



BELLE PLAINE NEWS & EVENTS

Winter 2016

Long Lake's boat will harvest weeds

By Shanda Hubertus

Long Lake residents will see a new method of combating aquatic invasive plants this summer, a pontoon boat with divers below pulling up milfoil.

A DASH unit, Diver Assisted Suction Harvester, is a series of pumps and hoses connected to a large hose and suction nozzle. This is used under water by a diver who hand pulls aquatic invasive plants by their roots and "shoots" them up the hose.

Topside, the water and plants get separated by a series of screens. The larger plant segments gather on the first set of screens where a volunteer pulls them off. The water continues to flow through drainage pipes surrounded by fine mesh to catch any smaller fragments before it returns to the lake.

Members of the Long Lake Association Shawano County have attended several educational sessions to learn more about this tool to fight our invasive plants. Lake Leaders workshops, DASH Unit workshop, Wisconsin Lakes Convention, and the Area AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) meetings were some of the sessions in the immense amount of research done before deciding to go forward with this endeavor.

Long Lake has had several chemical treatments to kill the Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed over the past decade. This can and has affected the native plants that are vital to the lake's ecosystem. The DASH unit allows for selective harvesting and removal of only the invasive plants with no chemicals. It is a much more tedious process that will require the assistance of volunteers each spring and possibly fall.

We are hopeful that after our full-lake chemical application



A Marinette County DASH unit sucks in milfoil and water (green tube) and discharges water from another tube.

Marinette County photo

last year, we will be able to keep up with the surviving plants year to year and not need to dump more chemicals into the lake in the future. In addition, DNR will soon be requiring additional non-chemical methods to remove invasive plants.

Long Lake Association has had much support and guidance from **Brenda Nordin**, DNR, as well as funds from the Town of Belle Plaine budget that both Long Lake and the Cloverleaf Lakes receive annually. We anticipate this will cover the cost.

We have purchased a 25-foot 2004 pontoon boat and trailer. This will serve as the platform to mount the series of pumps and equipment to make up our DASH Unit. **Adam Clark**, of Clark's Welding and Detailing in Shawano, will be building the unit for us. He has also attended the DASH workshop to learn about the building process. Lake residents will see this on the lake this spring. Please watch for the dive flags and stay 300 feet away

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Thick ice or not, Fishing Derby will go on Feb. 6

A mild winter, with no ice on the lakes until after Christmas, has led the Clover Bares Snowmobile Club to form a Plan B on its annual Fishing Derby.

If the ice is too thin to support vehicles, the Fishing Derby headquarters will move to the former Rustic Resort property on Pine Lake. It is normally set up under a tent in front of Mickster's on Grass Lake.

The date will be Saturday, Feb. 6, with fishing

prizes awarded in the adult and children's categories. Weigh-in for fish will be from noon to 4 p.m.

Raffle tickets are available at area establishments costing \$5 for three tickets. Prizes are \$500, \$250, \$100, \$75 and \$50.

Food and beverages will be available all day.

The Clover Bares maintain a network of snowmobile trails in Belle Plaine and adjoining towns. The club is a part of a countywide snowmobile trail system.

Town will consider changing constable position

By Alvin Bartz

If you are a dog owner, you may have noticed a change in the licensing procedure. We were the only town in Shawano County with a person to handle dog licensing — the constable.

The tax software that we use has a program for the licensing and will generate a listing of dogs and tag numbers. You will pay your dog licenses to the town treasurer instead of the constable.

The role of the town constable was only the dog license process and not what the name implies. Some towns still have a constable, many do not. Our constables, first **Dennis Hoffmann** and then **Vivien Hoffmann**, both died in 2015 (see page 8).

We would like to consider, at the town annual meeting in April, changing the office of constable or eliminating it to hire a person to pick up the occasional stray or lost dog. We have made arrangements with the Shawano Humane Society to take those dogs there.

In the last six or seven months, we picked up one dog, a very nice Irish setter that the Humane Society had no problem taking.

If someone is interested in picking up dogs, we would like to talk to you. We pay an hourly wage and have a portable kennel and a cage for dogs.

Belle Plaine chairman's message

I have been attending meetings for the county landfill, which has been running at a loss for several years. Fees for garbage have increased about 20 percent. The plan is to pay an upfront cost to close it soon. Otherwise the fee for Arrowcast, for which the landfill is mainly run, has been increased and should generate sufficient funds to close the landfill in about six years.

The garbage goes to Marathon County and recyclables elsewhere. The county now pays to get rid of the recyclables.

If you are on a house-to-house garbage route, please put your recyclables at curbside as they cost us about \$200 per ton at the dropoff site on Cloverleaf Lake Road (\$150 to transport the container and \$47 per ton tipping fee). The town does not pay for recyclables picked up by Harter.

The mild winter has been good for the snowplowing budget. Our clerk, **Kris Vomastic**, is gearing up for 2016 elections. We will have county board in April and the November election is shaping up to be interesting.

Have a safe and healthy New Year.

Belle Plaine town notebook

* Winter hours for the Collection and Recycling Center on Cloverleaf Lake Road are 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.

* Property taxes will be collected by Treasurer **Heather Krueger** at the Community Center on Highway 22 on Jan. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m., and on Jan. 29 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Taxes can also be mailed in. The address is Heather Krueger, W9660 River Bank Road, Clintonville, WI 54929.

* Reservations are being taken for the Community Center.

The facilities can be rented for \$30 for residents or \$40 for non-residents. See the town clerk for details.

* The Belle Plaine Card Club meets weekly on Thursdays at the Community Center from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

* Town clerk **Kristine Vomastic** holds regular office hours from 5 to 7 p.m. Mondays and 8:30 to 11 a.m. Saturdays. Treasurer **Heather Krueger** is available at the Community Center Mondays from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

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

Belle Plaine officials

Alvin Bartz, chairman

Harold Polzin, supervisor

Dennis Thornton, supervisor

Kristine Vomastic, clerk

Heather Krueger, treasurer

Newsletter editor: Dennis Thornton



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Town clerk's hours:

5 to 7 p.m. Monday; 8:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday
or by appointment

Regular Town Board meetings:

Second Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m.

Committees:

Planning, Zoning, Gibson Island Stewardship

Population estimate: 1,855

Directory update available to CLPA members

By Dennis Thornton

Finding a neighbor, particularly one who is a part-time resident of Cloverleaf Lakes, isn't always an easy task. We offer a solution, the updated Cloverleaf Lakes Area Directory.

The 20-page Directory, last updated in 2011, has lake and home addresses of residents, plus phone numbers and email addresses where available.

It also includes valuable information about our lakes and Belle Plaine government, boating and fishing rules, and a list of 2015 members and donors. Also included is a page of addresses and phone numbers of area businesses.

The more than 115 residents who have paid their \$25 dues and additional donations have already received their copies. You can get a copy simply by clipping the coupon on page 7 and sending it in with a check for \$25 in membership dues for 2016.

The Directory represents many hours of work, particularly by **Carol Wegner** and **Pam Bruecker**, to locate and double-check the listings. There are many changes of ownership and home addresses around the lakes each year. I did the layout and the excellent print job was done by Christensen Printing in Shawano, which also prints this newsletter.

* As you can see by turning to page 5, our annual fund-raising letter has produced excellent results. The 115-plus 2016 memberships have raised about \$2,800 in dues. And donations have totaled more than \$11,000 as of mid-January. We thank everyone who has sent in a check!



CLPA president's message

The lake association faces a year of heavy spending to combat our aquatic invasive species. Although we have not yet received the recommendations of our consultant, Onterra, it appears that a very expensive chemical treatment will be needed this spring to kill the rapidly spreading Eurasian Water Milfoil. The CLPA's share of 2015 expenses in hiring divers to pull up milfoil in Round and Pine Lakes totaled \$10,000.

The hybrid milfoil that has taken over much of Grass and Pine Lakes has formed an immunity to the usual chemical and will need a new (and did I say expensive?) blend of chemicals. The DNR grant and town will cover part of the expense but our treasury will no doubt take a big hit.

* We had some very important visitors on a wonderfully mild day in early October. The state head of the Healthy Lakes program, **Pamela Toshner**, and others from the DNR and UW-Extension toured the nine shoreland native plant sites via pontoon boat.

Cloverleaf Lakes were among a handful of lakes in the new state program, which provides grants to encourage native plants on shoreland as well as "fish sticks" to improve fish habitat.

A film crew was along as **Lisa Reas** pointed out the planting sites. **Craig Ford** from the Belle Plaine Sportsman's Club explained the first "fish sticks" sites near Gibson Island.

The Healthy Lakes program plans to feature Cloverleaf Lakes in a video as well as an article in the Lake Tides publication.

Two elections coming up this spring

A primary election will be necessary in the Clintonville School District on Feb. 16 to trim the field of five candidates to four for the two seats. Running are incumbent **Dirk Weber**, **Mark Zachow**, **Samantha Ozment**, **Larry Czarnecki** and **Lori Popp**. **Judith Magee** did not seek re-election. A race for state Supreme Court is also on the ballot in February.

District 17 supervisor **Bonnie Olson** of Belle Plaine will be challenged by **Allan Kuhn** of Shawano in an April 5 Shawano County Board race. In the other district that includes Belle Plaine, **John Ainsworth** is unopposed.

Rich Belongia will challenge incumbents **Di-ane Hoffman**, **Derek Johnson** and **Bruce Milavitz** for three Shawano School Board seats. There will be 12 Republicans and three Democrats on the ballot for the presidential primary election.



Feb. 16: Primary election
April 5: Spring election,
presidential primary election

Polls open from 7 a.m.
to 8 p.m. at Belle Plaine
Community Center,
N3002 State Highway 22



Belle Plaine residents Rod and Tina Christensen of Christensen Printing & Publishing, Shawano, were parade marshals for the 21st annual Santa Parade in December. The couple rode on a horse-drawn wagon with some of their children and grandchildren. The company prints and mails dozens of publications including the *Market Messenger* and *Weekly Messenger* and this newsletter.

Wolf River Lutheran High School under way in town

By Joan Sousek

The 20-plus-year dream of a new Wolf River Lutheran High School (WRLHS) by an association of area churches advanced when ground was broken at 7467 River Bend Road in the Town of Belle Plaine on Nov. 15.

The public joined pastors, students, alumni and invited guests for the ceremony and a reception at the nearby Boarders Inn & Suites. The school is affiliated with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LC-MS).

"Ground breaking is a huge step to seeing the reality of a Lutheran high school in Shawano," said WRLHS Board Chairman **Dennis Genke** of Immanuel Lutheran Church White Clay Lake, a partner in the association which includes: St. Paul, Bonduel; St. Paul, Bowler; Faith United, Gillett; Immanuel Mohican, Gresham; Christ, Hintz; St. Jakobi, Shawano; St. James, Shawano; St. Paul, Stony Hill; St. John, Suring; and Zion, Zachow.

Serious discussion about secondary Christian education in the area began in the mid-1990s.

WRLHS Board Secretary **Karen Baker** said, "People thought we've got students with access to parochial Lutheran schools up to Grade 8, and it would be best to offer a Christian education through high school as well."

In early 1999, 33 acres of land was purchased. Some of that original tract was parceled to Comfort Inn and Suites (now Boarders) and to Amico's (now Grandma Sophia's). The site is still more than 20 acres near Highways 22 and 29.

"Building at this site was always part of the plan when the timing was right," said WRLHS Executive Director **Caroline Bedroske**.

The high school is now housed in Cecil (formerly the elementary school) and is in its 11th year. For its first four years, WRLHS operated at St. James School, Shawano.

Bedroske said enrollment this year is 21 students.

"We have seen a spike in enrollment, which is up 40 percent this year, and another 30-40 percent increase is anticipated for next year."

Feeder schools are St. James, St. Paul, Bonduel, and St. John, Suring, and the group hopes to recruit from St. Martin, Clintonville.

"...for 16 years strong Christian leaders persisted to bring

secondary Christian education to the greater Shawano area," Genke said. "The need has never been greater and the location is ideal. There are parochial schools in Green Bay, Appleton and Mosinee, but these schools are not demographically feasible for students in this area."

Children of all Christian faiths are welcome, and a more central site might draw students from a wider area, Bedroske said.

"We've been telling people we'll do something (build) for a long time," Baker said. "Now, we think once people see things happening on the site, more people will support it."

The estimated cost of the new high school is \$1.3 to \$1.5 million. The association aimed to raise \$3.7 million which would be divided between WRLHS (\$1.3 million) and participating congregations (\$2.4 million).

Five of the churches -- St. James, St. Jakobi, St. Paul, Bowler, St. John, Suring and Immanuel, Cecil -- joined a three-year fundraising effort through Cornerstone Stewardship Ministry. The campaign recently ended its first year and also raised money for projects at each church such as building upgrades, ministry programs, debt reduction, etc. "Basically, each church set an amount that would be donated to Wolf River," Bedroske said. "Church members could donate to the church fund, Wolf River or both."

As of September, the association had approximately \$500,000 in the bank with \$1 million promised over the next three years, she added.

Cornerstone held leadership workshops for congregations to determine their needs and fundraising goals and created flyers and handouts.

Money also is being raised through matching gifts from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, private donors and in-kind donations.

Additions have been taken into consideration when designing the original building to allow for easier expansion, Genke said. Some site excavation has been done, and there are plans for soccer, baseball and softball fields.

"The hope is to begin the foundation in spring ... and to complete the building in roughly a year," Bedroske said.

The existing school has no debt, and the plan is to sell that property when the new school opens. Organizers are working with local contractors and using volunteers whenever possible to curb costs.

A large LED-sign visible from Highway 29 soon will mark the grounds and building's future location. The sign's installation is pending approval by the Department of Transportation.



Bayland Builders of Green Bay drew up the proposed 22,440 square foot Phase 1 structure that includes: five high school classrooms; a gymnasium for sports, physical education, concerts, plays, association and community events; locker rooms; commons/gathering space; and office space. The building will not have a basement but will have a mezzanine (partial raised floor) above the locker rooms/gym for storage, a weight room and other uses. —Architect's drawing

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Ho, ho, ho. Gilbert has beard, will travel at holidays

By Joan Sousek

Anyone who sees **Bill Gilbert** – especially in December – will likely think of Santa Claus.

He's got the right build, beard, bearing and voice (that smooth, but hearty "ho, ho, ho"), and many people say he has the personality of the famous Christmas gift giver. Sometimes he's got that instantly recognizable red suit on, too.

"It's all in the eye of the beholder ... do you believe or not?" the jolly man said when he was asked if he "played" Santa.

The 69-year-old Gilbert, who practiced law until 2003, lives at Cloverleaf Lakes and drives a bus for the Shawano School District. His foray into being Santa started around 2010 when he and his late wife, **Carol**, lived in Hudson.

"I had grown a beard 40 years ago, a black one, and I had decided to grow it again. That's when several people told me, 'You know you look a lot like Santa Claus,' " he said.

Then the couple invested in professional Mr. and Mrs. Santa outfits. "We visited day cares and things like that, not any day-to-day things (like at a mall or store)," Bill said.

Usually, Bill charges a modest fee — out of respect for the profession, he said. The money goes to a savings account as does his bus driver pay and earnings from being a Belle Plaine election worker, and it's used for charitable donations.

In Hudson, Carol had been a teacher/reading specialist, and had been diagnosed with amyloidosis, a rare blood disease. To be on hand if she needed help, Bill worked from a home office. Bill grew up in Green Bay, but often visited his aunt and uncle, **Elaine and Bing Taylor**, at Cloverleaf Lakes and in 2011, the Gilberts moved into that home. Carol passed away in April 2014.

Bill has no formal Santa training, but he observed Santa every year as a child at Cloverleaf Lakes, where the extended family spent Christmas Eve.

One year, his older brother, age 6, said that Santa wore the same boots as Grandpa. After that, a neighbor took the role.

Bill and Carol continued the Christmas tradition at Cloverleaf Lakes when their kids were young. Santa (Bill) would ring bells and walk past the home's large picture windows before entering and giving gifts.

Now, it's the grandchildren who wait for Santa.

In 2013, the oldest grandchild, Jack, age 7, wised up to Bill's role. "I heard him say, 'That's Grandpa'," Bill said. "We had a little chat after that."

Last year, Bill turned the tables on Jack when he hired a friend (**Ned Fritz**) to portray Santa on Christmas Eve. After lunch, Bill donned his Santa hat but said he was going to take a little nap before the gift exchange.

"I was in the bedroom with my Santa hat on. Ned came around by the windows just like I did ... Jack said he would not be fooled again, but when Ned came in, I came out and said, 'What's going on?' Jack looked back and forth ... He was just blown away," Bill chuckled.

Last year, Bill did a CRI Christmas party. This year, he said



Santa and Mrs. Claus get a youngster's wish list at a December party. Bill Gilbert has the beard and demeanor for Santa and was assisted by Nancy Kohrman.

he turned down a couple gigs, but did visit a party hosted by **Sally Jones** for about 70 family members at the Clintonville Community Center.

"He did a fantastic job," said Sally's husband, **Tim**. "His demeanor and interaction with young people was great. He seems like a natural and the outfit fit him to a tee."

"He was amazing," Sally said. "The kids were playing and he sneaked in jingling bells and saying 'Ho, ho, ho.' The little children ran to him and were grabbing his legs."

The bells Bill rings once adorned horse collars belonging to his great-grandfather. His friend, **Nancy Kohrman** of Green Bay, assisted as Mrs. Claus.

As he usually does, Bill distributed treats, read *Twas the Night before Christmas*, and led the group singing of "Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

His persona was "spot on," Sally said. "When he read, he had the little kids turn some of the pages ... When I saw the look of excitement on the children's faces, I had tears streaming down my face."

This year's gig also had a unique twist. When he left, he discovered his keys were locked in the car. Two police officers came and told him normally a locksmith would be called and there'd be a charge, but under the circumstances, they helped for free.



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Sportsmen stock fish, take over walk/run

By Donna Ford

The Belle Plaine Sportsman's Club (BPSC) has had a busy fall season. Here are some of the events.

Cloverfest Walk/Run: The BPSC took over the Cloverfest Walk/Run in 2015 from the Cloverleaf Lakes Fireworks Association. The event was a success with over 60 runners or walkers.

Fish Stocking: BPSC with the financial assistance of the Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association and Shadows on the Wolf planted 2,100 6-10 inch Walleye fingerlings off of the Rustic boat landing. The event was complimented by the DNR stocking of 1,900 fingerling walleyes.

Youth Pheasant Learn to Hunt: The BPSC sponsored a Youth Pheasant Learn to Hunt Event on Oct. 3 at the Hill Family Farm on Hwy CC. There were 12 participants, and 10 BPSC Certified Mentors.

Donations: The BPSC volunteered at the Jim Aumann Golf Outing this fall and the Club received a \$1,000 donation from them for being a sponsor of community activities. The Embarrass Volunteer Fire Department donated \$350 to the BPSC for assisting with community activities. Butch's Archery donated a Cross-



A fine kettle of fish, large walleye fingerlings, go into the lakes.

bow that the Club will be raffling off at the Super Bowl.

Fish Stix are planned again for this winter, provided we have enough ice. Please watch for the markers on the ice for future placement of the trees.

Future Community Activities: Youth Learn to Fish, Spring 2016; Youth Pheasant Learn to Hunt, Fall 2016; Hunters Safety Certification

BPSC's next meeting: Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. at Butch's Archery, Highway 22 and Cloverleaf Lake Road.

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Officials Hoffmann, Van der Linden die

Two Belle Plaine residents who served in town government passed away in the fall of 2015.

Vivien Lea Hoffmann, who had succeeded her husband Dennis as town constable, died on Sept. 21 of complications from surgery.

Wayne M. Van der Linden, who served for many years on the Cloverleaf Lakes Sanitary Commission, passed away on Nov. 9 after a two-year illness.

Mrs. Hoffmann, 71, was born in Clintonville and married Dennis Hoffmann on May 21, 1980, at St. Martin Lutheran Church. The couple made their home on Snuggle Valley Farm for 35 years. They were retired dairy farmers. Dennis was town constable for 22 years and Vivien succeeded him as constable after he died in March of 2015.

She is survived by four sons, two daughters, 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Van der Linden, 77, was born in Milwaukee and graduated from Nathan Hale High School in West Allis. He married Glenna Amidon on Sept. 6, 1958. Glenna also worked for the Cloverleaf Lakes Sanitary District for many years.

He worked as a plumber and master plumber until his retirement in 2003. He was a member of St. Martin Lutheran Church.

He is survived by one son, one daughter, three granddaughters and two brothers.



Hoffmann



Van der Linden

Belle Plaine calendar

Feb. 6: Clover Bares Fishing Derby, on Cloverleaf Lakes or former Rustic Resort site, all day

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

Feb. 8: Town Board, 7:30 p.m., Community Center

March 14: CLPA board, 9 a.m., Community Center

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April 5: Spring election, Community Center, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m..

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

April 11: Town Board, 7:30 p.m., Community Center

Second Tuesdays: Belle Plaine Sportsman's Club, 6 p.m., Butch's Archery