. Boat length was reviewed, based upon fall 2016 discussions, by the water safety committee at the May 9, 2017 meeting, which ended in a motion to change the rules to increase the boat length to 24' 11".

A detailed explanation of manufacturing trends was presented by Lyn Coulter. The discussion focused on the cropping of swim platforms to meet LPA's current length of 24'. Coulter noted the most popular boats have a hull length in the 22' 6" category, with swim platforms adding an additional two feet. Thus the total length falls a few inches beyond the 24' limit.

Poldberg suggested if the length is extended, the rule verbiage include "... However, if the maximum length of 24 feet is caused only by a swim platform or safety device, then and only then can the maximum boat length be extended up to 24'11". All non-pontoon vessels must not exceed 24'11" under any circumstance.... "

Rutledge noted he appreciated Poldberg's proposed language, but expressed concerns about the ability to practically differentiate between the swim platform and the hull on boats with molded swim platforms. Additional board member discussions led to the conclusion that more time and research should be devoted to this topic.

Jeschke moved to table the issue to the next board meeting to gather additional information. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Agenda

Poldberg moved to approve the consent agenda with the change Rutledge noted regarding 4(g). Motion seconded.

Consent agenda to include: a) LPA General Manager's Report b) Approval of minutes from 04.25.2017 LPA Board Meeting c) Acceptance of 4.30.17 consolidated financial report – LPA & LPN, LLC d) Accept minutes of 05.08.17 Building Codes Committee Meeting e) Accept minutes of 05.09.17 Water Safety Committee Meeting f) Confirm date and time of next LPA Board Meeting g) Quit claim deed for lot 245 to Heirs of John and Rosemary Flam – previously unrecorded from Mid Iowa Lakes

Agenda Item 5a – LPN, LLC Board of Managers' – Minutes and Revised Budget. Rutledge noted the inclusion of the minutes and the revised budget. Discussion regarding the revised budget and questions as to why were raised by the board. The board requested that Kane Powell, LPN Board of Managers President, or John Dinnebie, Director of Operations, be present at the next board meeting to explain the revised budget and answer any questions.

Evans moved to accept the LPN, LLC BOM minutes and table the approval of the revised budget. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5b(i) - Changes to LPA rules regarding water safety. The water safety committee recommended a change to rule 5.1(o) to prohibit towing by a remote-controlled device. Board discussion agreed the recommendation was deserving of approval and proceeded with no changes. (The language in italicized, bold font is the proposed new language. There are no deletions to the current language.)

Schnack moved to adopt the recommended addition to LPA Rule 5.1(o). Amended rule to read as follows: A motorized vessel towing a person or persons shall have, besides the operator of the vessel, another person nine (9) years of age or older in a position to observe the person or persons being towed. Towing by remote-controlled device, including, but not limited to drones, is prohibited on Lake Panorama. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5b(ii) – Unconventional vessels

The water safety committee recommended a change to Rule 5.1(a)(2) to allow LPA management the discretion to temporarily deny access to unconventional devices, apparatus or vessels until such time when the water safety committee and board of directors can review. Board discussion agreed the recommendation was deserving of approval and proceeded with no changes. (The language in italicized, bold font is the proposed new language. There are no

deletions to the current language.)

Jeschke moved to adopt the recommended addition to LPA Rule 5.1(a)(2). Amended rule to read as follows: This document defines "vessel" as meaning every description of watercraft, including, but not limited to powered vessels, such as motorboats, jet boats, wake boats, pontoon boats, powered barges, personal watercraft, and non-powered craft such as sailboats, canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, rowboats, and stand-up paddle boards. The LPA general manager may temporarily deny usage of any unconventional device, apparatus or vessel on Lake Panorama, until such time when the water safety committee and LPA board of directors can evaluate the safety of said unconventional device, apparatus or vessel. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5c –Committee Appointments. The board discussed the General Manager's recommendation for committee appointments and board members for each committee. Rutledge noted the board would need to select two members of the board of directors to serve on each committee. Rutledge also noted Bob Batschelet would be a good addition to the land sales committee, as that committee has room for an additional member.

Jeschke moved to approve the 2017-18 LPA committee member appointments as recommended. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Schnack moved the board member appointments: Building Committee, Evans and Jeschke; Water Safety Committee, Babcock and Poldberg; Land Sales Committee, Carothers and Schnack; and to add Bob Batschelet to the Land Sales Committee. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Building Committee..... Term Expires Bob Akre 2020 Dirk Westercamp 2020 Larry Northup 2020 Jim Tometich 2019 Ken Powell 2019 Jon Marcres 2018 Nate Esser 2018 Tom Jeschke..... LPA Board Member Gary Evans..... LPA Board Member

Water Safety CommitteeTerm Expires Jim Koch 2020 Chris Welp 2020 Dale Behrends 2019 Todd Hyde..... 2019 DJ Van Wyk 2018 Mike Appleseth 2018 Marina Tenant – Lyn Coulter..... Continuous Mindy Poldberg.. LPA Board Member Larry Babcock.... LPA Board Member

Land Sales Committee . Term Expires Bob Batschelet..... 2020

Kathleen DeLucca..... 2020 Keith Peterson..... 2020 Maureen Lubeck 2019 Larry Hills..... 2019 Mary Jane Carothers..... LPA Board Member Charles Schnack LPA Board Member

Appeals Committee..... Term Expires Jan Hardy 2020 Dave Thomas 2020 Linda Reis..... 2019 John McDermott 2019 Ron Morden 2018

Agenda Item 6a – Request from Friends of Lake Panorama for \$75,000 and to immediately proceed with sports courts construction. Jan Reinicke, president of Friends of Lake Panorama, presented a request that LPA match the \$75,000 raised by Friends and to immediately move forward with the construction of the proposed tennis and basketball courts, to be constructed at Boulder Beach.

Discussion by the board of directors regarding the previous commitment of \$50,000 matching funds for this project from LPA, which is slated to be included in the 2018 capital budget.

The Board commended Friends of Lake Panorama on their successful efforts to raise funds for this project.

Poldberg moved to amend the original commitment of \$50,000 matching funds to \$75,000. The project will commence immediately, contingent upon availability of vendors. Target completion date to be in 2017. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 6b – Boat Storage Building Change Order Options. Options for changes to the new boat storage building were discussed. Schnack moved to leave the boat storage building exterior as originally planned. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 6c – Prohibit fireworks on LPA-owned property. Iowa SF 489 was signed into law, which will allow for expanded use of fireworks. As discussed, LPA is not currently working on any new rules to explicitly regulate fireworks on members' private property. Rutledge recommended the board of directors take action regarding LPA-owned property.

LPA has reached out to the Clover Ridge Interval Owners Association (CRIOA) and requested they clarify to tenants they do NOT consent to the use of fireworks on CRIOA property. In addition, it would seem reasonable LPA clarify the same for our beaches, golf courses, roads, campgrounds, etc.

Jeschke moved to clarify the LPA Board of Directors does NOT consent to the use of consumer fireworks on LPA-owned property, including but not limited to beaches, campgrounds, marina, roads, golf courses and community areas, without express written consent from the LPA Board of Directors or LPA General Manager. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 8 – The Board entered closed session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss legal matters and exited closed session at 7 p.m. Evans moved to approve confidential legal agreement as discussed in closed session. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 7a – Site visit to Boulder Beach regarding placement of sports court and basketball court.

The board made a site visit to Boulder Beach to discuss placement of the sports courts and confirmed the placement as proposed.

Agenda Item 7b – Other Business – None. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Danna Krambeer, Recording Secretary

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Dave Grove looks over a cartoon map with local artist Debbie Moylan, who took on the project to complete the map for the Panora Chamber of Commerce. The map was an idea of Grove, a Financial Advisor for Edward Jones in Panora, to help promote chamber member businesses as well as the community in a fun and creative way. Moylan says she spent about four hours a night the last three weeks working on the map and has well over 100 hours into the map, which includes drawings of the the main street businesses, Lake Panorama, and more.

MAP

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"I've never done anything like this one," she said with the caricatures.

Grove said he's thrilled with the way it turned out and believes others will be also.

"It's nice to see an idea from a year and a half ago now in front of me," he said. "It will be a great item to display in a business or

a home, a keepsake, something fun."

Chamber member businesses will each receive a map. They will also be available for purchase during Panorama Days, Aug. 4, 5, and 6 on the town square.

SOCCKER

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policy governing the disposal of obsolete equipment.

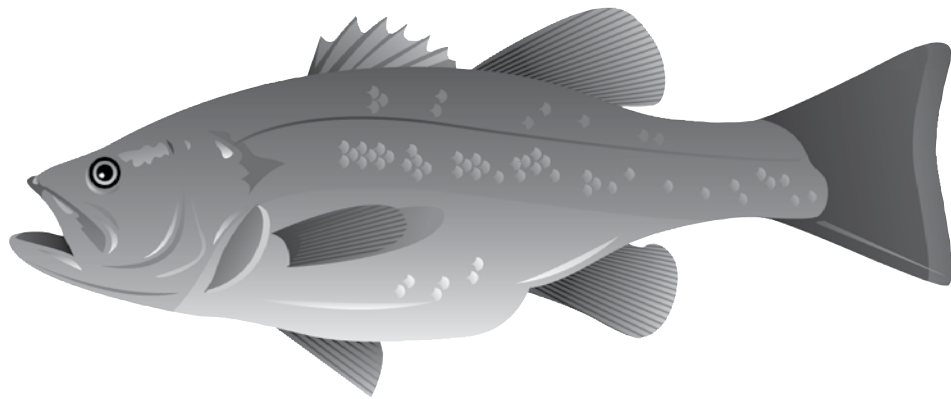
--four legislative priorities were named -- adequate state fund-

ing, supplemental state aid, no unfunded mandates and continuation of the state penny sales tax for school infrastructure.

Also - A card of appreciation was signed to be sent to Paul Little thanking him for his foundation that provides scholarships.

For the 2016-17 school year, there were 96,185 lunches and 30,018 breakfasts served. Forty-three accounts in the activity fund had a combined balance of \$72,999.

The next regular meeting is Monday, Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m.



Gone fishing for summer

Iowa DNR

Making plans for summer get-aways with family and friends? Add fishing to your list. Plan a day trip or bring along fishing gear on your next weekend or camping trip.

The best fishing is early in the morning or later in the evening and after dark. Like anglers, fish adjust to the heat. "Fish will move to deep water to cool off during the brightest, hottest part of the day," said Joe Larscheid, chief of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Bureau.

Look for fish in the outside edge of weed beds or structure, near shade during the day. Find underwater structure such as brush piles or rock reefs within a lake with the interactive fishing atlas or fish structure maps on the DNR website at www.iowadnr.gov/Fishing/Fishing-Maps.

Fish often are suspended in deeper water, just above the thermocline - a midsummer phenomenon many lakes develop creating two layers. Below the thermocline, often 8 to 10 or 12 feet deep, oxygen is nearly nonexistent. Many fish suspend just

above the thermocline, where the water is cooler.

"Bluegills may spawn several times in the summer," advises Larscheid. Look for them in traditional spawning areas in shallow water. "If you are not successful in these areas, try drift fishing in deep water (15-20 feet)."

Largemouth bass and channel catfish will be close to shore. Look for bass near cover; stumps, wood structure. "Bass and bluegills will use vegetation for cover and shade. It also holds a variety of zooplankton and insects which attract baitfish."

"The white bass and wiper bite gets hot when the water heats up," said Larscheid. "Hot

weather is also a good time to catch big channel catfish and largemouth bass."

White bass are active in the summer in the flood control reservoirs (Coralville, Red Rock, Rathbun and Saylorville). Follow the seagulls to spot white bass. Calm days are best because the seagulls can see the shad easier and will be feeding on them. Splashes on the water surface are good signs, too, as the shad leap from the water trying to escape.

Find a great place to fish on the DNR website at fishing.iowadnr.gov, along with the weekly fishing hot spots and tips for catching specific fish species this summer.



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PICKLEBALL
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a different partner each round, and kept their own individual score. The tournament winner was Kerry VanGundy with an almost perfect score of 54 out of 55 points.

Cathy VanGundy is pleased with how interest in pickleball is growing in the Panora area. “I’m so impressed with how quickly everyone has improved, especially since most only learned how to play two months ago,” she says. Anyone who wants a free beginner’s lesson in advance of one of the open play sessions can email VanGundy at cathyvg@netins.net.

“We are looking forward to having two new pickleball courts at Lake Panorama,” Van Gundy says. “Although the air conditioned gym and lack of wind is wonderful, I’ve missed the outdoor play. So now there soon will be two options for play. We are grateful for all the support from our community to introduce and grow this new sport.”

SCHEDULE
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nandez – Doors open at 6 p.m. Show starts at 7 p.m.

The Extreme Challenge is the second-longest running Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) event in the nation.

VIP Package Includes: Seats located on the stage adjacent to the ring plus two drink tickets and appetizer bar, \$75..

Ringside Seats: \$50.

Table Seating for 10: \$400 (must be purchased as complete table of 10 seats) Single Seat at a table: \$40 (includes a single seat at a table)

Seated General Admission: \$30 (\$35 day of show) – seats located towards back of room.

Saturday, Oct. 14

Standing Room General Admission: \$30.00 (\$35.00 day of show) – area located at back of room.

Aaron Tippin – Doors open at 7 p.m. Show starts at 8 p.m.

The Aaron Tippin 25th Anniversary Celebration Tour promises to be an unforgettable year

of music and fun.

Ultimate VIP Package: Front row center stage seat, two drink tickets, special gift and meet-n-greet, \$50 plus ticketing fees.

VIP Package Includes: Seats in rows 2-5, center stage and two drink tickets, \$30.00 plus ticketing fees.

General Seating: Rows 6-27, \$20.00 plus ticketing fees.

ADA Handicap Accessible: Row 13 on left side – \$20.00. Please call box office to purchase these seats at 515-386-7754.

Friday, Oct. 21

Aaron Lewis – Doors open at 7 p.m. Show starts at 8 p.m.

The Grammy Award-nominated, multi-platinum singer, songwriter, and guitarist returns to Wild Rose and Jefferson with his repertoire of stories set to music.

Ultimate VIP Package Includes: Front row center stage seat, two drink tickets, a special gift and a meet-n-greet, \$100 plus ticketing fees.

VIP Package Includes: Seats in rows 2-5, center stage and two drink tickets, \$55 plus ticketing fees. General Seating: These seats are available in

rows 6 through 27, \$35 plus ticketing fees.

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Friday, Nov. 5

Gary Morris, doors open at 4 p.m., show starts at 5 p.m.

An exceptional talent who has performed royalty, heads of state and every U.S. president since Jimmy Carter, Gary Morris is loved around the world. Morris is a prolific songwriter, but is best known for his recording of “Wind Beneath My Wings,” which went to No. 1 and won song of the year from both the Country Music Association (CMA) and the Academy of Country Music (ACM).

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ABOVE: Enjoying some sunshine at Lake Panorama during the Fourth of July weekend are (from left) Hallie Arganbright, Mia Waddle and Tyme Boettcher.
RIGHT: Nile Lindstrom wears red, white and blue at Lake Panorama on the Fourth of July.



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