



the LAKE SCENE on Wapogasset Bear Trap

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FISH FOR FREE JUNE 5th & 6th

MENU: FISH FRY ... beer battered, fried
WHEN: June 5th & 6th
WHERE: Your Place

Send out the invites ... let your neighbors and friends know about Wisconsin's FREE Fishing Weekend. Then head to Mort's to pick up a supply of waxies and chicken jigs ... and THEN ... GO FISH! No license required ... but pay attention to length limits/bag limits/etc. While you're at Mort's be sure to pick up the 2010/11 Fishing Regulations Booklet. See for yourself how great the fishing is on WBT ... then grab the Shore Lunch, a can of beer ... and ENJOY!

WALLEYE: 15" ... Daily Limit Wapo: 2 Bear Trap: 5
MUSKY: 40" Daily Limit: 1 Season Opens May 29
BASS: 14" Daily Limit 5
PANFISH: Daily Limit: 25 / Possession Limit: 50

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2010

May 30	Worship on the beach Bible Camp - 9:20a ... and every Sunday thru Labor Day wknd
May 31	Bible Camp Extravaganza
June 12	Trustee Meeting 9a. YMCA Camp
June 12	Orchestra at Garfield Park - 2:30p
June 19	Amery Art Fair at North Park
July 2	Lighting of the Lake - 9:45p
July 2	FIREWORKS (raindate 3rd)
July 4	2mi. & 10K Run/Turtle Race/Kids Race
July 4	Boat Parade
July 10	Trustee Meeting 9a. YMCA Camp

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CLEAN BOATS / CLEAN WATERS

... by Rick Bazille

This will be a busy year for the Lake Association's Clean Boats/Clean Waters Program. The Association

has been awarded a DNR Grant to fund the cost of hiring five area young people to work at the boat landings this summer. These people, together with unpaid volunteers, will work 310 hours educating boaters about the dangers of spreading aquatic invasive species. This is becoming increasingly important as more invasive species spread into our area. A training session for new volunteers will take place shortly after Memorial Day. If you have just a few hours to give to help protect your lakes this summer ... WE NEED YOU. Call Rick Bazille. 268-2916.

EURASIAN MILFOIL
FOUND IN
Amery's PIKE LAKE
SEE STORY P5



WISCONSIN BOAT SAFETY ... ON LINE

If you were born after 1988, you're required to complete a boating safety course to legally operate a motorized boat or personal watercraft (PWC). Anyone is eligible to take a boating safety class and receive a safety education completion certificate, although the certificate is not valid for a child until he/she is 12.

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July 24	Amery Library 5K Walk/Run - 268-9340
Aug 14	Annual Meeting, 9a. YMCA Camp
TBD	Mort's Kids Day
Sept. 5	Last "Boat-in" worship - 9:20
Sept. 11	Trustee Meeting, 9a. YMCA Camp
mid-Sept.	Amery Fall Festival

29th Year of Publication

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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. GOAL: 100% membership!!!
- 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 ... June 12, June 26, July 17, July 31, Aug 14, & Sep 4 NOW ONLINE ... copies always available at the Marina.
- NOTICE: LINCOLN RESIDENTS ... The following ordinances are in effect: Plan Commission, Driveway, Road Standards, Com'l Building Code, ATV, Subdivision, Outdoor Burning, Animals, Citations, Schedule of Deposits, Fee Schedule. Call 268-4747 for copies.



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Kathy Mortensen
 Owner/ Realtor



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WISCONSIN BOAT SAFETY CLASS & EXAM

On Line Courses and Exams ...

- Boaterexam.com ... 3 hour course ... \$29.99
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For classroom instruction go to: dnr.wi.gov for info.

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PHANTOMS FIRST SPLASH 2010

Over the winter, you may have thought “I won’t have to worry about being embarrassed in The Lake Scene this year. The Phantoms are getting old. They won’t be back.” Well, HAH to you! We’re back and with a vengeance! Old or not, our eyesight is still 20-20 (corrected), AND WE CAN HEAR AS WELL AS ANY RETIRED ARTILLERY OFFICER, OK? And besides, after doing this for 31 years (or however many it’s been), we’ve developed just a bit of an attitude. So watch yourself...because we will be!

CRAPPIES ARE ANYTHING BUT CRAPPY...

Now if you’d been around a couple of weeks ago, we would have told you to follow our Marina Magnate friend, Mort, around and watch him boat a few nice meals of 10 inch Crappies. But you weren’t around and neither were we, so file this under “Remind Me Next Year.” If you HAD been stalking Mort, you might have seen him looking for the first patch of spring weeds on a still spring evening. And you might have seen him put a waxie on a dark Chicken Jig. And you might have seen him drop the jig down into the weeds (no sinker) and let it fall slowly to the bottom. And then you might have seen those nice Crappies being reeled in. But you weren’t there, so maybe we just made this whole thing up.

OK...here’s a story you CAN believe. Wapo’s Stan Kulbitski sez he’s catching slab Crappies using a Crappie minnow under a bobber...fairly shallow, whatever that means. Stan also reported that his brother-

in-law’s black lab chased a black bear up a tree near his cabin. Since Stan could probably function as the entire Neighborhood Watch program for both lakes (he seems to know what’s going on with just about everybody), we don’t have much reason to doubt him on this one either. Especially since the DNR has reported a bunch of bear sightings in Polk County.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE A BEAR...

Run.

FROM WAPO ANGLER BILL CASSIDY’S FISHING OPENER DIARY...

“I went fishing this morning down at the shoreline but after a short time I ran out of worms. Then I saw a snake with a frog in his mouth. Frogs are good Bass bait. Knowing the snake couldn’t bite me with the frog in his mouth I grabbed him right behind the head, took the frog, and put it in my bait bucket. Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bitten. So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. His eyes rolled back, he went limp. I released him onto the shore without incident and carried on fishing, using the frog. A little later I felt a nudge on my foot. There was that same snake with two frogs in his mouth.” Thanks for sharing that, Bill. And who are we to question why you’d take a jug of Jack down to the shore for a little early morning fishing?

OUR READERS ASK...

Bear Trap’s Patrick Donovan asks, “How can I catch a Northern this year?” Well, the first thing, Patrick, is to lose those funny plastic black and yellow salamander lures of yours that didn’t work for the last three years. And while the water temps are still pretty cool, we suggest you try a white or chartreuse spinnerbait with gold willow leaf blades and attached to your line

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from the President's desk



Dave Nelson

We have completed the curly leaf pond weed spraying for this year. The same area as last year was sprayed. We need to spray at least three more years to be successful. The Sewer District took the lead with this project.

Our spring social was very successful with over 140 attendees. Joe and Vicki Ziglinski chaired the event. This year Monty Doll played "Lets Make A Deal". Fun was had by all who attended. This year we honored Tom Berreman, Dave Erspamer, and Ed Gullickson for their volunteer work.

Next Year our association will celebrate its 100th year. We will start planning for this event shortly. We do need you help. We want to honor the early people who were instrumental in lake work. If you know of someone, please let me know.

Have a wonderful summer. Dave Nelson



FIREWORKS FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY

For many years, the Fourth of July celebration on our lakes has been a "memory maker" for many WBT families and friends. The fireworks display brings "oohs" and "aahs" that echo around the lake. This year our fireworks display may not be the memory-maker we're accustomed to ... donations are DOWN considerably. PLEASE send a donation ... even a small one ... to: WBT Sanitary District ... make a notation on your check that it's for the fireworks display. THANK YOU!!

15TH ANNUAL



SATURDAY --- JUNE 5TH

- 7-11a Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast at Amery Airport - Hwy 46 - South of Amery
 - 10a-2p At Cattail Trail Head on the Apple River (just behind the Fire Dept off Keller Ave)
 - 3p-6p Taco Dinner at Amery Ambulance Garage 150 Snow Street
- Events:
- Petting Zoo
 - Amery Public Library Storytime at 10a.m.
 - View Amery Fire Dept. - truck on display
 - FREE ice cream cones sponsored by Polk Burnett Dairy/Wis. Milk Mktg. Board
 - Hot Dogs - Chips - Pop
 - FREE Fishing Day ..sponsored by Polk Cty Sportsmen's Club
 - FREE Blood Pressure Check by Amery Municipal Ambulance
 - Polk County Land Conservation Display
 - Cattail Trail ATV Club and Amery Snowmobile Information Booth

WEEKEND COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

Check The Amery Free Press June 1st issue for listings ...sponsored by the Amery Community Club and Amery Free Press

AMERY ART FAIR

JUNE 19 ... 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Over 100 exhibitors will feature unique and handmade crafts and foods including painting, ceramics, jewelry, woods, metals and much more. Don't miss the Annual Woman's Club Arts & Crafts Fair at North Park in Amery. FREE Admission and Parking. Food available. Directions: NORTH of downtown Amery on Hwy 46

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MILFOIL IDENTIFICATION



EURASIAN

NATIVE

Eurasian Milfoil was recently discovered in a nearby Amery Lake ... Pike Lake ... a beautiful small lake connected to North Twin Lake located in downtown Amery and only about 3 miles from WBT! The plant was discovered by Amery School Teacher Steve Schieffer while exploring Pike Lake with his Freshwater Ecology Class. The nuisance plant has only been found in one location so far ... near the boat landing. The Amery Lakes District is working with the DNR to develop a plan to eradicate the invasive plant.

Steve's knowledge of aquatic plants was critical to the quick discovery and hopefully quick eradication of EWM on Pike Lake. That name may sound familiar to you, as Steve was responsible for developing the Sanitary District's Plant Management Plan.

Take a look at the photo above and study the information below ... know the difference between the "good" and "bad" milfoil. Then when you're out on that evening pontoon cruise around the lake ... particularly around the public launch areas ... be observant ... and if a plant looks suspicious, CAREFULLY take a sample (NOTE: it spreads through fragmentation of small pieces of the plants) and bring it to the Marina for identification.

EURASIAN MILFOIL (BAD) Usually 12 - 21 leaflet pairs. It is highly invasive and aggressively competes with native plant communities reducing biodiversity. Dense mats clog propellers, impair swimming, restrict boating and fishing accesses, and affect water quality. Eurasian watermilfoil is recognized primarily by its whorls of four feather-like leaves around the stems. Each leaf is finely divided into paired leaflets, typically 12 to 21 pairs per leaf. The number of stems per plant increases as the plant ages. Each individual stem branches several times as it nears the water surface, creating a dense floating mat over the surface of the lake. Dense Eurasian watermilfoil beds usually occur in water between 3 and 20 feet deep. The tops of the milfoil plants, both stems and leaves, often turn red in color. It spreads through fragmentation of small pieces of the plants. Eurasian water milfoil does not rely on seed for reproduction. Its seeds germinate poorly under natural conditions. It reproduces vegetatively by fragmentation, allowing it to disperse over long distances. The plant produces fragments after fruiting once or twice during the summer. These shoots may then be carried downstream by water currents or inadvertently picked up by boaters. Milfoil is readily dispersed by boats, motors, trailers, bilges, live wells, or bait buckets, and can stay alive for weeks if kept moist.

NORTHERN MILFOIL (GOOD) is often mistaken for coontail or Eurasian watermilfoil, but it does not branch at the surface as much as Eurasian watermilfoil does; northern typically has half as many leaflet pairs as Eurasian has; northern leaves are rigid when removed from the water, but Eurasian leaves are limp when out of water.

ST. CROIX VALLEY ORCHESTRA

... at Garfield Park on Wapo

... Sat. June 12th - 2:30pm

.....see INSERT in this issue.....

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Note: OPEN Monday, Memorial Day from 8a-7p

WELCOME ... The Marina doors opened to about 3 fisherman over the extremely WINDY Fishing Opener this year. But now it's Memorial Day ... lake residents are back ... and the Marina will be OPEN Wed. thru Sun. from 8a to 7p for Gas, Fishing Licenses, Bait, Tackle, Marine Supplies, Ice, Beer, Pop, Snacks, Ice Cream treats ... and CANDY for the KIDS!

Mort's will continue carrying a large variety of your favorite BEER and COOLERS ... stop by during your evening pontoon cruise and create your own 6-pack of Novelty Beers like "Wild Ride" or a variety of Wine Coolers. Chips, crackers and the fixing's for S'Mores are always available.

Look forward to seeing you!

2010 FISHING LICENSE FEES

.....fishing regulations available at Mort's.....

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4-day Individual:.....\$24	Husband/Wife:....\$31
15-day Individual:....\$28	16&17 yrs old:....\$7
15-day Family:.....\$40	65 yrs.+:.....\$7
Annual Family:.....\$65	
(family incl. 16&17 yrs olds)	



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with a steel leader, of course. Toss it out over the weed beds and quickly retrieve it over the tops of the weeds. If that fails, cast along the weed edges, letting your spinnerbait sink a little before bringing it back. If that fails, just give up. You're probably never going to catch one.

PHANTOMS WATER SAFETY CAPTION CONTEST



Make up a caption for this photo, drop it off at the Marina, and the top three winners (as selected by a panel of professionals) will win a one-item Mort's Candy Counter Shopping Spree!

COMING NEXT ISSUE... A complete step by step guide to landing a Walleye using an upside-down golf umbrella



You're INVITED ... The first "Boat-In" service of the season will be held on the beach at the Bible Camp **SUNDAY - MAY 30th at 9:20am**

You won't want to miss this opportunity to join the Camp staff and other lake residents to worship together in this incredible "outdoor cathedral"!

Check out the WAPO insert in this issue for Memorial weekend activities



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Tony Moller

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Wed. - Sat. 4-closing Sunday open at 10a.

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Recipes

Want to share this breakfast bake with you. It was served at a shower for a new WBT baby ... grandson Evan to the Vrieze (Bear Trap) and Cook (Wapo) family

Blueberry French Toast

- 12 slices day old bread (cut in 1" cubes)
- 2 - 8 oz. pkgs cream cheese (cut in 1" cubes)
- 1 cup blueberries (fresh or frozen)
- 12 eggs
- 1/3 cup honey

... whisk together the eggs, milk and honey. Grease a 9x13 pan. Add 1/2 bread cubes - layer cream cheese - blueberries. Top with remaining 1/2 bread cubes. Pour egg mixture on top and chill overnight.

Bake at 350 - 45 min. covered/30 min. uncovered
Blueberry Sauce:

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp. corn starch
- 1 cup cold water
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 Tbsp butter

... Combine sugar/cornstarch. Add water and boil 3 min. Add berries and cook until they begin to burst. Serve over french toast - dust with powdered sugar.

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BOOK SALE: Amery Public Library June 4 - 10a-8p, June 5 - 9a-1p. Featuring Harvey Stower family collection of records, books, VHS, DVD, CD tapes & posters.

At the Amery Library 225 Scholl Court (old hospital)
ARTWORK DISPLAY/SALE: June 4 reception 6-9p Northern Lakes Center for Arts - featuring WBT artist Martie Beebe and Randi Johnson artwork. (see insert)

SAVE THE DATE: Amery Library 5K Fun Run/Walk & Breakfast - Sat. July 24, pre-register at library

GARAGE & BAKE SALE: June 18 8a-4p & June 19 8a-noon. Deronda Church 1239 Cty. Rd. F.

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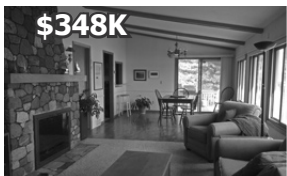
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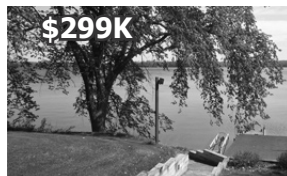
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