

# Imago Dei Village serves hundreds

By Shanda Hubertus

Imago Dei Village on Long Lake was founded in 1949 as a weekend camp site by the American Lutheran Church. It has been known by a few different names over the years, but the mission has always been the same. Now overseen by the Evangelical Lutheran Church (closest: Zion in Shawano), it works to continue "bringing people together in Christ so that lives are changed and communities enhanced."

From its infancy, Imago Dei Village has survived by donations. Men's groups worked at logging camps, taking their wages in lumber and building materials, to build the original dining hall/camp lodge. The camp bought the neighboring Lion's Club in 1990. They continue to update facilities using mostly donated labor in order to "provide places for family-style camping" that is "family friendly with high comfort," says **Mike Henning**, camp director. Imago Dei Village completed a large renovation project

in 1995. They replaced the old summer cabins with permanent all season cabins (chalets), providing higher comfort with the same capacity. Last spring they completed a deck off the large retreat building.

Multiple denominations, along with other outside organizations, utilize the camp each year. Henning explains, "We are an extension of our member congregations, who also serve groups outside our membership." Summer church campers (average 100 to 120) spend a week, while winter campers (up to 35) are up only for a weekend. They have worship services, but no on-site pastor.

Imago Dei Village extends an open invitation to anyone who would like to tour the camp. Just give them a call at 823-2902 or drop by the business office.

The camp is currently in desperate need of a new dock. If you are replacing yours and your old one is still sturdy or just in need of some TLC, please contact Henning. Donations are tax deductible.

## Belle Plaine calendar

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

**July 2:** Pontoon Parade, 6:30 p.m., Pine and Grass Lakes, followed by fireworks at dusk.

**July 3:** Cloverleaf Art Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Round Lake park shelter.

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

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

**July 27:** CLPA Golf Outing, noon start, Clintonville Riverside Golf Course.

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

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

**Sept. 3:** Cloverleaf Lakes Triathlon, 9 a.m., starting at Rustic Resort.



# BELLE PLAINE NEWS & EVENTS

Summer 2011

## Town considers garbage options

The Belle Plaine Town Board will look into ways to expand house-to-house garbage pickup while retaining the Recycling and Collection Center and saving money.

The town is preparing proposals for three interested providers. Chairman **Alvin Bartz** said the providers will be contacted to present their plans at the July 11 Town Board meeting with contracts likely issued at the August meeting.

Rite-Size Rolloff, which has since been acquired by Veolia Environmental Services, provides house-to-house pickup at 361 residences north and west of Highway 22 and Wisconsin Avenue. The town also operates the Recycling Center, which is open two or three days a week for citizens' dropoff. Waste Management hauls that garbage and recyclables.

Cost of disposal was more than \$150,000 in 2010, with about \$50,000 for Veolia, \$65,000 for Waste Management, \$37,000 for Shawano Landfill, plus town workers' wages. The town received \$9,900 in state recycling aid last year.

Veolia's contract expires at the end of 2011. Bartz said the town would like to give the house-to-house pickup option to all town residences plus keeping the Recycling Center open for those who prefer it. Another option would be to have pickup of larger bins by automated trucks.

Veolia, Waste Management and Harter's Fox Valley Disposal from Wittenberg are expected to compete for the contract. Harter's serves 19 municipalities in Shawano County.



Residents drop off garbage at the town's Recycling and Collection Center on Cloverleaf Lake Road.

### Trash, recyclables by the numbers

Belle Plaine residences generate tons of garbage and recyclables. Here are 2010 statistics for the Recycling and Collection Center on Cloverleaf Lake Road:

Solid waste: 571.9 tons

Mixed recyclables: 106.75 tons, including newspapers: 55.2 tons; cardboard, 17.1 tons; aluminum, 2 tons; steel cans, 5.22 tons; glass, 16.82 tons; plastic, 4.93 tons.

Also, tires, 1.86 tons; electronic components, 4.25 tons; appliances, .6 tons; yard waste, 5.83 tons.

Besides those figures, Veolia Environmental Services picks up garbage and recyclables at 361 homes in the northern portion of the town.

## Summer fun begins

**Fourth of July.** The annual Kiddie Parade, which attracts hundreds of children and parents, will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 2, on Highway Y near the boat launch. The Pontoon Parade will form up near Gibson Island at 6:30 p.m. and the decorated boats will circle the lakes. There is no specific theme for the boat parade. And at dusk, the spectacular fireworks display will be sent up by the Cloverleaf Lakes Fireworks Association.

**Cloverleaf Arts and Crafts:** The CLPA's second annual event will be held at the new town pic-

nic shelter on Round Lake Drive on Sunday, July 3. Artists will be displaying their work from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Golf Outing:** The 13th annual Cloverleaf Lakes Golf Outing will tee off at noon on Wednesday, July 27, at the Clintonville Riverside Golf Course. The entry form is on page 7.

**Triathlon:** The fourth annual Tri Cloverleaf Lakes Triathlon is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 3. Contact **Mary Wetzel** at 823-5800 for information.



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# Town's park, boat ramps, roadwork well on their way

By Alvin Bartz

Here we are mid-summer already, in which for the most part the weather has not cooperated. Farmers had a tough time getting crops planted due to the wet spring. In many cases, we're three weeks behind last year.

Town projects are well on their way. The boat ramps at the launch site on County Highway Y have been completed and blacktop projects are about half done. We are also finishing the picnic shelter on Round Lake, running a sewer line to the shelter before we put grass in the area around the shelter. It should be a nice area to hold a family gathering, with a nice view of Cloverleaf Lakes.

I would invite you to attend the Art Fair that will be held at the Round Lake park shelter this year on July 2 (see page 4 for details). This is a great event in conjunction with the other Inde-

## Belle Plaine chairman's message

pendence Day weekend activities.

Beginning in July, area firefighters will be reviewing drive-ways to see if they are accessible with fire and rescue equipment. If there is not adequate clearance and a turn-around, we will not be able to come in with the larger equipment in case of an emergency — often at night or in stormy weather.

Use caution when approaching farm equipment on the highway, especially chopper wagons. Farmers cannot see behind them when making left turns. As farmers work more acres, the days get longer, often well into the evening hours.

Remember fair entries are due Aug. 1 if you are planning on entering items at the Shawano County Fair.

Have a safe and healthy summer.

## Belle Plaine town notebook

\* The Gibson Island boardwalk has reopened to the public after being closed during the bald eagles' nesting season. Parking is available in the lot off Cloverleaf Lake Road.

\* Summer hours for the Collection and Recycling Center on Cloverleaf Lake Road are Mondays from 8 a.m. to noon; Wednesdays from noon to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Jim and Corey Retzlaff** are the Recycling Center caretakers.

\* The Shawano County Historical Society will be featuring logging, sawmills and lumbering for its 2011 photo display at the Shawano County Fair over Labor Day weekend. "We need your logging history," said **Sandy Gutt**, secretary of the historical society. Anyone who has historical photos of Belle Plaine logging or lumbering can contact **Darlene Heller**, the society's archive director, at 526-3323 to have the photos scanned and prints made. Originals are always returned.

\* The Town Board in June approved issuing alcoholic beverage licenses to the following businesses, effective July 1:

**Mathilda Dancker**, Til's Pit Stop; Mickster's Pub & Grill, **Richard Jesko** agent; **Jessica Betz**, Break A Way; **Shelly Schutt**, Lake Aire; ECWLLH Hotel Group, Comfort Inn and Suites; Buzz and Mac's Sandbar & Grill, **Carey Meyer** agent; **David Dewey**, Rustic Resort; Club 22, **Thomas Smits** agent; **Grant Stanzak**, Amicos Pizza and Hoagies; 22 Shell, **Howard Wagner** agent; and **Joseph Witt**, Witt's Sausage Haus. The first nine have Class B combination licenses, 22 Shell has a Class A combined license and Witt's has a Class A beer license.

\* Town Clerk **Kristine Vomastic** reminds residents that she has office hours Mondays from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Community Center.

\* The town is seeking more fire and emergency medical personnel. First Responders provide health care at accident scenes and to ambulance patients. The town pays for the training. Call Lt. **Tom Kristof** at 853-3937 for more information.

### Belle Plaine officials

Alvin Bartz, chairman  
Harold Polzin, supervisor  
Dennis Thornton, supervisor  
Kristine Vomastic, clerk  
Kay Kristof, treasurer  
Dennis Hoffmann, constable



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### Town clerk's hours:

5-7 p.m. Monday; 8:30-11 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

Newsletter editor: Dennis Thornton

# Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association 14th Annual Golf Outing

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

Clintonville Riverside Golf Course

## FOURSOME AND SINGLES REGISTRATION FORM

Team Captain, Golfer #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Address, phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Address, phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Address, phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #4 \_\_\_\_\_

Address, phone: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL GOLF FEE      Foursome      \$400.00

   Single      \$100.00

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ extra dinners at \$25.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

## DONATIONS, SPONSORS

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Gift certificate \_\_\_\_\_ Raffle item \_\_\_\_\_

Hole sponsor at \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Name and address of donor: \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes free dinner ticket) \_\_\_\_\_

### Please return this form with checks payable to CLPA Golf Outing

**FORMAT:** Four-person Scramble. We will try to match up singles with others. (Reservations are guaranteed for the first 36 foursomes for 12 noon tee-time who return registration form and full fee payment by July 15, 2011.) All paid reservations received by July 15 will get a free T-shirt.

**INCLUDES:** 18 holes of golf, 2 carts per foursome, 3 golf balls per golfer, picnic lunch and beverages, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, steak dinner after golf, cash beverage cart on the course. Non-golfers: Dinner tickets available for \$25 each.

**PRIZES:** One par 3 will have a \$10,000 prize for a hole-in-one. All other par 3's will also have prizes for holes-in-one.

**CONTESTS:** Will be held for closest to the pin, longest drive, longest putt, etc., on all 18 holes, also a putting contest prior to tee-off and during the 18-hole event.

**AWARDS:** First and second top foursome finishers in each division — Men's and Mixed (couples) divisions.

**RAFFLE:** Tickets will be available for purchase for a host of great prizes including an autographed Packers football, 2 Packers tickets, many framed prints or paintings, guns and other hunting and sporting equipment, plus six top-line golf clubs. **SPECIAL RAFFLE** features 10 prizes, including \$500, guns, fishing gear and artwork.

### SCHEDULE:

10-11 a.m. — Check in for all golfers  
10:30-11:30 — Picnic lunch of brats, burgers, beverages  
12 noon — Shotgun start  
4:30-6 p.m. — Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar  
6-? — Dinner, raffles, awards

### Mail checks to:

Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association  
P.O. Box 288  
Embarrass, WI 54933

### OR

CLPA Golf Outing  
c/o Jim Aumann  
W8366 Rustic Drive  
Clintonville, WI 54929  
(715) 823-5632



# Long Lake treats milfoil, sets annual meeting date

By Shanda Hubertus

The **milfoil application** was scheduled to be completed the week of June 5, weather permitting. Keep an eye out on your piers for the notice that it has been done. This notice will also contain the information regarding how long to not use the lake water for watering your lawn/plants. We have switched applicators to Lake and Pond Solutions. This is the same applicator used by the Cloverleaf Lakes. They have had success in treating their Milfoil problem when Long Lake has not. We are anticipating seeing some good results. Long Lake Board of Directors met with the applicator as to what else residents could do to help in the process. The one major issue that was reiterated was no raking, even after the treatment. Each time any fragment is broken off this nuisance of a weed, it will regenerate a new plant. Please only hand pull the weeds.

**No Wake** times will be shown by flags (bright orange) on specific piers, one in the middle section of the lake, and one on Weiner's pier (south/east end of lake/point). There is a reflector affixed to a retaining wall in front of Pringnitz's home (west end of lake) that is visual from the lake. If this reflector is submerged, that marks high water and the flags will then be posted. To reference the high water, it is set so that the lowest property will not be damaged by boat wakes. The lower edge was placed at the water mark from Memorial Day weekend. At that time, the water was just about to overtake the barrier of the lowest property.

All information will be reviewed at the annual **Long Lake Property Owners meeting** on Saturday, June 25, at 9:30 a.m.

This will again be held in the Lodge at Imago Dei Village (church camp). A pot luck lunch will follow. Everyone is encouraged to attend not only to hear the pertinent information and changes, but also to get together with your neighbors and meet some of our new neighbors. We hope to see you all there.

**Long Lake** just completed its second annual rummage sale fundraiser. We would like to thank everyone who made donations and those who helped with the sale. There were many donations from our neighbors on the Cloverleaf Lakes and the town of Belle Plaine. Thank you to those who donated and visited the sale for your support. We raised another \$1,015 for the lake. With the ongoing cost of treating the milfoil, this fundraiser is crucial to assist with those costs.

**Other notes of interest:** As always, we are asking that any Northern Pike larger than 27½ inches be released to keep the population growing. Know and follow all the boating rules. If you see someone who may not know the rules of the lake, please be courteous, but let them know what they are. We must also follow DNR regulations. No person should be riding on the bow of the boat (unless manufacturer seating is present) while under power. This may be fun, but can have devastating consequences if they fall overboard (even with a small wave). Remember the new no wake regulation: no wake within 100 feet of any shoreline. It is still 100 feet from any pier or raft for boats, 200 feet for personal watercraft. We are still looking for a volunteer for the secchi disk readings. Please contact a board member or volunteer at the annual meeting if you are interested.

Have a great and safe summer!

# Schutts buy Lake Aire from Popp, plan changes

**Pat and Shelly Schutt** purchased the Lake Aire Supper Club on Round Lake from **Kurt and Becky Popp** on June 10. The restaurant is closed for renovation and is expected to re-open in early July. According to Shelly, it is possible it could be open as early as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend but as of this writing that can't be guaranteed due to weather and other things beyond control.

Renovations will include flooring, windows, siding, roof and an entirely new kitchen. Some current employees will be continuing including Becky Popp as the chef. New staff will be hired also.

Although the menu will change, it will retain similar selections as before including an extensive salad bar.

"We are fully excited" about the new venture, says Shelly, "and so are our employees. People will see quite a change."

The Schutts, who live in Belle Plaine, will not live on site and have future plans to renovate the living quarters, which have

the potential to be rented out either as living quarters or banquet space.

Shelly will be the major on-site management person. Pat will spend some time at the restaurant while working fulltime at Sea-grave Fire Apparatus in Clintonville. Shelly has worked as a waitress at the restaurant for 12-1/2 years.

Kurt and Becky Popp owned and operated the former Popp's Lake Aire for 21 years, opening in August of 1990. "I'd like to thank all the loyal customers and wonderful friends over all the years," says Kurt. The Pops are now living on Shawano Lake.

—Jan Thornton

Check for lake/town news at  
[www.CloverleafLakes.com](http://www.CloverleafLakes.com)

# CLPA leaders update members at annual meeting

Updates on many continuing lake protection programs were presented to about 75 members at the May 28 annual meeting of the Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association at the Rustic Resort.

Committee chairmen talked about shoreland restoration, long-range plans, invasive species, the art fair and Fourth of July activities, golf outing and water quality testing. Here are some highlights:

\* **Fran West** was re-elected and **Kris Doan** was elected to the board of directors. **Jim Aumann** declined to run for another term after serving on the board for 10 years.

\* **Kery Kafka** reported that about 10 properties had shoreland restorations over the past two years, helped by a DNR grant. The program is continuing, with the CLPA providing matching grants up to \$1,000 for residents who want to add shoreland buffer zones, rain gardens or native plants.

\* **Esther Letven** went through a list of about 20 ongoing activities to implement the Lake Management Plan that was begun five years ago. They range from aquatic invasive species control to water quality efforts. She also heads the Marketing Committee, which will offer CLPA memorabilia and artwork for sale at the Art Fair.

\* **Marv Letven** reported on plans for the second annual Art Fair. About 20 artists will be featured along with food and entertainment. The location has been moved to the new picnic shelter

overlooking Round Lake.

\* **Bob Tomczyk** said the Welcoming Committee has prepared packets of information about the lakes, including coupons, for newcomers. The committee also will be delivering the 2011 Directory to members, who receive it free as a bonus for joining the CLPA and paying their \$25 annual dues.

\* **Russ Kafka** said the Aquatic Invasive Species team will monitor chemical treatment of Eurasian Water Milfoil and curly-leaf pondweed as well as do a survey to spot the invasive plants. He said EWM has increased slightly during the past year.

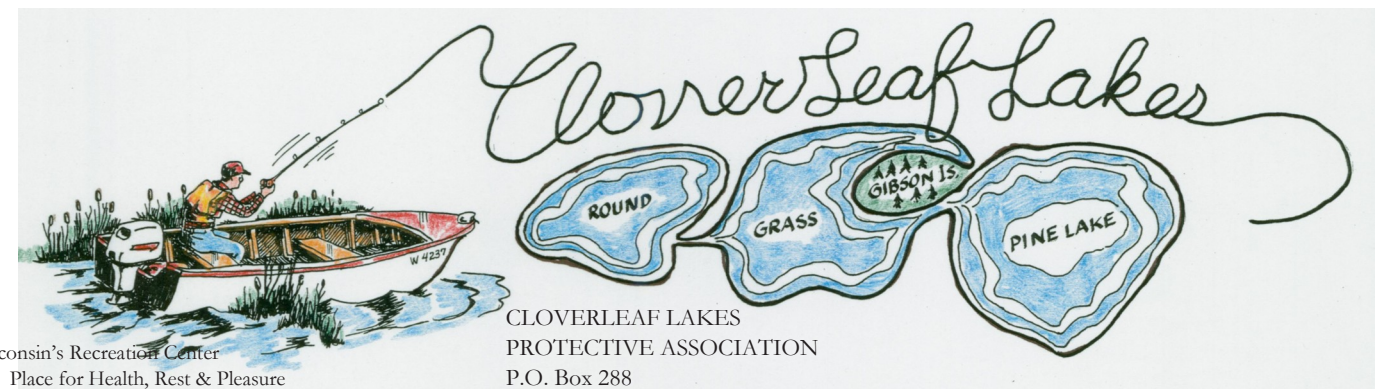
\* Boat monitoring, under the supervision of **Joe Mass**, will continue at the boat landing with **Ryan Popp** hired for a second year. Mass also helps with water quality testing and has trapped rusty crayfish, though the crayfish population has diminished.

\* **Steve Joosten** said Fourth of July activity planning is under way for the annual Kiddie Parade and Pontoon Parade July 2.

\* **Dick Thurow** said he continues to trap muskrats around the lakes. He also ran the Carp Capture Contest, with participation down due to late carp spawning this year.

\* The 14h annual Golf Outing will tee off July 27 under the guidance of **Jim Aumann**. Featured this year will be a special raffle with 10 prizes including \$500 cash, fishing equipment and guns. Tickets are available from board members.

—Dennis Thornton



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## Belle Plaine artist weaves beaded creations

By Carol Wagner

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In a bright corner of her Belle Plaine home, **Debbie Rades** works on her latest custom order, a black and white wine bottle cover. She is on a loom that her husband, **Greg**, built for her to make her woven glass and chainmail creations.

"It's time consuming," Debbie said. "I can't just whip them out." She acknowledged it can be tedious work, but she has a lot of patience.

Beading requires a lot of calculations figuring how many beads will be in the width and length of each item depending of the size of the beads.

"To me it's very therapeutic," Debbie said.

In the early '90s, Debbie got into antiques, beaded and mesh purses in particular. She bought and repaired them. Then she wondered how they were made.

Debbie went online for information. She started with bead crocheting but didn't like it. She got a beading loom for Christmas in 2007 and began making colorful glass beaded purses.

"I made my first purse in 2008," Debbie said. "I've refined my process since I started."

When she wanted to make wine bags, her loom was too little so her husband, Greg, a retired commercial construction carpenter, built one for her.

"I am trying to get an inventory built up," Debbie said.

Her business, Maggie E, is named after her grandmother, Margaret Edith.

Most of her customers are by word of mouth, but Debbie is planning on expanding her online shop.

Each item can take 40 or more hours to make. "It's labor intensive as far as time," she said.

## CLPA gets national BoatUS grant for aquatic invasive project

The Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association has been awarded a grant to create aquatic invasive species educational materials for restaurants and taverns. The grant will fund printing and laminating costs for placemats, table tents and coasters. Sev-



**Debbie Rades displays some of her beadwork. She makes glass beaded purses and wine bags.**

Photo by Carol Wagner

The beads are Czech seed beads or Japanese seed beads. There are thousands of beads in different colors and shapes with a wine bag needing 8,600 beads and wristlets taking 5,000 to 6,000.

The cost of each item varies. Coin purses are \$12.50 and up, wine bottle covers are from \$45 to \$140, and a sterling silver purse is \$300.

For ideas Debbie looks at vintage purses along with a 1924 book of old purse patterns.

"I enjoy being able to have an idea and make it come out in an item or product," she said.

Debbie works full time at the printing department at the Shawano County Courthouse. Right now beading is more of a hobby until she retires. Then she can bead to her heart's content at her home at W8162 Valley Lane in the town of Belle Plaine that she and her husband designed and built five years ago.

Her email address is [MaggieE.creations@gmail.com](mailto:MaggieE.creations@gmail.com) and her online shop is <http://www.etsy.com/shop/MaggieEcreations>.

eral coaster and table tent patterns will be developed for zebra mussels, Eurasian water milfoil and rusty crayfish.

Voting for grant finalists was on the BoatUS Facebook page and the CLPA finished in the top 10 vote-getters nationwide.

## Super salesman Aumann has helped the Lakes

By Dennis Thornton

Some people have the rare talent of being able to meet and greet, to converse with, to just plain enjoy other people. **Jim Aumann** is one of those guys who enjoys talking, and listening. He enjoys raising money for a good cause, and his main cause for many years has been Cloverleaf Lakes.

Jim is retiring after 10 years on the Board of Directors of the CLPA, but he made it clear that he is continuing to raise money to help protect our lakes. He and Kurt Popp started the Golf Outing 14 years ago and it has become our leading fundraiser. Jim volunteers tirelessly every year to persuade businesses to sponsor the event or to donate raffle prizes. And just try to get away from a chat with Jim without buying several raffle tickets.

Our CLPA board thanks Jim for raising at least \$75,000 over the years to support control of aquatic invasives as well as our other efforts. He also has taken on the task of making high-quality prints of **Dan Bleck's** paintings of the lakes and selling them.



**Jim Aumann, left, and fellow Golf Outing founder Kurt Popp at the 2010 event.**

### CLPA president's message

This summer, Jim has a pair of initiatives. He is making prints of the latest Bleck project, a beautiful water color of Fourth of July fireworks over Pine Lake, with Gibson Island in the background. The prints will be available at the Art Fair and from board members. Jim also put together perhaps his most ambitious raffle with 10 prizes, including \$500 cash, fishing gear, artwork and guns. The \$20 tickets are available from board members and the winners will be drawn at the Golf Outing July 27. See page 7 for details on the Golf Outing.

We also thank Jim for his many contributions as a board member, including his emphasis on long-range planning. Few lake residents have made a more lasting contribution to Cloverleaf Lakes.

\* The outstanding reports from our CLPA committee chairs at the annual meeting (see page 3) reminded me of the amazing contributions by our many volunteers. This dedicated group handles so many tasks that benefit the lakes, including monitoring water quality, fighting invasive species, raising money, greeting newcomers, restoring shoreland and planning events.

I thank you all on behalf of the board. We can always use more help. If you have an interest in any activities, let us know.

## Boaters get new launch ramps

Two new ramps constructed in May at the town's boat launch on Highway Y will help boaters launch their crafts. The Shawano County Highway Department laid down rock and gravel, then placed the ramps of concrete slabs connected by cables. The ramps provide a gradual and stable entryway for boat trailers. A Wisconsin Waterways Commission grant, matched by Belle Plaine transmission line funds, paid for the project along with a new boat trailer parking area across the road.

