



the LAKE SCENE on Wapogasset Bear Trap

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KIDS DAY AT Mort's

ATTENTION KIDS ... for the first time in ELEVEN years, Kids' Day had to be cancelled because of bad weather

...but we'll keep trying!

although the weather forecast for Labor Day weekend is RAIN·RAIN·RAIN, we're hoping they're wrong. Stop by the Marina between 11:00a and 4:00p for FREE COTTON CANDY



Kids' Day 2014

Note: It's impossible to spin cotton candy if it rains or is humid ... call 715-497-0200 if weather is questionable.

NEWS FROM LWBTL CONSERVANCY ... by Jane Johnson

(Editor Note: An August 2015 letter to lake residents announced the formation of the Lake Wapogasset and Bear Trap Lake Conservancy ... formed to work toward the preservation of our lakes. Project update follows)

The Balsam Branch Partnership (BBP) is excited to announce its' contribution of \$6,000.00 to the Lake Wapogasset and Bear Trap Lake Conservancy's first project near Wallace Drive. This project is essentially the construction of a dam and sediment basin which will eliminate a significant source of phosphorous into Lake Wapogasset during rain events. The Conservancy is a newly formed tax exempt organization under the LWBT Sanitary District and in conjunction with the Lake Association to work toward the preservation of Lake Wapogasset Bear Trap.

Show your support ... send a donation to:
LWBTL Conservancy
777 So. Shore Drive
Amery WI 54001

The Balsam Branch Partnership is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax exempt corporation commenced in 1999 as a collaboration of several organizations and landowners in Polk County including the Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp, Garfield Town

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2015

Sept. 6 ... Last Boat-In Service of the season at the Bible Camp
Sept. 7 ... Kids' Day at Mort's ... 11a to 4p (if weather permits)

Sept. 13 ... Trustee Meeting - YMCA - 8am
Sept. 15 ... Last Pontoon Flotilla
Sept. 17-20 ... Amery Fall Festival

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CLEAN BOATS
 CLEAN WATERS

... by Rick Bazille

Our program has completed another year of educating boaters, at our busiest landing, on the dangers of spreading aquatic invasive species. Employees worked 200 hrs. at the landing which, for the third year, was largely paid for by a DNR grant. Thank you to the Sanitary District for obtaining the grant. Thank you also to the volunteers that worked the DNR "Boat Landing Blitz" over the 4th of July weekend. Special thanks to Steve and Sam Schieffer who have recruited and trained our help for the last three years.

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 last issue of The Lake Scene will be delivered to your door by Lake Association trustees over the weekend of Sept. 5th. See ONLINE ... at www.lakewapogasset.com - OR - pick up a copy at the Marina.

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... find above info. + more on Facebook.com

ENJOY WBT's crisp fall weather on the lake-front patio at Waterside ... great friends ... great food & drinks ... and warm/blazing bonfire!

CHECKLIST ... for Boat Storage

When removing your boats for the season and before transporting to storage, please remember these steps to avoid spreading aquatic invasive species.

IT'S THE LAW!

- Remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals.
- Eliminate water from equipment
- Clean and dry anything that comes into contact with water (boats, trailers, equipment).
- Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

• 2016 LAKE DIRECTORY •

Lake Association Trustees will start delivering The 2016 Lake Directory to All PAID Members starting in mid-September

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FINAL SPLASH - 2015 ...

IT WAS A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT ...

Snoopy used to start this way, perched atop his doghouse, whenever he was faced with writer's block. If it worked for him, maybe it'll work for us. This summer we've shared a lot of what we know with you. And some stuff we just made up. If you've followed instructions, maybe you caught some fish. If you didn't, maybe you used the stuff we made up. For those who haven't paid any attention at all, you're probably still sitting between the gunwales wondering why your floating Rapala won't sink. (You know who you are, don't you, Rick Trauley?)

OUR READERS ASK ...

Another question poured in ... this time from Wapo's Mike Sacchi ... "How do I find fish this time of year." Well, Mike, the freezer section at Wal-Mart has been quite productive most of the season. However, if you're thinking about catching fish, remember that in the fall, the weeds will start to die out. Baitfish will keep moving toward what weeds are still alive. Larger fish will keep moving toward the baitfish. As it gets colder, ice will form on the lakes. If this happens, remember, you'll have the best luck if you drill a hole in the ice first. Please call for additional instructions.

IN THE OLD DAYS ...

Fall fishing for Northerns was kind of a ritual thing. Great Grandpa would row his boat out to where there were some weeds left and drop a 6-inch minnow under a tennis ball-sized bobber over the side. Of course this was on the end of some braided line (mono wasn't invented yet) and tied to a long bamboo pole. When the bobber went under, he'd toss the pole over the side and chase it as the fish tired itself out. He'd retrieve the pole, pull the fish in and head home. The whole deal, including the bobber, pole, and minnow cost about \$2.25. You may want to try this technique yourself on a nice sunny fall day. Of course, the whole thing now will cost about \$50.00. ... if you even find a bamboo pole. And that's before you add the boat, motor and gas ... because knowing you, you ain't gonna row anywhere!

SIZING THINGS UP ...

OK ... Here's a couple of SIZE stories. The first features Leslee Donovan and nephew Max showing off an aquarium addition caught on a leech.



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2015

66th Annual Amery Fall Festival

September 17th • 20th

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 17

4-9p Earl's Rides - Michael Park (see below for advanced ticket sales)

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 18

3-11p Earl's Rides - Michael Park
3-9p Pie Bake-Off Soo Line Park Pavilion
6p * Bean-Bag Tourney under the Tent
7p ... register at 6:30 \$20/team of 2
6-8:30p * "Jambo Joe Bones" under the tent
9-1a * "Dirt Road Prophets" - under the tent
* = AFF button required

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 19

7:30a Kidz Race - Soo Line Park Pavilion
8a 10K Run - 5K Run - 5K Walk Soo Line Pavilion
9a-5p 25th Annual Quilt Show Sponsored by Apple River Quilt Guild at St. Joe's Church (Hwy 46 North) Adult: \$3 Ages 16 & Under: free
9a-3p Arts & Crafts at Michael Park
10a-5p Fine Arts Show Northern Lakes - 113 Elm St.
10:30a GRAND PARADE
Food Stands at Michael Park following parade
11a-11p Earl's Rides at Michael Park
1p-3p Jim Armstrong - under the tent/beer garden
2p Kiddie Tractor Pull - Center St. near tent
FREE Entry
2p * Bean Bag Tourney - under the tent

Advance tickets for Earl's rides available at RCU, Bremer, Chet's and WCU

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 19 ... continued

3:30 - 6:30 *Niff Naffer" - Tent/Beer Garden Open
7p * QUEEN CORONATION - High School Gym
9p-1a * "The DWEEBS" Dance under the Fall Festival Tent - FREE admission
*(Fall Festival Button Required)

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 20

8a-noon Pancake Breakfast - under the Fall Festival tent. Adults - \$5 - Children 10 & under \$2.50
Provided by Amery Area Senior Center
11a-2p Amery Lions Club Car Show - North Park
9a-3p Amery FFA Alumni Toy Tractor Show - Amery Middle School Gym
11a APPLE RIVER APPLE RACE at Bridge Street
10a-3p 25th Annual Quilt Show - see Sat. 9a



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ship, Polk County, Norska Ski Club, Friends of D. D. Kennedy, and the Lake Improvement Association. Our priority areas are protection, education and recreation throughout the entire Balsam Branch Watershed Area of Polk County which includes many lakes and streams. We maintain the Balsam Branch Ski Trail north of Lake Wapogasset which winds through the Garfield Recreation area, the Ox Lake site of the Lutheran Bible Camp, and D.D. Kennedy Environmental Area.

Several years ago, Don Wegner, a member of the BBP's founding board made a bequest to the Balsam Branch Partnershp. He was an active representative of the Lake Improvement Association and promoter of lake life. We are pleased to honor his legacy and commitment to our protection goal of preserving unique and critical watershed areas, of which Lake Wapogasset and Bear Trap Lake are a part, by making this contribution to the conservancy's first lake protection project.

The Conservancy is seeking and would greatly appreciate contributions to this beneficial project. Checks should be made out to Lake Wapogasset and Bear Trap Lake Conservancy and mailed to 777 So. Shore Drive, Amery WI 54001. All contributions are tax deductible.

September 15th FINAL PONTOON FLOTILLA

JOIN THE FUN!!! Meet and greet fellow lake residents as we enjoy our LAST cruise around the lake for 2015!

TUESDAY ... Sept. 15th ... 4:30pm
... note time change

... bring your favorite beverage and a dish to pass. If you'd like to join in but don't have a pontoon, feel free to show up at Garfield Park at 4:45 call/email mary@merrysea.com or call 715-268-2755 or 651-592-0913. If its raining on tuesday ... the flotilla will be held on Wed. same time.

Trinity Church ... on Cty Rd. F near Hwy 65

PIG (& TURKEY) ROAST SEPT. 26 4P - 7P

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SEPT. HOURS

... at this time we're planning to be OPEN from 9am until noon on SATURDAYS ... however ... if it's RAINING / WINDY / MISERABLE out, don't count on it ... call 715-497-0200 just to be sure.

ALSO ... look for the FLAG ... on Fridays and Sundays ... if it's nice out we may be OPEN.

LOOK FOR THE FLAG in SEPTEMBER
 ... when it's flying, we're **OPEN**



SALE
ALL WBT APPAREL

COMING NEXT ISSUE: Phantom I trumps Trump by throwing his Bass Pro Shop Cap into the presidential race ring. He'll be running on a platform of "All Fishermen Lie. I will, too." Until then, have a happy and healthy winter. In the Spring, you can regale us with your ice fishing successes. Of course, we'll be in Florida, so we'll have no way to verify anything you tell us. If you really need to reach us, get in touch with the Sarasota Senior Center, Just ask for the Phantom Phishermen. They'll find us.



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The next one features long-time-Laker, Tom Hanson along with Muskie Guide Erik Mortensen. The fish they're holding measured 45 inches and they boated it just 15 minutes after leaving the dock.



The second shot shows the lures they were using - these babies run from \$48 to \$65 each, so you're looking at about \$165.00 worth of lures.



But compared to Leslee's 7cent leech, you get what you pay for. By the way, Erik landed 19 Muskies in the week ... 10 of 'em between 41 and 47 inches.



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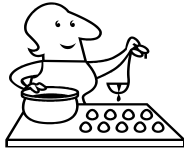
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Heirloom Summer Fritata

- 9 eggs
- 1/3 cup milk
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 1/2 medium red onion, sliced
- 4 oz. goat cheese (or whatever you have on hand)
- 10 oz. variety heirloom & cherry tomatoes, sliced
- 1 small zucchini, sliced
- 1/4 c. fresh basil, torn
- 3 Tbsp. fresh dill, roughly chopped
- 2 Tbsp. fresh chives, chopped
- sea salt to taste
- freshly ground black pepper
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil



Kelly Mortensen

... Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together eggs, milk and garlic. Fold in onion, tomatoes, cheese, dill, basil and chives. Season with salt and papper. Grease a 12" cast iron skillet with olive oil to coat. Pour egg mixture into pan. Top with dollops of goat cheese or shredded cheese and more salt and pepper. Bake 20-25 minutes or until puffy and golden. Let cool 5-10 minutes before serving.

THANKS ... to the Lake Association
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FOR SALE: Price REDUCED ... 2yr old Alum Shore Station Boat Lift. Like new condition. 3000lbs 108" wide with a 22' tan canopy. Poly/ Alum bunk rails & motor stop with guides. Boat Lift Boss electric lift with remote control. Located on Bear Trap. Was \$7500 new - will sell for \$4,500. 651-260-5057.

FOR SALE: Queen Size Rustic Log Headboard and frame ... all log/no metal - no mattress. \$75.00 Call 651-231-1111.

LOST: Green Zip Cover for pontoon canopy - approx. 5' long. Call 612-824-4449.


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