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## Volunteer for task forces, action teams!

The study phase of the Long-Range Comprehensive Management Plan for Cloverleaf Lakes produced 25 recommendations from five study committees. The recommendations have been organized into four challenge statements which are:

- \* Develop organizational structures to implement the recommendations of the study teams.

- \* Inform residents of best practices for enhancing their quality of lake living while preserving the well-being of Cloverleaf Lakes.

- \* Inform residents of ordinances and practices that are meant to protect the lakes and its residents/guests.

- \* Support responsible recreational use of the lakes.

In order to accomplish these challenges, several task forces and action teams are being appointed by the CLPA. A task force is charged with accomplishing a specific task and disbands once the task is completed. An action committee is charged with implementing

### Gibson Island Dedication

**When:** 11 a.m., Saturday, July 29, 2006

**Where:** Grass Lake Boat Landing

**Backup location if it rains:** Belle Plaine Community Center

**Seating:** Bring a lawn chair

**Parking:** Former Cloverleaf Café and Popp's Lake Aire

**Afterwards:** Celebration at Popp's Lake Aire featuring a special Dutch treat lunch menu

**More information:** See Page 6.

projects or monitoring lake goals. While many members of the former study groups have agreed to serve on a task force or action team, we are looking for additional participation from lake residents who may have an interest in one of the task forces or action groups. To become involved, call CLPA President Bob Tomashek or e-mail planning facilitator Esther Letven ([eletven@yahoo.com](mailto:eletven@yahoo.com)).

**For details, turn to page 2.**

## Independence Day

**June 30:** Silent Auction, Family Dance with DJ "Me and the Tunes," 50/50 raffle, 8 p.m., Rustic Resort

**July 1:** Kiddie Parade, 10 a.m., start from Grass Lake boat launch site followed by treats

**July 1:** Pontoon Parade, 6:30 p.m., around lakes; decoration theme is your choice - be creative!

**July 1:** Fireworks, at dusk, from Pine Lake, by the Cloverleaf Lakes Fireworks Association

**Details on Page 6**

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# Task forces, action teams tackle lake plan

## **Task Force: Establishing Biological Indicators**

This group is charged with developing a measurable set of biological indicators that are clearly articulated and routinely measured. From all indications (frog study, eagle and loon presence, water clarity, etc) Cloverleaf Lakes is a healthy ecological system. This group will determine what indicators should be measured and how often. This group is not expected to implement the measurements.

## **Task Force: Develop a Lake Use Plan for Recreational Boating**

To maintain the level of recreational boating and also improve/maintain water clarity, a recreational water use plan has been called for. The task force will examine recreational practices which will reduce shoreline erosion, the disruption of aquatic vegetation, and the churning up and displacement of sediments. Such practices might include water skiing where water depths are greater than 5 feet, not motoring at full throttle within 150 feet of the shoreline, extending the slow no-wake restricted areas, and educating residents and visitors about environmentally safe boating practices.

## **Task Force: Develop a Fishery Management Plan**

This task force will review the DNR fishery reports on Cloverleaf Lakes and work with the DNR to develop a plan for managing a healthy species composition. This plan will include managing the rusty crayfish population and the abundance of carp.

## **Task Force: Develop a Program to Encourage Residents to Be Lake Stewards**

Nutrients applied to lawns and gardens, as well as those found in grass clippings and leaves, often find their way into our lakes which may cause nuisance algae blooms or dense mats of vegetation which impact boating and swimming. This task force will develop a plan for how to educate residents about the use of vegetated buffers, rain gardens and rain barrels, the proper use of fertilizer and disposal of yard waste and leaves, and the practice of soil and well testing.

## **Task Force: Create a Directory of Ordinances and Lake Expectations**

This group will develop a directory for all property owners with information on permits, ordinances, water safety rules, and lake courtesy norms. By collecting this information in one adaptable handbook and making it available to lake residents, the excuse of "not knowing" will be reduced.

## **Task Force: Develop a Data Management Plan for Tracking Lake Data**

Managing lake quality requires having relevant data on hand. Monitoring patterns and trends is only possible if longitudinal records are kept. This group will explore available systems for

recording and maintaining lake data, including boat monitoring information, water quality tests, biological indicators, etc.

In addition to the above six task forces, several permanent committees will be looking for additional participants.

## **Action Team: Aquatic Plant Management**

This action team is responsible for providing a proactive management approach for the monitoring and control of invasive plant species and the maintenance and protection of naturally occurring aquatic plants. The team will monitor aquatic plants on an annual basis, educate the public, treat invasive species issues and identify sustainable funding to support the financial demands of the program.

## **Action Team: Lake Quality Management**

This action team is responsible for measuring the biological indicators, testing water quality, and monitoring any changes in the data. The committee will be formed once the Biological Indicators have been identified by the Task Force.

## **Action Team: Boat Monitoring**

A leadership team is being recruited for managing the boat monitoring project. The group is responsible for training new volunteers, scheduling monitors, and collecting data.

## **Action Team: Educating/Marketing Best Practices for Responsible Lake Stewardship**

To be good stewards of Cloverleaf Lakes, residents need to be educated about best practices. This team will manage the process of informing by using multiple venues and approaches, including the CLPA newsletter, posters, e-mail, demonstration fairs, handbooks, mailings, and other still-to-be-determined approaches that match the message being delivered.

## Volunteers

Please volunteer for one of the following task forces or action teams. You'll join the following people who have signed up so far:

**Ordinances:** Kathy Nodolf, Leeann Little.

**Fishery plan:** Joe Mass, Chris Sampson, Brad Clark, Luciano Benavides, Jim Smith.

**Phosphorous/nutrient levels:** Bob Tomczyk.

**Carp and rusty crayfish:** Stan Kleiss, Scott Monroe, Joe Mass, Jim Smith, Bob Hawley.

**Aquatic plant team:** Bob Tomaszek, Kery Kafka, Daryl George.

**Lake quality monitoring:** Joy Krubsack.

**Boat monitoring:** Vilas Krueger, Kathryn Jesse, Jan and Stan Kleiss, Ed Stuebe, Barb and Scott Monroe, Joe and Sandy Mass.

**Marketing/communications:** Esther Letven, Jan and Dennis Thornton, Ed Stuebe.

# Members vote to sell CLPA's garage

Members of the Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association, at the May 21 annual meeting, approved the selling of the CLPA-owned garage on Rustic Drive.

About 50 members attended the event at the Rustic Resort. Action also included election of four board members and a vote against joining a group of residents to buy and install beaver bafflers in the marsh south of the lakes.

The property, at W8645 Rustic Drive, was purchased in 1960 and the garage was constructed as a storage place for the association's belongings, including a mosquito sprayer, filing cabinets, boat decorations, fencing and lake buoys.

The buoys are owned by the town and CLPA President Bob Tomashek said there is room in the town garage for those items. He said the garage is falling into disrepair and it would cost about \$4,000 to \$5,000 to fix. Taxes on the property are \$234.15 and insurance is about \$130 a year.

The association board will decide when and how to sell the property, which is a 75- by 200-foot lot off the lakeshore.

\* Jim Jesse made a motion "that the CLPA support the concept of, and purchase of beaver bafflers to be installed at appropriate places downstream from the Pine Lake outlet dam." The bafflers, which are pipes that would go under the beaver dams and thereby fool the beavers while allowing water to flow, would cost about \$1,500, he said. The motion would also have included volunteers under the association's insurance.

The membership voted, 26-12 with several abstentions, to oppose getting involved in the project, which is coordinated by the "Riparians" concerned about high water levels.

\* Two current board members, Bob Tomashek and Carl Bruggink, will be joined by new members Joe Mass and Dennis Thornton. Election was by voice vote. Ron Ostrowski retired after five years on the board and Howard Unrath resigned with one year left in his term. Mass moved to the north shore of Pine Lake in 2005 from Milwaukee and is retired. Thornton lives on Grass Lake, is co-editor of the newsletter and works at Krause



Carol Wegner, left, and Harriet McCauley check in Stan Kleiss, right, and Chris Sampson at the annual meeting.

Publications. Officers will be elected at the next board meeting

\* Members approved a \$500 donation to the Cloverleaf Lakes Fireworks Association.

\* Board member Jim Aumann reported on the Three-Year CLPA Strategic Operations Plan and Esther Letven reported the results of a year-long study that developed a Long Range Comprehensive Lake Management Plan (see Pages 1 and 2).

\* Al Niebur of the DNR presented a fisheries report on Cloverleaf Lakes (see Page 4).

\* Jan Thornton, chair of the Gibson Island Project, thanked the association and the many individuals who made acquisition of the island a reality.

**Note:** The Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association is separate from and not affiliated with the "Riparians" group, now known as the Water Quality Group.  
—Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association Board

## Old computers, TVs taken at dump on first Saturdays

There are fees for computers and components, microwave ovens and TV sets at the Shawano landfill, but the town of Belle Plaine will accept those items and pay the fee if they are delivered to the dump (also known as the transfer station) on the first Saturday of every month.

Those items contain dangerous chemicals, including lead, and must be taken apart for recycling.

Heather Krueger, a town resident and administrator of the Shawano landfill, has been working with the town to develop

guidelines for trash, garbage and recyclables. The town plans to mail a brochure with those guidelines to all town residents.

- Wayne Van Der Linden has been appointed as a Cloverleaf Lakes Sanitary District commissioner. He replaces Mike Nelson, who resigned.
- Crack-filling and patching has been completed on several roads in the town of Belle Plaine. Included in the lakes area were sections of Cloverleaf Lake Road and Adams Beach Road.

# DNR finds baby bluegills, big bass in abundance

By Chris Sampson

A population explosion of bluegills — mostly all small — and a larger-than-usual number of big largemouth bass are highlights of the most recent Department of Natural Resources survey of the Cloverleaf Lakes.

DNR fisheries biologist Al Niebur attended the association annual meeting to share results of his crew's 2005 boom shocking and seine- and fyke-net sampling.

Niebur said the lakes are home to an impressive number of fish and variety of species. Among forage species found was the relatively rare banded killifish, a minnow sensitive to pollution and habitat changes and therefore a good indicator of a generally healthy lake environment.

Bluegills and bass dominated the survey catch, as is typical for a central Wisconsin seepage lake.

The size and structure of the bluegill and bass populations are concerns, however. While anglers might think an average largemouth of 13.2 inches is a great thing — a whopping 40 percent of the bass sampled were over the legal minimum of 14 inches — overall numbers are down. Last fall's electroshock sweeps of Pine and Grass lake shallows yielded fewer than half the bass of comparable surveys in 1994 and 2000.

With bluegills, the issue is slow growth. Examination of scale and fin ray "rings" (just like a tree) reveals that, a decade ago, a bluegill could approach 6 inches in length and "keeper" status in about four years. Today's keepers are five and one-half years old, and account for a low 20 percent of the population.

"This is something we're going to need to follow up on," said Niebur, adding a "re-shock" is likely this fall.

Typically, factors contributing to predator-prey imbalance can include a series of poor spawning years, or excessive vegetation allowing too much cover for forage fish.

Northern pike were the next most common game species in the DNR survey, just behind bass. Relatively few muskellunge were captured, but extrapolating from lakes where sampling is more extensive, the results suggest a population Niebur describes as "enough to make it interesting... not a bad musky lake."

Another stocked species of interest, walleye, had only a scattering of fish captured. Crappies were described as "within the normal range," but they and other panfish were outnumbered by the abundant bluegills by margins of better than 10-to-1.

In summary, the test nets documented these species in relative order of frequency:

- Gamefish — Largemouth bass, northern pike, muskellunge, walleye.
- Panfish — Bluegill, pumpkinseed, rock bass, black crappie, yellow perch.
- Minnows, rough fish, etc. — Bluntnose minnow, blackchin shiner, common shiner, mimic shiner, brook silverside, carp, banded killifish, Iowa darter, madtom, yellow bullhead, brown bullhead, river shiner.

Niebur cautioned that the DNR's baseline sampling is only a rough snapshot and most informative with regard to the more common gamefish and forage in a given lake. Targeted surveys at specific sites and seasons might be necessary to track non-native or invasive species, for example.

*Sampson, Communications Director, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, has a cottage on Pine Lake. He likes to fish.*



Yes, there are big fish in Cloverleaf Lakes. Dan Malsavage of Kimberly caught this 52-inch musky in October 2005. It had a 24-inch girth and weighed about 35 pounds. "I fought the fish for only a

minute or two," Malsavage said. "because it was not hooked well. My good friend Dan Theisen netted this awesome fish. It really takes two to land a great fish like this." The musky is being mounted.

# Cloverleaf Lakes healthy, DNR specialist says

Scott Koehnke has simple and encouraging words of advice for the residents of Cloverleaf Lakes: "Take some time to enjoy what you have — bald eagles, the island, fantastic water quality and a healthy fishery."

The Department of Natural Resources water management specialist, based in Shawano since 2000, said in an interview that people should remember why they moved here. A recent survey of lake residents backed up what other state and national studies have found, that the top answer is "peace and quiet."

"Unfortunately, they bring their stuff with them when they move to the lake (lawnmowers, chainsaws, attitudes about maintaining a pristine lawn)," he said. That results in disputes with their neighbors.

Koehnke is often a referee in those disputes as he enforces state environmental regulations. He'd much rather give people information and have them decide to do the right thing.

He's an advocate of buffer zones of plants and shrubs along shorelines to protect water quality as well as fish and wildlife, rather than mowing a lawn right down to the shore. The biggest contribution to water quality? "Stop mowing within 10 feet of the shore," he said, recalling a cottage he frequently visited as a youngster where "the lawnmower hadn't been used in 50 years." He said lake residents "need to get past 'nice looking' as a measure of their yards."

One of the topics Koehnke has been following on Cloverleaf Lakes has been the continuing controversy over water levels. He has a two-inch thick file on the issue.

The situation dates to the 1930s, he said, when Rustic Drive was built along the south edge of Pine Lake. "That wetland fill created one large dam," he said, limiting water flow from the lakes to one six-foot pipe under the road into the marsh. "Dams slow water velocity, which adds to the vegetation downstream. The result is the middle of the marsh is one big jungle."

The 400 acres of wetlands fill up with rain and snowmelt as well as water that leaves Pine Lake. And a beaver dam downstream further holds up water flowage, although he said marsh owner Bill Rosnow had trapped several beavers, including a 60-pound female. But the tenacious beavers usually come back.

The responsibility of maintaining the dam at Rustic Drive has recently shifted from the lake association to the town of Belle Plaine. "The town is responsible for managing levels, opening the dam when water is high," he said. "If the dam is open and the water is high, they can't do anything." Rosnow is responsible if damage can be proven to be caused by high water levels, he said.



Scott Koehnke discusses lake issues in his Shawano office.

The levels set in 1955, measured as 72 to 78 inches below the bridge between Round and Grass lakes, are the standard he uses. Those could be changed, he said, through a process of reaching a consensus of opinion then going through public hearings. That's unlikely, he said, because of the three schools of thought he sees here: "too much water, not enough and we don't care."

The culprit for 90 percent of shoreline damage is ice, which expands and pushes against the sandy soil. Wind and wave erosion is rare, he said, because of the small size of the lakes. Where there is shoreline damage, chances are the shoreline protection was poorly designed. "There's a natural push and pull of the waves, with Mother Nature seeking an equilibrium," he said. When a concrete, wooden or riprap seawall is erected, "that gives the ice something to push on," until equilibrium is established. He favors natural vegetation to hold the soil.

"People are finding that buffer zones work," he said, "and that there's more value in natural shorelines."

Koehnke said "we can't go back in time" to create an ideal environment, but we can allow natural processes to occur, such as letting shoreline trees fall in the water and leaving them there. "Turtles and ducks love them," he said, "and waves break on the trees not the bank. That keeps material in place."

He said Cloverleaf Lakes have advantages over bigger bodies such as Shawano Lake. There's less recreational boating and "not as much hard structure" along shorelines, he said.

Remember, he said, that trees have longer lives than us. "People say 'I've been here since the 1950s,' but that's a short time. The last Ice Age was 10,000 years ago."

-Dennis and Jan Thornton

## Scott Koehnke

**Title:** DNR water management specialist

**Age:** 37

**Office:** Shawano

**Home:** Appleton

**Family:** Wife Deb, daughter Allyson, 4

**Education:** Bachelor's in biology and ecology; master's in aquatic biology, UW-Oshkosh.

# Everyone is invited to July 29 dedication of Gibson Island

Bring your lawn chairs and celebrate the Town of Belle Plaine's dedication of **Gibson Island** on Saturday, July 29, starting at 11 a.m. at the Grass Lake boat landing. In addition to the Island, the Gary Lenius Trail will be dedicated. Also, the Town Hall plaque with the names of \$1,000+ contributors will be unveiled, and the Island monument featuring \$10,000+ donors will be presented.

Parking will be available, by permission, in the former Cloverleaf Café parking lot and at Popp's Lake Aire. The boat launch will be closed from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to accommodate the observance. The backup location in case of rain is the Belle Plaine Community Center on Highway 22.

The program will be emceed by Belle Plaine Town Chair **Alvin Bartz** and is expected to last 30-45 minutes. Then, everyone is invited to an after-ceremony celebration at Popp's Lake Aire featuring a special Dutch treat lunch menu.

"We hope the project's donors and other citizens from the lakes and town will come and be a part of the festivities," says Bartz. "We have many people to thank, especially the donors.

Because of them, the Island will be kept natural forever."

At press time, dignitaries were being invited to participate including the governor, and DNR and state, town and county elected officials.

The Gibson Island Project, which began 2-1/2 years ago, has been a unique and successful public-private partnership in which citizen volunteers aligned with the Town and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to raise monies needed to purchase the uninhabited \$1.025 million, 25.6 -acre property. The acquisition of the property was completed in March of this year. The Town of Belle Plaine now owns Gibson Island.

The Gibson Island Project board included **Stan Kleiss, Joy Krubsack, Leeann Little, Dennis Thornton, Jan Thornton** and **Bob Tomczyk**. More than 200 lakes residents and friends and area businesses donated to the project.

Donors since the last newsletter at the Sand Hill Crane level include the **Hilgenberg families**—Neil and Vera, Phil and Kathy and Terry and Bonnie, Shawano—and, at the Mallard Duck level, **Ann Kesting, Wauwatosa; and Noritaga, Inc.**, Embarrass.

## Cloverleaf calendar

**June 15:** Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association board, 7 p.m., Belle Plaine Community Center.

**June 30:** Independence Day Dance, 8 p.m., Rustic Resort

**July 1:** Kiddie Parade, 10 a.m.

**July 1:** Pontoon Parade, 6:30 p.m.

**July 1:** Fireworks, at dusk.

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

**July 26:** CLPA Golf Outing, noon, Riverside Golf Course in Clintonville, followed by dinner

**July 29:** Dedication of Gibson Island, 11 a.m., Grass Lake boat landing; celebration at Popp's afterwards

**August 14:** Belle Plaine Town Board, 7:30 p.m., Belle Plaine Community Center

## Lakes will teem with activity on holiday weekend

Area residents are looking forward to this year's Independence Day festivities June 30-July 1 on Cloverleaf Lakes. An estimated 2,000 friends and family visit lakes residents during this busiest weekend of the year for the lakes and a boon to area tourism.

According to organizer Steve Joosten, the activities will begin at 8 p.m. at the Rustic Resort Friday evening, June 30, with a silent auction, a "50/50" raffle and a dance with disk jockey "Me and the Tunes." Family-friendly and big band music will be played early in the evening with rock music for the younger set coming later. Last year, families took over the dance floor boogying to "The Macarena," "Hokey Pokey" and "Chicken Dance." Admission at the door to the dance will be \$3 for adults, and \$2 for children 12 and under.

The silent auction will benefit the CLPA. People should call Joosten at 823-9165 if they would like to donate items for the auction. Raffle tickets will be sold during the dance with half of the amount collected going to the winner of the drawing and half of the proceeds benefiting the CLPA. You must be present to win.

"We hope many families will again come to the Friday night dance," says Joosten. "We also are hopeful that the silent auction can become a tradition and a good source of funds for the lake association."

The 10 a.m. Kiddie Parade with children and their decorated bikes, trikes and wagons begins and ends at the Grass Lake boat landing, Saturday, July 1. "Treats and prizes for all who participate," says Joosten.

The 6:30 p.m. Pontoon Parade that evening will circle the lakes starting by the channel at the northwest corner of Pine Lake. "There is no specific theme for the pontoon decorations this year," says Joosten. "People can be creative and have fun thinking up the theme of their choice."

The fun will culminate with fireworks at dusk shot off from a barge on Pine Lake by the Cloverleaf Lakes Fireworks Association.



Fireworks volunteers, past and present, gather at the boat landing for a photo. From left, Kathy Jesse, Jim Jesse, Tom Weniger, Bonnie Weniger, Sherry Bouchette, Ted Bouchette, Kerry Scherer, Jeff Scherer, Pam Bruecker, Hugh Bruecker, Pat Darnick, Richard Bobholz, Ed Darnick, Pete Kristof, Bob Holzbach and Joan Holzbach.

- Photo by Dennis Thornton

## 'Fun Club,' 'Buoy Man' part of fireworks history

As the Cloverleaf Lakes Fireworks Association (CLFA) puts the finishing touches on the planning for the fireworks this year, members of the organization are acknowledging they need new blood.

"Some very good people have done the work for all these years and now we are hopeful that others will be willing to become involved," says Tom Weniger, longtime fireworks leader. "People here always seem so appreciative of the displays. We hope some new people will want to help."

The group figures it needs *at least* \$5,000 each year to put on the fireworks show. The group's core activities focus on fund raising events throughout the year.

The fireworks have been a mainstay of the lakes' Independence Day festivities since the mid '90s when **Steve Waite**, then owner of the former Shamrock tavern, **Kevin Danley** (now of Clintonville), **Rick Behreandt** (now of Tigerton) and **John Wiltzius** got together to put on the first display.

According to Waite, Danley and Behreandt worked for Melrose Pyrotechnics, Milwaukee, shooting off fireworks throughout the state. They and Waite hatched the idea to try fireworks at Cloverleaf Lakes. Waite approached area businesses for funds to purchase the fireworks and raised \$2,500 for the first display. He got permission from Gary Lenius, then owner of Gibson Island, to shoot from the Island. "It was a lot of work," says Waite today, "but it was a big hit and good for the community." The three of them, along with two representatives of Melrose, set up the racks and shot off the fireworks that year and the next year.

Wiltzius also played a key role in the early years. He collected milk jugs, strung them together and rimmed the shooting area in the water with the homemade buoys. "We always called him our 'buoy man,'" says Waite.

By April of 1996, a group formed that eventually became the "Cloverleaf Fun Couples and Singles Club." According to minutes of early meetings, members included **Ed and Pat**

**Darnick** of the former "Ed and Pat's Resort," **Tom and Bonnie Weniger**, **Glen and Nancy Cummings**, **Ken and Norma Thompson**, **Rick and Sue Brandt**, **Warren and Shirley Allhands**, **Ron and Karen Schultz**, and **Ed and Becky Johnson**. They started the tradition of organizing many fund raisers for the fireworks including brat fries, candy bar sales, corn roasts, Halloween dances, ice golf and dunk tanks.

The group became incorporated as the Cloverleaf Lakes Fireworks Association in 1998. Pat Darnick was president until 2000; Weniger then became president until 2003 and was succeeded by **Jeff Scherer** until **Pete Kristof** became president last year. Others who have made significant contributions over the years include **Mike and Stacy Nelson**, **Deb Turner** of "Just T's," **Mick and Sandy** of "Mickster's," **Leanne and Nick Little**, **Jim and Kathy Jesse**, **Steve and Molly Joosten**, **Bob and Joan Holzbach**, **Razz and Chris Dewey** of the "Rustic Resort," **John and Elsie Wiltzius**, **Ted and Sherry Bouchette**, **Terry and Sue Burton**, **Jerry and Debbie Selwitschka**, **Kerry Scherer**, **Hugh and Pam Bruecker**, **Jerry and Alice Stautz**, **Doug and Sue Korth**, **Dick and Peggy Zoeller**, **Ralph and Mary Phillips**, **Rich Bobholz**, **Ron Kriewaldt** of the "Break-A-Way," **Mike and Linda Schwamer**, **Bruce Rhode**, **Rick Milanowski**, **Bob Williams** and **Debbie Kristof**.

Since 2004, the group has purchased the fireworks from Spielbauer Fireworks Company, Milwaukee, and Mike Nelson and his crew, all of whom have been trained, shoot them off from a barge in Pine Lake. The CLFA now owns its own mortars and equipment because of successful fund raisers.

People interested in becoming involved with the Cloverleaf Lakes Fireworks Association should contact Pete Kristof at 823-2704. In addition to having people volunteer, he says, "We can always use more support from around the lakes when we have fund raisers." Contributions to the fireworks should be sent to CLFA, P.O. Box 275, Embarrass, 54933.

- Jan Thornton

# Bambi asks: What's for Lunch?

By Stan Kleiss

One of the more common sights for Cloverleaf Lakes residents is watching deer gingerly tiptoeing across one of the roads serving our community. Walking like the blacktop is hot; they are usually heading from surrounding woods towards your neighbor's property for a snack. To illustrate how appealing some landscape plantings can be, in early May Pine Lake residents actually saw three Whitetail Deer swim from Gibson Island to the south end of Pine Lake, apparently lured by exceptionally delicious Hostas or other lovely foliage.

How does one protect their landscape investment from overpopulated Whitetail Deer? Not easily. There are a few things to understand about Whitetail and their feeding habits that will help you discourage deer from munching on your favorite landscape plants. Deer are habitual feeders. Like their two-legged clothed neighbors, once the wily Whitetail have a successful, happy dining experience, they will return repeatedly, sometimes just to dine on a single plant. Preventive measures that work best interrupt their habitual dining habit by making it appear unappetizing or unsafe.

In visiting with Cloverleaf Lakes property owners, most of their concerns are protecting gardens, decorative landscapes or both. The most common effective way to protect a vegetable garden is to deny deer entrance utilizing a seven-foot high fence. Local hardware stores sell plastic fencing that will handle the task well. Surrounding that fence at the bottom with a two-foot high chicken wire fence will keep deer from

pawing through the bottom and prevent rabbits from breaking into the garden.

To protect summer landscapes without detracting from the beauty of your yard, area residents find the following products effective.

Treat the vulnerable plants with products that discourage deer. Lakes residents report success with two products, Liquid Fence and

Deer Scram. These products helped break deer feeding habits if applied according to directions noted on the label.

One neighbor utilized her little four-legged friends to scare away deer. She stuffs dog hair donated from a local dog groomer into silk stocking material and places it close to plantings. Virtually unnoticeable to us, deer will pick up the dog scent and stay away. There are plants that deer simply do not like. These plants include daffodils, lavender, English ivy, lilacs, peonies, zinnia and juniper. Ask your landscape advisor or experienced neighborhood gardeners about plants deer dislike.



Deer LOVE arbor vitae.

Protecting your landscape in the winter is very difficult due to the lack of alternative foliage for deer. With heavy winter snow cover, deer are denied access to normal winter feed, become fearless and will eat many plants they ignore during the summer. Covering or surrounding treasured landscape plants with plastic or wire fencing is the only assurance that deer will leave your plants alone.

The next time you are traveling down Rustic Drive or Cloverleaf Lakes road and see our four-footed friends headed for the neighbor's yard, you'll know your deer deterrence plan is working.

*Kleiss did research on deer damage as a member of the Invasive and Nuisance Species Study Group. He tries to keep deer away from his Pine Lake shrubbery.*

## CLPA Notebook

**Price is right.** The CLPA is disposing of some computer equipment, which is about six years old and in operating condition. Included are a Gateway 2000 computer with Windows 98, monitor, HP Deskjet 600C printer, HP ScanJet 5200C scanner and a table. First come, first served; call Bob Tomashek at 823-4059.

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## Ninth Annual Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Assn. Golf Outing

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

Partners: \_\_\_\_\_

Fees: Foursome—\$400; Singles—\$100

Dinner only (\$25)

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

(\$100 per golfer; \$25 per person having dinner only )



Make check payable to Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association.

Clip form and send to Golf Outing, CLPA, P.O. Box 288, Embarrass, WI 54933-0288  
or to Golf Outing, Popp's Lake Aire Restaurant, N2815 County Road Y, Clintonville, WI 54929

## Annual Golf Outing tees off July 26

The Ninth Annual Golf Outing, scheduled Wednesday, July 26, will be held at Clintonville's Riverside Golf Course. Proceeds will benefit the Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association.

Golfers are invited to vie for a wide assortment of prizes in the four-person best ball format. Top awards will be given to the first and second foursomes in both the men's and mixed divisions.

There will be contests on all 18 holes ranging from closest to the pin to longest drive and longest putt. One par three will have a \$10,000 prize for a hole-in-one.

"A great day of golf, food, fun, fellowship and prizes are in store," said **Kurt Popp**, owner of Popp's Lake Aire Restaurant and organizer of the event. "We'd like to encourage everyone to come out and have a fun time."

**Jim Aumann** of the CLPA board, who helps put on the annual event, said he'd like to encourage more golfers from the lakes area to participate.

Fee is \$100 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, three golf balls, a picnic lunch with beverages, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, raffle tickets, and a family-style dinner. Non-golfers who want to attend the dinner and awards ceremony will pay \$25.

Reservations are guaranteed for the first 36 foursomes

### Golf Outing schedule

**10-11 a.m.:** Check-in for all golfers

**10:30-11:30:** Picnic lunch (brats, burgers, beverages)

**11:45:** Carts depart the clubhouse area

**12 noon:** Shotgun start

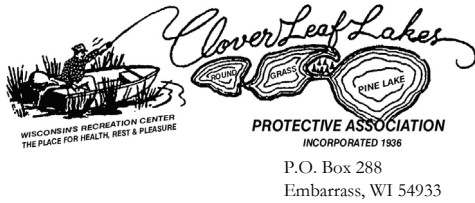
**4:30-6 p.m.:** Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, raffle ticket sales

**6 p.m.:** Dinner, followed by awards, raffle winners

who return the registration form with full fee payment by July 12. Organizers will match up singles with other golfers.

The raffle will offer a variety of great prizes including Green Bay Packers tickets, an autographed Packers football, framed prints and paintings, guns, and other sporting equipment.

"This is the most important fund raiser for the CLPA," says Aumann. "We definitely need more lakes residents to participate. It's a lot of fun and it's all for a good cause."



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## Please join your lake protective association!

It is an exciting time to be involved with the Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association. At \$25, there isn't a better bargain.

We are accomplishing so very much on your behalf including long range plans, task forces, and action teams for the betterment of the lakes. Also, thousands of dollars in grant funding for lake protection projects, a good relationship with the Town of Belle Plaine, fun Independence Day activities, an informative newsletter, a bi-annual membership directory, the annual meeting, the "Clean Boats Clean Waters" program, fish stocking, muskrat trapping, and setting out buoys. Other things too.

### Join Now!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## Calling all boat monitors!

Meet **Mitch Lawver**, left, who has been hired by the CLPA to coordinate the boat monitoring Clean Boat Clean Waters program this year. Lawver, a recent graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, will be contacting monitoring volunteers to arrange

training and establish this summer's monitoring schedules.

"Hopefully all of our volunteer boat monitors will return," says Bob Tomashek. "Mitch will be contacting you."

As part of the program, volunteers inspect boats at the boat launch site as boaters are entering or leaving the lakes and offer materials and educational information to the boaters about helping to control and stop the spread of aquatic invasive species in the lakes. Cloverleaf Lakes has Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed.

Mitch's position is a coordinated effort among the Town, the CLPA and Lake and Pond Solutions, LLC.