



## Program:

### **LAKE PARK** Flag raising ceremony, City Hall

**Invocation:** *Pastor Emmanuel Naweji*

**Raising US Flag:** *Larry Rusch* – Larry saw active duty from 1965-67 during the big build up in Vietnam as an army artillery officer. He served as state side support as a Fire Distribution Air Defense Controller.

He was City's Street Superintendent and Waste Water Superintendent for over two decades from 1984 to 2006. Since then he continues as seasonal help in the City's Park. Earlier this year he received a proclamation from Mayor John Engel honoring his help clearing the streets during an early April snow storm while the City was shorthanded. He volunteers his time by being on the City of Lake Park's Board of Adjustment, and just recently has been assisting Lake Park Housing Authority as a construction consultant. Larry has a long history of serving his country and community.

**Singing of National Anthem:** **Harris Lake Park Girls Quartet** – *Kaelyn Byers, Morgan Eggers, Mikaela Heikens, Alexandra Luitjens* This group sang the national anthem to begin the Saturday session of the Iowa high school boys/girls state track meet in Des Moines last May. They were selected through a taped audition.



## **Announce winner of medallion treasure hunt featuring City Seal**

My design for the seal for the City of Lake Park incorporates the history of the city. Lake Park was formed by people who believed in family, faith and farming. The cabin shown here is that of C.B. Knox who moved to the area from Wisconsin around 1869 with his wife and six children<sup>1</sup> and built the first home in Lake Park. Farming has always been an important part of the community and this is illustrated by the farmer and the horse-drawn plow. Finally, the church illustrates the faith of those who not only settled the area in the 1800s, but continue to live in our community today. The building shown here is the original Methodist Church, which was the first church built in Lake Park in 1891<sup>2</sup>. The rest of the seal depicts the things that make up our community: Silver Lake, the wildlife and the stately oak trees that surround the lake.

<sup>1</sup> James R. Knox, J. (2013). Charles B. Retrieved from Knox Society: <http://knoxsociety.org/265627.htm>

<sup>2</sup> Smith, R. A. (1902). *A History of Dickinson County, Iowa*. Des Moines, IA, USA: The Kenyon Printing & Mfg. Co. — **Submitted by Michael Ehret**



## Raising of Iowa Flag – Jeff Jacobsma - Jeff is the City's longest

tenured full time employee with a quarter of a century of work for the City of Lake Park. Jeff began his career with the City as a deputy for then Chief, Greg Baloun. Jeff became Police Chief on January 1, 1993 and held that post for 15 years. Jeff currently works for the Street Department and has for the last 7 years.

The flag of the state of Iowa is a vertical tricolor of blue, white, and red. It is taken from France's flag, reflecting Iowa's history as part of the French Louisiana Territory.

The image of a bald eagle represents our Nation's national symbol, with a long ribbon reading "Our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain", taken from the Seal of Iowa, is centered in the middle white stripe. Unlike the French Flag, Iowa's middle white stripe is twice the width of the red and blue vertical stripes.

The flag was adopted in 1921; it was first approved in May 1917, by the Iowa State Council for Defense. It was designed in 1917, by Knoxville, Iowa, resident Mrs. Dixie Cornell Gebhardt, of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Iowa. In state flag visual preference contests, the Iowa flag consistently places towards the top.



## Raising of the City/Utility Flag – Honorable

**Mayor John Engel.** The City and Utility Flag has the City's new logo on one side. The City's new logo was designed by Mike Ehret in 2013. Mike serves as Dickinson County's emergency management coordinator and as the City's website manager. The City Flag features Silver Lake on the left (west), with the City's skyline on the right (east). The position of the lake on the west and skyline on the east is geographically accurate.



## Utility Board President Brent Jacobsen.

The other side of the flag is Lake Park Municipal Utilities logo also designed by Mike Ehret. The similarity of the logos is intentional, symbolizing the team work between the two entities to improve the quality of living in Lake Park. Inside the P you will notice a natural gas flame; the M represents electrical lines, and the U is a water tower.