



BELLE PLAINE NEWS & EVENTS

Fall 2017

New high school opens in town

The brand new Wolf River Lutheran High School opened the school year Sept. 11 to 35 students and six instructors. Students come from a wide geographical area including Shawano, Clintonville, Suring, Cecil and Mountain.

Located at W7467 River Bend Road, next to Boarders Inn and Suites, the new school fulfills a years-long dream for members of five Lutheran churches — St. James, St. Jakobi, St. Paul, St. John in Suring and Immanuel in Cecil. The high school moved from its previous location in Cecil.

The school year is kicking off with a pair of big events.

* An Open House is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. to noon. Tours of the new school and door prizes will be featured. Cake, coffee and punch will be served.

In addition, a shredding of documents event will be provided by ARMS Document Management and Destruction Partner. People can bring up to five bags of personal documents. Batteries, cardboard, binders, hanging file folders, metal clasps and computer hardware should be removed.

Also, an electronic recycling drive will be provided that day by 4 Seasons Disposal. People can bring two TVs or computer monitors at no charge. More than two units will be recycled at a cost of \$11 each. There is no charge for computer components and small household appliances.

* A Family Fun and Auction event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 10 a.m. at Boarders Inn and Suites next door. Silent and live auctions will be held as well as a four-mile walk/run and children's games.

The featured event will be a raffle drawing for a replica of a



Mary Luepke, a board member and parent of a senior at the new Wolf River Lutheran High School, stands by a raffle prize for the school. A replica of a 1927 Mercedes SSK was donated by an anonymous giver. Tickets are being sold and the drawing is Oct. 14.

1927 Mercedes SSK, which was donated by an anonymous giver.

Tickets for the car raffle are available at the school. Tickets are one for \$20, four for \$50 or 10 for \$100.

Bayland Builders constructed the 22,440 square foot school building, which includes five classrooms, a gymnasium, locker rooms, a commons/gathering space and office space.

The school will retain its telephone number of (715) 745-2400. Executive director is **Caroline Bedroske**.

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14th Cloverfest Run/Walk slated for Oct. 1

Cloverfest Run/Walk will be held on Sunday Oct. 1, starting in the Rustic parking lot, (W8466 Rustic Drive). Registration is now open - \$20 Adult and \$10 Youth. Entries received by Sept. 15 will receive a T-shirt. Awards are for top male and female finishes in ages 40 and over, 16-39, and 15 and under. Start time is 10 a.m., pre-race registration 8 to 9:45 a.m. Many sponsors have donated great raffle prizes for the event – no need to run/walk to participate in the raffle! Proceeds benefit

the Belle Plaine Sportsman's Club and the Shawano County Humane Society. For information call (715) 823-8319.

The club is once again sponsoring a learn to pheasant hunt event with the DNR. The event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at a local farm, and is free to anyone over the age of 8 who wants to learn how to hunt pheasant. A hunter's safety permit isn't required. Education and a real pheasant shoot are included.

Recycle containers coming to town this fall

By Alvin Bartz

We have had numerous requests to provide recycle containers as most other communities do. This will allow for mechanical pickup by Harter's garbage trucks instead of manual handling. The split truck, with both recyclables and garbage, we now use is challenged for space on recycling days

We plan to distribute recycle containers to residents around the end of October. They will be identical to the garbage containers but will have a different color lid.

The two mobile home parks in our town have also gone to individual garbage containers. About 110 units will no longer use the dropoff site.

About 30 homes on Long Lake Drive don't have garbage pickup because it is a private road. We will need to figure out how to handle these homes as it is not cost effective to run the dropoff site as we now do for just 30 homes.

The city of Clintonville recently went to a city-wide pickup system. They allowed residents to opt out but they must pay \$2.50 per bag to take garbage to their dropoff site. We have information that some of this is ending up at our dropoff.

Once the recycle containers are in place we will no longer accept recyclables at the Cloverleaf Lake Road dropoff site. The cost of processing at the dropoff site is prohibitive compared to curbside pickup, which is free. Residents are encouraged to use the Shawano City Landfill for large items (see item below).

* We congratulate Wolf River Lutheran High School on

Belle Plaine chairman's message

meeting the goal to open for the 2017-18 school year. Located on River Bend Road, the school has constructed a very impressive looking building.

* Most of the town's blacktop work has been completed. We switched one road, doing Angle instead of a portion of River Bank. Angle was in bad shape. We had culvert failure and the road needed a lift in that area. We still need to shoulder and stripe some of the roadwork.

* We survived another year at the County Fair running the Belle Plaine, Richmond and Waukechon Rural Firemen stand. We had outstanding help from Belle Plaine and Pella EMS and Shawano FFA Alumni. We support FFA scholarships and projects, Belle Plaine EMS, Pella fire and EMS, and the food pantry as well as 4-H auctions. The long term goal is to construct a greenhouse at Shawano High School.

* We are already planning snow season. We will use the same people as last year. We are also working on a burn site at the compost site and are waiting for the DNR to look at what we have done so far.

We saw a bear at the compost site when **Dick Hesse** and I were working there. We have many reports of bear sightings. We need to be somewhat cautious if there are bear cubs around.

Have a safe fall.

Belle Plaine town notebook

* The Shawano Area Fire Department is seeking firefighters for its Shawano, Belle Plaine and Wescott stations. Stop at Auto Prep, 220 North Main St., next to the Shawano fire station, and see Lt. **Mark Retzlaff** for an application.

* Summer hours for the Collection and Recycling Center on

Cloverleaf Lake Road are on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Winter hours starting in October include Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. in addition to Saturday hours.

People with large items such as furniture, TVs or building materials are encouraged to take the items to the Shawano City Landfill. There is a small fee. Hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays. The Belle Plaine Recycling Center does not accept those items.

Belle Plaine officials

Alvin Bartz, chairman

Harold Polzin, supervisor

Dennis Thornton, supervisor

Kristine Vomastic, clerk

Kay Kristof, treasurer

Newsletter editor: Dennis Thornton



Belle Plaine Community Center

N3002 St. Hwy. 22

Clintonville, WI 54929

(715) 524-2690

Town clerk's hours:

4 to 6 p.m. Monday; 8:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday or by appointment

Regular Town Board meetings:

Second Monday of each month, 7 p.m.

Committees:

Planning, Zoning, Gibson Island Stewardship

Population estimate: 1,855

Lack of participation may kill Pontoon Parade

By Chris Sampson

The Cloverleaf Lakes tradition of a pontoon-boat parade on Independence Day Weekend appears sunk, unless it isn't.

That's the semi-murky outlook following a July decision by the board of directors of the Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association

Meeting just a few days after this year's event drew only four participating entries and a small number of shoreline viewers, the board voted to end its support.

Board members noted the parade of decorated "floats" was popular when it was a prelude to an evening of fireworks, but interest dropped sharply when the pyrotechnics display was discontinued two years ago, leaving the parade as a stand-alone event.

Participation has dropped sharply from the days when a couple dozen families decorated their boats. Cash prizes failed to



First place in the annual Pontoon Parade, held July 1, went to the McMann clan with an Oscar Mayer theme. Second was the Mass family and third went to Leah Carlson.

draw more entries.

Steve and Molly Joosten, longtime organizers of the parade, are suggesting a 2018 pontoon parade can be tweaked and saved. Ideas included holding the parade at night with lighted boats "Venetian" style or changing the time of the parade. Another idea was having a pre-registration to gauge interest before committing to the parade.

Dennis Thornton said the Association would help publicize the effort, if plans advance.

Send your suggestions and comments to thorngb@frontiernet.net.

As for the annual Kiddie Parade, this year's event held mid-day on Saturday, July 1, proved as popular as ever. There was strong turnout by children – the Association gave out about 200 popsicles – with good numbers of families, neighbors and other onlookers. In reviewing the event's success, board members agreed they will continue the Association's commitment to being its primary organizer and sponsor.



Children get their decorated bikes ready to rumble in the annual Kiddie Parade on July 1.

CLPA plans fund-raising drive

By Dennis Thornton

Cloverleaf Lakes residents can look for a letter in their mailboxes in November asking for early sign-up for 2018 memberships in the Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association.

Extra donations besides the \$25 dues are welcome and appreciated. With our 501 (c) (3) designation by the IRS, your donations count as tax-deductible, which is the reason we're sending the letter before the end of 2017.

THANK YOU again for your generous support this year. If you haven't joined the CLPA this year, you have another chance on page 7. We have more than 200 current memberships (\$5,000) plus more than \$15,000 in additional donations.

CLPA president's message

That has gone a long way in replenishing our treasury. The CLPA spent more than \$40,000 in aquatic invasive species control over the last two years, with a match of about \$32,000 from a DNR grant. Our current balance is a bit over \$70,000 and we hope to build it up for the next round in the battle against hybrid Eurasian Water Milfoil that was choking our beautiful lakes.

Remember. If the lakes become over-infested with milfoil, your property values will dip over time.

Onterra, our consultant on invasives, found just one clump of milfoil in its semi-annual plant survey this summer. But we will likely treat Round Lake with chemicals in 2018 and milfoil will return someday in Grass and Pine Lakes.

Town Board updates local boating ordinance

The following draft ordinance by the Town of Belle Plaine sets local regulations for boating on Pine, Grass, Round and Long Lakes. It combines and updates portions of five ordinances that have been adopted since 1987. A public hearing is scheduled for **Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, at 7 p.m.** at the Belle Plaine Community Center. Written comments can be sent to the Town Board at N3002 Highway 22, Clintonville, WI 54929 or emailed to thorngb@frontiernet.net by Jan. 2, 2018.

DRAFT of Belle Plaine Ordinance 1-18

Section 1(a) Applicability, (b) Restrictions, (c) Enforcement
(d) Repeal

(a) Applicability:

A sole ordinance to regulate boating upon the waters of Pine, Grass and Round Lakes (also known as Cloverleaf Lakes) and Long Lake located in the Town of Belle Plaine in the County of Shawano and prescribing Town of Belle Plaine penalties for violations thereof.

The Town Board of Belle Plaine of Shawano County ordains as follows:

(b) Restrictions

Slow-no-wake

No person may operate a boat faster than slow-no-wake in the designated areas, bays, or zones of Pine, Grass or Round Lakes that are clearly marked and identified by slow-no-wake waterway markers. The following Waterway Marker Buoys will be placed at intervals that accommodate boating traffic and are in line of sight of each other.

Regulatory markers. Buoys indicating the swimming area on Pine Lake shall read SWIM AREA; buoys warning of the walleye bed area shall read ROCK; and buoys indicating the slow no-wake area in Grass Lake shall read SLOW NO WAKE.

Areas Designated: The areas designated shall be as follows:
Swimming Area: Section 34 Township 26 Range 15E. 50 feet by 100 feet at Sandy Beach.

GPS coordinates: N44.688881, W88.653430

N44.688790, W653350

Walleye Bed Area: Section 33 Township 26 Range 15E. 50 feet by 50 feet at northwest corner of Pine Lake.

GPS coordinates: N44.690195, W88.661761

N44.690510, W88.660810

N44.690390, W88.661294

Slow No-Wake Areas: Section 33 Township 26 Range 15E. 100 feet by 100 feet at southwest area of Grass Lake.

GPS coordinates: N44.688581, W88.669770

N44.688938, W88.670476, N44.689110, W88.671013,

N44.689071, W88.671578, N44.688758, W88.671900,

N44.688258, W88.671881, N44.688965, W88.671222,

N44.688965, W88.670315, N44.687811, W88.669950

Also Channel between Pine and Grass Lakes. Section 33 Township 26 Range 15E. Approximately 275 feet wide and 550



A loon swims near a passing pontoon boat on Grass Lake.

feet long marked by SLOW NO WAKE buoys at each end and in the center.

GPS coordinates: N44.688600, W88.664163

N44.688406, W88.665800

N44.688394, W88.666710

Round Lake is permanently designated as a Slow No-Wake lake for the entire lake because it is less than 50 acres, by state law.

Slow-no-wake During Periods of High Water

No person shall operate a boat faster than "slow-no-wake" in the waters of Long Lake when the water level exceeds elevation as based on the bench mark located on the lake. This slow-no-wake restriction will be posted at all docks when in effect.

Hours of Operation

No person may operate a boat faster than slow no-wake between the hours of 6 p.m. and sunrise on Grass or Pine Lakes or 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. on Long Lake. Slow no-wake means a speed at which a vessel moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.

Direction of Travel Boating Traffic

No person may operate a boat in a clockwise direction of travel between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. local time from one week before Memorial Day until one week after Labor Day on Grass or Pine Lakes.

Water Skiing, towing, personal watercraft

No person shall water ski or operate any motorboat towing a person engaged in water skiing, towing a water device, tubing, surfing or operate a personal watercraft or similar activity during the hours of 6 p.m. to 10 a.m. local time on Pine or Grass Lakes or Long Lake.

Wildlife harassment

It is unlawful to chase, harass or disturb wildlife including ducks, geese or loons with a watercraft.

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Boating ordinance revision, continued

(c) Enforcement This ordinance shall be enforced by any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of the State of Wisconsin

(d) Repeal of conflicting ordinances

Any and all former ordinances or parts of ordinances regulating boating upon the waters listed in this ordinance that are in conflict with this ordinance heretofore enacted by this governing body are hereby repealed. Town ordinances repealed and replaced by this document include but are not limited to the following Town Ordinances: Ordinance 23, Ordinance 24, Ordinance 36-95, Ordinance 36-96 and Ordinance 6-05.

Section 2 Intent

The intent of this ordinance is to provide for the safety, welfare, healthful conditions and enjoyment of recreational boating enthusiast and riparian landowners consistent with public rights, interests and capabilities of the waterways listed.

Section 3 State Boating and Definitions Adopted

State boating laws and definitions found in Wisconsin State Statutes 30.50 are adopted by reference.

Section 4 Waterway Marker (a) Placement (b) Maintenance (c) Buoy Standards (d) MOUs and Contracted Services

(a) Placement of Waterway Markers

An approved Waterway Marker Permit from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is required prior to any buoy placement per Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 5.09(3).

(b) Maintenance of Waterway Markers

The Waterway Marker Permit Applicant is responsible for the placement, maintenance and upkeep of said buoys pursuant to NR 5.09(4).

(c) Buoy Standards

Buoys will conform to Specifications for Waterway Markers as stated in NR 5.09(6)

(d) Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and Contracted Services

Any and all waterway marker(s), buoys and or signs identified in this ordinance, after an approved waterway marker permit from the DNR has been issued specifically for the care of, placement, pulling, storage and maintenance of any and all waterway marker(s), buoys and or signs identified in this ordinance may be placed by the named entity, club, group or association that enters into a written MOU or contracted service with the Town of Belle Plaine, Shawano County. In addition, the Town of Belle Plaine or the named entity, club, group or association; may at any time change, amend or terminate such agreement for any cause and will shall give immediate written notice of such change, amendment or termination of such agreement to the Town of Belle Plaine.

(e) The named entity, club, group or association that enters into a written MOU shall have in their possession before placement of any and all waterway marker(s), buoys and or signs identified in this ordinance an approved Waterway Marker Permit (WWMP) or copy of WWMP, from the Wisconsin Department

of Natural Resources, as required prior to any buoy placement.

Section 5 (a) Posting and Publicizing of Boating Related Ordinance (b) Recording and Filing of Boating Related Ordinance

(a) Posting and Publicizing of Boating Related Ordinance

The Town of Belle Plaine shall provide and maintain a sign with a minimum of 3 inch lettering stating "Local Ordinance" and be posted at each public landing. The sign shall list, in letters with a minimum height of one inch, a summary, synopsis, or outline of those regulations more restrictive than state law, or shall contain a map made of a durable material showing those areas with local restrictions, or both.

(b) Recording and Filing of Boating Related Ordinance

The Town of Belle Plaine shall send a complete signed copy of the enacted ordinance to their local Department of Natural Resource Office or Recreational Safety Warden, per Wisconsin State Statute 30.77(4) and NR 5.15 Wisconsin Administrative Code.

Section 6 Penalties

Wisconsin State boating penalties as found in Wisconsin State Statutes 30.80, and deposits as established in the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conference, are hereby adopted by reference and all references to fines amended to forfeitures and all references to imprisonment deleted. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall forfeit not more than \$50 for the first offense and shall forfeit not more than \$100 upon conviction of the same offense a second or subsequent time within one year.

Section 7 Severability

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Town of Belle Plaine would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section 8 Effective Date

This ordinance will become effective upon passage and the day after publication.

This ordinance passed on the _____ day of _____ 20____.

Signed _____

Chairperson

Clerk

22 Shell manager wins company trip to New York

By Joan Sousek

Brenda Wendler, manager of the town's 22 Shell, N4543 Highway 22, Shawano, recently was honored for the store's outstanding performance and received an all-expense paid trip to New York City for four days of travel, touring, wining, dining and meeting other Shell honorees.

Wendler, who is from Wittenberg and now lives in the Town of Belle Plaine, and her significant other, **Brian Retzlaff**, made the trip July 6-9, joining 1,100 people from 60 different countries.

Earlier this year, the 22 Shell was notified it was in the top 10 percent of stores, and each employee received a \$25 gift card. In March, Wendler traveled to Arizona after the store was named to the top five percent of stores. At a gala, representatives of the top two percent were called to the stage to receive gold pins and told they would be making the trip to NYC.

Wendler was one of three people from Wisconsin who

earned the Gold Retailer Award.

Highlights of Wendler's trip include a ferry ride around the Statue of Liberty and private reception on Ellis Island with a band and fireworks Thursday evening.

At a meeting Friday, she met **Roger**

Penske who was the main speaker. Penske

has been a race car driver and racing enthusiast for nearly 60 years. He is the owner of auto racing team Team Penske (which Shell sponsors) and is involved with other auto-related businesses. Friday night, honorees had several activity options and Wendler chose the Brewers vs. Yankees baseball game.

"That was a definite plus, and the Brewers won," she says.

Saturday, she chose a tour of landmarks including Central Park. That evening's gala at the Brooklyn Navy Yard's Duggal Greenhouse featured a gourmet dinner and entertainment by break dancers and Broadway performers including the Jersey Boys.

"The Jersey Boys were the best. I loved that part," Wendler says.

"They had everything planned to the T, so well organized. They treated us like royalty," Wendler says. "It was something I will never forget. The trip of a lifetime."

Wendler says representatives visit three times a year to inspect. Keeping the store clean, making sure staff are knowledgeable about new promotions and increasing fuel sales are emphasized, she says.

Wendler started as a cashier at 22 Shell almost 15 years ago and became manager about a year later. The store's restrooms were recently renovated and a store makeover is planned.

The 22 Shell is owned by Antigo-based Wagner Oil, which has stores in 18 locations and services 50 dealer accounts with Shell fuels, its website states.

Wendler supervises nine employees who made the trip possible.

"It's a group effort," she says. "Having good employees is very important."

Next year, the event will be in Dubai, and if the store qualifies, she'll be heading to the Persian Gulf, but that's way in the future.



Brenda Wendler poses with auto racing legend Roger Penske during a trip to New York City. She manages the 22 Shell station.



Doug Plauster pitches a horseshoe while Josh Mauritz watches during the Sept. 9 Horseshoe and Bean Bag Toss Tournament, sponsored by the Belle Plaine Sportsman's Club at the Break-A-Way.



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If you haven't paid your 2017 dues, please make your check for \$25 payable to Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association, fill out and clip this form, and send it to CLPA, P.O. Box 288, Embarrass, WI 54933-0288. The membership is for the calendar year 2017. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation.

Name: _____

Lake Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Home Address (if different): _____

Dues \$ 25.00
I would like to make a tax-deductible donation of \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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CLPA members, donors

The following made donations to the CLPA or paid for 2017 memberships as of Sept. 10. Members and donors who were listed in the previous newsletters are not included here.

\$100 Pine

Mike and Patti Fletcher
Mark Weller

\$50 Ash

Michael and Jeanne Rueckert

Members \$25

Tim and Kelly Asuma
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Mike and Patti Rulseh
Donald and Karen Sorenson
Steve Speckhard
Dave Steffens
Sandra Swietik
Randy and Jill Tabor
Mark Weller

Barn quilt bike ride is Sept. 30

Shawano Pathways has scheduled the annual Bike the Barn Quilts event for Saturday, Sept. 30, starting at Memorial Park in Shawano, corner of Main and Lieg Streets.

Registration is from 7:30 to 8 a.m. for the 40- and 70-mile events and 8 to 9 a.m. for the other events. Preregistration fee is \$25 for individuals prior to Sept. 24 and \$30 after Sept. 23. A family of up to four people can enter for \$60 prior to Sept. 24 and \$65 after Sept. 23.

One of the routes is the Belle Plaine ride, where bikers can view 20 barn quilts in 25 miles. The terrain is rolling. A guided tour is available for an extra \$5. The guide will provide information on farm and quilt patterns at each stop. There will be two food stations.

The Belle Plaine route starts in Shawano and goes south along Highway CC, then Town Line Road to Cloverleaf Lake

Road. It goes down Highway Y to Embarrass, then north along Highway 22, then Belle Plaine Avenue back to CC and into Shawano. Other routes range from five to 70 miles.

Check for lake/town news at
www.CloverleafLakes.com and
www.BellePlaineWI.com

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Morgan Strebel, 7, was among Belle Plaine 4-H Club members who had entries in the Shawano County Fair. Her family entered cattle, including this calf.

Belle Plaine calendar

Oct. 1: Cloverfest Run/Walk, 10 a.m., Rustic area

Oct. 9: CLPA board, 9 a.m., Community Center

Oct. 9: Town Board, 7 p.m., Community Center

Nov. 13: CLPA board, 9 a.m., Community Center

Nov. 13: Town Board, 7 p.m., Community Center

Dec. 11: CLPA board, 9 a.m., Community Center

Dec. 11: Town Board, 7 p.m., Community Center

Jan. 8: CLPA board, 9 a.m., Community Center

Jan. 8: Town Board, 7 p.m., Community Center