



the LAKE SCENE on Wapogasset Bear Trap

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LAKE WAPOGASSET BEAR TRAP ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday • AUGUST 8th

The thought of getting up early on a Saturday morning at the lake to attend a meeting probably isn't something to get excited about ... but ... please give some thought to heading over to the YMCA Camp on the 8th for the Lake Association's Annual meeting .

... **The coffee pot will be on at 7:30** ...

Meet the Lake Association Officers - Trustees and Committee chairmen and find out what's been happening on our lakes ... show them you appreciate their time and commitment to the Association. Annual Meeting Call to Order is at 8:00

OUT *and* ABOUT

One of my favorite columns from the past was sharing ideas on 'places to go' and 'things to do' in the surrounding area. Let's try it again!

Please email me your discoveries!
Send to kathy@lakewapogasset.com

Here are a few suggestions I'd like to share.

• **MusicOnTheOverlook** ... friday evening concerts in downtown St. Croix Falls (210 N. Washington St)
Food - Beer - Wine - FUN!!!

AUGUST 7th: Totally 80's Night - with tributes to B52s & Devo plus 80's Trivia.

AUG. 14th: Teen/ College Dance Night - Rock Country & Top 40.

AUG. 21: USA's #1 AC/DC Tribute Hells Bells/ Nashville, TN (back by popular demand)

*Rain: event held at the Dalles House

• **PEA-PICKING-FLEA-MARKET** ... summer through fall ... on Highway 8 ... just west of Hwy 35. If you haven't been there you **MUST** put it on your "to-do" list. Get a taste of what "North of Hwy. 8" is all about! It's an adventure!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2015

Aug 8	Annual Meeting, 7:30 coffee 8:00 meeting - YMCA Camp	Aug 18	Flotilla - Garfield Park
Aug 9	Boat-In Service - Bible Camp 9:20	Aug 23	"KIDS DAY" ... at Mort's
		Sept. 13	Trustee Meeting, 8a. YMCA Camp

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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.
- THE LAKE SCENE SUMMER SCHEDULE:
 The Lake Scene will be delivered to your door by Lake Association trustees on Aug 15 & Sept. 5th. See ONLINE ... at www.lakewapogasset.com - OR - pick up a copy at the Marina.

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- HOURS: check this out on their FACEBOOK page
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- Friday FISH Fry starts at 11:am
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CLEAN BOATS
 CLEAN WATERS

... by Rick Bazille



DNR Water Guard Ashley Dooley decontaminates boat/trailer

BOAT DECONTAMINATION UNIT VISITS
 GARFIELD PARK

On Saturday, July 18, the Wisconsin DNR brought a hot water decontamination unit to our lakes. Boaters were offered the option of a free hot water wash as they exited the boat ramp. A pressure wash with water at 140 degrees is the best way to kill any living organisms on boats and trailers. The wash takes only five minutes and boaters leave knowing that they will not be carrying any aquatic invasive species to another body of water.



CBCW employee Colin Bursik interviews a boater after wash.



PHANTOMS AUGUST SPLASH

DOG DAY CRAPPIES ...

As we approach the dog days of summer, you'll find that the Crappies are tougher and tougher to get. You'll want to try them deep ... maybe REAL deep with a minnow. Or if there's no action that way, try fishing very shallow off the weedlines at dusk with tiny little spinners (Mr. Twisters?) with a tiny red and white jig. If you're not flopping any Crappies that way, head to the Marina and buy some Floppin' Crappie BEER! Yep, that's right, Floppin' Crappie ... Kathy has it ON SALE this weekend for \$2.00 a bottle. Isn't that alluring? Get it?

OUR READERS ASK ...

Wapo's Larry Barenbaum asks, "are there any Northernns in this lake?" Yes, Larry, there are.

HOW TO CATCH NORTHERNS ...

Thanks for the seque (isn't that a great word?), Larry. Ready ... set ... seque! Actually, we remember the days when George Thomas used to speed troll down the lake trailing a red and white daredevil. He didn't catch a single Northern, but we've never had such great weed control. Now, when we fish for Northernns, we like to skip over the weed tops with a white spinnerbait with gold

leaf blades. Chartreuse and black work well, too. Try tipping the hook with a white or black plastic worm to give your presentation a little larger look. Remember that if you're not catching any, it's probably operator error. You can tell the folks back home that the fist were at the dentist.

NEW PHANTOM CONTEST ...

We're happy to announce our new contest where there will be TWO (count 'em TWO) winners!!!! The Two winners will receive a one-item shopping spree at the Marina candy counter. Just be the persons with the longest and the shortest last name to show up at the Marina to claim your prize! Hint: you're going to have to beat out Tim Henningsgard, Brian Schouviellier, John Alt, and Karen Ohm. In case of a tie, the first one in the door wins. Even if you can't beat these people, show up anyway because these guys may not!

ALL RIGHT ... ALL RIGHT ... WE ADMIT WE WERE WRONG ...

Since we published the Skip Peltier catfish column last issue, we have been bombarded by a Bear Trapper who supports Skip's contention that Catfish reside in our waters. While we've made a lot of fun of Skip, fellow Bear Trapper, Scott Roberts has now submitted proof that there are - in fact - Catfish in our lakes. Our first reaction to the photo on Page 6 was that this fish had the Mississippi River and Hannibal, Missouri written all over it. But in checking with local guide Erik "Hog Wobbler" Mortensen, he said the DNR had found some in our lakes years ago when doing their Walleye census. (Just a thought ... do you think the DNR might have planted this evidence?) Upon further review, we observed that the fish

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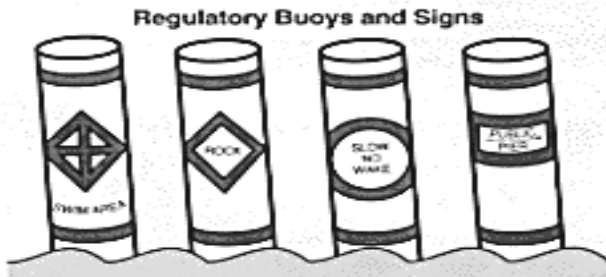
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WBT RESIDENT GETS CITATION ...

Violation: Operate motorboat within 100 feet of dock, raft, pier or **BUOYED RESTRICTED AREA** at a speed in excess of slow-no-wake.

WOW!!! that violator could have been ME!
When traveling thru the narrows did YOU know that you must continue traveling at SLOW-NO-WAKE speed 100' before and 100' beyond the marked buoys??? I think most of us are aware that it is unlawful to operate a motorboat within 100 feet of any DOCK - PIER - or RAFT. Please remember to add BUOY to that list - or you could be issued a citation for \$200.50 - the maximum penalty for this violation.



Note: The citation written to this WBT resident was for \$187.90 but after the court hearing it was reduced to \$114.80.

MORE "100' RULES" to remember ...

- No person operating any type of motorboat (including PWC) that is towing persons engaged in water skiing, aquaplaning, or similar activity may operate within 100' of any occupied

anchored boat, any PWC, or any marked swimming area or public boat landing.

- No person who is water skiing or engaged in a similar activity, may get within 100' of a PWC or allow the tow rope to get within 100' of a PWC.

- It is illegal to operate a PWC within 100' of another boat at a speed in excess of slow-no-wake.

- It is illegal to operate a PWC within 100' of the following:
 - another boat towing a skier or person engaged in similar activity.
 - the tow rope of another motorboat towing a skier or person engaged in similar activity.
 - a person involved in skiing or a similar activity.

Outdoor Family MOVIE Night

FREE Saturday - August 15 - at Dusk
Feature Movie: **BIG HERO 6**
at the Congregational Church Block Party
(turn WEST at the Birch Street stoplight in downtown Amery ... intersection of Birch/Harriman)

The Amery LIBRARY

Have questions about using your computer, tablet or mobile device? Need help with Microsoft Word or Excel? The Library now offers tech help on Mondays, 10a-2p - Tues/Wed. 4p-7- and Sat - 10a-2p ... no appointment necessary.

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LAKE WAPOGASSET BEAR TRAP

ASSOCIATION

... working for you

LAKE MONITORING REPORT

... by Lee Rickard

Your Lake Association is vitally interested in the water quality of our two lakes and has been monitoring the water quality with consistent data from the early 90's. The historical data can be found on the DNR website: dnr.wi.gov/lakes/clmn.

It is the responsibility of the Lake Monitoring Committee to monitor lake health based on DNR standards. Alan Walker, Mark Jacobson, Vern Loehr and Lee Rickard test monthly from May to October for water clarity, temperature, dissolved oxygen, phosphorous, chlorophyll and the lake level at the dam.

Of primary importance is water clarity which is measured with a Secchi Disk. This black and white disk is lowered into the lake until it is no longer visible. It is simple and effective and has been used for many years. In general, the water has been clearer in the last 5 years than in prior years.

Dissolved oxygen and water temperature are critical to clarity and are vital to fish populations, and all three components degrade during the summer. Lake chemistry will vary each year, but the long term trend is the most important.

For your comparison, the following is a summary of recent data. Again, complete data can be found on the DNR website.

WAPOGASSET

Mo / Yr	Secchi	Dissolved Oxygen	Temp.
6/23/15	14.5ft	9.9 - at 6 ft	72°
6/26/14	13.5ft	7.87	73°
6/10/13	17.5ft	16.3	61°
6/15/09	6.0	8.1	67°

BEAR TRAP

6/23/15	13.5	8.17	72.6°
6/26/14	13.5	8.0	72.8°
6/10/13	20	16.0	62.6°
6/15/09	9.5	8.6	69°

PONTOON FLOTILLA
AUGUST 18th



JOIN THE FUN!!! Meet and greet fellow lake residents as you enjoy an evening cruising around our beautiful lakes!

August 18th ... 5:00pm
meet in front of Garfield Park

... bring your beverage and a dish to pass see details in the last issue of The Lake Scene or call/email mary@merrysea.com or call 715-268-2755 or 651-592-0913.

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KIDS' DAY
at Mort's
SUN · AUGUST 23
details in next issue

END OF SEASON
CUSTOMIZED
SIGN
SALE

Place your order BEFORE August 15th and get a 10% discount on custom WBT signs! Stop by and look thru our catalog - Metal signs also available. Would make a GREAT Christmas gift!!!



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appears to have been caught with a needle-nosed pliers, and that Scott was asleep when he caught it. Regardless and alas, thanks to Scott, we stand corrected.




We will, however, continue to make fun of Skip.

COMING NEXT ISSUE:
The next issue. Don't miss it if you can.

STOP by the Marina during **AUGUST** and look for our "TRY IT" Specials.

"FLOPPIN' CRAPPIE" CRAFT BEER
This Weekend: Reg: \$3 now \$2 bottle
... brewed by Northwoods Brew Pub in Eau Claire, WISCONSIN. Known for it's malty aroma - like an adult Cream Soda. TRY IT!



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RECIPES

ZUCCHINI CORN PANCAKES

- 4 beaten eggs
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground pepper
- 1 tsp dried basil
- 1 tsp. oregano
- 3 cups grated zucchini (about 1 large)
- 1 cup fresh sweet corn off the cob or frozen corn
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese (or your favorite cheese)
- 1-3/4 cup flour



Kelly Mortensen

... In a large bowl, combine eggs, oil, salt, pepper and herbs. Whisk to combine. Add the zucchini, corn and cheddar cheese and stir thoroughly with a spatula. Add the flour and stir until thoroughly combined.

Heat a large cast iron skillet or griddle to medium high heat, adding a very small amount of oil to the skillet. Drop 1/4 cupfull's of batter onto the skillet and flatten, about 4" in diameter. Cook on each side about 3-4 minutes or until a deep golden brown.

Remove from skillet and transfer to a plate. Repeat with remaining batter. Serve warm with your favorite toppings ... such as salsa and a dollop of sour cream! YUM!!!

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FOR SALE: 2 yr old 50 gal. elec water htr \$50. Trane 2 yr old central A/C. energy efficient B/O. Alum. side garage door \$50. Alum. white single garage door \$75. Anderson windows white vinyl with screens. 8' patio door with 2 -12" side windows - 8 single dbl hung windows various sizes - all for \$1200 - you dismantle. Call 651-285-3907 for more info. All items must be removed from premises by Aug.28 due to complete teardown.



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718 Bear Trap Lane

~~\$344K~~ ... NOW \$324K!! FOR BOTH



CABIN ONE

CABIN TWO

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\$298K



756 Cty Rd. F

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