

# YORK *Town* News

April 2013

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**TOWN UPDATE FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

DAN REESON

Let's all pray for a little more rain this year. (Be careful with that, HA!) This past winter has been very hard on the roads. Lots of cracks and edges breaking off. Wayne has our weight limit signs up for the spring thaw (Taking its time.) Anything we can do to keep the roads in good repair. If you are out on Town of York roads, please take your time. I know everyone is in a hurry these days, but every farmer and large truck driver I talk to, I ask them to stay off the edge of the road as much as possible. They are not driving in the middle of the road for nothing. I do ask them to slow down and pull over when they meet another car. Cost to fix the roads are getting higher. A 1-inch asphalt overlay (on top of pavement) is about \$40,000.00 per mile. If you do 2 or 3 inches, it really adds up. Seal coat is about \$16,000.00 per mile. Seal coat is mostly what we do in York. We have about 41 miles of road in the Town of York, so with a maintenance budget of less than \$100,000.00 and over \$20,000.00 in 1 mile of road maintenance (paver patch, crack fill, and seal coat) it does not take long to eat up the budget. Our revaluation of properties is about half done; if you haven't seen one of the assessors, you should by the end of the year.

Hope everyone has a great year. One big thank you to everyone who helps make the Town of York run.



Photo credit: Kim Tschudy

**GREEN'S PRAIRIE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL REPORT FOR TOWN OF YORK  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 BOARD MEETING**

WILLIAM E. KUENZI, JR.

The early spring caused an unusual situation for all property owners that desired to burn their prairies. We were only able to have the south third of the cemetery burned this year. Dr. Ralph Henry and I removed the two dead elm trees on the north fence this past spring.

We had another successful Memorial day gathering. Fifty-eight were in attendance this year, and a number of them had never been to GPC for a Memorial Day activity before. David Green, Town of York resident, was our major speaker. Marilyn Jaeger wrote an article for the Pec-Leader. Kim Tschudy took many pictures. (SEE GREEN'S PRAIRIE, P. 4)

## ODDS AND ENDS

NANCY ANDERSON

We envision the Town of York as a rural, farm-friendly community maintaining quality ground water, managed woodlands, wildlife, and streams. Residences are located to preserve productive farmland. Population density and retail development are controlled by a land use plan.

These words are the foundation of the Town of York Comprehensive Plan. The Town Plan Commission formed in 2004 is the vital pulsing arm that regulates how our town will move forward into the future. Some of their important work has been to prepare the Comprehensive Plan, initiate many ordinances, and approve a variety of land divisions. Currently they are preparing a vital database to track land density units, always keeping in mind the vision statement for the Town of York.

Thank you to our Plan Commission members Curt Moen, Heidi Hankley, Brian Bubbenzer, Kelly Hermanson, and Todd Larson for all they have done. Kelly Hermanson's term expired last April. Thank you Kelly for eight plus years of service. Welcome to our newest PC member, Terri Nipple. May the PC continue their important work for the future of York.

Due to a recent change in election laws and dates, it became necessary to extend the Board terms for one full week. The regular term will now expire on the third Tuesday in April, rather than the second Tuesday in April of odd numbered years.

Twenty-nine households participated in the Town of New Glarus/Town of York water testing program offered last June through the Green County UW Extension office. We may do this again in a few years.

Our Town was well represented in the Governor's Recall Election held on June 5, 2012. Out of the total registered voters of six hundred twenty-three (623), plus another forty-three (43) new registrations on election day, five hundred three (503) persons cast ballots for Governor, a solid 75% turnout. Twenty (20) citizens voted by absentee ballot. The results for us were Scott Walker (224), Tom Barrett (278), and Hari Trivedi (1).

For the November Presidential Election there were six hundred fifty (650) registered voters. Forty-two (42) voted by absentee ballot, nineteen (19) registered on election day, and five hundred fifty-nine (559), or 83%, cast ballots. Our results

were Romney/Ryan (202), Obama/Biden (345), Goode/Clymer (1), and Johnson/Gray (2).

We had a total of six elections last year. Normally we can expect four elections, two primaries and two regular elections. Our reprieve comes this year, because we only had two elections, and no more are expected. The February Primary saw only 64 voters come out for Justice of the Supreme Court. Ed Fallone and Pat Roggensack were the winners, with 31 votes for Ed and 27 for Pat. The Spring Election brought out 160 voters. State Superintendent went to Tony Evers with 104, and Don Pridemore with 42. Ed Fallone won 95 votes, while Pat Roggensack had 63. Paul Lundsten won 98 votes and ran unopposed for District 4 Court of Appeals. All the Town Board members were unopposed and all reelected. Caroline Rossing ran unopposed for the Argyle School District and received 2 votes. The New Glarus School Board saw Michelle Ames winning 19 votes, Bob Nelson 20 votes, Mary Anne Oemichen 28 votes, and write-in candidate Ann O'Leary 1 vote. The Pecatonica School Board was won by David McSherry with 63 votes, followed by Richard Rolfsmeyer 61 votes, Jennifer Wetteland 45 votes, and Stephen Stansfield 30 votes.

You may have noticed that things were spruced up a bit around the Town Hall

this past year. Old shrubs were removed, some new landscaping was done and a bright, new sign was made.

Gardiner Appraisal Service will be finishing their appraisal work this year. Many of you have already had a visit from one of their representatives. If not, please make arrangements with them to visit your home and property. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

Lastly, the Town contracted with a new trash vendor, Pellitteri Waste Systems. Waste Management was simply too costly and many items were not considered recyclable. Pellitteri should save us about \$6000.00 per year for at least the next three years and they accept many more plastic items than WM. Check the Town website for a list of all items that are now recyclable (<http://www.townofyork.org/garbage-recycling/recycling/>). The savings will give the Town an opportunity to begin setting monies aside for other needed items such as a new fire truck for the New Glarus Fire District and a new truck for the Town.

Lastly, be sure to check our website often. Important information, including the tax roll and the minutes of monthly meetings, are always posted there. We are here to represent you, our Town citizens. The Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. Why not join us sometime. You are always welcome.

### ROADS, WASTE, AND TRUCKS

SUPERVISOR STEVE HERMANSON

Another eventful year has passed since our last newsletter. Financially, 2012 was a productive year for the township. We came out ahead with a modest surplus, instead of the loss we had in 2011. This past year our roads suffered little damage, therefore most of our savings was in reduced highway maintenance, although 2013 may be a different story.

As a board, we do our best to maintain a healthy balance between what needs to be repaired on the roads in order to prevent major problems in the future, and what money we need to hold back in order to fulfill our budget.

In 2012, our three-year contract with Waste Management expired. We accepted bids from three companies. The new contract was awarded to Pellitteri Waste Systems. As a result of this decision, the town will now have a savings of \$18,000.00 over the next 3 years. I would like to thank Cindy Allbee-Peterson for committing so much time to make the Recycling Center a very successful facility from which we all benefit.

Within the next three years, the Town of York will see some big expenses. A couple of these expenses are the revaluation for the town, which will be divided over a 2-year period, and the New Glarus Fire Department will be purchasing a new truck. The estimated cost of the truck is \$265,000.00. The Town is responsible for 8.3%. We are also setting money aside to replace our 13-year-old plow truck. We hope to do this within the next 2 to 5 years.

We are currently planning to replace the bridge on Poplar Grove road. The state and federal governments will pay 80%, the county 10%, and the town 10%. The bridge will be completed by June 2015.

In closing, I'd like to thank my fellow board members and the employees for their time and commitment in 2012.

# RECYCLING AND CLEANUP

## What to do with old Electronics:

April 26 and 27, recycle in Monroe (see notice on this page) [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), search "ecycle"  
<http://dnr.wi.gov/wastemgmt/wm/wmexternal/ShellReportViewer.aspx?RID=14&inst=1>

## Ag Plastics:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/recycling/agplastics.html>

## Chemicals:

<http://green.uwex.edu/2013/01/17/2013-green-county-clean-sweep/>  
 Green County Clean Sweep  
 May 1 through October 31 2013  
 1st Saturday of month, 8 am to noon  
 M-F, 7 am to 3 pm  
 Green County Landfill

**Latex paint:** Disposal information can be found on the Clean Sweep page (above).

## MESSAGE FROM OUR RECYCLING SUPERVISOR

CINDY ALLBEE-PETERSON

Hi Everyone, Happy Spring! As you are aware we are taking more recyclable materials for the recycling containers. I have been handing out the new recycling sheet from Pellitteri Waste Management, If you haven't received this please come and see me or go to the Town of York website. For television sets you can go to American TV or Best Buy and they will take them for free. When it comes to computers you would be able to take them to Goodwill Centers. The microwaves would go to Behr's recycling service in Monroe. Thank you for continually recycling and please always ask if you have any questions. Thanks for all of your hard work!!

Do you see or smell plastics burning? DON'T inhale, get away and contact a DNR Compliance Officer for our county, 935-1928.

## DELI CONTAINERS, ANYONE?

CARRIE CZERWONKA

Delic containers? What are they, exactly??? Those round tall things that hold popcorn kernels and potato salad? Or those boxes that strawberries come in? This was my question to Pellitteri. While they did not answer my question directly, they responded: "Any plastic item with a number on it within the recycling arrowed logo is potentially recyclable. While, from time to time, some markets may come

and go, we want to be consistent. For example, China was the only market for certain plastics, and they have stopped accepting them. We still collect and bale them, so that we're ready when a new market opens up.

Probably the biggest message to get out,

See a video of what happens to our recycling materials: <http://pellitteri.com/articles.jsp?id=662&sectionid=541>



Town of York Recycling Center hours:  
 Saturdays 8 am to 12 pm, year-round  
 Wednesdays 5 to 8 pm, June through August

## FREE! Electronics Recycling in Monroe

Woodford State Bank is sponsoring an electronics recycling drive to benefit the Green County Humane Society and the Habitat for Humanity of Green County

Friday April 26, 10 am-2pm

Saturday April 27, 9 am-2 pm

Location: Across from the Woodford State Bank (Monroe) in the former Walmart parking lot contact Nikki Matley (608) 329-2071 for more information

All personal data is guaranteed to be safely and securely destroyed

All materials recycled with Vintage Tech Recyclers, Inc., a certified R2 recycler

### Accepted Electronics:

Cables  
 Cable boxes  
 Cash Registers  
 Cellular phones  
 Computers  
 -Computer peripherals  
 -All computer parts  
 Copiers  
 Cords  
 CRT Monitors  
 DVD Players  
 External Drives (all types)  
 Fax/scanners  
 Keyboards  
 Laptops  
 LCD Monitors  
 Mouse  
 MP3/iPods/etc.  
 Networking equipment  
 PDAs  
 Printers  
 Projectors  
 Satellite Dishes  
 Servers  
 Stereos  
 TVs  
 Typewriters  
 UPS units (uninterrupted power supplies)  
 VCRs  
 Video game consoles

### Accepted Household Items:

Blenders (without glass)  
 Bread Makers  
 Cameras  
 Carpet Sweepers (corded or rechargeable)  
 Coffee makers (without glass)  
 Clocks  
 Curling irons  
 Electronic knives  
 Electric tooth brushes  
 Fans  
 Fool sealing equipment  
 Fryers  
 Hair cutters  
 Hair dryers  
 Heaters  
 Holiday lights  
 Irons  
 Land line phones  
 Massagers  
 Metal tools (drills, screwdrivers, small saws, sanders, etc.)  
 Microwaves  
 Mixers  
 Remotes  
 Radios  
 Shaving equipment  
 Toaster ovens  
 Vacuum cleaner (without bag)

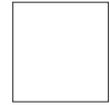
### NON Accepted Items:

Ballasts  
 Capacitors  
 Freon-containing items  
 -Air conditioners  
 -Dehumidifiers  
 Gas cylinders  
 Light bulbs  
 Liquids  
 -Items containing liquids  
 Household batteries  
 -AA,AAA, D, C  
 -Lithium  
 Medical equipment (any material that is considered or has come in contact with biohazard or radioactive material)  
 VHS cassette tapes  
 White goods  
 -Refrigerators  
 -Dish washers  
 -Stoves  
 -Washers/Dryers

would be to rinse all containers before they are placed in the receptacles at the Town yard. And we do prefer recyclables to be in clear plastic bags (not mandatory, but prefer) as this makes it easier to distinguish them from trash (which is typically placed on dark bags)."

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## Around the Town



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GREEN'S PRAIRIE (CONTINUED FROM P. 1) Dave has been doing a great deal of research about families whose relatives are buried in GPC. He has published a book (see *Note from the Editor*). He has found another veteran of the War of 1812, namely Robert Peebles. A stone is coming and Tollakson Memorial will set it and will reset the James Biggs stone.

Dennis Mason and a couple of other Civil War reenactors called the roll of our veterans buried in GPC. They used a Mountain cannon to accentuate the conclusion of their portion of Memorial Day.

We were pleased to have the Legion Post of Blanchardville provide and place the flags on the graves of the veterans buried in GPC.

We have again purchased flea beetles to continue the attack on the

unwanted invasive leafy spurge.

We have two trees that were girdled two years ago that can now be removed. Several groups have been in to study the fauna and gather seeds.

We continue to hunt for records of former GPCA officers.

Our current officers are Marilyn Jaeger, Secretary, from York; Dan Gaertzke, Treasurer, of New Glarus, Paul Lokken (York), Jodi Bubenzer (York), and Carla Ufken (Town of New Glarus), Directors; and I am President (York). Four of the 6 are from York.

The 2013 Memorial Day event will be at 1:30, weather permitting. Bring a chair. There will be Civil War reenactors, presentations by Dave Green (about his newly published book) and Tom Mitchell (who will speak about James Biggs).

*Note from the Editor:*  
David Green has recently published his book, *The Families of Green's Prairie Cemetery*. Get your copy from him directly at 608-527-4872. \$30 plus shipping (\$4.50). The Blanchardville Public Library and the Town have copies for your perusal.

