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2006 is year of the lake plan

By Bob Tomashek, CLPA President

As a Lake Association, we had a very productive year. The five Study Groups did their task and have come up with a number of recommendations on how we can better manage and improve our Lakes. I see our task for the year 2006 as taking the next step, which is to implement these recommendations.

Many good lake plans are written, normally by consultants, and stop there, not implemented. To implement the recommendations gives our organization extra challenges and takes extra effort. To start with, the President along with the rest of the CLPA Board has to give this task a priority. We will have a couple of openings on the CLPA Board that need to be filled by residents willing to lend their management skills to the tasks at hand. We also have to recruit willing volunteers to use their skills to be part of implementation committees. In short, we have to organize to implement the plan.

Another thing that I see as a priority for the CLPA Board in 2006 is to maintain our good community relationships and improve on

relationships that are not so good. A good relationship is between our Lake Community and the Town Board.

With the acquisition of Gibson Island, the Town of Belle Plaine is the largest property stakeholder on the Lake. Just think, the Town owns the Boat Launch, Sandy Beach, the fishing pier, the Stieg property, the outlet dam and Gibson Island.

Our Lakes are also a part of a larger ecosystem and have to be run in partnership with the adjacent marsh owner and the owners of the Pine Manor Dam. The hostility that exists in these areas is not beneficial to any of us. An example: Pine Manor Nursing Home is spending thousands of dollars on lawyer's fees because of their dam. The legal fees they are expending could be better applied to the continued quality care of the residents of Pine Manor. I see us as having a responsibility to our total community in managing our resources, our ecosystem and our relationships to one another.

Our 2006 challenges are before us. We need *your* help to meet these challenges.

Gibson Island: Less than \$39,000 to go

After a stellar month of December giving, the Gibson Island Project has only \$38,975 left to raise of the Island's \$1.025 million purchase price before the Feb. 28, 2006, closing date. Nearly \$40,000 was donated or pledged in December alone, according to Treasurer Leeann Little.

As authorized by a vote at a July 2005 special town meeting, the town-owned vacant lake lot went up for sale in December with minimum sealed bids of \$130,000 due by Jan. 16, 2006. Proceeds of the sale will go toward the purchase of Gibson Island.

Gibson Island Project volunteers have worked for two years to achieve the mission "to maintain and protect the Island's natural environment and wildlife for present and future generations." The Town of Belle Plaine will own the Island and keep it natural forever.

The Town Board will appoint a Stewardship Committee that will advise the town on best policies and practices to preserve and protect the property.

See the flyer inside for more details about the Gibson Island Project's fund raising progress, the donors and the Pine Lake lot sale.

Study groups recommend policies for CLPA

The five study groups have turned in recommendations to the Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association in areas ranging from invasive species to recreational use of the lakes.

The board of directors has approved several of the recommendations and will consider the remainder in February and April. A full report and a Long-Range Comprehensive Lake Management Plan is scheduled to be presented at the CLPA's annual meeting. Here are some of the issues and recommendations:

Invasive and Nuisance Species

- **Zebra Mussels:** This study group recommends continuing the boat monitoring program, which has been staffed entirely by volunteers for two summers, and expanding it by hiring a part-time coordinator, who would also staff the boat launch during the busiest times: holidays and weekends. Also recommended: providing salt and vinegar solutions to boaters who come from zebra mussel-infested lakes to wash out their livewells, and exchange of water for bait buckets.
- **Rusty Crayfish:** Discovered in the lakes in 2005, this invasive can destroy a lake's vegetation. Recommendations include monitoring crayfish numbers, trapping larger crayfish and encouraging catch-and-release fishing to allow large fish to eat small crayfish.
- **Purple Loosestrife:** This invasive plant, with purple flowers, takes over marsh areas, pushing out native plants. While it's not a major problem right now, control measures include beetles and pulling up plants.
- **Gypsy Moths:** Property owners can spray their trees or tie burlap bands around infected trees. The town has a gypsy moth coordinator.
- **Frog Study:** Volunteer Justinn Heraly found an abundance of frogs, an "indicator species" of environmental health. This can be a base study duplicated in the future to see if the frog population remains healthy.
- **Nuisances:** The study group is looking into ways to control muskrats, mosquitoes, deer and geese.

Watershed Issues

The watershed study group learned that pollutants, including nutrients, sediment and household hazardous chemicals, find their way into our lakes. Recommendations include

- **Education:** Residents need to be informed on ways to keep pollutants out of the lakes, including holding a fair that explains various conservation methods.
- **Well testing.**
- **Buffer zones:** These unmowed, vegetated strips between the shore and the lawn keep rain from washing

fertilizer and pollutants into the lakes.

- **Rain barrels:** And rain gardens collect rain water and keep it from running into the lakes.
- **Hazardous chemicals:** Encourage residents to properly dispose of household chemicals, petroleum products and other hazardous materials.
- **Fertilizer:** Encourage use of non-phosphorous fertilizer on lawns.

Aquatic Plants

The Aquatic Plants study group focused on Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed, two invasive plants that have made a home in Cloverleaf Lakes. Chemical treatments have been applied for the past three years. The group recommends:

- **Action Committee:** The study group recommended a three-person action committee to continue monitoring and treatment of lake vegetation. Members are Bob Tomashek, Kery Kafka and LaVerne Molitor. They will engage consultants, oversee protection of sensitive areas, resolve issues involving lake vegetation and apply for grants to fund treatment.

Recreational Use

- **Boat Monitoring:** The study group recommended continuing boat monitoring and starting a database to check trends in numbers of boats using the lakes.
- **Boater Safety:** A safety course should be offered for young boaters and area courses should be listed in the newsletter.
- **Water Trail:** A "seek and find" map of lake highlights could be offered to boaters as a fun way to see the lakes.
- **Night Lighting:** Excessively bright yardlights should be discouraged for environmental reasons.
- **Ice Fishing:** Anglers should be encouraged to clean up after fishing so their waste doesn't end up in the lakes.
- **Signage:** Signs at the boat launch and the entrance to Round Lake should be checked for accuracy and updated as necessary.

Water Quality and Habitat

- **Carp:** The number of carp should be monitored. Bow-hunting should be encouraged and a bounty for carp was suggested.
- **Sediment:** The study group was continuing to work on this issue, with recommendations forthcoming.
- **Phosphorous:** The study group planned to wrap up its recommendations in early January.

-Dennis Thornton

Study groups wrap up year-long work

Five study groups are putting the finishing touches on a Comprehensive Lake Management Plan for Cloverleaf Lakes after a year of volunteer work.

The Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association is methodically going through the recommendations from the groups and will present the resulting plan to the CLPA membership at the 2006 annual meeting.

The Study Groups were formed to address the issues that affect the management of the Lakes with the goal of creating a Total Lake Management Plan. Under the guidance of volunteer consultant Esther Letven, here's how it worked:

- A Design Group first met to design the way these issues would be studied and how the plan would be created.
- The design suggested formation of five Study Groups, staffed by area volunteers with each group led by a facilitator.
- Each group studied issues and put forth recommendations on how to manage these issues. These recommendations would then be brought to the CLPA Board, which would vote to accept the recommendations.

- The actual publishing of the plan is in process and it will be presented at the annual meeting. Letven and Kery Kafka are putting the plan into a format to be published.

- After presentation of the plan, thought will be given to the best ways to implement the recommendations. "Implementation is very important," says CLPA President Bob Tomashek. "Having a plan on paper is useless unless the recommendations are implemented." For some recommendations, implementation can be accomplished by the present CLPA Board. Others may need outside help or resources.

"Most Lake Plans are authored by consultants hired by the lake organization; we did ours ourselves," says Tomashek. "Not all lake plans are successful and where they fail is in the implementation — it does not happen."

Steps remaining include the following:

- Complete recommendations by the Study Groups (two groups are near completion; the other three are completed).
- Put the plan into a format suitable for publishing.
- Present the plan at the annual meeting.
- IMPLEMENT THE PLAN.

EWM and CLPW are targets for treatment

"EWM" and "CLPW" sound like alphabet soup, but we have been fighting these invasive lake plants for three years in an effort to stop them from taking over the lakes. EWM is the abbreviation for Eurasian Water Milfoil. CLPW stands for Curly Leaf Pondweed.

This will be our fourth year of treating EWM and our first year of treating CLPW. CLPW is not as aggressive as EWM but will need yearly monitoring and treatment as necessary. EWM will need yearly monitoring and most likely some treatment every year. Matt Harp from Lake & Pond Solutions LLC does our lake surveying and treatment each year. We have been using some of our Lake Association money to fund this activity, but most of the

money has come from the state in the form of grants or has been come from the Town of Belle Plaine. This year the Town has budgeted \$5,500 for treatment and hopefully two different grants will be approved by the State for the remainder of the funding.

The Aquatic Plant Study Group has formed a three-member action committee to manage this activity. These three members have staggered terms. I will serve the first year term, the second year term is Daryl George and the third year is Kery Kafka. As a member's term expires, a new member will be recruited. This activity will always be required and so we will continually need people to manage it.

- Bob Tomashek



Curly Leaf Pondweed

Clover Bares prepare for Fish Derby on Feb. 4

The Clover Bares Snowmobile Club's annual fish derby will be on Saturday, Feb. 4, in front of Micksters Bar. Food and beverages will be served.

There will be first, second and third place prizes for the biggest fish in the adult and children's division. All participants must have their fish weighed and gutted by 4 p.m. to be eligible for the fish prizes. Many other prizes will be awarded at the fish derby.

The Clover Bares are again selling raffle tickets for \$1

apiece or 6 for \$5. The raffle drawing will be the day of the fisherec and the winner does not need to be present to win.

Ice Golf scheduled Feb. 18

The Cloverleaf Lakes Fireworks Association's annual Ice Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18, in front of the Rustic Resort. Food and beverages will be served. Please watch for additional information from your local area establishments.

Island's history connects Gibsons and Stiegs

By Robert Stieg Jr.

Millwood, VA

The Island was owned by J. T. "Tom" Curtis until he sold it to Robert Gilmore Gibson (the man with the gun in the picture) on Aug. 4, 1891, for \$150. Robert Gilmore Gibson was born Sept. 12, 1847, to an American father (Thomas Gibson) who was farming in Canada, and who married a Canadian citizen (Elizabeth Gillmore). In 1849 Thomas Gibson brought his family to New Baltimore, Mich., to farm, where he died shortly thereafter.

In 1863, at age 16, Robert G. Gibson left home and went to Hortonville, Wis., where he went to public school and apprenticed to a carpenter. He also clerked in a general store, obtaining the experience and means to open a store of his own. In 1873, at age 26, he moved to Leopolis, Wis., and did just that. He did this for 11 years, then disposed of his interests there and in 1884 moved to Clintonville, which was "showing signs of becoming an important Waupaca County point." (J. Ware, History of Waupaca County) In partnership with George W. Jones, he opened the Bank of Clintonville, and two years later bought out his partner and became sole proprietor. It continued as a private bank until 1902, when it was reorganized as the First National Bank of Clintonville. While he retained an interest in the bank, he then developed an insurance and farm loan business that he conducted until his death in 1918.

At age 20 in 1867, he married Phebe Rinehart, and they had five children: Claude E. (1869-1923), Ethel H. (d. 1921), Blanche M., Bernice E. (1885-1980), and Robert Newcomb (1889-1963). All are in the picture except Claude, and since Claude's wife Anna is in the picture (with the oar), it is possible that Claude is taking the picture.

After Robert G. Gibson's death, his wife Phebe continued to live in the family home on North Main Street in Clintonville (was next to Eberhardt's Funeral Home, now moved to Marion) until her death in the 1930s. She and family members summered out at "camp" on the Island every summer. Her youngest son, Robert Newcomb Gibson, had married Maud Nichols of Appleton in 1915, and moved to Michigan, where he established lumber yards, first in Owosso, where a son Robert Nichols Gibson was born in 1916 (currently living in Lansing), and then to Lansing, where a daughter Jane Ellen was born in 1918.

Bob Gibson returned to the Island every summer with his family (he built a second cottage and a guest cottage) and took responsibility for the Island after his mother's death. His sister Bernice and her husband Harley Wiley used the original family cot-



Gibson Island, summer 1890 or 1891. From left: Mary Curtis (in chair), wife of J. T. "Tom" Curtis; Mrs. Frank Meyers; Blanche M. Gibson (plaid dress); Robert Newcomb Gibson (in wagon); Ethel H. Gibson; Phebe Rinehart Gibson (seated), wife of Robert Gilmore Gibson; Robert Gilmore Gibson (with gun); Bernice Gibson; Anna Metzner Gibson (with oar), wife of Claude E. Gibson, and J. T. "Tom" Curtis (seated). Robert N. Gibson in wagon was born April 4, 1889, and is therefore either 16 months old (July 1890), which seems most likely, or is 2 years 4 months old (July 1891).

- Photo courtesy of Robert W. and Jane Gibson Stieg collection

tage, also returning every summer from their home in Milwaukee.

In 1935, Jane Ellen Gibson met Robert W. Stieg, son of Max Stieg of Clintonville (who had in 1920 founded the Dairyman's Bank to compete with the "Gibson" Bank). They met because Bob Stieg was at the Island helping the Gibsons open their cottages for the summer. They courted there each summer, and then both went to the University of Wisconsin.

In 1941, Bob and Jane Gibson Stieg were married, and had two sons, my brother Philip (1944) and myself (1943). Bob and Jane Stieg moved from Clintonville to Bethlehem, PA in 1968, where Jane died in February, 2004, at age 85. My father still lives in Bethlehem.

Bob Gibson Sr. died in 1963 and his sister Bernice was left with responsibility for the Island, which she could not maintain. She decided to give it to the Boy Scouts of America (Valley Council), both because she wanted to honor her brother's long commitment to scouting and membership on the National Executive Council, and because she wanted the Island to remain in a natural state.

She made the gift in 1964, and subsequently, the Valley Council BSA sold the Island into private ownership in 1982, from which it is now being repurchased.

Gibson Island: You can still be a part of it!

January 2006

Those who understand the importance of a natural Gibson Island to the Cloverleaf Lakes ecosystem can still donate to the Gibson Island Project! Join 150 other generous donors who have peace of mind knowing they contributed to keeping the Island natural forever. Another \$38,975 must be raised by the end of February.

This is a one-time opportunity to preserve this natural area, home to many species of wildlife, both plant and animal including a bald eagles' nest, and a natural buffer that helps filter the water and reduce noise pollution.

Names of new donors will be included in future newsletters and those contributing at the "Sand Hill Crane" level or higher will have their names carved on a plaque to be displayed at Belle Plaine Community Center. Those who contribute at the "Blue Heron" level or higher will have their names included on an environmentally appropriate marker on the Island. Contributions are tax deductible.

Here are the calculations. If the lake lot sells for more than \$130,000, the amount needed will be adjusted accordingly:

\$1,025,000	Purchase Price
- 200,000	Contribution from Island owner Lynne Lenius
- 418,000	DNR grant
- 130,000 (est.)	Sale of town-owned lake lot
- 238,025	Net funds raised as of Dec. 31, 2005
\$ 38,975	Amount needed by Feb. 28, 2006

For updates, check www.GibsonIslandProject.org



Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association President Bob Tomashek, left, presents a \$10,000 check to Gibson Island Project Chair Jan Thornton at the November CLPA Board meeting. Others, from left, are Ron Ostrowski, Jim Aumann, Dennis Thornton, Steve Joosten and Fran West-Tomashek. The CLPA membership unanimously approved this donation at the 2005 Annual Meeting in May.

TOWN-OWNED PINE LAKE LOT FOR SALE SEALED BIDS DUE BY JANUARY 16, 2006

Proceeds to go toward Gibson Island Purchase

Beautiful sand beach lot on east shore of Pine Lake with 50' of frontage and sunset views. Utilities (exclusive of water wells are private) available at site. Non-contingent bids must be submitted by January 16, 2006. For a bidder's packet contact Terry Hilgenberg at Coldwell Banker Hilgenberg Realtors, 715-526-6148 /800-222-6148. Minimum bid of \$130,000 is required.

Donation Form

Checks for the purchase of the Island can be made out to the Gibson Island Citizens Conservation Project Account and sent to P.O. Box 61, Embarrass, WI 54933.

Suggested levels:

- _____ Bald Eagle - \$50,000+
- _____ Hawk - \$25,000 to \$49,999
- _____ Blue Heron - \$10,000 to \$24,999
- _____ Loon - \$5,000 to \$9,999
- _____ Sand Hill Crane - \$1,000 to \$4,999
- _____ Mallard Duck - Other _____



Tax-deductible

(The names of donors at the Sand Hill Crane level and above will be included on a plaque to be displayed at Belle Plaine Community Center.)

I understand the importance of preserving Gibson Island. My check for \$_____ is enclosed.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Home Phone _____

Contribution is tax deductible

The Gibson Island Citizens Conservation Project Account has been established by the Town of Belle Plaine through a Memorandum of Agreement with the Gibson Island Citizens Project, Inc., as a **501(c)(3) account** with Associated Bank, Shawano and Embarrass. Contributions are tax-deductible as provided by law. Consult your tax adviser. This account is segregated from the Town of Belle Plaine treasury and will be used solely for operating expenses identified by the Board of the Gibson Island Citizens Project, Inc., and for the Island's purchase. All financial records are open, but anonymous contributors will be kept confidential. **(over)**

Gibson Island donations total \$245,000+

The Gibson Island Project has received a total of \$245,680 in pledges and contributions from 150 donors over the past two years, according to Treasurer Leeann Little. In addition, the Island's owner, Mrs. Lynne Lenius, will contribute \$200,000 at closing.

Expenses to date total \$7,655, including \$3,100 for the Island's 2004 appraisal required by the DNR, \$3,100 for the consultant early on, and \$1,455 for printing, postage, stationery, supplies, website hosting, and other miscellaneous expenses. This leaves a balance of \$238,025 to be applied toward the purchase.

THANK YOU to our generous donors. Here are the names of those who had pledged or donated as of Dec. 31, 2005:

Bald Eagle (\$50,000 or more)

Gary and M. Lynne Lenius Trust

Hawk (\$25,000 or more)

Anonymous

In memory of Jane Gibson Stieg by Robert Stieg Sr., Bethlehem, PA; Marge Stieg Miller, Pine Lake/Issaquah, WA, Robert Stieg Jr., Millwood, VA; and Dr. Philip Stieg, Lebanon, PA

In memory of Mrs. Margaret Thomas by Dr. Lewis Thomas, Waupaca; Mark Thomas, Pine Lake/Birmingham, MI; and John Thomas, Pine Lake/Excelsior, MN

Carol Wegner, Grass Lake

Blue Heron (\$10,000 or more)

Cloverleaf Lake Protective Association

James and Nancy Green, Pine Lake

Dennis and Jan Thornton, Grass Lake

Loon (\$5,000 or more)

Russ and Kery Kafka, Pine Lake/Milwaukee

Thomas and Barbara Kivlin, Pine Lake/Cape Coral, FL

Stan and Jan Kleiss, Pine Lake

The Letven Family, Grass Lake/Racine

Myron and Gaye Tassoul, Pine Lake/Menasha

Sand Hill Crane (\$1,000 or more)

David and Marilyn Aldrich, Vienna, VA

Anonymous

In memory of SSgt. Warren Hansen by Anonymous

Autumn Longbeards Chapter, National Wild Turkey Federation, Clintonville

Alvin and Nancy Bartz, Belle Plaine

Charles and Mary Ann Bose, Pine Lake/Appleton

Carl and Judith Bruggink, Pine Lake

The Cottage (Geary/Stangel/Ponyicsanyi), Pine Lake

Dr. Jeffrey and Gwen Casperson, Pine Lake/Appleton

Cloverfest Run/Walk 2005

Bill and Pat DeGuire, Pine Lake/Fond du Lac

In memory of Lorne and Dorothy Doan by Kris Doan, Pine Lake/Waukesha

William Dolinar and Lisa Vukovich, Adams Beach/North Chicago, IL

Rande and Patsy Eggert, Round Lake

Robert and Barbara Gayhart, Pine Lake/Belleair Bluffs, FL

Reid and Mary Hundertmark, Pine Lake/West Bend

Andrew and Monica Johnson, Pine Lake

Geno and Khris Johnson, Pine Lake/Fort Atkinson

The Jay and Shirley Johnson family *in loving memory of Charlie and Mabel (Schmidt) Perrin* of Pair - in Pines.

Anton and Marlene Karcz, Pine Lake

Klein Chevrolet-Buick-Pontiac, Clintonville

Phillip and Mary Krueger, Portland, OR

Dennis and Joy Krubsack, Pine Lake

Gerhard and Eva Krubsack, Pine Lake

Nick and Leeann Little, Pine Lake

Harriet McCauley, Pine Lake

Edward B. Miller, Zionsville, PA

Thomas and Beverly Miller, Pine Lake/Arlington Heights, IL

The Monroe Family Ltd. Partnership, Pine Lake

In memory of LaVera Korb by Richard and Mary Lee Odders, Pine Lake/Racine

Olson's Rural Electric Inc., Belle Plaine

Jim and Carlene Orr, Grass Lake/Appleton; Jeffrey Orr, Madison

Popp's Lake Aire, Round Lake

Edwin and Mary Jane Renaud, Pine Lake/Kimberly

Christopher and Carolyn Sampson, Pine Lake/Green Bay

Peter and Patricia Sasing, Pine Lake/Barrington, IL

James and Dorothea Smith, Pine Lake/Bristol, IL

James A. Sommer, Pine Lake/Appleton

The Donald Sorenson Family, Grass Lake/Bear Creek

Richard and Marilyn Stieg, Boulder, CO

Richard and Mitzi Thurow, Grass Lake/Milwaukee

Bob Tomashek and Fran West-Tomashek, Pine/Grass Lakes

Wal-Mart, Shawano

Roy and Kathy Weiner, New London

Jack Ziegler, Milwaukee

Mallard Duck (up to \$999)

Anonymous, Anonymous, Geraldine Abrahamson, Greg and Midge Anunson, Belle Plaine Cheese, Julian and Joan Berman, John and Mary Beth Born, Mark Buth, Robert and Andrea Buth, Helen M. Carnes, Calvin and Catherine Caro-Bruce, Capitol Legal Investigations, Inc., Kenneth and Amy Colton, Chad and Jennifer Cook, Marshall and Sandra Crowther, Robert Crabb, Marin and Sarah Deluca, Gerald and Sue Ann Dohr, Cameron and Jennifer Dunn, Jacqueline Dunn, Randy and Linda Eisel, Alan and Bonnie Erickson, Gertrude Eshleman, Todd and Bonnie Everson, John and Jacquelyn Fandrey, Ann M. Schafer Fuge, Salud Garcia and Pamela Kleiss, Ellen M. Gerkens, Kevin and Darlene Godfrey, Ginny Gribble, Theresa Grosse, Phillip Harsh, *in memory of James H. Horn and Henry J. Horn* by Mary M. Horn, James and Kathy Jesse, Luoine Kafka, Ann Kesting, Shirley Knitt, Riva Korashan, Irene M. Korth-Marquardt, Anna Krubsack, David Krubsack, Vilas and Donna Krueger, Richard and Donna Kunz, Arthur H. Laehn, Christine LaNasa, Elizabeth A. Lawhun, David Lemmenes, Donna Loesl, Cory and Roseann Mason, Steven and Kathleen McKay, Mid-West Neon Supply Co., Kim Miller, Ronald and Laverne Miller, John and Rosemary Monroe, Rosalind Moore, David and Linda Morack, Harry and Lois Niese, Dennis and Kathy Nodolf (The Nodolf Living Trust), M. O'Connell, Marvin B. Olson, Jennie Plugger, Richard K. Renaud, Russell and Katherine Rill, Carl and Arlene Ruscitti, Bonnie Sielaff, Ellen Sielaff, Jonah Sielaff, Nathan Sielaff, Susan Skaros, Ken and Karen Sojka, Scott W. Stieg, Alfred and Irmgard Swanson Jr., Ann Syriopoulos, Scott and Jodi Tilleson, Robert and Judy Tomczyk, Carl and Bertha Anne Topie, James and Julie Topie, Paul and Rae Tyriver, *in memory of Mary M. Weiner* by Roy and Kathy Weiner, Willet and Leone Weller, Tom and Bonnie Weniger, Joyce Wiese, Roger and Judie Wilson, Bob and Judi Wysocki, and Bruce and Mary Yaeger



Runners get off to a fast start in front of Popp's Lake Aire for the Cloverfest Run/Walk on Oct. 16. More than 150 runners and walkers

circled Cloverleaf Lakes. The event raised more than \$4,000 for four local organizations.

- Photo by Dennis Thornton

Cloverfest Run/Walk raises \$4,000 for four groups

About 40 runners proved one trip around the Cloverleaf Lakes can take just 20 minutes. They were among the 158 runners and walkers who joined the Cloverfest Run/Walk.

The Oct. 16 event raised more than \$4,000 for local organizations, including the Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association, Cloverleaf Lakes Fireworks Association, Gibson Island Project and the Shawano County Animal Shelter. More than 40 local businesses and individuals donated money or prizes at a raffle held at the Break-A-Way, which provided a luncheon.

Shirts were donated by Miller Masonry and Abel Electric.

Shawn Howe took first place among male runners with a time of 21.12 minutes for the 3.5-mile course, followed by Rik Lyman and Jeremy Bartz. Nancy Gritt paced the female runners with a time of 21.57, with Dani Luedtke finishing second and Judi Steffens in third. In the youth division, top finishers were Kyle Miller, Ryan Popp and Severin Horn.

The organizers, led by Joe Jaskolski and Mary Wetzel, plan to make Cloverfest an annual event.

CLPA revenues helped by donations, grants

Thanks to reimbursements for all but \$5,000 of the \$15,126 cost of treating Eurasian Water Milfoil, the Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association finished in black again in 2005. The DNR and Town of Belle Plaine contributed to EWM treatment. The Golf Outing made about \$5,700 after expenses and the Cloverfest Run/Walk donated \$1,000. The CLPA contributed \$10,000 to the Gibson Island Project as voted unanimously at the annual meeting. The Study Group Project cost nearly \$1,300, but much of that will be reimbursed by a DNR grant. At the end of the year, the CLPA had \$26,193.18 in its treasury.

-Fran West, CLPA Treasurer

January through December 2005

Income

Reimbursement for	
EWM treatment	10,055.45
Golf Outing	13,220.00
Membership Dues	7,000.00
Independence Day	
(raffle tickets)	1,661.00
Donations	930.00
Donation from Cloverfest Run	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$33,866.45

Expenses

*Administration	\$ 3,916.11
EWM Treatment	15,126.10
Golf Outing	7,468.76
Independence Day	
Festivities	1,252.35
Directory	150.00
Boat Launch inspection	54.07
Donation to Fireworks	500.00
Gibson Island donation	10,000.00
Muskrat and mosquito control	660.00
Lake/Road Safety	304.63
Study Group Project	<u>1,295.11</u>
Total Expenses	\$40,727.13

*Includes such expenses as office supplies, garage insurance and taxes, liability insurance, newsletter printing, postage, equipment repairs, Association of Lakes dues.

Assets as of 12/31/05

Associated Bank Money	
Market	\$25,991.05
Checking Account	<u>202.76</u>
Total Assets	\$26,193.81



The culvert under County Highway Y near the boat landing is the official Cloverleaf Lakes depth marker. The lake level is measured downward from the top of the culvert and should be between 72 inches and 78 inches, according to DNR records.

Water levels, dam facts change

Several developments have changed since the last newsletter in the continuing saga of Cloverleaf Lakes water levels and the dams that control them.

* Control of the dam at the south end of Pine Lake, north of the culvert under Rustic Drive, has been transferred from the Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association to the Town of Belle Plaine. The reason given for the transfer is that the town has official municipal status and the CLPA does not. The transfer has been recorded by the Department of Natural Resources.

* The DNR ordered that the Rustic Drive dam be opened, under threat of a \$1,000 a day fine, last fall when water levels remained above the 72 inch mark, as meas-

ured at the County Y culvert.

* The Riparians group headed by Ron Miller reported that the water level was 68.5 inches (measured down from the top of the culvert) on Nov. 15, or 3.5 inches higher than the 72 inch mark, with the dam open.

* "We have removed beaver dams three times so far and removed all materials from the dam (at Pine Manor)," Miller said. "We obtained an application form from the WDNR for installing beaver baffles through the beaver dams so water will flow through the existing dams without removing them."

* Miller has prepared a "Cloverleaf Lakes Water Manual," which is for sale at \$15 per copy at the Break-A-Way and Pete's Bait Shop.

State pier regulations still undecided

Two sets of regulations have been proposed, after the Department of Natural Resources rescinded its revision in 2005.

The DNR, in December, passed a set of rules that would grandfather an estimated

99 percent of the state's 200,000 piers, requiring permits for the largest piers.

The state Assembly has passed a different version of pier rules, allowing all current piers to be grandfathered.

CLPA Notebook

Water sampling: Howard Unrath took these readings on Nov. 13, 2005:

Pine Lake water temperature = 41 degrees F.

Grass Lake = 40.3 degrees F.

Round Lake = 44 degrees F.

This was the turnover point for the lakes as the seasons changed.

CLPA meetings. The board of directors will meet Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Belle Plaine Community Center. The annual meeting has been scheduled for Memorial Day weekend at the Rustic Resort.

Newsletter. The CLPA newsletter is published four times a year in February, April, June and September with extra editions published as needed.

Please join. Help us achieve a record membership of more than 300 this year by joining the CLPA. For \$25, it's a bargain! We welcome you. See Page 7.

Paddleboat missing. Lost paddleboat since early October from W8372 Rustic Drive. Two-seater with blue bottom and beige seating area, metal rudder and green vinyl tie loops in each corner. Contact Bob Dercks at 823-6726 or E-mail

rdercks@frontiernet.net

2006 Annual Membership: We Welcome You!

Make 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. (Use enclosed envelope.)

Name: _____

Lake Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Home Address (if different): _____

I would like to make an additional donation of \$ _____

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**I would like to volunteer
in these areas:**

____ Help with events during July 1 festivities (kiddie parade, pontoon parade, dance)

____ Help check boats for invasive species and educate boaters at busy boat launch times for three hours

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.

Join CLPA today

Benefits of Membership. Here are some of the things that you buy with your \$25 annual dues: four to five newsletters annually, periodic update E-mails, invasive species control, fish stocking, muskrat removal, Independence Day activities including the Kiddie Parade, Pontoon Parade and Dance, and a directory that, among other things, contains lake, town and state rules and laws and information about local merchants and services.

In addition you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are joining and supporting a community of committed volunteers working to preserve and protect our lakes for future generations. For \$25, it's a bargain.

Our membership goal for 2006 is 300 members, up from the 274 members in 2005. We have decided to initiate the dues form early to pay for lake projects, including additional Milfoil treatment.

The earlier dues payments will also give us idea on how much money will be available for our 2006 budget.

Please join us. We welcome you!

- *Your CLPA Board*

Cloverleaf Calendar

Jan. 10: Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association board of directors, Belle Plaine Community Center, 7 p.m.

Feb. 4: Fishing Derby sponsored by Clover Bares Snowmobile Club, on the ice, all day.

Feb. 13: Belle Plaine Town Board, Belle Plaine Community Center, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 18: Ice Golf benefiting Fireworks Association, 12 noon, Pine Lake near Rustic Resort.

Feb. 21: Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association board of directors, Belle Plaine Community Center, 7 p.m.

March 9: Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association board of directors, Belle Plaine Community Center, 7 p.m.

March 13: Belle Plaine Town Board, Belle Plaine Community Center, 7:30 p.m.

April 10: Belle Plaine Town Board, Belle Plaine Community Center, 7:30 p.m.



FIRST CLASS MAIL

Town News: Tax levy increases slightly

The Town of Belle Plaine tax levy, approved by the Town Board in November, rose \$9,500 to \$349,131. But the tax rate stayed steady, due to buildings that increased the tax rolls.

The increase matched the state-imposed levy increase limit of 2 percent.

Among budget items affecting Cloverleaf Lakes, the town included \$5,500 for treatment of Eurasian Water Milfoil to help match anticipated DNR grants. Another \$5,500 was approved for EWM treatment in Long Lake.

Revenues included \$4,845 collected in boat launch fees in the program's first year. At \$3 per boat launched (\$2 for town residents), that indicates that at least 1,600 boats were launched during 2005.

* The Town Board appointed Bob Holzbach to fill an unexpired term on the Cloverleaf Lakes Sanitary District Com-



Bob Holzbach

mission. He replaces Jerry Stautz, who resigned. Holzbach is a resident of Long Lake. Other members of the commission are Tom Weniger and Mike Nelson.

* The Town Board reminded residents that the town dump will not accept large appliances, including TVs, VCRs and microwave ovens. Chairman Alvin Bartz said the regional landfill has started to charge residents or municipalities that bring those items in. Those charges run about 30 cents a pound, he said. These items carry significant amounts of harmful chemicals, including lead and mercury, that are not allowed in landfills.

* Two Shawano County Board seat elections will be on the April 4 ballot. Currently, Sandra Polzin represents the southern portion of the Town of Belle Plaine including the Cloverleaf Lakes area while Alvin Bartz represents the northern portion of the town.

* The Town's "Smart Growth" planning process will begin in January. Citizens interested in being involved should contact Town Chair Alvin Bartz or Town Clerk Harriet McCauley at 524-2690.