



BELLE PLAINE

NEWS & EVENTS

Summer 2019

Fireworks, boat parade return July 6

By Claude Wait

Everyone who lives, works and vacations in the Cloverleaf Lakes area should take a moment to appreciate the outpouring of support for the task started last fall to bring back the 4th of July fireworks show on Pine Lake. Because of your generosity, we have met our expectations to get a fireworks show planned for July 6 and we have started planning for 2020.

In addition to the fireworks show, the CLPA team is working in conjunction with Cloverleaf Lakes Fireworks Inc. to bring back the Boat Parade before the fireworks show. So our team would first and foremost like to say "thank you" to everyone who has supported this goal.

What a fun-filled day this will be on July 6. Two parades in one day! There is the Kiddie Parade in the morning starting at 10 a.m. at the boat landing on highway Y. After that is complete, we hope you will be rushing home to make final adjustments on your boat decorations. It does not need to be a pontoon. Please join in our theme of "MOVIES" if you need some inspiration. But if you have your own great idea that cannot be passed up, then feel free to enter your own idea. The boat parade is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Bring your decorated boat to the north side of Pine Lake to line up and register.

This year, spectators will get to be the judges for the Boat Parade. At the time of the parade, simply text the word "BOAT2019" to the number 555888 and you will get choices of the boat that you would like to vote for. You will only get one vote so choose wisely. First place prize package is supplied by

Arty's Legendary Cocktails.

We ask that any participants or spectators refrain from throwing water balloons or items that can affect our habitat and water quality.

Spielbauer fireworks will employ **Mike Nelson** and his team to start the fireworks show at dusk. They will be shooting them from the north side of Pine Lake. Sit back with your family, neighbors and friends to enjoy this great tradition that was started more than 25 years ago.

This show would not have been possible without the gracious support and donations of many local residents and great local businesses. We would like to acknowledge the groups for their support and remind everyone that we are still accepting donations to build this local community event into a tradition for years to come.

For major fireworks donors, turn to page 6



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Well water results announced on July 15

Belle Plaine residents are invited to learn the results of well water tests on Monday, July 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Belle Plaine Community Center.

A huge turnout on Memorial Day weekend brought nearly 200 well water samples from town residents to the Community Center to be tested by the UW-Stevens Point Center for Watershed Science and Education.

Besides handing out individual results at the meeting to each homeowner who participated, the

Center will provide a community education event. Individual results will be mailed to residents who are unable to attend the meeting.

The project is funded by the town and the Lumberjack Resource Conservation and Development Council.

There have been issues with nitrate levels in wells in the Round Lake area as well as wells throughout the town. Nitrates may harm pregnant women and young children. .

Roadwork, sign replacements keep town busy

By Alvin Bartz

This past month we have been busy with various road projects and have a few more to go. We did ditching and culvert work on Maple Leaf, Rangeline, Clover, Riverbank and still need to do drainage on the curve in the Rustics area. We will blacktop on Clover, Rocky Ridge, Rangeline and an area on Rustic Drive.

We continue to have problems with theft of road signs and vandalism to signs. **Dick Hesse** tells me the Friendship road sign has been stolen six times at a cost of about \$100 a time. Also many of our signs have gunshot holes. Stop signs cost about \$80 plus labor to install. In many cases the road name signs have the bracket broke or gone for an additional cost. We need help to catch the people responsible for this vandalism.

We have started cutting grass and weeds along roadside ditches and plan to be finished by July 4.

Our fire group has accepted a bid on a new fire truck at a cost of \$349,500. Our share is about \$35,000. We are working at adding to our storage building to house a tanker truck that is now at the Shawano station. We hope to have that done by fall.

We plan to burn the brush site in the next few days. We

Belle Plaine chairman's message

don't accept stumps in this area as we had problems burning them last year. The stumps keep flaring up for a week and we're required to have the fire under control in a day.

Recycling has taken another cost increase. From 2017 to now the disposal fee at the landfill went from \$29 per ton to \$58. Over the last four months alone, the cost increased \$16. Something needs to be done to reduce the amount of waste that is generated. There was a time you could get revenue from recycling, but the market for recycled materials has decreased.

There are many local events in the next few months. In addition to the Cloverleaf Lakes events on page 1, Shawano has stock car races every Saturday night. We have several local drivers that participate. And it is not too early to think about entering at the Shawano County Fair. We will again have a town booth for garden entries plus there are entries for wine and beer making, clothing, photography, antiques and maybe a goat, horse or cow.

Have a safe summer.

Belle Plaine town notebook

Alcohol beverage licenses have been issued by the town for 2019-20 to nine businesses. They include Class B combination (liquor sales) to Butch's Archery, Mickster's Pub & Grill LLC, Break-A-Way, Lake Aire Supper Club, ECWLH Hotel Group (Boarders Inn & Suites), Club 22 Ltd., Michael Nelson for the former Rustic Resort; and Class A (beer and wine sales) to 22 Shell LLC and Witt's Sausage Haus.

* All dogs in the town must be licensed and have proof of vaccination. Fees are \$5 for a neutered male or spayed female or \$10 for an unneutered male or unsprayed female. All checks should be payable to the Town of Belle Plaine and sent to the treasurer.

* Reservations are being taken for the Community Center and the Round Lake Park picnic shelter. The facilities can be rented for \$50. See the town clerk for details.

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

*Hours for the Collection and Recycling Center on Cloverleaf Lake Road are on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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.

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Regular Town Board meetings:

Second Monday of each month, 7 p.m.

Committees:

Planning, Zoning, Gibson Island Stewardship

Population estimate: 1,855

Finding milfoil: Round down, Grass up, Pine steady

By Christopher Sampson

The Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association continues to make control of invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil its No. 1 priority in addressing the environmental health and recreational use of the lakes.

The progress report we received in early June had plenty of positives but also reason for concern.

First, the good news: Technicians from our environmental consulting firm, Onterra LLC, found absolutely no evidence of milfoil in Round Lake during their early summer survey. That's an indication that last year's application of the milfoil-specific herbicide Fluridone did its job.

There was more good news, relatively speaking, from Pine Lake. Onterra's point-intercept survey — a back-and-forth sweep of a GPS-guided grid — again found only a few scattered stands. There's just a little more EWM than was found last fall.

Considering it has been three full years since the last chemical treatment of Pine, that's impressive. At the time, the Cloverleafs were among the first lakes in the state permitted to test Fluridone as an alternative to the 2,4-D herbicide then in common use. Results here show minimal impact on desirable native plants. We're also on track to get additional reduced-milfoil years, a significant improvement from the 2,4-D years.

Fluridone is no miracle worker, though. Grass Lake received the same treatment as Pine in 2016, but due to a variety of factors, milfoil has been faster to recolonize there. It's not lake-clogging thick, but by last summer the spread was becoming noticeable in the main basin near the bulrush island and toward

CLPA co-president's message

Gibson Island.

We hired scuba divers for spot-removal but learned the hard way that a few limited days weren't enough. Following this year's first survey, our Onterra rep told me, "We did find some larger increases in Grass than we would have liked."

That's why we're planning a "shock and awe" strategy this time. The CLPA hopes to schedule up to two weeks of diver work this summer, weather permitting. At our annual meeting on Memorial Day weekend, Association members endorsed our plan to pursue intensive hand harvest that could end up totaling \$10,000 to \$15,000, split among the CLPA, DNR grants and the town of Belle Plaine.

The costs are significant, but it's worth the try. Given that herbicide treatment is even more expensive — tackling all three lakes at once could theoretically empty our \$100,000 "war chest," accumulated over years via donations and memberships — we're comfortable following the advice of our DNR and private consultants. Knock the milfoil back far enough, stay ahead of the infestation and you buy more time.

Maybe you've already seen the dive-team pontoon boat this summer, or will soon. Look for stacks of milfoil-filled bags, the shop-vac device on the deck (used by divers to send picked weeds topside), and the red-and-white warning flag. Give them a wide berth, for safety's sake. And wish them well. Their work on the lake bottom is important to all of us on and around the Cloverleafs.

Three Long Lake area lots sold

By Kris Doan

Three lots on Grass Lake Road — Sold!

The three lots near Long Lake were sold during an auction in late May, handled by O'Connor Auction Group. All three lots were purchased by folks who have cottages on Long Lake. They plan on using the lots for additional storage, garages or sheds.

The auction started very slowly during the first weeks with initial bids of \$5,000 to \$10,000 per lot. The last day of the auction, bidding was increasing every five to 10 minutes, eventually resulting in each lot selling for more than \$50,000.

The Cloverleaf Lakes Sanitary District received the property via foreclosure on a special assessment of \$156,000. The final bids will ensure that the District will recover close to the full amount of the assessment upon closing. Closing date for these sales will be on June 23.

The fourth lot that is part of this 18-acre parcel is being donated to the Town of Belle Plaine by the Sanitary District for possible future use as a park.

Doan is the president of Cloverleaf Lakes Sanitary District.

Golf outing set for July 20

The seventh annual **Jim Aumann** Memorial Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, July 20, at the Clintonville Riverside Golf Course.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at noon and a 5 p.m. dinner with raffles and awards following. Fee is \$75 for a single golfer or \$300 for a foursome. Included are 18 holes of golf with a cart, foot-long hotdogs for lunch and the dinner.

Proceeds are donated to Cloverleaf Lakes activities.

The outing is a four-person scramble format. The prizes include \$10,000 for a hole in one on hole two, awards for first place in mixed and men's categories as well as several hole prizes.

Send payment to **Bob Gross**, E10936 County Road C, Clintonville, WI 54929 by July 13. Other organizers are **Bradd Zeuske** and **Mike Wright**.

The outing is named for the late Jim Aumann, who served on the Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association board for many years and organized a golf outing to benefit the CLPA.

Retzlaff, Peterson honored with county ag awards

By Joan Sousek

Lifetime Town of Belle Plaine resident **Gary Retzlaff** was honored with the Second Miler Award by the Shawano County Outstanding Young Farmer and Friends organization at the Shawano County Agricultural Awards Program banquet, held in April at the Main Event in Cecil.

The retired 65-year-old and his wife **Patty** live on a dairy farm established by Gary's ancestors in 1863. Retzlaff Century Farm, W8018 Belle Plaine Ave., is one of Shawano County's oldest family farms, continuously-run by members of the same family tree and still milking cows.

The Second Miler Award was started 22 years ago and goes to a volunteer who does a lot of work behind the scenes, "someone who goes the extra mile," says **Tammy Styczynski**, who has coordinated the event for several years.

Gary has done that as he had served on the Shawano County Fair Board for 15 years and he still works at the stock car races at Shawano Speedway; both the fair and the speedway are promoted by the Shawano County Agricultural Society.

Gary also has worked with youth for 30 years as a volunteer with the Shawano County 4-H Livestock Committee. That started when his sons were showing pigs and steers and continues with his grandson who is now showing pigs at the county fair.

He also enjoys playing sheephead and cribbage, transporting his Amish friends and spending time with his grandchildren.

Gary attended a one-room school house, graduated from Shawano High in 1971, then worked at Bakke Feed and Seed (now The South Forty) in Shawano and on the family farm. He married Patty in 1977.

The couple has three married sons, **Nathan (Tajia)**, **Luke (Kristen)** and **Aaron "Pudge" (Bonnie)** and five grandchildren, all Belle Plaine residents. Gary recently passed the family farm to his oldest son, Nathan; he and his children represent the sixth and seventh generation on the farm.

Gary and Patty have about 200 acres and had milked no more than 70 cows. Nathan and Tajia own an 80-acre farm nearby and rent land from neighbors. High school students and several neighbors help work the farm.

Now retired, Gary is not involved in milking, but helps with some field work as needed.

The award was a surprise to him. Patty got him to the event under the premise that his brother's girlfriend, **Brenda Wendler**, a Fair Board member, was being recognized, and wanted them there because Gary's brother could not attend. Nathan, Tajia and Aaron were on hand, too.

Petersen honored

Another Belle Plaine resident, **Arnold Petersen**, was recognized at the event as Conservation Farmer of the Year.

Petersen owns a 223-acre farm on Deer Lane where he has been doing conservation projects since he bought the property in



Gary Retzlaff, left, is congratulated by Bob Krause at the Shawano County Agricultural Awards Program. He received the Second Miler award.

1984. On the farm's 100 acres of tillable land, he grows corn, soybeans and alfalfa using minimal tillage, crop rotation and nitrogen management practices. He has planted 18,000 trees over the years, establishing windbreaks to prevent erosion and provide income when harvested. He's also built nesting boxes for bluebirds and wood ducks and developed pollinator habitats or "bee plots" by planting native species such as butterfly weed, cone-flowers and milkweed.

Peterson was profiled in the Spring 2017 issue of *Belle Plaine News & Events* (find the full article at belleplainewi.com)

Other 2019 awards include: Friend of Agriculture, **Don and Charlotte Olmsted**/Don Olmsted Trucking; Outstanding Young Farmer, **Matt Goers**, Town of Herman; and Tree Farmer, **Kathi Polzin**, Town of Fairbanks.

Also at the banquet, Shawano County Farm Bureau, Shawano County Forage Council and Shawano County Farm Progress Days presented scholarships to youth for their post-secondary educational pursuits.

In addition to Tammy and **Jeff Styczynski**, the banquet was organized by **Connie and Wayne Nischke** and **Paul Mastilir** with assistance from other volunteers. Both couples have dairy farms and Mastilir is a longtime friend of agriculture.

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Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association annual meeting

Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association Annual meeting minutes – Saturday May 25, 2019

Location: Round lake pavilion 10 a.m.

Attendees: Board members **Jessica Meier, Chris Sampson, Kevin Goodman** (by remote), **Dave Rosenfeldt, Joe Mass, Gary Schumacher**, plus about 58 other members.

Chris called the meeting to order.

The 2018 annual meeting minutes were approved.

Jessica presented the treasurer's report and it was approved.

DNR wardens gave a presentation. They said there is a fine for loon and/or other wildlife harassment. They went over boating regulations and safety measures, including life jackets. Boats must maintain slow no-wake 100 feet from shore and 100 feet from docks. Jet skis must be 200 feet from shore or docks. Swim rafts must be within 200 feet of the owner's shoreline. Last fall, a bald eagle died from lead poisoning. Many good questions came from members.

Chris gave a presentation on invasive species. Members voted on and support spending up to \$15,000 this summer on Grass Lake hand harvesting.

Anna Bartsch and **Emily Henrigillis** from Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties (WAMSCO) gave a brief introduction and talk.

There was discussion on future consideration of the CLPA having its own DASH platform (modified pontoon boat for divers removing milfoil) Not recommended was sharing Long Lake's unit as this could spread some invasives into that lake.

There was discussion on the Grass Lake bulrush area. Mem-

bers support installation of a loon nesting sanctuary. All boaters including kayaks should keep out.

An update on water quality showed all three lakes have a visibility of 20 feet in depth. This is well above the 14-foot average in the past.

Gibson Island has received two grants for removal of invasive plants and renewed native plantings. That work will be done this fall.

There will be 3,200 walleye fingerling planted this fall and 320 muskie fingerlings also planted this fall.

Glen and Peggy McMahon gave a fireworks and boat parade update. Fireworks are back and will be July 6 with the rain date July 7. They thanked the many very generous donors. The boat parade will also be the July 6 with a movie theme or open theme, your choice. This will be open to all and any type of boats. Kiddie Parade will start at 10 a.m. at the boat landing

Volunteers will be needed for comprehensive Lake Management plan as this will help with grants. An email will be sent out asking for volunteers for these categories: recreation, watershed, invasives and water quality.

After discussion, it was decided that there will be a print directory going out to all lake association members.

Molly Joosten will be doing a apparel sale again this year with proceeds going to the fireworks. All orders must be in by June 10.

Discussion on muskrat trapping indicated that only about five were trapped the last few years. If anyone needs muskrats trapped they should contact our muskrat commissioner **Dick Thurow** at (414) 430-9067.

The membership thanked **Joe Mass** and **Dave Rosenfeldt** for their many years of service on the CLPA board of directors. They are both retiring

New members elected to the board are **Greg Martin** and **Peggy McMahon**. They will serve a three-year term.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

—Gary Schumacher, secretary

CLPA officers elected

At its June 10 meeting, the Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association board re-elected **Christopher Sampson** and **Jessica Meier** co-presidents. **Kevin Goodman** will be vice president and **Gary Schumacher** will be secretary, while **Jessica Meier** will also serve as treasurer.

New to the board are **Greg Martin** and **Peggy McMahon**. Martin lives in Illinois and has had property here for many years. McMahon bought property here in 2003 and now lives here full time.

Retiring were **Joe Mass** and **Dave Rosenfeldt**.



Members of the Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association board of directors for 2019-20 include, from left: front row, vice president Kevin Goodman, co-president Christopher Sampson and co-president Jessica Meier; back row, Peggy McMahon, Greg Martin and secretary Gary Schumacher.

New aquatic invasive species coordinator serves area

By Anna Bartsch

I'm **Anna Bartsch**, the new aquatic invasive species (AIS) coordinator for Shawano and Menominee Counties with the Connecting Our Waters program, a partnership of the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance and the Waterways Association of Shawano and Menominee Counties., replacing **Brady Stockwell**.

I graduated from UW-Stevens Point in December, 2018, with a degree in water resources and soil science. Having spent my summers as a watercraft inspector and later as an environmental restoration technician, I focused my passion for water quality on the prevention and control of AIS.

I was thrilled to jump right into my career working in the Fox-Wolf watershed. As the AIS coordinator, I perform outreach and education with lake groups to help them meet their aquatic invasive species goals and work with the counties to review and update their AIS management plans.

I also provide training for Clean Boats Clean Waters, Citizen Lake Monitoring, invasive species identification, and hand pulling techniques. In addition, I will be spending much of my time this summer and early fall helping the Clean Boats Clean Waters effort by sharing the AIS prevention message with visitors of public boat landings around Shawano and Menominee.

July 3 – 7 is Landing Blitz, a statewide DNR initiative including at the Cloverleaf Lakes boat landing by watercraft inspectors. During Landing Blitz, boaters who arrive at a boat landing will receive some great, free items like key chain floaties, hand towels (great for wiping down boats or ridding hands of fish slime and worm gunk), fish rulers, and bobbers.

Another awesome event coming up on Aug. 17 is AIS Snapshot Day. On AIS Snapshot Day, volunteers throughout the state join in the search for invasive species in Wisconsin's waters. Whether your style is gathering plant samples from along the shore of a creek or wading knee-deep in a lake dragging a rake for submerged vegetation, you'll have a fun time while doing something great: Helping your community prevent the spread of aquatic invasives.

If Landing Blitz or AIS Snapshot Day is of interest to you, please contact me. I am also looking for a Cloverleaf Lakes resident with a motorized boat who is willing to take me on a tour of the lakes so I can get a good idea of the AIS present and the effects of the most recent weed control.

Contact information: Anna Bartsch, WAMSCO and Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, P.O. Box 1861, Appleton, WI 54912. Phone: (920) 851-4336

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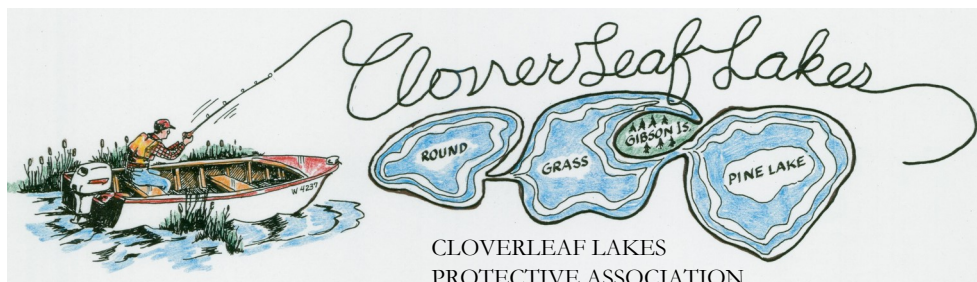
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Great Wolf Tubing opens

By Joan Sousek

Belle Plaine resident **Jeff Kammerer** plays many roles. The father of four with partner **Jane Williams** is a Shawano High physical education teacher, stage hypnotist (Jeff Michaels), DJ and band member and Town of Belle Plaine first responder. His newest endeavor is the Great Wolf Tubing Co.

The business, based at 1013 S. Water St., Shawano, offers tubing, kayaking, paddle boarding and canoeing on the Wolf River with a shuttle service. The business is just north of the Community Gardens at Lieg Avenue and Water Street.

Customers can enjoy a scenic float and possibly see wild-life including eagles that nest near the river. Tube trips are about two hours with pick up at the end of Riverview Road. With an early start, tubers can make a couple trips for no additional charge. Canoeists and kayakers can travel to the County CCC landing for about a 2.5- to 3-hour trip.

Rental fees are: Monday-Thursday \$12 per tube; Friday-Sunday and holidays \$15; kayak \$25; canoe \$30; cooler tube \$10 and water speaker \$10 with \$20 refunded deposit

Visit greatwolftubingco.com or call (715) 524-8823 for more information.

Belle Plaine Community Center
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Shoreline surveys measure lake's health

By Emily Henrigills

As a part of the partnership between WAM-SCO and the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, shoreline surveys will be conducted on lakes within Shawano and Menominee Counties. In 2018, Long Lake had a survey completed. This year, Shawano Lake will be completed and in 2020 the Cloverleaf Lakes will have a shoreline survey completed.

So, what does “shoreline survey” mean?

The Wisconsin DNR has created a method, called the Shoreland & Shallows Habitat Monitoring Field Protocol, to determine the overall health of a lake's shoreline. This protocol is used to analyze the canopy cover, shrub and/or herbaceous layer, impervious surface, and lawn of each tax parcel around the lake. The 35 feet from the ordinary high water mark inland is the area being assessed; this is also called the riparian zone.

Other items that are included are run-off concerns, docks, boat lifts, and shoreline plant

presence. Run-off concerns are things like trails to the lake, lawn or soil sloping towards the lake, or shoreline erosion.

All of these factors are then put together and an overall health of the shoreline can be determined. The results from this survey can then be used to help land owners implement small projects on their property to further improve the water quality within their lake. Shawano County offers cost share funding available to assist with the cost of adding a rain garden or native plants to your shoreline.

Volunteers are always needed to help drive the watershed coordinator for Connecting Our Waters around the lake, so look for that in early 2020.

For any questions, comments, or concerns, please email or call Emily: emily@fwwa.org or (920) 851-6472. Connecting Our Waters also holds office hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Belle Plaine Town Hall.

Belle Plaine calendar

June 29: Long Lake Association annual meeting, 9:30 a.m., Imago Dei

July 6: Kiddie Parade, 10 a.m., start at Highway Y boat landing

July 6: Boat Parade, 6:30 p.m., start at Gibson Island

July 6: Fireworks, dusk, Pine Lake

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

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

Aug. 12: CLPA board, 9 a.m., Community Center

Aug. 12: Town Board, 7 p.m., Community Center

Aug. 31: Cloverleaf Lakes Triathlon, 9 a.m., Rustic Resort area