



the LAKE SCENE on Wapogasset Bear Trap

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CELEBRATE ... the 4th of July ... on Wapogasset Bear Trap



by Karen Ohm

Our annual summer celebration is quickly approaching and it's time to let your family and friends in on the schedule of events.

SATURDAY ... July 2nd ... is the lighting of the lake and the FIREWORKS! You can purchase flares from your trustee leading up to the 2nd ... extras will be brought to Mort's for last minute pick up. For the best affects everyone should light them simultaneously at 9:45p and sit back and enjoy! The FIREWORKS will be lit from the Bible Camp peninsula after the glow of the flares dies down. Raindate: Sunday

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

-  Clean Boats - Clean Waters Program
Call Rick Bazille: 715.268.2916
-  Aquatic Plant Monitoring - time commitment, twice a month. Call Dave Nelson: 715-268-8568

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2011

- 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



C E L E B R A T E

JULY 2nd ... SATURDAY

9:45p ... Light-Up-The-Lake
(rain date: July 3rd)

~10:15p ... FIREWORKS
(rain date: July 3rd)

JULY 3rd ... SUNDAY

5:00p ... Spaghetti Dinner
to at YMCA Camp (N on Cty C)
7:00p Pre-registration for races

JULY 4th ... MONDAY

8:00a ... Run Registration YMCA
9:00a ... 10K and 2mi. RUNS begin
~10:30a ... Turtle Races and Kids
Races Begin
3:00 ... Boat Parade

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PIER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

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it's located at the lakeward end and has a surface area of 200 sq.ft or less (any width) or between 200-300sf if platform is no wider than 10'. The most common reason for a property owner to register a pier isn't the size of the pier or the platform, but the number of boat slips or hoists. More info on this in the next issue ... or go to www.LakeWapogasset.com - What's Happening page for pier info/videos/etc.

Have a WONDERFUL ... and SAFE ... 4th of July!

Kathy



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Kathy Mortensen
 Owner/ Realtor

I'm very pleased to tell you that once again, Wapogasset/Bear Trap is leading the area lakes in SALES this summer! To date SEVEN properties have SOLD! And, I'm thrilled that Lake Life Realty was involved in most of them (5 of the 7)! We're going to try hard to get many more SOLD signs up within the next couple months. There are some GREAT properties out there! I just listed an empty building lot across from the YMCA Camp w/ 160' level frontage - beautifully wooded - a RARE find! See three additional NEW properties on Pg 8 and watch for 2 more cabins coming soon!

Also ... want to mention something about the PIER REGISTRATION deadline extension. The DNR estimated that 10,000 property owners were required to register their piers by April 1, 2011 in order to be grandfathered. However, only 4-5,000 registrations were received by the deadline. Because of this, it is expected that Gov. Walker will sign a bill extending the registration deadline to April 11, 2012.

There are 3 size classifications for existing piers - small, medium and large. Owners of small piers do not require a permit or need to be registered. Owners of medium-sized piers must register with the DNR. Owners of large piers must obtain a permit from the DNR. To qualify for grandfathering, a medium-sized pier must meet the following requirements: 1) placed prior to 2/6/04 2) no more than 8' wide 3) a larger platform is allowed as long as

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LOCAL WATER POUNDERS MAKE MUSKIE MAGIC...

Two weeks ago, there was a big two-day Muskie tournament, and entrants could pick any lake (or river) to fish on. Team Mortensen won the whole thing with FIVE Muskies...ALL from Wapo! They measured 50 inches, then 47, 47, 45 and 40 inches. Most people won't catch five Muskies in two years, let alone two days. And there's a new Muskie Magician in training on the lakes named Matt Broich. The 13 year-old Wapo wizard was fishing for Crappies, when he caught one with teeth. Verification will be made by us as soon as we see photos which we understand are around someplace. Nice job, Matt!!!!!!

NEW GOURMET FISH EATING EXPERIENCE...

Word on the street (dating back to when words were made with chisels) was that while fun to catch, White Bass weren't the delicacy of say...toasted tree toads. This was probably a myth, because we have it from a qualified unnamed source that if they're properly filleted (making sure all that red meat along the middle is removed) and cooked, that they're not bad. After breading, deep-frying and a six pack, we're told they might taste like a little like Walleye...or bubble gum. If anyone out there routinely eats White Bass, send us your recipe, and we'll make you more popular than Rachel Ray.

OUR READERS ASK...

Wapo's Dr. Ed Watson asks, "why haven't you guys said anything about Walleyes this year?" Well, have you heard any neighbors talking about all the great Walleye dinners they've eaten? The guy to your South, Larry Berenbaum, doesn't even know what one looks like since he and the other Larry are the Crappie Kings. But if you want to try fishing for 'em, try a white bucktail jig, tipped with a minnow at dusk. Fish in 15 feet plus, off drop-offs and the deep curley weedlines. And by the way, Ed, that idea you have about setting up a new guide service based on the knowledge you've gained from watching your neighbor probably should be shelved. Biting plastic jigs in half does not a guide make...OK?

HEY...IS THERE A FLOTILLA OUT THERE ON WAPO?

According to Kevin and Judy Moon (who are pan fishing pros) it's not a flotilla and there's no buried treasure. All those boats on the flats just North of the Bible Camp are fishing for Sunnies. You should be, too. Fish out there four feet deep over the weeds in eight feet of water. It's a worm event under your bobber, and if there's a little breeze, your bait will float over the hungry fish, and you'll have dinner done.

HERE IT IS!!!!!!

We know...we know...it's more fun than the new phone books showing up on your doorstep. It's the season's first PHANTOMS WORD SEARCH! And the first person showing up at the Marina with the solution will win a one-item shopping spree at Mort's candy counter PLUS an opportunity to have your photo taken with Mort's artificial Walleye! Or not.

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FROM THE LAKE WAPOGASSET BEAR TRAP SANITARY DISTRICT

... by David Erspamer, President

Sanitary District Topics

Please help us by becoming a "milfoil scout". Eurasian milfoil continues to creep closer to LWBT lakes. Not only has milfoil invaded Pike Lake just outside of

Amery, we understand five other lakes in our area have been infested. We are looking for additional persons to volunteer to monitor our lakes for milfoil.

The process is fairly simple: volunteers visit public access points and backwater bays once per month and "scout" them out. We have several pairs of trained scouts that will be monitoring thru September but the more eyes, the better. The Sanitary District can assist with training. Contact the District office if interested: 268-7761.

For nearly two years, the District has been attempting to work with a local farm owner to reduce runoff into Lake Wapogasset. We were contemplating construction of a settlement pond and contracted with the county land conservation office to provide a topographical survey of the area. Unfortunately, this project hit a major roadblock when, despite indicating an interest in the project, the owner requested payment of almost 7 times the fair market value of the 3 acre parcel.

Obviously we are unwilling and unable to pay such an extravagant amount for the parcel and we will now have to look at other alternatives. We are in hopes that the county will again review the area and perhaps construct a berm to keep the water from passing over the road and into the lake. ...cont. next col.



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As I write this in early June, the water clarity is excellent. From the end of my dock, I can see the lake bottom which is a depth of about five feet. Hopefully, this clarity will continue far into the summer. You can help by not using any lawn products that contain phosphorous and not allowing campfire ashes or debris into the lakes. Significant reductions in the external loading of nutrients will reduce internal loading in the long run.

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the fireworks display set for July 2. Remember this is an entirely self-funding event and we very much appreciate contributions received so far. Please send your donations to the District office by June 29 for inclusion in this years display. THANK YOU!

Best wishes for a long and relaxing summer on our beautiful lakes!

Dave Erspamer, President

SAFETY . SAFETY . SAFETY

MADISON – A new boating rule in Wisconsin is designed to make lakes safer while protecting shorelines and improving water quality. The law prohibits boaters from operating their boats at speeds greater than slow-no-wake **within 100 feet of lake shorelines.**

This change is in addition to current law which already prohibits boaters on lakes from operating at speeds greater than slow-no-wake within 100 feet of docks, rafts, piers and buoyed restricted areas.

Personal watercraft (PWC) operators must also follow these laws in addition to speed restrictions that apply specifically to PWCs. PWC operators cannot operate at a speed greater than slow-no-wake within **200 feet**

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SUNDAY ... July 3rd ... 5:00 to 7:00 ,, Spaghetti dinner at the YMCA Camp and pre-registration for the races and the boat parade. This is a great way to feed a household of guests! T-shirt SALES begin at the Camp also ... don't miss this opportunity to get shirts for the entire family BEFORE they sell out! The dinner is from 5:00 to 7:00 in the main dining hall. The cost is \$5.00 and includes: spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread sticks, milk and dessert. If you have a large group of runners, or want to sleep in and avoid long registration lines on the 4th of July, send a representative over and pre-register ... even if you're not eating.

MONDAY ... July 4th ... 8:00 to 9:00 ... registration continues for the 29th Annual Wapogasset Bear Trap 10km and 2 mile runs at the YMCA Camp athletic field. Both have an entry fee of \$2.00 ... and t-shirts are available for an additional cost. 9:00a is the start times for both running races on out and back courses. Ribbons are awarded to the top three finishers in multiple age groups and trophies for the top three male and females in each race. Immediately following the 10km run are the Children Dashes and Turtle Races (approximately 10:15 ... but get there early to be sure not to miss anything.) These events are free to all and include a 50 yard dash for boys and girls ages 0-2, 3-5, and 6-8. Ribbons are awarded to the top three contestants in each event. 3 Turtle Races are held according to size of the shell: Small - Medium and Large. Trophies are awarded to the top three turtles in these events. It helps to decorate/label your turtle in some way to identify them at the finish line.

MONDAY ... July 4th ... 3:00 Boat Parade ... The boat parade will gather at the north bay of the YMCA and follow "The Band." Judging will take place on the shores of the Waterside Bar & Grill. The parade will continue past the Balsam Branch outlet and break apart once they come to Breezy Point. Winners will

be notified within 24 hours of the event. Trophies and gift certificates to Mort's and Waterside will be given to the top floats. To register and be eligible for prizes call Karen Ohm at 268-5735 and acquire a number. If no one answers leave a message with your family name, theme, and a call back number. Display float number on the right hand side of your boat.

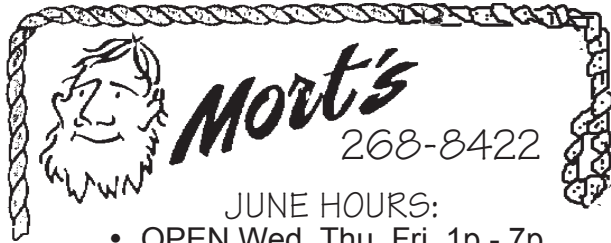
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TRUSTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: by Joann Hallquist

June 11, 2011 ...
...The merry-go-round for Wapogasset Park, authorized by the May 2011 Trustees meeting, cost \$3,458.
... Water Patrol: the sheriff has been issuing one citation for each 6 hrs. of patrol. Citations given to offenders of the law requiring weed removal from boats is given to the owner of the boat.
...Clean Boats Clean Water: Rick Bazille reported that we are paying 5 high school students who mostly work on Saturdays. Association volunteers are scheduled at Bear Trap on Saturdays - at the Park on Sundays. The fines for transporting weeds are \$250 for first offense - and \$375 to \$500 for second offense. There was discussion about the feasibility of installing sensors at launches. Half Moon Lake is the only Polk County lake that has installed them.
... Eurasian Milfoil has been found again this year in Pike Lake in Amery. Divers are hand pulling the milfoil as the chemical 4D would kill all weeds including those beneficial to the lake.
... 100th Anniv: Motion to purchase \$1,400 worth of caps for the celebration was passed.
... Nominating: three positions are being vacated this year and up for election in August - the position of President, First Vice President and Secretary - all have completed three two-year terms.
... Aquatic Plant Monitoring: 12 trained volunteers -

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FLARES:

... ARE AVAILABLE AT MORT'S MARINA or from your shore trustee. For LAST MINUTE flare purchases, stop by the Marina until close (7p) ... trustees will bring any extra flares to the Marina for last minute purchases.

LEARN MORE ... about your lake

What causes that green floating stuff that looks like cotton candy? ... It's probably filamentous algae, sometimes called "moss" or "pond scum." This is a common aquatiac plant that forms dense, hair-like mats in shallow water where sunlight reaches the bottom of the lake. As the algae grows, it produces oxygen that gets trapped in the entangled strands. This entrapped oxygen makes the algae buoyant and causes it to rise to the surface. The best method for homeowners to remove filamentous algae is to rake out the floating clumps and limit the nutrients that reach the water from your property. You can compost these piles or use them in your garden as mulch.



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PHANTOMS WORD SEARCH

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of the shoreline of any lake. They also are required to cut back to slow-no-wake speed when passing within 100 feet of other boats, including other PWCs. This law applies to both rivers and lakes.

Slow-no-wake is defined as the minimum speed required to maintain steerage. Speed violations are the primary source of boating complaints in the summer.



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Recipes

Cheese Tortellini Salad ... Sue Stewart
1 9 oz. pkg 3-cheese tortellini (refrig pasta section)
1 Tbsp. olive oil
1 10 oz. bag of Italian Blend lettuce
1/4 cup drained oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes cut into thin strips
5 fresh basil leaves - sliced into thin strips
Cook pasta in boiling, salted water according to directions. Drain and rinse under cold water. Drizzle with oil and toss evenly to coat to prevent sticking.
Tear the Italian Blend into bite-size pieces and place in large salad bowl. Add tortellini and sun-dried tomatoes. Toss with the vinaigrette, to taste, until coated. Garnish with basil.

Sun-dried Tomato Vinaigrette
1/4 cup drained oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes
4 tsp. balsamic vinegar
4 tsp. red wine vinegar
1 small garlic clove, minced
1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
Kosher or sea salt & freshly ground pepper to taste.
Mix first four ingredients together in blender or food processor and puree until smooth. Gradually add the oil until emulsified. Makes about 3/4 cup.

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TRUSTEE MEETING ... June 11, 2011 HIGHLIGHTS
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additional volunteers welcome. Discussion continued about whether existing spraying program for curlyleaf pondweed could be expanded through monies from homeowners and what the costs would be.
... Discussion on what and how to inform lake residents about actions being taken on the comprehensive lake plan and the invasive plant plan. Attending the next meeting of the Sanitary District would be beneficial.
... Next Trustee Meeting: July 9, 2011.

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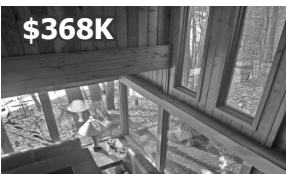
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