



# BELLE PLAINE

## NEWS & EVENTS

Winter 2020

### Advisory vote on ATV/UTV routes

The Belle Plaine Town Board wants to hear from its residents on whether they favor travel on town roads by ATVs and UTVs. An advisory referendum has been approved for residents who vote in the Feb. 18 spring election.

The Town Board must make the final decision on the issue under state law. A draft ordinance has been drawn up and will be available at the polls and on the town website: [www.BellePlaineWI.com](http://www.BellePlaineWI.com).



The majority of residents who filled out a form in the fall town newsletter favored allowing the machines on town roads by a margin of 114 to 24, although many had qualifications for their approval. Some people said they would like to ride their machines to adjoining towns that allow

ATVs. Others cited safety concerns on heavily traveled roads. See a sampling of the responses on page 5.

“We would like to get the opinion of as many citizens as possible before making this decision,” said Chairman **Alvin Bartz**.

The town’s attorney, law firm Town Counsel Law & Litigation, LLC, pointed out questions the Town Board should answer before approving an ATV ordinance.

“In our experience, common questions include:

“1. Can a town require ATV/UTV operators to carry liability insurance for coverage of accidents with vehicles?

“2. Can a town set a speed limit for ATV/UTV riders that is lower than what is posted for regular vehicular traffic?

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**Feb. 18:** Spring primary, 7 a.m.-8 p.m., Community Center. State Supreme Court primary, ATV advisory vote



**April 7:** Spring election and presidential primary, 7 a.m.-8 p.m., Community Center.

Presidential primary, Shawano County Board (incumbent **John Ainsworth** unopposed in east portion of town; **Dan Miller** unopposed in west portion of town) and school board races

them and how they use them.

“Enforcement of citations of ATV/UTV ordinances has also been a common concern,” the lawyers said. Belle Plaine does not have its own police force, so if a citation is issued for a violation of a town ordinance, the town would pay for an attorney to prosecute the case.

Finally, the lawyers said penalties for drunk driving do not apply to ATV/UTV operators as they do for car or truck drivers. “An ATV/UTV operator who drives drunk is subject only to a penalty ranging from \$150 to \$300 with no points assessed against or revocation of their driver’s license.”

The Belle Plaine draft ordinance follows state laws on 35 mph speed limits, signage and equipment. Operators under age 18 must have helmets and between 12 and 16 must have an adult present. Drivers must have a valid license or have passed an approved safety course.

The machines would only be allowed during daylight hours, an hour before dawn and an hour after dusk.

The town would review ATV/UTV routes annually and reserve the right to close or modify routes at any time. Travel would not be allowed on Highways 22 and 29 or county roads that run through the town.

The town would accept no liability for operation on town roads.

Also included is language prohibiting the theft of ATV route signs. Enforcement of the ordinance would be by any officer of the law.

# Fire truck building project nearly complete

By Alvin Bartz

The building project to house the additional fire truck is near completion. Some work remains with heating and plumbing. We will probably wait until spring to move the equipment.

The new building creates more storage space for town equipment and the fire trucks will be moved into the old town garage space next to the Community Center.

We reviewed our agreement with Shawano, Wescott and Shawano Rural Fire, which consists of Belle Plaine, Richmond and Waukechon, on how we pay for the cost of fire protection. I serve as chair of our group.

When we buy equipment, the breakdown is 50 percent Shawano, 25 percent Wescott and 25 percent Shawano Rural. The further breakdown of Shawano Rural is 37.5 percent Belle Plaine, 37.5 percent Richmond and 25 percent Waukechon. We wanted to update because the clerk-treasurer in Shawano, who does the billing, is retiring and a new person is taking over.

Our highway budget is considerably less this year as some of



An addition to a town building, left, will provide enough space for a second fire truck.

## Belle Plaine chairman's message

the fixed costs, mainly ambulance and recycling, have increased by double digits. But our revenue will only increase by about \$2,500 because of levy limits.

We have heard from a number of towns where levy limits are putting pressure on their highway budgets. We hope we don't have a major and expensive snow issue to deal with.

Building permits were down this year with only two new homes scheduled, one of which was built. We acquired a parcel on Grass Lake Road from a Cloverleaf Lakes Sanitary District sale. At this time, the plan is to keep it natural.

Belle Plaine firefighters are asking residents to clear brush and trees along driveways so that fire trucks can get near a residence if there is a fire. Large trucks need a space 16 feet wide and 16 feet tall, as well as a turnaround place, to maneuver properly. The fire department will be checking properties in the town and asking owners to comply. Also, please keep your fire numbers visible along the road.

## Belle Plaine town notebook

Belle Plaine has 22 poll workers who will help voters in 2020 elections. The list was approved by the Town Board. They include Sally Norder, Marcelene Rosenow, Pat Mahnke, Donna Loesl, Deborah Lidbury, Bonnie Utke, Nancy Bennett, Heather Larabell, William Gilbert, Joan Sousek, Larry Roumald, Deb Passehl, Linda Olson, Randy Schroeder, Amanda Hennes, Colleen Weishoff, Karisa Kunschke, Heather Krueger, Barb Utke, Dennis Krubsack, Arlene Schabo and Samantha Sperberg.

\* The Shawano Area Fire Department is seeking volunteer firefighters for its Shawano, Belle Plaine and Wescott stations. Stop at Shawano city hall, call (715) 526-9888 for more information or see Lt. **Mark Retzlaff** for an application.

\*Hours for the Collection and Recycling Center on Cloverleaf Lake Road are 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.

The Belle Plaine compost site is closed until April.

### Belle Plaine officials

Alvin Bartz, chairman

Harold Polzin, supervisor

Dennis Thornton, supervisor

Kristine Vomastic, clerk

Kay Kristof, treasurer

Newsletter editor: Dennis Thornton



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

**Treasurer's hours:** Wednesday 9 to 10:30 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

# Water tests by volunteers check Cloverleaf's quality

By Kevin Goodman

Water testing at the Cloverleaf Lakes has long been a tradition and scientific endeavor. The important water information is providing a data driven picture of our lakes to be available for valuable long-term study.

The DNR first started with a volunteer program taking water sample tests using the Secchi disk to determine water clarity. **Dennis Krubsack** volunteered for that program in the 1980s and received a Volunteer Appreciation pin for his years of service. **Howard Unrath** soon started doing the Secchi testing and also sent lake water samples to Stevens Point for further results and comparison.

The next DNR step was a volunteer program which expanded the Secchi disk testing to include temperature, chlorophyll and chemical testing for dissolved oxygen in lake water. **Reid Hundertmark, Joy Krubsack** and **Robert Gayhart** tested the waters of Pine Lake each summer. Joy volunteered for the water testing for 20 years on Pine Lake.

Meanwhile, **Dick Thurow** and **Joe Mass** had started testing Grass and Round Lakes. When Joy retired, they did all three lakes. By then the DNR had improved the equipment and process, making the testing more efficient. The collected information of all these efforts has been uploaded to a DNR computer program and is available on its website.

The volunteers collect, process and ship water samples to the DNR and UW Stevens Point labs.

The samples collected are utilized to analyze and determine the health of our lakes as well as measure the overall effects of the fight against invasive species.

The chain of events starts with the sample taking. The next step is for the respective labs to perform analysis and make the scientific results available to the CLPA.

One of the lab analyses received is reported as the "Trophic State Index (TSI)," considered a reliable comparison metric. This is a classification system designed to rate water bodies based on the amount of biological activity they sustain.

As Joe and Richard, have stepped back, we are looking for volunteers to fill the important role of collecting, processing, and shipping of the water samples. There are other volunteer opportunities available as well.

We are fortunate to have access to experts who are helpful in applying perspective based upon their specialties and respective knowledge as well as a willingness to work alongside our CLPA volunteers. Included are:

**Jason Breeggemann:** Senior Fisheries Biologist – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. "I cover all inland fisheries in Shawano and Waupaca Counties."

**Brenda Nordin:** Lake Biologist — duties include habitat enhancement, water quality, grants, and aquatic plants.

**Emily Henrigillis:** Regional watershed coordinator for the Connecting Our Waters Program - a partnership of WAMSCO and Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance. "We are working to improve

## Chemistry above average on Cloverleafs

It's complicated, but years of water tests show the water quality in Cloverleaf Lakes to be above state averages for mesotrophic lakes, defined as having moderately clear water with an increasing chance of low dissolved oxygen in deep water during the summer.

Eight tests during 2019 on Pine Lake revealed Secchi disk visibility to 10.5 feet with an average for the region of 6.9 feet. This was mostly impacted by particles of soil or organic matter suspended in the water.

Chemistry data showed an average of 3.2 parts of chlorophyll (area lake average of 32.8 parts) and phosphorous of 11 parts (lakes above 20 parts may have algae blooms).

Grass Lake data was 10 feet visibility for the Secchi disk, 3.6 parts chlorophyll and 14.6 phosphorous.

Round Lake data was 9 feet visibility for the Secchi disk, 4.1 parts chlorophyll and 14.5 phosphorous.

The 2019 results for the respective Cloverleaf Lakes are posted on the CLPA website.

local water quality through shoreline restoration and agricultural conservation education. We are also working to expand water quality monitoring efforts around the county through more stream and lake monitoring. We are working to implement lake management plans around the area through these shoreline projects and water quality monitoring program."

**Anna Bartsch:** Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinator of Shawano and Menominee Counties through the Connecting Our Waters program - a partnership of the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance and the Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties. "We work to improve water quality in the Fox-Wolf River Basin by involving local governments, lake associations, lake districts, environmental organizations, and citizen volunteers in invasive species management and education. We provide training for AIS sampling through Citizen Lake Monitors, watercraft inspection, AIS identification, and boat decontamination. We also perform Clean Boats Clean Waters work and monitor local water bodies for invasive species."

**Thank you again to Richard and Joe for working for the benefit of the Cloverleaf Lakes!**

Questions and comments can be directed to Kevin Goodman at [cloverleafprotective@gmail.com](mailto:cloverleafprotective@gmail.com). He is on the board of directors of the Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association.

A part time position as boat monitor at the landing on Grass Lake will be available this summer. Applicants should have an interest in lake conservation, be at least 16 years old, and be available weekends and several afternoons during the week. Interest should be emailed to: [Cloverleafprotective@gmail.com](mailto:Cloverleafprotective@gmail.com) or mailed to the CLPA, P.O. Box 288, Embarrass, WI 54933.

# Volunteers restore Gibson Island property with native plants

The new native plants are resting beneath the snow now, but will emerge in spring to flower and greet visitors to the Gibson Island nature area.

A dozen volunteers organized by **Joy Krubsack** planted 800 wildflowers and shrubs in October along the south edge of the boardwalk that leads to the island, replacing invasive species. The Town of Belle Plaine owns the property acquired through private donations and a DNR grant. It is open at no charge for hikers and nature lovers year-round.

Funding the project were grants from the

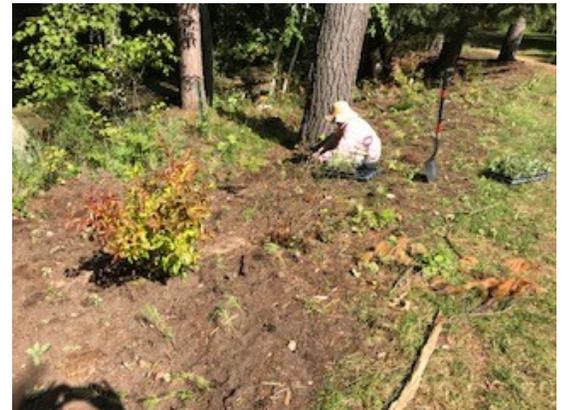
Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and the Clintonville Area Foundation.

Helping Krubsack with the planting were **Molly Joosten, Dennis Krubsack, Bob and Judy Tomczyk, Linda Goodman, Audrey Gretzinger, Sondra Dilley, Dennis Thornton, Emily Henrigillis, Anna Bartsch and Georgiana Castellanos.**

Volunteers who helped spread mulch, donated by the town, on the site included **Joy Krubsack, Molly Joosten, Emily Henrigillis, Dick Hesse, Cody Carrido and Jasmine, Jesse and Josh Wilson.**



Volunteers helping with Gibson Island property native plants included (above) Bob Tomczyk and Dennis Krubsack, (below) Sondra Dilley, (left) Dilley, Audrey Gretzinger, Dennis Krubsack and Joy Krubsack.



## Connecting Our Waters team working on invasives, shoreline restoration

**By Emily Henrigillis and Anna Bartsch**

The Connecting Our Waters program has been working tirelessly over the last couple months to finish up reports, wrap up the waterfowl hunter outreach and Clean Boats Clean Waters, and to start planning for our 2020 projects and field season.

During 2019, we were able to get out onto both the Cloverleaf Lakes and Schoeneck Creek to monitor for aquatic invasive species. We were able to assist in the shoreline restoration being completed on Gibson Island as well as learn more about the Japanese knotweed control occurring out there.

We are hoping to start a variety of volunteer programs come spring of 2020 and are looking for your help. Emily is looking to start tributary/stream monitoring around the Town of Belle Plaine and southern Shawano County. A portion of the work is already being completed by Waterways Association of Menomi-

nee and Shawano Counties (WAMSCO) and we will be expanding on their efforts. Anna is looking for volunteers to raise purple loosestrife beetles at their home. Anna is also always looking for volunteers to complete AIS monitoring or watercraft inspections with her.

Over the 2020 summer, Emily will be completing a shoreline survey and coarse woody habitat survey of the Cloverleaf Lakes. This survey will look at each tax parcel around the lake and collect data on the quality of the riparian zone. She is looking for volunteer boat drivers.

If you want to help with any of the projects mentioned above, let us know.

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# Many residents favor ATVs on Belle Plaine roads

By a wide margin, Belle Plaine residents who filled out and sent in a questionnaire favored allowing all-terrain vehicles and utility vehicles to use some town roads.

The count of the unscientific survey was 114 in favor, 24 opposed and two undecided. Several responses were qualified approvals.

Here is a sample of the pro and con comments (names withheld by the editor):

## PRO-ATVs

"I favor ATVs and UTVs on town roads, but not on major highways."

"It's hard for me to walk. I would like to use my Gator to go from farm to farm."

"I favor using ATVs/UTVs on Belle Plaine town roads providing they yield to normal vehicle traffic."

"Let the people have their freedom and enjoy the fun little rides."

"We have two properties on our road and would like to take our ATV to and from each property. Also I believe this would benefit many businesses in our town."

"I feel being able to traverse the area to local businesses only enhances the vacation-like atmosphere here. Already we have tractors, horses, buggies and mopeds running the roads. Snowmobiles have their access as well."

"I would like to keep up with the times, be able to ride to adjoining towns with our trailing the machines. So many ATVs and UTVs already ride past our home. I wish I could join them legally."

"ATV/UTVs are not made for road use. However keeping with the ongoing trend, we don't want to become an 'island.'"

## ANTI-ATVs

"Our roads have gotten more traveled, more busy, much louder than in the past years. We do not need more traffic, more noise and young kids riding up and down our BP roads. ATVs can use trails in the area."

"There is no reason to have these vehicles on our roads, especially with kids driving them age 12. These are injuries and

accidents waiting to happen. Keep them on private land and fields."

"The roads around the lakes are too narrow, especially with all the walkers and bikers. It just isn't safe for anyone, even cars."

"We feel ATVs and UTVs could be used on some of the town roads but NOT all of them. Rosebrook Road is very busy with heavy car and semi-truck traffic, bikers and walkers. It adds another element of danger which is not necessary."

"There is already too much traffic. And ATVs are very loud. This could be a safety issue as speed limits don't appear to matter to the drivers."

"Heavy traffic already. Imagine holiday weekends, especially the Fourth of July."

"Farmers going to and from fields is OK with me. Recreation riding I feel would lead to more accidents and people driving recklessly. I vote no."

## NOT SURE

"We are concerned about the speed limits and age of who rides and drives the ATV. There are safety concerns both for ATVs and cars."

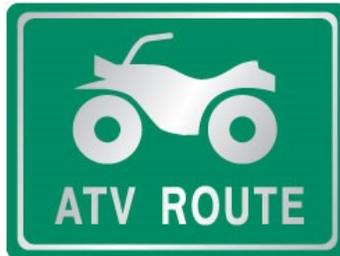
"There are safety concerns on Cloverleaf Lake Road and Rustic Drive already with those who drive, walk, ride bikes around the lake. If ATV/UTV operators would be respectful with speed and looking out for pedestrians that would be okay but we have seen a lot of close calls."

## OTHER COMMENTS

"Operators should be of legal driving age. There should be specific signage for ATV/UTV speed limits — 25 mph max."

"I do have concerns about children driving on the roads, enforcement of the helmet law and enforcement of the certification laws."

"The age issue would have to be resolved. Can the ordinance be tied to licensed auto drivers to mitigate the 12-15 year old kids racing around the lakes?"



## Volunteers needed on Gibson Island

By Joy Krubsack

The Gibson Island Stewardship committee and Town of Belle Plaine are happy to thank the many volunteers who have worked to keep the property cared for. These volunteers have come as Shawano County staff, residents, friends and the G.I. Youth Stewards. We are sincerely thankful for the help and appreciate the shared interest in keeping our environment clean and cared for!

For this year we are looking for a few more volunteers.

**Dennis Krubsack** and I have chain sawed and removed approximately 35 trees from the trails last summer and fall. On a

walk this week, I found 3 more trees to be cut and moved to the side as trail markers. It would be helpful if someone who likes to use his chainsaw could assist keep trails open. We cut, push the brush and tree to the side and leave the wood. If the amount is very large, we change the trail to go around the downfall.

If an 8th grade or high school student would like to become a G.I. Youth Steward, please let me know. Right now we have eight students and one who has moved on to college. The Youth Stewards keep track of their volunteer time and use it for applications, etc.

If you think you can help with your chainsaw or are an interested student, please contact Joy Krubsack at jkrubsack@hotmail.com or (715) 823-648 for more information.

# Belle Plaine 4-H Club wins Santa Parade awards



The Belle Plaine 4-H Club captured two of five awards presented for entries in the 2019 Santa Parade held Dec. 6 in Shawano. The awards were for Best Children's Entry (trophy sponsored by Old Glory Candy) and People's Choice Award (sponsored by Martin's Jewellers). The club's Polar Express entry featured a train with children peeking out of windows and ringing bells.

Photos courtesy of Shawano Downtown BID

The Shawano community has named Belle Plaine 4-H Club's "Polar Express" Float as this year's People's Choice Award winner in the 2019 Shawano Santa Parade.

Over 300 people selected the club as their favorite.

The float was a train with windows that kids could peek out of. The train was covered in Christmas lights and the kids on board were ringing bells.

"The parents kind of built the frame of it and the kids' idea was to ring the bells because in the movie they have little bells when they believe in Santa," said Jessica Race, a leader of the 4-H club.

She said while the adults did most of the physical work, the kids did a lot of the thinking.

"The kids really like the movie so we let it be their choice."

Race says the float was made with wood on the trailer. The smokestack was a flowerpot and they were able to come up with



a way to make it look like smoke was coming out of it.

"Leaders had some white toilet left from our float last year, so we stuck it on a tomato cage and put it in there."

Race says it was nice to see all of the hard work stand out and make a difference and the whole experience is a great learning opportunity for the kids in the club.

"I think it is letting them work together and come up with the idea, that is always the hardest part when it comes to a parade."

Story courtesy of WTCH Radio, Shawano

## Ex-CLPA president Howard Unrath dies

Howard J. Unrath, 92, passed away peacefully on Sept. 12, 2019, at The Cottages in Shawano. He was a long-time resident of Pine Lake and was president of the Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association for several years.

Howard was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and attended the University of Wisconsin. He was employed at the Wisconsin State Highway Department then went to work for the city of Milwaukee as a civil engineer. After retiring in 1987, he and his

wife, Eugenia, moved to the family cottage on Pine Lake.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman, water skier and diver. He had a passion for conservation. He was a member of the Shawano Masons Lodge and past member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his children: Karen Tiemann of Little Chute, Russell Unrath of Bayview, Sandra Unrath of Pine Lake, Lynn (Mike) Mulholland of Greenville and Carl (Elizabeth) Unrath of Merrill, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Unrath family donated a \$500 memorial to the Town of Belle Plaine to be used for the Gibson Island nature area.

# Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association 2020 donors

Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association dues-paying members and donors for 2020, who paid before Jan. 10.

## \$1,000

Casperson, Jeff and Gwen

## \$500

Thornton, Dennis and Jan Zuck, Tim and Jane

## \$250

Doan, Kris and Judy Simon Coney, Jeff and Elizabeth Mc Cauley, Harriet/Joe and Bridget Mayek

Meier, Brent and Jessica Odders, Dick and Mary Lee Prien, Kevin and Dawn Renaud, Edwin Rusch, Tim and Peg Thomas, Mark

## \$100

Anderson, Jonathan and Sofija Asuma, Timothy and Kelly Boegh, Steve and Darlene Conrad, Tom DeGuire, Pat Fisher, Dennis and Joanne

Fletcher, Mike and Patti Gayhart, Mark and Linda Gerrits, Brian and Lynn Hauerwas, Jerry and Maureen Herold, Jeff and Cindy Lillge Hines, Andy and Kim Hosking, Barry and Linda Jacke, Chris and Terry Johnson, Ray and Penni Karlson, James and Beth Koontz, Kevin and Debbie Kristof, Peter Lehman, Rick and Liz Letven, Marv and Esther Mass, Joe and Sandy Meinhardt, Ken and Amy Miller, Tom and Bev Nelson, Mike and Stacy Olson, Duane and Brenda Pashouwer, John and Kathy Rate, Bill and Laurie Raymond, Mark and Kim Robley, Dave and Linda Rohrer, Mark and Julie and Daniel Rulseh, Mike and Patty Stollfuss, Aaron

Stueck, Tommy Jr. and Denise Topp, Victoria Volz, Larry and Cynthia Wepner, Arlyn and Sharon West, Fran Wetzler, Lee and Mary Zachow, Gordon Kinziger, Bill and Pat \$75 Heideman, Mark and Ellen Puetzer, Herbert \$50 Behnke, Merlin and Janet Bevernitz, Mike and Peggy Bluemke, Roger Breuer, Gerald and Darlene Cloeter, Richard and Christine Fruendt, Dale and Connie Gonnering, Ethel Gorges, Cameron and Judi Gossen, Derrick and Krystal Hawley, Bob and Nancy Heideman, Betty Hornig, Kurt Husman, Greg and Karen Jantz, Butch and Carol Jensema, Peter and Mary

Johnson, Dennis and Becky Keller, Gary and Mary Lambrecht, David Lichtenberg, Julie Loughrin, Cindy and Jerry McMahon, Glenn and Peggy Rueckert, Michael and Jeanne Ruscitti, Arlene Sorenson, Donald and Karen Speckhard, Andrew Travis, Mary Weller, Mark Wolf, Kathleen \$25 Habeck, Jim and Karen of Cloverleaf and Embarrass Storage Patterson, Bruce and Chris Polzin, Harold Rosenfeldt, Tom, in memory of Bev Rosenfeldt Rudolph, Chris and Patty Wagner, Robert and Jennifer Zweiger, Paul and Debbie \$5 Prudom, Al and Amy

## CLPA 2020 members

Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association members for 2020, who paid \$25 dues before Jan. 10.

Benavides, Sarah Berman, Andy and Liz Coney Brandl, Donald and Diane Bruecker, Hugh and Pam Coyne, Gary and Karen Dohr, Dan and Donna Dunlavy, Kenneth and Stephanie Feider, Francis and Sharon Fischer, Shirley Ford, Craig and Donna Geary, Shawn and Debby Goehler, James and Barbara Heideman, John Hendricks, Paul and Kimberly Jonas, Joanne and Steve Fellman Kiermas, Dennis and Debbie Krause, Dan and Brenda Krause, David Krause, Robert and MaryAnn Krueger, Kristi and Ellen Walbrun Lake Aire Supper Club,

Loesl, Donna Malloy, John and Sandy Marshall, Joseph and Debra Martin, Greg and Lori McKay, John and Larue Nelson, Terry and Rhonda Nolan, Audrey Novak, DuWayne and Kathy Pearson, T. Allan and Betty Peters, George and Nancy Plachinski, Eugene and Marilyn Powell, Nathan and Jess Riehl, Keith and Kris Rogney, Patricia Russell, Patricia Schaezner, James and Michele Schlender, Mike Schwamer, Michael Stueck, Randy and Joan Tesch, James and Loretta Wagner, Dennis and Darlene Wegner, Carol Weller, Thomas Wirtz, Mel and Gretchen Wiskow, Sandra Yeager, Don and Jeanne Thurow, Dick Yaeger, Tuffy



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## Fishing Derby set for Feb. 1

The 50th annual Clover Bares Fishing Derby will take place all day on Saturday, Feb. 1, 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 raffle 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.

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## Fireworks group raising money for 2020 show

**By Steve Joosten**

We would like to thank everyone in the community who made the commitment to support the 2019 Cloverleaf Lakes Fireworks. Fund raising efforts are underway for the 2020 fireworks show and you can see our progress on the Fireworks rocket located across from the boat landing on County Road Y. We need everyone's support to continue this wonderful tradition and raise the necessary funds.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 4, 2020, for the Cloverleaf Lakes fireworks

show. Please consider advertising or donating today. Donations can be mailed to: Cloverleaf Lakes Fireworks Inc., P.O. Box 275, Embarrass, WI 54933

We have a gofundme page at "Cloverleaf Lake Fireworks 2020" and our Facebook page name is "Cloverleaf Lake Fireworks Inc." Please share with your friends, family and neighbors.

Any questions can be emailed to **Peggy McMahon** at [pmcmahon23@gmail.com](mailto:pmcmahon23@gmail.com) or call (920) 246-2678.

## Sportsman's Club hosts kids ice fishing event

The fourth annual Kids Learn to Ice Fish event, hosted by Belle Plaine Sportsman's Club, is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 15, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Cloverleaf Lakes.

All ages are welcome. Every kid gets a prize and there will be a bike give-away. This is a free event, including food and refreshments.

It will be held on the ice at the Cloverleaf

Lakes boat landing in front of Micksters Pub.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. Bait will be provided. Please bring a tip-up or jig pole if you have one, however, there will be some available.

Kids will be transported to mentors' ice shacks and will be given the opportunity to jig for fish and hopefully land a whopper.

### Belle Plaine calendar

**Feb. 1:** Clover Bares Fishing Derby, all day, Cloverleaf Lakes.

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

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

**Feb. 18:** Primary election, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Community Center

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

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