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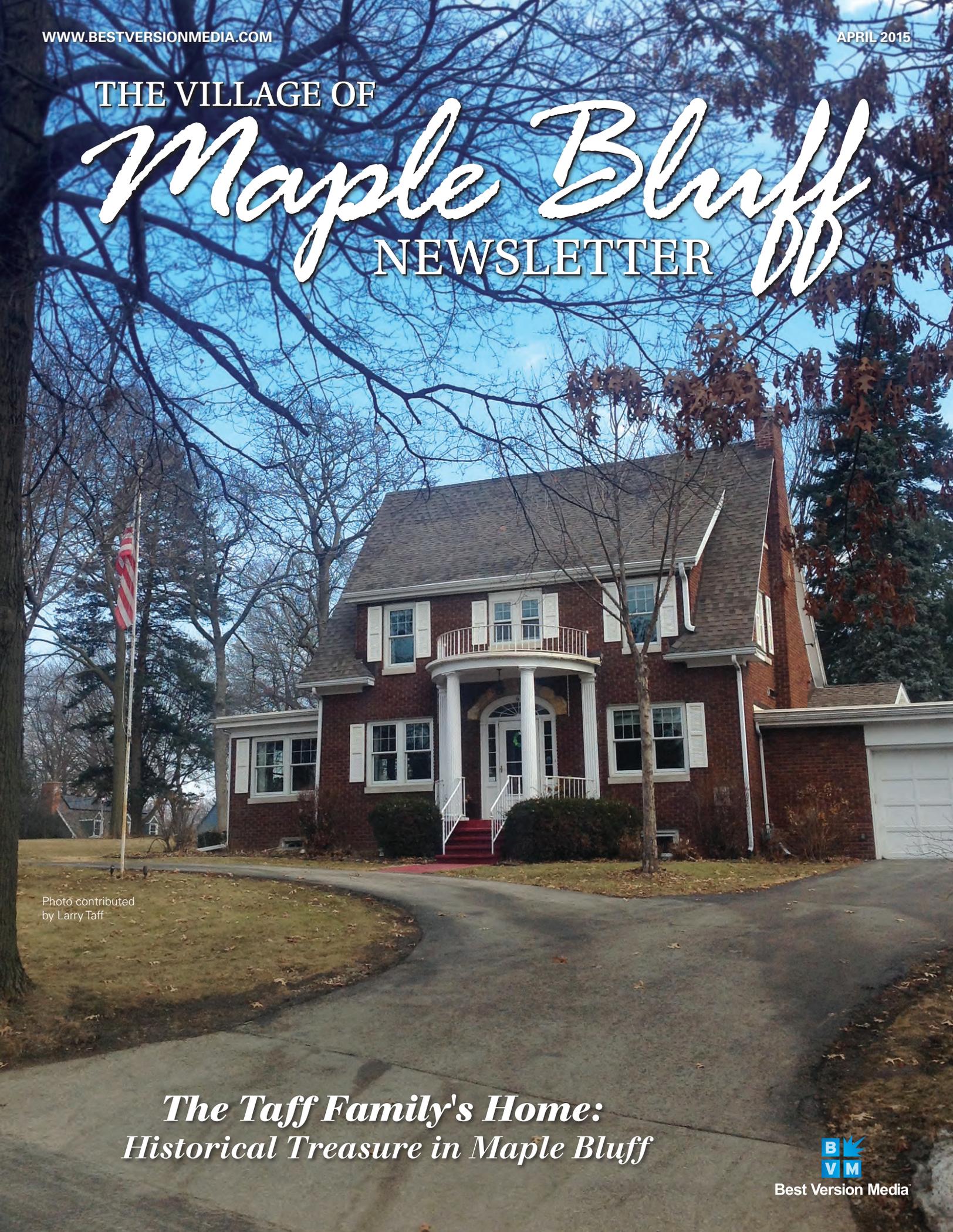


Photo contributed
by Larry Taff

*The Taff Family's Home:
Historical Treasure in Maple Bluff*



AS SPRING APPROACHES, work continues in pursuit of the development at 601 N Sherman Avenue. The developer had made application to the WEDC for grant assistance in the site clean-up for this area. Site clean-up is related to contamination that is believed to exist in certain parts of the parcel from prior businesses. Good news was recently reported that the developer has been awarded that grant assistance. The village will be meeting with the developer soon to discuss and finalize the Developers Agreement for this project.

There is still a developer interested in the open lot and empty buildings on the west side of N Sherman Avenue at Roxbury Road. Another meeting will take place soon as the Developer looks to find a compromise that meets their needs and the needs of nearby residents. I will continue to keep you informed if anything more definitive gets proposed.

With the melting of snow, the village engineer and village staff have made some preliminary inspections of 2014 project zones. Specifically, review was made for areas where standing water could be found on

sidewalks. Because of the frost conditions still in the ground and the slow movement of water off the sidewalk surface, these areas of concern will be monitored for ongoing problems. A more detailed walk thru the project zones will take place as the weather gets better. If you see an area of concern, send an email or call the Village Center to talk with me about those possible problems.

Don't forget that the All Village Garage Sale has been set for Saturday, May 16. An option we are offering to Upper Bluff and Fuller's Woods residents is to rent space in a park in the lower bluff. The downside is that you would need to move your sale items, along with tables etc., from your home to your designated location. The upside is that the amount of traffic in the lower bluff is substantially higher than the traffic that makes it to other areas of the village. I think most people who come to the garage sale, find the sales in the lower bluff and don't quite make it past them. If you are interested in this rental, please contact Tim or Curt at the Village Center.

Regarding the traffic associated with the garage sale, the plan right now is to



implement a One Way street on the entire length of Kensington Drive from Lakewood to Fisk Place. Coming out of the MBCC parking lot and going southbound, that one block will allow for two way traffic. Also, traffic on Woodland Circle will be One Way from the south entrance near Firemen's Park to the north entrance near the MBCC. On both Kensington and Woodland Circle, we will maximize parking by allowing parking on both sides of the street and, there will be one lane of traffic.

Tim Krueger

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Dear Residents,

This month, for many the focus turns to spring cleaning, gardening and home improvements. I am not one who enjoys cleaning, but it always feels good to have everything organized and sparkling when I'm done. It's like a fresh start as we head into a new season.

Gardening may seem like work, but it also can be very relaxing to spend the day outdoors planting flowers. It's also rewarding to see the flowers and trees grow. This spring I will start growing a Christmas tree, in hopes we can use it in a few years. Although this is my first time planting a tree, so I'm not sure if it will work!

While you may be busy this spring, I hope you also make it to the farmers market on the square, starting April 18. Sometimes I miss having the market in my backyard when I lived near the Capitol. It may no longer be close, but I still like to go to get fresh produce and enjoy a sunny Saturday morning. It is great how many amazing vendors participate in the market. There is always so much variety!



If you want to share photos in the magazine or know a neighbor who is interested in being featured, please do not hesitate to send me a message to the email below.

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Erin Vander Weele

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THE ROLLER COASTER winter continues. After a very cold February we have been experiencing a rather mild March. Even the long range forecast suggests that the mild temperatures will continue with light if any precipitation. As a whole, the winter gave us a mixture of temperatures with lite precipitation amounts. Hopefully the spring is moderate and allows us to get the village looking green again. The first arrival of warming temps had provided us with standing water from the snow melt and lots of frost still in the ground. I would expect by now that the frost has subsided and moisture is able to perk through the soil. We have and will continue to monitor locations that display problematic ponding of water.

We will keep an eye on the development and establishment of grass along terrace and park ways that were disturbed and restored during the 2014 CIP. Considering how late some of the grass seed was placed, it is hard to predict how well the grass had been able to establish itself. Areas that require additional restoration will receive it from the contractor of last year's project. Again, we will monitor these needs until satisfied.

We have most recently been performing maintenance cleaning of the sanitary sewer lines associated with last year's project as well to make sure everything is working as designed. This has also been a great time to begin our annual storm water catch basin cleaning. Both of these systems will get plenty of attention this spring and if there are any "needs" they will be addressed in short order.

You may see us operating hydrants in the village this spring. This is needed for a couple of reasons. First, confirms the operational integrity of each hydrant. Secondly, flushes the lateral feed to the hydrant prior to any main line flushing that takes place this time of year for water quality. We will place information boards out prior to the main line flushing.

The past two winters have been brutal on the street pavement. It is guaranteed that concrete and asphalt will crack at some point. When this happens with roadways, the best approach is to crack seal these areas as soon as practical. For street maintenance, this is the best spent money to keep the surface in good

PROTECTING YOUR HOME AGAINST CROSS-CONNECTIONS

Without proper protection devices, something as useful as your garden hose has the potential to poison your home's water supply. In fact, over half of the nation's cross-connections involve unprotected garden hoses.

Remember, Never drink water from a garden hose!



What is a "cross-connection?"

A cross-connection is a permanent or temporary piping arrangement which can allow your drinking water to be contaminated if a backflow condition occurs.

What is "backflow"?

It's just what it sounds like: the water is flowing in the opposite direction from its normal flow. With the direction of flow reversed, due to a change in pressures, backflow can allow contaminants to enter our drinking water system through cross-connections. A potentially hazardous cross-connection occurs every time someone uses a garden hose sprayer to apply insecticides or herbicides to their lawn. Another cross-connection occurs when someone uses their garden hose to clear a stoppage in their sewer line.



Without a backflow prevention device between your hose and hose bibb (spigot or outside faucet), the contents of the hose and anything it is connected to can backflow into the piping system and contaminate your drinking water. a Hose Bibb Vacuum Breaker can be purchased at your local hardware store (ASSE1011 Anti-Frost Hose Bibb outdoor use or ASSE 1011 Hose Bibb Vacuum Breaker indoor-use).



Backflows due to cross-connections are serious plumbing problems. They can cause sickness and even death. However, they can be avoided by the use of proper protection devices. Each spigot at your home should have a hose-bibb vacuum breaker installed. This is a simple, inexpensive device which can be purchased at any plumbing or hardware store. Installation is as easy as attaching your garden hose to a spigot.

If you have any questions please call the Public Works Water Department.

condition. There will be no shortage of areas requiring this process.

I will be providing the Urban Forestry Committee recommended row trees for removal, as well as, locations and trees for replacement during a meeting in March. Removing trees is not the most popular act we do, but when necessary, due to higher risk of failure and hazard, it is an act that we must do for everyone's safety.

Please look for educational/informational material covering cross connection in this and future newsletters. It is a long standing requirement of the DNR to perform cross connection inspections in

residential and commercial industries for water quality. I will ask of you the residents of Maple Bluff to help us achieve our annual inspection goal of 55 residential inspections by calling in and making an appointment for us to come to your home and provide a cross connection survey with you. The in home survey should take 15-20 minutes and can be done at a time that is most convenient to you. Thank You! Call with your questions and concerns.

Tom Schroeder
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Please check with Jennifer Porter at (608) 249-2144 for details.

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BINGO

A benefit for the North/Eastside Senior Coalition
Friday, April 17, 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Cherokee Country Club, 5000 N Sherman Avenue

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7:00 - 9:00
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SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 15, excluding CYGW which is April 10. Post 5/15/15, will result in a \$10 late fee per program.

YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS:

Camp Ya-Gotta-Wanna

Dates: June 15 – August 14
 Time: 1pm-4pm
 Fee: \$325
 Age: 3-7 years old
 Location: Firemen's Park
 Registration Deadline: Friday, April 10 (post 4/10 late fee is \$30)

This 9 week summer program meets at Firemen's Park M, W & F from 1pm-4pm. Enrollment for this program is open to all Maple Bluff resident children between the ages of 3 and 7 (entering 2nd grade in fall of 2015). This afternoon playgroup program will offer structured and free play opportunities, as well as, arts and craft projects. Groupings will be divided based on age of the children and the parent volunteers will try their best to group your child with their friends.

Arts & Athletics

Dates: June 15 – August 14
 Time: 2pm-4pm
 Fee: \$153
 Age 7-12

Location: Beach Park

This 9-week summer program provides youth (entering 2nd through 6th grade) a fun, safe environment that provides fun activities at the Maple Bluff Beach Park. This program is an open program (participants may leave the beach at any time throughout the program with written permission from parents) with attendance taken daily. Throughout the summer participants will participate in arts, crafts, games, sports and other exciting activities. On occasion small groups may leave the Beach for other activities, but notification will be made to parents with confirmation that this will occur. Please note in the event of inclement weather, A & A may be cancelled for the safety of participants and staff.

Archery (Beginners)

Dates: Tuesdays 6/16 – 8/11
 Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm
 Fee: \$43
 Age: 7-12
 Maximum number: 12
 Location: Gym

This program will teach shooting techniques and positions, accuracy and provide each participant an opportunity to shoot different types of bows. This program is available to any youth whom has not previously taken this course

Archery (Intermediate)

Dates: Tuesdays 6/16 – 8/11
 Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm
 Fee: \$43
 Age: 7-12
 Maximum number: 12
 Location: Gym
 This program will improve upon the

shooting techniques taught in the beginners course. This course will spend more time playing various archery games and hold competitions each meeting.

Basketball (Girls)

Dates: Wednesdays 6/17-8/12
 Time: 10:30am-12pm
 Fee: \$25
 Age: 8-12

Location: Village Center Gym

Fine tune and continue to develop essential basketball skills in this fun 9 week clinic. Each week participants will work on skills and play pick-up basketball games.

Basketball (Boys)

Dates: Wednesdays 6/18 – 8/12
 Time: 12pm – 1:30pm
 Fee: \$25
 Age: 8-12

Location: Village Center Gym

Fine tune and continue to develop essential basketball skills in this fun 9 week clinic. Each week participants will work on skills and play pick-up basketball games.

TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS:

Teen Archery

Dates: Wednesdays 6/17-8/12
 Time: 4:30-5:30
 Fee: \$43
 Age 13 +
 Maximum number: 12
 Location: Gym

This program will provide teenagers a chance to learn archery and participate in fun competitions on a weekly basis.

Canoe/Kayak/Paddleboard

Dates: Mondays 6/15 – 8/10
 Time: 4:30pm-5:45pm
 Fee: \$38
 Age: 13+
 Maximum Number: 10
 Location: Beach Park

Learn how to canoe/kayak/paddleboard with Village staff. As the weeks progress, paddling trips will include further distances. All participants will need to wear a swimsuit and have applied sunscreen prior to attending on a daily basis. If participants have their own lifejackets, they are more than welcome to bring them.

3 on 3 Basketball League

Dates: Fridays 6/19 – 8/14
 Time: Boys: 10:30am-12pm; Girls: 12-1:30pm
 Fee: \$15/player
 Age: 12 – 15
 Maximum Number: 36
 Location: Gym
 This 3 on 3 basketball league will be played on Fridays in the Village Center. Players should sign up as individuals and there will be an



4th grade basketball team earns second place



6th Grade Girls Basketball Team Wins Big 10 Tournament

auto-draft for teams. Each team will consist of a minimum of 3 players. After the registration deadline has passed the teams will be assigned and a game schedule will be created and emailed out to the participants. Standings will be kept on a weekly basis, with an end of the summer tournament scheduled for August 14.

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Adult Running Club

Dates: Mondays & Wednesdays 6/15 – 7/29
 Times: 8:30am-9:30am
 Fee: \$56

Maximum number: 20
 Location: Meet at the Village Center
 Samantha Knudson will be leading this running group that will help improve your strength and distance running through the course of the 14 sessions.

Adult Archery

Dates: Wednesdays 6/17 – 8/12
 Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm
 Fee: \$43
 Age: 18+

Maximum number: 12
 Location: Gym
 Learn how to shoot archery inside the Village Center gym.

Adult Kickball League

Dates: Saturday 6/20 – 8/22
 Time: 4:30 – 6:30
 Fee: \$38
 Age: 18+
 Maximum number: 72
 Location: Stoddard Park
 Sign for our first ever Adult Kickball league

in the Village of Maple Bluff. Games will be played at Stoddard Park. Once registration has been completed, an auto-draft will occur for players to be placed on individual teams. Each team will have a minimum of 6 players.

Adult Pickleball

Dates: Tuesdays 6/16 – 8/18

Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Fee: \$40

Age: 18+

Location: Beach Park

Pickleball is a sport in which two, three, or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to a wiffle ball, over a net. The sport shares features of other racquet sports, the dimensions and layout of a badminton court, and a net and rules similar to tennis, with a few modifications. Pickleball was invented in the mid 1960s as a children's backyard pastime but quickly became popular among adults as a fun game for players of all levels

FAMILY PROGRAMS:

"Amazing Chase"

Date: Saturday, August 8

Time: 1pm-5pm

Fee: \$80/team (\$20 per person)

Max: 20 teams

This event is based off the popular hit TV show "The Amazing Race". The 2015 Maple Bluff "Amazing Chase" will take place in one

day while teams race against one another for prizes. Each team will consist of 4 players, which can be made up of families or individuals. HOWEVER, each team must have 1 member under 18 years of age and 1 member over 18 years old. Each participant will receive a t-shirt with the "Amazing Chase" logo on it. Prizes will be awarded for the top 2 teams.

TRIPS:

Six Flags Great America

Date: Thursday, July 9

Time: 7:45am – 9pm

Fee: \$75

Ages: 8-17

Location: Meet at the Village Center Participants will meet at the Village Center and travel to Six Flags for a day on the rollercoasters, amusement rides and water park. Participants will need to bring extra spending money for lunch and dinner. Lunch costs tend to be expensive at Six Flags.

Noah's Ark

Date: Tuesday, July 14

Time: 9am-5pm

Fee: \$60

Ages: 7-15

Location: Meet at the Village Center Participants will enjoy a day of thrills and spills at the "Water park capital of the World", Noah's Ark. This trip will be a cooperative trip with the Maple Bluff Swim Team.

Community Events Calendar

Beach Bash and Bocce Tournament –
Friday, June 5

Village Graduation Party –
Sunday, June 7

Fest on the Fourth – Saturday, July 4
"Amazing Chase" – Saturday, August 8

Brewers vs. Padres

Date: Thursday, August 6

Time: 10am – 7pm

Fee: \$55

Ages: 8-15

Location: Meet at the Village Center Join us for a fun-filled day of Brewer baseball as they take on the Padres at Miller Park. Seats are located directly behind first base 9 rows in. Space will be limited to the first 25 registrations. Bus will leave the Village Center at 10am and we will return promptly after the ending of the game. Price of the trip includes bus transportation, ticket and lunch.

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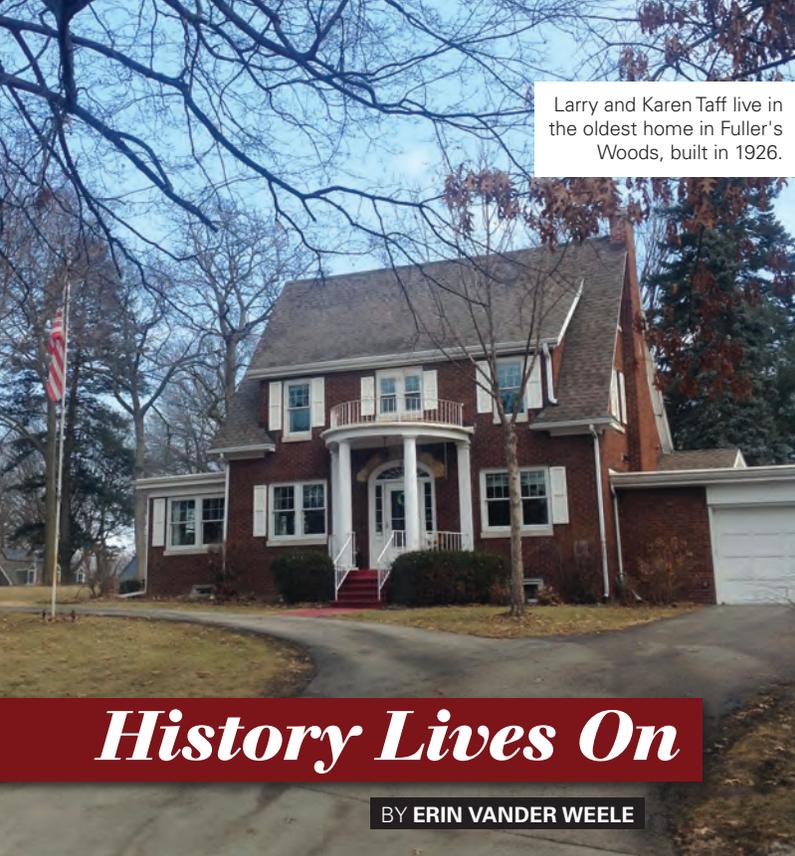


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Larry and Karen Taff live in the oldest home in Fuller's Woods, built in 1926.



Left: When Larry and Karen Taff's neighbor Mark Musser, who now lives in the Upper Bluff, was going to replace his garage last summer, he noticed the concrete floor was stamped with the name, "A.J. Taff". The stamp proves Larry Taff's grandfather built the garage.

Below: A photo of A.J. Taff in 1937 on Lakewood Boulevard.



History Lives On

BY ERIN VANDER WEELE

The Taff family holds a piece of Maple Bluff's history, owning the oldest home in Fuller's woods. Larry Taff's grandfather, Marshal A.J. Taff, built the home in 1926.

Four generations of Taffs have lived in the home over the last 89 years.

"With all the past history, long term ties with other families in Maple Bluff, we have very strong ties to many neighbors," Larry says.

Larry and his wife Karen raised their two sons in the home, Jacob, 34, and Jesse, 32. They have a remodeling General Contractor business, TZ of Madison Inc, a family owned and operated business that has been doing remodeling work in the Maple Bluff and Madison area since 1992.

"One of the fun things about the family run, remodeling business is that every home and family has different needs; we never know what we will find behind the walls or stories of the past," Larry says.

Karen also is President of Madison Sand and Gravel Inc. As a result, the Taffs have extensive background in all phases of construction. The kids are also a part of the businesses. While Jacob works with Karen, Jesse works with Larry.

Jesse is the fourth generation carpenter, following footsteps of great grandfather, A.J. Taff, grandfather Jim Taff, Dad, Larry Taff. Since the 1930s, the family members have built or worked on many homes in Maple Bluff. Jacob is also continuing a long family history of working in a business started by Calvin Ziegler, his grandfather, and Karen's dad.

"There's a lot of companies that do work in construction and remodeling, but I don't know of anybody that has worked or built on more homes than our company has over the years," Larry says.

Aside from being a carpenter with his son Jim Taff, A.J. Taff was a full-time "Marshal" of Maple Bluff, and retired in 1965 along with the Marshal title. A.J. was known by the use of persuasion rather than the iron fist per a resolution by the City of Madison on June 24, 1965 on his retirement.

"There's just a lot of history here. We have a number of pictures of my grandfather with the police cars that he had dating back to

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the 20s," Larry shares. "We also have photos of Maple Bluff back from 1926 up to the current time."

Larry and Karen have done extensive remodeling to their 1920s house over the 30 years they have lived in the home. The 20 different species of trees in their yard also have history. Larry says he can name which trees were planted by his mom, dad and grandparents. The home his parents built in Columbia County was built with logs of trees he planted as seedlings.

The Taffs take pride in their work and cherish the history. When their neighbor Mark Musser, who now lives in the Upper Bluff, was going to replace his garage last summer, he noticed the concrete floor was stamped with the name, "A.J. Taff". That's how the Taffs knew Larry's grandfather built the garage. Four generations later, Jesse took on the project of rebuilding it.

"Jesse was as proud as any of us that he was able to still be doing carpentry and be able to continue on the family heritage or pride in workmanship for the fourth generation," Larry shares.

Musser used to live across the street from Larry's grandfather, who lived in the 1926 home, and worked with him doing odd jobs. He told many humorous stories about working in the family and riding in the squad car while taking driving lessons with A.J.

"He knows the family and shared many stories with Jesse," Larry says.

Invitation from the Taff Family to our Maple Bluff Neighbors:

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Message From The Fire Chief:

On Tuesday, March 10, 2015 I was appointed the Fire Chief for the Village of Maple Bluff. It is a distinct honor and privilege to serve the Village of Maple Bluff and its residents. In the coming months I will be conducting a straightforward and realistic internal (policies, personnel, operations) and external (customer service) evaluation of our organization that will

provide a template from which our staff can improve our operations and maintain the exceptional standards of service our residents and visitors have come to expect. I would like to thank the members of the fire department, community, fire/ems committee, and the village board for providing me the opportunity to help guide the future of the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department. I would also like to thank my family, specifically my wife, Meaghan, for their continued support. As an organization, we stand committed to enhancing the services we offer our residents. If you have questions or concerns about the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department, please contact me: mobile phone 608.209.2016, fire-house 608.244.3390, or via e-mail kloy@villageofmaplebluff.com.



Response Information:

Call Type	January 2015	February 2015	Total
Fire(s)	1	0	1
Emergency Medical Service	7	5	12
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	0	1	1
Good Intent Call	0	1	1
False Alarm or False Call	1	4	5
	9	11	20
Total Calls	Average Response Time (dispatch-on scene)		
20	5 minutes		

21st to help raise money for the American Lung Association and to promote good health. Our team climbed the 47 floors of the U.S. Bank building in Milwaukee in full structural fire-fighting gear which weighs an average of 70 lbs. Our team chose to undertake this challenge while climbing “on air” (with our masks and tank air). Congratulations to all who participated.

Climb For Air: Members of the MBFD will be participating in the 2015 Fight For Air Climb at the US Bank Center on March

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	620 Farwell Dr (Lot)	-	----	\$400,000		
	318 Woodland Cir	5	2834	\$405,000		
	* 919 Magdeline Dr	3	2786	\$459,900		
	318 Kensington Dr	3	2000	\$487,500		
	801 Butternut Rd	4	2940	\$499,000		
	818 Charing Cross Rd	3	2814	\$500,000		
	7 Paget Rd	5	4743	\$675,000	-\$25,000	
	909 Farwell Dr	5	4368	\$825,000	-\$25,000	
	403 Coleman Rd	5	4055	\$849,900		
	416 Summit Rd	5	5600	\$1,150,000		
	45 Cambridge Rd (Lake)	5	4200	\$1,249,900		
	625 Farwell Dr (Lake)	4	4464	\$1,300,000		
	711 Farwell Dr (Lake)	3	2448	\$1,350,000		
	615 Farwell Dr (Lake)	4	5252	\$1,450,000		
	* 1225 Farwell Dr (Lake)	4	5604	\$1,495,000		
	307 Farwell Dr (Lake)	5	8545	\$2,200,000		
	1155 Farwell Dr (Lake)	5	5423	\$2,200,000		
	209 Farwell Dr (Lake)	4	4320	\$2,750,000		

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April 2015



THURS., APRIL 9- APRIL 16

Wisconsin Film Festival @Madison Theatres

Presented by the University of Wisconsin Arts Institute the annual Wisconsin Film Festival brings a vast array of unique films to the Madison area. An eight-day exploration of new American independent dramatic and documentary films, animation, experimental restorations and revivals.
www.wifilmfest.org

FRI., APRIL 17

Second City

@Overture Center for the Arts
Madison's got plenty of quirks to poke fun at, and Chicago's most famous sketch and improv comedy troupe is coming specifically to do just that. Think we can take it?

Time: 8pm

Cost: \$25-40

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Midwest Horse Fair

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Time: See event schedule on the website

Cost: One day advance ticket: \$12,

Three day advance ticket: \$30

www.midwesthorsefair.com

FRI.- SUN., APRIL 10, 11 & 12

Wisconsin Deer and Turkey Expo

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Time: Fri 2-9pm; Sat 9am-

7pm; Sun 9am-4pm.

Cost: Adult one day: \$14,

Adult two day: \$22,

Youth: \$4, Ages 5 & under: free

www.deerinfo.com/wisconsin

FRI., APR. 24

Moon Over Monona Terrace

@Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center

Moon Over Monona Terrace combines the talents of the Madison Astronomical Society (MAS) with the striking views

from the Monona Terrace Rooftop, topped off with crossed fingers for a crystal clear Madison evening! Young and old alike are invited to view celestial objects through a multitude of different telescopes. The evening will begin with moon viewing only, and will progress to different objects as the sky darkens. Activities include short kid-friendly presentations on the moon and other celestial phenomena, and a kid's fun zone with educational games and prizes! Fun for the whole family! In the case of inclement weather, please call 608.261.4000 after 6 p.m. the day of the event for cancellation information.

Time: 7:30-9:30pm

Cost: \$51-\$96

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THURS., APRIL 23

Hair Affair: The Art of Hair @Madison Museum of Contemporary Art

MMoCA will host its fourth biennial Hair Affair: The Art of Hair. This festive evening celebrates the fantastical art of hair design, showcasing extreme hair sculptures created by premier salons and stylists from the Madison area. The event will feature seasonal hors d'oeuvres from Fresco, cocktails, a live DJ, and a silent auction with spa, salon, and other indulgent delights. The event will include 20 or more salon participants, and a VIP ticket option, with exclusive seating for the show. Ticket sales will benefit MMoCA's free exhibitions and education programs. Tickets will go on sale late February to early March.

Time: 6:30-10:30pm

www.mmoca.org

FRI.-SUN., MAY 1-10

Madison Craft Beer Week

@Various Locations

Madison Craft Beer Week is an annual celebration promoting Madison's thriving craft beer culture, enhancing beer knowledge and appreciation by sponsoring a ten-day (two weekend) countywide festival that attracts beer tourism, fosters knowledge of our regional brewing heritage, and serves as a showcase for the Madison area's breweries, restaurants, pubs, caterers, retailers, entertainers, and other businesses with ties to the

craft beer community. Craft beer lovers will have the opportunity to attend events ranging from beer dinners and food pairing to beer walks, bar promotions, brewery parties and plenty more!
www.madbeerweek.com

APRIL 24-26

Capital City Jazz Fest @Quality Inn & Suites

The 27th Annual Capital City Jazz Fest will present an unparalleled line-up of musicians from all over the country – the Uptown Lowdown Jazz Band, Wally's Warehouse Waifs, the Climax Jazz Band and the Midiri Brothers Jazz Sextet.

Time: Fri. 7pm, Sun. 4pm

Cost: \$10

www.madisonjazz.com



SAT., APR. 25

Isthmus Green Day Expo & Ecocelebration

@ Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center

Enjoy more than 100 eco-friendly exhibits, great speakers, live music, food and drink samples, demos galore and so much more.

Time: 10am-5pm

www.isthmus.com

SAT., APR. 25

Jay Ungar and Molly Mason

@Wisconsin Union Theater

Returning to the theater season following their sold-out show in 2011, the creators of Ashokan Farewell will delight Madison again with their folk music. This talented couple keeps busy with touring, their radio show "Dancing on the Air," and appearing on BBC's Transatlantic Sessions and NPR's All Things Considered.

Time: 7:30pm

Cost: General Public: \$25, Wisconsin

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SATURDAY, APRIL 18:

Maple Bluff Bird City and Tree City Celebration and Family Fun!

The beautiful nature, trees, birds and wildlife people enjoy every day in Maple Bluff contribute substantially to the quality of life and neighborhood and social values. They are worth protecting and enhancing. Sierra Club magazine recently had an article saying that just seeing a beautiful tree or bird can generate a sense of awe that increases mental well-being, physical health, and empathy for others and for the natural world. Books such as The Last Child in the Woods document the importance of exposure to nature for kids growing up for personal and social development as well as nature recreation, health and education. Maple Bluff's commitment to birds and nature in the village and in our yards is recognized by 14 years as an official Tree City and 3 years as a Bird City.

Families and kids will enjoy the Maple Bluff Bird City and Tree City Celebration on Saturday afternoon April 18! Events start at 1pm at Village Hall with a welcome ceremony and a short talk about How to Attract Birds to our Back Yards. This will be followed by refreshments and fun and educational bird and nature activities and games for kids like Bird Bingo. We will then take a Bird and Nature Walk from Village Hall to the new Warren Dailey Cabin playground for more activities and games. Help plant a tree for Arbor Day that will provide shade for kids and a home for birds and squirrels! The Bird and Nature Walk will end at Maple Bluff Beach where we will dedicate a new Purple Martin House for lovely blue and white Martins that twitter overhead and eat lots of mosquitoes while we enjoy the beautiful beach.

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Nanny: Hi, I'm Kerry McCarthy age 20 and currently a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. I am Red Cross certified and have been a camp counselor at Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna for the past five years. I am looking to nanny this summer and would be available June 1 through mid August (dates can be discussed). I have been a member of the Maple Bluff swim team since 2013 and I can help with getting the kids to swim lessons or swim team practice. Please contact me at 608-772-9521 so that we can discuss how I might be of help to your family. References can be provided.

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