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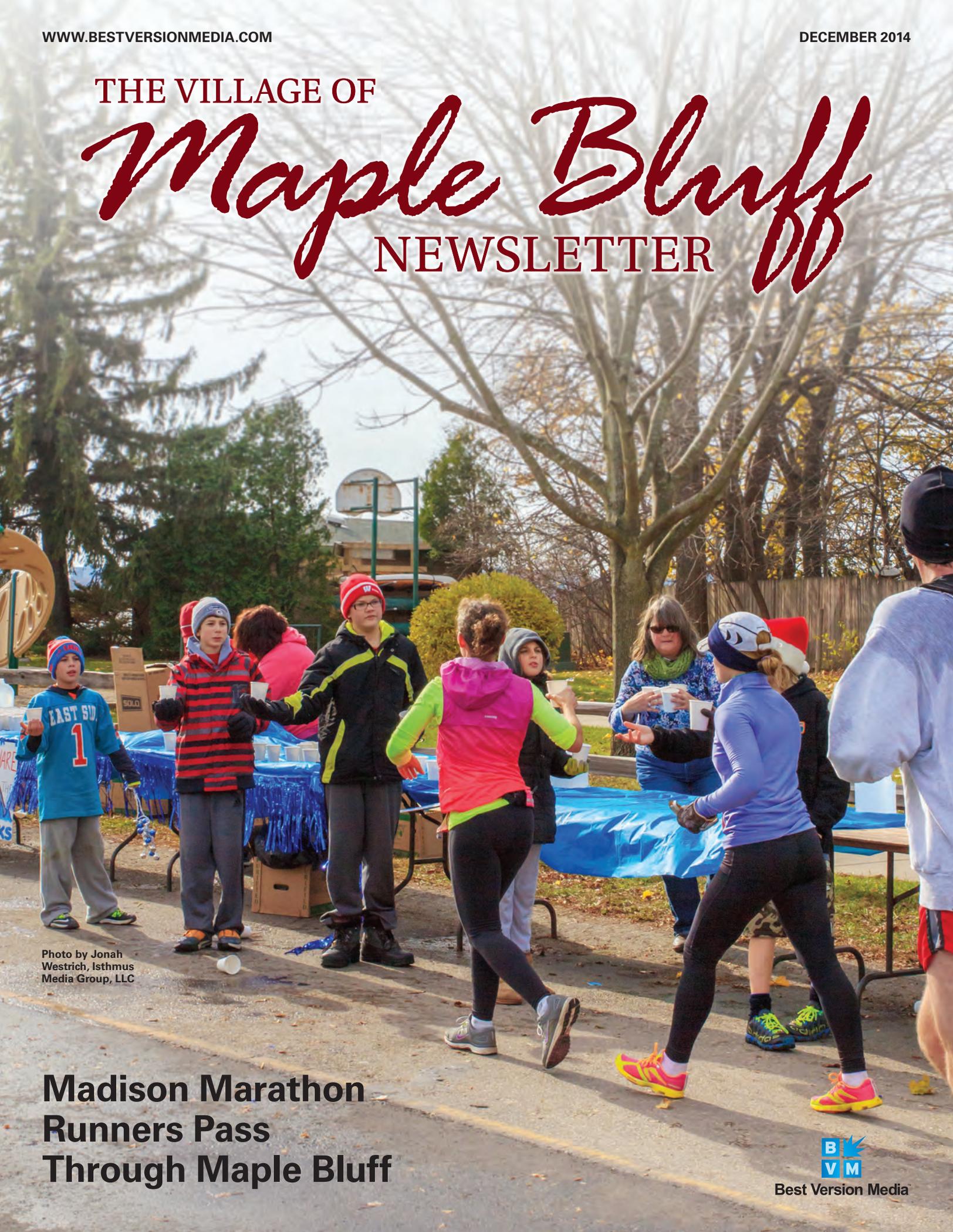


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**Madison Marathon
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AS THE YEAR comes to a close, I normally spend my December Newsletter article reflecting on the past year and looking forward to what the next year will be bringing to us here in the Village. In fact, if you go back to my article in December of 2013, I used that same first sentence from last year to begin my article for this year! Wow, what a year this has been.

The recap of this past year would have us reliving the street and infrastructure project. We knew it would be a big project and had an aggressive schedule with plans to be done much earlier. At times, it was like banging our heads against a wall trying to keep the contractor moving, but eventually everything for this year got done. The contractor will be back next spring to work on any restoration that did not turn out so well this fall and to conclude our punch list. Please stay in touch with us about your restoration or other problems you may see.

A project that ran concurrent to the street and infrastructure project was the undergrounding of power lines and removal of power poles. This was the third such project the Village has pursued since 2005 and we have been successful in eliminating three more areas of eyesores from the Village. These projects were in the 300 and 700 blocks of Lakewood and all of Cambridge Road. It will be hard to even remember what those power poles and lines looked like, but in some cases, you can see the devastation that was done to the trees to recognize the impact. However, this was a successful project for us this year as well.

The next big project this past year was the design and construction of the Warren Dailey Cabin in Firemen's Park behind the Village Center. What a great addition that structure has been for the Village. We have many people to thank for that effort from those who worked on the design and the fundraising, to each one of you who made the commitment to get that project completed with your donations. Thanks to each one of you! I would like to especially thank Ann Dailey who made a significant contribution on behalf of her husband Warren Dailey on whose behalf the Cabin is named. This November 30, it will be two years since we lost Warren and he is still greatly missed. Warren had such a deep and lasting impact on the Village that it is an honor to have the cabin named after him.

Also in 2014, the Village hired a consultant to provide operational review of the Maple Bluff Fire and EMS services. The report by the consultant showed that our Fire and EMS services are operationally sound and for a community of our size, we are benefited by such a strong, responsive level of services. The Village will continue

to review that report as we consider decisions moving forward. One such decision the Village Board will need to make soon is the replacement of the fire chief. If you were not aware, Fire Chief Josh Ripp has resigned his full time position to accept a position with the State of Wisconsin. Assistant Chief Kris Loy has taken over as acting/interim chief until further direction is provided on this position. A former intern, Colton Kinnison has also been hired as an LTE duty officer to make sure we have adequate staffing.

Looking forward into 2015, we will be focused on several projects. First, the Village will be having a full revaluation completed in the early part of the year. During a revaluation, the assessor must visit every property to document and confirm values of properties. You will be contacted by the assessor to make this visit to your home. Please pay attention to the details of the request because failure to allow the assessor to review your home, could limit your appellant options later in the process.

Also in 2015, we will continue working with a developer for the site at 601 N. Sherman Avenue. There are additional approvals that have to be granted for this project to move forward, but if that happens, by mid-year we could have construction taking place at that site. In this same development corridor, there is some research being conducted by a developer for the site on the West side of N. Sherman Avenue at Roxbury for a possible development on the open land and, to replace the old antique mall and hair salon. This could be either a multi-family development or, a mixed use of business and multi-family.

So as we approach 2015, I want to wish each of your families a great holiday season. Remember that crime still happens during this time, especially as people may leave gifts and similar purchases in their car or in garages. Be sure to lock up your stuff to help limit these thefts.

Finally, I always like to remind residents that at our first Village Board meeting in January, the Village Caucus will be held the 2nd Tuesday of January on January 13. The Caucus will begin at 7pm in the Village Center Gym. The Caucus is the method that the Village uses to get candidates on to the ballot for the spring election in April. There will be three Village Board positions up for election this next year as well as the Village President. My thanks to each of you again for a great 2014 and very much looks forward to 2015.

Tim Krueger, Village Administrator/Police Chief

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Dear Residents,

It's the most wonderful time of the year! The holiday season always seems to come fast. I'm looking forward to the sugar cookies, eggnog and honey ham, but mostly spending time with my family who I do not see as often as I would like to see them. We especially love to play games together as a family when we get together during the holidays. The family favorite passed down from our grandparents has always been the card game, ROOK. It will be some much needed relaxation and family time.

Sure, gifts are fun to give and receive, but I encourage all to focus on the other joyful aspects of the holidays and your family traditions. Make cookies, decorate your home, go ice skating, sledding or simply watch some traditional holiday movies like *It's a Wonderful Life* or *A Christmas Story*.

Happy holidays!



Erin Vander Weele

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Puzzle Piece Ornaments

BY TORI S. BEVENS

Wreath Ornament

Supplies:

- Puzzle pieces
- Green paint, brush
- Hot glue
- Red ribbon

Method:

Create a circle using the puzzle pieces. Hot glue the edges of the pieces to one

another. It may be easiest to alternate gluing pieces on top and bottom. Once dry, add a second layer of pieces directly on top. Allow to dry and cool. Paint (or spray paint) green and add a bow at the top as well as a loop of ribbon for hanging.

Note: Additional accents can include pompoms, glitter, a small bird, buttons, etc.

Snowflake Ornament

Supplies:

- Paint or spray paint (*white, silver or blue*)
- 6 small puzzle pieces per ornament
- 2" cardboard circle
- Glue

Method:

Begin by spreading glue on the cardboard circle. Take three of the

puzzle pieces and glue them evenly spaced around the perimeter of the circle. Take the remaining three pieces and glue them in the open spaces. Once the glue is dry, paint (or spray paint) the ornaments in the desired color. When the front is dry, paint the backside. Glue a ribbon onto the back for hanging. Enjoy!

IT IS THE middle of November as I pen this December newsletter article, and ironically the weather is about what you would expect for the middle of next month. Plenty of chill in the air as we near the end of fall yard waste collection and prepare for the winter weather that will be with us for the next four months.

The snow plows and equipment stand are ready for whatever assails us. Our salt/sand storage is full with additional material, but a phone call away. Please be advised that there is an ordinance that addresses residential snow being deposited onto roadways, sidewalks, etc. Please do not push snow into the street, upon neighbor's terraces or in village right of ways. The snow should remain on your property and/or on the terrace of your property. Some contractors fail to recognize this requirement and push snow wherever it is convenient. This can be problematic for multiple reasons; please advise your service providers. There is also an ordinance requiring prompt snow removal from walkways and sidewalks abutting properties. There are fines and charges that can be levied if and when violations occur; please be a good neighbor.

If you are performing or contemplating a home project that includes demolition waste that goes beyond 50 pounds and or a single trash container, you should consider a dumpster or a smaller haul away bag available from waste haulers. Contractors are responsible for demolition material that they generate while doing home projects for residents. The maximum waste material that we will accept from Do-It-Yourself projects is limited to 100 lbs. per trash collection cycle per address. Keep in mind

that a permit is required to occupy the street or right of way with dumpsters, equipment, or any type of bulk materials. Share this with your service providers.

A couple of DNR driven information items to remind everyone about:

- Recycling is mandatory. With a little effort, we can all be better stewards with our resources.
- Please keep yard waste out of the streets and place these materials on your own terrace for collection. Do not pack yard waste around trees/shrubs/mailboxes/poles etc. This will only delay or prevent collection.
- We will be contacting residents to allow us to perform a cross connection inspection of the water and sewer pipes in your home. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requires that we do 10 percent of the residential properties in the village each year. Please help us out!
- Keep in mind the slight changes that have taken place in street alignment during this year's project when you head out onto the streets with a fresh snow cover. I keep reminding myself and staff of this as winter nears. Call with your questions and concerns. Thanks!

We have finally seen the taillights of our 2014 CIP contractor... I feel a celebration by all would be appropriate....

Tom Schroeder, Public Works Director

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2015 Budget

At a meeting on November 11th, the Village Board adopted the Village budget for 2015. There are several factors impacting this budget that you should note.

First, the debt service from the 2014 Infrastructure projects is now built into this budget and is the primary reason for the increase of the Village portion of the property tax bill that you will receive. Also, there was another significant reduction in the overall Village valuation as several lake properties were under construction in early 2014 and were not at full value. This lowered valuation has impacted the Village's ability to maintain a consistently low mill rate level, as we have done the past several years. Because our net new construction was actually lower than years past, we also had constraints on our ability to levy because of the expenditure restraint programs offered by the State of Wisconsin. We like to meet those benchmarks established by the state because state funding programs in subsequent years are based on meeting their standards.

The mill rate for next year will be \$6.37817766. This is a 5.2% increase from the previous year when it was \$6.06477330. I would proudly point out that the mill rate increase for the past several years has been quite low (.8%, 3.1%, -4.7%, 0%, and 1.4%) even as our valuation stayed about the same or was reduced.

The mill rate increase for this year may have been higher, but to help stabilize the mill rate, the Village Board has drawn from the infrastructure reserve fund to bring the mill rate and percentage increase down to 5.2%. If you are wondering about the total property tax levy increase, the amount of that increase will be 4.16%. The 2014 budgeted property tax levy was \$2,260,415 and in 2015, the budgeted amount of property tax levy will be \$2,354,341. This is an increase of \$93,926.

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Cascade Mountain Ski/Snowboard Trip

Monday, January 19, 2015
 Time: 8:30am-5:30pm
 Fee: \$55 Ages: 8 years+

Join the Recreation Department as we hit the slopes at Cascade Mountain when school is not in session. All participants on this trip will receive lunch at Cascade. In addition, the group package provides rentals and lessons at no cost if participants need rentals/lessons. Participants are allowed to bring their own equipment.



Candlelight Yoga in the Cabin

Thursdays December 4 – January 29
 (skipping 12/25 & 1/1)
 Fee: \$56 or \$8 per class Ages: 12 – adult
 Limit: 14 participants

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Basketball Schedules

The Gym will be heavily occupied over the next four months with basketball practices for the numerous Recreation teams. Open gym times will be limited Monday-Friday. If you are looking for open gym, the best place to look for available hours will be the Village's website. If no event or activity is listed on the website, the gym is available for rental and/or open gym hours.

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December 15, 2014 is the statutory deadline for property tax bills to be mailed. If you have not received your property tax bill by December 17, please call the village center.



Payments can be mailed or dropped off at the Village Center, 18 Oxford Place, Madison, WI 53704. Office hours are 7:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday. The office will be closed on December 24, 25 and January 1. There is a payment box located in the vestibule of the village center if you are dropping off a payment after hours.

First installment payments are due by January 31, 2015 to the Village of Maple Bluff to avoid interest and penalties. Second installments are due to Dane County by July 31, 2015. If you want to include your property tax payment on your 2014 income taxes, that payment needs to be made on or before December 31, 2014. Please include the bottom portion of your tax bill when making payment.

Please be aware that the City of Madison is transitioning to a four payment cycle for property taxes. I only mention this to make you aware that this is not for the Village of Maple Bluff. You will see and hear public notices due to our proximity to the city, but they will only apply to City of Madison.

Dog and Cat Licensing

The Village of Maple Bluff requires licensing of all dogs and cats kept within the village. Licenses will be available for purchase



beginning December 15 and are valid for the 2015 calendar year. The cost is \$12.50 for spayed or neutered pets and \$18.50 for un-spayed or un-neutered pets. You will also need to provide a copy of your pet's current rabies vaccination, with expiration date, when obtaining a license.

Employee Gift Giving Policy

The Village of Maple Bluff has an established policy regarding the acceptance of gifts by village employees. Over the years, Village residents have been generous over the holidays in expressing their thanks for the hard work of our employees throughout the year. In light of potential liabilities stemming from the acceptance of certain types of gifts, restrictions are placed on what gifts employees may accept. The policy directly prohibits any Village employee from directly accepting alcoholic beverages and or receiving monetary gifts from village residents.

After the holiday season, a party is held for all Village employees in appreciation of their hard work. Residents who wish to contribute to the Village employee holiday party are asked to direct their gifts to the clerk/treasurer to ensure that the gifts can be shared equally by all employees. All gift money collected will be used to pay for the holiday party. We'd like to give a sincere thank you to those who have contributed to date. The employees of the Village of Maple Bluff take pride in their work and thank residents for their cooperation and support throughout the year.

Sarah Danz, Clerk/Treasurer

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Thank You

We would like to thank Fire Chief Josh Ripp for his 17 years of service to the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department and the residents of the Village of Maple Bluff. He was a tremendous asset to the Village of Maple Bluff and will be greatly missed as he pursues a new career with the State of Wisconsin. Good luck Josh! Assistant Chief Kristopher Loy has been appointed the Interim Fire Chief for the Village. If you have any questions, please contact Chief Loy at 608.244.3390 or kloy@villageofmaplebluff.com.

Pancake Breakfast

The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department will be hosting its annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, December 14, 2014 from 8am-Noon. Visit us and enjoy all you can eat pancakes, bacon, sausage, and eggs for a suggested donation of only \$7 per person. We look forward to seeing you there.

Keep Fire Hydrants Clear

Winter is here! Please lend a hand to the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department by clearing the snow from the fire hydrant(s) near your home after each snowstorm. You could be helping your family and your neighbors at the same time. Seconds count when we respond to a fire, so having the snow cleared from around fire hydrants drastically reduces the amount of time it takes for one of our firefighters to hook up equipment to a hydrant when responding to a fire in your neighborhood.

There's an incentive again this year. E-mail the MBFD a photo of you and/or your little helpers clearing the snow from a hydrant and you'll be entered to win fire safety items throughout the winter months. Spread the word. Send an email with the Subject "Keeping Hydrants Clear" to Chief Kristopher Loy at kloy@villageofmaplebluff.com with a photo of you clearing the snow from a hydrant and you'll be automatically entered to win. You can also "Like" us on Facebook and tag us in your photo(s) to enter.

Structure Fire

At 03:16am on October 27, 2014, our fire department was dispatched to a structure fire at 27 Bayside Drive. Our Engine 1 arrived on scene at 03:22am and found a two story home with flames and smoke showing from the rear of the structure. Engine 1's crew stretched a hoseline to the rear of the home and began extinguishing the fire. At 03:26am, our Engine 2 arrived on scene and assisted the first crew with establishing a water supply (hooking hose from

a fire hydrant to the engine) and fire suppression efforts. The fire was extinguished within five minutes of the first arriving crew. We were assisted at the scene by the Waunakee, Blooming Grove, Deforest, and Monona Fire Departments, as well as Ryan Brothers EMS and the Maple Bluff Police Department. Crews remained on scene for several hours cooling hot spots and checking the home for fire extension (into adjacent walls, etc.) Thankfully the home was not occupied at the time of the fire as it was being renovated and nobody was injured. The fire caused approximately \$60,000 worth of damage and is still under investigation by the MBFD and the Maple Bluff Police Department. If you have any information related to this fire, please contact Chief Loy at 608.244.3390 or via e-mail kloy@villageofmaplebluff.com.

Kristopher Loy, Assistant Chief



Spirit of Bocce Alive and Kicking at Dia de los Muertos Celebration

BOCCE DONORS FETED the nearly, dearly departed, as well as their civic spirit, at the 2014 auction prize Day of the Dead event hosted by Jason and Heather Potter and Stacy and Matt Reid. The celebration, widespread through Latin America, coincides with the Feast of All Saints, thus joining the Catholic holiday for the departed faithful with joyful Aztec and Purepecha rituals inviting those spirits back to partake of the food, drink, and festivities they so loved in life.

The Potter residence was bedecked with a plethora of candles, crosses and art gleaned from multiple Madison area antique malls, alongside decorated sugar skulls; orange marigolds whose colors are thought to guide the Aztec departed back to their home altars; and butterflies representing both returning spirits and the fleeting nature of life.

True to tradition, the hosts created an

ofrenda or altar to the departed which participants soon filled with framed photos and favorite items of loved ones, including the ashes of Harry, a recently departed family dog.

"Most people who attended the party had never celebrated Dia de los Muertos, so Stacy and I had a great experience researching it and trying to create as authentic a replication as possible without hosting a party in the cemetery," said Heather Potter.

Of course, no Bocce auction event would be complete without a little competition. Thus, the winners and runners up in the best costume category were: First Place Men, George Frese, who had not just his face, but his entire head shaved and air-brushed; Second Place Men, Jeff Lee; Third Place Derek Paulowski. In the women's category, Sheila Young dressed as Frida Kahlo, took first place on the grounds that

any woman willing to add facial hair in the spirit of competition deserved a prize, while Missy Dunn as the deceased bride won second, and Kristine Jaeger as the eternal bridesmaid placed third.

Thanks go to the generous donors of this event and to those intrepid Bocce goers who bid on it to support Maple Bluff's parks and green spaces.

Clockwise from top, left: L-R: Yasmin Bradfield, Sheila Young, Sandra Fernandez, Heather Potter, Lisa Levy in front row.; Heather Potter (left) and Erin Vanness.; L-R: Zach Johnson, Missy Dunn, Kristine Jaeger, Cynthia Johnson, Sheila Young

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Stanley "Buck" Olson

Stanley "Buck" Olson enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1944 at the age of 18. Soon after induction, he was transported to Harlingen, Texas by troop train. It was a grueling trip, but along the way, young kids would sing and dance at every stop for nickels and pennies.

He finished his training, and the proudest day of his life was when he got his wings as a belly gunner in a B-24 bomber. With his wings on his chest, he shipped out on an old WWI Liberty ship to Panama thinking he was headed for the European theater. However, the German Air Force (Luftwaffe) was summarily defeated, so he was sent to the Galapagos Islands on a boat called the "Swing and Sway" on the Monterey.

While in the Galapagos, they experienced a tidal wave, which resulted from detonation of the first atomic bomb on the Bikini Atoll. Later on, out of boredom, Buck and another airman built a raft. Not being sailors, they ended up in the middle of the Pacific due to cross currents and a Norwegian fishing boat rescued them.

The second proudest day of his life occurred when General Ike Eisenhower, unannounced to Buck, visited his bedside while he was hospitalized in Panama with malaria. General Eisenhower pulled Buck's big toe and wished him well.

Buck Olson was 20-years-old when he got home. Now, at the age of 88, he still has vivid memories and colorful stories about the time he spent serving his country.

Ask him about it sometime when you see him... you'll be glad you did.

Bob Lizon

After graduation from Kaukauna High School, at the age of 17, Bob Lizon enlisted in the Navy. He proudly served with his

father, who was both a WWI and WWII Navy veteran.

Bob served as a signalman for over three years in WWII, with 27 months spent at sea. He was on a cargo/troop ship in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands; he was on a tanker in the North Atlantic, Caribbean, and South Pacific; and he was on an ammunition ship in the Philippine Islands in preparation for the invasion of Japan. Thankfully, the war ended with the courageous use of the atomic bomb in 1945.

For Bob, after the war, the rewards of the educational GI Bill outweighed continuing in the Navy, so he transferred to the Naval Reserve, where he completed over 37 years of naval service. In 1983, he retired as a command master chief.

Rick Apfel

In 1968, at the age of 20, Rick Apfel was drafted into the US Army. Following basic training at Ft. Campbell, KY and AIT at Ft. Jackson, SC, Rick was assigned to NCO school at Ft. Benning, GA and then OJT at Ft. Lewis, WA.

In August 1969, he arrived in Viet Nam and was assigned to the Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 22nd Infantry, 25 Infantry Division as a squad leader. The unit's AO (Area of Operations) was northwest of Tay Ninh City, along the Cambodian border.

This was a sparsely populated area with terrain ranging from swamp to triple canopy jungle. Combat operations consisted of air-mobile insertions for recon, search and destroy village cordon, and search missions and night ambush patrols. Most engagements were against NVA units near the Ho Chi Min Trail.

After five months on line, Sergeant Apfel was reassigned to G3 Operations at 25th



Infantry Division Headquarters in Cu Chi. His responsibilities included tracking the position and status of all friendly units within AO, preparation of Division Operations Report, and assisting with the daily briefing of Division Commanders. He finished out his tour at this duty assignment attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. Rick returned home to Neillsville, WI in September 1970 and moved to Madison shortly thereafter.

Maple Bluff Veterans Memorial

The village is currently raising funds for the Maple Bluff veterans memorial. It will be located on the front side of the Village Hall. Veterans' names will be listed on tiles. The goal is to raise \$50,000 and have a dedication ceremony on Veterans Day 2015.

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For lovers of Tandem prints, there will be a Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 13 from 10-4pm. Tandem Press, one of the major print publishers in the U.S., is holding a Holiday Open House with printmaking demonstrations throughout the day by Tandem's master printers.

At 11am, Joe Freye will give a lithography demonstration; at 12pm Jason Ruhl will give a relief demonstration; at 2pm Bruce Crownover will give an etching demonstration; and at 3pm Andy Rubin will be giving a large woodcut demonstration. Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

Tandem Press will unveil new prints by an exciting array of artists including **Alison Saar, Maser, Jim Dine, Richard Bosman, Valentina DuBasky, Ikeda Manabu, Mickalene Thomas, David Shapiro, and William Weege**. The event will also highlight prints by **Suzanne Caporael, Robert Cottingham, Richard Bosman and Judy Pfaff**.

"The public will have the opportunity to see how the print is made from the creation of the image on a medal plate or a wood block right to the colors being put on the plates and to the print being actually printed," says Director Paula Panczenko. "They will see all aspects of the creation of the artwork."

Through her sculpture, drawings, and prints, **Alison Saar** explores the subjects of racism, sexism, ageism and the challenges of being bi-racial in America. Her largest print *The Cotton Eater* is a four-color woodcut. The print relates to the history of the government appeasing the poor with false promises and insidious gifts. The title, *Cotton Eater*, is taken from Greek Mythology where the Lotus Eaters, a race of people on an island off the coast of North Africa consumed the narcotic lotus fruit rendering them into a state of apathy.

Mickalene Thomas's latest print is entitled *Interior: Zebra with Two Chairs and Funky Fur* and includes the multiple techniques of relief, intaglio, and digital printmaking, in addition to collage, enamel painting, colored pencil and gold leaf application. Inspired by various sources that range from the 19th century Hudson River School to Édouard Manet, Henri Matisse, and Romare Beardon, Thomas continues to explore notions of beauty from a contemporary perspective infused with the more recent influences of popular culture and Pop Art.

Ikeda Manabu, the internationally renowned Japanese artist who is currently an artist-in-residence at the Chazen Museum of Art in Madison, created his first etching this spring at Tandem Press. Ikeda received critical attention from American audiences following his participation in the exhibition *Bye Bye Kitty!!! Between Heaven and Hell in Contemporary Japanese Art*, at the Japan Society in New York City in 2011. The result of Ikeda's collaboration at the Press is a wonderful new detailed etching with a similar feel to his intricate, complex drawings and paintings.

The Irish street artist **Maser** was recently named one of the 60 Most Creative People in Ireland by *The Irish Times*; one of the top seven Irish people to follow on Instagram by *The Daily Edge*; and was named to *Topman* magazine's *The Talent That's Shaping the City*. In his first visit to Tandem Press he created five prints which all deal with his "positive messaging." Deeply influenced by the economic downturn in Ireland and how it affected young people and the homeless.

"I think the most enjoyable thing is being able to observe the creative process, which is very unusual in the visual arts because most visual artists paint or make sculptures in their own studios," says Panczenko. "And when an artist comes to Tandem Press, they collaborate with the master printers and one is able to observe that creative process. So it is a great privilege to see something being made from the very beginning."

Tandem Press is a self-supporting printmaking studio affiliated with the Department of Art in the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin- Madison. Tandem Press is located at 1743 Commercial Avenue, Madison, WI. It is open Monday through Friday from 9 am – 5 pm and on Saturdays from 10 – 4pm. For additional information please go to the website at: www.tandempress.wisc.edu or contact Paula Panczenko or Amy Newell (608) 263-3437.

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