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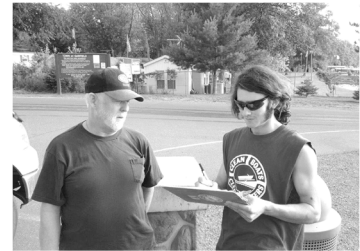
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... By Rick Bazille



The "BLITZ" ... photo taken at Garfield Park

The DNR sponsored "Boat Landing Blitz" was a success on WBT. The Blitz is intended to monitor as many landings as possible over the busy 4th of July weekend.

Over 1200 high use boat landings were monitored, state wide. Clean Boats/Clean Waters employee Nile Merton is seen here talking with a boater about the proper steps to take in cleaning his boat and trailer. Nile worked all four days of the event at Garfield Park. Volunteers worked at the other three landings. Nearly 60 hours were worked between our four landings.

Thank you to all who participated!

BOAT PARADE: 2nd Place Winner The Ohm Family



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PHANTOMS JULY 13 2013 SPLASH

WD-40...MAGIC FISHING ELIXIR...

Bear Trapper Merle Gust has sent along a list of things that can be cured, enhanced, loosened, or tightened with WD-40. In addition to lubing your guitar strings, scraping bug guts off your windshield, fixing squeaks or keeping your bathroom mirror from fogging...IT'S A GREAT FISHING TOOL!!! That's right, Friends of Fins, this wonderful liquid is a fish attractor! Spray it on any bait and watch that baby slip right through the water followed by schools of unsuspecting fish. Not only that, but this stuff even relieves swimmer's itch! We're not sure whether or not you're supposed to dip your kid in BEFORE entering the lake or after, but since WD-40's main ingredient is FISH OIL, it probably is OK either way. Wonder if you can use it for fixing a squeaky in-law.

NEW WALLEYES REPORTED ON WAPO...

Contrary to what our revered (and sometimes crusty) marina magnate, Erling "Mort" Mortensen, has been preaching, there are more than three Walleyes in. Now he's backtracking because he actually saw three have been caught...and one right off his dock as he was gassing a customer. So there you are, Mort! Now for the rest of you, go out and get some Walleyes! But remember on Bear Trap, the limit is five and only two on Wapo.




OUR READERS ASK...

Phil Smith asks, "So what do I do about Crappies now?" If you mean what you should do about catching them, you should follow lake legend, Rick Trauley, around. Two evenings this past week, he limited out (remember the daily bag limit for all species of Panfish is 25), and the smell of frying fish coming from his house has been added to the list of things that annoy his neighbors. He's been using a tiny little jig – either pink or yellow – with a tiny little hook tipped with a couple of waxes. He's been fishing in 10-12 feet of water about four feet down. He says he'll tell you WHERE he's been catching them for \$500, which has also been added to the "annoy the neighbor" list.

THE GREAT DEBATE: TEXAS VERSUS WACKY...

Texas and Wacky...two words which for many of us can be used together. But in this case, we're not talking about the inhabitants of the state (it's still part of the Union, right?). Nope, we're talking about two different tools for plastic worm Bass fishing. The Texas Rig has been a long used technique that features a plastic worm, often with a tail, hooked to a slider jig or a hook/bullet slip sinker hook-up. The hook is first run through the top of the worm and then back through the body, making this rig almost weedless. We like the red shad worm which we bounce along the bottom off the weed edges. The Wacky Rig is a newer phenomenon that uses a big red hook with the worm attached right through the middle so that it drapes over the hook. According to Wacky enthusiasts, this mimics a crayfish having a grand mal seizure. You cast it out to the weed line, give it a half dozen twitches and then drag slowly back to the boat letting it flutter back down occasionally.

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4th of JULY on WBT ... it was a family affair!

written by Karen Ohm

The 31st Annual Lake Wapogasset Bear Trap Races had quite a few changes this year, but the feedback from the crowds has been unanimously positive. The first change was the venue. As many of you know, the races originally were held at the Marina, and Mort and Kathy hosted for 18 years. When their parking lot turned into townhouses, the YMCA camp opened their doors and their island for 12 years. It was much more difficult to organize an event of this size on an island, with only one access point. The races only grew larger in size every year - even if the 4th was on a Wednesday! When I heard the camp was planning to put in an irrigation system on the soccer field, which doubled as the parking lot, the search for a new site began. I remembered reading about how before the tornado of 1941, "the park" was the place to be on the 4th. I thought I'd start small with the kiddie events only and see how this new location would flow. This leads me to the second major change for the races - no 10km or 2 mile road race. That also meant no need for a spaghetti dinner. For the first time in 30 years I was able to enjoy/ relax on the eve of the 4th with my family and even sleep in on the 4th!!!



Cake Walk ... new this year

Another change this year was the cake walk. I had the same budget to work with, from the Lake Association, so I decided to spend the money on cookies, trophies, and gift certificates to Mort's and the Waterside. Between the dashes, thutle races and the boat parade there were 65 trophies handed out over the holiday. (THANKS, Rosenthal's for donating trophy bases!)

I witnessed many proud recipioents of various categories posing for pictures on Thursday. Cutting out the big road races makes my life simpler on the 4th and there is a famiy that is willing to carry the torch and they should be back next year. The one constant that remains is the annual t-shirt. There was not a t-shirt designed for the first race back in 1983, but there has been one every year since. Every year a different family member is recruited to design the shirt and for 31 years we have taken a family photo - all matching! It is quite a tradition and I hope your family has many memories and traditions as well from the 4th of July.

BOAT PARADE

FIRST PLACE: The GILL Family ... John Deere



- 2nd Place: The OHM Family ... Dr. Suess
- 3rd Place: The Haug Family ... Ice Cream Truck
- 4th Place: The Brown Family ... Military theme
- 5th Place: The Sall Famil ... Redneck Yacht Club

TURTLE RACE WINNERS:

- 1st: Finn Zellmer, Jerry Haug Delaney Dumermuth
- 2nd: Ella Johnson, Maddie Loehr, Jack Loehr
- 3rd: Ellie Ohm, Jason Walter, Jessica Rosenthal, Andrew Johnson, Jackie Rooney Liam Siedl, Jenny Harms

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Water Quality – What we have tried so far (and has it worked?)

Since at least the 1940's, one of the principal functions of the Sanitary District has been to monitor water quality. As part of a 2-part series, I'd like to outline steps that have been taken in an attempt to protect/improve water quality in our lakes.

The first step taken was the installation of the sewer system to replace conventional septic systems which leach into the soil & eventually enter the lake. Although our system has been in operation some 35+ years, it remains rare to have a lake dedicated system such as ours. The answer to the "has it worked?" question is an unqualified YES!

Over the next many years, copper sulfate was introduced into our lakes for weed management. This practice was little more than a bandaid and a potentially dangerous one at that as copper is a heavy metal. In 1999, after several years of investigation by the Lake Assn, it was decided to treat the lakes with alum. The alum was to bind with the phosphorous in the lake sediment so that it could no longer be released into the water column. Projections were that the alum would hold the sediment for 8-10 years. In fact, water quality was only improved for 2-3 years. It was determined that, although DNR recommendations were followed, the amount of alum applied was not sufficient to bind the phosphorous. This treatment cannot be said to have been "successful" as a long term solution.

For many years, the District has contracted to analyze the incoming tributaries to determine how much external loading is received via that route. This analysis is far more than just an academic

exercise since it allows us to target specific areas to work. The analysis has resulted in an the accumulation of an immense library of information about our lakes, what can and possibly will work to improve clarity and what will likely not be of benefit to us.

The purpose of weed control is not to improve water quality per se, but instead to control growth which can interfere with recreational use of the lakes. In 2008, we initiated a plant survey and found a large amount of an invasive plant species known as "curlyleaf". The past 4 years, in cooperation with the Lake Assn, we attempted to reduce the curlyleaf population by applying herbicide to specific beds as approved by the DNR. This experiment had mixed results with some beds responding well one year and not affected at all the next year. Due to the inconsistent results, the District elected not to continue the project in 2013. Instead, we are exploring weed harvesting which would physically remove the invasive curlyleaf before it has a chance to die off and release phosphorous. We have ordered another plant survey for this month and will report results as soon as available.

We have another program in place to monitor for Eurasian Milfoil. This is an extremely damaging invasive species that has found its way into Polk County. Thru volunteers, our lakes are monitored weekly throughout the summer for milfoil. Thankfully, so far none has been found. This year we have joined with the Lake Assn in its Clean Boats/Clean Waters monitoring program. The District has received a grant to fund the program which will mean more consistent reviews will be done. The volunteers who have worked the landings in the past deserve some reinforcements and a break from their efforts.

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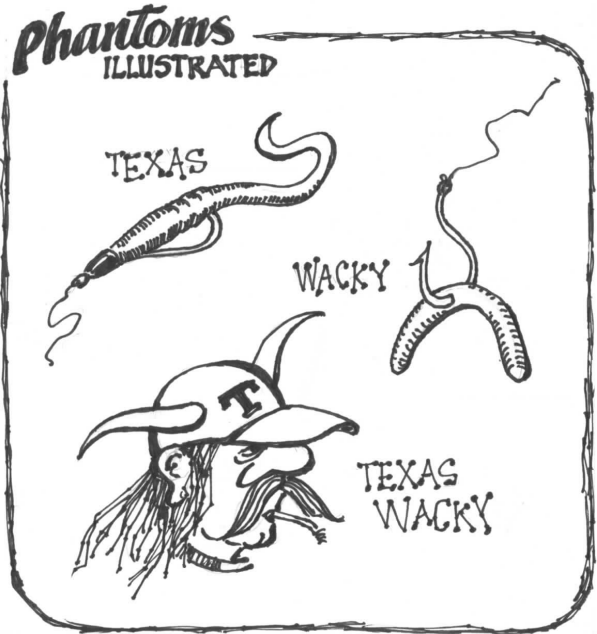
MIKE'S FROZEN DRINKS

Besides WBT apparel sales, Mike's Frozen Drinks were a hot commodity over the 4th weekend. Mort will be re-stocking BOTH just as soon as possible ... GLAD you liked the new additions!



5th Place Boat Parade: Redneck Yacht Club

In a recent Phantoms technique test, we boated about twenty fish in an hour with the Texas Rig out-fishing the Wacky by about two to one. But you should try your own test. Let us know what happens.



COMING NEXT ISSUE...

Breaking Story: Mort installs a new flagpole and is reportedly stitching his own flag. Rumors are that he plans to make the Marina its own sovereign state and install casino gambling on site...or at least electronic pull-tabs since they've worked so well across the river.



KIDS DASH

FIRST PLACE WINNERS:

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| Toddler: | Nolan Weaver | Danny Schaffer |
| Ages 4-5 | Grady Renwick | Ellsa Dado |
| Ages 6-7 | Andrew Johnson | Reily Lijewski |
| Ages 8-9 | Mason Scott | Natalie Loehr |
| Ages: 10-11 | Mason Daydel | Katrina Frent |
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Analysis: If we were to rate our efforts in maintaining/improving water quality, results would be mixed. Projects that have been undertaken have certainly resulted in some long term water quality improvement. This improvement is especially notable when one looks over the past decades vs the last 5-10 years. Most projects have only had short term benefits. Our objective remains to seek to achieve a steady and consistent reduction in the number of days that the lakes are plagued by occurrences of algae.

All of the projects that have occurred on our lakes have been because of the work of many, many dedicated volunteers. Ongoing monitoring of water clarity is imperative to understanding how the lake functions. Don't wait to be asked - volunteer to be on the Assn's Lake Improvement Committee. The future will thank you!

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KIDS DASH

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SECOND PLACE WINNERS!

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Ages 4-5	Miles Mikosko	Lanie Polding
Ages 6-7	Kyle Frendt	Jaylen Hanson
Ages 8-9	Scottie Bouge	Kate Haug
Ages 10-11	Anthony Toscano	Dorthea Mulcahy
Ages 12+	Logan Sullivan	Maddie Loehr

THIRD PLACE WINNERS:

Toddler	Hunter Dumermuth	Reese Ulrich
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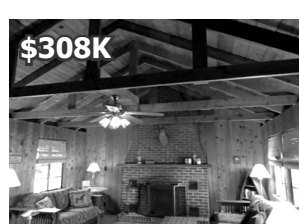
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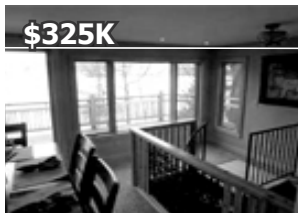
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