

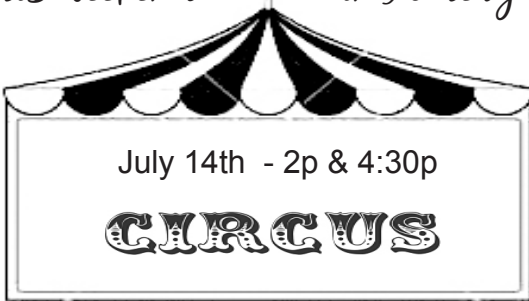


the LAKE SCENE on Wapogasset Bear Trap

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This weekend  *in Amery*



Where: Old Middle School lot across from City Hall
Cost: Adult: \$9 advance - \$12 at door
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Tickets are available at Bremer Bank, Westconsin Credit Union, Royal Credit Union, Chet's and Dick's Super Market.

TRUSTEE MEETING ... JULY 14

July 14th Agenda:
Dave Erspamer, President of the Sanitary District and Steve Schieffer, Lake Consultant are expected to attend this meeting to discuss the status of the lake treatment plan - outcome - and other efforts by the Sanitary District. Don't miss this one!

PIER REGULATIONS ... New Law Passed ... a WIN for lake residents!

Governor Walker recently signed into law legislation that grandfathers almost ALL existing piers. In addition, the new law eliminates the pier registration requirement and creates new standards for piers placed on or after April 17, 2012.

Under the new law, all existing piers placed before April 17, 2012 are grandfathered unless: The DNR notified the riparian owner before 4/17/12 that the pier is detrimental to the public interest. Or, if the pier interferes with the riparian rights of other riparian owners. A pier that extends into a neighbor's riparian zone (the water in front of the neighbor's property, is an example).

Also, if the pier is grandfathered, the riparian owner may relocate or reconfigure the pier as long as the pier is not enlarged.

All existing piers are grandfathered ... the owner does not need to register the pier with the DNR.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2012

- July 14 Trustee Meeting 8a. YMCA Camp
- July 16 Hackers & Whackers Golf 11a regis.
- July 19 Pontoon Flotilla ... 6:00p

Theme: Favorite "Summer Camp" story

- Aug 11 Annual Meeting, 8a. YMCA Camp
- Aug 23 Pontoon Flotilla ... 6:00p
- TBD Mort's Kids Day
- Sept. 2 Last "Boat-in" worship - 9:20
- Sept. 8 Trustee Meeting, 8a. YMCA Camp
- mid-Sept. Amery Fall Festival
- Sept 20 Pontoon Flotilla ... 6:00p

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PIER REGULATION ... continued from Pg. 1

NEW PIERS ... placed for the first time on or after 04/17/2012.

The new law allows riparians to have two personal watercraft for the first 50' of frontage and one additional PWC for each additional 50' of frontage thereafter. This is in addition to the number of boat slips allowed under current law. The maximum size requirement for loading platforms on new piers has been changed to 200 sq. ft in total area.

New piers can be placed without obtaining a permit from the DNR IF the pier meets the following requirements:

- Width: No more than six feet wide
Length: No longer than what is necessary to moor your boat or use a boat life, or 3-foot water depth, whichever is greater.
Number of boats: Two boat slips/lifts for the first 50' of water frontage of your property, plus one more boat slip/lift for each additional 50' of frontage.
Number of personal watercraft: Two personal watercraft for the first 50' of water frontage of your property, plus one more PWC for each additional 50' of frontage.
Loading Platforms: a loading platform/deck with a surface area no greater than 200 sq. ft.

If waterfront property owner wants to place a pier that exceeds these standards a permit must be obtained from the DNR.

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PHANTOMS JULY 14TH 2012 SPLASH

BASS BALL...

If you missed the big Bass biting frenzy during the consistent (hot) weather, then you really missed some good fishing. You had to get up early in the morning to avoid the heat, but that's when Bass fishing is the most fun anyway. Pounding the water around docks with white spinnerbaits produced some nice fish, and floating Rapalas over the weeds worked great! Also, the amazing Yamamoto rig nailed them in 8-12 feet. The reason this "wacky worm" rig is so amazing is that it's so ugly (giant red hook with a green plastic worm hanging in the middle of the hook). And the purple worm still catches fish! We have so many Bass in our lakes that we're thinking of starting a campaign to actually encourage eating them. Maybe with lots of picante sauce. Ask Diane Thomas.

OUR READERS ASK...

Bear Trap and Wapo tooth fixer (his nifty place is actually on both lakes), Dr. Kyle Edlund asks "Is there anyone out there willing to trade some fish guiding for a partial plate?" A partial plate of what, Doc?

BOAT PARADE GOES ASTRAY...

Admitting that his GPS wasn't working very well, Jerry Haug took the lead in the boat parade this year, and more than half the boats followed him to the North end. Another first...two parades! According to Jerry, "I just wanted to troll for some

Muskies as long as I was parading around. I didn't get any though." Oh, darn. We wonder if any of the following flock caught anything. We're pretty sure that the other parade didn't catch much.

PAN PHISHING PHUN...

They're still there...maybe a little deeper now, but they're still there. (Where else would they be?) Sunnies will be biting best on waxies. Crappies will be a little tougher to find, but try them with a pink and white jig tipped with a minnow. If you get this stuff at Mort's, he'll throw in a fishing tip and some advice on how to hit a seven iron. Pay close attention to the fishing tip.

A PHANTOM FIRST!!!

For those of you who were doing something else on July 4th - like racing turtles - you missed what is sure to become another Independence Day tradition! The Phantoms hosted the first July 4th Fish Wrestling Tournament at Garfield Park. Shown below is a photo of newbie Dan Tinklenberg in a take-down, losing the first fall of his match with a giant carp. The homo sapiens went on to win the tourney, however. According to Dan, "I think the Walleyes let their team down big time." Oh well, there's always next year.



COMING NEXT ISSUE:

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HAPPY 4th of July



What a GREAT way to kick off the 4th of July festivities ... and

a great way to celebrate our gorgeous lakes! At 9:45 thousands of WBT residents were on their shores lighting flares ... within minutes a blaze of color surrounded our lakes. The flares did a wonderful job of making the lake "light up" ... but the "glow" came right from the hearts of those who cared enough to make it happen! WE DID GOOD!!



... and then it was time for the FIREWORKS ... and thanks to the generous donations of lake residents it was SPECTACULAR! Our 5 yr. old granddaughter, Anna, identified almost every single fireworks as being her "favorite" ... or "the best one!" ... and, I think she was right ... it just kept on getting better and better - right thru to that AMAZING grand finale!



...Karen Ohm

It was a record-breaking day on the Fourth this year, both in temperature and in

10km registrants! It started with the Spaghetti Dinner hosted by the YMCA Camp feeding over 140 lake residents and signing up 85 runners. Prior to the dinner Dave Nelson graciously loaned the race committee his tent and even set it up in 95* heat! This was a life-saver for those working the race.

WBT RUNS

... 30th Anniversary



Early the next morning, Milt Sunde and his band showed up to entertain the crowd as the anticipation grew for the start of the 30th Anniversary Wapogasset/Bear Trap races. With the extreme heat, the 10km was reduced to a 4 mile run, but still drew in 73 brave racers. The band played the National Anthem as the crowd respectfully sang along, and then they were off! 229 runners, 5 strollers and 4 dogs appropriately serenaded to "Camp Town races:



Winners overall were:

4 MILE:	Female	Male
1st	Sara Phillips	Rob Class
2nd	Abbie Marquand	Ben Rascher
3rd	Sophie Ristau	Dave Hoeffel
2 MILE:		
1st	Kelsey Harms	Ethan Dado
	Megan Kratzke	Mike Deziel
	Natalie Miller	Russ Miller
KIDS DASH:		
1st - 0-2yr.	Nel Gardner	Levi Tonn
2nd	Stella Rivard	Nolan Weaver
3rd	Faith Ulrich	Henry Olsen
1st - 3-5yr.	Ellsa Dado	Jeremy Wielinski
2nd	Dylan Paulson	Tanner Zellmer
3rd	Lanie Polding	Cam Claybrook
1st - 6-8yr.	Kate Haug	Jens Lindquist
2nd	Madeline Mielke	Will Haug
3rd	Sophia Sanchez-Kratzke	Grant Miller

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Trustee duties include:

Serving as a liaison between the WBT Lake Assn. Board of Trustees and the membership.

Assisting with member recruitment, directory & newsletter distribution and Neighborhood Watch Program.

Assisting in the sale of fund-raising tickets and Light-Up-The-Lake flares. A complete list of Trustees can be found in the Lake Assn. DIRECTORY as well as on our website located at www.wbtlakes.com

Supporting the Association's communication objective for 2012, we have been able to fill all current Trustee vacancies. Thanks to new trustees Ken Bauman and Jean Kuehl, and all of the Trustees who volunteer their time. Note that we are always looking for additional individuals to help out.

WBT LAKE ASSOCIATION

announces their "official" website ...

wbtlakes.com

It's up and running ... CHECK IT OUT!

Highlights: Trustee Meeting 6/9/2012

- Official Website is up and running - wbtlakes.com. The intent is to add the minutes, statistics and events of what is happening on the lake.
- PCLAR Lakes conference - June 20, pm - Polk Cty Justice Center in Balsam Lake.
- Questions were raised as to whether it was included in this year's permit request, as to whether homeowners could be added and pay for treatment around their docks. Joe stated that it was requested at the S.D. meeting, however it was not approved as part of this year's plan. The intent is to request it next year and the Lake Assn will work closer with the Sanitary District to ensure it is part of the submitted request.
- Lake Improvement: Lee Rickard presented the secchi disc that is used in lake monitoring to determine clarity of our lakes. Findings are reported to the DNR
- Clean Water Clean Boats: Rick Bazille has received minimal response for help. There are only 10-12 volunteers which is not enough to maintain adequate coverage. Rick will prepare a proposal that would include paying responsible adults to monitor the landings. More discussion at 7/14/12 trustee meeting.

CLEAN BOATS - CLEAN WATERS

Call Rick Bazille 715.268.2916 if you could spend ONLY 3hrs/month to help protect WBT!

- Water Patrol: The Water Patrol is on the lake and issuing tickets!
- A request was received from the Amery Fall Festival committee for a donation. It was discussed to become a queen sponsor at a cost of \$150. Motion/second to approve was unanimously passed.
- Trustee meetings will start at 8a from now on.

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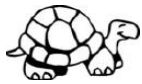
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JULY HOURS:

- OPEN Wed. Thu. Fri: 1p - 7p
- OPEN Sat. and Sun: 8a - 7p
- CLOSED Mon. Tue.

THANKS!! ... for stopping in to check out the NEW Wapogasset Bear Trap apparel! Even though the temps were in the 90's all week, the fleece vests and sweatshirts were the BIGGEST sellers!!! The "wicking" shirts were also popular ... light weight and very comfortable, Stop by to check things out ... let us know if you don't find the right size/color/design ... we'll be ordering again soon. Also ... let Mort know if you'd be interested in Fall Jackets.



Turtle Races:

Another crowd-pleaser was the turtle races. The following "winners" and/or "trainers" in these events:

LARGE Turtles:

1st: Quinlan Mulcahy 2nd: Class Clan 3rd: Finn Zellmer

MEDIUM Turtles:

1st: Levi & Turtle Rose 2nd: Caleb Rosenthal 3rd: Evelyn Dunning

SMALL Turtles:

1st: Tanner Zellmer 2nd: Joe & Tuttle Timmy 3rd: Madeline Mielke

THANKS!!! to race volunteers: Kathy, John & Mitsy Erickson, Jessica & Caleb Rosenthal, Laura Ritten & the Johnson family. Big THANKS to the YMCA camp for opening up their gates to the lake residents and creating an amazing venue for this event.

BOAT PARADE

WALLY CHRISTIANSON had a brilliant idea back in the early 70's ... to gather the family together, decorate the pontoon and travel the shoreline sharing patriotic pride with neighbors. The SPIRIT continued as the parade evolved into the festive, family-fun, lake-wide celebration that we all enjoy today! Sadly, Wally passed away a week before the 4th, but his family honored his memory by decorating a float ... "Wally's Parade". A trophy awarded to the family will hopefully symbolize our THANKS ... not only for his wonderful idea, but for the many years of dedication and commitment to our lakes!

"The BAND" ... Milt Sunde and Company ... lead the way out of Marina Bay. When the band stopped to play, some paraders continued on - and traveled considerably North of the intended route. Eventually everyone made it to Garfield Park ... a little overheated from the extra-long route, but ready to perform at the Judging Station. Next year the parade travels counter-clockwise around Bear Trap ... no confusion should occur.

Winners receiving trophies or gift certificates to Mort's or Waterside were:

- 1st: Zwakman/Gill Family
"Greased Lightning"
- 2nd: Haug Family
"Americans who Shaped America"
- 3rd: Gackstetter Family
"Fire Truck"

If you have photos of the Fourth of July ... OR ... any Wapogasset or Bear Trap photos you'd like to share with lake residents, please email me the jpeg file for use in The Lake Scene ... or on lakewapogasset.com

THANKS!!



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Smoky Chicken Spread Kelly Knucky

3 cups finely chopped cooked chicken (or Sam's Club canned Chicken Breast is great!)

1/2 cup finely chopped celery

1/2 cup coarsely chopped smoked almonds

3/4 cup mayonnaise

1/4 cup finely chopped onion

1 Tbsp honey

1/2 tsp seasoned salt

1/8 tsp pepper

crackers ...like wheat thins

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