Friends of Lake Panorama donors make upgrades possible

Lake Times staff

Donations to Friends of Lake Panorama have made some recent upgrades at both Lake Panorama National and Panorama West possible. Two new signs featuring the Panorama West Golf Course and Clubhouse logo now are on display at the parking lot entrance, with one facing north and the other facing south.

The two new signs, which cost just under \$700, were made possible by donations from two couples. Last December, Wade and Teresa Jensen donated \$1,000, with \$500 designated for use at Panorama West, and \$500 for the Sunset Beach playground. Jay and Sue Merryman donated \$500, with \$200 for Panorama West and the remaining \$300 to the Friends of Lake Panorama general fund.

Two new signs also are in place over east entrances at the LPN Conference Center. Both signs sport the LPN logo. The one on the south shows it's the entrance to The Links Restaurant and Lounge. The one on the north shows it's the entrance to the LPN Reception Hall.

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The Lakeside Village now being managed by Senior Housing Management

Lake Times staff

PANORA

The Lakeside Village, a charming Independent, Assisted Living and Memory Care retirement community located on beautiful Lake Panorama, is under new management.

As of August 1, 2015, Senior Housing Management has assumed operational duties for the 64-apartment establishment.

Senior Housing Vice President, Allison Law, explains some of the positive changes that have already begun taking place, "While The Lakeside Village is still owned by Dr. Menadue, we are diligently working to create new career opportunities, provide comprehensive benefits for employees, and establish unique programing for current and future residents."

and future residents."
Senior Housing Management has a long standing track record of providing handson service, support and mentorship that leads to improved occupancy, satisfied team members and content residents.

"We are thrilled to partner with the current staff and residents at The Lakeside Village to create a more vibrant and all-inclusive retirement community in Panora," said Law.

For more information about being a part of The Lakeside Village's growth, please contact Joy Cox, Operations Manager, at 319-389-7766.

Senior Housing Management provides innovative, compassionate, resident-focused healthcare and management services for seventeen Assisted Living Communities throughout the state of Iowa. Senior Housing Management is Iocated at 208 35th Street Dr. SE, Suite 500 Cedar Rapids, IA, 52403. For more information, call (800) 366-6716, or visit www.seniorhousingcompanies.com.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SILT STORAGE BASIN UNDERWAY



Construction got underway in August on a new silt storage basin that will serve Helen's Cove and Hughes Cove. Shown left to right taking part in a construction progress meeting are Mike Monthei, LPA operations supervisor, Luke Monat, Shive-Hattery engineer, and Dan Wilson, president of RW Excavating and Dozing.

By SUSANTHOMPSON | Lake Times staff

onstruction began in mid-August on a new silt storage basin that will serve Helen's Cove and Hughes Cove. The Cory Sediment Basin is located about one-third of a mile north of the LPA maintenance facilities on the east side of Lake Panorama.

"It's exciting to see dirt moving on the Cory sediment basin," said John Rutledge, LPA general manager. "We believe we are on-pace to pump into this basin in the fall of 2016, which is consistent with the three-year timeframe the RIZ board discussed in the summer of 2013." RIZ's initial agreement with the heirs of the Cory estate was finalized over the 2013 Labor Day weekend.

The new basin is possible because of the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ). Since the RIZ district was formed in 1997, the RIZ trustees have undertaken many projects to protect the Lake Panorama water quality. To date, keeping the lake viable by removing silt

has been its top priority.

There are 440 square miles of land that drain into Lake Panorama. While 94 percent of the water comes from the Middle Raccoon River, the remaining six percent comes from local drainages into smaller coves such as Helen's and Hughes.

While there is sediment storage capacity in the County Basin and Scott Basin, there are no active basins on the downstream end of the lake. One of the 2012-2013 goals set by the RIZ board was to identify areas of the lake not served by existing basins.

In late 2012, RIZ identified several areas of high priority for silt basin development. Among those were Helen's and Hughes coves

These two coves are highly developed and lack locations for sediment storage. In addition, neither has much in the way of a preventative structure. So RIZ and the LPA worked with engineers at Shive-Hattery to develop a master plan.

develop a master plan.

In 2013, the Lake Panorama RIZ purchased nearly 116 acres of farm ground north of 200th Street and west of Sage Trail. This portion of the Cory farm was recognized as a good site for a 1 million-plus cubic yard silt storage basin, as well as good trading stock for adjacent properties with potential for preventative attractures.

tative structures.
In 2014, Dan and Betty Donahey agreed to trade roughly 40 acres of land they owned nearby for roughly 40 acres of the Cory farm. This year, 26 acres were purchased from the Elmquist family. Combined with the Donahey land swap, the current RIZ land ownership now can accommodate the Helen's and Hughes coves master plan.



October 1 deadline for boat and lift removal

By SUSAN THOMPSON Lake Times staff

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Less than two weeks remain for LPA members to get their boats and lifts off the water before Lake Panorama is lowered 4-5 feet October 1. The lake lowering is needed so scheduled maintenance work on the dam spillway can be done.

Once contacted by members, Coulter Marine and the two barge companies have been working as quickly as possible to remove boats and lifts. To make removal more efficient, the LPA, Coulter's Marine, Lake Panorama Barge Service and Van Houten Barge Service established three special work zones.

Zone A includes all of the lake upstream from Burchfield Cove, and work was done there September 8-15. Zone B includes all of Burchfield Cove and downstream to Dale's Cove. Work is being done in Zone B now through September 23.

Zone C is the area from Dale's Cove through the Main Basin. Members living in this zone must contact their service providers as soon as possible to authorize equipment removal by September 24, since this will be done in Zone C September 24-30.

Since most sectional dock can be taken out while the lake level is down, barge services may choose to remove lifts with their crane and remove docks later. Members in

DEADLINE, PAGE 2A

Springbrook State Park to close for repairs

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Springbrook State Park in Guthrie County shut down Sept. 8 for major road repairs. Repairs will include replacing the bridge coming into the park and the culvert in the campground, and repairing the main road between the spillway and the picnic area. The park will be closed to vehicle traffic until completion, which is scheduled to be May 21, 2016 (weather dependent)

pendent).

The Sherburne Cabin, located on the west end of the park, will continue to be open for rent, and the Conservation Education Center, adjacent to the park on the east,

will remain open.
Visitors may access pedestrian trails, but are encouraged to stop at the office for a trail map and parking directions. Parking will be available at the office/shop complex or the Conservation Education Center.

For updates and more information, please contact the park office

at 641-747-3591.

To contact the Conservation Education Center call 641-747-8383.

Sherburne Cabin rental information can be found at http://io-wastateparks.reserveamerica.com or by contacting the reservation call center at 1-877-427-2757.

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Barge services on Lake Panorama have been busy throughout September removing lifts and docks in advance of the October 1 lake lowering.

DEADLINE

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small coves and inlets who do not normally have docks or lifts taken out are not required to do so, but are reminded boats will be stranded on lifts if not removed before the lake is lowered.

Phone numbers for the three businesses involved in boat and lift removal are Coulter's Marina, 641.755.2920; Lake Panorama Barge, 641.755.3351 or 515.971.0226; and Van Houten Barge, 515.975.7016

The lower lake level will need to be maintained until work on the dam spillway is complete. Rainfall and river flows will determine when the lake returns to normal pool.



Empty boat trailers and boats on trailers have been lined up near Coulter Marine throughout September, as the staff works with LPA members to get boats off the lake ahead of the October 1 deadline.

BASIN FROM PAGE 1A

RIZ is projected to invest nearly \$3 million in this area during the five-year period of 2013 to 2017. The Cory Basin is the first of three projects, and represents an investment of nearly \$2 million. The end result will be 1.25 million cubic yards of storage at a price of \$1.60 per cubic yard.

The second project will be the Helen's Cove CREP wetland buffer. This will be a joint effort with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the USDA Farm Service Agency. The Helen's Cove project has a gross budget of \$700,000, with more than \$200,000 in federal reimbursements being secured for construction. Net cost to RIZ will be about \$500,000.

The third and final project will be the Hughes Cove buffer project. Hughes Cove also is likely to qualify as a CREP project, although a handful of items still are being confirmed by the state and federal agencies. The Hughes Cove wetland structure is projected to cost roughly \$750,000, with \$250,000 being reimbursed if CREP status is secured. Like

the Helen's Cove project, net cost to RIZ will be nearly \$500,000.

The Cory storage basin will hold dredged material from Helen's Cove and Hughes Cove, as well as nearby portions of the lake. The four-sided structure will be a "dry" basin, and the first of its kind for Lake Panorama.

When the first silt basins were constructed at Lake Panorama, two types were used. The first were simple low-elevation earthen dams close to the lake. The original CIPCO (Central Iowa Power Cooperative) dam was built along the upper end of the upper basin and extended upstream along the river channel. Another was built on the west side of Burchfield Creek just south of the bridge on Sage Trail. Both soon were filled with sediment pumped from those lake inlets.

A second type of siltation structure became necessary after nearby space for the first type was used up. The next type involves building a dam at the base of a valley to form a structure that can be pumped into. The County Basin, where sediment currently is pumped from the upper lake, is this type of structure.

The Cory Basin involves ex-

cavating a large hole for storage, with the excavated material used to build a dam around the basin. An outlet structure will allow clear water back into the lake through a drainage into Hughes Cove. The work also requires relocating and outletting existing drainage tiles.

Shive-Hattery engineers handled planning for the Cory Basin that had to meet federal and state regulations. Engineering plans had to consider soils, erosion, potential rainfall, drainage, how water is drained from the project, how it may be accessed for maintenance and many other factors.

Once the engineering plans were completed and approved by the RIZ trustees, the project information was sent out for construction bids. Bids were collected by the engineering consultants, summarized and given to the RIZ trustees for official action.

As a public agency, the RIZ trustees were required to take the lowest bid unless there were extenuating circumstances. Four companies bid on the Cory Basin, with RW Excavating and Dozing of Prairie City submitting the winning bid of slightly more than

\$1.2 million. Once the trustees selected and accepted the low bid, contracts were signed and construction got underway.

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It is hoped dredging of Helen's Cove can take place in 2016. But first, 3,000 feet of pipe must be installed between Helen's Cove and the Cory Basin. "The cost of this section of pipe is roughly \$60,000 and will take a great deal of our time," Rutledge said. "We will have to cross the LPN golf course, Sage Trail and bury the pipe four-to-five feet deep in an easement across crop ground. This is a major undertaking for LPA's erosion control staff."

Dredging of Hughes Cove is less urgent, but will be accommodated by the Cory Basin when the time comes. Running pipe from Hughes Cove to the Cory Basin will be easier than the connection to Helen's Cove, due to both proximity and existing infrastructure.

Since many pieces of large equipment are working onsite, the LPA has posted signs at the Cory farm project site to keep spectators out. Access to the site is through the LPA's RIZ-sponsored yard waste facility, so LPA members should watch for increased traffic through the area.



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The LPN signs were made possible by donations from businesses in the LPN Granite Club. This teebox sponsorship program began in 2008, when 12 businesses made monetary or in-kind contributions to Lake Panorama National to support the construction of Spikes. In 2014, management of the program shifted to Friends of Lake Panorama.

In the last 12 months, teebox sponsors contributed \$6,000 to the Granite Club fund. All money raised is used for improvements at the LPN. Besides the two new signs, the donations supported the purchase of a mug chiller for The Links Lounge, two hot dog rollers, two

chocolate fountains for use at receptions and other special events, a two-door stainless steel freezer, aluminum carts and other items for the LPN kitchen.

Current Granite Club members are American Equity, Brokers International, Ltd., Brokers International Financial Services, Bryton Insurance, Clover Ridge Interval Owners, Exterior Sheet Metal, Guthrie County State Bank/Lake Panorama Realty/GSCB Investment Center, Panora Telco, Mike Potthoff, Stanley Engineering, and Total Financial Solutions.

Seven holes on the LPN golf course are available for new Granite Club members. Entry into the Club follows the 2008 rules. Donors of \$10,000 receive a teebox sign for a fiveyear period. Donors of \$5,000 receive a sign for two years. As initial contracts expire, club members can choose to make another large donation, switch to an annual \$500 donation, or have the sign removed. More information about the Granite Club is available by emailing staff@friendsoflakepanorama.

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Iowa is the blueprint for path to energy independence

By GOV. TERRY E. **BRANSTAD**

We're five months away from the first in the nation Iowa Caucuses. As the Caucus approaches, candidates and pundits will undoubtedly discuss America's need to become energy independent. The good news is that America has a blueprint for becoming energy independent through renewable energy sources, and that blueprint is right here in

I support an all-of-the-above energy approach, including traditional resources, but most traditional energy booms eventually wane. In contrast, renewable energy production promotes continual wealth generation throughout rural America.

Embracing renewable energy and harnessing Iowa's renewable-rich resources has been a passion of mine since I began my career in public service. I've been a relentless supporter of biofuels dating back to the 1970s, when we called it "gas-a-hol". It's truly incredible to see how the industry has grown and continues to provide diverse benefits to farmers, rural communities, and workers.

With a state that has over 92,000 farmers, dozens of thriving international agri-business companies, and numerous bioscience leaders, it's easy to see that the growth is a result of the hard work and innovation of our farmers, technological advancement in the use of corn, soybeans and other biomass products, and a steady bipartisan commitment from elected officials to embrace renewables.

Biofuels have enabled value-added opportunities for a variety of biostocks including corn, corn stalks, soybeans, and woody biomass. And, renewable fuels have created highpaying jobs and rewarding careers in rural America. The use of co-products, such as Dried Distillers Grain (DDGs), is also important to growth in agriculture. As a byproduct of ethanol production, DDGs have provided producers with a safe, reliable and inexpensive feed especially for cattle, as well as for pigs and poultry.

Today in Iowa, we produce significantly more ethanol than we consume in gasoline. We're investing in renewable fuel infrastructure to give consumers

more choices at the fuel pump. The Iowa Department of Revenue tracks biofuels sales and the data is clear: when given the choice, Iowans choose biofuels. Consumer purchas-

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lion gallons in 2014 -a growth of nearly 33 percent. Total B100 (100% biodiesel) sales in Iowa have expanded from 7.4 million gallons in 2010 to 33.3 million gallons in 2014. In 2010, the average blend level of biodiesel-blended gallons sold in Iowa was 3.1 percent and by 2014, the average blend level had more than tripled to 9.4

percent. The two fertilizer plants being built in Iowa - CF Industries and the Iowa Fertilizer Company - aren't just creating jobs and lowering fertilizer costs for farmers, they're also producing an important by-product - diesel exhaust fluid (DEF). DEF is required in today's diesel engines and is a win-win: it reduces emissions of nitrogen oxides and increases fuel mileage.

Iowa's renewable leadership goes beyond biofuels. Iowa became the first state to implement a renewable electricity standard when I signed it into law in 1983. That paved the way for Iowa's leadership position in wind generation, which today generates nearly 30 percent of Iowa's electricity and is expected to grow to 41 percent by 2020. In fact, wind energy observers believe Iowa could produce enough wind energy by 2030 to achieve complete energy independence and export excess energy to other U.S. states. And it doesn't stop at wind, as solar energy shows great potential in Iowa as well.

Because of our vision, dedication and steady resolve for clean, renewable energy, Iowa has moved from complete dependence on fossil fuels, much of which was imported, to a leader in renewables. This commitment has created jobs, increased family incomes, provided more consumer choice and established Iowa as a model for how our nation can become energy independent.

As presidential candidates come to your community, encourage them to look at the well-established Iowa blueprint for energy independence and support a robust Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) which has helped Iowa and the nation.

Chad Elliott to release 20th album with full-band concert at Temple Theater Oct. 17

DES MOINES

owa-native, award-winning songwriter Chad Elliott will release his 20th album, "Wreck and Ruin", with a fullband concert at the Temple Theater in Des Moines, on Oct. 17, 2015. The show stars at 7:30 p.m. and Elliott, backed by some of Iowa's greatest musicians, will deliver a rocking show of original Americana music. Tickets are on sale now.

"My fans are very used to seeing me as a solo acoustic act. I can't wait to have a full band behind me on these songs. There will still be a solo, storytelling set that evening, but during the full band set we are going to be delivering a high energy performance," Elliott said.

"Wreck and Ruin" was recorded in Nashville with producer/drummer Ken Coomer of Wilco. Coomer assembled some of the best names in the Nashville industry to perform on the album. Guitarist and bassist Kenny Vaughan and Dave Roe, legendary Nashville players, add the needed touches to rocket Elliott's songs into a new arena of hard driving Americana.

"As it is my 20th record, I wanted to make it special. I was honored when Ken reached out to work with me. I had my pick of the highest caliber session players and when I went down to Nashville we dove in right away and made an amazing record. The songs from the album needed the full roots-rock treatment to make them come alive and, boy, did they," Elliott said.

The release date for the album is Oct. 13, 2015. But the real celebration of the release will be held at the Temple Theater on Oct. 17.

As an added bonus, the Temple Theater show will also feature a debut set by The Pale Moons. The Pale Moons is a new music act with lead singer Anna Kopaska backed by Chad Elliott's guitar, harmonies and songwriting. This debut set will be held after intermission at Elliott's "Wreck and Ruin" album release on Oct. 17.

"This show is a must-see for fans. I have lined up a variety of sounds to make sure that every audience member walks away feeling like they saw something amazing and heard music that they can connect with," Elliott

Tickets to Chad Elliott's "Wreck and Ruin" Album Release featuring The Pale Moons, can be purchased online via the Temple Theater web site, www.templefortheperformingarts.com, or at the door on the night of the

event. All seats are reserved. To learn more about Chad Elliott visit, www.chadelliott. net. To learn more about The Pale Moons, visit www.thepal-

emoons.com. To obtain a copy of "Wreck and Ruin" for airplay or review, or to obtain a press pass to the "Wreck and Ruin" album release concert, contact: homefirebooking@gmail.com.

CHAD ELLIOTT BIO:

Like the dark earth of his Iowa origins, Chad Elliott's life has served as fertile ground for music. Elliott has turned love, loss, fatherhood, divorce and homelessness into lyrics. He performs more than 200 shows each year. He has cultivated more than 1,000 songs in his career while also honing his skills as painter, sculptor and children's book author/illustrator (Wilderman's Treetop Tales).

Elliott's early career demonstrates a love of folk, roots and singer-songwriter music. He has worked with many greats and shared the stage with artists of the highest caliber, including Odetta, Tom Paxton, Loudon Wainwright III, R.L. Burnside, Greg Brown, Bo Ramsey, etc. Today, his songwriting has made a marked shift to Americana.

On his 20th album, "Wreck and Ruin", Elliott dives into his love of roots-rock, soul and blues music with a rocking band behind his artfully crafted songs. Producer and drummer, Ken Coomer (Wilco, Uncle Tupelo) lined up the best rhythm and lead players in Nashville to create Elliott's greatest album to date. Guitarist and bassist Kenny Vaughan and Dave Roe, legendary Nashville players, add the needed touches to rocket Elliott's songs into a new arena of hard driving Americana.

The title track of "Wreck and Ruin" was conceived after the Moore, Oklahoma tornado of 2013. Elliott didn't think too much of the song at the time he wrote it and put it aside. Its lyrics spell out a hopeless situation of a family expecting twins (Elliott being a twin himself). As the mother goes into labor the family finds itself in the back of a broken-down Chevy as a tornado bears down on the land. Nothing is left standing, except the family, now with two babies named "Wreck" and "Ruin".

One year after writing the song, on Mother's Day, 2014, Elliott and his family were celebrating at his mother's home in Iowa. His hard-working, single mother raised four children alone. No one minded when festivities closed early that day, so his mother could attend a Lyle Lovett concert. Two hours after Elliott and his wife and children left, a tornado leveled his mother's house. Thankfully, no one was home. It could have been worse - the whole family would likely have been home, kids and all, if not for that Lyle Lovett concert. Elliott dusted off the "Wreck and Ruin" song to feature on this album, adopting the motto "Lyle Lovett Saves Lives".

Chad Elliott has learned not to ignore the machinations of fate, but to pay homage to them. He writes them into songs and carries their lessons with him on tour across the country.



Chad Elliott's 20th album, "Wreck and Ruin," is scheduled for release Oct. 17.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2015 Unsigned Only Competition - Semi-Finalist - Americana 2014 Newsong Contest - Midwest Finalist

2013 Top 25 Albums on brokenjukebox.com - So Sang the Crow

2013 Iowa Blues Challenge Solo/Duo - Winner

2013 Rising Star Competition

2012 Show Me the Music Song Contest - Finalist - Americana 2012 Int. Folk Alliance Conference - Official Showcase Artist 2011 Iowa Motion Picture Awards - Best Original Music

2011 Mixies Award - "Most Creative Tour" - One Horse Town Tour

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2009 Woody Guthrie Song Contest - 1st Place Winner 2008 Kerrville New Folk - Finalist

2006 Folkalley.com's - Open Mic Winner



2006 Just Plain Folks - Top 20 New Folk Songs

DISCOGRAPHY 2015 - "Wreck and Ruin"

2013 - "So Sang the Crow" 2010 - The Den Sessions - 10

Volume Set 2009 - "Redemption Man"

2008 - "Swiftsure" 2006 - "Humbled At My Door"

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BUSINESS

WILD ROSE REPORTS \$1.5 MILLION IN REVENUE FOR FIRST HALF MONTH



Wild Rose Jefferson General Manager Mike Couch says the casino's Iowa Store has merchandise for the full family.

By DOUGLAS BURNS | Lake Times staff

JEFFERSON

ild Rose Jefferson's initial monthly state filing shows that the casino pulled in \$1.4 million in gaming revenue during its first half month of operations as 29,524 customers hit the gambling floor.

The casino opened July 13 so the monthly revenue filing accounts for an incomplete month. Wild Rose Emmetsburg posted \$2.8 million in revenue for July, according to the state filing.

During July, Wild Rose Jefferson patrons gambled \$16.3 million on 519 slot machines and \$533,000 on 12 table games. The casino's take of the slot-machine gambling stood at 8.22 percent (Horseshoe casino in Council Bluffs takes 10.96 percent and Prairie Meadows casino in Altoona takes 8.11 percent), according to Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission filings.

Wild Rose Jefferson paid \$14,400 in city and county taxes in July.

And then there is the income associated with food and hospitality, the factors that lifted the casino to state approval last year, said Brian J. Ohorilko, administrator of the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission.

"That was the thing I really took out of it," he said.

Wild Rose employees Friday were busy preparing for a full weekend of weddings and events as state officials toured the gaming-and-entertainment complex.

"It's a great additional space for the community," said Terry Rich, president and CEO of the Iowa Lottery — and a 1970 Jefferson High School alum.

The lottery is considering some joint marketing ventures with the casino.

Rich visited the casino with Ohorilko and former Greene County state Rep. Rod Roberts of Carroll, now director of the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals. Roberts wanted an upclose look at the state's newest casino. His department oversees gambling in Iowa through the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission, and Roberts negotiates the gaming compacts with the Native American tribes that run casinos in Iowa.

Mike Couch, general manager of Wild Rose Jefferson, led the tour.

Couch said the focal point of the casino floor is the circular bar. The games are set up to flow around in fan-like fashion around the bar area to make them more inviting — a different set-up than other casinos with long, straight banks of slot machines.

Couch said about 50 percent of the employees at Wild Rose are from Greene County. He also showed the state officials the ventilation system, one that uses a false floor in the casino to push air up and circulate it more rapidly.

The back area of the casino, not open to visitors, houses, among other things, three officials from the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation and one from the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission, who help casino security oversee opera-

Roberts said he expects gaming to evolve with technology and predicts Iowa lawmakers will approve "fantasy" sports gambling, an increasingly popular form of gaming in which participants select rosters from a variety of sports, but don't bet on just one team, one game or one player.

It's possible that such gaming could be confined to casinos in Iowa through limiting Internet access to it to casinos in Iowa, and creating fantasy sports-betting cafes or areas.

Wild Rose Jefferson officials also are eyeing the introduction of off-track betting - OTB on horse and dog races from around the nation in the Jefferson casino. The OTB would be located in part of what is now the Coaches Corner restaurant and bar, Couch said.

GOLF



The top five players for 2015 in the Panorama West women's league were (from left) Sharon Wedemeyer in first place; Toni Wright, second; Donna Daniels, third; and Judy Schnack, in fifth place. Not pictured was Rocky Barth, fourth place.

Panorama West Women's League wraps up 2015 season

The Panorama West women's golf league wrapped up its 2015 season Tuesday with a four-gal best-shot tournament. The league had 57 members this year, with 45 of those participating in the final event. The tournament was followed by an awards luncheon in the Panorama West Clubhouse community room, catered by Lake Panorama National. Following lunch, cash prizes

for play throughout the season were distributed based on pars, birdies and chip ins. Toni Wright was recognized as the "most improved player" for the decrease in her handicap during the season.

The top five players in the league were Sharon Wedemeyer in first place; Toni Wright, second; Donna Daniels, third; Rocky Barth, fourth; and Judy Schnack,

Karen Cox served as league chair for the past year. Mary Kay O'Grady will be league chair in 2016 with Sharon Wedemeyer as vice-chair. Judy Schnack will continue as treasurer, and Susan Thompson will continue as

What's The Best Time of Day to Catch Fish?

Iowa DNR

Anytime is a good time to go fishing, but there are peak times of day to catch fish. Anglers may argue until they're blue in the gills about the best bait to use in procurement of our fine, finned friends. But most are in agreement that, above all else, weather distinguishes a good day of fishing from a bad one. Not unlike most humans, weather conditions affect the behavior of our aquatic acquaintances.

In addition to the logistical challenges of casting or boating in wind or rain, and pop-

ulation migrations revolving around water temperature and barometric pressure, prepared piscators must be meticulously mindful of natural light con-

According to DNR fisheries bureau chief Joe Larscheid, fish tend to be most active during crepuscular times (dawn or dusk), which is when fish are feeding and subsequently when fishing is best. As light levels in the water diminish, prey fish tend to stray from cover to feed and predators follow their prev. In addition, and as Larscheid confirms, "Some

predators have evolved special ways to exploit predation in low light conditions. For instance, walleyes have evolved a special light gathering layer in their eyes called a tapetum lucidum, which enable them to see well in low light conditions giving them an advantage over prey fish." This is why walleye fishing is always best during low light conditions.

For additional fishing tips, including Iowa fishing reports and destinations, visit www.iowadnr.gov, follow us on Twitter or check out our Iowa Fishing board on Pinterest.



Popular Outdoor Expo is September 26-27

The opportunity for families to experience the fun of Iowa's outdoors is right around the corner. The seventh annual Iowa Outdoor Expo is Sept. 26 and 27 at Waterworks Park in Des

Moines. The Outdoor Expo allows attendees the opportunity to try many different activities in a safe, controlled environment. There will be opportunities to try fishing, bow fishing, canoeing and kayaking, outdoor cooking, trap shooting, archery, off road vehicles and more. A full list of activities is available at www.iowadnr.gov/expo.

event with plenty of activities designed for people of all skill levels. We have instructors on hand to teach the activities, offer guidance and tips for them to enjoy the activity when they are on their own," said Megan Wisecup, hunter education administrator for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. "We have scheduled a few new events this year, including two live raptor releases and a real pioneer wedding at the buck skinners tent Saturday afternoon."

While attendance and activities has grown each year, what

"This is a family friendly has not grown is the entry feeit is still free entry to everyone.

The Iowa Outdoor Expo is open September 26 from 9-6 and September 27 from 10-4, which coincides with September 26th's designation as National Hunting and Fishing Day. Iowa Governor Terry Branstad signed

the proclamation on April 1. The proclamation references Iowa's rich and storied tradition of hunting and fishing that predates statehood and that it is important for young Iowans to carry on the tradi-

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PANORAMA CELEBRATES NEW FOOTBALL STADIUM

By ASHLEY SCHABLE and GORDON CASTILE Lake Times staff

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he Panorama Community came together Friday, August 28, to celebrate the new, splendidly green turf, at the high school's new football stadium.

The night started with the Booster Club Membership BBQ where hundreds enjoyed a dinner with the fixings before the first home football game of the season. Families and fans gathered by the new concession stands, as the parents of football players mingled on the plush turf before introductions.

The applause came during a ribbon cutting ceremony at halftime. Panorama School Board President Bryice Wilke cut the ribbon, while school administrators, school board members, contractors, individuals and local businesses that were all part of the project were recognized. Hundreds of Panther fans applauded their efforts.

"I was honestly trying to think of a time when I had seen so many smiling and happy people in one place," said Erin Ambrose, Director of Operations at Panorama. "For me, it was 100 percent confirmation as to why we decided to tackle this project."

The facility cost over \$3

million and includes new home and visitor bleachers, a new artificial turf field, new eight-lane track, new press box and a new restrooms/

placed an 18-year-old facility. The women's restroom has eight times more accommodations then before and the men three times. They each have multiple sinks.

concession building. It re-

four times larger and has on our faces come August," various drink machines, including Cappuccino.

Home bleachers hold 900 fans and the visiting ones 300. Both have safety hand-

The artificial turf is a synthetic fiber that is designed not to tear.

"I heard so many positive things and felt so much energy in our stadium," Ambrose said. "I think everyone felt that. I have full confidence that it will feel like that for all the events we host, whether it be Friday night football, a district track meet, or youth league football on Saturdays. There are so many people who will get to experience all that the facility offers, and the joy of that won't fade fast for me."

Ambrose, taking a breath to keep her lip from quivering, said the project means a lot of things to a lot of different people.

"For me, it means stability and pride in our community and within our district," she said. "While other schools are consolidating or closing, we are making the investment to grow and to thrive. We are putting ourselves in a position to be seen and have other communities experience the amazing opportunities we have at Panorama."

Ambrose said for some the area visibly transformed quickly, but for others it was a true grind until the very

"We took on a hefty load The concession stand is and had a few more wrinkles she said. "At the end of the day, I'm grateful that I was able to have so much input and be so hands on with the day to day decisions of this project from the start. It's a huge victory for the people of this community, and I know they take as much pride in it as I do."

Introduced during halftime ceremonies Friday at the football game, Dave Arganbright received unsolicited applause for his role in bringing the new complex to readiness.

He served as an overseer of the project for the school district. And he was pleased



TOM KNAPP | SPECIAL TO THE LAKE TIMES

The Panorama football team opened the season on their new field turf Friday, August 28 in Panora. The Panthers rallied from a 21-14 halftime deficit and defeated Ogden 48-21.

with the results.

erywhere and I had good nice place to play and hope- and 25-second clock momencomments," he said. "We fully, we can be the ones tarily stopped. There were appreciate all the hard work done by all the groups."

He and the main contractor checked after the game with those most involved. "The (Panorama) coaches were thrilled with the field and the kids had a good time playing on it." (The Panthers rallied for a 48-21 win over Ogden.)

Head coach Lyle Alumbaugh said it's a perfect place for his team to play.

"They really did a nice job with it," he said. "We're pretty pumped and I think it will be to our advantage. At the end of the season when everyone else is in the mud and hosting, too.

Former Panorama Superintendent Kathy Elliott, who worked hard on the project with the school board before retiring last year, said it was exciting to see the team play on the turf field.

"So gratifying to see this long term project fully realized," she said.

New Superintendent Shawn Holloway said it was a great night.

"Many small things came together at the last minute to make the event a huge success," he said.

There were several minor glitches. Two ovens in

the weather is inconsistent the concession stand didn't "Everything went well ev- in the playoffs, we'll have a work, plus the scoreboard some parking issues. The project was as race against

Arganbright recalled at an early production meeting before work even started one contractor said the school should reschedule the first two home games elsewhere.

A rubberized coating has been placed on the track and the lanes marked. Too, some areas have been hydroseeded with grass.

Also, new permanent doors will replace temporary ones at the new locker rooms this week. New lockers are slated to arrive around October 7-10.



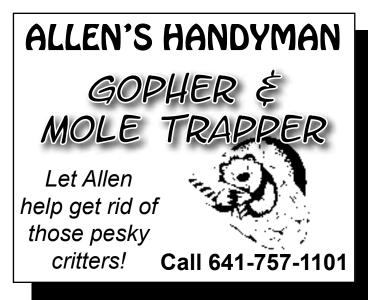
First-year Panorama Schools Superintendent Shawn Holloway addresses the crowd during a ribbon cutting celebration as the school celebrated the opening night of the new athletic complex Friday August 28.

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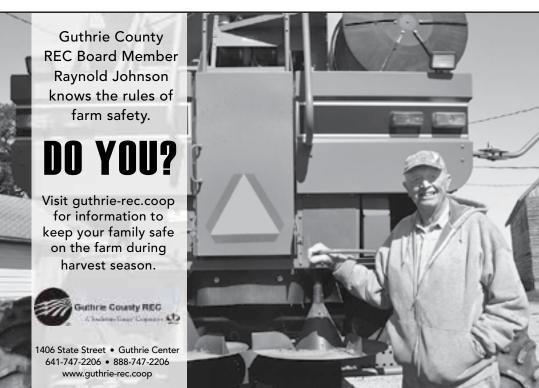
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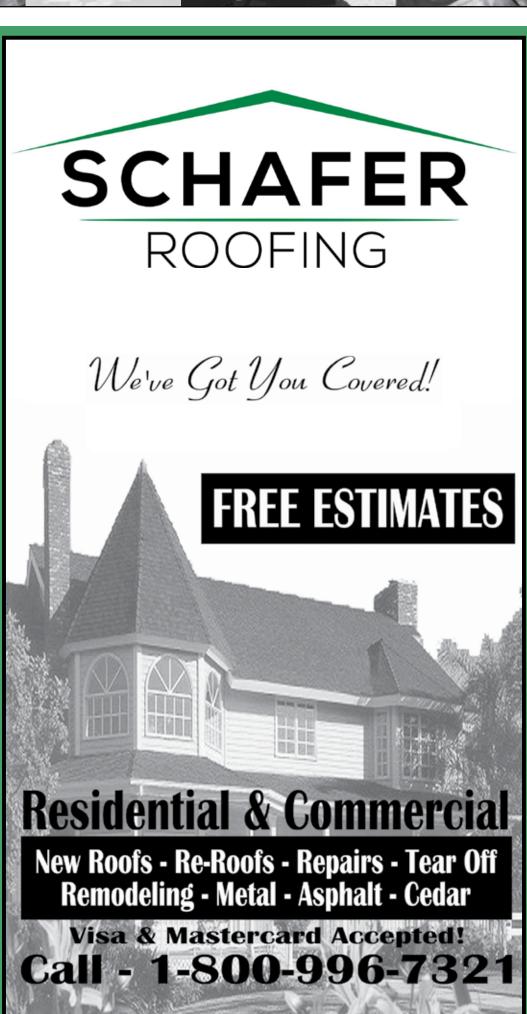
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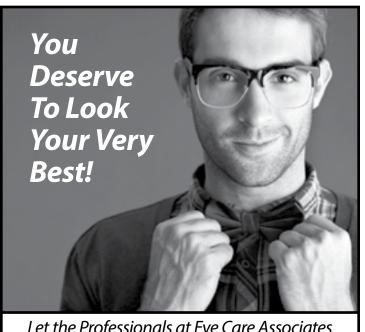
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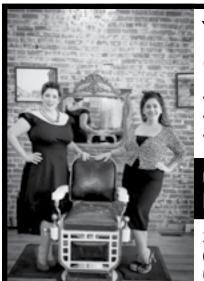
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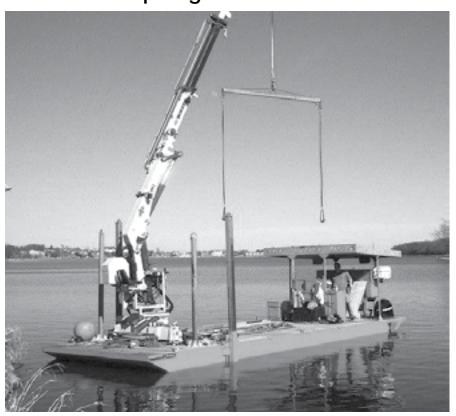
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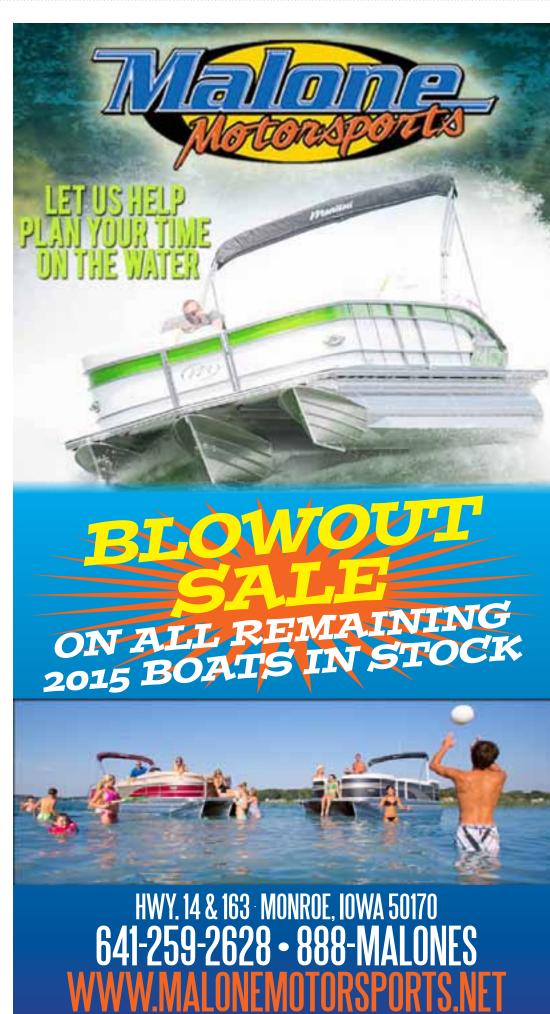
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Rain floods highways in Guthrie County

By ASHLEY SCHABLE Lake Times staff

Some flood water has receded, allowing roads in Guthrie County to be reopened.

Roads were closed Monday morning, following several inches, some areas over seven inches of rain in Guthrie County, from severe thunderstorms Sunday night.

"People need to use caution over the next week or so traveling the gravel roads in the northern part of the county, as many will need repaired and rocked," said Robert Kempf, Guthrie County Emergency Management Coordinator.

Iowa DOT hoped to open Highway 141 late Tuesday.

Tuesday morning, Kempf said he was not aware of any roads closed other than 141.

"But there is a lot of work to do," he said.

There were crops damaged by the straight line winds. A farmer near Bagley reported 9 inches of rain.

The low-lying area looked like a lake Sunday with water covering a quarter-mile stretch of Iowa Highway 141 just west of Bagley, Guthrie County Sheriff Marty Argan-

bright said. A sign on the west edge of town shows how high floodwaters rose in the mid-1980s. Arganbright said Sundays flood surpassed the mark by a few inches.

"When you get 9 inches of rain, that's getting close to a foot. Can you imagine that coming out of the sky?" Arganbright said. "It's amazing."

He said there was still a foot of water on the highway this morning. A traffic detour runs from Coon Rapids to several miles east of Bagley. It's the second time this year that floodwater has flowed over the highway.

"The weather's just been so bizarre," Arganbright said.



"You don't get a half inch of rain anymore — you get inches. ... There are homes that fields and pastures. It's causing a lot of damage.'

At Springbrook State Park in Guthrie Center, the staff offered voluntary evacuation of park was closed on Monday.

The torrential rains caused a washout on the Raccoon River Valley Trail at the Guthhad water, and all the farm rie-Greene Counties line. Guthrie County Conservation director Joe Hanner said Tuesday morning that the Raccoon River Valley Trail is closed from 110th Street, the camp Sunday night. The just north of Herndon, to the county line, until the storm

damage can be repaired.

At Lake Panorama, more heavy rains have increased flows through the lake and the dam is releasing about the maximum it can. The Lake Panorama Association suggested members (since the lake drawdown on October 1 is still planned) take vessels off the lake Tuesday or secure boats from floating tion as the current through off lifts by ropes or cables to secure objects on shore. This is a precaution, but any significant rain will cause a rise, it just depends on how much rain and if it falls in the lake watershed.

lake level may rise. Boaters are encouraged to use cauthe lake is strong.

Randy Holl, LPA Administrative Assistant, said in addition, the debris boom at the head of the lake is loaded with debris.

"Do not create wake near If further rain falls soon, the the boom or it may cause debris to break through," he warned.



Water moves at a rapid rate east of bayard along highway 141 after nearly seven inches of rain fell from a severe thunderstorm Sunday evening.



This home located one mile west of bagley on highway 141 was surrounded by water after around 7 inches of rain was reported to have falled in Guthrie County Sunday night.







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John Rutledge, general manager of Lake Panorama Association

By SUSAN THOMPSON

Lake Times staff

It seems in a blink of an eye the 2015 Lake Panorama summer season has come and gone. This month's Q&A with John Rutledge, LPA general manager, takes a look at several items that have impacted Lake Panorama Association members during the past few months.

Q: This has been a very wet summer. How has all the rain impacted Lake Panorama?

Lake Panorama has experienced three major rain events this year. The event in late June created a serious timing challenge for the association, as the debris trap released and created a major cleanup project immediately before the Fourth of July weekend.

The second event did not impact the upper portions of the lake, but did have a major impact on the southern half of the lake. Nearly all of LPA's minor retention structures on the west side were damaged during this flash-flood event, and are awaiting repair.

The most recent event was very similar to the late-June event. The debris trap released : coat contractor.

around 8,500 cubic feet per second and debris cleanup is underway. Fortunately, the timing is less daunting for staff than trying to get everything cleaned up for the busy Fourth of July weekend.

 $The \,impact\,on\,the\,association$ is significant for several reasons. The Middle Raccoon River delivered hundreds of thousands of yards worth of silt in the first and third rainfall events. We don't currently have the technology to precisely quantify the silt received by these rains. But our dredge crew can attest the dredge pipe was buried by six feet of silt on two separate occasions this year, and the dredging operation was forced to move back downstream twice, which is an expensive setback for RIZ. I feel comfortable saying Lake Panorama has received over \$1 million worth of silt since Memorial Day 2015.

LPA crews also have fought to stay on schedule with other projects. Time devoted to debris cleanup and flooding repair have delayed seal-coat preparation. In addition, the heavy rains have caused maintenance crews to revisit road repairs multiple times as we await the arrival of our seal-

To be candid, LPA does not staff at a level that can handle epic rainfall events, and keep everything firing on all cylinders. This extra workload forces us to make tough decisions about prioritization of projects. Unfortunately, some of the moderate priority projects will have to be postponed until 2016.

Q: It seems the weekly water quality reports from the three beaches have had higher numbers, more often, than in previous years. What's causing these higher numbers, and are there ways to improve this situation?

Water quality has suffered all year, due primarily to the heavy rains discussed in the first question. Heavy rains bring high flows through the Middle Raccoon River. This water has a high turbidity level, which means high bacteria counts. Unfortunately, it is a reality we face as a river-fed lake.

By and large, the heavy river flows have been the cause of repeated bacteria warnings at our beaches. However, there have been one or two occasions when local wildlife was to blame.

Q: Surely one of the problems is what seems to be increased numbers of Canada Geese. Isn't there something that can be done to reduce the size of the population of local geese at Lake Panorama?

In addition to our three beaches, LPA has been sampling a variety of upstream sites for bacteria levels. This data has shown us the Middle Raccoon River is the source of the vast majority of our bacteria inflow. On only a couple of occasions



can the Canada Goose population at the beaches be identified as the likely culprit.

Yet we know the beaches do suffer from Canada Goose droppings. LPA is in the process of developing its 2016 budget. One of our proposed purchases for 2016 is improved beach grooming machinery. This will allow us to remove goose droppings from the beach, rather than simply raking them to the edges. I am optimistic the board will support staff's recommendation for this purchase, as they're interested in doing whatever is necessary to ensure safe swimming areas at our beaches.

Population reduction of geese is something we continue to discuss with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. This is especially challenging, because Canada Geese are protected by both federal and state laws. I sense some long-term progress coming on this subject, but this does not negate LPA's need for improved equipment. Some population of Canada Geese will continue to be a reality at Lake Panorama, even if DNR takes aggressive action to reduce the population.

Q: While we're on the topic of wildlife, it also seems the deer population continues

to increase at Lake Panorama, with more sets of twins and triplets born this year. Are there new steps that can be taken to reduce the local deer population?

The debate over deer population is an interesting one. Iowa DNR dramatically reduced extra antlerless tag quotas from the 2013-14 season to the 2014-15 season. Studies showed reduced deer numbers on a countywide

The likely cause of this was Epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD), which devastated the Iowa deer herd. EHD is most common during drought years, such as 2012 and 2013. Deer have fewer drinking water sources during a drought, and that allows the Biting Midge to infect a significant percentage of the deer population with EHD.

LPA has discussed this with members who participate in our deer hunting program. Many have reported low population numbers in areas where they hunt. Yet there still are pockets of deer that have flourished around the golf courses, Sunset Beach and Burchfield Cove. It is a case of two extremes.

LPA will be targeting these high-population areas in the fall with special hunts. It's difficult to hunt near residential areas, but the golf courses represent a safe area in which to hold a special archery hunt. We will continue to do our best to control deer populations, but some areas will continue to be preferred by deer because these are inherently a "safe harbor" for wildlife.

Q: In 2014, the road seal coating was done later than normal, which resulted in a lot of loose pea gravel not adhering to the roads. I saw a lot of that gravel piled along the side of the road and in the ditches after a winter of snow plowing. Now we're again facing a laterthan-normal seal coat treatment for 2015. Are we getting our money's worth when this process is done in the fall?

LPA's preference would be to install chip-seal in May versus September. But this does not necessarily mean September applications are inappropriate. Chip-seal success is due to a variety of factors. The major concern with a September installation is ensuring temperatures are at least 50 degrees and rising. In addition, the cleanliness of the aggregate and the ratio of oil to aggregate are key factors.

LPA did experience some isolated issues with the chip-seal applied in 2013. We discussed this with Sta-Bilt Construction and received a financial adjustment from them. We were satisfied with their handling of this and continue to engage them as an important business partner of the association.

The 2014 seal-coat adhered well and is performing as intended. We did receive some reports of rock on the shoulders of the road, but do not believe this represents a "peeling" of the product. Rather, this was likely over-application of the aggregate in isolated areas. The rock on the shoulder is merely the excess that was bladed to the side during snow plowing.

It's interesting to note that extreme weather is the source of all three major issues we discussed this month. Flooding and increased debris, high bacteria counts at the beaches, delayed seal-coating — all are symptoms of extreme weather overwhelming our limited LPA staff. We have a wonderful crew of capable and committed people. But a pint jar simply cannot be expected to hold a quart.





Iowa Department of Natural Resources district officers gathered for a meeting at the Panora Telco Solutions Center in August.

District Conservation boards meet in Panora

Lake Times staff

Employees of the District 4 **County Conservation Boards** met in Panora August 20 at Solutions Technology Experience Center at Panora Telco.

District 4 is made up of 18 counties in Southwest Iowa and holds quarterly meetings on a rotating basis with the host responsible for the program.

"The meetings are a really good way of networking between counties," said Brad Halterman, natural resource manager for the Guthrie County board. He and executive director Joe Hanner represented the latter board at the gathering.

Jeremy King of the DNR shared with the group hunting situations they might encounter. Jason Hart of the Natural Resource Conservation Service, Guthrie Center, told of habitat programs for private landowners.

Along with the presentations the group held a business meeting and gave reports.

Ten counties were repre-

"Solutions is a great facility to hold a meeting," said Hal-



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sider a request by Ryan Opp to re-

open discussions on the sale of the

A brief discussion was led by Batschelet regarding the interest of

someone wanting to purchase lot 86.

Questions on how to determine a fair

price for the property and how it would

be made available for sale to be fair to

the membership were asked by vari-

ous board members. Rutledge gave a

brief review of the October 28, 2014

meeting, when the motion was passed

to table the sale of this property. The

consensus of the membership and

the board at that meeting was not to

sell these properties. There are prac-

tical issues regarding water drainage

and the use of this property by LPA

maintenance staff for removing debris

and access to the lake from that area.

sition not to sell the lot. Motion sec-

onded, carried unanimously.

Douglass moved to reaffirm the po-

Agenda Item 6a - Proposed Boat

Ramp by Sunset Beach. Batschelet

led the discussion for installing a boat

ramp by Sunset Beach, this fall while

the lake is lowered. There would be

several advantages and disadvantages

for the addition of a boat ramp on

the west side. Batschelet visited with

Poldberg, who could not attend the

meeting, and reported "she was gen-

erally in favor if a safe location could

be located." Some of the Pros – The

main advantage would be easier ac-

cess for the members on the west side

for putting their boats in at the begin-

ning of season and taking out at end

of season and when boats need to be

removed for repairs, etc. Cons – Safety

for the beach users and swimmers.

kids running and playing in the area,

control of Invasive Species, parking of

boat trailers and additional vehicles,

separation of parking lot for boats and

for beach users, requirement of a No

Wake area around the boat ramp for

safety of users launching their boats,

water depth, steepness required, mud

silting over the boat ramp, high traf-

fic area, hours of operation, ability

of LPA maintenance to use area for

debris removal and lake access, cost

and timeliness of construction, etc.

LPA Staff, to include research on the

above list of items, to be considered

about the methods and areas used for

bacteria sampling. Rutledge reported

they are taken from swimming areas

and consistency in testing is required

to report accurate data to be studied.

tered closed session at 6:15 p.m. to

discuss legal matters.

Agenda Item 7 – The Board en-

at the August board meeting.

Coghlan asked for a report from

Other business - Douglass asked

S 55' of Lot 86.

FORCING FAT JOKES ON STARVATION DIET NO LAUGHING MATTER

t's one of those moments that cements a friendship, reveals character in a long-time pal, makes you happy L to be riding shotgun in his car.

My friend Matt, a Cedar Rapids native now living in Texas, pulled up to a stop sign in Florida. We looked to our left and saw an overweight woman who was slowly, but with great apparent determination, jogging down the sidewalk. Each labored step she took seemed as if it required her to summon deep forces of willpower. But she fought it.

"Good for you," Matt said through a rolleddown window with clear admiration for the woman's resolve. She produced a cloud-clearing smile. He surely doesn't remember saying that. We just headed on to breakfast. Matt's like that

Not everybody would see a grossly overweight lady exercising near a major Florida highway and react that way. To some, her mere presence in a public space is a spectacle, fodder for easy-reach humor, finger-pointing, ha-ha-ha-ing.

I'm not into fat jokes. I've never found them particularly amusing, and generally (with the exception of ones lobbed at the self-styled larger-than-life Chris Christie whose girth is essential to his political stagecraft) think people who reel off fatty ditties are saying more about their own insecurities than anything else.

But should fat jokes be scrubbed from the Inter-

Do I want the purveyors of big-body humor, what some term "fat shaming," tossed from the town square?

No. I feel the most American when I hear things with which I disagree. When I'm offended, or find a comment or joke eye-rollingly wrong, I feel, well, free. Really free.

But the forces of political correctness, intent on purging any discomfort, hurt feelings or challenges to self-esteem, want fat jokes on a public starvation diet.

And for a while in the last week, in some highprofile places, the "body acceptance community," as it identifies itself, pressured no less than You-Tube and Google+ to pull comedian Nicole Arbour's satirical "Dear Fat People," a frenzied (and extraordi-

nary witty) video. In the introduction to the six-minute video which as of Wednesday morning had more than 22 million views on Facebook (where you can still watch it) — Arbour acknowledges she's about to offend people who carry around

weight issues.

"What are going to do? Chase me? ... I can get away from you by walking at a reasonable pace," she says, mocking her wouldbe rotund pursuers with a Frankenstein impersonation.

She slays the complaints of accessibility for fat people. "Yeah, but I couldn't fit into a store. That's discrimination. No, that means you're too fat."

Arbour's rationale is that the zingers will motivate obese Americans to lose weight, which will lengthen lives.

"Are you going to tell the doctor they're being mean and fat shaming you when they say you have heart disease?" she asks in the

Maybe you find Arbour's commentary tasteless, vulgar, cruel — all three, perhaps. But you should be more concerned about any censoring of Arbour's humor.

Seen big picture, the yanking of Arbour's speech makes it easier for people with authority to chase challenges to them from the public arena under the guise of political correctness. That's dangerous. Satirists are the special forces of democracy. They humble the powerful. Yes, and it's unfortunate, but sometimes the vulnerable get dusted up a bit on the comedians' way there.

Read Michael Weiss and Hassan Hassan's "ISIS: Inside the Army of Terror."

To further religious purity, ISIS imposes strict rules on behavior and speech.

The super-softies of Seattle and San Francisco, the tea-cup millenials who crack at the slightest slight, the smallest of encroachments into their selective-truth self-esteem bubbles, hardly rival ISIS. No one's been beheaded in front of Google or Amazon.com for heresy. Yet. But the tactics of the jump-at-any-offense dogooders are recognizable in the operations of some of the world's extremist groups.

Today, you may be with the Great American Feel Good Everybody Army in its march against fat shamers or gay bashers or racists. But tomorrow, or the next day, or the week after that, if the censors prevail, essential discussions will be silenced, or re-routed to more obscure, less accessible corridors of American culture. Then life here begins to look a little too much like what we purport to be fighting in Iraq and Syria.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors Meeting JULY 28, 2015 Lake Panorama Association Office

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met July 28, 2015, at 5 p.m, at the Lake Panorama Association Office. Board members present were Bob Batschelet, John Coghlan, Bill Douglass, Tom Jeschke, Charles Schnack and Neil Wright.

Staff present was Danna Krambeer. John Rutledge and David Thompson. Visitor present was Gary Evans,

LPA Member. President Coghlan called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the Agenda. Batschelet requested to add item to Other Business, Boat Ramp by Sunset Beach. Wright moved to approve the revised agenda. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

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

Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda. Douglass asked to take out Item 3e regarding the date of the August meeting. Dave Thompson asked to add to Dinnebier's report, "LPN has paid back an additional one-third of the property tax payment that LPA paid on behalf of the LPN in March of 2015. Approximately one-third remains to be repaid.:

Jeschke moved to approve the consent agenda as revised. 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 06/30/2015 LPA Board Meeting d) Acceptance of 7/13/2015 Building Codes minutes

f) Acceptance of 06/30/2015 financial report, LPA & subsidiary LPN, LLC. Agenda Item 3e - Confirm date of

the August Board Meeting Douglass asked for the August board meeting to be moved to Monday, August 24, he will be traveling on August 25. Coghlan asked for any conflicts with moving the meeting date for August. No conflicts were presented. Douglass moved to change the August board meeting to Monday, August 24. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4a – Appoint vacancy in Water Safety committee. Darrell Hartle has resigned the Water Safety committee due to relocation to California. Hartle stopped by the office and thanked the LPA for the opportunity to serve the committee. Hartle recommended Galen Johnson as a potential replacement.

Jim Koch, chairman of the committee, was asked for additional names to be considered. He suggested Mike

Appleseth or Brian Beverly. Hartle's term is set to expire in 2017. However, an unbalanced staggering of terms was created when the marina tenant was given a fixed seat on that committee. Appointing a replacement until May, 2018 would re-establish a balanced staggering of terms.

Coghlan asked for discussion. All appreciated Hartle's time on the committee and discussed the names provided.

Schnack moved to appoint Appleseth to water safety committee and extend term to 2018. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4b – Variance request, Lot 666, Hurst. Consider variance request by Stan and Janice Hurst, Lot

Excerpt from Building Codes committee meeting minutes:

The Hursts are requesting a full variance of 10 feet for setback on the south side of lot 666. In 2014, the Mother's Day tornado destroyed the detached garage located at the southwest corner of the lot leaving a 20 foot wide by 24 foot long concrete slab located about 40 feet from the Hickory Point turnaround. The previous owners of the property chose not to replace the garage at that time. The Hursts purchased the property in late 2014 and wish to add 10 feet to the width of the garage to make it more usable. They noted that the slab, by itself, is an eyesore; putting the garage on the extreme southerly side of the lot would leave the house more attractive without blocking a view of the home from the street; increased costs would be incurred to go further north due to elevation changes; and they presented a letter from Eric Waters neighbor on that side who expressed no reservations about having the garage up to the lot line.

The Hursts noted the southwest lot pin could not be found and that they were open to other options. They explained that septic laterals were now on the far side of the house and would not cause a problem in relocating the garage. They expressed their desire to maintain the garage with its present directional orientation. They would like to do the cement work now along with putting a concrete pathway from the garage and street to their home and then replace the garage. The path is now simple stepping stones. Holl told the committee that historically, the owners of 666 had purchased 10 feet of 667 and added it to their property, thus allowing the location of the former garage.

Discussion: Tometich discussed his familiarity with the area from doing work for Waters. He explained the neighboring home had drainage issues on that side of the house and placing the garage that close could increase those issues. He was also concerned that despite Waters approval, the location may not be as pleasing once built since those things are hard to visualize. He also discussed the need for footings and practical necessity of that needing a retaining wall. Westercamp and Evans asked clarification about the Hurst's choices for the building addition and Tometich recommended adding to the garage on the easterly side to provide both storage and additional car space. Mr. Hurst explained he could go with a five foot variance if he could have the garage addition on the south side. Further committee comments mentioned that there were some other alternatives to the design and it would take a compelling need

to grant a complete 10 foot variance. After further discussion, Coghlan moved to allow a four foot variance (building to be six feet from line) to allow for minimal changes to drainage and for appearance concerns. It was noted that, if the lot pin is located and additional space becomes available. the Hursts could ask to modify the request. Evans seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to allow a four-foot variance for the detached garage construction on the south side of lot 666, Plat 17.

Coghlan explained to the board where the area is and what the Hursts want to build and how close to lot 667 they want to build this structure. The board continued the discussion of water drainage and other possible options that Tometich and the building committee had offered to the Hursts.

Jeschke moved to accept the recommendation from the Building Codes Committee of granting a four foot side lot variance. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4c - Cooperation with RIZ on the Helen's Cove CREP Project. Rutledge updated the board on the RIZ meeting held at 7 a.m. Tuesday morning. The CREP project is generally on-track, although he is still attempting to determine if RIZ will 86 (Christmas Tree Point Lot) Conneed to form a partnership with LPA to ensure CRP eligibility. The RIZ Board let the contract on the new silt storage basin and the work on that project will begin August 17, 2015.

Agenda Item 5a – Deer Hunting Regulations for 2015-2016 season. Review LPA's deer hunting policy.

The Board of Directors reviewed the deer hunting policy at the June meeting and confirmed the program's primary goal continues to be herd reduction/ management. A motion was approved to broaden the guest hunter policy.

Denny Merritt and Rutledge convened a group on July 23, 2015 to discuss the deer hunting policy. The meeting took on more of a roundtable discussion format than an official committee meeting format. It was a very productive session and all present concurred with the following four recommendations.

Rutledge recommend the BOD approve a motion confirming the following four points:

1) Only LPA members who are hunters should be allowed to sponsor guest hunters.

2) Rutledge and Merritt to work with hunters to administratively expand the hunting zones.

Safety is to remain a primary consideration.

3) Rutledge and Merritt to explore and administer a targeted archery hunt at LPN golf course, the goals of which are safety and targeted herd reduction. (Due to limitation of space, not all hunters will be guaranteed inclusion in this program.)

4) Rutledge, Merritt and Krambeer to improve windshield tags to include information about both the guest and the sponsoring LPA member.

Rutledge noted a fifth item was discussed, but not resolved. The hunters recommended that LPA require guests be accompanied by a registered LPA member/hunter while hunting. This does not require that the hunter and the guest be in the same blind or tree stand, rather in the same general area.

Douglass moved the 2015-2016 Deer Hunting Policy be amended to reflect the following: 1) Hunters shall be an LPA Member or a guest of an LPA member who is a hunter and has purchased a deer license. Guest hunters shall be accompanied by a registered LPA member/hunter when the guest is hunting. Not more than two guests may be registered by a LPA Member. 2) Rutledge and Merritt to work with hunters to administratively expand the hunting zones. Safety is to remain a primary consideration. 3) Rutledge and Merritt to explore and administer a targeted archery hunt at LPN golf course, the goals of which are safety and targeted herd reduction. (Due to limitation of space, not all hunters will be guaranteed inclusion in this program.) 4) Rutledge, Merritt and Krambeer to improve windshield tags to include information about both the guest and the sponsoring LPA member. Motion seconded, motion carried. Agenda Item 5b – South 55' of Lot

The Board exited closed session

Agenda Item 8 - Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

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Mark Johnston and Family Benefit September 20

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any in the Panora and Lake Panorama community, as well as area supporters, have expressed a desire to help the Mark and Danielle Johnston family with the mounting costs of medical bills, transportation costs and other expenses.

A benefit has been planned for Sunday, September 20 at Panorama High School. The event will include a free will offering meal, auction, and live entertainment, among other activities.

Mark Johnston, Panorama Community Schools Principal, was diagnosed with esophageal cancer in December 2014. He underwent treatment in Des Moines and is now being treated at Cancer Treatment Center in Chicago.

Johnston grew up the oldest of Denny and Nancy Johnston's four sons in Bayard and later Jamaica. He graduated from YJB high school in 1989. An Iowa State University graduate, he started his teaching career at Maple Valley before joining the staff in Panora in the fall of 2000.

Danielle, a 1992 Panorama high school graduate and daughter of Dan and Joan McKinney, longtime residents of Yale, who now live at Lake Panorama, is a kindergarten teacher at Panorama Elementary. The couple, who met in high school choir, celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary on August 6.

They have three children—son Mitch, 23, and daughters Paige, 16, a junior at Panorama, and Emma, 12, a seventh grader.

"It has been such a blessing and humbling to see the support the community and school has shown to the family since Day One," said Jen Stanbrough, a cousin of Danielle's and also a Panorama high school graduate. "There have been numerous calls, texts, visits, meals, hugs - how much these have meant to Mark and Danielle is immeasurable. I truly believe watching that has been such a lifeline for them."

Stanbrough, who is one of many helping organize the benefit, says the event is something the family looks forward to.

"It is hard to describe what small town life is all about - this community's support epitomizes that," she said.

Accounts have been set up at Panora State Bank, Guthrie County State Bank in Panora and Farmer's State Bank in Yale where donations may be sent at any time. Those wanting to donate can make checks payable to the Mark Johnston



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A Benefit will be held Sunday, Sept. 20 at Panorama High School for the Mark Johnston Family. Johnston, who is principal at Panorama Schools, and pictured with his wife Danielle and daughters Paige and Emma, is fighting esophageal cancer. The benefit has been planned by friends and community members to help the family with the mounting costs of medical bills, transportation costs and other expenses. The event includes a freewill donation pasta lunch, along with a silent and live auction.

Benefit Fund and send them directly to one of the banks.
Schedule of events for the

benefit follows: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m: Pasta lunch served (freewill donation) 11 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.: Silent

1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.: Live Auc- Auction Check out & Pick up

Auction in the gym

tion in Auditorium (watch for announcement of these items!) 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.: Sheltered

Reality Performing in the Auditorium 1:45 p.m.: Closing of Silent

Auction 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.: Silent

of items
Other Activities that will be going on in the Gym:

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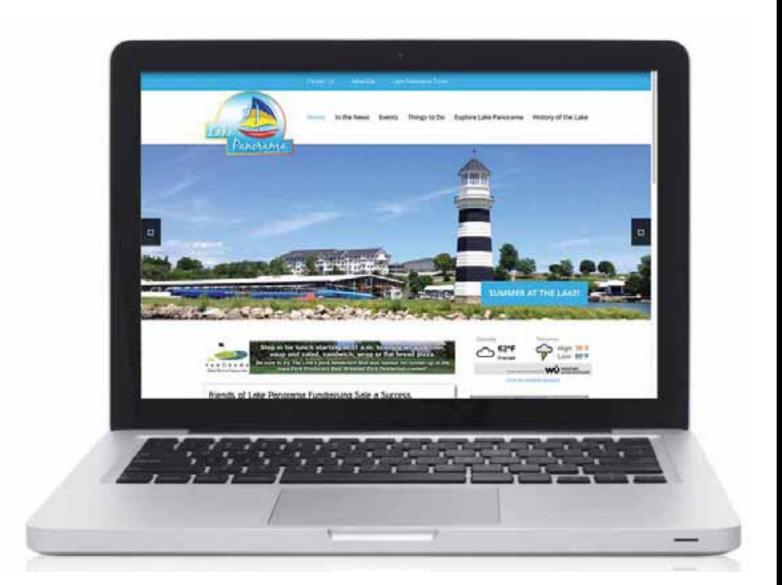
4-4:45 p.m. and 6-6:45 p.m. A silent auction for an antique painting of the Lenon Mill in Panora will also be held.

New this year is an opportunity for individuals and businesses to help sustain this event with a \$10 sponsorship. Sponsors will be recognized four times during the evening of the festival and

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A Labor Day weekend ride at Lake Panorama.



Gov. Terry Branstad and wife Chris spend time on Lake Panorama over Labor Day weekend with their grandkids.



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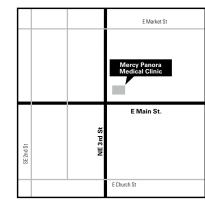
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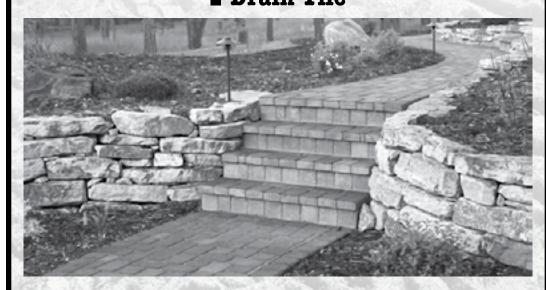


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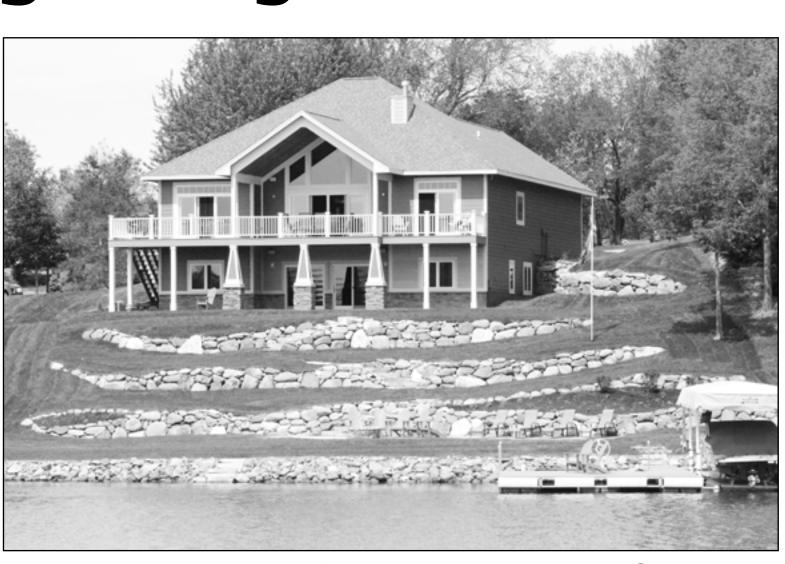
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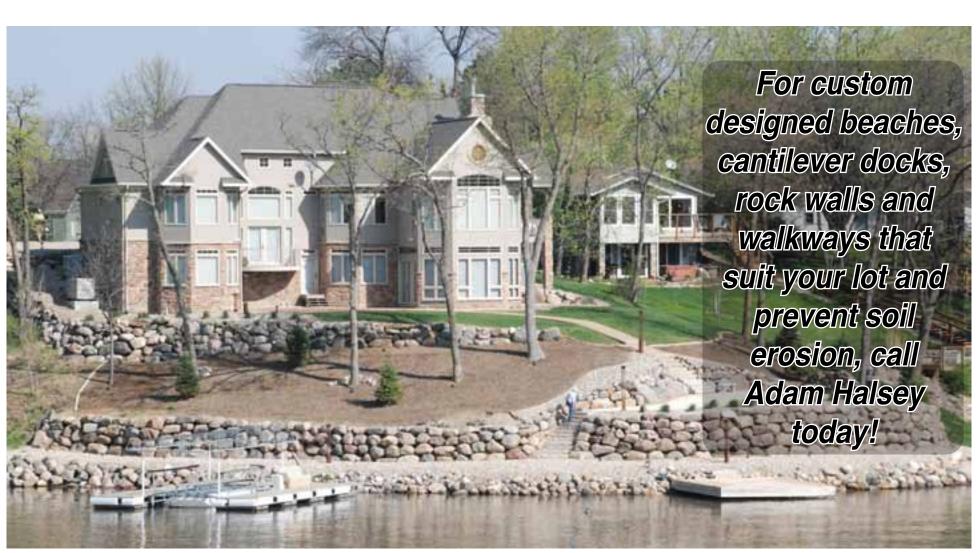
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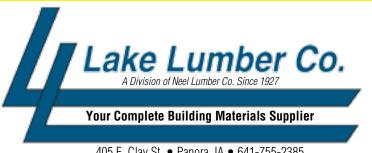
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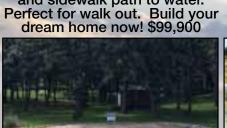






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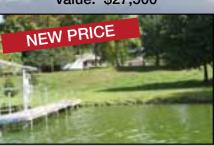
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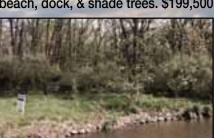


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