

the LAKE SCENE on Wapogasset Bear Trap

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

The Amery Womens Club invites all lake residents to stroll thru North Park in Amery and discover the unique hand-made crafts and foods displayed by over 80 exhibitors. And, don't forget to bring the kids! They'll enjoy the children's activity table and the Woman's Club Homemade Cookie Booth!

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-  Aquatic Plant Monitoring - time commitment, twice a month. Call Dave Nelson: 715-268-8568

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2011

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

NOW AVAILABLE from Wisconsin's DNR ...

ONE-DAY FISHING LICENSES ...



For many years a short term 4-day licence costing \$24 or 15-day license at \$28 were the only options available for non-residents to legally fish Wisconsin waters. A short term license for residents was not an option. Well, things have changed ...

To encourage EVERYONE to discover Wisconsin's GREAT fishing, the DNR has created a ONE-DAY license. Although the license expires at midnight of the day purchased, **it can be upgraded to an annual license.**

\$8 RESIDENT
\$10 Non-RESIDENT

See Mort's Marina column on Pg. 6 for a complete Resident and Non-resident Fee chart.

FIREWORKS

Send donations **NOW** to: WBT Sanitary District ... make a notation on your check that it's for the fireworks display. **HELP MAKE IT THE BEST ONE YET!**

NEXT ISSUE: Pier Registration Deadline Extended ... see www.lakewapogasset.com - What's Happening Tab for more info.

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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.

THINGS THAT GO "ITCH" (find more info on what swimmers' itch is at www.lakewapogasset.com What's Happening Tab)
 Most of you know all about our very common summertime pest called "swimmers' itch" ... and the preventative measures normally taken to help prevent it. but **PLEASE KEEP READING!** Every year I head to Johnson Drugs and ask the same old question ... "anything new on the market for lake itch" ... for the 30 years of writing about lake itch, there's never been a change ... UNTIL NOW!!!! Randy Olson, Pharmacist (and fellow lake resident) showed me a NEW PRODUCT on the market that claims to **PREVENT SWIMMERS ITCH!** It's called SWIMMERS' ITCH GUARD ... a 15% zinc oxide product with +30 SPF sunscreen. The cost is \$19.59 for a jar. Can't wait to hear from someone regarding its effectiveness. email me if you TRY it and it WORKS ... or DOESN'T WORK!



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Let's be optimistic ... it's going to be a FANTASTIC summer ... three more months of weather just like we enjoyed last weekend!



Kathy Mortensen
 Owner/ Realtor

... and hopefully several more months of real estate activity like we've experienced so far this year! Just this past week Lake Life Realty had two closings ... one was with a former resident of Bear Trap who raised their kids on WBT and are now looking forward to enjoying time at the lake with GRANDKIDS! We're excited to have Steve Ferrozzo and his wife Audrey back on WBT ... as the newest residents of Wallace Drive. The other closing was on a townhouse ... soon be retiring and looking forward to lake life on Wapogasset! Next week is another LLR closing ... a family THRILLED at the opportunity to start enjoying all that WBT has to offer! and ... I'm expecting to present an offer on a Bear Trap property tomorrow!

Is it a sign of a change in times for lakefront real estate? Let's hope so! Give me a call if you'd like me to stop by to discuss the possibility of selling your property in this market.

Kathy

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LARRY AND LARRY ARE AT IT AGAIN...

That's Barenbaum and Swartz, well known Bear Trap/Wapo Crappie Couple, were spotted in Marina Bay last weekend, apparently fishing, both longing to lure the lunger. Larry B. was reported to have been in the Marina last week, and Mort showed him how to bite the plastic body of a chartreuse sparkle tube jig in half to make room for a worm. Apparently this worked, and B. figured he'd have one up on S., so he showed up a few days later and bought a whole bunch of chartreuse sparkle tube jigs. His only question was, "Who can I get to bite these things in half?"

CRAPPIES ARE ON THE BEDS...

...with the Sunnies close behind. The Crappie beds are in about 5 feet of water, and you should fish them by biting a chartreuse sparkle tube jig in half and attaching a worm. (Ask Larry B. how to do that and who he found to bite the tubes in half.) The Sunnies will be a little shallower, and you'll see them in those little dishes at the end of your dock.

THE PROBLEM NOW IS...

...keeping the Bass off your hooks while you're fishing for panfish. But if you're serious about Bass, try the old reliable purple scented worm with the red firetail. Now that the weeds are up, you can fish 'em off the edges. (Remember, Mort

always says that the fish will be in the weeds.) Put a swivel on your line, attach the worm, and add a quarter ounce weight about 6 inches above the swivel. Let it drop, and slowly bounce it back off the bottom.

OUR READERS ASK...

Bear Trap's Barb "the Hammer" Hammer asks, "Mort's always saying "when you find the weeds, you'll find the fish. Where do all the fish go when there aren't any weeds?" We're not sure, but we think a lot of them might be under Fred Norenberg's dock...kinda where they were last issue.

CROC SPOTTED AT FRIDAY'S CREEK...

We're sick and tired of people who release their pets into the wild. How do you suppose all those alligators get into the New York City sewer system? Well it apparently has reached our lakes, and a croc was recently seen at Friday's Creek. So be on the lookout! We know these guys travel in pairs, so approach Friday's with extreme caution.



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From the Lake Wapogasset
Bear Trap Sanitary District

Curlyleaf Pondweed Treatment

As part of water quality studies, the Sanitary District contracted with Steve Schieffer of Ecological Integrity to survey the plants in our lakes in 2007. The following spring, an advisory plant committee was formed to interpret the survey and make recommendations. The survey showed we have a good diversity of helpful plants. It also indicated an extensive curlyleaf population. CLP grows during the early spring and summer when most other plants are just coming out of winter dormancy. In mid-summer, the plants die off and large amounts of phosphorus can be released which contributes to internal loading of phosphorus and diminishes water quality.



The plant committee recommended reduction of the CLP population by use of an herbicide in specific areas on each lake as approved by the DNR. A 3 year commitment to treat was agreed upon and has been funded equally by the District and the Lake Assn. Results the first two years were encouraging and in early May the last of the scheduled treatments was completed. We are hopeful that native plants which remove phosphorus from the sediment will take over these treated areas.

The potential expansion of treatment areas will be discussed once a final report is received. The full Aquatic Management

Plan is available on wapobear.com.

THE SUMMER PONTOON FLOTILLA IS BACK!

This is a great event where neighbors on Bear Trap and Wapogasset get together on designated evenings (see schedule below) for a night of socializing on the lake! This event is very popular and we are hoping to get even more neighbors involved this year. All boats will meet in front of Garfield Park at 6pm so join us if you can and bring your neighbor!! If you need a ride please contact one of the committee members.

Flotilla Dates: Tuesday evenings

June 21st ... rain date 22nd
July 19th ... rain date 20th
August 16th ... rain date 17th
September 20th ... rain date 21st



If it is raining at 4:30pm on the day of the flotilla, the party will be cancelled for that night. Check in with your driver/chairs with questions.

June 21st theme: Your favorite boat or dock story on Bear Trap or Wapogasset! Bring an appropriate appetizer and a "favorite boat or dock story on Bear Trap and Wapogasset" to share. Please provide your own beverages. Watch The Lake Scene for "themes" of July, August and September flotillas.

Flotilla Chairs: Bob and Jennifer Lefler (lefler@amerytel.net) Joe and Vicki Ziglinski (zigsofmn@msn).

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CELEBRATE 100 YEARS

CAN YOU SHARE A MEMORY?

... Gail Tessman

The Lake Association is currently working on a HISTORY BOOK . This is to include history of the Lake Improvement Association as well as the area, developments around the lakes, family memories, and whatever information that may appeal to the residents of the lake. We would like a brief story or even just a couple sentences describing something memorable.

ALSO, we are in need of pictures (especially early from 1920's, post WWII, during the 50's and 60's)! If you can provide a picture (and hopefully identify people and/or activity and date) this would be greatly appreciated. A brief story would add much to the picture collection. Indicate if this is our picture to keep with Lake Association memories OR if you would like us to scan the picture and return to you.

There are lots of memories around the lake; please share them. We would appreciate information starting right away as we want to prepare and bind the book so it is available for the 100 Year Celebration of the Lake Association on August 13th.

Information is being collected by Gail Tessman (715) 268-6570, 737 Hickory Point Lane, Amery
tessman@amerytel.net

We think this will be a great addition to our festivities and will be a great piece of memorabilia to have from the 100th Celebration Party.

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

LAKE WAPOGASSET BEAR TRAP

ASSOCIATION

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TRUSTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: by Joann Hallquist

Two buoys were purchased \$300 ea for Bear Trap point and dam.

BOAT ORDINANCE CHANGE:

In the past, operators have been cited for violations ... now boat owners may be cited as well.

Garfield Park Committee reports they are in need of a merry-go-round and swing set addition. Motion/second to approve the purchase of a merry-go-round in the amount of \$3,500. Any available left over funds may be considered for the purchase of a swing set.

Gail Tessman is leading the committee for the 100th Anniv. Celebration. In lieu of the Assn's Spring dinner, \$3,300 is available for the event. Outstanding volunteers prior to 1980 will be recognized at the event.

Neighborhood Watch signs will be available at the next meeting. Trustees are responsible for posting signs and watching/and or coordinating with another neighbor if homeowner is not available for storm or other damage that may occur.

CLP spraying was completed again this year and the cost increased approx. \$7 acre.

Residents encouraged to report any run off problems.

Everyone is invited to attend the next trustee meeting - held at the YMCA Camp on Cty. Rd. C at 9:00a.m. June 11th.

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- CLOSED Mon. Tue.

2011 FISHING LICENSES

... AVAILABLE AT MORT'S

Age License Needed: Resident ... 16 years old

Non-resident ... 16 years old

KIDS UNDER 16 yr. can FISH FOR FREE EVERY

Non-Resident

Individual:.....\$50

1-day individual:.....\$8

4-day Individual:.....\$24

15-day Individual:.....\$28

15-day Family:.....\$40

Annual Family:.....\$65

(family incl. 16&17 yrs olds)

Resident:

1-day individual...\$10

Individual:\$20

Husband/Wife:.....\$31

16&17 yrs old:.....\$7

LEARN MORE ... about your lake

HARVEST & DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED WEEDS

- You can use a variety of methods to deal with aquatic plants when they interfere with recreation.
- Hand harvesting by pulling, raking and using a hand-held cutter are simple and effective techniques for controlling rooted and some floating plants. Careful hand pulling and raking can remove roots as well as stems and leaves, reducing regrowth of the plants for several seasons. These techniques also allow you to be selective and remove only undesirable species. Hand pulling and raking are best suited for plant removal in waters less than 4' deep.

HAND-PULLING: Although labor-intensive, hand (see next column)



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COMING NEXT ISSUE...

Mort is thinking about a FREE candy day, the next time the Twins win three in a row. We think you have a better chance of satisfying your sweet tooth needs by biting a tube jig in half. Ask Larry B for the best color.

learn more about your lake ... continued

- pulling is the simplest way to harvest when plants reach nuisance levels. Reach down and pull from the base of the plant to remove the root systems. Thoroughly remove plant fragments from the lake as these small fragments can settle to the bottom and re-root.

- RAKING: raking with a long-handled steel garden rake or pitch fork is effective for removing submerged plants in shallow water. This method will also remove roots.

- CUTTING: Hand-held cutting is another option. The cutter is thrown out from the shore or a pier and then pulled in slowly, cutting the plants as you retrieve it. You can also pull the weed cutter slowly behind a boat. Cutters are easy to operate and ideal for beach areas and around piers. Cutting plants off near the bottom is not effective at removing roots which will continue to grow. It may also produce plant fragments that can spread to other areas.

- NOTE: BY LAW, you must remove cut weeds from the water for these reasons: 1) fragments can re-root and form new plant beds, compounding the problem. 2) As cut plants decompose they release nutrients that fertilize other plants. 3) Floating plants can obstruct navigation. 4) Decomposing plants deplete oxygen levels.



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parsley. Serve with crackers.

SWEET SPICED PECANS

2 cups pecan halves
2 Tbsp butter
1/4 tsp cayenne or other hot pepper
3 Tbsp sugar (for low carb snack use artif. sweetener)
4 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp salt
... Use a large nonstick skillet so pecans are in one
layer. Melt butter and add hot pepper (if using liquid
artificial sweetener add it now) Add pecans and cook
over med. heat. Stir every 30 sec. - After 2-3 min, stir
constantly until they JUST BEGIN to brown (pecans
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FOURTH OF JULY ACTIVITIES ...

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a schedule of all the 4th of July activities.
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will have a schedule of events posted soon.

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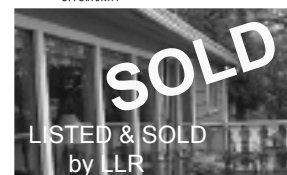


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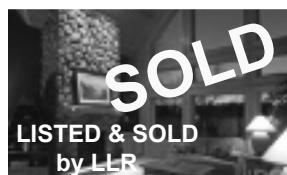
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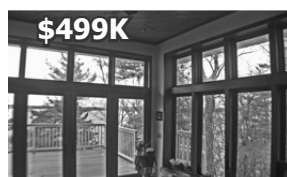
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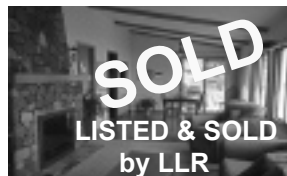
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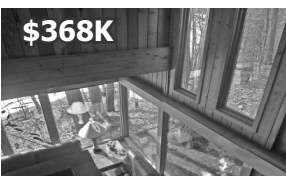
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