



BELLE PLAINE NEWS & EVENTS

Summer 2015

Grand finale for fireworks July 4

Cloverleaf Lakes Fireworks Inc. is inviting the public to its final spectacular fireworks display on the waters of Pine Lake on Saturday, July 4, at dusk.

In a letter to contributors, the group uses the quote, "All good things must come to an end."

Government regulations on fireworks in the wake of 9/11 and the Boston Marathon bombings have been tightened. And the group has had difficulty finding enough volunteers and raising enough money to continue.

"Some of our equipment is getting well worn and some volunteers are getting worn out," the group's statement said. "It is a somber time for those who have built this little show into the well-regarded show provided today."

The fireworks displays have been a mainstay of Independence Day weekends since the mid-1990s.

"We are sincerely grateful for all who have supported the Cloverleaf Lakes Fireworks through the years, whether it was volunteering in some way or donating," the letter said.

The fireworks will conclude a busy July 4 on the lakes. The popular Kiddie Parade opens the day along with the sixth annual Art Fair. There is no theme for the Pontoon Parade in early evening, with boaters encouraged to use their imaginations. Cash prizes are available for the top three entries.

Electronics clean sweep set

A special roundup of outdated electronic items is scheduled at the town's Collection and Recycling Site on Cloverleaf Lake Road on Saturday, June 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Wednesday, July 1, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Accepted will be TVs, VCRs and DVDs, computers and parts such as keyboards and modems, microwaves and radios. There is no charge for disposal of these items by town residents.

After this roundup, no electronic items will be accepted at the site. Many stores accept trade-ins of old electronics.

There will be no roundup of large items such as furniture this year. They can be taken to the Shawano landfill (see page 2) or picked up by Harter's for a small fee.



Saturday, July 4

Kiddie Parade 10 a.m.
at boat landing

Art Fair 10-4 at
Round Lake Park

Pontoon Parade 6:30
p.m.

Fireworks at dusk

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Healthy Lakes off to a good start

Ten property owners on Cloverleaf Lakes have already expressed interest in joining the Healthy Lakes program that promotes shoreland restoration with native plants.

A DNR grant provides 75 percent of the funding for a basic 350 square foot planting of wildflowers along the shore. The Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association pays an additional 15 percent, leaving just 10 percent (about \$100) for the owner.

Native plant expert **Lisa J. Reas** will draw up plans for each property, then provide the wildflowers and do the planting. Property owners may wish to do other projects not covered by the grant and the CLPA will provide 50 percent matching funds up to \$1,000.

Contact CLPA President **Dennis Thornton** for details of the program. His phone is (715) 823-9151 and email is thorngb@frontiernet.net.

Be careful driving through construction sites

By Alvin Bartz

Our prayers and thoughts go out to the family of **Derek Stempa** and parents **Jim and Kathy Stempa**. A construction site accident on Highway 47 claimed the life of Derek, who was working as a Shawano County road flagman.

Derek's family as well as Jim and Kathy live on Clover Lane in our town. Some of you know Jim, who is a town election worker.

This should serve as a reminder that we need to use extreme caution when we approach a construction site. I may be old fashioned, but I think we see far too many people texting or talking on a phone while driving that can result in an accident. We need to slow down when we see town or county workers on our roads.

We are still having sign vandalism, most recently at the corner of Grass Lake and Cloverleaf Lake roads, as well as the corner of Mapleleaf and Rosebrook.

We extend best wishes to **Mathilda "Til" Dancker** from Til's Pit Stop on her recent retirement. Her liquor license moved across Highway 22 to Butch's Archery. Til moved to an apartment in Shawano after 30-plus years in Belle Plaine.

We will be doing an electronics clean sweep on June 27 and

Belle Plaine chairman's message

July 1 at the town's Collection and Recycling Site on Cloverleaf Lake Road. See page 1 for details. We will no longer accept elections at the site after that collection.

We will not have a container for large items such as furniture this year. They can be taken to the Shawano landfill any weekday and Saturday mornings for a small fee. Harter's will pick up large items monthly for a small fee.

Many stores take your old furniture and appliances and dispose of them if you buy new items. You could also contact **Lynne Marcks** of the nlc Foundation if you have useful items. The foundation has a large rummage sale every Memorial Day weekend at the Belle Plaine Community Center.

We will be cutting grass and weeds along roadside ditches soon. Our goal is to be done by July 4.

We will again be having many events on the weekend of July 4 including the Kiddie Parade, Pontoon Parade, Art Fair in Round Lake Park and probably the final year of fireworks on the Fourth.

Have a safe summer.

Belle Plaine town notebook

* 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.

* Second-half property taxes for residents who chose to split

their payments are due by July 31. They should be sent to the county treasurer at the courthouse in Shawano.

* Reservations are being taken for the Community Center and for 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

Vivien Hoffmann, constable

Newsletter editor: Dennis Thornton



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Clintonville, WI 54929

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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

Muck-eating, weed-pulling questions answered

By Dennis Thornton

My colleagues and I on the CLPA board get a lot of questions about our wonderful lakes and suggestions on ways to improve them. I certainly don't have all the answers, but I can share information that we find out. Here a few Q&As brought up during or after the annual meeting described on page 6.

There is an aquatic weed harvester that pulls up weeds rather than cuts them off. Should we look into that?

The lake association is planning to hire a contractor to do Diver-Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) to pull up milfoil plants on some areas of Pine and Round Lakes this summer.

Brenda Nordin, Shawano area DNR lake expert, said, "Regarding the machine that pulls the weeds out by the roots, we did have something similar in the Southeast region but the machine was not manually fed by a SCUBA diver. This caused some issues with a lot of good native plants getting pulled out (which created a niche for EWM). It was also considered dredging, so I doubt this would get permitted."

I got a catalog that advertises chemicals that eat muck in ponds. Should we order these?

Brenda Nordin says, "These muck-eating tablets are actually replicas of naturally occurring bacteria. The issue with these is that the bacteria need oxygen to activate the process. The oxygen is not present, which is why the muck is there. Although muck is

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unsightly to look at, it is a naturally occurring substance in our lakes (the result of leaves, fish poop, dying plants) and provides benefits to plants."

Milfoil is coming back strong in Grass Lake after a whole-lake treatment a couple of years ago. Why can't we bomb it with chemicals this year?

Our consultant, Onterra, and the DNR determined that using the same 2-4-d year after year was becoming less effective against milfoil, which has developed resistance to it. A whole-lake treatment is scheduled in 2016 and regardless of how much EWM is there, the amount of chemicals will be the same. Onterra is studying the EWM. Lake and Pond Solutions will apply a 2-4-d and Endothall combination to knock out more EWM. When these chemicals are combined, they have a synergistic effect.

All the lake association is interested in is the fishing. How about paying attention to recreational boaters?

The CLPA welcomes all forms of recreational use of our lakes including power boating, fishing, water skiing, jet-skiing, kayaking and swimming. Please observe local and state regulations, including the slow no-wake rule after 6 p.m. every day and through the channel south of Gibson Island.

Keep our lakes safe for all of us.

State, local rules keep boating safe for everyone

Here are some reminders about DNR regulations for boaters and personal watercraft operators in Wisconsin.

100-foot rule: Boaters are prohibited from traveling at speeds greater than slow-no-wake within 100 feet of shorelines and within 100 feet of docks, rafts, piers and buoyed restricted areas.

Personal watercraft (PWC) operators cannot operate at speeds greater than slow-no-wake within 200 feet of the shoreline and are required to cut back to slow-no-wake speed when passing within 100 feet of other boats including other PWCs.

The channel between Pine Lake and Grass Lake south of Gibson Island has been designed a slow no-wake area and boaters must slow down. The area is marked by white buoys reading "SLOW NO WAKE." All of Round Lake is permanently designed as a slow no-wake area for boaters. The reed area in Grass Lake is also marked off for slow no-wake.

Hours: No person shall engage in water skiing, tubing, surfing or use any towing device except from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Route: Boaters are encouraged to circle the lakes in a counter-clockwise rotation.

Age limits: Children 10 years of age but less than 16 may operate a motorboat if accompanied by a parent or guardian. Persons at least 12 may operate a motorboat alone if they have successfully completed a DNR prescribed boating safety course in Wisconsin or another state. There are no age requirements for operating a boat that is not equipped with a motor.

No one under the age of 12 may operate, lease or rent a personal watercraft. Children at least 12 may operate a personal watercraft if they have completed a safety class.

Smaller lakes: Motorboats may not be operated at a speed greater than slow no-wake on lakes 50 acres or less having public access, except when such lakes serve as thoroughfares between two or more navigable lakes.

Speeds: It is unlawful to operate a motorboat at a speed that is greater than reasonable and prudent under the existing conditions. The speed shall be so controlled as to avoid colliding with any object, person or conveyance lawfully in or on the water. It is unlawful to create hazardous wakes.

Buoys: All-green and all-red companion buoys indicate that the boating channel is between them.

First Responders are helpers in a time of need

By Joan Sousek

Most people are curious if they see or hear of an accident, fire or emergency event, but few are prepared to drop everything and rush to the scene to render medical aid.

Thankfully, first responders do just that.

The Town of Belle Plaine has a team of eight volunteer first responders including **Cory Retzlaff**, who is proud to serve.

"We love to do it ... to help the township and people in time of need," he says.

Retzlaff earned Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) certification in 2013, following his wife, **Emily**, who was certified in 2012. Cory also has served as a volunteer firefighter for the town since 2006.

Other town first responders are Coordinator **Daryl George**, **Chris George** (Daryl's son), **Toni Dinse**, **Dan Wolff**, **Jeff Kammerer** and **Justin Malueg**.

When someone dials 9-1-1 and Shawano Ambulance Service is dispatched, a page with the location and description of the event is sent to all first responders who have pagers and two-way radios.

"We acknowledge if able and go from there," Cory says. "If all eight can go, we do."

That's not likely, however, since like the volunteer firefighters, first responders usually have full-time jobs. Cory farms and also works at Adam's Meats.

Daryl, who works at FWD Seagrave, was in the town's first groups of responders and firefighters (starting about 2000). He says he got involved because he had five kids and thought the emergency training would be useful.

The Shawano Ambulance Service has 24/7 medical staff, but first responders often are on scene before the ambulance.

"If you beat the ambulance, you first have to check that the scene is safe and there are no issues with unruly people," says Daryl.

A domestic dispute might be such a case. Sometimes a law enforcement officer arrives first but, if necessary, a first responder can call for additional resources.

Daryl and Cory both praised the Shawano Ambulance Service, which Daryl says generally arrives in 5 to 10 minutes.

EMRs complete 70 hours of training to be certified. A bien-

nial refresher course – usually done with Pella First Responders — is required. The town pays training tuition and provides equipment including automated external defibrillators (AEDs) used to treat sudden cardiac arrest, oxygen tanks, blood pressure cuffs, braces, splints, bandages and transport devices. Each EMR has a "jump" or "go" bag of supplies.

"The town is very supportive ... good about getting what we need," Cory says.

At monthly meetings, team members review medical care techniques like blood glucose testing used for diabetics.

Common calls are for car accidents, heart attacks, diabetic emergencies, falls, allergic reactions and standby at structure fires. The number of calls can vary dramatically from week to week, but Daryl says it averages one to three weekly.

Sometimes finding the scene can be tricky, especially when calls come at night.

"Some (locations) are kind of buried and the roads are hidden," Daryl says.

Belle Plaine First Responders are licensed to serve the town, but could help outside the boundary without repercussions under the Good Samaritan law.

On scene, an EMR assesses the situation, checks vital signs, gathers medications and information about the incident, and writes everything down. If necessary, he takes medical action which could include basic first aid, giving oxygen, CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) or CCR (cardio-cerebral resuscitation) splinting, bandaging and much more. Later, they transfer information and assist the ambulance staff.

"It can be kind of hectic, so you have to think on the spot," Daryl says. "Usually, you get a lot of help."

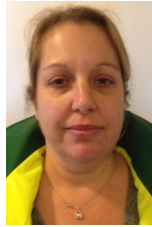
There are no restrictions or special requirements to become a first responder.

"It takes willingness to help and training," Daryl says.

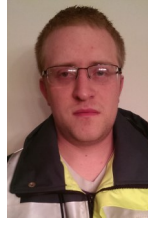
Cory confirms, "I can't stress it enough if you want to help, we always need people."

Both men say arriving at the scene of a medical emergency first can be a little daunting, but the thorough training makes all the difference.

"There are steps and you go down them in your head, like a check list, and you tune out everything else," Daryl says.



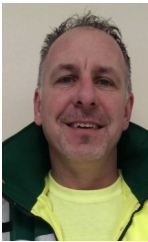
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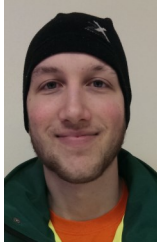
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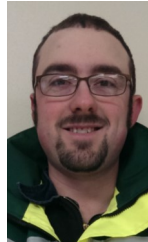
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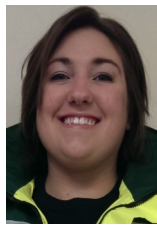
Jeff Kammerer



Justin Malueg



Cory Retzlaff



Emily Retzlaff



Dan Wolff

Invasive Species Awareness Month targets weeds

From Eurasian Water Milfoil to garlic mustard, the number of invasive plants in the state has multiplied. Invasive Species Awareness Month during June is designed to educate citizens about these invaders, which out-compete many native plants.

Cloverleaf and Long Lakes have chemically treated milfoil for years at considerable annual expense. Watch for Lake and Pond Solution's diver-assisted suction harvest machine on Cloverleaf Lakes in late June and early August.

Kris Doan and a number of volunteers have hand-pulled garlic mustard and other invasives on Gibson Island as well as at



Garlic mustard is an invasive plant.

the town property across from Sandy Beach. Other species common in our area include zebra mussels and purple loosestrife.

"We have the illusion of lush, green landscapes, when in fact, much of what we see are invasive plant species," according to the Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin.

Invasive species have contributed directly to the decline of 49 percent of threatened or endangered species in the United States. The annual cost to the United States economy is estimated at \$138 billion a year, with over 100 million acres suffering from invasive plant infestations.

Golf Outing set for Aug. 15

The **Jim Aumann** Memorial Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, Aug. 15, at Clintonville Riverside Golf Course. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon. Dinner, raffle and awards will follow around 5 p.m. Golf costs \$75 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, two carts per foursome, lunch and dinner after golfing. Dinner-only tickets can also be purchased for \$25. Donations for raffle items and Hole Sponsors are appreciated. Hole Sponsorship can be purchased for \$50.

Last year's proceeds went to the Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association, **Chris Dewey** of Rustic Resort, the Cloverbears, Cloverleaf Lakes Triathlon, the Cloverleaf Lakes Fireworks and the Belle Plaine Sportsmen's Club. Please contact **Bob Gross** at (715) 853-2356 if you have any questions or would like to golf or make a donation.

An application blank will be on www.cloverleaflakes.com.

Liquor licenses renewed

The Town Board has renewed 10 liquor licenses for Belle Plaine businesses listed here.

Class B combination licenses: Butch's Archery, **Carrie Bergsbaken-Hesse**; Mickster's Pub & Grill, **Richard Jesko**; Break-A-Way, **Jessica Betz**; Lake Aire Supper Club, **Shelly A. Schutt**; ECWLH Hotel Group (Boarders Hotel), **Brian J. Wogernese**; Buzz and Mac's Sandbar & Grill, **Jeffrey Meyer**; Club 22, **Thomas J. Smits**; Grandma Sophia's Restaurant, **Habid Abdiu**.

Class A licenses: 22 Shell, **Howard L. Wagner**; Witt's Sausage Haus, **Joseph P. Witt**.

A license is also being held by the town for reconstruction of the Rustic Resort, **Mike Nelson**.



Steve Marcks shows some of the hundreds of items donated for sale at the Memorial Day weekend rummage sale benefiting the nlc Foundation, operated by Steve and Lynn Marcks. Many more items were outside the Community Center. The foundation funds anti-violence education programs in the area.

Motor trolling allowed

A new DNR rule to allow motor trolling while fishing on all inland waters of Wisconsin takes effect July 1, 2015.

Trolling means fishing by trailing any lure, bait or similar device that may be used to attract or catch fish from a boat propelled by means other than drifting, pedaling, paddling or rowing. Drifting or "row trolling" is allowed on all waters statewide. Previously motor trolling had been prohibited on waters unless allowed under special regulations.

In most counties anglers may troll using up to three hooks, baits or lures with no restrictions per boat.

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

Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association 2015 Annual Meeting

May 23, 2015, Round Lake Park

Attendees: Board members **Dennis Thornton, Joe Mass, Carol Wegner, Pam Bruecker, Francie West, Dick Thurow, Dave Rosenfeldt**; about 50-plus members of the Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association.

INTRODUCTIONS: Dennis Thornton welcomed the members of CLPA; board members were introduced. Thanks to Cloverleaf Shakes & Coffee for providing coffee and sweets.

Lisa J. Reas presented a slide show and information on Shoreland Restoration. She will be available for planning and planting of native plant gardens of 350 square feet. Our grant will cover 75%, CLPA 15%, and homeowner 10%. Lisa will come to look at prospective sites. Several people signed up.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS: Minutes of the May 24, 2014, meeting were distributed. **Steve Joosten** moved, **Robert Buth** seconded approval of minutes, motion carried.

Pam Bruecker presented the treasurer's report. **Steve Joosten** moved, **Vilas Krueger** seconded approval of the treasurer's report, motion carried. Donations of \$8,035 were realized by our tax deduction status.

Board members **Dennis Thornton** and **Carol Wegner** were re-elected. No additional nominations. **Esther Letven** moved, **Ed Stuebe** seconded the nominations, motion carried.

DNR Warden **Mark Schraufnagel** gave a short review of bears in the area. He said to take bird feeders in at night. The wandering bears are two year olds and mom has said "hit the road." They stay mostly in wet locations and are usually out at night. They should be gone by mid June. If you need to call Mark, his cell is (715) 853-8686.

Ed Stuebe was thanked for handling the email list. **Kris Doan** will take over the job.

REPORTS: **Dennis Thornton** reported on a diver-assisted new program of removing milfoil in July. No Grass Lake treatment will be done this year but new chemicals will be used next year as a whole lake treatment. The grant will cover this.

Marv Letven indicated the sixth Art Fair will be held at Round Lake Park on Saturday, July 4. Applications are available on our web site. A booth is \$30 for a 12 X 12 space.

Carol Wegner introduced the Welcome Committee members **Molly Joosten, Kathy Nodolf, Arlene Schabo, Donna Loesl** and chair **Bob Tomczyk**. 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 Break-A-Way among others.

ACTIVITIES UPDATE: **Joe Mass** indicated **Brittany Novak** will continue as boat monitor. Boats are checked for weeds as there is a fine for transporting 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.

Steve Joosten said the Kiddie Parade will be held on July 4 beginning at 10 a.m. Treats and ice cream are provided by Fletch's Corner Store. The Art Fair will be at Round Lake Park from 10-4. 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. Fireworks will begin at dusk.

Golf outing will be Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Clintonville Golf Course. This is the third annual Jim Auman Memorial with lunch, dinner, prizes on holes, and a raffle. Sign up forms are available. The group donated \$1,000 to CLPA last year.

This is the last year for fireworks provided at the Lakes. It is expensive, needs training and many regulations have changed. The group was thanked for their many years of fund raising, maintaining the equipment, and setting them off.

Craig Ford represented the 70 members of the Sportsman's Club who worked 190 hours to place 22 trees in the water this winter for fish habitat. The trees were mostly Chinese elms, 65' in length, stacked four, one on top, some submerged. Boats should be 100' from shore so they will not interfere with boat traffic. More trees are needed and will be set two more winters.

Dick Thurow, Joe Mass and Dennis Thornton attended the new Shawano County Association of Lakes. All lakes in the area have the same problem with invasive species. Those lakes with no boat landing do not get DNR grants. We are ahead of all other lakes. Shawano Lake will treat one-third of the lake at a cost of \$240,000 with a grant of \$120,000.

COMMENTS: There was discussion about another year of creating new calendars as a fund raiser. They cost less than \$3 each. Photos are needed.

There was discussion of a new directory as the last update was in 2011. It is a lot of work and paper listings are outdated. A suggestion was emailing list to members.

The Highway Y walking trail cannot be included in the DNR grant. The Town will pay for it. Culvert cost will be covered 50% each by Town and Shawano County. It should be completed in summer 2016. There may be a fishing pier at Round Lake.

Not many zebra mussels have been found this year.

Barbara Gran moved, **Esther Letven** seconded to adjourn the meeting, motion carried; adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

—Recorded by Carol Wegner



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The Place for Health, Rest & Pleasure
CLPA incorporated in 1936

CLOVERLEAF LAKES
PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 288
Embarrass, WI 54933-0288

If you haven't paid your 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 2015. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation.

"Preserving our lakes for future generations"

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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2015 CLPA Protectors

The following have made donations to the CLPA Protectors and/or became dues-paying members for 2015 since the spring newsletter, as of June 10.

Business (\$100)

Associated Bank, Embarrass
Nelson Services

Pine (\$100)

Mike and Patti Fletcher
Barry and Linda Hosking
Marvin and Esther Letven
Cindy Lillge and Jeff Harold
Lisa and David Pierre/Mary and
Mel Johnson

Kim and Mark Raymond
Sandra Tomashek

Ash (\$50)

Peggy and Mike Bevernitz

Memberships (\$25)

Peggy and Mike Bevernitz
John and Mary Born
Gerald and Darlene Breuer

Buth Family Lakehouse, LLC

Mike and Patti Fletcher

Dale and Connie Fruendt

Keith and Janet Haskins

Paul and Kim Hendricks

Mary M. Horn

Barry and Linda Hosking

Linda and John Kraemer

David and Karen Krubsack

Marvin and Esther Letven

Cindy Lillge and Jeff Harold

Nick and Leeann Little

Mike and Stacey Nelson

Jim and Sally Norder

Mike Petruzates

Lisa and David Pierre/Mary and

Mel Johnson

Kim and Mark Raymond

Edward and Adeline Stuebe

Sandra Tomashek

Thomas and Bonnie Weniger

Nature's all around

Wildlife has been on the minds of Belle Plaine residents this spring, especially bears and eagles.

Bears have been seen prowling around the Cloverleaf Lakes area with several sightings on Forest View Lane. **Bill and Pat Kinziger** spotted a large bear in their yard next to Sandy Beach on the east side of Pine Lane. It damaged their bird feeder.

DNR warden **Mark Schraufnagel** said the bears are likely youngsters that are hungry after waking from hibernation and will disappear into the woods and swamps by early summer.

The boardwalk to Gibson Island, closed during nesting season for a pair of bald eagles, is open again. Neighbors **Molly Joosten** and **Joy Krubsack** noted that both eagles were away from the nest at the same time. "These behaviors are not what nesting eagles do as they diligently watch and care for their babies."

Krubsack said the same pair of eagles are believed to have nested on the lakes since 1991. "Our eagles are around 28 to 30 years old. What a blessing they are."

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Top 10 Town Tips

1. **Detour.** If you're headed for downtown Clintonville, your trip might be longer this summer. Highway 22 (Main Street) will be closed for construction starting in mid-June, with a detour through the industrial park.
2. **Walk this way.** Taking a nice walk down the road? Be sure you are facing toward oncoming traffic so you can see the cars and the drivers can see you.
3. **Bike the other way.** Bicyclists should pedal along with traffic, since a bicycle is a vehicle. Don't ride against traffic.
4. **Enjoy nature.** There's a great place to take a leisurely stroll or hefty hike through the woods. Gibson Island on Cloverleaf Lake Road is owned by the town as a natural area to be enjoyed during daytime hours year-around with access by a boardwalk and isthmus or by boat. It is free of charge. No motor vehicles are allowed.
5. **Help an artist.** Artist and crafters from around Wisconsin will sell their wares at the annual Art Fair on Saturday, July 4, at Round Lake Park.
6. **Use the compost site.** Residents who rake their leaves and grass clippings into nearby ditches end up clogging the town mower and impeding the flow of stormwater. The town compost site on Rangeline Road is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.
7. **Fish the Wolf.** The town wayside north of the Highways 22-29 intersection offers Wolf River fishing as well as a hiking trail across the bridge.
8. **Eat healthy.** Shawano (Saturday mornings) and Clintonville (Thursday afternoons) have farmers markets offering fresh locally-grown vegetables and fruits. It's almost corn season.
9. **See the barn quilts.** Shawano Pathways offers a bicycle ride through Belle Plaine on Sept. 26 past the many barn quilts in our town. Or ride the trail on your own.
10. **Swim.** The town's Sandy Beach on the east shore of Pine Lake is a popular spot.

Belle Plaine calendar

July 4: Kiddie Parade, 10 a.m., boat landing
July 4: Art Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Round Lake Park
July 4: Pontoon Parade, 6:30 p.m.
July 4: Fireworks at dusk
July 13: CLPA board, 9 a.m., Community Center
July 13: Town Board, 7:30 p.m., Community Center
Aug. 10: CLPA board, 9 a.m., Community Center
Aug. 10: Town Board, 7:30 p.m., Community Center
Aug. 15: Jim Aumann Memorial Golf Outing, noon, Clintonville Riverside Golf Course