



BELLE PLAINE

NEWS & EVENTS

Summer 2016

Island purchase is 10 years old

Belle Plaine and Cloverleaf Lakes residents have a 25-acre natural area for hiking and scenic beauty, thanks to the efforts of the Gibson Island Project that culminated in the area's purchase and dedication 10 years ago this summer.

Nearly \$300,000 in private donations, sale of a town lot on the lake, a \$416,000 Stewardship grant and a donation by land owner **Lynn Lenius** funded the \$1,025,000 purchase.

The town now owns the property, which includes the "island," a connecting isthmus and a lot on Cloverleaf Lake Road. A parking area and boardwalk were added later. The island is open to the public during daytime hours and is also accessible by boat.

The property, once owned by the Boy Scouts then sold to the Lenius family, will be protected from development forever. Deed restrictions and terms of the grant limit activity, with no buildings or motorized vehicular traffic allowed.

Closing on the purchase was in March 2006 and a dedication ceremony was held that July.

Major donors are recognized with a plaque on a stone on the southern edge of the island and a plaque at the Belle Plaine Community Center.

"We would like to offer special thanks to **Alvin Bartz**, town

For more information about the Gibson Island Project, go to <http://www.Cloverleaflakes.com> and click on the **Gibson Island Dedication Program** link on the main page. Included there is a list of the Project's 1) donors, 2) detailed historical timeline, 3) "Movers and Shakers," and 4) financial details.



An aerial photo shows Gibson Island, the centerpiece of Cloverleaf Lakes, connected to the land by an isthmus and boardwalk.

Photo by Coldwell Banker Hilgenberg Realtors

chairman, for his visionary leadership of this project and for his commitment to the greater good of the town," said **Jan Thornton**, chair of the Gibson Island Project, a group of volunteers who spearheaded the acquisition.

Others on the project committee included treasurer **Leeann Little**, secretary **Dennis Thornton**, **Stan Kleiss**, **Joy Krubsack** and **Bob Tomeczyk**. Their reflections are on pages 4 and 5.

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County Highway Y will be closed July 11-22

A portion of County Highway Y at Cloverleaf Lakes will be closed starting Monday, July 11, for replacement of a culvert connecting Grass and Round Lakes.

"Our plan is to close CTH Y at the culvert from Monday, July 11th through Friday July 22nd, pending weather conditions at that time," said **Katie Schwartz**, Shawano County Highway Department engineer. "CTH Y will have a posted detour along STH 22." The road will be open to

local traffic and the boat launch will be open.

A new, larger culvert under Highway Y will replace the 50-plus year old culvert. Also, the western shoulder of the road will be paved from Round Lake Park to the Lake Aire to ease pedestrian and bicycle traffic along a dangerous stretch.

Shawano County and the Town of Belle Plaine, along with a DNR grant, will fund the project. A grant from the Stockbridge-Munsee Community will help pay for the pedestrian path.

Property valuations are in line with state rules

By Alvin Bartz

We recently held our open book and Board of Review to allow residents to check into and perhaps challenge their property tax assessments. No one showed up for either session.

Our assessments are still in compliance with state requirements for percentage of fair market value. When you fall out of compliance, the state requires a re-evaluation of all property.

We had about 20 sales last year and all were within a few percentage points of their assessed value. This is the information the state uses to determine compliance.

We will be blacktopping the remainder of Spruce Road, about 1.5 miles, this year plus a few paver patches on a couple of other roads. We're planning a little more crack filling this year to try to extend the life of our newer blacktop roads.

I have scheduled brush control both north and south of Highway 22, as we did not spray last year.

This is a busy season for farm machinery on the roads. Of-

Belle Plaine chairman's message

tentimes you cannot see what is behind you when on a tractor. Motorists need to especially watch for machinery that may be making a left turn.

Grandma Sophia's restaurant on Highways 22 and 29 has closed and has been sold at auction. We have no word yet on future plans. Hopefully it will open soon, as it has been a favorite spot for many diners.

Have a safe holiday and summer season.

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

Belle Plaine town notebook

* Boat launch fees at the town site on County Highway Y increased in 2016. Daily permit fees are \$3 for town residents and \$5 for non-residents. Annual permit fees are \$25 for residents and \$30 for non-residents.

* Summer hours for the Collection and Recycling Center on Cloverleaf Lake Road are Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

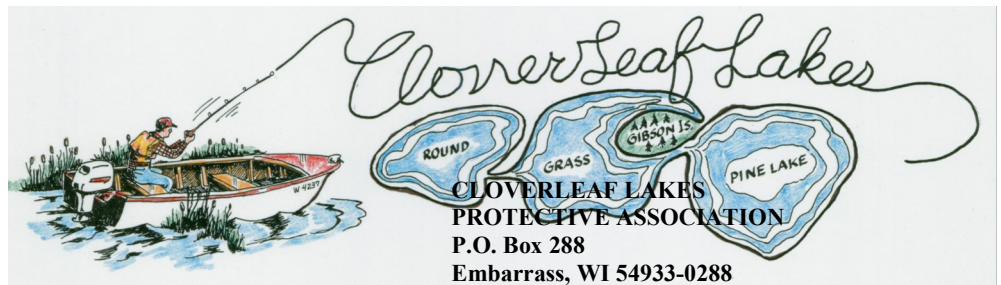
People with large items such as furniture, TVs or building materials are encouraged to take the items to the Shawano City Landfill. There is a small fee. Hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays. The Belle Plaine Recycling Center does not accept those items.

* Reservations are being taken for

the Community Center and the Round Lake Park picnic shelter. 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.



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

Thick hybrid milfoil clumps starting to die

By Dennis Thornton

Boaters and anglers plagued by invasive milfoil that clogs boat motors soon will be seeing signs of relief. The application of a new chemical, fluridone, is beginning to affect the nasty weed.

Lake and Pond Solutions crews sprayed millions of pellets of fluridone along the shores of Grass and Pine Lakes on May 25. They used 163 pounds in Grass Lake and 530 pounds in Pine Lake. As the chemical dissipates, one or two more “bumps” will be added to the lakes during the summer.

A chemical company representative said fluridone works by attacking the beta-carotene in the red tops of the plants, causing them to bleach out and die. By now, most plants should have stopped growing and are starting to bleach out.

The chemical has no restrictions on swimming, drinking water or consuming fish. It had a seven-day warning for water use on shoreland plants.

The treatment is expected to cost about \$70,000.

CLPA president's message



A team from Lake and Pond Solutions sprays pellets of fluridone chemicals along the north shore of Grass Lake on May 25. The chemical treatment is killing the hybrid milfoil invasive species in Grass and Pine Lakes.

CLPA annual meeting updates members on activities

Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association annual meeting May 28, 2016, at Round Lake Park, 10:05 a.m.

Attendees: Board members **Dennis Thornton, Joe Mass, Carol Wegner, Pam Bruecker, Dick Thurow, Dave Rosenfeldt**; about 50 plus members of the association.

Introductions: Dennis Thornton welcomed the members of CLPA; board members were introduced. Guests included, Supervisor **Harold Polzin** and DNR Warden, **Mark Schraufnagel**. Mark gave an update on local conditions and the new panfish rules. The DNR is shorthanded in this area. Mark can be reached on cell phone 715-853-8686.

Featured speaker: **Shanda Hubertus** from Long Lake presented a slide show and information on Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties.

Official business: Minutes of the May 23, 2015, meeting were distributed. **Glenn McMahon** moved, **Marv Letven** seconded approval of minutes, motion carried.

Pam Bruecker presented the treasurer's report. **Greg Martin** moved, **Arlene Schabo** seconded approval of treasurer's report, motion carried. Donations of \$14,675 were realized by our tax deduction status with 192 members.

Thornton reviewed the cost of chemical treatments for Grass and Pine Lakes.

Election of board incumbents Joe Mass, Dick Thurow, Dave Rosenfeldt. No additional nominations. **Esther Letven** moved, **Glenn McMahon** seconded the nominations, motion carried.

Reports: Joe Mass reported on a diver-assisted program of removing milfoil in 2015. Joe Mass and Dick Thurow will do 20 weeks of testing after the application of chemicals this year.

Carol Wegner introduced the Welcome Committee members **Molly Joosten, Arlene Schabo, Donna Loesl** and chair **Bob Tomczyk**. **Kathy Nodolf** was thanked for her service on the

committee. New lake residents receive welcome packets including maps, local information and gift certificates. Non-members are solicited for membership. Support is provided by local businesses Lake Aire, Micksters, Badger Tap, Club 22, Cloverleaf Shakes and Breakaway among others. **Sandy Mass** agreed to take the vacant position.

Donna Ford gave a report on Fish Sticks with a slide presentation. Dennis Thornton showed slides of Shoreland Restoration.

Activities: Joe Mass indicated **Brittany Novak** will continue as boat monitor. Boats are checked for weeds as there is a fine for transporting invasives to another lake.

Joe Mass and Dick Thurow continue water quality testing on the three lakes once a month beginning in May. Results are sent to UW Stevens Point and DNR for analysis. Our water quality is better than some other lakes.

Dick Thurow continues trapping muskrats, although populations are down and vary from year to year. Traps must be set under the water in the travel lane.

The Fourth of July Kiddie Parade will be held on July 2 and begin at 10 a.m. Treats and ice cream are provided. The Pontoon parade begins at 6:30 with no theme for decorations this year. Cash prizes are awarded for decorations. Do not throw water balloons from shore or from the boats.

Bob Gross announced the golf outing to be held Friday, Aug. 19, at the Clintonville Golf Course. This is the 4th annual **Jim Aumann** Memorial with lunch, dinner, prizes on holes, and a raffle. Sign up forms were available. Even if you do not golf, there is a dinner and raffles. The group donated \$750 to CLPA last year.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Recorded by Carol Wegner

Gibson Island leaders reflect on the project

ALVIN BARTZ, town chairman

"It still amazes me that we could match the DNR grant with private donations. When we went to the Associated Bank in Embarrass to get the funds for closing, Town Clerk **Harriet McCauley** thought we might be fifty dollars short, so she wrote another check to make sure we had enough.

"We often are critical of the DNR but they really (especially **Kris Halbur**) helped us get the project done. Preserving the mile of natural shoreline helps preserve the reason people come to Cloverleaf Lakes. We need to do a better job of promoting Gibson Island so more people use the scenic hiking trail."

STAN KLEISS

"**Jan Thornton** provided the type of leadership needed for success. Jan listened to all points of view, kept the team focused on the prize, helped sort through actionable issues and helped keep us focused on the prize. The project wouldn't have happened without Jan Thornton's leadership.

"We had great followship on the team, putting our goal of keeping Gibson Island available to all the community's citizens ahead of our own goals and desires. Everyone's contribution was appreciated by others on the leadership team. Everyone on the leadership team bought a unique perspective to the project. Over time we came to appreciate the wisdom, experience and knowledge of each team member.

"We adopted a goal of inclusivity and sought out allies in our greater community. Our goal was to seek out like-minded citizens in our community and enlist them to deliver a positive message about our project. To this point, I recall an event which was typical of the success of our strategy. Toward the end of our drive for funding the project, I received a call from a neighbor expressing disappointment that he had not been solicited for a donation. He then went on to explain why he felt so strongly about our Gibson Island project. Needless to say, we followed up immediately, apologized for our error and received a very generous donation.

"It has been gratifying to see the Sportsman's Club and DNR take advantage of undeveloped pristine Gibson Island shoreline by putting felled trees in the water to enhance the aquatic environment for fish and other aquatic species. Those of us on the team hope this kind of creative thinking continues and Gibson Island will serve our entire community in new imaginative ways."

JOY KRUBSACK

"It is with fond memories that I reflect on the Gibson Island project of 2003-2006. Gibson Island miraculously brought out



Members of the Gibson Island Project board celebrate success in 2006. From left are Town Chairman Alvin Bartz, Bob Tomczyk, Joy Krubsack, Leeann Little, Jan Thornton, Dennis Thornton and Stan Kleiss.

the best in so many people as they shared their money, time, talents, vote and even imaginations.

"The completion of the island purchase was an adventure that took numerous 'points of interest' to align with a common goal — to protect the island's environment and wildlife for present and future generations.

"As the excitement built toward the closing date and we continued to struggle with working out the deal to the very last minute, I clearly remember the gigantic sense of relief when it was done. I remain proud and sincerely elated that Gibson Island will forever stand in our view as a gem of natural beauty."

LEEANN LITTLE

"My fondest memory of the Gibson Island project was the dedication ceremony and the coming together of some of the many wonderful people to celebrate the conclusion of this very worthwhile project.

"Six strangers came together for two and a half years of hard work to purchase this property to be donated to the Town of Belle Plaine and its citizens in order that anyone coming to the lakes would be able to enjoy this beautiful property and its flora and fauna in perpetuity. I feel a great sense of pride at having been a part of this very memorable and worthwhile project."

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Project leaders reflect

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DENNIS THORNTON

"It's impossible. But someone should try to do something.

"Those were my thoughts when Jan and I learned some startling news from the town assessor in 2003. He looked out our window, pointed across the lake and said 'I've seen a plan to build multiple dwellings on the island.'

"We had moved to Cloverleaf Lakes a few years before and loved our view from the deck of the ever-changing scenery of Gibson Island. We couldn't picture that area with 30 or more homes or condos and that many piers and boats on the already busy lakes.

"Under Jan's leadership, we got busy, found an environmental attorney named **Peter McKeever** to advise us on how to launch the project and held an organizational meeting. We didn't know many people here, but soon found a solid core of friends-to-be who shared our enthusiasm for saving the island as a natural area.

"It took time, lots of meetings, help from block captains and the Town Board as the committee fought through the many barriers to success. But as Alvin Bartz likes to say, we got it done."

JAN THORNTON

"I think of the generosity of the people of our lakes community—the 188 individuals, organizations and businesses—who gave nearly \$300,000 from their own coffers toward the purchase of the property. It was an outpouring of strong support for the project's mission ". . . *to maintain and protect the Island's natural environment and wildlife for present and future generations.*"

"I also think of the following:

"**Alvin Bartz**, who always keeps in mind what is in the best interest of town residents. His long-time relationship with **Jeff Pagels** of the DNR was instrumental in our success. Jeff told him years ago that the DNR would be supportive if the town ever would be interested in preserving the property;

"**Stan Kleiss** who brought our board fearless courage and tenacity, especially in approaching potential donors. He encouraged us to embrace the quest for money rather than be embarrassed about it. His business background and acumen put us in good stead throughout. It was his idea to appoint 'block captains' that directly involved 30 others in fund raising and spreading the word. He and his wife, **Jan**, hosted elegant receptions in their home for the group;

"**Joy Krubsack**, a science teacher and environmentalist, whose long-standing relationships with our lakes people offered a treasure trove of contacts and insights about our community. Especially memorable is her passionate statement at the July 2005 town meeting to approve the island's purchase. Some folks

had expressed concern the town would be missing out on property tax revenue if the island became a public property. She said, in New York City, Central Park is the most valuable piece of real estate in the city, but *no one* there would want to lose it because of development. 'Gibson Island can be our Central Park,' she said;

"**Leeann Little**, well-known volunteer for numerous organizations, took meticulous care of the handling, collection and disbursement of funds. People had full confidence in the management of money because of her sterling reputation and integrity. She also offered common sense and wisdom to our group. She kept her husband, **Nick**, busy traveling between our houses to transport contribution checks;

"**Dennis Thornton** was a full partner as we lived and breathed Gibson Island Project. Dennis contributed in so many ways it would take pages to describe. The committee always wanted to hear his thoughtful comments and ideas. It was here that seeds were planted for the significant leadership roles he has assumed in our lakes and town communities ever since.

"**Bob Tomczyk** brought us long-time connections with people in the Clintonville schools who arranged student projects resulting in our printed materials including stationery and brochures. He was our fine spokesman at numerous forums and public meetings. He also knew many lakes people and was able to provide a realistic view of the challenges we faced."

BOB TOMCZYK

"It is hard to believe 10 years has passed since we acquired Gibson Island! It seems like only yesterday that I was asked if I would be interested in working with a group of local citizens to acquire and preserve Gibson Island.

"I did not know what I was getting into and, in the same breath, my involvement in acquiring Gibson Island turned out to be one of the most rewarding experiences of my life!

"The word 'committed' is the one word that describes the people I worked with for the next three years. Leeann, Joy, Jan, Stan, Alvin and Dennis had one objective, and that was to acquire and preserve Gibson Island. Over the next three years, and dozens and dozens of meetings, we organized, planned and created a path to acquire the Island.

"Was it easy? NO! Each time we met, a new hurdle arose, yet putting our minds together, we were able to overcome them. I learned that when you are committed to a task, anything is achievable.

"Also, during that time, I created a special bond with those individuals because of the long hours spent working on this project. Our efforts were rewarded, and I was blown away by the support of the lake community and surrounding areas for our mission.

"Each day I wake up and look at the island, and thank God that we were successful in our efforts to preserve it—a beautiful piece of land that all residents can enjoy seasonally."

Bigger bluegills? DNR tests new regs on Cloverleaf

By Christopher Sampson

The 2016 fishing season brings something new to the Cloverleaf Lakes in the form of experimental regulations aimed at increasing the average size of the chain's bluegills.

Fisheries managers designated the Cloverleafs for inclusion in a statewide DNR initiative testing various new bag limits on 93 waters across Wisconsin, with regulations tailored to local panfish populations.

On Pine, Grass and Round lakes, the panfish harvest limit will remain at 25 fish per day, per angler, but only 5 may be bluegill or pumpkinseed sunfish exceeding 7 inches in length. Previously, there were no size restrictions on panfish.

Al Niebur, DNR fisheries biologist based in Shawano, appeared at the April meeting of the Belle Plaine Sportsman's Club to answer questions about Cloverleaf Lakes fishing.

Niebur said he's pleased state officials approved the chain for the test regulations. Veteran anglers here have long commented on the apparent decline in panfish size. It was the No. 1 concern identified in the 2009 CLPA angler satisfaction survey and, after DNR test-netting confirmed the decline, a lakes association focus group endorsed the concept of special regulations.

"We measured over one thousand bluegills," Niebur said of the last comprehensive Cloverleaf survey in 2013, "and not a one was over 8 inches. It's clear that harvest has been very efficient in cropping off the bigger fish."

Relatively slow growth rates are another factor, he said. It can take a half-dozen years for Cloverleaf bluegills to reach the 6-inch range that many anglers consider "just big enough to keep," and several more for the preferred 7- and 8-inch sizes.

It is expected the new harvest limits will encourage anglers to focus their fish-fry outings on the abundant moderate-size bluegills, leaving more 7-inch-plus fish in the lake and allowing them to pass on their superior "big-fish genes." Bluegill are particularly susceptible when they crowd the shallows to spawn in May and June.

With the new harvest restrictions, good water quality, decent habitat and conservation efforts including recent placement of "fish sticks" (downed timber) in near-shore areas at Gibson Island, hopes are high.

"There's the potential to ultimately see the occasional 10- or even 11-inch bluegill here," Niebur told the sportsman's club, while also cautioning that improvements will take time. "It's a long-term project. Realistically, it might be that next generation of fish, at least five years, before we see any results."

Statewide, the DNR will evaluate the experimental panfish rules in five years and again in 10 to determine whether they are improving panfish size as well as whether anglers continue to



A pair of anglers try their luck along the north shore of Grass Lake.

support the changes.

Among the 93 test sites, the Cloverleaf experiment is notable for setting a size restriction on the harvest of larger bluegills. Virtually all of the others involve reductions in overall panfish bag limits or season length..

In other updates:

- Niebur praised the CLPA and Belle Plaine club for their support of the fish sticks project and their volunteer assistance.

"The more you can do of this, the better – it's an awesome way to improve the fishery," he said. The sunken trees provide valuable cover and serve as nurseries for plant life, insects and minnows that fuel the food chain.

- He explained the new rule on bluegill/sunfish harvest

wasn't extended to the lakes' other prime panfish target, crappies, because of that species' relative abundance and slightly better size structure. (The 2013 survey estimated 45 percent over 8 inches, although only 3 percent over 10 inches.)

- Game fish stocking remains on track, with walleyes and northern every other year and muskellunge every third year. Now that the DNR's statewide walleye initiative is providing larger fingerlings, Niebur said, it is believed enough fish will escape predation by the lake's plentiful largemouth bass to re-establish a modest, "bonus" walleye fishery on a put-and-take basis.

- Although abundance is down slightly from recent highs, the lakes' muskie fishery continues strong, with a good number of large fish. "The ones we stock show really good survival," Niebur said.

- Niebur said he would notify the CLPA and Belle Plaine Sportsman's Club of volunteer opportunities to help DNR crews with spring 2017 netting and tagging operations in the area.

New rules for bluegills

Angler may keep only five bluegills or pumpkinseed per day over 7 inches in length.

Total panfish bag limit remains 25 per day.

No length restrictions on other panfish (crappie, perch, rock bass).

Boat repair, computer aid businesses open here

By Joan Sousek

Two new businesses are bringing life back to what is probably best known as the former Grass Lake Cheese Factory, N3630 Grass Lake Road. **Mike Miller** and his wife **Sarah King** of Caroline have opened Northland Marine & Power Sports and Amethyst Technology & Design at the site where **Gary and Dale Hodkiewicz** operated a cheese factory from 1971 to 1995 and the late **Elmer Beery** ran it for about 25 years before that.

The couple is leasing from **Mel Peters** who acquired the property in 2008 and leased it to several enterprises. Then, it was vacant for several years.

The shop opened in early March.

"We were going to open April 2," King said. "We were cleaning and getting ready and people found out we were here, and they asked if they could bring things in so we opened early."

Miller does repairs, restoration and maintenance of watercraft, ATVs, snowmobiles, motorcycles, automobiles of all makes and models, and he also does small engine work.

The shop carries Amsoil synthetic lubricants, and they are a Western Power Sports dealership. Western is an aftermarket for power sports parts and accessories. The catalog is available at their website (northlandmarineandpowersports.com) and orders can be placed at the shop, too.

"You can get good quality stuff, but not pay the higher costs," Miller said.

They also offer indoor storage with pickup and delivery of vehicles and boats.

King has a background in technology building, was on contract with Apple and did tech work for Dodge auto company. She has a number of certifications in computer technology and enjoys problem solving, repair and setup of all types of computers and electronics.

She also designs videos, websites, graphics, logos, business cards and signs. Some of her design work can be seen at the Northland website that she created.

Miller and King grew up in Ashland where Miller worked at several marinas and had a home shop. For two years, he had his own shop, Northland Marine Services. He also worked for Cruisers Yachts in Oconto. They moved to Caroline six years ago.

They have three children, son **Connor**, 14, daughters, **Alliyah**, 17, and **Haley**, 19.

Miller managed Caroline Auto for more than five years and also worked out of a small garage at his home. One of his customers was Peters who told him about the Grass Lake property.

"We loved the Belle Plaine and Cloverleaf Lakes area and thought it would be perfect spot for our businesses," King said.

They started working on the property in February and the fix-up continues. They plan to remove a wall and a boiler to create the main show room. Eventually, they will have two bays for automotive. A smaller cooler will become a spray booth, and a larger cooler will be a show room for the power sports. The main office up front will be connected by a walkway to King's design



Sarah King and Mike Miller, on the right, have opened two businesses -- Northland Marine & Power Sports and Amethyst Technology & Design -- in what used to be Grass Lake Cheese Factory. With them are their daughters, Alliyah, far left, and Haley. They also have a son, Connor. The temporary Northland sign was designed by King.

Photo by Joan Sousek

space.

They also have been "slowly reconquering the lawn," Miller said, and removing a lot of stuff left by previous occupants.

Miller said Peters, **Dale Hodkiewicz** and **Adam Kersten** of Adam's Small Engine Repair have been very helpful.

"Everyone has been very supportive," he added.

With ongoing fix-up and brisk business, the couple puts in long days.

"We open at 8 and are here until 9 or 10 every night ... It's a heckuva work load," Miller said.

Official hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday by appointment.

"If the open sign is on, come in," King said.

The couple plans to stay in Caroline, about a 15-mile drive, where they are refurbishing their home.

They noted that veterans and active service members get a 10 percent discount. "We want to support them for all they do," Miller said.

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Lakes celebrate Independence Day on July 2

Even though there will be no official lake fireworks show, a pair of parades will continue the area's traditions on Saturday, July 2. The Cloverleaf Lakes Fireworks group held their last event in 2015. Also, the Art Fair has been cancelled due to low participation numbers.

The popular Kiddie Parade will start at 10 a.m. at the boat landing on Highway Y. And the Pontoon Parade will make its way around Pine and Grass Lakes starting at 6:30 p.m.

Fireworks fans can view Shawano's show on Sunday, July 3, at the Shawano Airport, N5468 Airport Road, starting at dusk. Clintonville also has a fireworks show on Sunday, July 3, at the W.A. Olen Athletic Field. Admission is

free for both events.

The fourth annual Jim Aumann Memorial Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 19, at Clintonville Riverside Golf Course, starting at noon. The event includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, foot-long hot dogs at the turn, dinner after golf and many prizes. An entry form is on the webpage www.cloverleaflakes.com.

The final event of the summer season will be the 10th annual Cloverleaf Lakes Triathlon on Saturday, Sept. 3, starting at 9 a.m. at the former Rustic Resort site. Contestants face a 1/4-mile swim, 20 mile bike ride and 3.5-mile run. Details are at www.cloverleaflakes.com.

Sportsman's Club will help at Fun Daze

The Belle Plaine Sportsman's Club will help out during Embarrass Fun Daze, a fund raising event for the Embarrass Volunteer Fire Department to help purchase needed supplies and equipment. It will be held on Saturday, July 25, and is kicked off with a parade at 11 a.m.

There will be a full day of activities for adults and children. Featured are Blind Man's Volleyball starting at 9 a.m., Korn Hole Tournament, Dunk Tank, and a Tractor Pull at 2 p.m. They will have live music in the afternoon and in the evening (two bands – no cover).

Belle Plaine calendar

July 2: Kiddie Parade, 10 a.m., Grass Lake boat launch

July 2: Pontoon Parade, 6:30 p.m., starts by Gibson Island

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

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

July 16: Long Lake Association annual meeting, 9:30 a.m., Imago Dei Center

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

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

Aug. 9: Primary election, 7 a.m.-8 p.m., Community Center

Aug. 19: Jim Aumann Memorial Golf Outing, noon, Clintonville Riverside Golf Course