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Dam maintenance work proceeds as planned

By SUSAN THOMPSON Lake Times staff

For the last few months, LPA members have been hearing and reading a lot about the plan to lower Lake Panorama this fall. It took a lot of coordination to get boats, lifts and docks off the water by the end

The lake lowering was necessary so scheduled mainte-

of September, in preparation

for the lake to drop nearly five

nance on the dam spillway could be done. Project engineers from Shive-Hattery and the contractor, Technical Specialty Systems (TSS), held a preconstruction meeting with LPA personnel September 29. Despite higher-than-normal flows on the Middle Raccoon River, it was determined the project could proceed.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources, which has regulatory control over the dam, approved a plan that

allowed the lake level to drop six inches per day to minimize the impact downstream. The dam's gate was lowered October 1. Twelve days later, the dam gate was raised so the spillway could begin to dry.

Even before the dam gate was raised, TSS personnel began work on the sidewalls of the dam. Workers hung their equipment, and themselves, from the spillway sidewalls to reseal joints and patch any small chipped areas in the masonry.

With the dam gate raised, leaks around the gate edges were plugged with ropes. As the spillway dried, workers cleaned the area of algae. Saws were used to remove old sealant from seams on the spillway floor. A clay compound that expands when wet was used to refill the seams on the spillway and sidewalls, and to smooth over any chipped spots.

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Workers on the spillway floor removed algae, then used saws to cut out the old seam sealants. The seams and any small chipped areas were refilled with a clay compound that expands when wet.

LPN tree nursery started in 2009 paying dividends

By SUSAN THOMPSON Lake Times staff

Although the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) hasn't yet reached Guthrie County, it's getting close. The pest that kills ash trees has been found in both Dallas and Boone counties, and experts say it is inevitable it will reach Lake Panorama.

Discussions on what to do when it does get here have been underway for several years. At the August meeting of the Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors, those discus-

sions became more focused. Dan Wollner, Lake Panorama National grounds superintendent, provided the board with a proposed plan to handle tree treatment and removal. There are 320 ash trees on the two LPA-owned golf courses. Wollner said every ash tree was evaluated, based on mower dam-

age, wind and ice damage and health issues. Wollner said there are 68 trees he believes should be treated in an attempt to save them from the ash borer. Of those, 48 are on the LPN course, 10 on the Panorama West course, and 10 at the LPN golf maintenance building.

NURSERY, PAGE 2A

New board to oversee operations at Lake **Panorama National**

By SUSAN THOMPSON Lake Times staff

Lake Panorama National has seen a lot of changes since the golf course opened in 1971. The creation of a new board to oversee the LPN operation is the latest change.

While the Lake Panorama Association has owned the golf course since 1977, it has only owned the LPN conference center since 2005. The golf course was built by Mid-Iowa Lakes Corporation, which raised money for the lake development through stock sales. It opened in August 1971, but it wasn't long before Mid-Iowa was bankrupt and the course closed.

Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO) purchased the Mid-Iowa Lakes assets and by 1976 the course was open again. A year later, the LPA bought the lake and golf course and operated the course until 1982. In 1983, Irv Gerlich leased the course and operated it through 1991. Under his leadership, condos, motel and the conference center were built.

In 1992, CIPCO again leased the course until 1997. Next came the Guthrie County REC, which leased the course until 2004 under a subsidiary company, PDI, Inc. In 2005, the LPA took the course back, plus purchased the conference center built by Gerlich and added to by PDI.

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HIGH SCHOOL RUNNERS



Panorama's Brianna Hoffman and Devyn Kemble lead the start of the West Central Conference race held at the Panorama West Golf Course Thursday, Oct. 15. The Panther girls won their fourth straight conference championship.

By ASHLEY SCHABLE Lake Times staff

hose who regularly venture out to the Panorama West Golf Course have grown accustomed to seeing Panorama athletes training for their next meet.

If those same people had dropped by Thursday, Oct. 15, however, the faces on the course would have been a little different.

Each fall, Panorama High School hosts the West Central Conference championships, a meet that welcomes schools from 10 different districts to a course that is challenging, not only to visiting high school athletes, but also to the Panorama runners who use it on a regular basis.

"The last (kilometer) is the worst part of the whole course," Panorama sophomore Devyn Kemble said. "Back in the timber, at the 3K, right around there, are a bunch of hills and then two gradual hills."

Most high school events are run on local golf courses, where the terrain is relatively flat with gentle turns. The Panorama West Golf Course is nothing like that, offering hills and a twisting mile route in



A team of runners warm up under trees of fall colors prior to the West Central Conference cross country championships contested at Panorama's West Golf Course on October 15.

the timber for runners. The course was built years ago by longtime Panorama cross country and track coaches Ken Janvrin and Charles Hawley.

Panorama head coach Greg Thompson said the course is hard for runners but also enjoyable for

"We don't run another course like it," Thompson said. "Teams

ley high school course near Green-

and coaches love coming here." Thompson said the Nodaway Val-

field is the only other course his team runs all season that is similar to its home course. Indianola hosts high school meets at Pickard Park, Thompson says, which resembles the run at the Panorama West Golf Course.

While the Panorama West course is not set up to allow for spectator viewing along the entire route, spectators enjoy a view of the great outdoors.

COURSE, PAGE 4A

Hunger-Free Iowa Initiative seeks to build leadership team in **Guthrie County**

By REBECCA MCKINSEY Lake Times staff

Iowa may be America's "breadbasket," but it still has residents who are going hungry

That fact was the foundation of a presentation given to the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors recently by an organization that helps bring together people and organizations in and near the county to combat hunger.

Sallie Myers, community resource specialist with Outreach, Inc., spoke with the supervisors about setting up a leadership team in Guthrie County to address hunger in the county in an organized way.

Outreach provides food, well drilling and water purification technology, as well as education and medical care, mainly to rural Tanzania. Last year, the company began the Hunger-Free Iowa Initiative to reach out to people without enough food in Iowa.

"The strength of the initiative is in its ability to bring people together to solve local problems with local solutions," Outreach's website states.

Through the Hunger-Free Iowa Initiative, Outreach works with local leaders and helps them collaborate and find solutions for hunger in a manner specific to their communities, Myers said.

"We don't want to take over," she said. "We want to find sectors in your community to fight hunger — churches, civic groups, government, schools, anyone with a foot in the hunger world. We want to find a platform and help them figure out solutions to hunger."

The initiative's goal is to make Iowa the state in the nation with the lowest food insecurity, if not the first state with no food insecurity at all, Myers said.

"It's kind of a lofty goal, but we have faith," she said.

Although school programs are evaluated, the program addresses hunger in every sector of a community's population, not just among children.

HUNGER, PAGE 5A

Once the dam gate was closed October 12, ropes were used to fill in gaps along the side of the gate to stop water leaks so the spillway could dry.

DAM

FROM PAGE 1A

With nearly perfect weather, much of the work on the spillway was completed in a week. But because of high river flows, TSS was not able finish the job before it became necessary to lower the lake a second time. The dam gate was lowered again over the October 17 weekend, and raised October 19. That gave TSS workers the time needed to repair remaining joints that required dry conditions.

The high river flow means the lake level is rising at a rate of six to eight inches each day, so should be back to normal elevation before the end of October. Mike Gliem, dam supervisor, said that's unusual for this time of year. "The last time we did this in 2004, it took three weeks for the lake to return to normal," he said. "Water has been coming into the lake at about 400 cubic feet per second, but that number is usually below 100 this time of year."

Gliem says since the scheduled dam maintenance work went so smoothly, another project that had been postponed to 2016 will be rescheduled for completion this fall. On the west side, there is a 30-inch diameter concrete pipe under the earthen dam for controlling the lake level during periods of low river flows. This low-flow pipe also is used to divert water away from the dam gate for maintenance, such as the work done this month.

The low-flow valve in the pipe needs replaced. The Baker Group has been hired to re-



Even before the dam gate was raised, work on the sidewalls got underway. Workers hung their equipment, and themselves, from the spillway walls to reseal joints and patch any chips in the masonry.

place the valve. First, a diver must go into the lake and place a large metal plate, called a sluice gate, over the end of the pipe to stop the flow of water so the valve can be replaced. The LPA's utility barge will be used as a platform for the diver, and to help lower the plate into place. If all goes as planned, this project will be done in November. Combined cost of the 2015 spillway work and low-flow valve replacement will be in around \$150,000.

This year's maintenance work on the dam builds upon several improvements in the last 15 years. In 2002, the concrete walls along the spillway were re-caulked, new stainless steel hydraulic lines were installed and trees were removed from the emergency spillway. In 2003, a back-up generator was added. New hydraulic cylinders were installed in 2004, and a new control panel was added in 2007.

In 2008, about 130 truckloads of boulders were added to both sides of the riverbank to insure the stability of the berm separating the concrete spillway from the emergency spillway. This project cost roughly \$175,000. In 2010, an earth slough on the back side of the dam was repaired by installing tile drains and limestone aggregate. This 2010 project was in the \$100,000 range.

In 2012, LPA hired Shive-Hattery to do a complete inspection of the dam, which indicated no known deficiencies on the structure. The company did recommend this year's routine maintenance of the spillway and replacing the valve in the low flow tube.

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Charles Schnack operates the tree spade while Brandon Brehmer observes as a hole is dug into which a tree will be transplanted.

NURSERY

FROM PAGE 1A

Many of the trees have been marked with a colored ribbon. Green ribbon trees are recommended for treatment. A red ribbon means the tree is unhealthy and needs to be removed as soon as possible. About 20 trees are in this category.

Another 260 trees have been marked with a yellow ribbon. These are trees that will be left to nature's course, although most will eventually die. It's expected it will take two to three years to see the real effects of the EAB once it arrives. Wollner said trees will be reevaluated and upgraded to

removal status as needed. Charles and Judith Schnack are avid golfers, and most weekday mornings are the first people on the tee at Lake Panorama National. Six years ago, the EAB threat, plus the pine wilt that had killed some long-needled pines on the course and was expected to kill others, led the couple to finance the establishment of a tree nursery.

The idea was to purchase young trees at a lower cost and grow them for a few years be-



Shown are two of the new trees planted along the south side of the 17th fairway on the LPN golf course.

fore transplanting elsewhere on the course. In spring 2009, Charles Schnack worked with Wollner to establish a nursery in the "no mow" area west of the #11 tee box.

Schnack ordered tree seedlings from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. He worked with LPN staff to kill the grass in the nursery area, dig holes and plant the trees.

The Schnacks paid the \$170 cost of the first 300 trees, which included 100 sugar maples, plus 50 each of Norway spruce, white

pine, sycamore and red oaks. They also took on the task of watering the seedlings.

The next spring, they purchased another 200 trees at a cost of \$270. The 2010 crop of seedlings included 100 Kentucky Coffee trees, plus another 50 Norway spruce and 50 sugar maples. The Schnacks also added trees to the nursery in 2011 and 2013.

In the fall of 2010, 47 sycamore threes were transplanted into several areas around the perimeter of the LPN golf course. Nearly all have survived, and in fact, flourished.

This fall, another 100 trees are being moved from the nursery into locations on the LPN golf course. In addition, some will be moved to Boulder Beach and near the LPA office. Denny Mlevnek of Panora donated the use of his tree spade. Schnack volunteers his time to help with the transplanting effort, working with Brandon Brehmer, a member of the LPN grounds crew.

Trees being transplanted this fall include Kentucky coffee, blue spruce, white pine and bald cypress. Deer destroyed many of the deciduous trees in the nursery. Yet about 350 trees remain, with 150 of those ready to transplant. He hopes 100 can be done this fall, with another 50 in fall 2016.

On the LPN golf course, trees are being planted in locations where earlier trees stood. "We're really just trying to put the course back to the same condition it was 10 to 15 years ago," Wollner said.

That means most of the trees being transplanted this fall are going on the back nine holes of the course, which were the most severely hit by last year's tornado. Besides replacing trees lost to the tornado, cedar trees lost to disease are being replaced on several holes.

Wollner said many of the ash trees now marked with yellow ribbons will be gone in the next five to 10 years, and those marked

NURSERRY, PAGE 5A



Charles Schnack, standing, works with Brandon Brehmer, LPN grounds crew, in the LPN tree nursery. The pair is moving 100 trees from the nursery this fall, transplanting them to locations on the LPN golf course, Boulder Beach and the LPA office.

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In Yale, Bell Street Market fills several needs



By REBECCA MCKINSEY | Lake Times staff

YALE

hose who walk into Bell Street Market looking for a few groceries will likely also leave with a free book, some almostexpired salad dressing, a brownie and a smile.

It's that kind of place.

Bell Street Market, located at 300 Main St. in Yale, has been open since August of 2012. The combination grocery store and deli is open from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.

It's run by Sarah Smith, a West Des Moines native who lived in

cery store and deli in Yale.

tries while teaching English as a second language and taught for several years in Perry before she settled in Yale.

Smith will tell you that the series of events that led her to open the store were completely unexpected.

or visited more than 50 coun-

Bell Street Market stands where Smith's house used to be—but it wasn't just a house. Built in the 1890s, "The Windsor" served as an old railroad hotel before becoming a grocery store when the railroad slowed down.

Smith bought the building in 2006 and began to transition the building to a bed and breakfast, even as she lived there.

One day, her kitten raced from the Windsor building to the tire shop across the street.

Smith followed the fleeing feline and met the shop's owner, Tom. Several years later, they were married.

They decided to relocate the bed-and-breakfast, still dubbed "The Windsor," moving it about a mile away in 2009 and opening up the space where it had stood. They needed extra space

to house tires, so they built that, but the idea for a grocery store stuck as well.

The store was a labor of love and Smith's family put a lot of work into it, quickly. They broke ground in April of 2012 and opened in August of the same year.

The new store still carries signs of the old Windsor building that used to stand in its place — an old sack holder, a paper roll with its original stamp from the 1920s and a spool of string that dates back decades.

Near the door, a table and shelf offer items a little closer to their expiration date—some at reduced rates, and others free to customers who spend a certain amount on other items.

MARKET, PAGE 5A



and eat a bite, as well as a lending library.



Bell Street Market provides a combination grocery store and deli in Yale.



Bell Street Market stands in the spot where "The Windsor," a railroad-hotel-turned-grocery-store built in the 1890s, once was. The Windsor was moved a mile away and now serves as a bed-and-breakfast.

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Laborshed project underway

Midwest Partnership EDC (MWP) will be working with Iowa Workforce Development's Regional Research Bureau to complete a Laborshed employment study for the Western Iowa Advantage (WIAD) region of Adair, Audubon, Carroll, Crawford, Green, Guthrie, Ida, and Sac Counties. This study will examine the labor force from which WIAD area employers draw their employees and are based upon commuting patterns into the area. The study will assist existing and potential businesses to better understand the size and characteristics of the area's labor force regardless of political boundaries.

The Laborshed boundary is based on the place of residence of individuals commuting into the Western Iowa Advantage area for employment. For the success of this study, IWD will be sending letters to employers in the MWP region of Adair, Audubon, Greene, and Guthrie Counties, asking that they provide aggregate counts of employees' residential ZIP codes. This reporting will give IWD an understanding of where each community's workforce resides.

Once that Laborshed area is determined, a confidential household telephone survey will be conducted in those identified areas. The questions will cover

PROJECT, PAGE 6A

Waterfowl zones and seasons topic of DNR listening sessions

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is holding six meetings across the state to receive input from waterfowl hunters on waterfowl zones and seasons.

"States have the ability to review their zones and boundaries every five years. This is an opportunity for us to revisit this and decide if we want to make any changes to our boundaries or seasons structure," said Orrin lones, state waterfowl biologist for the Iowa DNR.

Six two-hour meetings are scheduled across the state and each meeting begins at 6 p.m.

Burlington, October 27, Starr's Cave Nature Center, 11627 Starr's Cave Road

Red Oak, October 28, Red Coach Inn/Restaurant, 1200 Senate Avenue

Onawa, October 29, Public Library, 707 Iowa Avenue

Ames, November 4, Forest Nursery, 2404 South Duff Avenue Okoboji, November 5, Dickinson County Nature Center, 2279 170th Street

Cedar Rapids, November 10, a location is being finalized.

Tips for reducing your breast cancer risk

American Cancer Society

While you can't change some breast cancer risk factors—family history and aging, for example there are some risk factors that you can control. And while there is no sure way to prevent breast cancer, there are things you can do that may lower your risk:

•If you're already at a healthy weight, stay there. If you're carrying extra pounds, try to lose some. Being overweight or obese increases breast cancer risk. This is especially true after menopause and for women who gain weight as adults. After menopause, most of your estrogen comes from fat tissue. Having more fat tissue can increase your chance of getting breast cancer by raising estrogen levels. Also, women who are overweight tend to have higher levels of insulin, another hormone. Higher insulin levels have also been linked to some cancers, including breast cancer. There's some evidence that losing weight may lower breast cancer risk. Losing even a small amount of weight - for example, half a pound a week can also have other health benefits and is a good place to start.

•Exercise regularly. Many studies have found that exercise is a breast-healthy habit. The difference in risk between the most active and the least active women is typically around 25%. In one study from the Women's Health Initiative, as little as 1.25 to 2.5 hours per week of brisk walking reduced a woman's risk by

18%. Walking 10 hours a week reduced the risk a little more. The American Cancer Society recommends getting at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity activity or 75 minutes of vigorous activity each week. (Or a combination of both.)

•Limit time spent sitting. Evidence is growing that sitting time, no matter how much exercise you get when you aren't sitting, increases the likelihood of developing cancer, especially for women. In an American Cancer Society study, women who spent six hours or more a day sitting outside of work had a 10% greater risk for invasive breast cancer compared with women who sat less than 3 hours a day, and an increased risk for other cancer types as well.

•Limit alcohol. Research has shown that women who have 2 to 5 alcoholic drinks daily have a higher risk of breast cancer than women who drink only 1 drink a day or not at all. Studies have found evidence that links even lower levels of drinking alcohol to an increase in breast cancer risk. As little as 3 to 6 glasses of wine a week has been shown to slightly increase breast cancer risk.

•Avoid or limit hormone replacement therapy. Hormone replacement therapy (HRT) was used more often in the past to help control night sweats, hot flashes, and other troublesome symptoms of menopause. But researchers now know that postmenopausal women who take a combination of estrogen and progestin may be more likely to develop breast cancer. Breast cancer risk appears to return to normal within 5 years after stopping the combination of hormones. If you do decide to try HRT, it is best to use it at the lowest dose that works for you and for as short a time as

•Did you know the American Cancer Society has played a role in most of the major breast cancer research breakthroughs in recent history, including confirming the knowledge that genetics, body weight, lack of exercise, and alcohol use can increase breast cancer risk by 34 percent. Last year we invested \$86 million in breast cancer

 Thanks to supporters like you, the American Cancer Society is able to fund groundbreaking research to better understand, prevent, find, and treat breast cancer, and provide free programs and services for women facing the disease. Additionally, our nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate, the American **Cancer Society Cancer Action** NetworkSM, ACS CAN, for breast cancer research and prevention programs and ensure access to mammograms for women who need them.

•The American Cancer Society offers many free programs for people facing cancer. Here are just a few:

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COURSE

FROM PAGE 1A

Lake Panorama resident Duane Nordquist, who assisted at Thursday's meet, says he always runs into people who say, 'You are from that really hard course, but we like it.'

Nordquist's son, Danny, is a member of the Panorama boys' team. The Panthers finished fourth at the conference meet, just 10 points out of first.

The course measures 3.1 miles, with most of the race away from viewing.

"This is my favorite course," said Brianna Hoffman, who finished the rugged course in just over 21 minutes to place second overall for Panorama at the conference meet. "I like running back in the timber and being away from everyone."

Teammate Chance Webster, who was eighth at the conference meet with a time of 18 minutes, 9 seconds, said his competitors also enjoy the course.

"A lot of people like it," he said. "There's a lot to see; it's not just boring and open areas."

The Panorama runners train at the course every Wednesday during the season. They run the entire course and work on the hills.

"We break up this golf course part and do stretches of the hills so they know they can do them fast," Thomp-

Erin Ambrose, director of operations at Panorama, added, "This course helps them for everything else. If you can run out here, you can run everything else really well."

Panorama, which hosts an invitational at the course each fall, has also hosted the Class 1A and 2A State Qualifying meets in recent years.

"Last year, it rained, and our invitational was canceled for a second year in a row," Ambrose said. "It takes a lot to get ready when it rains. We were throwing down a lot of wood chips.

Brandon Waddle, golf course superintendent, spends time preparing the course for the high school meets.

"The coaches, runners and parents have a preseason clean-up day; they bring pruners and clean out overgrown bushes and fallen trees," Waddle said. He keeps the course mowed throughout the season.

Runners cross over a bridge at the bottom of the route, and it has seen some wear over the years. Waddle said the Lake Panorama Association did a quick fix on it this season with dirt and rock.

'This summer, we'll put something nice and permanent in there," he said.

The day of the meet, Waddle pulls the flag poles and tee-markers from the golf course—"just in case someone would want to take home a souvenir," he jokes.

Waddle's daughter, Ella, a seventh grader at Panorama, took home some hardware after winning the junior high girls race this year.

Maureen Lubeck, who manages the Panorama West clubhouse, said visitors are always pleased with the course.

"I think they like coming here," she said. "For the most part, they keep their trash picked up and have a good time."

The Panorama teams were set to compete in the state qualifier at Treynor on Thursday, September 22, with hopes of earning trip to the state course in Fort Dodge. The Panther girls seek a fourth straight trip to the state course and their eighth in the last 10 years. The Panther boys' last state appearance was 2010.

CONSERVATION



Joe Hanner has been involved with the Guthrie County Pheasants Forever chapter since 1987 and was inducted into the Hall of Fame Sept. 20. There are more than 100 Pheasants Forever chapters in the state, and only about 50 people have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Pheasants Forever inducts Joe Hanner into Hall of Fame

By REBECCA MCKINSEY Lake Times staff

Guthrie County Conservation Board Director Joe Hanner recently joined a small group in the Iowa Pheasants Forever Hall of Fame.

Hanner has been involved with the Guthrie County Pheasants Forever chapter since 1987 and was inducted into the Hall of Fame Sept. 20.

"To get an award like this is pretty humbling," Hanner said. "Really, it goes to all the past committee members that have served on the Guthrie County Pheasants Forever chapter. Some good people have participated in Pheasants Forever over the years, and some of them are no longer with us. I was just one member of a team, and I still am."

Pheasants Forever is a nonprofit, private conservation organization that advocates for the conservation of pheasants, quail and other wildlife. It emphasizes habitat improvements, education and land management.

With his background in wildlife ecology and management and his position as director of the Guthrie County Conservation Board, Hanner said Pheasants Forever is a perfect fit for him, both professionally and personally.

Because the organization emphasizes developing wildlife habitats, all types of animals are affected, he added.

"It's not just pheasants, but songbirds, all sorts of wildlife, insects, the whole nine yards," Hanner said.

The award mentions a variety of accomplishments in which Hanner played a part, including the acquisition and development of the Monteith and Bennie Hall

wildlife areas, partnering with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources on land acquisitions around Guthrie County and coordinating various young projects involving safe hunting and conservation.

Hanner serves as the county chapter's habitat chairman—he's held the position "forever and a day," he said.

"This has been a good chapter and a successful chapter because of all the committee members and former chapter leaders; it's a team effort," Hanner said. "That's the gosh-honest

Pheasants Forever is completely dependant on volunteers, said Eric Sytsma, Southern Iowa regional biologist with Pheasants Forever. The organization has operated in Iowa for about 30 years.

The organization began recognizing participants with a Hall of Fame in 2009; this year's approximately 15 inductees made up the seventh class inducted into the Hall of Fame.

It's a small group that has been recognized so far, Sytsma said — there are more than 100 Pheasants Forever chapters in the state, and only about 50 people have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Each year, an extensive list of possible inductees is pared down, he added.

"It takes a lot to keep a Pheasants Forever chapter going throughout a year," Sytsma said. "Joe is a great example of someone involved with a chapter for a very long time who is consistently willing to do what's needed to keep projects going and keep the money flowing."

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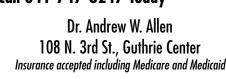
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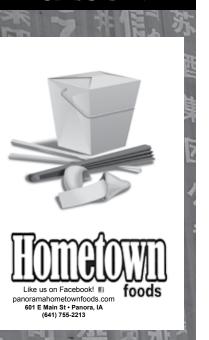
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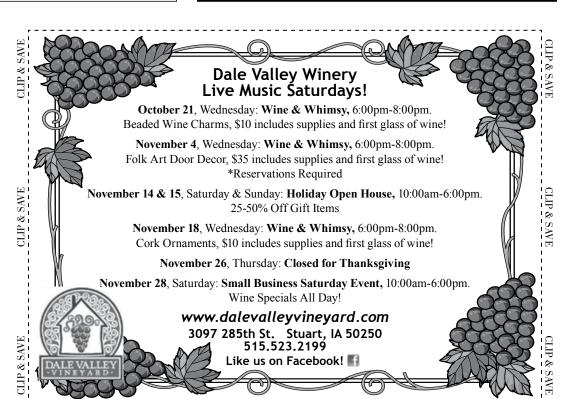
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MARKET

FROM PAGE 3A

"I can't throw stuff away," Smith said with a laugh.

The bookshelf by the door also serves as a lending library, with Westerns, romances, mysteries and more crammed together. Some customers drop books off, and others carry them away. Some of them never return the books — and that's OK. The volumes are free.

Individually wrapped baked goods - cookies, muffins, cinnamon rolls and more — are for sale near the register. Smith freezes the dough and bakes just a few items at a time so they're always fresh.

The deli sells soups, sandwiches and salads, as well as chips, drinks and desserts. Soups are added when the weather cools. Smith typically serves between five and 20 lunches each day.

Customers come from surrounding communities, some traveling from as far as Perry or Des Moines for the deli's signature chicken salad -Smith's own recipe.

A coffee stand in the corner is an important aspect of the business, serving farmers who come in to fill their thermos before a long day and groups of older men who meet regularly to sip and chat.

Local customers in particular are more likely to grocery



Bell Street Market sells quick snacks and fresh-baked goods.

shop there when the weather is nasty and they don't want to travel elsewhere, Smith said. The market also serves as a convenience store for others who duck in regularly for a

candy bar and bottle of pop. Smith doesn't have suppliers; rather, she makes weekly trips to various grocery and supply stores to stock the store.

And if someone requests a new item, she'll typically try it — whether it's glutenfree foods or Cracker Jacks. "If you keep the same products over and over again,

people get bored," she said. She regularly orders items customers specifically have requested, such as a full case of yogurt or 60 buns for an event.

The store is different things to different people — and Smith enjoys it all.

"I like the variety it gives me," Smith said. "At times I can relax and socialize, and at times it keeps me busy. There's the freedom to do whatever I need to do."

And if she hadn't met and married her husband, Smith said, she'd still be living at the Windsor, running it as a bed-and-breakfast across the street from the tire shop — and there'd be no grocery

Above a door inside the market hangs a sign that sums it up: "All because two people fell in love."



A tree goes into the ground on the north side of the 17th

NURSERY

with red will be removed as soon as possible. "We'll be saving some of the trees in the nursery to fill holes where those trees now stand," he said.

Schnack, who is in his second term as a member of the LPA Board of Directors, said ash trees at all the LPA public areas, including the golf courses, beaches, the marina and the LPA office, now have been identified and categorized to either treat, remove or let nature take its course.

The estimated cost of treatment in 2016 for ash trees at both golf courses and other LPA community areas is about \$7,500, with experts recommending trees be treated again in 2018 and 2020. As the LPA staff and board develop the 2016 budget, these treatment costs and the ongoing cost of tree removal will be a necessary part of these and future budget discussions.

HUNGER FROM PAGE 1A

"You'd think, being in Iowa we're the breadbasket in America, the land of plenty," Myers said. "But nearly 400,000 Iowans are going hungry, and one in five children are food insecure."

"Food insecure" describes someone who doesn't know where his or her next meal is coming from, even if only two or three days out of the month,

"If you're going hungry, or your children are hungry, or you're not eating as much so your kids can eat more — that's food insecure," Myers said.

The statistics come from census data and are based on income level and the numbers of people using SNAP or WIC assistance or food pantries, she

The goal starts with "hunger dialogues" in the county, bringing together representatives from businesses, schools, local government and religious, civic and nonprofit organizations to discuss hunger in Guthrie County and how to combat it.

"The nice thing about this hunger dialogue is that it's a moldable, flexible program," Myers said.

Outreach's role is to facilitate communication, to bring people together who might have similar goals but currently work separately, and to develop a "countywide hunger network," she said.

In addition to putting togeth-

er leadership teams in various

communities, the company periodically holds "meal-packaging events," during which residents meet to assemble nutritional mac & cheese or beans and rice meals. The meals go toward disaster

preparedness and relief, school backpack programs, food banks and pantries and food aid facilities, according to information from the company.

If Guthrie County elected to hold a meal-packaging event, its residents could choose to keep the meals for those who need them in Guthrie County or send them elsewhere, Myers said.

People and organizations that are active in multiple counties can and should be involved, she

"We want communities to work together," she said. "If there are cross-county organizations, we want to involve

them, not exclude them." Those interested in being involved or with information can contact Myers through Outreach at office@outreachprogram.org.

At that time, LPA established the legal corporate entity known as "LPN, LLC" to manage this wholly owned subsidiary. As a 501(c)4 non-profit organization, LPA is required to pay taxes only on gains from land sales. Revenues from dues and assessments are not taxable. Keeping the LPA and LPN, LLC operations separate protects the 501(c)4 status of the LPA

John Dinnebier was hired as the LPN head pro in 1999, when the operation was managed by the Guthrie County REC. He moved to the general manager slot in 2002. When the LPA took over the operation in 2005, the LPA Board of Directors hired Dinnebier to continue as LPN, LLC general manager.

Dinnebier has for many years had an advisory committee of volunteers who met regularly to review financials and discuss ways to increase outside business while continuing to provide quality service to LPN members.

Keeping the two business entities separate meant the LPA board of directors' involvement in the LPN, LLC management should be limited to broad overviews.

Yet that arms-length relationship left Dinnebier without the full resources provided by a true board of directors.

After several years of discussion and legal advice, the LPA Board of Directors recently created the LPN Board of Managers. Names of potential board candidates were reviewed, with an eye towards

appointing people with a broad range of business experience and knowledge of the LPN operation. Seven people were chosen and contacted, and all agreed to serve.

Board members appointed to the new LPN Board of Managers are Ann Appleseth, Katelyn Brelsford, Dave Butterwick, Mark Juhl, Brice Oakley, Kane Powell and Julie Wykoff.

The board will work with Dinnebier to oversee LPN policy and direction. The relationship will be similar to the relationship between the LPA Board of Directors and John Rutledge, LPA general manager.

The board's first meeting was October 6. At this introductory meeting, duties for the board members were outlined and details of the current operating agreement between the LPA and

the LPN, LLC were reviewed.

Dinnebier provided an update on each department within the LPN, LLC, which includes the Conference Center and The Links Restaurant, the LPN golf operation, the Panorama West golf operation and clubhouse, lodging and the swimming pool. The 2015 operating budget was reviewed, and initial discussions were held about the 2016 budget. It was agreed a multiyear strategic plan would be developed by Dinnebier with assistance from the new board.

A second meeting for the new LPN Board of Managers was scheduled for October 19. Officers will be elected, and plans for regularly scheduled meetings made. The LPN Board of Managers will report to the LPA Board of Directors on a monthly basis.





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The gate on the Lake Panorama dam was lowered October 1, and raised again October 12. This photo shows the dam gate closed, after the lake was lowered nearly five feet. The dark line on the dam's sidewall shows the height of the normal flow.

DAM

FROM PAGE 2A

Gliem does dam inspections twice a year, and the Iowa DNR does an inspection every five years. With this year's planned maintenance work complete, what's his assessment of the condition of the Lake Panorama dam? "Everything is looking good," he says. "All known issues with the dam are being addressed with the work we're doing this fall."

(See this month's Q&A elsewhere in this issue to learn more about Mike Gliem and the Lake Panorama dam.)



was nearly empty when the lake was at its lowest.

This small cove near the main basin of Lake Panorama

CANCER FROM PAGE 4A

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PROJECT

FROM PAGE 4A

topics such as: employment status, current and desired wages, current and desired benefits, education level, and type of occupation. Survey results will be applied to demographic data to determine the size of the Western Iowa Advantage area labor force as well as various labor force characteristics. Iowa Workforce Development will not be asking survey takers any identifiable information such as their name, social security number, or date of birth.

The results for each county and regional Laborshed analysis can be found at https:// www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/laborshed-studies. If you have any question about the Laborshed workforce project, please contact Katie Lippold at 515-281-3035 or Sarah at 515-523-1262.





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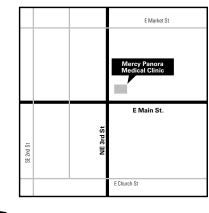
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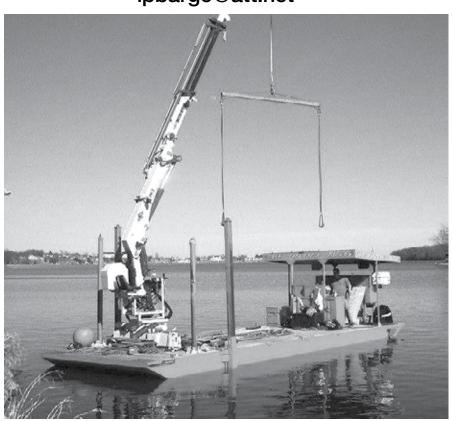


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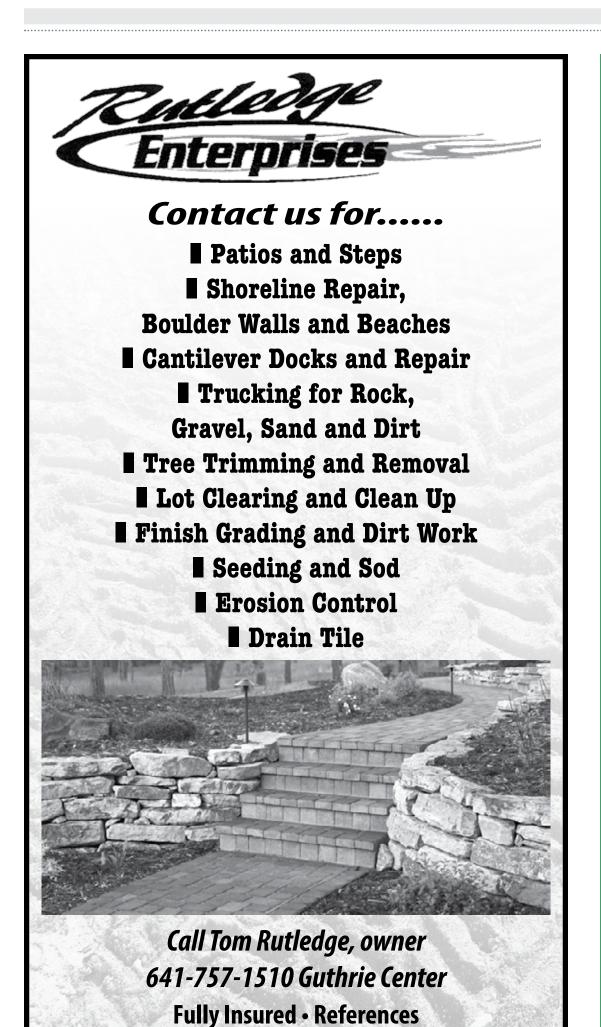


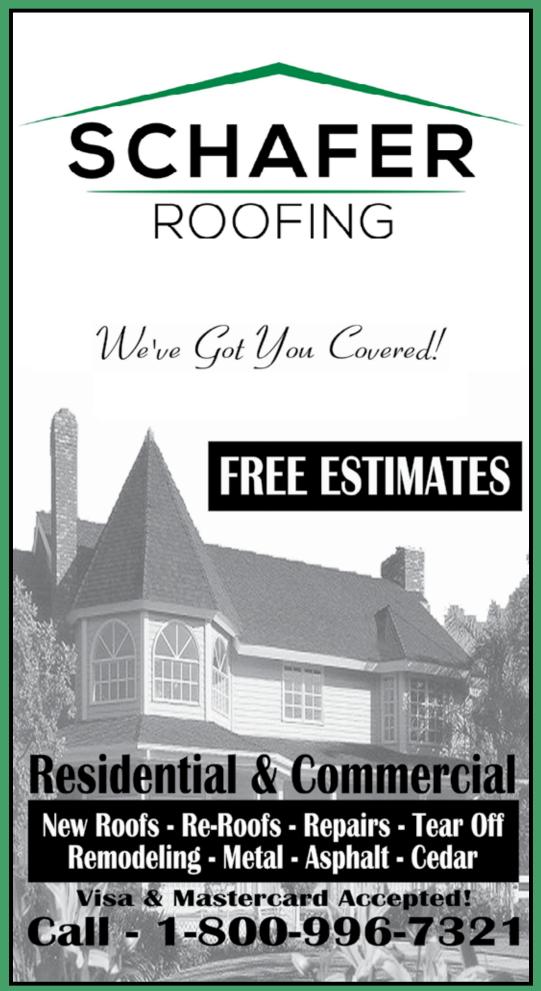




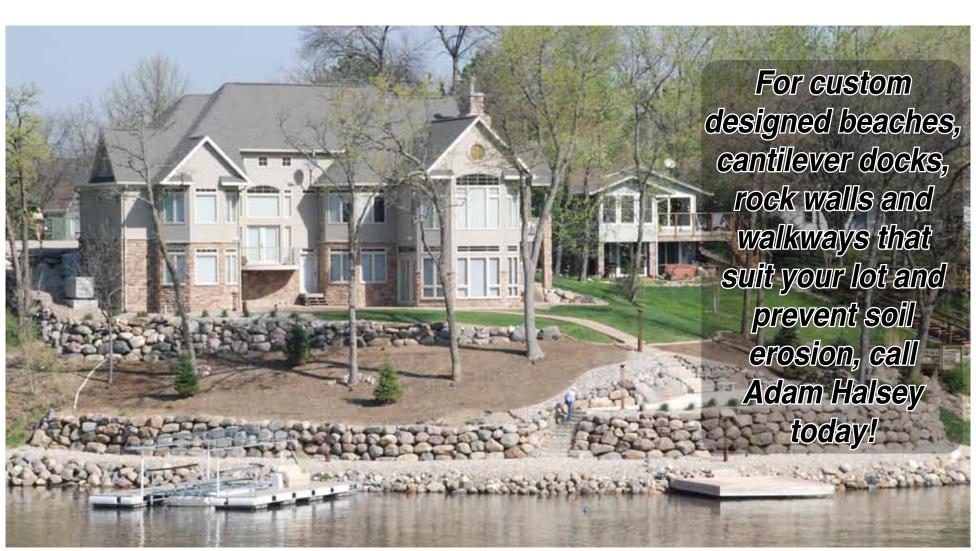


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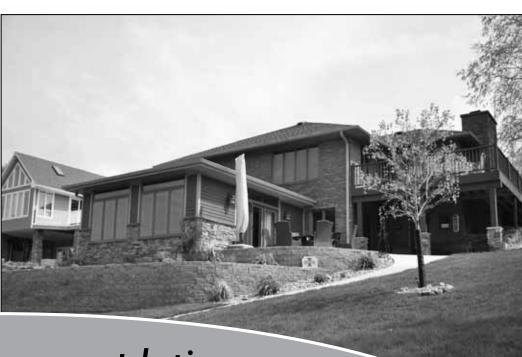
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their wives, developed a product called Fish Finger which they manufacture and are now start-

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exert pressure and hold down on the fish. While called a Fish Finger, it can be used for all types of meat, Rhonda points out.

device. A ridge in the cylinder enables the user to

The product is the result of the old adage "necessity is the mother of invention."

"Mike was looking for something that would hold a fish, especially little ones," said Rhonda. "He started looking around the shop for some-

thing ... and found a clutch alignment tool. He redesigned that and liked the result." Then is was a matter of finding a plastic that wasn't too soft or brittle. And developing a de-

vice to cut the teeth since he couldn't find one to purchase. The project began last winter and was really launched in April. It is a family project with sons

Dan (Dana) and Brad (Lisa) and wives helping. "We were all involved in ideas for production and marketing," said Rhonda. "We had meetings where we voted on the name of the product and designs for the logo."

They (sons and wives) help with distribution and trade show events, she explained.

Mike James of Panora was one of the first persons to try the product.

"I love it," he said enthusiastically and with-

From the left, Brad Stark and wife Lisa, Mike Stark, Rhonda Stark, Dan Stark and wife Dana.

out hesitation. "We have four of them. It's an allpurpose tool that can be used in the kitchen, for hunting and fishing." For example, he used it to bone the first deer of the season he shot.

Mike Stark builds the Fish Fingers in his spare time, up to 100 a day. Rhonda is involved in such tasks as packaging, sales and distribution.

The Starks have a patent pending for the device, the trademark is registered and a website (www. thefishfinger.com) is up and running.

Fish Finger retails for \$9.99 and is being sold

STARK, PAGE 2B



Michael Kleinwolterink displays his photography at the Guthrie County Arts Council's Fall Festival held at the Lake Panorama National Confer-

Fall Festival features Guthrie County Arts Council members' work

By REBECCA MCKINSEY Lake Times staff

The Guthrie County Arts Council's annual Fall Festival filled the Lake Panorama National Conference Center with art and music this year.

A variety of artists displayed and sold their wares throughout the evening Sept. 24.

Live music accompanied the event, including performances by Panora student Annie Kemble, who sang accompanied by William Jacobson. Booths included paintings, jew-

elry, photography and more. At one table, Sheri Heiland displayed her pottery, which she's been making since she was in high school. Most of her pieces are functional — pitchers, vases, glasses and the like — but she has a few pit-fired pieces that are mainly ornamental.

She creates those in a custom pit she built, using a combination of salt, sawdust, seaweed, copper carbonate and fire to react and create one-of-a-kind pieces.

The chemical reactions create flashes of red and orange in the pottery that can't be replicated each time, she said, the fire decides the pattern.

Nearby, Pat Sleister sold barbedwire art — pumpkins strung with lights, as well as baskets — in addition to purses and other items.

She began the barbed-wire hobby several years ago with her daughter; they created a 6-foot wire Christmas tree and then a large wire ball



Sheri Heiland exhibits her pottery at the Guthrie County Arts Council's Fall Festival held at the Lake Panorama National Conference Center. Heiland crafts pitchers, vases, glasses and more. She pit-fires some pieces outdoors — using a combination of salt, sawdust, seaweed, copper carbonate and fire, she creates oneof-a-kind pieces with flashes of red and orange caused by the fire's reaction to the other ingredients. "You can never really get two pieces that are the same," she said. "The fire decides the pattern."

before swearing they'd never repeat either project.

It's a fun job, but also "kind of dirty, dangerous and messy," Sleister said. She's already gone through one pair of leather gloves.

Local farmers give her old barbed wire to use, and in fact, several people who stopped at her booth during the festival offered her more.

She won't be running out anytime soon.



Panora student and musician Annie Kemble performs with William Jacobson during the Guthrie County Arts Council's Fall Festival held at the Lake Panorama National Conference Center.

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Q&A: Mike Gliem, LPA Dam Supervisor

WITHOUT THE DAM, THERE WOULDN'T BE A LAKE

By SUSAN THOMPSON *Lake Times staff*

The 1,250-foot earthen dam on the Middle Raccoon River doesn't get a lot of attention. But without it, there wouldn't be a Lake Panorama. This month, Mike Gliem, who supervisors both the dam and the Lake Panorama Water Company, answers questions about the

Q. Give us some history and statistics about the Lake Panorama dam.

The dam is 45 years old. The Leonard Nelson Construction Co. of Red Oak was awarded the contract in the spring of 1969 to build the dam at a cost of \$1.115 million. Construction began April 25, 1969, with completion expected in three months. Heavy rains stopped construction in June, and it was more than a year later, on June 8, 1970, before the dam gate was closed and Lake Panorama began to fill.

The dam is made up of an 850-foot-long earth embankment, a 100-footlong gate, and a 300-footlong emergency spillway. The earth embankment is 400 feet wide at its base and 20 feet wide on top.

The steel gate, which is raised and lowered using a hydraulic control system, is about 10 feet high. Below the gate is a reinforced concrete chute spillway 100 feet wide and 290 feet long. It ends in what is called a "stilling"

basin" – a series of raised concrete blocks in an area 33 feet long that dissipates energy from the flowing water to protect the riverbed from erosion.

The emergency spillway on the east side is a grassed surface spillway. Water has gone over it twice, in 1986 and again in 1993.

On the west side, there is a 30-inch diameter concrete pipe under the earthen dam for controlling the lake level during periods of low river flows. This also is used when water needs to be diverted away from the dam gate for inspections and repairs, as we did this fall.

Q. In its 45 years, there have only been two dam operators, correct?



Yes, George Ohm, who was on the original construction crew, managed the dam for more than 30 years. I took over in 2000, after training with George for three years. I started with the LPA in 1993 doing water patrol parttime, then moved to a full-time position in security and trained with George. Andy Johnson is the back-up dam operator.

Q. How is the lake's water level managed?

What is considered "normal" for Lake Panorama is an elevation of 1,045.5 feet above sea level. That puts the water surface 24 feet below the top of the dam. Our goal is to keep the water as close to that level as possible. Especially in the spring and early summer, and in summers like this one when we get a lot of rain, this requires constant monitoring.

Gauges on the Middle
Raccoon River near
Springbrook State Park
and Lenon Mill Park in
Panora provide continuous
measurements on how much
water is entering and leaving
Lake Panorama. The Iowa
Flood Center also operates
a gauge on the Burchfield
bridge. Information from

these gauges shows up on monitors in the small concrete building at the dam, and also can be accessed online. An outdoor weather station at the dam provides details on temperature, rainfall, wind, barometric pressure and more. A subscription weather service offers constant, high-quality radar and forecasts.

It's not generally nearby weather conditions that are the most concern. When there is rain in the forecast, we monitor online weather sites to the north, such as Carroll, Glidden and Coon Rapids. A normal rain event at Carroll will be here in 24 hours. If a lot of rain falls there, it can get here in 10 hours. A normal rain event at Springbrook can reach us in five hours.

I live in Yale, and know that a heavy rain there will increase the flow of water into Burchfield Cove. That can cause as much trouble for us as rain in Carroll.

The time of year is another factor in how much a heavy rain will impact the lake level. A two-inch rain in the spring is nothing like a two-inch rain in the fall. In the spring, the ground is saturated so the water runs right into the lake. In the fall, the ground is usually drier and rain will soak better.

When the skies are clear, the river gauges and online weather sites are checked once a day. When there is rain in the forecast, we're constantly checking all these information sources. If the gate needs to be lowered or raised, this must be done at the dam.

Every season and every year is different. Even with ice on the lake in the winter, water continues to flow under it and then over the dam. If we let the water get too high, the ice can heave and cause damage to riprap. If it gets too low, a cavity can

form between the ice and the water, which becomes a safety concern. So we have to monitor the lake level 24/7 year-round.

Q. What regulations impact the operation of the dam?

If so much water is being released that flooding will occur downstream, we notify Panora officials, the Guthrie County Sheriff's office, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and a private homeowner who lives close to the river. In some wet years, there have been rumors we had been asked to hold back more water to help with downstream flooding, but the dam was never designed for flood control.

For many years, the level of Lake Panorama was raised in the summer to provide more lake surface for recreation and lowered in the winter, which led to greater fluctuations downstream. In 1986, the DNR developed rules that state a minimum of 20 cubic feet per second must be discharged. Our policy is to try to maintain about 1,045.5 feet above sea level, which often means discharging an amount similar to what is coming into the lake.

The DNR inspects the dam every five years, and I do two complete inspections every year. In 2012, the LPA hired Shive-Hattery to also do a complete inspection of the dam, which didn't find any structural deficiencies. Some routine maintenance items were identified and that's what we're taking care of this fall.

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through their website and eBay. Also, it can be bought in Panora at Lake Lumber, NAPA Auto Parts and T-Dogg's Bait N-Tackle Shop

Rhonda said sales have been slow, but they look forward to the big trade shows. "We'll be going to them this winter," she said. They hope to eventually sell the product in the large stores like Scheels or Bass Pro Shops.

This past week the couple did a trade show in Clear Lake. "That was a lot of fun," she said, "there's a lot of fishermen up there"

Production-wise, the couple hopes to do injection moulding in the future, rather than drilling the fingers, but the equipment is costly.

Surprisingly neither of the Starks are avid anglers. "I'm

not a fisherman and Mike really doesn't fish that much either, about the only time is once a year in Canada," she said.

"It seems weird not going to the shop after 28 years," she related. Stark's Auto officially closed September 25 for a couple of reasons.

"The tools and equipment were wearing out and there are too many shops in town," she explained. There are seven repair shops in or near Panora.

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Lake Panorama Association **Board of Directors Meeting** August 24, 2015 **Lake Panorama Association Office**

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met August 24, 2015, at 5:00 PM, at the Lake Panorama Association Office. Board members present were Bob Batschelet, John Coghlan, Bill Douglass, Tom Jeschke, Mindy Larsen Poldberg, Charles Schnack, and Neil Wright.

Staff present: John Dinnebier, Danna Krambeer, John Rutledge, David Thompson and Dan Wollner.

Visitors present: Gary Evans, LPA Member; Dave Wagler and Laura Kemble of Lake Panorama Realty.

President Coghlan called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the Agenda. Coghlan requested to move item 5c) to immediately after Open Forum. Jeschke moved to approve the revised agenda. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 – Open Forum. No one spoke in Open Forum.

Agenda Item 5c - Renewal of real estate contract with Lake Panorama Realty. Consider one-year extension of contract with Lake Panorama Realty. Lake Panorama Realty has been LPA's exclusive realtor for the entirety of 2015. The relationship has been working very well and their performance has been solid.

Batschelet explained Lake Panorama Realty and the Land Sales Committee have been in discussions about upcoming marketing campaigns. Lake Panorama Realty expressed concerns with incurring significant expenses for new marketing, considering their contract is up for renewal on 12/31/15. The Land Sales Committee expressed they are pleased with the progress and the relationship to date and would propose to extend the contract for 2016. LPA management is also comfortable continuing the relationship between LPA and Lake Panorama Realty.

Jeschke moved to offer Lake Panorama Realty a one-year contract extension to serve as LPA's exclusive real estate broker and real estate agent. Motion seconded.

Discussion - Wright asked how the initial discussions were left with the other interested realtors when a realtor was chosen last year. Batschelet stated the agreement is a one-year contract. The contract renews unless 30-day prior notice to terminate is given by either party There was no talk about bidding yearly.

Coghlan asked if the contract is working for Lake Panorama Realty. Dave Wagler stated it is working fine.

Call for vote - Carried Unanimously.

Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda. Douglass requested item 3e) Financials be pulled from consent agenda. Wright

as amended. Motion seconded, carried unanimously. Consent agenda to include: a) LPA General Manager's Report b) John Dinnebier's report on financial performance of LPN, LLC c) Approval of minutes from 07.28.2015 LPA Board Meeting d) Budget calendar for 2016 budget.

Agenda Item 3e - Acceptance of 07.31.2015 consolidated financial report, LPA & subsidiary LPN, LLC.

Douglass asked for clarification on the Panorama West Income Statement. Why is it showing a negative amount in the membership income? Dinnebier explained the memberships are pre-billed on January 1 and then adjusted to actual later in the year after members have paid or declined the membership for the year. This adjustment was made in July. The number of memberships is down for 2015.

Douglass moved to accept the 7.31.2015 consolidated financial report. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4a – Coulter Panorama Marine – Marina lease exception for 2015. Coulter's Panorama Marine stores boats in both LPA-owned storage buildings and buildings owned or leased by Coulter's Panorama Marine. LPA receives the financial benefit of rent on buildings it owns, but receives no benefit on buildings owned or leased by Coulter.

Lyn Coulter is currently storing approximately 114 boats with LPA storing approximately 111 boats. The current lease with Coulter states that LPA shall have the right to build any additional boat storage needed.

Earlier in the year, the LPA cancelled the construction of the Morton building due to concerns about an oversupply of boat storage. Despite concerns, Coulter has informed the lake that he has not lost any customers for the fall of 2015 winterization season. Coulter is now facing a lack of storage for this winter.

Coulter is in the process of constructing a new building to replace one of his existing structures. This will not increase his storage capacity beyond the 114, as the old building will be used for other purposes.

Coulter is requesting the opportunity to use both the old building and the new building to handle overflow storage during the 2015 year. This would be a one-year exception under the lease, which would allow Coulter to exceed 114 boats.

LPA will then evaluate the storage market further for fall 2016 and beyond.

Schnack moved to provide Coulter's Panorama Marine with a one-year exception regarding boat storage limitations. Coulter's Panorama Marine will revert to storage of not more than 114 boats in non-LPA structures for the 2016-17 storage season. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4b – Rule change to clarify necessity of invasive species boat sticker. Clarify rule regarding invasive species moved to approve the consent agenda : sticker. LPA rules are currently unclear

regarding the necessity of displaying LPA's invasive species sticker. (Underlined areas are additions to the current rule.)

(h) Registration / sticker requiredAll vessels operated on Lake Panorama must display a current Lake Panorama Association sticker and the appropriate invasive species inspection sticker issued according to Section 5.5.

(d.) All member and non-members desiring to obtain any type of boat permit or temporarily be on the lake for contest or trials, or who desire to install or utilize other water-related equipment on Lake Panorama, must complete an invasive species questionnaire / consent form / brochure that requests information about previous boating locations and water-related equipment usage, and gives invasive species prevention instructions, unless they have been designated as resident lake boaters by virtue of maintaining and operating their vessel(s) solely on Lake Panorama.

1. Members whose boat(s) only are operated on Lake Panorama are considered resident boaters and need not complete the questionnaire, but must certify their vessels are only operated on Lake Panorama through the annual boat permit application process. Should a resident lake vessel be removed from the lake and be operated elsewhere, the member is subject to completion of the questionnaire and certification as required of non-resident lake members until such time as one full calendar year has passed. Members are responsible to notify the LPA of any change of status. Failure to notify a change of status will result in loss of boat permit privileges for one year. Resident invasive species stickers will be issued to vessels so designated. Resident stickers will be indicated by a basic green coloration and will be issued for the period coinciding with the issuance of Iowa DNR registration stickers. As long as the vessel status remains as only operated on Lake Panorama (or the Middle Raccoon River), the sticker will remain valid. Faded, lost or damaged stickers shall be replaced for a fee as determined by the replacement cost of the stickers. If vessels are traded or replaced, new invasive stickers will be issued to the replacement vessel at cost.

2. NON-RESIDENT vessels shall be issued invasive species stickers indicated:

by a basic red coloration and dated with the current registration year and must be current to the year of boat permit issuance. The boat permit application form may be substituted for a questionnaire/consent form/ brochure for member applicants.

Larsen Poldberg moved to adopt the rule changes, which require members to display their invasive species sticker(s). Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4c – Water service extension to Mark Reese, 200th Road. LPA member Mark Reese has purchased a small piece of property off 200th Road. This is the property immediately east of the new RIZ purchase. RIZ has recently installed a joint driveway at this location.

Reese is going to construct a storage building for his own boats. He has assured LPA administration that he is not interested in renting out his building for the storage of other boats.

Reese is requesting a water service extension from LPA. He also has requested the necessary release from the City of Panora, as his property technically falls within the city's zone for potential expansion.

LPA has provided service to non-association property in the past. The current precedent has been to charge a \$1,250 tap fee, plus require the recipient of the extension pay for all installation costs. Ongoing water rates will apply from that point forward.

Discussion - Board members questioned if the water rates are the same to those outside of LPA property and if the use can be defined in the easement agreement, answer is yes to both. The board further agreed they would like to see verbiage to exclude commercial use in the future, without consent from the board for such use.

Batschelet moved to allow Reese an extension for a \$1,250 tap fee plus the cost of all expenses to install and maintain the line, the agreement to include verbiage regarding defined uses and limit use for commercial purposes. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4d – Recommendation to list lot 3544. Lake Panorama Realty has requested direction on our willingness to sell Lot 3544. They would like to market the property as an option to prospective buyers of 6249 Panorama Road.

LPA staff has no objections to the sale of this property. The LPA Land Sales committee also believes it would be appropriate to sale the property.

Jeschke moved to list lot 3544 for sale price of \$10,000. Motion seconded, motion carried.

Agenda Item 4e - Confirm date of September and additional Board Meetings. Confirm meeting dates for the remainder of 2015. The December meeting was requested to be moved to December 15.

Larsen Poldberg moved meeting dates to be September 22, October 27, November 24 and December 15. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5a - John Dinnebier & Dan Wollner – Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) strategy at golf courses.

Wollner provided the board with a proposed plan to handle the tree treatment and removal due to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). He talked about the EAB and noted it will inevitably reach our area. The closest identified site is in Dallas County. Treatment is recommended once EAB is within 15 miles.

Wollner explained there are 320 ash trees on the golf courses. Every Ash tree was evaluated, based on mower damage, wind and ice damage, health issues, etc. Wollner has identified 68 trees to treat, 48 of which are at the LPN course, 10 of which are at the Panorama West golf course, and 10 of which are at the LPN golf maintenance building.

Trees marked with a red ribbon have been deemed unhealthy and are slated for removal. Wollner has identified 20 such trees for immediate removal.

260 trees were identified as Ash and have been marked with a yellow ribbon. These are trees which will be left to the course of nature. It is likely most will eventually die from the EAB. Wollner noted not all will die instantaneously. It will take two to three years to see the real effects of the EAB once it arrives. All trees will be

(removal) status as needed.

A nursery had been started several years ago and now contains approximately 300 trees. 150 trees are available to start transplanting this fall. Wollner explained the costs, requirements and the application license required for purchasing the treatment kits and treating trees.

The board asked Wollner to review trees located on the beaches and provide a list to Rutledge to be included in the budget numbers. If the board moves forward with the numbers discussed, treatment costs in 2016 will be approximately \$6,000. Experts recommend the trees be treated again in 2018 and 2020. Once the food source for the EAB is gone, they will move on; this has been documented in other states where they have already been through.

Further discussion was held on how to handle removal of the large trees that will be affected by the EAB. More cost information will be gathered and the LPA staff has been instructed to include money in the capital budget for treatment and future removal over the next several years.

Agenda Item 5b – Information update on Sunset Beach boat ramp.

At the August LPA Board meeting, the Board discussed the potential benefits of installing a boat ramp at Sunset Beach while the lake was lowered this fall. Rutledge noted this was not a planned or budgeted expenditure, but stated an evaluation could be provided at the September meeting. Rutledge reviewed his analysis as follows:

1. Boat ramp construction is under regulations of the US Corp of Engineers and the lowa DNR.

The application states 90 to 120 days for application review.

- 2. The shoreline access is extremely low in elevation and often extremely wet. Significant work may be necessary to support both access and ramp structures from settling which could make the ramp without enough slope to allow proper launch without submerging vehicle wheels.
- 3. Shallow waters in front of access area are notable for fresh silt deposits, as illustrated by muddy conditions that plaque Sunset Beach

re-evaluated and upgraded to red ribbon : **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4B**



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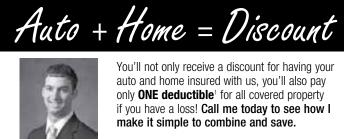
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4. Concerns about invasive species with an unprotected access—if a boat ramp is installed without any planned means of securing the areas from unauthorized launch, it magnifies the potential for invasive introduction.

5. Potential future play area access may conflict with increased traffic resulting from hoat ramp

6. Most ramp construction is frequently done by pushing pre-poured/formed slabs onto graded ramp support materials and does not require water level to be lowered.

7. The safety of this area is questionable. Launching and loading boats will be difficult considering this is a high-wake area during busy times of the year.

Rutledge asked how much effort the staff should put into this topic for the capital budget for next year.

Batschelet commented on the number of items listed above, that he might take opposite side with, however safety is a major concern. The Water Safety Committee is scheduled to discuss at their next meeting.

Batschelet moved to table until the water safety committee reports on the topic.

: Motion seconded

Discussion – Larsen Poldberg asked if other area was available on the west side. Rutledge noted this had been extensively reviewed a couple of years ago and the board agreed Sunset is the best choice.

Call for vote — Carried Unanimously.

Agenda Item 5d – LPN, LLC operating agreement. Moved to closed session.

Agenda Item 6 – Other Business a) Schnack presented costs for two tiling projects on the LPN golf course; Hole No. 8 and No. 14. If project completed now, prior to the busy time of year for tiling, the cost is estimated at \$7,000.

Jeschke moved to complete the tiling project as outlined for Holes No. 8 and 14 not to exceed cost of \$7,000. Motion seconded.

Discussion focused on the fact this was not a budgeted expenditure and was not an emergency project. Discussion also focused on this project being long-overdue and much needed.

Question called, motion carried.

Jeschke requested clarification regarding

the budget schedule approved as item 3d. Jeschke asked if the capital list presented in September would include prioritization by the LPA and LPN general managers, so that the board received a good sense of which projects were most valued by management and staff. Rutledge and Dinnebier confirmed this would be presented as part of the September capital budget discussion.

b) Kelly McCarty has offered to purchase a portion of the LPA un-platted lot adjoining his current residence at 4902 Cypress Lane. Land sales committee recommended LPA move forward by negotiating a sale of the property to McCarty. LPA staff will do more research on the property and move forward accordingly.

Agenda Item 7 – Closed Session. The Board entered closed session at 7:00 PM to discuss legal matters.

The Board exited closed session at 8:35 PM

Agenda Item 8 - Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM

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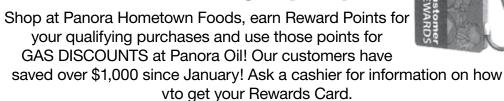
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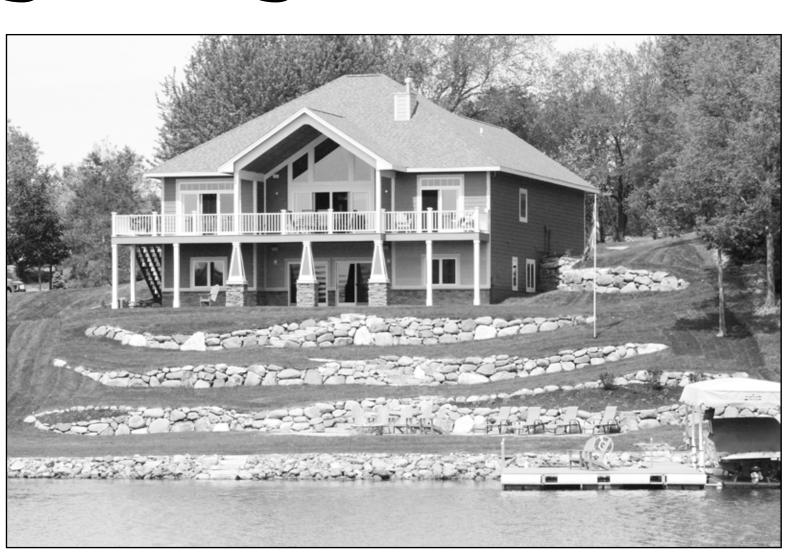
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Lots 319 & 320 - 6620 Panorama Dr. \$85,000	C LOTS	
Lots 435 & 436 - 6928 Bumps Bend	Lots 6050, 6051 & 6052 - 4611, 4609 & 4607 Jeanie Ln	\$22,500
Lots 319 & 320 - 6620 Panorama Dr. \$85,000 Lots 435 & 436 - 6928 Bumps Bend. \$165,000 Lot 509* - 4631 Petite Pt. \$105,000	Lots 6050, 6051 & 6052 - 4611, 4609 & 4607 Jeanie Ln Lot 1128 - 5309 Corner Ct.	\$20,000
Lots 944 & 945 - 6022 & 6024 Fairmont	Lot 2936 - 6513 Jansen Cove	\$14,500
Lot 3399 - 4016 Pinewood Rd. \$79,000	Lot 1125 - 5318 Chimra	NEW PRICE! \$9,500
Lot 3399 - 4016 Pinewood Rd	Lot 1125 - 5318 Chimra Lot 1128 - 5309 Corner Ct. Lot 2856 - 6527 Panorama Dr.	\$20,000
Lot 872 - 6012 Tulip Ct. \$49,900 Lot 1173 - 5331 Panorama Terrace \$250,000	Lot 2856 - 6527 Panorama Dr	NEW PRICE! \$10,000
Lot 1173 - 5331 Panorama Terrace	Lot 1152 - 5301 Chimra Dr	\$9,750
Lot 8 - 6909 Weber Knob	Lot 2836 - 6327 Parlorama Dr. Lot 1152 - 5301 Chimra Dr. Lot 2942 - 6501 Jansen Cove. Lot 2335 - 6647 Panorama Dr. Lot 2855 - 6525 Panorama Dr. Lot 1159 - 5315 Panorama Dr. Lot 4460 - 6537 Panorama Dr.	\$9,500
RIOTS	Lot 2335 - 6647 Panorama Dr	\$9,000
Lots 11, 12 & 13 - 6902/6904 Weber Knob	Lot 2855 - 6525 Panorama Dr	\$9,500
Lata 1102, 1104, 1105, 1201, 9, 1202, E27F Danarama Tarraga	Lot 1159 - 5315 Panorama Dr	\$9,500
Contract terms available	Lot 4460 - 6537 Panorama Dr	\$8,500
Lots 1583 & 1623 - 5152 Panorama Dr. \$35,000	Lot 4235 - 6820 Mack Rd. Lot 2836 - 6545 Panorama Rd.	\$7,999
Lots 3029, 3030, 3031-6511, 6513 & 6515 Panorama Dr	Lot 2836 - 6545 Panorama Rd	\$8,500
	Lot 3354 - 4007 Maple Ln. Lot 6152 - 4723 Canfield Corner	\$7,000
Lot 6011 - 4656 Panorama Dr. \$8,950 Lot 3150 - 4194 Panorama Dr. \$8,500	Lot 6152 - 4723 Canfield Corner	\$7,000
Lot 5002 - 5209 Perry Pt. \$8,000	Lot 6140 - 4714 Canfield Corner	SALE PENDING! \$5,500
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LAKE PANORAM	A	ASSOCIATION	VLOTS
EAST SIDE		Lot 421 A - WATERFRONT	\$25,000
Lot 1572 - Golf Course	\$25,000	Lot 2921 and 2922 - 2 lots	\$35,000
Lot 1453 - Golf Course		Lot 2845 and 2846 - 2 lots	SOLD! \$25,000
Lot 1601, 1600, 1599 and 1598 - Golf Course - 4 lots - many options		Lot 333 A - 6526 Coven Court	
Lot 1613, 1614, 1615, 1616, and 1617 - Golf Course - 5 lots	. \$50,000	WATERFRONT - June's Cove	OFFER PENDING! \$30,000
Lot 3747 and 3748 - 2 lots - corner location	\$40,000	Lot 784A and 785 A - WATERFRONT - 2 lots	
Lot 3667 - Level wooded lot Lot 3687 - Large corner lot	. \$20,000	Lot 786A, 787 A, 788A - WATERFRONT - 3 lots	\$125,000
Lot 3687 - Large corner lot	. \$25,000	Lot 884A, 885A, 886A - WATERFRONT - 3 lots	\$125,000
Lot 6497 - Corner lot in Burchfield Cove area	\$15,000	Lot 895A, 896A - WATERFRONT - 2 lots	\$100,000
	\$10,000	Lot 897A, 898 A, 899A - WATERFRONT - 3 lots	
Lot 6043	\$10,000	Lot 4059	\$10,000
Lot 6256	\$10,000	Lot 2012	\$10,000
Lot 6461	\$10,000	Lot 2092	\$10,000
WEST SIDE		Lot 2925	
Lot 34 - Wooded	\$13,500	Lot 2959	\$10,000
Lot 37 - Good for walkout	\$18,000	Lot 2366	\$10,000
Lot 2981 OFFER P		Lot 3083	\$10,000
Lot 2357 - Lake View	. \$17,500		