



BELLE PLAINE

NEWS & EVENTS

Winter 2018

Disc golf proposal stirs controversy

By Joan Sousek

A proposal by a Belle Plaine resident to add a disc golf course at Round Lake Park didn't sit well with many neighbors and the Town Board has not made a decision about the plan.

At the December Town Board meeting, **Connie Steudel**, who lives on Shady Lane at Long Lake, presented a detailed proposal for a disc golf course on a 10-acre plot owned by the town between County Y and Round Lake Drive near the town's picnic shelter and public boat ramp parking lot.

Steudel, her husband and four children are traditional golfers, but they got more interested in disc golf after participating in a disc golf memorial event for her late nephew. The memorial event had participants from age two to 80, she says, and later she enjoyed disc golfing with her grandchildren at a New London course.

"Unfortunately, the whole idea sparks from something sad in my life," she says, but she thinks a course here could benefit the lakes community and its many outdoor enthusiasts.

"Disc golf is a fun, family-oriented, outdoor recreational activity," she says. "This is such a recreational area already that it might be a fun feature that could provide residents and visitors an opportunity to enjoy a sport and nature."

Generally, after installation, the sport is inexpensive or free except for the disc cost; some courses have discs to rent.

Steudel first spoke to board members about the idea at the end of the summer. She presented her findings for a nine-hole course to the board in October. Estimated installation cost of about \$27,900 was later revised to \$8,400. That would cover making a roughly, five-foot wide path, removing brush, fallen

trees and hanging limbs, buying and installing poles/baskets, tee boxes and signage.

Parking would be at the picnic shelter or the boat landing lot, where a portable toilet is nearby. A path goes from the lot to the shelter. Maintenance probably would include weed whacking the area annually, Steudel says.

At Town Board meetings in December and January, many neighbors expressed concerns with the proposal.

Here are some:

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What is disc golf?

Wikipedia describes disc golf as a flying disc sport. Players, starting from a tee area, throw a disc at a target which is generally a basket, hung on a pole. It is played using rules similar to golf, often on a 9- or 18-hole (target), each with a set par and about 200 feet long. Players continue to throw until the target is reached. The goal is to complete the course with the lowest number of throws.

Kathy Novak, who lives on Forest View Lane, says the disc golf idea is great, but she does not feel the parking lot would be adequate because it is heavily used by boaters.

"Most of us said there wasn't enough room and asked where will those discs end up. And I don't want to see more trees come down."

Novak says the alternate location mentioned at the meeting on town property south of the Collection and Recycling Center along Rustic Drive and across from Sandy Beach might be better, and would not disturb many people.

Tom Gretzinger, who lives on Round Lake Drive, echoes Novak's concerns and is worried about potential effects on wildlife including deer, turkeys and eagles that land in the trees, and disruption to the area's peace and quiet.

Ben Warning, a Cloverleaf Lake Road resident, says, "It's like a little slice of 'up north' Wisconsin ... a little slice of heaven. It should not be taken for granted ... We need to be careful about changing the landscape too much."

Marsha Rohlf lives on Round Lake Drive, directly across the road from the proposed site, wonders about the cost of maintenance including spraying for poison ivy, inadequate toilet facilities, potential for public intoxication and a possible fire hazard from careless smokers.

Devan Erdmann, who has young children, says, "We're not opposed to recreational activities in the area, but we don't want it in our back yard. It would be better away from a residential area."

Steudel says, "It's just an idea. That doesn't mean it's the right fit or the right parcel. It just has some very good features, infrastructure with parking, bathroom and it's a central place for a lot of recreational people that come in the summer and live in the area If you're going to do a central hub in your community, those are things you want to look for."

Cold weather has limited cost of snowplowing

By Alvin Bartz

I hope everyone survived the cold snap to ring in the new year. For dairy farmers, it's a struggle to keep water from freezing up and keeping machinery working, especially diesel engines.

The cold has limited snowfall. By this time last year, we had spent \$20,000 for snowplowing. This year has cost about \$6,000 to \$8,000 with just enough snow to make the roads slippery several times.

My neighbor, **Gary Riesenber**g, had an interesting event while combining corn. The wheel of the combine dropped into a bear den and hung up the combine, trapping the bear under the machine. Riesenber got some help pulling out the combine and the bear escaped, but not before taking a few bites out of the combine's tires.

There will be changes at the town's compost site on Range Line Road this year. The DNR required the town to chip the brush and wood as well as doing a better job of composting the leaves.

The cost of the cleanup was about \$6,000 with chipping the

Belle Plaine chairman's message

brush costing the most at about \$4,100.

We had good compost but we need to have it heat up to about 140 degrees for a certain period of time for people to be able to use it for vegetable gardening, according to DNR guidelines.

This spring we plan on being able to burn the brush that is delivered. We are in the permitting process and have constructed a berm burning area that will contain the brush. The compost will be put in a windrow and needs to be turned periodically. The finished compost will be available to spread on land.

The compost site is closed for the winter and will open in early April, accepting brush and yard waste. Hours of operation will be Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It can be reached from Highway 22 west on River Bend Road, then north on Range Line Road on the right side of the road.

Have a safe 2018.

Belle Plaine town notebook

The 2018 property tax bills were mailed on Dec. 20. If you have questions, call or text Treasurer **Kay Kristof** at (715) 853-6160 or the town office at (715) 524-3818 or email belleplaine_treasurer1@gmail.com. Last in-person payment date at the Community Center is Jan. 31, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Or you may leave your tax bill and check at Associated Bank in Shawano.

First installment is due Jan. 31, 2018, to the Belle Plaine treasurer, N2940 Spruce Road, Clintonville, WI 54929. Second installment is due July 31 to the county treasurer Debra Wallace, 311 N. Main St., Shawano, WI 54166.

* 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 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.

* Winter 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.

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

Cloverleaf Lakes anglers mourn Pete's passing

By Christopher Sampson

The man who faithfully dispensed bait, tackle and friendly greetings to Cloverleaf Lakes anglers for nearly five decades has passed away.

Earl "Pete" Peterson died Dec. 25 at the age of 90.

The familiar, cigar-chomping proprietor of Pete's Bait and Tackle at N 12047 County Road Y, Peterson ran the shop out of the garage of his family home. He was much appreciated by fishermen for opening early and closing late, serving both the pre-dawn crowd and those buying minnows and nightcrawlers just in time for the dusk bite. "If I'm home, I'm open," was his motto.

Peterson grew up near the Cloverleafs, graduated from Clintonville High School and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in the late 1940s. After he retired from the military in 1969, he returned to Embarrass with his wife, **Helen**, and their two children, **Susan** and **David**, and worked for a local furniture maker and a garage door manufacturer. The family opened the bait shop as a side business. They picked crawlers from the lawn and netted baitfish from Matteson Creek behind their home.

By the mid-1980s, Peterson had expanded his tackle selection, begun ordering bait from commercial wholesalers, and was

running the shop as a daily operation, year-round, seldom taking a day off. He continued after Helen's death in 2000 and kept serving customers right up until his final illness.

Peterson annually wrote a check to the CLPA, applying the proceeds from the shop's countertop donation can to fish stocking on the chain. His son, David, says the family intends to direct several hundred dollars in memorial gifts from their father's Dec. 29 funeral service to the same cause.

David Peterson says Pete's Bait and Tackle, now closed, will not reopen and the home and property will eventually go up for sale. He would like to keep his father's inventory and equipment together, however, in hopes of finding a buyer who might open his or her own shop at another Cloverleaf Lakes location.

"We're hoping there's someone out there who can keep that tradition alive of having a bait and tackle store at the lakes," he says.

If a single buyer for the shop's inventory is not found by spring, he says he'll advertise a final, one-time sale at Pete's later this year. Anyone interested in buying the contents lock, stock and barrel may contact David at (920) 370-1028, or chieffvmpd@aol.com.

Clover Bares Snowmobile Club sponsors Ice Fishing Derby Feb. 3

It looks like there will be plenty of ice this winter for the Clover Bares Snowmobile Club's annual Fishing Derby.

The Fishing Derby headquarters has been moved to the former Rustic Resort property on Pine Lake. It was formerly set up under a tent in front of Mickster's on Grass Lake.

The date will be Saturday, Feb. 3, 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 \$2 each or \$5 for three tickets. Prizes are \$500, \$250 and \$100.

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.

Cast rehearses play in Belle Plaine

By Joan Sousek

Rehearsals for the Wolf River Home Schoolers' (WRHS) next musical production, *Lady Pirates of Captain Bree*, are in full swing at Memory Lanes Bar and Grill (formerly Clintonville Lanes) and the Belle Plaine Community Center.

Director **Cheryl Jones Ritter** of Mountain says the play is lighthearted with a lot of dancing and silly stuff. The cast has 32 people and the show runs about two hours with one intermission.

The past two musicals, *The Nifty Fifties* and *Fiddler on the Roof*, were directed by Town of Belle Plaine resident **Sue Kluge**, who is assisting with costumes, props and other things as needed, but wanted time off from directing this year.

The group has rehearsed weekly since November, a couple times at the Community Center and probably will be there a couple more, Ritter says.

"It's a very nice facility and we hope to use it again for activities, meetings and other things," she adds.

The show will be presented at Clintonville High School Auditorium Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 22, at 2 p.m.

The cast and crew members are drawn from WRHS families who are from communities throughout the area including Clintonville, Shawano, Bonduel, Wittenberg and beyond.

One fun thing about the production, Ritter says, is she directed it with the WRHS about 12 years ago, and now, some of the kids involved then (all of whom have graduated) are helping with the production including **Elena Kowalkowski** who is vocal director/assistant director and **Lindsey Schwahn** who is teaching tap dancing.

Ritter is looking for some props that might be found on a pirate ship including thick rope, wooden pulleys and barrels, and an old-time trunk. The items must be sturdy, she notes, and will be returned after the performances.

The group does not charge admission but asks for donations at the door. Their main revenue source is program ads. Students will be visiting businesses seeking sponsorships.

Recycling bins collected bi-weekly by Harter's

The Town of Belle Plaine encourages residents to use weekly curbside garbage pickup and twice-monthly recyclables pickup if the garbage truck is allowed on your road.

Large recycling bins were distributed to town residences in November and they are picked up every other Thursday.

It saves all of us some of our precious tax money that can be used for road repairs and other expenses.

By the numbers: Each load of recyclables that is hauled from the Recycling Center on Cloverleaf Lake Road costs the town

\$176 to transport to the Shawano landfill. Then it costs an additional \$57 a ton to dispose of that load. Often, the large dumpsters filled with bottles and cans or paper weigh less than a ton, especially if the cardboard boxes are not broken down.

Our carrier, Harter's Fox Valley Disposal, picks up recyclables at the curb for free, saving that hauling fee and tipping fee.

Harter's recycling guide

PLASTIC

Accept

All plastic bottles and containers
Soda, water and other drink bottles
Food and household bottles, jars and jugs
Dairy containers and lids
Produce, bakery and deli containers

Do NOT accept

No plastic bags, wrap or film
No motor oil bottles
No Styrofoam



Dustin Bentz of Harter's Fox Valley Disposal drops off recycling bins along Cloverleaf Lake Road in November.

PAPER

Accept

Newspapers and inserts
Cardboard and paperboard
Junk mail and office paper
Milk, juice and soup cartons
Phonebooks, books, magazines and catalogs

Do NOT accept

No paper contaminated by food or grease
No tissue
No gift wrap

Guidelines

Flatten and cut cardboard larger than 2 feet by 2 feet
Place shredded paper in paper bag, secure and label

METAL AND GLASS

Accept

Aluminum bottles and cans
Steel, tin and bi-metal cans
Empty aerosol cans
Food and beverage bottles and jars

Do NOT accept

No aluminum pans or foil
No empty paint cans

Guidelines

Empty and rinse all bottles and containers
Remove and discard all screw caps



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Cloverfest, ice fishing keep Sportsman's Club busy



Stacie Stueck pushes her son, Hunter, in a stroller during the Cloverfest run/walk in October.

By Donna Ford

Belle Plaine Sportsman's Club's 14th Annual Cloverfest 3.5k run/walk was held on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017. The event was a big success with more than 120 men, women and children running and walking. The weather cooperated, and food and raffle prizes donated by sponsors were plentiful. The Club is planning another event next fall.

A Learn to Hunt Pheasant with the DNR event was held on Saturday, Sept. 30, with the help of the DNR. Eight youths attended and were treated to classroom learning, clay shooting and mentor guided pheasant hunt with real pheasants and hunting dogs.

The BPSC sponsored a youth bow shoot at Butch's Archery this winter.

Upcoming events. Mark your calendar. For information call (715) 823-4722.

* Kids Ice Fishing Event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17, on Grass Lake from noon to 3 p.m. Participants will learn to ice fish with a mentor, and they should bring their own pole / tip up if they have it. Bait, refreshments and prizes will be provided.

* Family Trout Fish in a stocked pond. Saturday, June 9, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The location and other updates on the event will be on the club's Facebook page. Families should bring their own poles and bait. Kids' prizes will be given away and refreshments will be available.

School board races highlight spring elections

A primary election on Feb. 20 will be needed to narrow the field of candidates for Shawano School Board, while five candidates are running for three seats on the Clintonville School Board.

The Shawano County Board seats that include Belle Plaine will not be contested, with **Bonnie Olson** and **John Ainsworth** running unopposed on April 3.

For the Shawano School Board, Area 4 incumbent **Tyler Schmidt** will face challengers **Mart Grams** and **Starlyn Rose Tourtillott**. Grams and Tourtillott are also both vying for the at-large seat held by **Bruce Milavitz**. In Area 1, **Chuck Dallas** is unopposed to replace **Al Heins**, who is not seeking another term. Voters in the whole school district vote for all contests regardless of the area where they reside.

For the Clintonville School Board, incumbents **Ben Huber** and **Laurie Vollrath** are challenged by **Patrick Danforth**, **Larry Czarnecki** and **Daryl Schroeder** for three seats.

* Belle Plaine will have four elections in 2018, with spring and fall primaries and general elections. Generally, the town has five election workers on each of two shifts for primaries and seven workers for each shift for general elections.

Primary Election, Tuesday, **Feb. 20**,

7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Belle Plaine Community Center

Election Day, Tuesday, **April 3**,

7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Belle Plaine Community Center

For school board, county board



Here is a current list of Belle Plaine election workers:

Marcalene Rosenow, Pat Mahnke, Donna Loesl, Deborah Lidbury, Bonnie Olson, Bonnie Utke, Craig Akey, Nancy Bennett, Heather Wilke, William Gilbert, Jim Stempa, Joan Sousek, Larry Rummald, Connie Steudel, Deb Passehl, Arlene Schabo and Linda Olson.

Anyone interested in helping with elections can contact **Kris Vomastic**, town clerk, during her office hours on Saturday mornings and Monday evenings at the Community Center. She is in charge of elections in the town of Belle Plaine.

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

Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association 2018 donors

The following lake residents have donated to the 2018 Lake Protectors fund campaign, as of Jan. 10, 2018. The Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association board thanks you.

\$1,000 Mighty Oak

Bill and Laurie Rate
Dennis and Jan Thornton
Carol A. Wegner

\$500 Maple

Jeff and Gwen Casperson
Mary and Richard Hayney
Tim and Jane Zuck

\$250 Birch

Anonymous
Dan and Delores Bleck
Kris Doan and Judy Simon
Mike and Paula Kopischkie
Al and Pat Mahnke
Peggy McMahon
Terry and Rhonda Nelson
Mark Thomas
Sandy Tomashek
Ray and Kelly Wilson
Ray and Kathy Yaeger

\$200 Beech

Jeff Herold/Cindy Lillge
Dan Parr and Linda Altman
Victoria Topp

\$125 Cedar

Christopher and Carolyn Sampson

\$100 Pine

Jonathan and Sofija Anderson
Greg and Margaret Anunson
Janna Aumann
Steve and Darlene Boegh
Mary Britten
Tom Conrad
Mike and Patti Fletcher
Craig and Donna Ford
Dale and Connie Fruendt
Mark and Linda Gayhart
Kevin and Linda Goodman
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Mike and Theresa Holden in memory of Lloyd and Rolda Holden
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Tommy J. Stueck Jr. and Denise D. Stueck
Scott and Jodi Tilleson
Mary Travis
Bill and Donna Varney
Larry and Cynthia Volz
Dr. Mark C. Weller

\$75 Spruce

Chris and Terri Jacke

\$50 Ash

Bob and Anne Betz
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Gary and Karen Coyne
Peter and Mary Jensema
Norman W. Kempf
Lori and Greg Martin
Mary Pleshek
Pat and Roger Rogney
Tom and Bev Rosenfeldt
Pete and Pat Sasing
Joe and Julie Steinke
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2018 CLPA members

Members \$25

Paid 2018 memberships as of Jan. 10, 2018

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Norm Burton
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Jeff and Gwen Casperson
Angela Clark
Richard and Christine Cloeter
Tom Conrad
Gary and Karen Coyne
Thomas Crabb
Kris Doan and Judy Simon
Donna Dohr
Shirley Fischer
Dennis and Joanne Fisher
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Kevin and Debbie Koontz
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Brenda and Dan Krause
David Krause
Kevin and Lisa Krause
William and Cynthia Krewal
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Vilas and Donna Krueger
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The Place for Health, Rest & Pleasure
CLPA incorporated in 1936

P.O. Box 288
Embarrass, WI 54933-0288

"Preserving our lakes for future generations"

If you haven't paid your 2018 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 2018. 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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Thanks for the many checks to CLPA

By Dennis Thornton

It's been a busy couple of months for me and for our lake association treasurer **Jessica Meier** — in a good way. We have been opening envelopes containing checks for membership dues and generous donations, then depositing them in the credit union.

THANK YOU! As 2018 has barely begun, we already have 156 memberships and about \$17,000 in dues and donations (see the lists on pages 6 and 7). We sent out a fund-raising letter in November. If you didn't receive it or didn't get around to sending back the envelope, please fill out the form on page 7 and send it in.

We have replenished the treasury, which took a big hit when the CLPA spent \$35,000 in 2016 to chemically treat our nasty strain of hybrid milfoil. That effort was a huge success. Our consultant Onterra found NO milfoil in Pine Lake and just a few scattered plants in Grass Lake while doing a plant survey last fall.

This year's plans include probably treating Round Lake with the same chemical as well as doing some Diver-Assisted Suction Harvesting

where milfoil has popped up in the other lakes.

If we don't keep the milfoil at bay, there won't be much boating or fishing in the areas where giants mats of the invader form.

We anticipate spending more than \$50,000 over the next three years on aquatic invasive species control and will be applying for a DNR grant that would cover 75 percent of the costs.

Eddie Heath of Onterra does a remarkable job in combining statistics and science in explaining our battle against invasives. His 21-page report with charts and maps is posted on our website www.cloverleaflakes.com.

* It's not too early to think about our CLPA annual meeting May 26. We will have two, maybe more, vacancies on the board.

If you love our lakes and want to do something to keep them healthy, please consider running for the board.

If you are interested in serving on the board, email me at thorngb@frontiernet.net.

CLPA president's message

Belle Plaine calendar

Feb. 3: Clover Bares ice fishing derby, all day, Cloverleaf Lakes

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

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

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

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

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

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

May 14: Town Board, 7 p.m., Community Center

May 26: CLPA annual meeting, 10 a.m., Round Lake Park