



# the LAKE SCENE on Wapogasset Bear Trap

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**"FREE" WEEKEND OF FISHING  
IN WISCONSIN**

**June 6th & 7th**

Every year, the first consecutive Saturday and Sunday in June is designated a FREE FISHING WEEKEND throughout the State of Wisconsin. Residents and non-residents of ALL ages can fish without a license over these two days. Remember ... all fishing regulations apply i.e. bag limits - length - etc. Visit their website: [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) for a pdf printout of the 2015 Fishing Regulations. The crappies are biting ... enjoy a panfish supper!

**MEMORIAL DAY**



**PANCAKE  
FEAST**

The Lake Wapogasset Bible Camp invites you to "chow down" on the best pancakes in town on Memorial Day. Try them all ... Finish pancakes, oven pancakes, buttermilk pancakes, and the "cook's choice" special! Lots of toppings to enjoy, plus sausage, fruit, juice, coffee, milk and tea.

**Time: 8:00 a.m. until NOON**  
**FREEWILL DONATION**

**JUNE 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**SPRING SOCIAL**

The Lake Wapogasset Bear Trap Association invites you to this year's Spring Social at WATERSIDE Bar & Grill on June 13th from 3p to 6p. Beer will be provided for adults - root beer for kids - and appetizers for all. NO CHARGE for Lake Association members. Board members and Trustees will be in attendance to answer questions regarding this year's activities and goals. Hope you can make it!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2015**

May 24	Worship on the beach - Bible Camp 9:20am - bring a lawn chair	June 20	Amery Art Fair at North Park
May 25	Pancake Feast (see story/insert)	July 3	Light Up & FIREWORKS Raindate 5th
June 6&7	Amery Trail Days (see Page 4)	July 4	Boat Parade - other activities TBD
June 6&7	FREE FISHING WEEKEND	July 11	Trustee Meeting 8a. YMCA Camp
June 13	Trustee Meeting 8a YMCA Camp	Aug 8	Annual Meeting, 9a. YMCA Camp
June 13	Spring Social at Waterside	TBD	Kids Day at Mort's Marina
June ??	FLOTILLA - see next issue	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 June 13, June 27, July 18, Aug 1, Aug 15 & Sept. 5th. See ONLINE ... at [www.lakewapogasset.com](http://www.lakewapogasset.com) - OR - pick up a copy at the Marina.

**WATERSIDE Bar & Grill**

- SUMMER HOURS: OPEN - Wed.-Sun. 11:00am
- HAPPY HOUR: 3-6p - \$1 tap - \$2 rail - \$1 off wine
- FREE Domestic Beer 11:45p-Midnight
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WELCOME BACK ... let's get SUMMER started!!! We've been trying hard to get the MARINA ready for this "early" holiday weekend. Hope you'll be happy to hear that the Marina is FULLY stocked with lots of candy for the kids ... new Wisconsin Craft Beer selections ... including the AMAZING "Rootbeer BEER" (you won't believe how awesome it is!!!) We also have new food items for quick and easy Pontoon cruise appetizers. Our new Raspberry and Menage-a-trois Jalapeno CRACK from Crazy Ladies House is amazing over cream cheese. We'll have everything you need (cream cheese - crackers - plate - knife - napkins) so it's ready to enjoy when you leave the Marina! We also have Ellsworth Cheese Curds, Spoon Fudge, and many cracker & chip choices. We have ICE, your favorite ice cream treats plus your favorite frozen icy drinks.

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PHANTOMS 2015 SPLASH 1

BOBBERS VERSUS BUTTONS ... AND THE WINNER IS ...

Hey you ... we see you. If you've recently looked in your canvas tackle bag and discover your wife has taken all those neat plastic divider trays and is using 'em for storing sewing stuff ... you probably haven't been fishing for awhile. Even though you've been able to locate your lures in her sewing kit, that's not going to be the answer. So just stick a couple of things in your pocket until you can get to Wal-Mart, and hit the waves. But understand that we'll be watching you - just like we have for the past 19 years - 'cause we're the Phantom Phishermen!

LOCAL WAPO MAN BREAKS RECORD ...

Phil Logan did it! Returning from his winter in Sarasota, Florida, Phil broke George Thomas's old record by driving from Paducah, Kentucky all the way to Amery with his left turn signal on. According to Phil, "it was a great trip back! Lots and lots of friendly people waving and honking!" Just to check it out, we snuck into his Breezy Point pole barn, and sure enough, the doggone signal had overheated and melted!

HOW TO BUILD A WORM FARM ...

Want to save \$\$\$\$ on costly fishing bait? Well, why not build your own worm farm? We asked prominent Wapogasset Gardener, Joe' 'Green

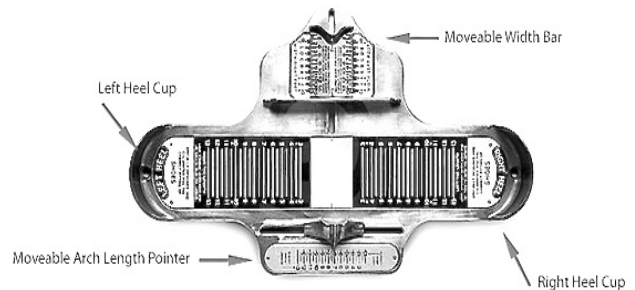
Thumb" Sunde how to do it. (Try saying Joel Green Thumb Sunde a bunch of times real fast ... it comes out Joel Green Thumb Thunde --- amazing, but true!) Stho, anyway, we asked him how to build one, and he told us he'd research it and get back to us. But since we're under the deadline gun of our editor, Kathy "The Word Mechanic" Mortensen, we found this fabulous online alternative ... just click here:

<http://whatcom.wsu.edu/ag/compost/easywormbin.htm>

AND, you can build this baby right in your walk-out level, basement or breezeway! Get going and start saving today! .

ICE FISHING REPORT ...

This past winter while many of us were tanning in Florida or Arizona or at Trudy's Tanning and Propane Exchange, the Crappies were hyper-active on Wapo and Bear Trap. According to Dave Christensen, slab crappies were taken at several hot-spots on our lakes. In fact, he even published a photo of a fish next to his boot on Facebook to emphasize the size. Unfortunately, he wears a size 15 boot, so the fish looked like a minnow from Munchkinland. Undaunted, Dave discovered a new measuring tool while being fitted for smaller boots. He says it works great, and his best fish so far is a 9-1/2 D.



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The FAIR provides a showcase for crafters and artists from the local and surrounding areas. Variety, uniqueness, craftsmanship and talent is found at each of the 100+ exhibit booths. Many vendors return year after year. If it is something special you are seeking, this is the place to find it.

This is the major yearly fundraiser for the Amery Woman's Club to raise monies in support of any community charitable organizations.

Amery Woman's Club members look forward to welcoming you in North Park when you join the crowd, rain or shine, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at their 38th Annual Amery Art and Craft Fair.

Booths still available for vendors - Contact 715-554-3961 for information.

Mark your calendars!

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above info. compliments of Amery Woman's Club

## STORM WARNING SYSTEM

### INSTALLED AT GARFIELD PARK

This Spring we've seen many news reports of the devastation STORMS have caused throughout the country. With that in mind, it's reassuring to know that if a severe storm was heading in our direction that a new warning siren installed right here on WBT would alert us!

The installation of a storm siren at Garfield Park was completed last fall, thanks to a generous contribution from the Charitable Remainder Trust of John (Jack) and Shirley Turek ... long time residents of WBT. Both Jack and Shirley were strong supporters/volunteers of the WBT Lake Association and many Amery organizations. Shirley was elected Vice President of the Lake Association in 1987.

The siren has since been donated to the Town of Garfield and incorporated into their emergency notification operating procedures.

THANK YOU - TUREK FAMILY - from all of us!



# RECYCLE

DROP OFF: Unwanted books, CD's and DVD's, Clothing, shoes and textiles at Polk County Recycling Center (across from Menards on Hwy 8). Books, CD's and DVD's can also be dropped off in Amery by the recycling bins behind the firehall. The Polk County Recycling Center also offers FREE Event Recycling Bins for indoor and outdoor events. Call 715-483-1088 or stop by to pick up bins and bags for wedding receptions, family reunions, graduations, etc

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LAKE WAPOGASSET BEAR TRAP

# ASSOCIATION

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FROM THE PRESIDENT: ... Joe Ziglinski

We hope that you will join us for this year's Spring Social being held June 13th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Waterside Bar & Grill. Based on feedback received from the membership, we are going to once again provide beer for the adults, root beer for the kiddies and appetizers for all. There will be NO CHARGE to Lake Association members. Just Show up and enjoy the get-together with your fellow lake residents! Lake Association Board members and Trustees will be in attendance to answer questions regarding this year's activities and goals.

This is an election year for the Lake Association Board. There will be a number of openings which need to be filled since we have several board members moving on at the end of this year. Joe Ziglinski (President), Mike Seidl (First Vice President), and Pat Seidl (Treasurer) will be leaving their roles at the end of this season. Nominations to fill the vacated positions will need to be submitted by July 15th in preparation for the Annual Meeting scheduled for August 8th.

We also have a need for committee chairs and committee members per the changes voted in at last year's annual meeting. It is imperative that each of these committees be fully staffed to ensure the Lake Association continues to achieve its goals. We also have a couple openings for Trustees if that is of interest to you. Please contact your Trustee or a Board member if you are interested in filling out one or more of these roles.

Reminder: Trustee Meetings are held at 8:00 a.m. the second Saturday of each month May - to

September at the YMCA Camp. All Lake Association members are encouraged to attend to learn more about the current lake activities and plans.

2015 Lake Association Trustee Meeting Schedule  
Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. at the YMCA Camp

June 13

July 11

Aug 8 (note this is the annual meeting)

September 12

HIGHLIGHTS : Sept, 2014 Trustee Meeting

- Lake Improvement: Lee Rickard reported WBT lakes were clearer by 2-3' this past year. Motion approved for the replacement of the Dissolved Oxygen Meter in the amount of \$2,000. A credit of \$200 will apply to the return of the old meter and a grant application will be submitted to the DNR in an effort to pay for the new meter. A special thank you to Lee Rickard, Alan Walker, Mark Jacobson and Vern Loehner for their help testing the water quality this past year.

- Clean Boats/Clean Water: Rick Bazille reported the DNR Grant Program has been completed for 2014. More info from Bazille in the next issue.

- Water Patrol: Report from Jeff Hahn, Polk Sheriff's Dept. indicating 100 hours of patrolling occurred this summer, they completed 118 safety and compliance inspections resulting in 6 citations for equipment violations and 7 citations for operating a boat or PW without a spotter. Motion approved to purchase a new Sheriff's boat for 2015 not to exceed \$10,000.

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 Saturday Open at 10:00 - Close at 7:00  
 Sunday Open at 11:00 - Close at 5:00

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From Kathy: The "look for the FLAG" thing seems to be working pretty well. Many times throughout the week I'm home and more than happy to open the store for you. So ... if your kids or grandkids are looking for treats from Mort's, bring them over ... we love keeping those WBT KIDS happy!

**NEW ... NEW ... NEW**

Believe it or not, we're FULLY STOCKED with new 2015 designs for ALL ages! Great looking hooded sweats - t's - tank tops - caps and MORE!!!



**FISHING OPENER EVENT PROMPTS WARNING**

Bear Trap angler, Rick Trauley, thought he had a log on when he tied into a jumbo carp (see photo following). That prompted the DNR to issue a warning that not only should you be aware of the mercury levels in the fish you eat, but your own mercury levels in the fish that may eat you!



**COMING NEXT ISSUE:**

**JUST FOR YOU LADIES:** The Phantoms share their solution for stopping your husband from reading your e-mails -- simply re-label your e-mail file "Instruction Manual."

Editor's Note: If you have a lake friend with a good sense of humor that you'd like "spoofed" in the Phantom Phishermen column, please email Kathy at "kathy@lakewpogasset.com"

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### *Request for Recipes ...*

*If you've discovered a new recipe over the winter  
months, please consider sharing it with fellow lake  
residents. send to: wbtmort@yahoo.com*

## RECIPES

### APPLE PIE CRESCENTS



2 large apples (Granny Smith is good)  
2 cans Pillsbury crescent rolls  
1-1/2 cups sugar  
2 tsp. cinnamon  
1 stick melted butter  
1 can 7-up (can be diet if you prefer) ... can use  
Sprite - Mountain Dew or similar pop

... Cut each apple in 8 wedges. Wrap an apple  
wedge in the crescent triangle and place in a  
9x13 cake pan (two rows - single layer). Mix  
sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle on top of  
apples. Drizzle with melted butter. Pour pop  
over all.

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