

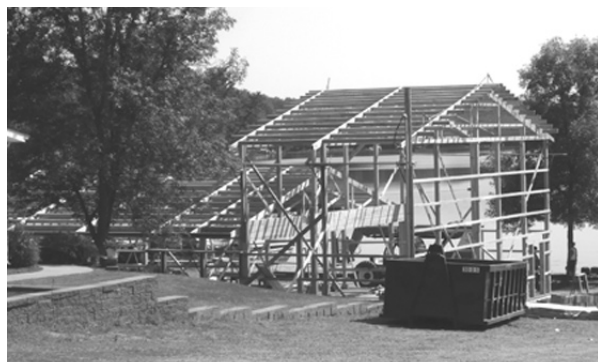
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LAKE SCENE
on Wapogasset Bear Trap

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AUGUST 14, 2010

What's Happening on WBT

SAT. - AUGUST 14th



WATERSIDE BAR & GRILL

Everyone's counting the days until the Waterside Bar & Grill REOPENS on Wapogasset. The tentative opening date is scheduled for October, 2010. The exterior framing is just about complete ... and it looks AMAZING!!! Stop by and take a look. Ray and Pam Johnson invite you to stop often ... they're excited about the NEW Bar & Grill and would like to "THANK EVERYONE" for the support and encouragement received since announcing the reopening.

LAKE WAPOGASSET BEAR TRAP ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

Place: YMCA Camp Icaghowan
Directions: 3 miles north on Cty. Rd. C
Time: 8:30a ... coffee, juice, rolls
9:00a ... meeting

SUN. - AUGUST 15th

CELEBRATE ... Ox Lake's 30th Anniversary



Lake residents, family & friends are ALL invited to visit Camp Wapo's OX LAKE site for Sunday morning worship service. The Worship Service held every Sunday on the Bible Camp Beach will move to OX Lake this Sunday for a special celebratory service. Come any time after 9:00 a ... bring lawn chairs ... and enjoy this special celebration with Wapo Staff. Ox Lake's International Villages are located just north of Wapo. Go North on Cty. C to the Home Base Bar. Go North on 130th, then left at the "T" to Ox Lake Villages. See you there!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2010

Aug 14	Lake Assn. Annual Meeting
Aug 15	Boat-in service at Ox Lake Site
Aug. 22	Mort's Kids Day
Aug. 22	Humane Society Fundraiser at Garfield Park ... noon to 3p
Sept. 5	Last "Boat-in" worship - 9:20
Sept. 11	Trustee Meeting, 9a. YMCA Camp
mid-Sept.	Amery Fall Festival

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Kathy Mortensen
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I just sent an update to my clients that included some interesting statistics that I'd like to share with you. In this "anything-but-ordinary" market, it's encouraging to know that there definitely ARE buyers out there ... at least for lake property! JULY was a good month ... four SOLD signs were put up on WBT properties! Another closing in late May brings the total property sales so far to five. Last year at this time we had six sales and a total of 11 by the end of the season.

NOTICES:

- HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2010 DUES?????
 It's EASY to check with your shore trustee to see if you have paid your Assn. Dues. When each issue of The Lake Scene is delivered, your trustee gets an update showing membership status. Show your support of the many Lake Assn. activities by sending \$20 (or more!) ... to: Wapogasset Bear Trap Association, Box 345, Amery, WI. 54001.

SUNSET ... SUNRISE

Watch these times carefully ... NO waterskiing/ towing allowed between sunset and sunrise.

	SUNSET	SUNRISE
August 15	8:18p	6:10a
August 20	8:10p	6:17a
August 25	8:01p	6:23a
August 30	7:52p	6:29a

Activity on lakewapogasset.com has been amazing throughout the summer ... and keeping brochure boxes filled has been a real challenge! The month of July brought a record breaking 956 visitors to the real estate home page ... and over 1,500 Lake Life Realty property brochures have been picked up. These potential buyers are also visiting properties ... I've scheduled over 170 showings to date.

What lies ahead? I'm choosing to be optimistic! There are still many properties to sell ... and although it's understandable that buyers are being cautious ... I'm hopeful that they'll soon be convinced that prices have hit bottom ... that NOW is the time to take advantage of a great opportunity to get on Wapogasset or Bear Trap at record-low prices AND record-low interest rates.



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AUGUST 14 2010 SPLASH

THE LINE STARTS HERE...

We suppose we should really be writing this story next spring, but we have extra space right now, so here goes. For those of you who have learned the value of our great fishing tips – and for those of you (both of you?) – who have exhibited intense loyalty over the years, feel free to magnet this to your frig, laminate it for your wallet, or have it tattooed someplace where you can find it next year. This is about your fishing line, and unlike your brother-in-law showing up unexpectedly, this is the ONE VARIABLE you CAN control. First, change your monofilament line at least every year. Like next spring. For your braided Muskie line, you can wait a couple of years, but when it starts to turn white, change it! Next, keep your line out of the sun as much as possible... it's a killer for monofilament. Finally, cut a foot or so off your line every couple of days or every couple of fish, whichever comes first. After watching you all fish, it'll probably be every couple of days.

OUR READERS ASK...

Wapogasset's Lee Rickard asks, "How do I catch fish during the Dog Days of Summer?" Well it might be easier catching dogs, Lee, but here are a few "old dog" tricks. Trick one is to fish early in the morning or at dusk, when it's a little cooler. If you're looking for Largemouths (Bass, not brothers-in-law), we like

the morning thing. Pitch white spinnerbaits around the docks or under low hanging trees in the shady areas...or you might try a pig and a purple jig if it's not too weedy, and bounce it back to the boat. Now, we think Crappies and Walleyes are best at dusk. For Walleyes, use a white bucktail jig and a minnow in 15-20 feet. For Crappies, you might want to try them shallow at dusk if they're up feeding on the minnows that come to the surface to feed on bugs. Try casting a little Mister Twister spinner with a red and white jig about a foot or two beneath the surface. If none of these tips work, sell your tackle in a garage sale and try surface diving for them.

OOPS...RETRACTION...

Last issue we reported that the Wapo Walleye limit was THREE...and it's actually two! It's still five on Bear Trap. So for those of you who were caught with your creels too full and were escorted to the Polk County slammer and thrown in with the regular criminal population with bad food and limited rest room facilities...gosh we're sorry.

NEW MUSKIE MAGICIAN MATERIALIZES...

Wapo newcomer, "Eagle Crest Corky" completely disregarded the rule that it takes 10,000 casts to catch a Muskie and boated TWO his first time out. According to sources close to Corky, he didn't do it on purpose. He just didn't know about the 10,000 cast rule. So he thanks the rest of us for all the tosses we made on his behalf and promises that he'll make up the 19,998 casts next week. Right. But the Muskies are up and hungry so we won't be too tough on Corky. Here's one more: Nine year-old Max Christensen, grandson of retired self-proclaimed fishing expert, George Thomas, had a beauty up to his dad's boat, but Mr. Toothy

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by Jane Johnson

It may be a bit early to be thinking about snow, but those in the area who enjoy the area year round, look forward to the activities that the change of seasons provides. Those who cross country ski and snow shoe have long enjoyed the beautiful local trail system known as the Balsam Branch Ski Trail. The trail is located north of County Road C, on 130th St, and then left at the T on 120th Ave. There is a blue skier sign on the right that directs you to the parking lot at the trail head on the Garfield property. The trail is a cooperative effort of Polk County, Garfield Township and Lake Wapogasset Bible Camp. The trails wind through the Garfield land, Ox Lake Bible Camp (a site owned by Lake Wapogasset Bible Camp), and by D.D. Kennedy. It is managed and maintained by the Polk County Department of Parks and Building and the Nordic Ski Club of Amery. These entities are members of the Balsam Branch Partnership, an organization that focuses on the preservation of land in the Balsam Branch watershed, environmental education, and recreation.

The Balsam Branch Partnership is excited to inform you of a new project for the trail that they are working on this summer. The group received a matching stewardship grant of \$28,987 through the Wisconsin DNR to provide lighting for 4 km of the ski trail during the winter months. The plan submitted to the DNR calls approximately 55 to 60 light poles to illuminate the 4 km of trail. The goal is to raise another \$29,000 to match the DNR grant. The fund

raising efforts are going extremely well, and those of you who enjoy skiing, or are looking for new activities for your family and friends may wish to help make this project happen. A donation of any size will be gratefully appreciated, and any donation of \$250 or more will be acknowledged on a permanent plaque at the trail head. If you have any questions about the project, you can call lake resident and trail groomer Craig Johnson 268-2920, or Loren or Erik Teig at 268-8434. See you on the trail.

The Balsam Branch Partnership is a 501(c) 3 tax exempt organization and donations are tax exempt.



2010 WISCONSIN BOATING REGS

It may be negligent or reckless to do any of the following:

- Jumping the wake of any vessel that is towing a person on water skis, inner tube, wakeboard, or other similar device.
- Operating a vessel within any area designated as a prohibited area or a swim area.
- Weaving you vessel through congested waterway traffic.
- Operating a vessel in a manner that creates hazardous wave or wake conditions while approaching or passing another vessel
- Operating a personal watercraft while facing backwards
- Steering toward another object or person in the water and swerving at the last possible moment in order to avoid collision.
- Chasing, harassing, or disturbing wildlife with your vessel.

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NEXT WEEKEND ... AUGUST 22

PICNIC in the PARK



AUGUST 22 - SUN - noon to 3p
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Stop by Garfield Park for lunch ... brats, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be sold at the park. ALL proceeds benefit the Arnell Memorial Humane Society. Thanks to the generous donations of local merchants and other friends of AMHS.

6th Annual

KIDS' DAY at Mort's

Where: Mort's Marina
DATE: AUGUST 22 - Sun.
Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm



Kids OF ALL AGES are invited to stop by the Marina on Sunday for free COTTON CANDY cones.

from the President's desk



... Dave Nelson

The town of Garfield Park Committee will be hosting "An Old Fashioned Picnic In The Park". There will be food (free will offering), games, face painters, a dunk tank and fun for all. All proceeds go to additional playground equipment. The date for this event is August 28, 2010 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Mark it on your calendars and we'll see you there.

Our annual meeting is this Saturday August 14, at 9:00 am at the Y camp. Bring your concerns and ideas and help us make our lakes a better place to visit and live.

There has been a lot of vegetation washing in on Bear Trap. It appears to be water celery that has been pulled out by the roots. I think it may be a case of prop wash tearing the plants loose.

I'm not sure and have asked Polk County Land and Water to take a look and see what they think is going on. It sure makes a lot of work to remove it and thanks to the land owners who have done so. Water to take a look and see what they think is going on. It sure makes a lot of work to remove it and thanks to the land owners who have done so.

The heat of summer and a high quantities of phosphorus contribute to algae blooms. We need to work on keeping runoff down to a manageable level. We can all do our part by taking care of our own water fronts and by reporting problem areas.

Have you signed up for lake monitoring? We mentioned this in the last lake scene. There is still time to be a trained observer. If you have a little bit of time it can really pay off in the long run for lake quality.

Have a great remainder of the summer ... Dave

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Book Exchange ... Stop by the Marina and check out the huge supply of paperback and hard cover books. Bring a couple books in --- take a couple books home --- NO RULES ... Many Great Authors ... ask Mort for recommendations - I think he's read most of them! Tons of kids books also available!



PICNIC
IN THE PARK

WHEN: AUGUST 28th
TIME: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
• Food (free will donation)
• Games
• Face Painting

The town of Garfield is hosting an "old fashioned" picnic at Wapogasset Park on Saturday, August 28th. Proceeds will be used to purchase additional equipment for the playground area at the park.



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Thomas, had a beauty up to his dad's boat, but Mr. Toothy tossed the bait. Don't get down, Max. Just remember, your dad didn't have anything looking at HIS lure.

ONE LAST TIME...THE PHANTOMS "CAPTION THE PHOTO CONTEST..."

Because of the overwhelming reaction of all seven of you to our past Caption the Photo Contests, we're going to do it one more time. This time the prize is a one item shopping spree at Mort's candy counter (one per family, please). So give us your best shot at captioning this photo of Tim Henningsgard and some friends at the Garfield Park boat launch ramp.



COMING NEXT ISSUE...

Great alternative ideas for using Gulp Scented Baits...like hanging one from your rearview mirror as a scent freshener for your car. PLUS a bonus feature on How to Get People to Ride With You Again.



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S'MORE BARS 32 bars

Crust: Mix 2-1/2c crushed graham crackers (14) , 1/2 cup melted butter and 1/2 cup sugar. Press in bottom of 10x15 cookie sheet and bake 10 min.

Filling:

3 - 8 oz. pkgs. cream cheese, softened
1/4 c. sugar
1 tsp vanilla
3 c miniature marshmallows
1 c. milk chocolate morsels
4 (5" x 2--1/4") graham crackers, coarsely broken

Combine cream cheese, sugar, eggs and vanilla - mix until smooth. Carefully spread over crust. Bake 12-18 min or until center is almost set. Immediately top with marshmallows, chocolate morsels and graham crackers. Cool before cutting.

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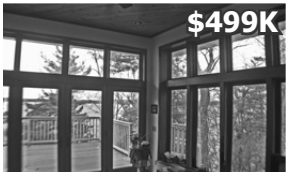
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1006 Sunrise Beach was \$359K

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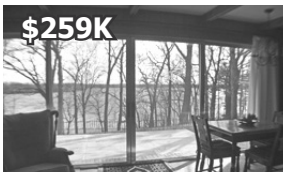
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717 Cty. Rd. C was \$529K

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