



# BELLE PLAINE

## NEWS & EVENTS

Winter 2019

## Grants help fund two town projects

### Well water tests coming

Do you know what's in your drinking water? Free well water tests will be offered to Belle Plaine residents in May.

The project will be funded by the town and the Lumberjack Resource Conservation and Development Council, which awarded a grant of \$2,780, which is 50 percent of the estimated cost of testing 100 wells.

Details of how to sign up for the tests will be coming later this spring. The testing is scheduled for the weekend of Memorial Day.

Town officials will hand out bottles to collect well water samples to residents, then will take them to the Center for Watershed Science and Education at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The Town Board has approved the program and budgeted the funds as a public service to town residents.

The town has had some issues with its ground water supply. The Community Center has tested for an unacceptably high level of nitrates and must supply bottled water to guests at community events. There were also issues with wells in the Round Lake area as well as individual wells throughout the town. Nitrates may harm pregnant women and young children. Water will be tested for bacteria and chemicals as well.

Besides providing information to each homeowner, the Center will map well results throughout the town and provide a community education event.

A recent study in three southwest Wisconsin counties showed 42 percent of wells tested did not meet the standards for bacteria or nitrates. The study involved 301 wells in Grant, Iowa and Lafayette counties. Further tests will try to pinpoint the causes.

Another study in Kewaunee County showed contamination due to cattle as well as ineffective septic systems.



Dennis (shown) and Joy Krubsack cut and burned seeds of the invasive black locust shrubs to prevent them spreading on part of the Gibson Island property. Native plants will replace invasives in that area under a pair of grants from local foundations.

### Natives to replace invasives

By Joy Krubsack

We are happy to report that Gibson Island was awarded a grant from the Environmental Stewardship Fund, which is within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, Inc. The grant was for \$2,500.

An additional grant was awarded by the Clintonville Area Foundation, which is an affiliate of the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley Region. That grant was for \$1,720.

The two grants totaling more than \$4,000 were approved for the Town of Belle Plaine's Gibson Island Stewardship Committee. The grant money will be used for the removal and fight against invasive plant species on the G.I. property. It will also facilitate the important job of planting native perennials in order to compete and reduce the invasive plants' space.

We are thrilled to have received these grants! The funds will be used for the reduction of the invasive species but also for the education it will provide to our committee and volunteers. The planting process will be in fall while the fight against the invasive plants is ongoing.

We are extremely thankful that these grant programs are available for the preservation and protection of natural environments. We wish to thank **David Horst**, Donor Services & Environmental Grants Manager, and **Kathy Akey**, Clintonville Area Foundation member.

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# Please, don't use plastic bags for recyclables

By Alvin Bartz

The Shawano County landfill will no longer accept recycling material placed in plastic bags. The bags cause the sorting machine to plug.

Those people using the dropoff site on Cloverleaf Lake Road will need to put recycled material in loose or in a cardboard box. Recycling also should be placed loose in the container for roadside pickup.

The waste stream we generate in Wisconsin will have to change. When I started this job, we burned the garbage and very little was buried. Most people had a burn barrel.

Then came plastic and no more burning was allowed. People changed their lifestyle, canning produce at home ended and we now buy individual packaged frozen food wrapped in plastic or some other material that ends up in the garbage.

The garbage we generate gets baled and transported to a regional landfill where it is placed in a lined cell that will preserve it for eternity. We cover acre after acre with mounds of garbage every year.

## Belle Plaine chairman's message

I think we need to look at practices used by other countries that reduce waste.

There will be a change in our fire equipment that we house in our town. In order to maintain a standard insurance rating for our residents, we will need to have another truck in our garage so we can respond to a fire with 4,000 gallons of water.

We have a truck in the Shawano station that can be placed here. The problem is we don't have space to house it. We are looking at options to accomplish this. The increase in fire insurance for residents would be quite a bit if we don't do this.

The winter has been pretty mild, keeping the cost of snow plowing and sanding at a minimum. But who knows what is in store for the rest of the winter? Keep it safe out there when driving on winter roads.

The size of fire equipment has grown, making it difficult to get to some residences. Please trim trees along your driveway.

## Belle Plaine town notebook

**Tax collection:** Make checks payable to: Town of Belle Plaine. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for receipt. Mail to: Town of Belle Plaine, **Kay Kristof** treasurer, N2940 Spruce Road, Clintonville, WI 54929.

**Belle Plaine Community Center tax collection:** Thursday, Jan. 31, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Or you may leave your tax bill and check at the Associated Bank in Shawano. Questions, contact Kay Kristof, treasurer at (715) 853-6160 or town office: Call (715) 524-3818 or email at belleplainetreasurer1@gmail.com.

First installment due Jan. 31, 2019, to the Belle Plaine treasurer. Second installment due July 31, 2019, to County Treasurer, Debra Wallace, 311 N. Main St., Shawano, WI 54166. If the first installment is not paid by Jan. 31, 2019, the entire tax is due to the Shawano County treasurer. Please read the back side of your

green property tax bill for failure to pay in a timely way.

\* All dogs in the town must be licensed and have proof of vaccination. Fees are \$5 for a neutered male or spayed female or \$10 for an unneutered male or unsprayed female. All checks should be payable to the Town of Belle Plaine and sent to the treasurer.

\* The Shawano Area Fire Department is seeking volunteer firefighters for its Shawano, Belle Plaine and Wescott stations. Stop at Auto Prep, 220 North Main St., next to the Shawano fire station, or see Lt. **Mark Retzlaff** for an application.

\*Hours for the Collection and Recycling Center on Cloverleaf Lake Road are on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

### Belle Plaine officials

Alvin Bartz, chairman

Harold Polzin, supervisor

Dennis Thornton, supervisor

Kristine Vomastic, clerk

Kay Kristof, treasurer

Newsletter editor: Dennis Thornton



Belle Plaine Community Center

N3002 St. Hwy. 22

Clintonville, WI 54929

(715) 524-2690

**Town clerk's hours:** 4 to 6 p.m. Monday; 8:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday or by appointment

**Treasurer's hours:** every Wednesday 8:30 to 10 a.m. and second Mondays from 4:30 to 7 p.m..

**Regular Town Board meetings:**

Second Monday of each month, 7 p.m.

**Committees:**

Planning, Zoning, Gibson Island Stewardship

**Population estimate:** 1,855

# Rush job: CLPA to address Grass Lake habitat

By Christopher Sampson

The open-water “bulrush island” that occupies a sizeable portion of Grass Lake, midway between the County Y boat landing and Gibson Island, is a Cloverleaf Lakes landmark.

The multi-acre stand of hardstem bulrush and associated aquatic plants has long been recognized as important fish habitat and a nesting refuge for the lakes’ common loons as well as occasional geese and cranes. The Wisconsin DNR has labeled it a Critical Habitat Area worthy of special attention, and the area is bounded by no-wake buoys.

Lately, though, nature-loving lake users have noticed that the rushes don’t appear as numerous as they once were. They say the stand seems to be shrinking and, particularly last summer, thinning in density.

The Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association addressed those concerns at the board’s Jan. 14 monthly meeting. Board members had requested the opinion of **Emily Henrigillis**, an environmental specialist who advises the CLPA as part of her dual position with the local consortium WAMSCO – Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties – and the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance.

Henrigillis confirmed that recent observations are correct: The area has declined by half in just five years. Working from historic aerial images, she estimated that the thickest vegetation shrunk from about 6.5 acres in 2013 to less than 3 acres now.

## CLPA co-president’s message

Reason for alarm? Probably not. Looking further back, she found fluctuations to be fairly common. Two decades ago, in 1998, the area appeared to cover only two acres. Ten years later, aerials showed a rebound to about 7.6 acres, where it stayed steady for several years until the recent decline.

Natural variance in weather and water conditions are possible factors. Motorized ice travel over the stand in winter, if it is occurring, could be a negative. When CLPA members asked if periodic herbicide treatment for invasive milfoil could be causing harm, Henrigillis said research indicates the species is largely unaffected.

A primary concern involves the loons, and whether any further reduction in cover might drive away the nesting pair. Last summer, sparse growth tempted a few uninformed visitors with small boats, kayaks and canoes to get inside the formerly impenetrable stand and closer — too close — to the state- and federally-protected birds.

Board members said they will investigate placing “loon nesting site — keep out” signage at the location in 2019. The CLPA will continue to monitor the size and density of the bulrush area to see whether the recent trend continues and, if it does, whether the DNR would support additional protective measures or options such as re-seeding or transplanting.

## Money raised for fireworks show

By Steve Joosten

First of all, we would like to thank all the people who have made the commitment to support the return of Cloverleaf Lakes Fireworks. Fund raising efforts are in full swing and to date we have raised \$5,000 with a minimum goal of \$10,000 needed by May 1 to provide a show for 2019.

We need everyone's support to bring back this wonderful tradition. It's now in our hands (the community) to raise the necessary funds.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 6, for the Cloverleaf Lakes fireworks show. We will contract with Spielbauer fireworks, who will employ **Mike Nelson** and his team to launch the fireworks show from Pine Lake if we reach our goal. We need your help. Please consider donating today. Your donation can be mailed to Cloverleaf Lakes Fireworks Inc., P.O. Box 275, Embarrass, WI 54933.

We have a gofundme page at “Cloverleaf Lake Fireworks 2019” and our Facebook page name is “Cloverleaf Lake Fireworks Inc.” Please share with your friends, family and neighbors. Advertising opportunities are available for businesses. If interested, please contact one of the fireworks representatives.

## Fishing Derby set for Feb. 2

The 49th annual Clover Bares Fishing Derby will take place all day on Saturday, Feb. 2, at Cloverleaf Lakes. Headquarters, food and refreshments will be under the tent at the former Rustic Resort site on Pine Lake.

There will be \$1,000 in fish prizes for adults and children with weigh-in between noon and 4 p.m.

Cash prizes will be \$500 for first, \$250 for second, \$100 for third, \$75 for fourth, \$50 for fifth and \$25 for sixth through tenth. Donations of \$5 buy three tickets.

The Clover Bares Snowmobile Club maintains a network of snowmobile trails in Belle Plaine and adjoining towns. The club is a part of a countywide snowmobile trail system.

## Boat monitor wanted

Applications are being taken for this summer’s boat monitor on Cloverleaf Lakes. The job pays \$10 an hour for 30 hours a week, including all weekends. Minimum age is 16.

The monitor records boats entering the lakes at the County Y boat launch. He or she also educates boaters about aquatic invasive species. Applicants can write to the CLPA, P.O. Box 288, Embarrass, WI 54933.

# Handyman LaBrosse will tackle any home job

By Joan Sousek

Wanting to be closer to family brought Handyman Pros' owner and Krakow native **Scott LaBrosse** and his wife **Georgia** back to the area from Green Valley, Ariz. They looked for a place in the Shawano and Waupaca areas for two months before finding their 11-acre farmette at W7401 Cloverleaf Lake Road, Town of Belle Plaine, in 1999.

"We found this place and fell in love with it and the location," Scott says. "It's a beautiful area, closer to the lakes and to town, but still in the country. We love it here."

The property was part of a Zarling estate. Some relatives are still in the area and have stopped to see the place, Scott notes.

The couple has two daughters. Youngest daughter **Alicia** and her husband **Ben Zook** live on what was a Raddant farm, just three miles away on Townline Road. **Samantha** lives with her husband **Jed Hopp** in Baldwin, Wis. The couple also has three grandchildren.

The family was with Wolf River Home Schoolers and the girls were involved in spelling bees, writing essays, theatre, soccer, swimming and other activities. Samantha graduated from home schooling and Alicia graduated from Shawano High after attending four years. Both are registered nurses.

After the girls went to college, Georgia went back to school to become a registered nurse and now works at The Cottages.

Scott brings 20 years of experience in the trades to his business and almost a lifetime of interest in building and fixing things, starting at home with his father, an electrician.

"We were always building something or fixing or doing something," he says.

Handyman Pros handles a range of home, business, and rental property maintenance and repair needs including carpentry, painting, drywall, exterior, assembly and installation/repair services.

Business is going well, he says, adding no job is too small.

Common projects include paint touchups, changing electrical outlets, switching out sinks, faucets and toilets, installing ceiling fans, and, in season, landscaping and deck repairs.

Scott's work experience includes remodeling and re-selling several homes, owning a janitorial service in Illinois and a cabinet shop in Arizona, working construction and driving trucks.

The couple had raised meat goats and other animals which inadvertently led to the new business after Scott snapped his Achilles tendon (and re-injured it) while loading hay, ending his job driving trucks.

While he was semi-laid up, he helped others with projects. That's when Georgia suggested he could do that type of work for pay.

By January 2018, Scott had his business license, insurance and website, and by March, jobs were coming in.

He emphasizes quality work done quickly and efficiently. Charging by the hour with a \$60 minimum fee, he says for the best deal, advance planning is key.

"I try to give customers the best value, as if I were hiring someone; I would not want them just standing there," he notes.

Generally, customers make a task list and have materials ready usually for a half or full day of work. They text the list a week

ahead so he's prepared and can determine if they have the right stuff.

Most of his clients are from Shawano/Cloverleaf Lakes area, with some from Green Bay, Tigerton, and Suring. He's done some apartment updates and houses for sale with inspection lists.

Scott's work truck bed has roll-out drawers that hold almost everything he needs. He also is organizing a 4,000-square-foot, two-level shop.

He enjoys working on his own — with help from homeowners now and then — but if business stays strong, he might be hiring. He plans to operate the business until retirement and then probably build in Arizona and travel back and forth.

To reach Handyman Pros, call (715) 851-6984 or visit [www.handymanproslc.com](http://www.handymanproslc.com).



**Scott LaBrosse moved back to the Shawano area from Arizona and opened Handyman Pros. He and his family live in Belle Plaine.**

# Invasives can crowd out valuable native plants

By Brady Stockwell

Located on Grass Lake, Gibson Island has been found to be home to some undesirable invasive species including black locust, Japanese knotweed and garlic mustard. All these species have negative impacts on the native ecosystem and can cause a reduced quality of recreational real estate.

To combat these negative effects, **Joy Krubsack** and her stewardship are working hard to maintain and remove these invasive species. Provided below is a little bit of background and information on a few invasive species found on Gibson Island to aid in your education.

**Black locust** is a restricted species in Wisconsin by the NR-40 legislation. It is a fast-growing tree that can become relatively significant in size. It is most identifiable through its flowers and seeds. The flowers are white and have a pea-like structure that can be very fragrant. When it blooms, the seeds appear flat, and as shiny brown pods containing 4-8 seeds. These pods will often remain present in the winter, making it easier to distinguish from surrounding natives. The flowers can be quite lovely and fragrant, making black locust a possible ornamental species used by gardeners or landscape companies. However, when it is released into a wild, uncontrolled environment, it can cause detriment to surrounding native species as a result of displacement or out-competing them. You can do your part as a citizen to educate yourself on this species and purchase alternative native plants to reduce and prevent the spread of this species.



**Japanese knotweed** is also restricted in the state of Wisconsin. This plant is easily distinguishable by its spade-like leaves and hollow woody stems that closely resemble bamboo. It can live in relatively dry environments but prefers a more aquatic environment. Because of this, it is mostly found on shorelines along lakes or rivers, or in ditches along the roadside. Once



Japanese knotweed is established, it can take over areas and suppress or even eliminate vegetative growth of native plants. This ultimately takes away from the recreational and environmental value of trout streams, duck hunting spots, fishing habitat, hiking trails, etc. Additionally, Japanese knotweed can spread through tiny root fragments in the soil, meaning that proper disposal and transfer of soils where it is found is vital in preventing the spread and growth of this species.

**Garlic mustard**, another restricted species in Wisconsin, is a small herbaceous shrub with white flowers. The flowers can only be seen in plants that have been growing for more than two years. Newer plants will just have a rosette at the base that remains green throughout the year. To easily identify this plant, using your nose is going to be the best method. When this plant is crushed or damaged, it releases a fragrance similar to a garlicky mustard scent, hence its name. This plant is easily spread through the hundreds to thousands of seeds it produces. These seeds are released with little disturbance by humans or animals, making removing the plant extremely difficult. Additionally, these seeds can remain dormant in the soil for up to 30 years. In areas where it is present, garlic mustard has been known to decline the growth of native vegetation partially by releasing an antifungal chemical into the soil. The chemical disturbs the native ecosystem and further prevents growth of native vegetation. To aid in the prevention or spread, one should learn how to identify this plant from sight to reduce disturbance and ultimately spread of this species.



**Mullein Foxglove** is deemed a plant of special concern in Wisconsin because of its scarcity. Currently this species is threatened and in danger of local extinction. This plant helps in making Gibson Island the unique and priceless landmark that it is. To best protect and preserve this species, it is important not only be knowledgeable on the invasive species, but on Mullein as well. Mullein is sensitive to disturbances such as human activity that can impede the growth of the species. It is important to be able to identify this species, not only to admire its beauty, but to avoid trafficking in areas where it is growing. This will allow existing populations to grow more efficiently and have the best chance at flourishing.



When it comes to AIS prevention, the overarching theme is education. Hopefully this article provides some basic information on species to look for on Gibson Island, but also be sure to go out and do your own research. Not only will it allow you to enjoy nature from a different perspective but, will ultimately allow you to help conserve it for future generations to enjoy. Thank you for reading.

This article was written by the Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, Brady Stockwell, of the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance and Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties (WAMSCO). Photos are by the Wisconsin DNR.

Questions/Comments? Contact: Phone: (920) 851-4336; email: [brady@fwwa.org](mailto:brady@fwwa.org)

# DNR: Gibson Island eagle died of lead poisoning

By Joy Krubsack

Some residents of the Cloverleaf Lakes know that an American Bald Eagle was found dead on Gibson Island on Oct. 27. The DNR came to pick up the eagle and we have been waiting for the test results (called necropsy) indicating how and why the eagle died.

The report by the Department of Natural Resources tells us that this eagle was able to survive a broken femur bone in its past but could not fight off lead poisoning.

“One bald eagle was found dead on the Gibson Island nature trail. It was collected on 10/27/18. It had green staining on its vent/tail feathers and its wings were half extended when found,” the report said.

“An adult female Bald Eagle in an emaciated body condition and fair postmortem state is presented for necropsy... There is a healed nonunion fracture of the left femur.

“Cause of death in this emaciated Bald Eagle was lead poisoning. Liver lead level was 131.5 ppm, dry weight. Testing for

Avian Influenza Virus was negative,” the report said.

The necropsy report paints a dreadful death for that bird. It made me wonder about the lead poisoning. First, lead is a heavy, pliable metal that accumulates in the body. Because of that, it has been removed from leaded fuels, paint and pipes. But how can we protect humans, animals, birds and fish from lead poisoning today?

Wildlife conservation groups urge hunters to select non-toxic ammunition. If you hunt with lead ammunition: carefully remove all bullets, shot and fragments from game and any remains left in the fields. Always bury or hide a carcass that you leave outside when lead is present. Especially raptors like eagles, hawks, owls, as well as humans and dogs, are susceptible to this type of lead contamination.

It is also recommended that anglers do not fish with lead sinkers and jig heads. Some good news

is that several people have been watching a pair of eagles at the Cloverleaf Lakes nest, so it is assumed that our resident eagles are still alive and healthy. We are extremely happy and hopeful they will try nesting again this spring so we may see, and hear, eaglets next summer.



An emaciated dead eagle was found.

## 2019 donors to Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association

Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association dues-paying members for 2019, who also donated above the \$25 dues, as of Jan. 15, 2019, include:

### \$1,000

Casperson, Jeff and Gwen

### \$500

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Zweiger, Paul and Debbie

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CLPA incorporated in 1936

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

*"Preserving our lakes for future generations"*

If you haven't paid your 2019 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 2019. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Dues \$ 25.00  
I would like to make a tax-deductible donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## CLPA members 2019

Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association dues-paying members for 2019, as of Jan. 15, include:

Benavides, Sarah  
Berman, Andy and Liz Coney  
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The Belle Plaine 4-H Club selected a magic theme for its annual membership drive last fall. The display was outside the Community Center.

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[www.CloverleafLakes.com](http://www.CloverleafLakes.com) and  
[www.BellePlaineWI.com](http://www.BellePlaineWI.com)

Belle Plaine Community Center  
N3002 St. Hwy. 22  
Clintonville, WI 54929

## Town's April 2 election lineup set

One Town Board seat will be contested when Belle Plaine voters go to the polls for the spring election on Tuesday, April 2.

**Aaron Retzlaff** is challenging **Harold Polzin** for the Supervisor No. 1 job. Chairman **Alvin Bartz** and Supervisor No. 2 **Dennis Thornton** are running unopposed after the candidates were chosen in the town caucus on Jan. 21.

Retzlaff is a Belle Plaine native who works for Shawano Utilities. He has many family members in Belle Plaine.

Polzin has been on the board for 14 years after serving as town clerk for 32 years. He is retired from Harold Polzin Electrical & Heating Services.

Bartz is running for his 23rd term. He is a dairy farmer who operates Friendship Acres.

Thornton is seeking his sixth term. He is a retired newspaper and magazine editor, past president of the Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association and editor of this newsletter.

**Bob Holzbach** is running unopposed for another term on the Cloverleaf Lakes Sanitary Commission. He is retired.

In the Clintonville School District, challenger **Patrick Danforth** is challenging incumbents **Mark Zachow** and **Lori Jean Poppe**. Two of the three will be elected.

In the Shawano School District, four candidates are running for three seats on the board. Incumbents **Diane Hoffman** and **Starlyn Tourtillott** are challenged by **Mart Grams** and **Chris Gull**. All are running for city of Shawano seats.

There will be no primary election in Belle Plaine.

Also on the ballot is a Supreme Court race between **Brian Hagedorn** and **Lisa Neubauer**.



### Belle Plaine calendar

**Feb. 2:** Clover Bares Fishing Derby, all day, based at Rustic Resort area

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

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

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

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

**April 2:** Spring election, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Community Center

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

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

**May 13:** CLPA board, 9 a.m., Community Center

**May 13:** Town Board, 7 p.m., Community Center