



# the LAKE SCENE on Wapogasset Bear Trap

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in WISCONSIN

To many anglers Wapogasset Bear Trap is considered THE best fishing lake in Polk County ... why not see if they're right! Dust off the rod and reel ... re-string the line ... then head out to the dock and start casting! No need to head to the Marina for a fishing ... continued on P7

*Welcome Back!*  
**WATERSIDE Bar & Grill**

How exciting it is to have our BAR & GRILL back!!! THANKS ... Ray & Pam for bringing back to WBT a fun & friendly place to bring our families, friends and guests . If you haven't been there, plan to stop in SOON ... you won't be disappointed! The food is FANTASTIC ... the menu has something for everyone ... OR ... if you want to kick up your heels, or pretend to be the next "Idol", consider stopping by on Thur/Fri/Sat evenings ... the DJ/Karaoke will get you moving! Plus ... it's a great place to meet fellow lake residents!

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2011

- May 29 Worship on the beach Bible Camp - 9:20a ... and every Sunday thru Labor Day wknd
- May 30 Bible Camp Extravaganza (see insert)
- June 3,4,5 Amery Trail Days
- June 4&5 FREE FISHING WEEKEND
- June 11 Trustee Meeting 9a. YMCA Camp
- June 18 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 9 Trustee Meeting 9a. YMCA Camp
- Aug 13 Annual Meeting, 9a. YMCA Camp
- TBD Mort's Kids Day
- Sept. 5 Last "Boat-in" worship - 9:20
- Sept. 10 Trustee Meeting, 9a. YMCA Camp
- mid-Sept. Amery Fall Festival

To WELCOME in Memorial Day, and CELEBRATE the start of SUMMER, the band "BOONDOGGLE" will be at Waterside on Sunday evening. Be there for a fun evening!

(Editor's Note: If you'd like to take a look at their great menu, go to [www.LakeWapogasset.com](http://www.LakeWapogasset.com) and click on the WATERSIDE tab!)



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NOTICES:

- LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES  
 Membership notices were included with the Spring Assn Letter. Show your support by sending \$20 dues to: Wapogasset Bear Trap Association, Box 345, Amery, WI. 54001. GOAL: 100% membership in the Association's 100th YEAR!
- THE LAKE SCENE SUMMER SCHEDULE:  
 Seven issues of The Lake Scene are delivered by Lake Association trustees. Look for additional Lake Scenes ... June 11, June 25, July 16, July 30, Aug 20, & Sep 3 NOW ONLINE ... copies always available at the Marina.



Helping people discover the 'simple pleasures of LAKE LIFE' is what Lake Life Realty is all about. Matching "just the right buyer" with "just the right seller" is particularly rewarding! I was thrilled to get an email from one of last fall's "matches" telling me how much they enjoyed their new cabin over the winter months. They're looking forward to summer arriving ... and discovering just how great "lake life" on WBT will be!



Kathy Mortensen  
 Owner/ Realtor

Ten additional families will also be enjoying their first summer on WBT ... six SOLD last fall/winter and 5 accepted offers so far this spring! WELCOME to the lake ... LET SUMMER BEGIN ... We're glad you're here!

More good news: The phone has been ringing off the hook ... I've been out on showings ... and I have "motivated buyers" ready to write an offer on "just the right" lakeplace! COULD IT BE YOURS??? High on the "wish list": low elevation ... privacy ... open floorplan ... vaulted interior ... "move-in-ready" ... 3+ bdrm ... 2+ba ... buyers from \$200K to a Million! Give me a call if this sounds like your place!

Kathy

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). Note: Prior to Class you must obtain a DNR Identification number. This nine-digit number must be assigned to you by the DNR. It must be unique, you cannot use another person's number or you will not receive your certificate. Call 1-888-936-7463 or visit a DNR Service Center to obtain your unique number. On Line Courses and Exams ... • Boaterexam.com ... 3 hour course ... \$29.99 • Boated.com ... 3 hour course ... \$29.50 For classroom instruction go to: dnr.wi.gov for info.

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Yeah, you. We see you, and we know that you've just filled up your live well with ice cubes so there's a place for your diet Dr. Pepper since it'll probably never see a fish. Well, we're back again for another year of watching you wander aimlessly across our lakes. And as usual, we'll be bringing you the best fishing tips and commentary to help make your angling adventures productive...or at least tolerable. Tips and commentary like: There is no instruction manual for taking the backlash out of your boatlift...not even on the Internet. Or...just because you've accidentally dumped your entire tackle box into the South Bay of Bear Trap, you have NOT invented a new chumming technique. Or... speed trolling with a plastic worm will probably never make the list of "when all else fails." So settle back, relax and find someone to help you with the big words. We'll be seeing you. But you won't be seeing us, because we're the PHANTOM FISHERMEN.

WHAT'S MY LINE...?

No, we're not talking about your prowess in the single bar scene. We're talking FISHING lines. Well, there are basically two kinds: monofilament (this is one of those big words you might need help with) and braided. Monofilament (mono) has been the choice of fisher people who get it – and get fish – for years. But now the braided lines are really winding up...(heh, heh, heh). The big difference is that mono lines stretch, making the hook set a little tougher. Braided lines don't

have much stretch and are almost impossible to break. For our lakes, braided lines will probably be just fine, because if you're going to get hung up, it'll probably be in the weeds. Of course if you get snagged on a log or a rock, you can kiss your \$8 Rapala goodbye regardless. Bear Trap's Tom Quinn has another category of line. He uses high C piano wire. When we asked him if this isn't a little tough to string up on his reel, he said, "Yeah, a little. But I don't miss many Crappies." Hmhmhmhm.

CLEAN WATER...CLEAN MIND...TAKE YOUR PICK...

We pick water. The water clarity is so spectacular now, the lakes are like having your own aquarium. Do what Bear Trap newbies, the Benedicts (really good eggs), do. Let the kids stay up a little later, wait until dark, then take them down to the dock with a flashlight. You'll see all kinds of stuff. Better yet take the family out on the pontoon, into the shallows with a strong light. Problem is, you'll see so many fish, you'll lose track of time and miss the 10 O'clock news. The other problem is...you'll never catch any of those fish. So just enjoy yourselves!

OUR READERS ASK...

Bear Trapper, Fred Norenberg, asks, "Where's the best fishing on the lake?" At the end of your dock, Fred. If you don't believe us, take a flashlight down to the end of your dock at night. Sorry, Fred, we will be publishing the GPS coordinates of your dock in our next issue.

CRAPPIES MOVING IN...

And there goes the neighborhood. Look for new weed growth in about 8 feet of water. Try minnows under a bobber. You can even try a little pink jig with a waxie. Just do something. Because of the water clarity, early, early morning or at dusk will work the best.

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# AMERY TRAIL DAYS

FRIDAY . SATURDAY . SUNDAY ... JUNE 3, 4, & 5TH

**FRIDAY: JUNE 3RD**  
**WEEKEND COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE**  
Check The Amery Free Press May 31st issue for listings

**SATURDAY: JUNE 4TH**  
**CATTAIL TRAIL HEAD: 10A - 2P**  
Events: • Petting Zoo  
• Amery Public Library Storytime at 11a.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

**SATURDAY: JUNE 4TH (CONTINUED)**  
**AMERY AIRPORT HWY 46 SOUTH**  
7-11a Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast at Amery  
**CATTAIL TRAIL HEAD (behind Fire Dept. on Keller Ave)**  
9a ATV Fundraiser Ride of UofM Brain Cancer Research begins ... 268-7864 more info.  
**SOUTH TWIN LAKE BEACH SHELTER**  
1:30p Seven Lakes Fun Adventure Triathlon/Duathlon Event ... Run/Walk - Bike - Paddle ... Registration 11:30a-1p ... pre-register at 268-2453.  
**AMERY AMBULANCE GARAGE (So. Keller by ALCO)**  
3p-6p Taco Dinner  
**CATTAIL TRAIL HEAD**  
8:30p/DUSK ... FREE Movie (weather permitting) "Shrek Forever After" ... sponsored by Kops & Kids

**SUNDAY: JUNE 5TH**  
**SOO LINE PARK (downtown Amery)**  
1:00p ... Fun Bike Ride on the Stover Seven Lakes Trail

sponsored by Amery Community Club & Amery Free Press

## FIREWORKS

The Fourth of July celebration on our lakes is always a "memory maker". Year after year, the fireworks display brings "oohs" and "aahs" that echo around the lake. THANKS to all who sent in donations, but we **STILL NEED MORE** if you want our celebration to be as SPECTACULAR as it was last year!

Send donations **NOW** to: WBT Sanitary District ... make a notation on your check that it's for the fireworks display. THANK YOU!!

34th

## AMERY ART FAIR

JUNE 18 ... 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Over 80 exhibitors will be selling unique handmade crafts and foods in North Park - Amery - Hwy. 46. Visit the children's activity table and the Woman's Club Homemade Cookie Booth! Proceeds are used to support community projects. Come and enjoy a day filled with something for all! Admission and parking are free.



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... Dianne Resseman

Be a part of the on-going celebration of our 100 Years. Send us your personal stories to be published in the Lake Scene throughout the summer. We are looking for your first memory, your favorite memory, or why you love living on our lakes. Let us know what brought you here ... was it family or friends who already lived here? Can you give us an approximate date? Does your family history go back many generations? Whether you're a NEW resident, or have been here for many years ... we all have a story to tell. Hope you'll share yours!

You can e-mail to [kathy@lakewopogasset.com](mailto:kathy@lakewopogasset.com) or to [itsmedianemn@hotmail.com](mailto:itsmedianemn@hotmail.com) or drop it off at Mort's.

**REMINISCING ...**

by Bob Whitman, Buzzetti Park

I moved to 1273 South Shore Drive on Wapo late Nov 1989. It was a very small house on a 60 ft lot right on the water. The driveway had a steep incline up to the main road. I moved in over the weekend, but did not sleep there since I was working in Mexico during the week and only came home on the weekends. My first opportunity to stay at the lake was over the Christmas holidays. The very first night it was snowing quite hard so I parked my car up on top of the hill. I was ecstatic about finally being able to spend a night at the house. As I recall I stayed up until nearly 2:00 am. Suddenly I was awakened by what sounded like spinning car tires. I looked up to the road and saw nothing. I then realized a car was on my front lawn trying back up my driveway to the road. Because of the snow it was way too slippery for them to make it to the top. As it all turned out, it was a father and son going ice fishing and thought my driveway was the landing road to the lake. He called a friend who came and picked them up around 4:00 am. They returned the next day with a tow truck who winched the car up the driveway onto South Shore Drive. This was my welcome to Lake Wapo!!

**REMINISCING ...**

by Dianne Resseman, Ragna's

Diane Resseman boasts that The Hodge Podge Lodge has been in her family since it was built by her father and grandmother in 1928. There have been four generations enjoying summers here and the fifth is on the way! "I can remember way back when there was a pump at the kitchen sink, my grandmother cooked on a wood stove, we had a path instead of a bath and I got to go along to get the big block of ice for the ice box."

**REMINISCING ...**

by ??? ... how about you!

The "Reminiscing" column was a regular feature of The Lake Scene many years ago ... and a FAVORITE column to many residents. PLEASE consider letting us know why you love living on Wapogasset or Bear Trap!

IF THERE IS SOMEONE ON THE LAKE WHO YOU FEEL SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED BECAUSE THEY HAVE HELPED IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AT THE LAKE ... please email that information to Gail Tessman as soon as possible ... [tessman@amerytel.net](mailto:tessman@amerytel.net)

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- OPEN Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat. Sun: 1p - 7p
- CLOSED Mon. Tue.

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

WELCOME ... the Marina will be OPEN Wed. thru Sun. from 1p to 7p for Gas, Fishing Licenses, Bait, Tackle, Marine Supplies, Ice, Beer, Pop, Snacks, Ice Cream treats ... WBT Apparel ... and CANDY for the KIDS!

## LEARN MORE ... about your lake

In each issue of The Lake Scene look for these "dotted borders" scattered throughout the paper. Each article will contain information on WATER QUALITY PRACTICES that, if implemented, will lead to water quality improvements on your property ... and benefit everyone on our lakes.

**RAIN GARDEN:** Consider designing a rain garden to capture runoff from rain events and absorb water over several hours to a few days. Absorbed water is filtered and purified by the soil. When rain gardens are planted with a variety of colorful native flowers and grasses, they attract hummingbirds and butterflies to your yard. Place a rain garden on a relatively flat area of your yard for maximum effectiveness and ease of construction. More Info: <http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/> ... scroll to Home & Garden Clean Water Practices and choose Rain Gardens. or ... <http://dnr.wi.gov/runoff/rg/>



Otherwise, they'll see you, and the way you look you'll spook 'em!

WHILE WE WERE NAPPING...

Here's what we missed a couple weeks after our last article last fall. Dave Christensen, son-in-law of Wapo's George "I'm-a-Florida-Resident-Honest" Thomas, landed this Wapo Muskie. 50 1/8 inches with a 25 inch girth. We're thinking 40 plus pounds. Dave put him back into the lake, so he's probably 52 inches now. Kinda makes you think twice about swimming while wearing those spangly-dangly gold earrings, doesn't it?



COMING NEXT ISSUE...

Predict your fishing results with our new Phantom Horoscope/Moon Phase/Tarot Card system. We've done some right-on predictions lately. Just because the world didn't come to an end last week, doesn't mean the system doesn't work. We actually moved this event to November 31st due to bad weather.



You're INVITED ... The first "Boat-In" service of the season will be held on the beach at the Bible Camp **SUNDAY - MAY 29th 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"!



268-8774

Tony Moller

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

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**Recipes**

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 1# ground beef  
 1# Italian Sausage, bulk  
 1# wide curly egg noodles, Cooked  
 2 - 15oz cans Chef Boy-R-D Pizza Sauce  
 1 - 4oz can Tomato Sauce  
 24 oz. Shredded Mozzarella Cheese  
 Green olives (best!) or black olives if desired  
 ... Brown the meat and drain. Add the pizza sauce and tomato sauce to the meat.  
 ... In a 9x13 pan, layer 1/2 meat sauce on bottom, then 1/2 cooked noodles, then the remaining meat sauce, then 1/2 the cheese, then the remaining noodles, then the remaining cheese (add olives as desired) Bake 350 - 1 hr. This is a FAMILY FAVORITE of ours!

**WISCONSIN'S FREE FISHING WEEKEND COMING UP SOON**



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 license over the WEEKEND of JUNE 4th & 5th ... as residents AND non-residents are invited to try fishing for FREE! Remember, however, that EVERY DAY is FREE FISHING for ALL kids 15 and under.

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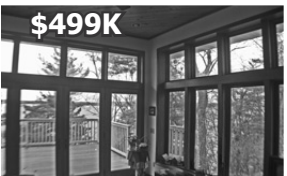
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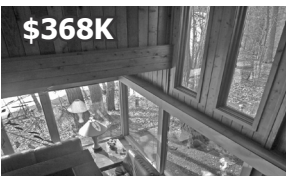
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