

the LAKE SCENE on Wapogasset Bear Trap

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June 6th & 7th

THE FISH ARE BITING ... Don't miss this chance to invite your family & friends to come up to the lake to enjoy a "free fishing" weekend and fish fry!

Every year, the State of Wisconsin invites you to DISCOVER FISHING on the first wknd. of June ... still plenty of time to send out invites! Residents AND non-residents of all ages can fish without a license on June 6th & 7th ...however all other fishing regs apply ... stop by Mort's for a copy of the 2009 regulations.

Crispy Crappies:

- Dip fish fillet into an egg wash ... beat 1 egg with about 1/2 c. milk
- Crush a tube of saltines till fine
- Salt and pepper fillet - dip in egg/milk mix - dip in crumbs.
- Fry on a well-oiled hot griddle till golden.



SATURDAY ... JUNE 6TH



LINCOLN TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP:

Time to clean out the garage ... Any Lincoln township resident can haul non-recyclable refuse to the Lincoln Sandpit from 9a-noon east of Amery on Cty. F and 85th St. - Lincoln Town Hall

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Wapogasset Bear Trap Neighborhood "NING" network. Find out what's going on around WBT online where fish are biting ... fun photos of lake life events ... see Assn. "Murder Mystery" photos online NOW. Just send me your email address and I'll send you an invitation to join in. Send to: kathy@lakewapogasset.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2009

May 24	Worship on the beach Bible Camp - 9:20a ... and every Sunday thru Labor Day wknd	July 3	FIREWORKS (raindate 5th)
May 25	Bible Camp Pancake Extravaganza 8a-12p Adult:\$7 Age 4-11 \$4	July 4	2mi. & 10K Run/Turtle Race/Kids Race
June 6-7	FREE FISHING WKND	July 4	Boat Parade starts in Bear Trap
June 6	Cattail Trail Days in Amery	July 11	Trustee Meeting 9a. YMCA Camp
June 6	Lincoln Township Clean-Up Day	July 13	Hackers/Wackers - WAPO Golf Tourney
June 13	Trustee Meeting 9a. YMCA Camp	Aug 8	Annual Meeting, 9a. YMCA Camp
June	Amery Art Fair at North Park	TBD	Mort's Kids Day (tent. 8-23)
July 3	Lighting of the Lake - 9:45p	Sept. 3	Last "Boat-in" worship - 9:20
		Sept. 9	Trustee Meeting, 9a. YMCA Camp
		Sept. 15-17	Amery Fall Festival

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NOTICES:

- LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES
 Membership notices were included with the Spring dinner invitation. If you haven't already renewed your membership please show your support by sending \$20 to: Wapogasset Bear Trap Association, Box 345, Amery, WI. 54001.
- THE LAKE SCENE SUMMER SCHEDULE:
 Seven issues of The Lake Scene are delivered by Lake Association trustees to your door throughout the summer starting Memorial Day weekend and ending Labor Day weekend. Look for additional Lake Scenes on ... June 13, June 27, July 11, Aug 1, Aug 15 & Sep 5.
 Additional copies always available at the Marina.
- FOURTH OF JULY ... Light-Up/Fireworks - July 3rd raindate: July 5th. If you haven't sent in your donation yet, please consider sending one to: WBT Sanitary Dist. 777 So. Shore Dr. Amery, 54001.



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Kathy Mortensen
 Owner/ Realtor

I would guess by now you've all noticed a "NEW" Realty sign showing up around the lakes. I can't tell you how happy it makes us to be able to bring "LAKE *life* REALTY" to Lake Wapogasset and Bear Trap. We also would like to express our sincere THANKS to those of you who called congratulating us on our new endeavor. I must admit that we got several calls asking ... "are you crazy?" Don't think for a minute that we didn't consider that ourselves!!! ... but with a lot of support from family and friends ... and a lot of prayer ... we decided to "go for it" ... it wasn't the first time we did something CRAZY in our lives. That happened 30 years ago ... when Mort quit teaching ... I quit my job at Honeywell ... we sold our cabin - sold our home ... and bought a trailerhome, two cabins and a Marina on Lake Wapogasset!

We're very excited to be able to devote all our time and attention to promoting Lake Wapogasset and Bear Trap and helping you buy or sell WBT property. On the back page, you'll notice "13" properties Lake Life Realty has listed (1 pending/1 Sold). It's been a busy spring and we're optimistic that with the great inventory and incredible interest rates, we'll continue to be busy throughout the summer.

Don't hesitate to call at any time ... most of our listings are available to see on SHORT notice. Next time you're touring the lake with guests ... if you see something that looks interesting, give me a call ... I'll meet you there!

Kathy

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

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DAILY: 10A-CLOSE
NIGHTLY SPECIALS: 5-9P

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First Splash 2009

HEY!...YOO HOO!...HELLLLLLLLLLLLOOOOOOOO....

Yes, friends of fins, we're back again. This will be our 18th season (we think), and if it seems like we might be getting a little crankier...you'll just have to live with it. Now if you want all the angling news that's fit to print, settle yourself in a comfy chair, relax...and find someone to read this to you. Sooner or later, you'll be hearing about one of your friends who's dumped her tackle box in the bottom of her AlumaCraft, or back-lashed his boatlift or tried to net a Northern with an upside down golf umbrella. We'll be watching you and your pals all summer long. But you WON'T be watching us...because we're the Phantom Fishermen!

WHAT'S BITING ON WHAT THIS SPRING?

Well, as you'll remember as someone read our spring article to you back in 1997, the Bass won't be biting on anything. The lilacs have bloomed and Mister and Missus Bass have celebrated their intimate rights of spring (read spawned) and are now recovering from all that activity in some remote (read you can't find them) spot. But you MIGHT be able to catch a Northern...like on a white spinnerbait with gold willow leaf blades or maybe a daredevil spoon or a Johnson's weedless or...something else. And you can MAYBE catch some nice Sunnies on a little popper and a fly rod...they've been shallow lately. Of course if you're fly rod challenged, you'll have to rely on a waxie under a bobber not more than two feet down in 8 feet of water.

Finally, if it's after May 23 when someone is reading this to you, you can catch a Muskie (yeah...right). Muskie season opens on May 23rd in our zone, so take your brand new \$25 Hog Wobbler lure out and cast it 10,000 times and see what happens. And then wait until late summer before you try that again.

A READER ASKS...

Wapo's favorite retired detective, Frank Savino, asks, "Hey...what if I'm in the boat and I catch a Walleye and don't have a tape measure to see if it's legal?" Well, Frank, as you know, Walleyes have to be 16 inches long. So we asked our friend, confidant, guide and worm provider, Erling "Mort" Mortensen what to do. He reminded us of the "old fisherman" dollar bill trick. Here's the way that works, Frank: look in your wallet and see if you can find a dollar. There's one...right next to the dead moth. A dollar bill is exactly SIX inches long, so you'll need at least two. OK, if you line them up end to end, you'll be 4 inches short. So then take 2 quarters, a penny and two dimes and you'll be at 16 inches! That's \$2.71. If that's too pricey, just toss the fish back and look for something bigger.



Wapo's Tim Henningsgard (and friend, Biff) just couldn't wait for ICE OUT Crappies.

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Dave Nelson

Welcome to a new summer at our lakes.

If you missed the spring dinner, you missed a very entertaining evening. Vicki and Joe Ziglinski and their cast of characters did a masterful job of entertaining us. The event was very well attended with the "murder mystery" program. Many of us didn't have a clue (well we had seven) who the perpetrator was. Thanks go to Vicki and Joe for all of their work.

The spraying of the fifteen acres of curly leaf pond weed is due this week. Hopefully the weather will cooperate. The wind has been the problem. The DNR has made the request that we only do fifteen acres to see what effect it has on water clarity. We are splitting the cost with the Sewer District as the DNR grant fund was empty. The CLP is already near the surface in many areas and seems to be spreading at a very rapid rate.

We will have a water patrol on our lakes this year. We have partnered with the Church Pine, Big and Round Lake District, and the Polk County Sheriffs department for patrolling. We will have three times as much patrolling as in past years. If you have any complaints, they should go to the Sheriffs Department. Know the boating laws and abide by them.

Wisconsin passed a new law regarding lawn fertilizer. Lawn fertilizers cannot contain any phosphorus.

Many have asked when the fireworks will be this year, mark July 3 on your calendars. If you haven't donated and would like to do so, send your donation to the Lake Wapogasset Bear Trap Sanitary District office, 777 South Shore Dr. Amery, WI 54001.

14th Annual



in AMERY

SATURDAY ... JUNE 6 ...

- 7-11a Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast at Amery Airport
- 9a ATV Trail Ride - Fun Run/Walk/Bike (2-5miles) (Start at Dick's Market - end at Trail Head Entry fee: non-perishable food item)
- CATTAIL TRAIL HEAD ... (behind Fire Dept. - 10a - 2p)
 - Petting Zoo
 - FREE ice cream cones sponsored by Polk
 - Burnett Dairy/Wis. Milk Mktg. Board
 - Wieners - Chips - Pop Served
 - FREE Fishing Day and Demo sponsored by Polk County Sportsmen's Club
 - Environmental Display
 - Clayton Fire Department Fire Safety House
 - FREE Blood Pressure Check
 - View Amery Fire Dept. Fire Truck

come see SPARKY the FIREDOG

NOON Storytime for kids - sponsor: Amery Library
CITY WIDE AMERY COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

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JUNE 20

AMERY ART FAIR

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Don't miss the Annual Woman's Club Arts & Crafts Fair at North Park in Amery. Admission and parking are FREE and the fair will be held rain or shine. Over 100 exhibitors will feature unique and handmade crafts and foods including painting, ceramics, jewelry, woods, metals and much more. Visit the Children's "Cookies and Crafts" booth. 268-4101 for more info.

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We can still use some "Clean Boats-Clean Waters" volunteers. We have several trained volunteers who can show you what to do. The job is communicating with boaters the importance of keeping invasives out of our lakes. Many boaters just don't know what laws they are breaking until we explain them. Nearly all boaters are very receptive of this program and are thankful we are doing it. If you are interested, call Rick Bazille at 268-2916.

Have a great and safe summer Dave Nelson

CARP HUNT JUNE 5TH
7:00 PM UNTIL 3:00 AM
 ... it's noisy ... it's annoying ...
 but it will HOPEFULLY get rid
 of LOTS OF CARP!



300 CLUB TICKETS ... still a few left!

Act now and you can still pick up a ticket for the Associations Annual Fundraiser ... The 300 Club! This popular fundraiser brings in \$6,000 ... and pays out \$3,000! Maybe this year you'll be a lucky winner!

Call Mary Lou Stanley at 268-2091 for tickets or questions about the fundraiser.

- Only 300 tickets sold
- Cost: \$20 per ticket
- Five \$100 winners in June
- Five \$100 winners in July
- Five \$100 winners in Aug
- Five \$100 winners in Sept.
- Two \$500 winners in Sep

Twenty-two chances to win. Winning numbers are re-entered in subsequent drawings

LAKE WAPOGASSET BEAR TRAP
ASSOCIATION
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 EDUCATION / COMMUNICATION by Diane Resseman

In view of the tragic loss of life (drowning accident) that occurred earlier this month on our lakes, we feel the need to remind you to KNOW THE WISCONSIN BOATING LAWS. A booklet is available at all places that sell fishing licenses and from the DNR. Be sure your family and guests are well informed as well as any renters you may have. We have stepped up the water patrols and violators will be ticketed! Common sense will also tell you to have your boats in good working order, have floatation devices for everyone aboard and leave the boat at the dock if there has been excessive drinking.


On a much happier note, it's not too early to start gearing up for the 4th of July activities: the boat parade, the races, (something for everyone from 10k to turtles) and of course, the fireworks which will be on Friday, July 3rd. Make a donation no matter how small. Watch this publication for more info and schedules.

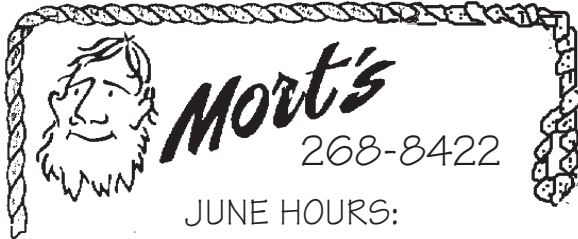
Have a safe and happy summer.

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JUNE HOURS:

- OPEN Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat. Sun - 8a - 7p
- CLOSED Mon. Tue.

WELCOME ... the Marina is OPEN for another season of boating, fishing, and conversation at the Gas Pump. Mort is looking forward to seeing you ... stop by to say "Hi."



2009 ... WBT Apparel

infant, youth, ladies, mens ... tanks, t's, caps, sweats
I'm hopeful that most will all be in stock by this weekend!



30th Anniversary SURPRISE!

Little did we know ... that in the Labor Day issue of "The Lake Scene" our daughters slipped in an invitation to all lake residents to a "30th Surprise Party" for Mort and I. NEVER in our lives were we MORE surprised. We were celebrating a belated birthday party for Mort when people started arriving just before 8p. It was LABOR DAY weekend ... we were amazed at how many of you took time away from guests to come over ... the thought of it still makes me smile! We truly feel blessed by the AMAZING friendships developed over the past 30 years ... Stop by the Marina to take a look at the "MEMORY" book created by your photos and Marina memories ... THANK YOU SO MUCH!

(and to our kids for the wonderful surprise & book!)

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Sunday, May 24th at 9:20a.m.

You won't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to join the Bible Camp staff and other lake residents to worship together.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket - come by car or boat ... JUST COME ... the music is incredible, the message inspiring and the setting ... a gift from GOD!

Check out the WAPO insert in this issue for activities scheduled for THIS WEEKEND!

Note: You're invited for brunch following the service ... please call Camp by Friday noon with your reservation.

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Let's Pamper our Lakes ...



SPRING REMINDERS

- Maintain a 35' plant buffer along the lakeshore even when there is riprap.
- Cutting grass to the water's edge encourages runoff ... and contributes to the weed growth on your frontage!
- Properly dispose of pet wastes.
- Use only phosphorous free fertilizer. It's the LAW!
- If possible, use lake water to water lawns and gardens.
- Keep lakeshore clean of wind blown aquatic plants.
- If you cut aquatic plants, remove them from the lake.
- Firepit ashes contain phosphorus - prevent them from reaching the water.
- Control storm runoff by installing rain barrels
- Don't throw stuff in the lakes.
- Scrupulously observe "no wake" ordinances.
- Don't bathe in the lake with soap.

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FOR SALE: Aluminum Pontoon Lift - 18' rails, new winch. \$800 or best offer. On Bear Trap 268-6570.

FOR RENT: Pontoon Trailer from Mort's \$45/min. charge. Call Mort at 268-8422 for reservation.

Recipes

Have you discovered a terrific new recipe over the winter??? Do you have a favorite from "The Lake Scene Cookbook" If so, please consider sharing it with our readers ... please send to Kathy or drop off at the Marina - or - email your recipe to me at ... kathy@lakewapogasset.com. I've added a "cookbook" link to my website ... access it from Mort's Marina page.

EASY LEMONY BREAKFAST TREATS

- 2 tubes of crescent rolls
- 2 - 8oz. pkgs. of cream cheese, softened
- 1 egg
- 1-1/4 c. sugar, divided
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 c. walnuts



... Lay 1 pkg. of crescent rolls in the bottom of a 9x13 pan. Press/Pinch perforations. Beat Cream cheese, lemon juice and vanilla. Beat 1 cup of the sugar and egg yolk. Spread on top. Add 2nd pkg rolls on top. Beat egg white until foamy, add rest of sugar and nuts. Bake at 350 for 25-30 minutes. Enjoy



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THE OTHER READER ASKS....

Bear Trap's Fred Kroog asks, "Hey, we LOVE you guys. Is there a BLOG or something like that where we can reach you?"

No.

SHORT CASTS....

Wapo's Bill Cassidy is claiming he ate some GREAT Walleye just after the opener. According to Bill, McCormicks & Schmicks in Edina has a wonderful Walleye creation for less than \$30. Of course with wine bill... well...OK...never mind.

Bear Trap's Andrea Ruminsky sez she knows where the Crappies are...but she's not telling. By the way, Andrea (what a catch!) is getting married in a couple of weeks (eat you hearts out, single guys). Preferential wedding seating based on presentation of gift receipt, OK?

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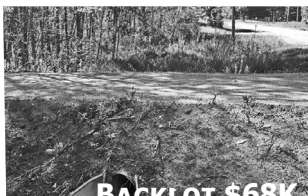
Window-wall views of Wapo



Sunroom/end unit The Cove



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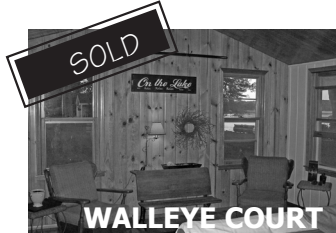
Level lot, sandy beach 4bd



The Cove .. great views!



"Longwood Road !!" 3bd



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"I'd enjoy showing you or your guests any of these WBT lakehomes ... (I work weekends!) & most are available on "short notice" ... just give me a call!

Kathy