



BELLE PLAINE NEWS & EVENTS

Winter 2014

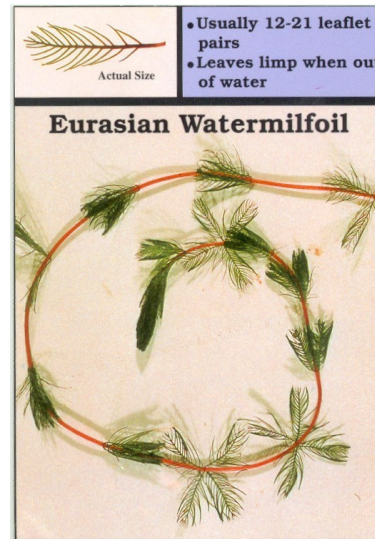
Making headway against EWM

Two years of “whole lake” chemical treatments have greatly diminished the Eurasian Water Milfoil in Cloverleaf Lakes. And a similar treatment in 2012 helped clear out clumps of the invasive weed in Long Lake.

Eddie Heath of the Onterra LLC consulting firm told the Cloverleaf Lake Protective Association board in December that 90 to 95 percent of the milfoil in Pine Lake was killed by the whole-lake treatment of liquid 2-4-D in the spring of 2013. The whole-lake treatment of Round and Grass lakes in 2012 had similar results and his team found only a handful of EWM plants emerged in 2013.

The treatment has been expensive. Under a five-year grant, the DNR pays half of the \$82,231 spent in the past two years to the town of Belle Plaine, which applied for the grant. Volunteer hours were credited for \$14,924 at \$12 an hour. And the town budgeted \$7,500 per year, leaving a bill for the CLPA of \$11,191, which was paid in December. The town also budgeted \$7,500 per year for treatment in Long Lake, which is not public and therefore is ineligible for most DNR funding.

The liquid 2-4-D herbicide seems to work better than spot treatment of EWM clumps by granular Navigate, Heath said. It is applied at a dosage one-tenth as potent, but stays in the water up to 28 days and kills emerging invasives as they pop up. There was no apparent impact on the fishery and native plants, which emerge later than invasives, and have rebounded after the competing EWM was killed.



Heath suggested that rather than do spot treatments this spring to kill remaining milfoil, the CLPA might wait a few years and do another whole-lake treatment. Isolated EWM plants could be plucked by hand-picking or by scuba divers. A course of action can be determined after a spring plant survey by Onterra.

Bob Kreider of the Long Lake Association said similar results were found after the 2012 whole-lake application by Lake and Pond Solutions,

which also applies the chemical in Cloverleaf Lakes.

“We treated the entire lake with a liquid herbicide, instead of the spot granular treatments we have used in the past. This method had a noticeable impact on the EWM. In 2013, we had no treatment for EWM. There is still EWM in the lake, but the concentration is way down.”

Long Lake received a rapid response grant from the DNR that covers 75 percent of the cost of combating another invasive, curly-leaf pondweed. About three acres of the lake was spot-treated in 2013. Cloverleaf Lakes also treats pondweed.

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Fishing Derby set for Feb. 1

The Clover Bares Snowmobile Club is sponsoring its annual Fishing Derby Saturday, Feb. 1, on Cloverleaf Lakes.

The all-day ice fishing event is headquartered in a tent in front of Mickster's and the town boat landing. Food and beverages are available and numerous prizes are awarded.

Raffle tickets are available for \$1 per ticket or six for \$5 at area establishments and at the event.

Prizes are \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50 and \$25.

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

Plenty of frigid weather has created a deep layer of ice on the lakes and ice fishermen are off to a good start this winter.

The Clover Bares maintain a network of snowmobile trails in Belle Plaine and adjoining towns.

The weather outside is frightful

By Alvin Bartz

Weather extremes seem to be the norm this winter. In early December, we spent in excess of \$17,000 for snowplowing. Now the cold and wind causes hard drifts in some roads that need to be plowed. Who knows what the rest of the winter will bring?

We are planning a road project on Rustic Drive, east of Pine Lake, this summer to try to improve some of the standing water problems. That will start with trimming some tree limbs that extend over the road this winter so that trucks can work in the area.

The last work on Rustic was about 1980 when the sewer project went in. We expect the cost to be well above the average cost per mile because of the large number of driveways, trees and structures very close to the road. Eliminating the water problems will be almost impossible because most driveways drain onto the road and there is very little slope to drain either to the marsh or the lake.

I have been having discussions with the utilities in the St. John's Church area. They are planning some updates with new wire to eliminate some of the power problems in the area, proba-

Belle Plaine chairman's message

bly around mid-summer. Schoenrock, Hunting, Cloverleaf and St. John's roads were mentioned.

We had about 40 building permits in 2013. There were three new homes, but most were for machine sheds on farms, garages and other smaller projects. Projects less than 300 feet from a river or 1,000 feet from a lake also require a county permit.

We were pleased to see the restaurant at the Highways 22 and 29 interchange open again. I think a family-style restaurant will be a better fit for the area, especially with the hotel nearby.

Every two years, we appoint people as election workers. There is some training involved. We like to rotate jobs to give everyone a chance. If interested, give your name to our clerk. We have completed appointments for 2014, so it will be two years before we appoint people again. It takes about 15 people to staff two shifts on election days.

A reminder: garbage pickup on holiday weeks is on Friday. I hope 2014 keeps you healthy and warm.

Belle Plaine town notebook

* Treasurer **Heather Krueger** will collect property taxes at the Community Center on Jan. 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. and Jan. 31 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tax payments also can be mailed to Treasurer, W9660 River Bank Road, Clintonville, WI 54929. Or money can be left at either Shawano or Embarrass Associated Bank locations. The first installment is due Jan. 31 to Krueger. Second installment is due July 31 to the County Treasurer **Debra Wallace**, Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano, WI 54166.

* All dogs in the town must be licensed and have proof of vaccination. Licenses will be issued by Constable **Dennis Hoffmann** by mail at N4301 Pine Ridge Road, Shawano, or at the Community Center on the same dates as the tax collection above.

Hoffmann said the deadline for all dogs to be licensed is April 1. Fees are \$5 for neutered male or spayed female or \$10 for unneutered male or unspayed female.

* Reservations are being taken for the town's picnic shelter overlooking Round Lake. The facility can be rented for \$30 for residents or \$40 for non-residents. The Community Center is also available for rental. See the town clerk for details.

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

* The Belle Plaine Card Club meets weekly on Thursdays at the Community Center from 9:30 a.m. until noon. All are welcome to join in the fun.

Belle Plaine officials

Alvin Bartz, chairman

Harold Polzin, supervisor

Dennis Thornton, supervisor

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Heather Krueger, treasurer

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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

Thank yous go out to our CLPA Protectors

By Dennis Thornton

I've had a labor of love since mid-November — sending dozens of thank you notes to contributors to our new CLPA Lake Protectors fund-raising effort. To say it's gone well is an understatement thanks to the generous Cloverleaf Lakes lovers.

As of mid-January, the CLPA received a total of \$10,160 in donations to the lake association, including 65 lake residents who paid their membership dues for 2014.

A few special thank yous are in order.

The staff of the Department of Anesthesia at St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac sent a \$1,000 donation in memory of long-time Pine Lake property owner **Bill DeGuire**, who died in December. Bill's son, **Dr. Michael DeGere**, works at St. Agnes Hospital. The family has our sympathies.

Craig Akey donated a \$500 Clintonville Community Heroes Award gift that he received from the Clintonville Area Foundation. He is an avid environmentalist who lives in Belle Plaine.

Also appreciated earlier was \$750 that was raised in the Jim Aumann Memorial Golf Outing held in August. **Bob Gross** and **Mike Wright** organized the event and shared the proceeds with the CLPA and other lake groups.

Another \$200 donation came from the Cloverleaf Lakes Triathlon, organized by **Lee and Mary Wetzel**. And the Art Fair organized by **Marv Letven** added about \$2,000, including raffle

CLPA president's message

and silent auction proceeds.

A list of the donors and members can be found on page 5. It's never too late to join the lake association or make a contribution. The CLPA will be accepting donations and dues throughout the year and donors will be acknowledged in future newsletters. A membership form is on page 7 of the newsletter.

Did I mention that your donation is tax-deductible, now that we are an official 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization?

Your donations and dues will help provide sustainable support for the important work in keeping Cloverleaf Lakes healthy, safe and beautiful. The lake association's share of killing invasive milfoil over the last two years was more than \$11,000 (see page 1). Other highlights are boat safety patrols, the Kiddie Parade, Pontoon Parade and Art Fair, water testing, greeting newcomers and many more projects.

* It's not too early to mark your calendar for summer events. The CLPA annual meeting will be at 10 a.m. **Saturday, May 24**, at the Round Lake Park picnic shelter. The Independence Day celebration is scheduled for **Saturday, July 5**. The fifth annual Art Fair is scheduled at Round Lake Park. Artists can download the registration form at www.cloverleaflakes.com.



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Dreams take flight on R/C Flying Club field

By Joan Sousek

When it comes to fields, the Town of Belle Plaine has plenty. There are corn and soybean fields, softball and baseball fields and, for those who enjoy aviation, there's a radio controlled flying field.

The field with a manicured 640- by 300-foot grass strip is south off Highway 22, across from Maple Lane behind a woods on land that once was part of the Shawano County Farm. It's home base for the Shawano R/C Flying Club under an agreement with Shawano County.

Club President **John Gooding** of Shawano said, "The club does maintenance and keeps it mowed. It almost looks like a golf course green ... mowed extremely short."

There are no permanent structures at the site, but the club has several picnic tables under a metal roof that can easily be removed and a shed on railroad ties, Gooding explained. It also has a grass pit area, wind-sock poles, workbenches, radio impound area, frequency board, setup tables and a spectator area. A grill, first aid kit, fire extinguisher and portable toilet round out the amenities. A gate by the road and a second gate keep the site secure.

The club's main purpose is to promote the building and flying of radio controlled model aircraft and the field is used regularly through the spring, summer and fall. In winter months, club members can fly battery-powered aircrafts in Shawano Community Middle School.

The club was chartered by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) in 1981 and promotes AMA programs.

Each club member has access to the field and must belong to AMA. In addition, an annual club membership costs \$25; half price for anyone under age 18. Members hold monthly business meetings at the field, usually with a picnic meal. In winter, they meet at Shawano Civic (Senior) Center.

Among the club's 34 members are model pilots from Texas, Connecticut and Canada, some of whom are drawn to the area to attend 1st U.S. R/C Flight School operated by **Dave Scott**, Gooding explained.

"He (Scott) has his own field (see note), but ours is bigger, so he uses it sometimes," said Gooding, adding that visitors are very impressed with the field.

To help members learn to fly, the club has a "buddy box" which a second controller can hook into.

"When learning, if it looked like I would goof up, a second person could take over," Gooding said.

Gooding's flying days started with a hobby shop plane that sat on the shelf for about five years. Then after he retired, he learned about the Shawano Club through a display at the Fly-Out at the Shawano Airport.

"I drove out (to the field) one night and said I'd like to join," he said. "Now I have eight to ten planes."

The camaraderie impressed Gooding.

"It's one of the best things I did since I retired," he said. "It's a great way to meet people."

Models can be purchased at hobby shops in Green Bay, Appleton and Wausau, but the biggest share probably is purchased online, Gooding said. The price ranges from around \$100 to many thousands.

In July, the club hosts a Big Bird Fly-In showcasing larger and pricier aircraft.

"A guy from the Calumet club has a jet with a jet engine that he starts with a fire extinguisher," Gooding said. "He probably has \$10,000 to \$15,000 in it."

Once a year, the club opens the field to 4-Hers. They test rockets and rubber band powered planes, under the guidance of **Duane Peterson** and other club members.

On Sunday, Feb. 23, the club will hold its 29th annual auction, swap meet and raffle at the Shawano Civic Center. Doors open at 8 a.m. with auction sessions at 10 and 11 a.m. and the

raffle around noon. Food and beverages are sold on site. Admission is \$5; age 16 and under free.

"It's a good way to sell something," Gooding said. "But it seems a lot of people are like me and go home with more than they came with."

A club dinner also is held in February.

For more club information, visit the website: www.shawanorc.com

NOTE: Dave Scott's 1st U.S. R/C Flight School is located on Angle Road, also in the Town of Belle Plaine. Besides running the school, Scott is a full-scale aerobatic competitor and airshow pilot. In warm months, Belle Plainers can see and hear him practicing stunts over the town.



A radio controlled plane is on display at the Shawano R/C Flying Club's Big Bird Fly-In last summer.



A flying club member talks about his plane at the Fly-In. Photos courtesy of R/C Flying Club

Honor roll of CLPA Protectors donors

Mighty Oak (\$1,000)

Entire staff of the Department of Anesthesia, St. Agnes Hospital, Fond du Lac, in honor and memory of Wilbert "Bill"

DeGuire

Dennis and Jan Thornton

Carol Wegner in memory of **Carl and Viola Wegner**

Maple (\$500)

Craig Akey from the Community Heroes Award Fund Grant, Clintonville Area Foundation

Tim and Jane Zuck

Birch (\$250)

Kris Doan and Judy Simon in memory of **Dorothy and Lorne Doan**

Mary and Richard Hayney and Family

John and Mark Thomas

Pine/Ash (\$150)

Al and Pat Mahnke

Pine (\$100)

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Anunson

Rande and Patsy Eggert

Francis Feider

Andy and Monica Johnson

Bill and Pat Kinziger

Mike and Paula Kopischkie

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Business (\$100)

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Roger and Lucille Hietpas

Dave and Mary Lambrecht Family

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Myron (Mike) and Gaye Tassoul

Larry and Cindy Volz

Kathy Wolf

Other

Bob and Anne Betz

Kim Carrington

Michael Maskavitch

Eugene Mehlberg

Laura and Paul Rau in memory of **Bill DeGuire**

The **Tabbert** Family

2014 CLPA Memberships

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Anunson, Dan and Dode Bleck, Hugh Bruecker, Andrew Berman and Liz Coney, Bob and Anne Betz, Norman J. Burton, Kim Carrington, Richard and Chris Cloeter, Gary and Karen Coyne, Kris Doan and Judy Simon (for 2 properties), Rande and Patsy Eggert, Francis Feider, Mark and Linda Gayhart, Gary and Ethel Gonnering, Cameron L. Gorges and Judi Gorges, Mary and Richard Hayney and Family, Don Heiman Builders LLC, Roger and Lucille Hietpas, Raymond Hornig, Andy and Monica Johnson, Gary Keller, Bill and Pat Kinziger, Mike and Paula Kopischkie, Josh Kozinski (for 2 properties), Dave and Mary Lambrecht Family, Marv and Esther Letven, Nick and Leeann Little, Al and Pat Mahnke, John and Sandy Malloy, Michael Maskavitch, Joe and Sandy Mass, Tim McNamara, Brent and Pam MacWilliams, Eugene Mehlberg, Marjorie J. Miller, Audrey A. Nolan, DuWayne and Kathy Novak, Dick and Mary Lee Odders, Cara Pahl and Sandy Suehring, Bruce Patterson, T. Allan and Betty A. Pearson, Lee Raddatz, Mark and Kim Raymond, Bill Rosnow, Chris and Patty Rudolph, Dean and Jean Ruppert, Tim Rusch, Carl and Arlene Ruscitti, Christopher and Carolyn Sampson, Jim and Shelly Schaezner, the Jim Smith Family, Jim Sommer, Donald W. Sorenson, the Tabbert Family, Myron (Mike) and Gaye Tassoul, John and Mark Thomas, Dennis and Jan Thornton, Richard P. Thurow, Bob and Judy Tomczyk, Vicky Topp, Carol Wegner, Pete and Laurie Wegner, Lee Wetzel. (Note: donations and dues received as of Jan. 14, 2014)

CLPA may join DNR's 'fish sticks' fishery program

Trees in the water can mean better fishing, according to a study by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The DNR has initiated a new program called "fish sticks" that encourages lake associations to add timber to shorelines.

On undeveloped lakes, natural woody complexes often exceed 1,100 pieces per mile, the DNR said. A recent experiment on Bony Lake in Bayfield County increased the shoreline trees from 36 pieces to 179 pieces per mile.

The wood provides more cover to fish and increases shoreline protection from erosion.

Brenda Nordin, DNR water resources management specialist for the region, said trees are selected according to sound forest management practices. Installation is done from the ice and trees are attached to the shoreline by steel rods or cables, keeping them in place while they "settle in."

If Cloverleaf Lakes decides to participate, the trees would be brought in during a subsequent winter. A DNR grant would pay for much of the project.

If you have thoughts on whether the CLPA should try the "fish sticks," send an email to thorngb@frontiernet.net.

County, school boards on ballot

The two County Board members who represent Belle Plaine will run unopposed in the April 1 election. **John Ainsworth** represents District 16, the eastern portion of the town as well as most of Waukechon. **Bonnie Olson** represents District 17, which includes the part of the town west of Highway 22 as well as most of Richmond.

Contests will be held in local school districts during the April 1 spring election. For Shawano's School Board, there are three candidates for two seats in Area 4, with incumbents **Julie Van Dyck** and **Marcia Yeager** challenged by **Beth McFarland**. **Michael Sleeper** is running unopposed in Area 2.

In the Clintonville School District, three people will compete for two seats on the board. Incumbents **Tim Neely** and **Ben Huber** are challenged by **Jim Schultz**.

Voting is from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Center.

The Belle Plaine Town Board has appointed election workers. Chief inspectors are **Marcelene Rosenow**, **Pat Mahnke**, **Bonnie Utke** and **Heather Wilke**. Also appointed were **Judyann Pahlow**, **Donna Loesl**, **Donna Dallmann**, **Bonnie Olson**, **Craig Akey**, **Nancy Bennett**, **Ruth Prignitz**, **William Gilbert**, **Jim Stempa**, **Joan Sousek**, **Linda Olson** and **Sarah Beall**.

Chemical can be harmful

The DNR has warned about use of Imprelis turfgrass herbicide that can cause damage to evergreen trees, particularly Norway spruce and white pine. Clippings from grass treated with Imprelis should not be composted. The DNR will allow the landfill disposal of trees affected by the chemical throughout 2014.



Participants in the Cloverfest Run/Walk begin their trek at the Rustic Resort Sept. 29. About 150 people ran or walked around the lakes in a fun-raiser for the fireworks association.



Residents bring in their dogs for vaccinations at the Belle Plaine Fire Department. The Belle Plaine 4-H Club holds the event, including a bake sale, each November.

Photo by Heather Krueger

Towns oppose mining bill

The Town of Belle Plaine voted to join a Wisconsin Towns Association objection to state Senate bill SB 349, which proposes to prohibit municipalities from enacting licensing ordinances to regulate non-metallic mining operations.

The prohibition includes industrial frac sand mines as well as traditional sand and gravel pits. The only power to regulate these operations would be through zoning ordinances.

The Senate bill would prevent towns from requiring non-metallic mining owners to obtain permits from the town. It gives exclusive control of all water quality, water quantity and air quality issues to the state, excluding municipalities from having a voice.

Frac sand mines have been opened in several Wisconsin locations to provide sand that is used in petroleum frac drilling, including Waupaca County. They have been controversial in increasing truck traffic, noise and dust in the areas near the mines.

Bald eagles' nesting season begins

The boardwalk to Gibson Island, located off Cloverleaf Lake Road, will be closed from Feb. 1 until the end of May during the nesting season for the bald eagles that have a nest nearby. The island will be available by ice or water during that time.

No motor vehicles, including snowmobiles, are allowed on the island at any time.

Snowmobilers are urged to avoid the large bed of reeds in Grass Lake, off the town's boat launch site. That is a "sensitive area" designated by the DNR that provides a nesting haven for waterfowl. Also, snowmobiles and trailers can use the boat trailer parking lot on the Round Lake Park site across the road from Mickster's.

Town government holds line on budget, taxes

The Town Board has approved the 2014 budget that keeps tax rate nearly the same for town purposes. The tax rate increased less than 1 percent, with the tax levy increasing from \$405,642 in 2013 to \$406,745 in 2014, just over \$1,100 increase.

The town's share of Belle Plaine residents' property tax bill is just over 10 percent. School districts get the largest share, followed by Shawano County and the technical school district. Clintonville school district taxes dropped 5.3 percent, Shawano school district decreased slightly and Shawano County fell by 2 percent.

There will be an increase in election expenses, with three elections scheduled in 2014. The highway budget and the solid waste disposal budget will be about the same as in 2013. Major road maintenance projects will be determined this spring; snowplowing also comes out of the highway budget.

Estimated revenues besides taxes will be similar to 2013 figures.

Here are some of the major items:

Expenditures:

Highways: \$358,600

Solid waste disposal: \$140,000

Dropoff site/recycling: \$14,000

Shawano Rural Fire Dept.: \$65,000

Ambulance/EMS: \$23,000

Maintenance: \$14,000

Total expenditures: \$793,977

Revenues (besides the tax levy):

State shared revenue: \$79,755

Transportation aid: \$140,000

ATC (transmission lines fund): \$88,900

Hotel tax: \$19,000

Mobile home tax: \$3,500

Boat launch fees: \$4,000

Total non-levy revenues: \$387,232

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

2014 CLPA Annual Membership: Please Join Now

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. Or, print out the membership form at www.CloverleafLakes.com and send it in. The membership is for the calendar year 2014.

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 \$ _____

Circle tax-deductible
donation level

Mighty Oak \$1,000

Maple \$500

Birch \$250

Pine \$100

Ash \$50

Other

Business \$100

Thank you! Note: Be sure to include your e-mail address so you can be added to the CLPA's e-mail list (managed by Ed Stuebe) to receive late-breaking information about the lakes.

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Max's Restaurant opens in town

"We want people to feel at home here," said **Max Shabani**, owner of newly opened Max's Restaurant.

The restaurant is next to the Comfort Inn and Suites at the Highways 22/29 intersection in the former Amico's.

Open daily from 7 a.m. until closing, Max's offers fresh and homemade American cuisine ranging from omelets and French toast at breakfast to daily soup and sandwich specials plus some breakfast items at lunch to many entrée choices at dinner.

"I like the location near the highway with several small towns close," Shabani said. He has been in the restaurant business for 40 years, mostly in Illinois. Married to **Buki** for 38 years, they have three children and seven grandchildren.

The restaurant will employ 30 to 40 workers, he said, and applications are being taken.

Besides the main dining room, with fewer



Diners enjoy lunch at Max's Restaurant.

tables than Amico's so diners can "relax in comfort," Max's has room for parties of 60 to 70 people and a full bar. Takeout service is available by calling (715) 201-1020.

Max said the Shabani family operates several restaurants in northern Wisconsin.

Belle Plaine calendar

Feb. 1: Clover Bares fishing derby on Cloverleaf Lakes, all day.

Feb. 10: CLPA board, 9 a.m., Community Center.

Feb. 10: Town Board, 7:30 p.m., Community Center.

March 10: CLPA board, 9 a.m., Community Center.

March 10: Town Board, 7:30 p.m., Community Center.

April 1: Spring election, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Community Center.

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

April 14: Town Board, 7:30 p.m., Community Center.