

CITY OF BRILLION

Cobblestone Inn & Suites rolls out the welcome mat Guests like friendly staff, variety of amenities

By Chris Havel
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BRILLION - Steve and Claire Letourneaux were among the more than 80 people who attended the Cobblestone Inn & Suites' open house last Thursday.

Their first impression of the new hotel along U.S. 10 echoed other guests' comments.

"Steve and I are very pleased to see such a quality hotel right here in Brillion," Claire said. "Being next door to Cobblestone Creek is perfect for overnight guests attending functions in Brillion."

Letourneaux, a member of the RDA (redevelopment authority), also cited the "variety of spacious room choices, comfy beds and amenities."

"And best of all," she said, "is the warm, welcoming 'Brillion-style hospitality' of the staff."

That was sweet music to hotel man-

ager Josie Kilgore's ears.

"That's great to hear," she said. "We want everybody to be happy when they come here. We haven't had any complaints about the staff, which is nice."

Kilgore said guests and visitors like the hotel's look and cleanliness.

"They couldn't believe that something this nice is here," she said. "They feel this would be in a larger community. People were surprised with all the amenities we have to offer. The whirlpool suits people liked, too."

Hotel employee Sara Ott was conducting tours during the open house.

"The guests love the colors that we've picked, as well as the hallways being bigger," Ott said. "They like that the rooms are very spacious. They also like the fact that we've got a refrigerator and microwave in every room."

Business has been picking up since the hotel opened earlier this summer.

"They're getting more people staying there during the week nights," said

Wayne Volkman, the city's development director. "And particularly those business people who otherwise stay in Appleton, Green Bay or Manitowoc to call on local business and industry here."

Letourneaux agreed.

"Even if it isn't in 'downtown Brillion' it's a definite asset to our city,"

she said. "Now besides being 'a great place to live, work, learn and play' it's also a great place to come and stay for a visit. Visitors now have a choice of accommodations when they come to the area for business, sightseeing the "between the lakes" area or family events."



COBBLESTONE INN & SUITES HELD ITS OPEN HOUSE Thursday, Aug. 20, and there were more than 80 guests at one point. Here is the ribbon-cutting ceremony photo (from left): Mark Pomerence, owner; Steve Schleis, city council; Wayne Volkman, city development director; Steve Letourneaux; Brad Grant, Calumet Co. Bank president; Claire Letourneaux; former Brillion mayor Gerald Sonnabend; Josie Kilgore, Cobblestone Inn & Suites manager; Al Thiede, Calumet Co. Bank; Lori Gosz, city administrator; Joe Levash, owner Cobblestone Creek; Gary Kabot, owner Cobblestone Creek; Betty Nies, city council president; Brian Wogernese, owner.

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Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Thursdays 12-8 p.m.; and Fridays 12-6 p.m.

■ Genealogy session to focus on Mecklenburg, Germany

The next Brillion Library Genealogy session will have a focus on research in the Mecklenburg, Germany area. Jim Voss will present information he has located and will show a helpful website that he used in this research. Program date is Wednesday, September 2nd at 1:30 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. Anyone in genealogy, family or local history research is invited to attend. Come join us for this quarterly session held at the Brillion Public Library.

■ Library interested in Wii bowlers

Calling all youth 12 and older! Come show your Wii Bowling skills! The recent competition held in August had no one competing for the honor of being Library bowling champion. So the Library is holding another tournament on September 10th from 4-5:30 p.m. Come show your bowling skills. The winner of this tournament will compete in a MCLS system competition to be held at Manitowoc in October. If you are interested in the competition, but are not able to attend the Sept. 10th match, let us know and we will set up a time for you to show your skill.

■ Storytime returns Sept 14th with ABCs as theme

Storytime will take a break and return on September 14th with "ABC with Me" when Storytime starts up. Storytime will feature the alphabet through stories. Each week we will feature 2 letters as we go through the alphabet. Youth are invited to bring along items that start with the featured letters. Storytime features a variety of stories, fingerplays, songs, crafts, films and other activities. Programs last between 30 and 45 minutes. All youth preschool through Kindergarten age are invited to attend. There are 2 weekly sessions held: Monday evenings at 6:30 and Tuesday mornings at 9:30. Come join us and give your child that head start in life by exposing them to books and

reading.

■ Book talking Selects new title for September

The Book Talking group has selected "A remarkable mother" by Jimmy Carter for its September book. Program date is Sept 22nd at 1:30 p.m. Copies of the featured book are available from the Library. Come join us!

■ Book Review

Robin Cook has been churning out best selling medical thrillers for a number of years. Today his latest book is being reviewed.

"Intervention" by Robin Cook brings back medical examiner Jack Stapleton. Stapleton has a victim who he found died after having a chiropractor work on her neck for a headache. He starts to examine whether there is a link between holistic healing and the number of deaths that could have been prevented with the person seeing a regular doctor. He starts to study this link to keep his mind occupied from dwelling on the severe illness his infant son is facing. He is then contacted by a college friend of his who is now an Arch Bishop in New York. It seems a 3rd mutual friend, Shawn Daughtry has found the ossuary of Mary in Rome and has brought it to New York for testing. The Arch Bishop asks for Jack's help in the situation. What unfolds is a story with a number of twists and a new look at holistic medicine.

Cook produces another great medical thriller. This one gives the reader a lot to think about. Faith and one's own view on the power of healing are questioned as we read this story. While Jack Stapleton is one of Cook's regular characters from past novels, this novel can be read without having read the other novels.

To check out or reserve, "The Intervention" by Robin Cook or any of his other novels, stop in during library hours or reserve the book online through the Library's website at www.ci.brillion.wi.us/library_home.html.

■ The library will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7.

Area artists giving 'Shirt off Back' to raise funds for area school arts

HILBERT - The Shirt off our Backs! That's what area artists are willing to give to support the arts in schools. Main Street Art Works, Hilbert, presents the Shirt Off Our Backs Show and Auction, on Friday, Sept. 11, to benefit a deserving area high school visual arts program.

Plain white T-shirts have been distributed to artist friends of Main Street Art Works. "The artists are free to redefine the shirt in any way they choose - wearable or not, sculpted, painted, shredded, hanging from the wall, or even the ceiling for that matter," said MSAW member Sarah Birschbach. "Anything goes, as long as they start with the shirt and finish with a work of art for the fundraiser."

Birschbach came up with the idea after observing the budget needs of school arts programs.

"Good quality art supplies, kilns, easels, paper, are more costly than

ever and art budgets need the help of the entire community to stay healthy and active," Birschbach noted.

High School art teachers can submit a simple letter of request that expresses their need for arts funding. Brillion, Chilton, Hilbert, Mishicot, Reedsville, Stockbridge, Valders, and Wrightstown high schools have been invited to apply. Based on the letters, one school program will be selected to receive the proceeds from this year's auction.

On Friday, Sept. 11, the creations will be auctioned off in both silent and live auctions in a fun party atmosphere. MSAW artists will also be transforming shirts on the spot while guests watch the performance, enjoy some live music and refreshments.

Go to www.mainstreetartworks.com for more information or follow MSAW on Twitter: MSAW-Gallery.

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