

Bartz named to national beef board

Belle Plaine Town Chairman **Alvin Bartz** has been appointed to a three-year term on the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion & Research Board by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack.

The board oversees administration of the national Beef Checkoff Program. Bartz was seated at the Cattle Industry Annual Convention in Denver in February, becoming one of 106 producers and importers nationwide representing all

cattlemen by making recommendations about how to invest national beef check-off dollars.

Bartz is a dairy farmer who also grows cash crops. He was nominated to the Beef Board by Dairy Farmers of America, which serves as Central Area councilman.

He also served 14 years on the Shawano County Board as well as 35 years as town chairman.

Shawano City Cab serves Belle Plaine

Shawano City Cab has announced plans to expand its service area into the Town of Belle Plaine.

The company offers a "shared ride" program where more than one passenger shares the cab with different destinations and origins. Among the areas served are the Maple Lane Health Care Center and Pine Manor.

The service is wheelchair-accessible, with professional drivers. Reservations can be made and rates are available by calling (715) 524-2000.

Service hours are Monday to Thursday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Belle Plaine calendar

- May 7:** Zebra mussels program, 2 p.m., Community Center.
- May 9:** CLPA board, 9 a.m., Community Center.
- May 9:** Belle Plaine Town Board, 7:30 p.m., Community Center.
- May 19-21:** Long Lake rummage sale, Community Center.
- May 28:** Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association annual meeting, 10 a.m., Rustic Resort.
- May 28-29:** nlc Foundation rummage sale, Community Center.
- June 13:** CLPA board, 9 a.m., Community Center.
- June 13:** Belle Plaine Town Board, 7:30 p.m., Community Center.
- July 2:** Kiddie Parade, 10 a.m., starts at boat launch.
- July 2:** Pontoon Parade, 6:30 p.m., starts at Gibson Island.
- July 2:** Fireworks, dusk.
- July 3:** CLPA Art Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Round Lake park shelter.



BELLE PLAINE NEWS & EVENTS

Spring 2011

Hwy. 22 bridge project starts in May

Construction of a new bridge over the Wolf River on Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine, beginning in mid-May, will mean lifestyle changes for town residents this summer.

The highway, the main thoroughfare into the City of Shawano, will be closed north of the River Bend-Eagle Nest Lane intersection until construction is completed in early November. There will be access to Amico's restaurant and the Comfort Inn and Suites hotel.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation said the \$3.7 million project is funded 80 percent by federal funds and 20 percent by state funds, with the town paying a small portion of site improvements. Prime contractor is Kraemer Construction from Plain, Wis.

The posted detour from Highway 22 south of Shawano will go east two miles on Highway 29 to the Highway K (state 47/55) exit.

"The steel bridge was determined functionally obsolete and structurally deficient and has reached the end of its service life," said **Kristin McHugh**, DOT North Central Region communications manager.

"The steel truss bridge has been documented through the Section 106 historical process and will be dismantled by the contractor," McHugh said. "Some steel elements of the structure are



The old steel bridge on Highway 22, spanning the Wolf River in Belle Plaine, will be replaced starting in May.

to be salvaged for a future community project."

The new concrete bridge will include a pedestrian/bicycle path across the bridge and running down to the Wolf River wayside. The town is also looking at making improvements in the wayside on River Bend adjoining the bridge.

The improvements will also include realignment of the River Bend-Eagle Nest Lane intersection to accommodate a higher bridge and turn lane on Highway 22.

Zebra mussels topic of May 7 event

The Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association will sponsor a free, public presentation on zebra mussels on Saturday, May 7, at 2 p.m. at the Belle Plaine Community Center. **Jon Motquin**, Shawano County Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, will talk about the biology, distribution, economic impact and prevention measures of the zebra mussel. Live demonstrations will be included.

Zebra mussels (*Dreissana polymorpha*) are a small mollusk native to Eastern Europe and Russia. Their rapid introduction into new water bodies, high reproductive rates, and ability to alter the native food chains within inland lakes, and lack of any

control methods make the zebra mussels one of the most feared invasive species in Wisconsin.

They first appeared in North America in 1988 and quickly spread through the Great Lakes in ballast water of shipping vessels. Since their introduction into Lake Michigan and Green Bay, they have been transported to numerous inland lakes across northeastern Wisconsin. Isolated populations have been introduced into Shawano Lake, Pine Lake and Grass Lake.

Zebra mussels receive their name from the striped pattern of the shell. They are fingernail sized. Zebra mussels typically live up to five years.

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Fire truck, garbage, elections on the town's agenda

By Alvin Bartz

Hopefully, the snow season is over. The March 22 storm made everyone dig out their snow equipment once more. The frost in the road shoulders makes it a challenge to do minimum damage to the road and lawns in residential areas while plowing.

We are finishing the shelter project on Round Lake and have ordered the material to be placed in the boat launch on Grass Lake. We will be reviewing roads soon and selecting projects for this year. We expect the cost of blacktop to be down slightly.

We are expecting delivery of a fire truck purchased jointly by the city of Shawano and the towns of Belle Plaine, Richmond, Waukechon and Wescott. It replaces three pumpers and will respond to all fires. As new emergency equipment gets larger and more expensive, we urge you to evaluate your driveway entrance to be able to accommodate these vehicles, often at night and in stormy weather. Vehicles require about 14 feet of vertical clearance and 16 feet of horizontal clearance if your home cannot be serviced from the road.

Our house-to-house garbage route hauler, Rite Size Rolloff, sold out to Veola. Our contract with them ends in 2011. We will

Belle Plaine chairman's message

be looking at proposals soon and our overall program, as this is a large portion of our budget. We anticipate we will no longer receive recycling grants as part of the proposed new state budget.

It appears we may have a recall election process across the state. In my opinion, the proper time to replace a person is when that position comes up for election. A recall in our area would probably result in three elections.

Generally, in a special election, whoever wants the election pays for the cost. An example would be a school referendum or maybe a sanitary district issue. In this case, it would be a taxpayer expense. We do not have money in our budget for three extra elections, so the cost will have to come out of the money we would normally spend on road improvements. One has to wonder, will bought and paid-for politicians and demonstrations be the norm for Wisconsin?

One reminder: If you're burning leaves or trash, call the non-emergency Sheriff's Department number, (715) 526-3111, to alert the fire department not to respond.

Belle Plaine town notebook

* The national Census taken in 2010 found the town's population is 1,855. That is down 12 people from the 2000 count. Shawano County gained 3 percent in population during the decade and now is home to 41,949 people.

* Open book for property taxpayers will be held May 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Board of Review for tax grievances will be June 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

* Summer hours for the town's Recycling and Collection Site on Cloverleaf Lake Road started in April. They are Mondays

from 8 a.m. to noon, Wednesdays from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Residents are reminded of a law that prohibits dumping used oil filters in the garbage. Electronic equipment also is prohibited and must be recycled. There is a fee for disposal of TVs and other electronic equipment.

* All town officers were re-elected without opposition in the April 5 election.

* The boardwalk leading to Gibson Island is closed Feb. 1 to May 31 for the nearby bald eagles' breeding season. The island is open via water. A new pier will be in place.

Belle Plaine officials

Alvin Bartz, chairman

Harold Polzin, supervisor

Dennis Thornton, supervisor

Kristine Vomastic, clerk

Kay Kristof, treasurer

Dennis Hoffmann, constable

Newsletter editor: Dennis Thornton



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Town clerk's hours:

5-7 p.m. Monday; 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday or by appointment

Regular Town Board meetings:

Second Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m.

Committees:

Planning, Zoning, Gibson Island Stewardship

Population estimate: 1,855

State budget supports several lakes priorities

By Wisconsin Lakes association

Going into the state budget process, Wisconsin Lakes identified three main priorities, all of which were met. These natural resource projects are locally developed and implemented, and are supported by these priorities in Gov. Scott Walker's budget:

· Lake Protection Grant Funding: The 2011-13 Budget maintains funding for the lake management and classification grant programs at the same level as in the previous biennium.

· AIS Funding: The 2011-13 Budget maintains funding for the Aquatic Invasive Species Grant program at the same level as in the previous biennium.

· Targeted Runoff Management Program Funding: The Budget increases bonding authority by \$7 million for this program that provides crucial cost-share funding for agriculture to implement best management practices to prevent polluted runoff.

Phosphorus standards: Last November, new rules went into effect that limited the amount of phosphorus that could enter lakes and streams, and provide for a unique cooperative management structure that allows municipalities and farmers in a watershed to work together to reduce runoff and avoid costly upgrades to treatment plants. The Governor's budget would take a huge

step away from these rules.

The state took an important step in creating a framework aimed at reducing the amount of phosphorus delivered to the waters of the state. The Governor's new budget, however, would restrict these rules. Since the bill was introduced, the reference to neighboring states has been removed, the current rules would remain intact and the effective date has been delayed to allow more time for implementation.

Long Lake sets rummage sale

Long Lake residents will hold a rummage sale May 19 to 21 at the Belle Plaine Community Center, with proceeds going to the Eurasian Water Milfoil project. "Our small lake association is quickly being depleted of funds to fight this nuisance, and we have yet to get it under control," said lake resident Shanda Hubertus. The group is now a 501 c 3 nonprofit association accepting tax deductible donations. Anyone with anything they would like to donate can call Hubertus at (715) 367-2309 to make arrangements to pick things up, or drop things off. The Long Lake association will also be having a brat fry at the sale.

2011 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 2011.

Name: _____

Lake Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Home Address (if different): _____

Dues \$ **25.00**
I would like to make an additional donation of \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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.

Shawano County adds invasive species coordinator

In response to the rapid spread of Aquatic Invasive Species, the Shawano County Land Conservation Department (LCD) has begun a three-year project to develop a county-wide AIS Management Plan.

The plan will primarily focus on Shawano Lake, Washington Lake, Upper and Lower Red Lakes, Cloverleaf Lakes, Loon Lake, and White Clay Lake. These waterways have the highest usage and are the main vectors for invasive species. As time and grant funds permit, other water bodies may be studied.

The AIS Management Plan will provide an organized strategy for AIS management and be comprised of several main components. All known occurrences will be mapped to assess the current extent of AIS infestations. Where previous studies have been completed, the existing data will be compiled into the report. Control and prevention methods will be created to comprehensively address the future introductions and spread of AIS in Shawano County.

Emphasis will also be placed on implementing several best management practices such as watershed nutrient reduction, shoreline buffer restoration, increased public education, aquatic plant management, boat washing stations, and others. New policies for sound AIS management will be developed at the county level. The final component will be used to promote public awareness and increase involvement with practical solutions to

controlling and preventing the further spread of AIS.

The newly hired AIS Coordinator/Lake Manager, **Jon Motquin**, will manage all related activities in developing and implementing the plan. In addition, the AIS Coordinator is available to assist local lake associations/districts to apply for AIS control grants.



Jon Motquin
Shawano County
AIS coordinator

Motquin comes to Shawano County with seven years experience as a forensic and environmental chemist and eight years urban and regional planning/zoning administration experience. He has degrees in and passion for natural resources management. He is an experienced bird watcher, avid hunter, and outdoorsman and has broad knowledge about wetland ecology and limnology. Since arriving in Shawano County, he has been active in grant writing, public education, and planning AIS control efforts in Shawano County. He has contacted numerous economic development agencies; sportsmen, conservation, and nonprofit civic groups; local businesses; and lake associations/districts to assist in these efforts.

Although many people are aware of the growing threat, Motquin has realized continued education of all Shawano County residents provides the best chance for AIS control county-wide. Watch for Jon at various upcoming events at Cloverleaf Lakes and beyond this year. In addition, listen to WTCH as he will be on the "Pine Manor Breakfast Hour" radio program periodically.

Grant would provide educational materials on invasives

Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association has applied for a grant to create aquatic invasive species (AIS) educational materials for restaurants and taverns. Specifically, the grant seeks printing and laminating costs for placemats, table tents, and coasters. Several coaster and table tent patterns will be developed for various species such as zebra mussels, Eurasian water milfoil, rusty crayfish, and others.

CLPA board members believe this provides additional educational opportunity in a non-confrontational setting. The proposed restaurant materials will expose Cloverleaf Lakes boaters and anglers to AIS education twice in a short period.

The Clean Boats, Clean Waters monitor program, staffed at the County Y boat landing by **Ryan Popp**, provides an in-person interview on the dangers of transporting AIS from lake to lake within Shawano County. Shortly afterwards, the coasters and placemats will be encountered in a relaxed setting over drinks or a meal, allowing local restaurant patrons to casually read invasive species and their control methods.

If received, the project will be a multi-agency effort. A local school district will be used to design the AIS education materials. The Shawano County AIS Coordinator will be consulted to determine appropriate scientific information.

If selected as a finalist, CLPA members and friends will need to vote for the AIS placemat project on Facebook. Future updates will be forthcoming if the proposal is accepted as finalist by the selection committee.

Boater safety classes offered in May

The Shawano County Sheriff's Department and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will hold boaters safety classes from 6 to 8 p.m. on May 2, 4, 9, 11 and 16 at the Shawano Community Middle School.

Classes are for boaters age 12 and older.

There is a \$10 registration fee. Pre-register by calling (715) 526-7925 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Busy summer includes art fair, super raffle, Directory

By Dennis Thornton

A cold and snowy spring is about to turn into a promising summer at Cloverleaf Lakes, with a burst of activity to follow.

First, let me invite you to the program on zebra mussels and other aquatic invasives on May 7 (see page 1). These nasty creatures have invaded our lakes and we need to know all about them.

The Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association annual meeting will follow on Saturday, May 28, at 10 a.m. at the Rustic Resort. The CLPA board will give updates on our master plan and activities including aquatic invasive control and shoreland restoration. The three-year terms of board members Fran West and Jim Aumann expire. Let me know if you're interested in running for a seat on the board that makes policies for the lakes.

Of course, the highlight of the summer will be the Independence Day weekend. The 10 a.m. Kiddie Parade and 6:30 p.m. Pontoon Parade will be Saturday, July 2, with fireworks to follow. The Art Fair will follow up last year's successful debut from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 3. The location will be changed to the new park shelter overlooking Round Lake and the number of artists is expected to increase.

Our major fund-raiser is the Golf Outing, set for Wednesday, July 27, at the Clintonville Riverside Golf Course. **Jim Aumann**, the main organizer of the outing for 14 seasons, has a new and exciting wrinkle planned. He is arranging a super raffle with 10

CLPA president's message

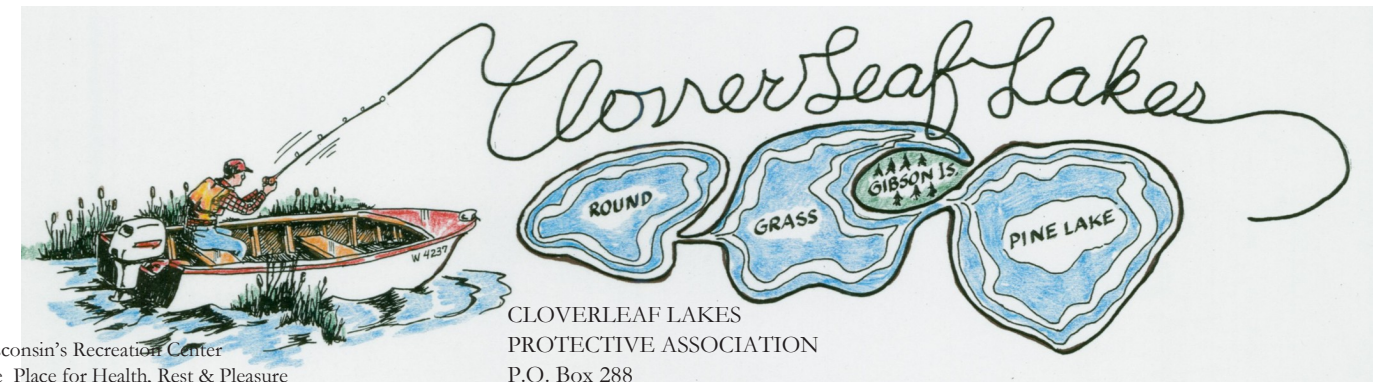
major prizes including a Riverside golf club membership, several guns, fishing equipment and Packers memorabilia. The \$20 tickets will be available at the annual meeting, Art Fair and from board members, with the drawing held at the Golf Outing. Ticket buyers need not be present to win.

We will be planning other lake events to be announced in the summer newsletter and web site: www.cloverleaflakes.com.

* Need to get in touch with your neighbor, who may be a part-time resident or away for the winter? We are publishing the 2011 edition of the CLPA Directory. It contains listings of names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mails and other residences of our lake residents. It also contains information about the lakes and the town, boating and fishing rules, maps of the lakes and information about many local businesses.

The Directory is free of charge to dues-paying members (\$25 a year) and will be distributed by our Welcoming Committee.

* The Shawano County Sheriff's Department will be rehired to conduct water safety patrols this summer. During 2010, the CLPA spent nearly \$2,000 in officers' overtime. Capt. **Tom Tuma** reported that officers issued warnings for violations including too fast in slow no-wake areas, loud boat motors, and lack of personal flotation devices.



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New Belle Plaine picnic shelter available to groups

The new picnic shelter overlooking Round Lake will open for public use this summer. The Belle Plaine Town Board has established fees and regulations for groups that wish to reserve the shelter for their events.

Contact Town Clerk **Kristine Vomastic** to reserve the shelter. A reservation form is available.

The shelter is 30 feet by 50 feet and has electricity and water as well as a portable toilet. Parking is available along Round Lake Drive, which connects to County Highway Y.

Fee: Resident \$30. Non-resident \$40. An additional deposit of \$25 must be submitted and will be returned if the shelter is returned to its proper condition. Cancellations will be allowed one week prior to the date of the event. Reservations must be made at least one week before the event. Fees must be paid in full at the time of reservation.

These policies are established for all groups receiving permission to use the facility under the jurisdiction of the Town of Belle Plaine.

The shelter can be reserved from April 15 through Oct. 15. Dates will be reserved on first come-first served basis. Contact the Town Clerk during regular office hours (Mondays, 5 to 7 p.m., and Saturdays, 8:30 to 11 a.m.), phone (715) 524-2690 and leave a message, or write to Belle Plaine Community Center, N3002 St. Hwy. 22, Clintonville, WI 54929.

All mail requests should include a first and second choice of dates.

The shelter will have a sign indicating the dates the shelter has been reserved. Non-reserved dates will be open for public use.

Parties holding cooking events should not leave the charcoal remains, grease, etc. at the shelter. Shelter users are required to separate recyclables and keep them out of the garbage.

Dogs are not allowed in the park.

All motor vehicles must park in the parking lot along Round Lake Drive or in the boat trailer parking lot on Highway Y.

The shelter is not intended for use of public dances or beer parties.

It is understood that town employees or the Shawano County Sheriff's Department has the right to enter the facility at any time.

The Town of Belle Plaine shall not be liable for any injuries, deaths or property damage resulting from use of the facility.

The Town is not responsible for articles left, lost or stolen at the facility.

Persons using shelters are responsible for the cleanup of the shelter and immediate surrounding area at the conclusion of their function. Refuse containers are provided at the shelter. It is the responsibility of the user to maintain the shelter throughout the event and to restore all areas to the proper condition. The renter is responsible for any damage done to the park property during this event.

Second annual Carp Capture Contest slated for May 21-28

The Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association will sponsor the second Cloverleaf Carp Capture Contest this spring.

Prizes will include: First place, \$100; second, \$75; third, \$50, and fourth, \$25. There is a \$5 entry fee.

Prizes will be awarded for bringing in the carp by any legal means — hook and line, spearing, archery.

More than 30 carp were removed during the 2010 contest.

There's one important rule: Catch and DON'T release. The dates will be dawn Saturday, May 21, through noon on Saturday, May 28. That's the time of year when the rough fish are spawning in the shallows, stirring up the bottom, which disrupts the game fish and panfish. A DNR fish survey indicates there is not a major problem with carp, but it is better to keep their numbers down.

CLPA board members **Dick Thurow** and **Carl Bruggink** are spearheading the contest.

To enter the contest, contact Thurow at cell (414) 430-9067 or Bruggink at (715) 823-2488 or cell (920) 574-6976.

LEGAL NOTICE APRIL 2011

CLOVERLEAF LAKES AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT DNR CHAPTER NR107 NOTICE

A Permit from the DNR has been issued to treat 6 acres of the Cloverleaf Lakes for Eurasian Water Milfoil (3 acres) and Curly Leaf Pondweed (3 acres). This treatment will be done chemically with Navigate (2-4 D), Aquathol and Cutrine Plus. The approximate treatment dates will take place at the end of April and early May 2011. You may request a public informational meeting on the proposed application. The request must be made in writing within 5 days of this notice stating a specific agenda of topics to be covered. Send request to Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association, P.O. Box 288, Embarrass, WI 54933-0288 and to the Wisconsin DNR.

Shoreland restoration efforts focus on plants, barrels

By Kery Kafka

Happy Spring to fellow residents of Cloverleaf Lakes. We wanted to update you on the efforts of the Shoreline Restoration Team.

NES Shoreline Restoration Booklet: As part of our DNR grant, (which has now ended), NES, our consulting firm, has completed a booklet of plans from all the projects around the Cloverleaf Lakes, including the names of plants used in projects. This booklet is a wonderful source of ideas and also contains an analysis of all the native plants that live around our shores. Whatever area of your property or situation that you want to improve with native plants, erosion control and rain gardens, this booklet had ideas and information for you. If you want to consult these booklets, please contact me or **Dennis Thornton** for a copy to borrow.

Monetary Support for Shoreline Restoration Projects: The CLPA Board had agreed to continue to help support the efforts of individual lake residents with matching funds of up to \$1,000. This support is committed through 2014, so if you start a project this year, but can't finish it all, you can do multiple years, and know that continued monetary support is available. Please contact a Shoreline Restoration team member for the guidelines and forms to submit for matching funds.

Native Plant Sale: The Wolf River Chapter of Wild Ones holds a native plant sale every year in Shawano, at the Heritage

Park. This year the sale will be May 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Heritage Park (524 N. Franklin St.). Please check out their offerings. Let us know if you would like us to partner with them in 2012, so that you could order plants ahead of time, and pick them up in May of 2012.

Rain Barrels: **Don Sorenson** has volunteered to assist you in making a rain barrel, or you can order one from Home Depot and have it delivered free of charge. Contact a committee member for more information

Compost Bins: Plastic compost bins can be ordered and delivered, for a cost of \$60, or you can order one from Home Depot with free delivery.

Signs: If you have a sign informing fellow residents about shoreline restoration projects on your property, including using a compost bin or rain barrel, please put those signs up to provide information to fellow residents. If you want a sign, contact me to order one, free of charge. These provide information as well as encourage others to help protect our lakes.

If you have questions or want to contact any of the team members with suggestions, or if you want to join our team, we are: **Kery Kafka:** rkkafka@sbcglobal.net, **Dennis Thornton:** thornbg@frontiernet.net, **Joy Krubsack:** jkrubsack@hotmail.com, **Dan Bleck:** dkbleck@dkbleck.com, **Angie Bleck:** akbleck@msn.com, **Kathy Nodolf:** knodolf@gmail.com.

Rummage sale benefits nIc Foundation

A rummage sale planned for Memorial Day weekend at the Belle Plaine Community Center will be a fund raising event sponsored by the nIc Foundation in honor and memory of homicide victim Nicolas Resch.



Antique items, food and music are also planned for the event, which will be held from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 28, and Sunday, May 29.

Proceeds support "nIc4families" (nIc violence prevention for families) storytelling projects in our rural communities.

Donated items may be brought directly to the Town Hall on Thursday and Friday, May 26 and 27, between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. or call Lynn at (715) 823-4829 to make arrangements for pick up of donated items.

The nIc Foundation is a non profit 501c3 charity headed by **Lynn E. Marcks**, Belle Plaine resident and mother of Nicolas Resch, who died in 2005 after a violent assault at age 27.

The foundation also sponsored an information fair and candle-lighting ceremony April 12 in Clintonville during National Crime Victims' Rights Week.



Caleb Christopherson, 6, won first place in the kids division and had the biggest fish of the day Feb. 5 at the Clover Bares Fishing Derby. The northern was 33 inches and weighed 8 1/2 pounds. He lives in Embarrass.