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Marquette and Joliet and the Wisconsin River

Written by Greg Stangl

Eagle Feather enjoyed going on these hunting expeditions with his father. He was proud that his father thought he was old enough to come along. Deer and bison were an abundant food source in the area and bringing down a single deer could easily feed the family for a week. He especially enjoyed hunting in the immediate area of the Meskousing (Wisconsin) river. A member of the peace loving Miami tribe, his people were hunter/gatherers and were also known to raise Indian corn.



As they knelt quietly looking for signs of their next quarry, Eagle Feather spotted something in the river that seemed out of place. As the small flotilla came forward, he noticed the two birch bark canoes that were filled with strange people paddling down the river. Having never seen Europeans before he wondered at the color of their skin and the unusual clothes they wore.

As the two canoes floated slowly toward the hunters they rose to meet the visitors. Eagle Feather's father offered the sign of peace and invited the travelers to their village.

Most of us have heard of Father Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet and their journey to explore unsettled territory in North America. What many don't realize is that they were the first Europeans to explore the Wisconsin River and our own beloved Lake Wisconsin area before it even became a lake! In 1672, from June 10th until the 17th, their journey took them down the river from Portage, Wisconsin to the Mississippi.

On May 17th, 1672 Father Jacques Marquette and fur trader Louis Joliet were sent by Governor Frontenac of New France (now Canada) to look for a water route to the Pacific Ocean. The governor had been hearing tales of a mighty river to the south and Marquette and Joliet were sent to see if it really existed.

Their four month journey carried them thousands of miles through the heart of North America to explore the path of the Mississippi River. Their voyage helped to initiate the first white settlements in the North American interior and introduced Christianity into 600,000 square miles of wilderness.

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The Grade Boat Club will be sponsoring classes (in coordination with SherriKayaks) in the use of Kayaks and Stand-up Paddle Boards. Classes offered will include:

- Sea Kayak Basics
- Recreational Kayak Basics
- Stand Up Paddle Board Basics

The classes will be held on Saturday, June 18th, 2016 on Okee Bay behind the Okee School House, near Fitz's on the Lake and Lucky's Bar & Grill. The classes will be presented by qualified ACA instructors. Classes will be split into morning and afternoon sessions with lunch provided by The Grade Boat Club.

The Introduction to Sea Kayaking Class will be 6 hours in length, covering safety, care of your boat, wet exits, solo and team rescues, and proper stroke techniques. If there is a request ahead of time we will have a tandem sea kayak to try out. The Stand-Up Paddle Boarding Basics Class will be held in the morning for 2 1/2 hours covering care of your board and on the water proper paddling techniques. The Recreational Kayak Basics Class will be held in the afternoon and cover safety, care, and maintenance of your boat as well as proper stroke techniques.

The 6-hour Sea Kayaking Class will be \$140 if you bring your own boat and equipment and \$160 with all equipment provided for you. The cost of the morning Stand-Up Paddle Boarding Class, or the Recreational Kayaking Class will each be \$70 with boats and equipment provided, if needed.

To register for any of the classes, please email sherri@sherrikayak.com and indicate if you will need equipment. See the webpage at www.sherrikayaks.com for program descriptions.

Fishing on Lake Wisconsin and the Wisconsin River

By Gary Sanders | Lake Wisconsin Walleyes, LLC | www.lakewisconsinwalleyes.com

Lake Wisconsin traditionally has three primary “good bites” for walleyes and saugers during specific periods; ice-out, mid-May through mid-July, and mid-October through ice-up. These bites can easily be broken down further into additional categories, but generally those are the peak times on Lake Wisconsin when the walleyes and saugers are the easiest to find and catch. The first bite happens right after ice-out in the narrows, but is short lived as many of those fish are leaving. The next “good bite” is after they come back. It doesn’t happen all at once, but my trip logs indicate that on any given year, sometime between May 7th and May 14th, it is like someone flipped a switch, and my catch rates jump dramatically. In May and June, it is generally a shallow water bite meaning that I’m fishing primarily in depths of 10’ or less. We do find fish deeper at times, but generally I tend to focus on depths from 3’ to 10’.

There are numerous techniques that will work, but a couple of tried and true techniques that just keep working for me every year during this period, are draggin’ a jig and plastic such as a 3” Bass Pro Shop’s Walleye Angler Paddle Tail Grub downstream with the current in the 3’ to 6’ depths, and pulling shad style floating crankbaits such as the #7 Berkley Flicker Shad from 10’ to 30’ back (depending on the depth), behind planer boards in 4’ to 8’ depths. The reasons we pursue these fish shallow during this period are that the shallower water is often warmer, and we often find the most baitfish in that shallow water because it is warmer. These post-spawn fish are typically fairly aggressive and are willing to bite a variety of presentations. Because of the fact that the fish are shallow

and feeding, they are somewhat scattered and that is why presentations like the two just mentioned work so well; they efficiently cover water and contact more of these fish.

As May progresses many of these fish move out into the main lake and spend a lot of time on the flats or “stump fields”. The “flats” area of the main lake generally from Okee bay to the mouth of the river ranges in depth from 7’ to 11’. There’s a lot of downed timber scattered on the flat, and trolling techniques are the most efficient way to contact fish frequently. Long lines, planer boards, and even lead core all work. I often combine techniques and will run four planer boards off to the sides pulling shad style crankbaits 30’ to 35’ back behind them. But I will also run two lead core rods straight out the back pulling floating minnow style baits such as Rapala’s Scatter Rap Minnow or Storm Thundersticks. It is surprising how many times big fish will hit those lead core lines.

As June progresses we begin to find fish deeper as well, but for the most consistent bite on Lake Wisconsin in May and June, think shallow. *Tight Lines...*

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DID YOU KNOW

Groundwater use in Wisconsin totals about 760 million gallons (2.9 billion liters) per day. Seven in 10 Wisconsinites and 97% of the state’s inland communities depend on groundwater for their water supply.

Marquette, continued from front page...

The explorers were an unlikely combination. Marquette was born in León, France in 1637 to a military and civil service family. Joliet was born in Canada in 1645 and was a wagon maker by trade. He had hoped to make a fortune in the fur trading industry and hope to use this trip to springboard that goal.

With two Indian guides, they and five other Frenchmen, paddled across Lake Michigan to present day Green Bay and up the Fox River to what is now Portage, Wisconsin. From there, they carried their canoes across land to the Wisconsin River. At that point their two Indian guides deserted them fearing the demons that lived in the river and warned the explorers to avoid them at all costs. If you listen to Lake Wisconsin after it freezes over, you can still hear the demons today.

Joliet's journal was lost in an overturned canoe accident, but the notes of Marquette still survive. Much of what is written about the adventure is in Marquette's own words. The explorers found Wisconsin Rivers to be difficult to navigate because of currents and sharp rocks which "cut the canoes and the feet of those who are obliged." They called the river the Meskousing and the local Indian inhabitants Machkoutens.

Marquette wrote about a river full of islands covered with vines. He described the banks of the Wisconsin as "diversified with woods, prairies and hills. There are oak, walnuts and basswood trees and another kind

whose branches are armed with long thorns. We saw neither feathered game nor fish, but many large deer and a number of cattle (buffalo)," he continued.



On their journey through Wisconsin, they ran across three Indian tribes. The "Miami are the most shapely, civil and liberal. Some wear long locks over their ears which give them a pleasing appearance. The Maskoutens and Kinkajous are ruder and seem peasants in comparison with the others."

Marquette wrote in detail about the people that he met and the village that he discovered on the Wisconsin part of his journey. "When I visited them I was greatly consoled at seeing a handsome cross erected in the middle of the village and adorned with many white skins, red belts and bows and arrows which they offered to the great Manitou, the name they gave God."

He continued, "As bark for making cabins is scarce in this country, they use rushes for making walls and roofs, but these do not afford them much protection against

the winds and even less against the rain. The advantage of these cabins is that they are easily transported wherever they wish." Marquette wrote of wild rice that was an important food source for the Wisconsin tribesmen and is still harvested in inland lakes.

The explorers discovered a large Indian village near present day Sauk City. Marquette wrote, "I took pleasure in observing the situation of the village. It is beautiful and very pleasing from an eminence which it is placed and one beholds on every side prairies extending farther than the eye can see. The soil is very fertile and yields much Indian corn. The savages gather quantities of plums and grapes where with much wine could be made if desired."

After visiting the village, the travelers continued on their journey down the Wisconsin River and eventually entered the Mississippi on June 17th. They were the first Europeans to locate its upper reaches and travel most of its length. Their 2,500 mile journey paved the way for French control of the interior of the North American continent and for a 4,000 mile trade network on the waterways of North America.

Next time you are out on the Lake Wisconsin in your pontoon; raise a glass of wine to these two intrepid explorers. They opened the door for the explorers that came later and helped to introduce Wisconsin's natural resources to the world.



Submitted by Greg Stangl, resident of Lake Wisconsin. Greg has a Master's Degree in photography and has been a writer, photographer and speaker for close to 45 years. He and his wife, Colleen, have owned a cabin on Lake Wisconsin for 25 years... Greg enjoys researching and reading about some of the history of the Lake Wisconsin area. You will be hearing more from Greg in future issues of the Lake Wisconsin Living newsletter.

Pier Planning for the Summer

(Reprinted from the Pier Planner - Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources)



Piers are a popular focus for boating and waterfront recreation. It seems like a simple topic, but if you have been involved in a dispute over “pier rights” with your neighbors or have seen shorelines filled with piers and boat lifts, you understand why regulations are important to treat everyone fairly and to protect the natural resources of our lakes, rivers and streams. Below are a few frequently asked questions that may help as you prepare to install your pier this summer.

Do I Need a Permit?

Most EXISTING piers or wharves are exempt - meaning no DNR permit or fee is required. Most new piers or wharves will be exempt if they comply with the specific dimensions and requirements described in the DNR’s *Pier Planner* publication. Some municipalities have local pier ordinances, which may have other restrictions and require local permits. Please contact your local zoning office to determine the existence of any local restrictions.

Who May Place and Use Piers?

- Only a riparian (waterfront property owner) may place a pier or wharf. Friends, neighbors or a contractor may assist with installation and maintenance, but owners are responsible for following requirements, obtaining any necessary permits, and for maintenance after construction.
- The waterway is public, but piers, boat lifts and related structures are the private property of the riparian. However, someone wading along the shoreline may cross over a pier to continue using the waterway.

Where Can I Locate My Proposed Pier and How Many Boats Can I Plan On Docking?

- Piers, wharves and moored boats must be placed in the “exclusive riparian zone”, which is the space in the water adjacent to the riparian property where the riparian has the exclusive right to place structures. Two primary methods are used to determine the “exclusive riparian zone”, this dividing line between adjacent owners. A picture can be found on the DNR’s website at http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/waterways/factsheets/pier_planner_082012.pdf.
- The number of boat slips - the total of all watercraft docked at a pier or wharf including boats in a boat lift or hoist - is limited to 2 boat slips for the first 50 feet of the riparian owner’s shoreline frontage and no more than 1 boat slip for each additional full 50 feet of shoreline. In addition to the boat slip allowance listed here, a riparian owner can secure up to 2 personal watercraft for the first 50 feet of the riparian owner’s shoreline frontage and one additional personal watercraft for each additional full 50 feet of shoreline.
- A pier or wharf may not obstruct navigation. In narrow rivers or channels, construct a wharf parallel to the shoreline rather than extending a pier perpendicular to it.

- Pier or wharf placement and use may not harm the public interests in waterways, which includes fish and wildlife habitat (such as spawning areas, important vegetation, waterfowl nesting areas); water quality; natural scenic beauty; or public recreation and navigation. If you have any questions about whether your project might affect these public interests, contact your local DNR Water Management Specialist. In some cases, DNR may recommend project modifications to avoid harm to public rights.

Answers to more common questions such as those listed below can be found by contacting your local DNR Water Management Specialist or review the WNDR *Pier Planner* publication at http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/waterways/factsheets/pier_planner_082012.pdf or visit the WDNR website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waterways/>

- 1) How should the pier or wharf be constructed?
- 2) Can other structures be located near the shore such as shelters, boathouses, mooring buoys, swimming rafts?
- 3) What are the dimensions of an exempt pier or wharf?

Kirk's Korner Q&A

By Kirk M. Boehm - Sales Agent | Terra Firma Realty

Did you know you could GET 30 DAYS in JAIL?

According to the DNR website, there is an Ordinance Relative to Motor Boats on Lake Wisconsin which is supported by the Town Board of the Town of Dekorra, Columbia County, Wisconsin.

- Section 1. No person shall, at any time, operate any power or motor driven boat in excess of 5 hp upon the waters of Lake Wisconsin in the Town of Dekorra on the east side of Whalen's Grade.
- Section 2. Any person violating this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10.00 or more than \$100.00, or by imprisonment in, the County Jail, for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days, or both.
- Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication. Effective: 6-21-73.

Can you really get 30 days in jail? If anyone has additional information, updates or clarification on this Ordinance, please send me a note at newsletter@TFMwisconsin.com.

Do you have a question about Lake Wisconsin or the Wisconsin River? If so, please send your question to newsletter@TFMwisconsin.com.

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It is easy to find news about how the real estate market is doing, but did you ever wonder how the specific segment of lake real estate is doing, or more importantly, how the Lake Wisconsin Market is doing? Well, we took the time to dive deeper into this question. Below is a snapshot of 2014 vs. 2015 sales and a 5-year average for Lake Wisconsin and South Central Wisconsin (SCWI). Since there are many homes around Lake Wisconsin which are right across the street from the water or that have deeded access, we have also included those sales in the Lake Home category.

Property Type	2014 Sales	2015 Sales	5yr. Avg. Sales	2014 Avg. Sold Price	2015 Avg. Sold Price	5yr. Avg. Sold Price
Lake Wisconsin						
Lake Homes	53	75	29	\$391,063	\$355,004	\$302,836
Lakefront Lots	13	11	3.8	\$213,217	\$164,204	\$182,468
Lake Access/View Lots	3	5	7.8	\$30,833	\$46,700	\$41,705
South Central Wisconsin Region (Including Lake Wisconsin)						
Lake Homes	489	636	361	\$287,532	\$318,776	\$269,682
Lakefront Lots	141	157	47.4	\$138,284	\$163,153	\$108,973
Lake Access/View Lots	140	161	66	\$40,690	\$41,446	\$22,672

As you can see, it appears real estate in the lake industry is recovering nicely. Unit sales were up for Lake Wisconsin and the SCWI region and substantially higher than the 5-year average. Prices on Lake Wisconsin were down year over year, but we saw a healthy increase in the SCWI region. Hopefully 2016 continues to trend upward for the lake industry.

Note: All metrics obtained from SCWMLS. For lakefront properties, we used a max of 5 acres and 8 acres for lake access/view properties as there are large tracts of land that sold for development purposes which alter the individual property nature of this analysis. All properties must have a feature of being located on "lake" or "river".

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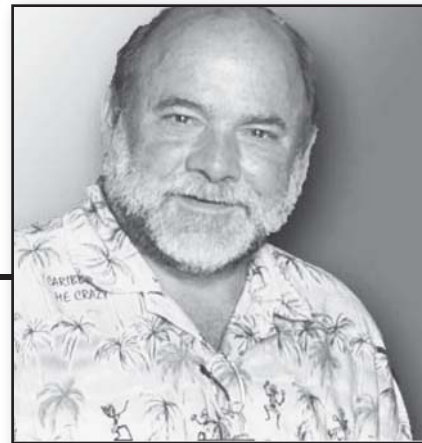
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BUSINESS... Spotlight

Smokey Hollow Day Camp



If you're a parent and looking for a place to give your kids a summer they'll talk about all year long, there's a hidden gem right in the Lodi area. Smokey Hollow Day Camp shares space with Smokey Hollow Campground, just northeast of Lodi off McGowan Road.

The centerpiece of this 40-acre, pine tree encircled campground is its swimming pond, complete with sand beach and giant inflatables. But that's not all it has to offer. Kids have access to a host of other "toys" including a jumping pillow, dunk tank, trikes, spaceball, and the world's largest shopping cart. And when kids aren't playing on all the cool stuff, they're treated to weekly field trips, crafts and activities. Each week's activities are planned around themes such as great American inventors, sharks, pirates, or discovering Wisconsin.

"The focus isn't just on fun," says Bud Styer, campground owner and day camp operations manager. "We believe that children who learn while they play, learn the most. Studies show that during the summer children lose up to 60 percent of what they learned during the school year if subjects like math and spelling are not revisited," he adds. Styer's solution? Make sure kids are having so much fun they don't realize they are learning! That's why he staffs the camp with energetic counselors who are teachers or currently studying education.

Known as "Mr. Bud" to the kids, Styer started the day camp 19 years ago when he realized his camping

clientele went home on Sunday evenings leaving his campground virtually empty and unused during the week. That first year, his day campers came exclusively from the Lodi area, but attendance grew as word spread. Today it serves 150-200 kids per day ages 3-14 and draws children from as far as Waunakee, DeForest, Poynette, Arlington, Windsor and Middleton.

Over the years, the day camp has taken kids to Brewers games, waterparks in the Dells, climbing excursions, working farms, and many one-of-a-kind Wisconsin locations. "We take full advantage of our group buying power," says Styer. "That way we can offer field trips at attractive prices that many of these kids might not be able to afford otherwise." One thing is for sure, kids at Smokey Hollow Day Camp have fun AND learn at the same time.

"The focus isn't just on fun, we believe that children who learn while they play, learn the most."

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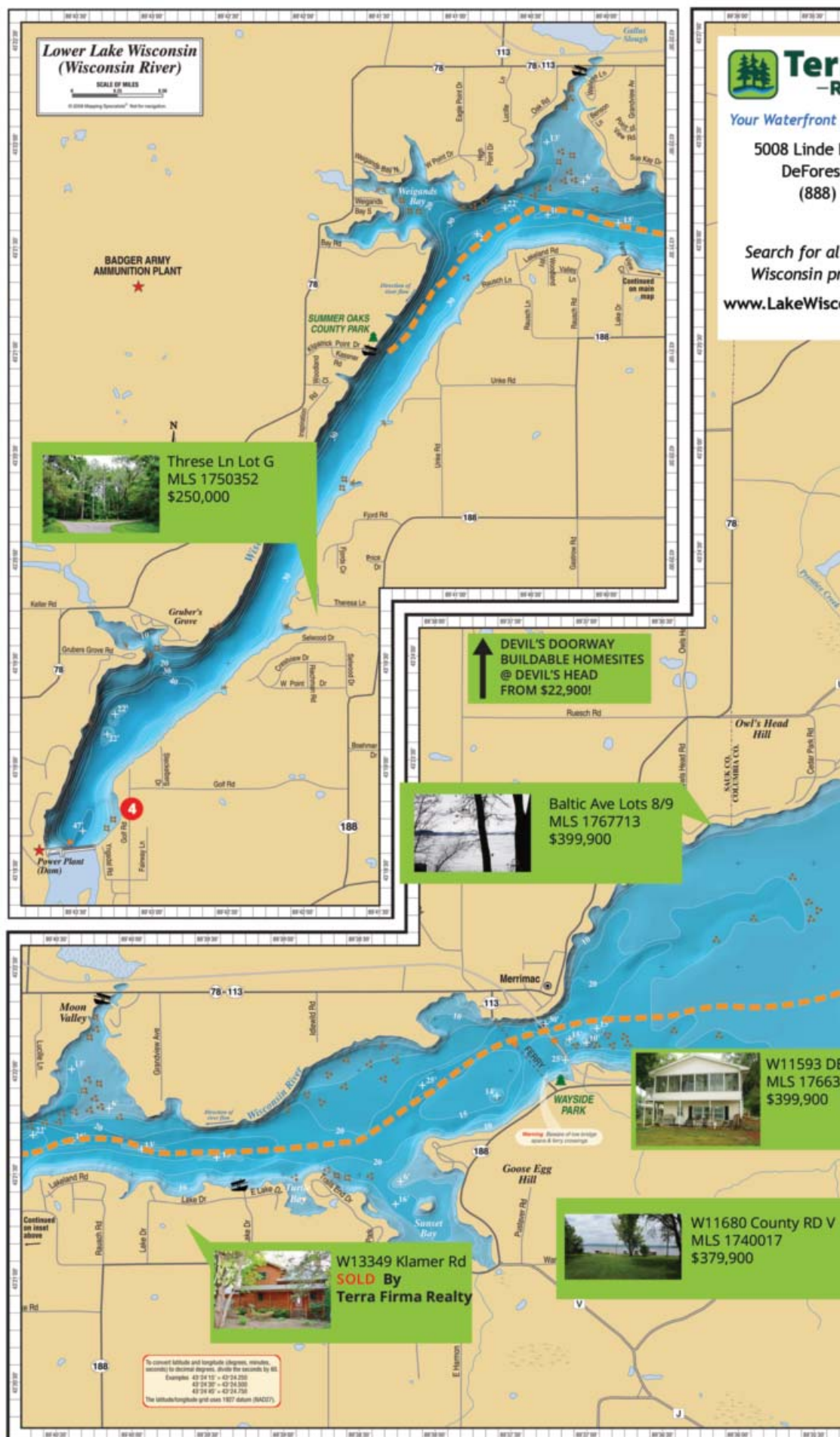
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May 276pmKatie Scullin	July 3.....1pmPat McCurdy
May 281pmRon Denson	July 3.....6pmCool Front
May 286pmCountry Wide Rocks	July 8.....6pmMadison Malone
May 291pmPat McCurdy	July 9.....1pmThe Star Bandits
June 36pmRobert J	July 9.....6pmPacific Coast Highway
June 41pmThe Blues Party	July 15.....6pmMichael Tully
June 46pmBrandon Beebe	July 16.....1pmUS Silver Dollar Band
June 106pmMichael Tully	July 16.....6pmFunky Chunky
June 111pmJohn Masino Band	July 22.....6pmShelley Faith
June 116pmAcoustic Duo of Thirsty Jones	July 23.....1pmRobert J
June 176pmBack to Back Acoustic	July 23.....6pmGin, Chocolate & Bottle Rockets
June 181pmUS Silver Dollar Band	July 29.....6pmBrandon Beebe
June 186pmPBS Band (Lodi based)	July 30.....1pmKatie Scullin
June 246pmShelley Faith	July 30.....6pmFootloose
June 251pmBlue Zone	July 31.....1pmPat McCurdy
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Another **FREE** *Educational Program*

The Lake Wisconsin Alliance (LWA) will host an educational seminar at Camp Rest Park & Boat Launch near N3814 Tipperary Road on Thursday, May 19th from 6 - 8 p.m. LWA received a Prairie du Sac Dam Aquatic Resources Enhancement Fund grant from Alliant Energy to conduct nearshore fishery surveys on Lake Wisconsin in 2015 and 2016. Dave Marshall and Tim Larson have been contracted by LWA to conduct the surveys and will demonstrate surveying methods and provide an opportunity for attendees to see these unique fish species up close.

Nearshore fish populations have been described as “canaries in the coal mine” but are not routinely surveyed since they offer no perceived or direct economic benefit associated with sport fish populations. These sensitive fish populations provide important ecological linkages that may reveal lake-ecosystem stresses even before traditional trophic state index (TSI) parameters reveal water quality problems. Nearshore fish populations are represented by a diversity of species, including threatened, special concern and other environmentally intolerant groups. The presence and absence of these often overlooked fish populations can also reveal important information on nearshore habitat conditions and can be used to assess habitat restoration projects.

In case of inclement weather, LWA will announce the cancellation of the seminar via the Lake Wisconsin Alliance Website (www.lakewisconsinalliance.org) and an announcement will be on local radio stations. A rain date has been set for Tuesday, May 24th, same time and location.

If you have questions about this event or any other LWA educational event(s), feel free to contact Melissa Keenan at 608-355-4838, or mkeenan@co.sauk.wi.us.



Mud Darter (*Etheostoma asprigene*), a special concern fish species was found during the first year of near fish surveys completed on Lake Wisconsin.

Additional LWA Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thursday, May 26th LWA Board Mtg, 6:30 p.m, Location TBD - Check LWA website to verify location
- Thursday, June 23rd, LWA Board Mtg, 6:30 p.m, Location TBD - Check LWA website to verify location
- Thursday, May 19th, Near Shore Fishery Survey Demo, 6 p.m, - Camp Rest Park & Boat Launch (N3814 Tipperary Road) - Rain Date May 24th

Changes to Shoreland Zoning Ordinances

Topic of March Lake Wisconsin Alliance Meeting

Lake Wisconsin Alliance conducted an informational meeting on March 10th regarding changes to shoreland zoning ordinances.

Randy Thompson, Planning & Zoning Administrator, Columbia County, and Brian Cunningham, Deputy Director for Sauk County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department, Sauk County, explained the history of the development of the shoreland zoning changes. They also presented information as to the impact on water quality by landowner practices.

Randy and Brian explained the changes that the Wisconsin legislature was considering at the time of the meeting. Further developments are to be finalized, shortly. The presentations have been saved on the LWA website at www.lakewisconsinalliance.org and can be accessed from the “Resources” tab under “Past Education Seminar Materials”. If anyone is considering changes to their property, they are urged to contact their county’s Planning and Zoning Department.

Lake Wisconsin Alliance (LWA) and Leinenkugel’s Beer FUNDRAISER

Again this year, Leinenkugel’s and LWA are teaming up for another fundraiser. From May 1st through the end of August, Leinenkugel’s Beer will be donating \$1 for every case of Leinenkugel’s beer purchased from the local businesses around Lake Wisconsin. This includes bars and restaurants around the lake as well as Piggly Wiggly, Main Street Liquor, Harmony Grove BP, and Lodi Mobil. Last year, LWA raised \$1,000 from this fundraiser, so they are anxious to exceed that goal this year. So, next time you are thirsty remember your Leinenkugel’s purchase will help support the efforts of LWA and its goal of assuring great water quality and recreational opportunities on Lake Wisconsin.

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ICE AGE TRAIL Events

Hike Under a Full Moon on Wednesday, May 18th.

Meet at 7 p.m. at the South Merrimac Ferry Landing. Watch for yellow "Ice Age Trail Event" signs. Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather. Well behaved leashed dogs are welcome. For questions call Bill at 608-843-3926. For directions visit <https://goo.gl/maps/5SdNk>

7th Annual Devils Lake State Park to Gibraltar Rock Hike on Saturday, May 21st.

Meet at 9 a.m. at Roznos Meadow parking area on Hwy 113, just south of South Lake Road at Devil's Lake, Merrimac. A bus shuttle will be provided after the hike. Bring water, sunscreen, and wear appropriate shoes and a hat. Questions? Call Bill at 608-843-3926. For directions to start please visit <https://goo.gl/maps/ghgjdC3a72F2>

Mammoth Fun Run & Hike

The Lodi Valley Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance invites you to have a blast at the Mammoth Fun Run & Hike on **Saturday, June 4th.**



Join us for this National Trails Day celebration on the unique Ice Age National Scenic Trail. Event day choices include a 6K or 8K trail run, and a 6K hike. All distances are approximate. Donations are appreciated for this family oriented event. Expect a beautiful trail with lovely views, fantastic prizes, unofficial timing, homemade treats, free massages and good times for all! Well behaved dogs on a leash are welcome. Donate \$25 or more and receive an Ice Age Trail bandana! Proceeds will be used for corridor protection, trail building and maintenance. Registration is from 8 - 8:40 a.m. in Doctor's Park, 218 S. Main Street, on the corner of Hwy 113 and County Rd. K, Lodi, WI. Last shuttle to the trailhead is at 8:40 a.m. for a 9 a.m. start. Race day registration only. For additional information visit <http://www.iceagetrail.org/event/lodi-valley-chapter-mammoth-fun-run-and-hike/>

Summer Solstice Saunter and Social

Experience a Summer Solstice Saunter and Social! Everyone is welcome to join the Lodi Chapter of the Ice Age Trail on Saturday, June 25th, for a hike, followed by a social gathering. Meet at 6 p.m. at the Gibraltar Rock traditional parking area and "saunter" for about an hour. Wear weather-appropriate clothing and hiking boots. Following the Saunter (hike), the group will reconvene for the Social at the Okee Old School House. BYOB and a dish to pass. For inclement weather, go directly to the social. Directions to the Social will be at <https://goo.gl/maps/Xh7rM>. For additional information contact Amy at 608-213-9855.

Spring is in the AIR!

Get Outdoors and Shop Farmers' Market!

As you may recall from an article featured in one of our past issues of Lake Wisconsin *Living*, Farmers' Markets are one of the oldest forms of direct marketing by small farmers. The first American Farmers' Markets were imitations of those held across Europe. Farmers came into town on horse-drawn wagons to sell their produce to the city folk. Most markets took place in empty lots on a major boulevard or thoroughfare. This is where "Market Streets" came from. In the last decade, Farmers' Markets have become a favorite marketing method for many farmers throughout the United States, and a weekly ritual for many shoppers.

Dane County is home to the largest Producer-Only Farmer's Market in the United States. All items are produced locally by the vendor behind the table. No resale is allowed! EBT FoodShare is accepted at the Market. Please inquire at the (Summer) Information Booth - located at top of State Street. This market happens rain or shine, race or rally... The first Saturday Outdoor Market around the Capitol Square in Madison occurred on April 16th and experienced a great turn out... You can share in the Outdoor Market experience on Saturdays from now through November 5th from 6am-2pm. If you need to make a mid-week shopping trip, the Wednesday Dane County Farmers' Market has you covered. Located in downtown Madison at the 200 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., you will find more fresh products between 8:30am-2pm every Wednesday. For safety reasons, NO PETS are allowed on the Capitol Square.

Shopping at a farmers' market is a great way to meet local farmers and community members as well as get fresh, flavorful produce. Rejoice in the arrival of spring with longer days and warmer temperatures and visit your local Farmers' Market. Plastic bags are available from most vendors, but be sure to bring your own reusable bags to carry home all of your wonderful purchases.



• **BARABOO**, Wednesdays & Saturdays, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - Downtown Courthouse Square on Oak St. between 3rd & 4th St.

• **DEFOREST**, Tuesdays, 3-6 p.m. - Veteran's Memorial Park, Main Street

• **LODI VALLEY**, Fridays, 2-6 p.m. - Village Green next to Koltes Do-It-Best, 902 N. Main St.

• **POYNETTE**, Saturdays, 8-11:30 a.m. - Pauquette Park parking lot, 106 S. Main St.

• **PORTAGE**, Thursdays, 12-6 p.m. - Commerce Plaza (corner of Cook & Wisconsin St.)

• **SAUK PRAIRIE**, 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. - across from Blue Spoon Café, downtown Prairie du Sac.

• **SUN PRAIRIE**, Saturdays, 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Municipal parking lot behind City of Sun Prairie Bldg, 300 E. Main St.

• **SUN PRAIRIE**, Tuesdays, 2:30-6 p.m. - West Main Shopping Center Parking Lot

• **WISCONSIN DELLS**, Sundays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Thunder Valley Inn, W15334 Waubeek Road

• **WAUNAKEE**, Wednesdays, 3-6 p.m. - Waun-a-Bowl Parking Lot, 301 S. Century Ave.

Calendar of Events

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- **WALLEYE TOURNAMENT & COUNTY WIDE ROCKS – Sat, May 14th.** Lucky's on the Lake 1st Walleye Tourney. Awards start at 3:30 followed by a meat raffle and band, Country Wide Rocks at 4pm! Even if you don't plan to fish you can join in the fun! 5:00am – 9:00pm.
- **OKEE BLOCK PARTY – Sat, May 21st** 11am-9pm. We would like to invite our neighbors (near and far) to the first ever Okee Block Party!! Come check out Lucky's new Caribbean Grill on the lower patio and Jam out with Moxie at noon and Funky Chunky at 4pm!
- **May 27th** Katie Scullin, 6-10pm
- **May 28th** Ron Denson, 1-4pm; Country Wide Rocks, 6-10pm
- **May 29th** Pat McCurdy, 1-4pm
- **June 3rd** Robert J, 6-10pm
- **June 4th** Blues Party, 1-4pm; Brandon Beebe 6-10pm
- **June 10th** Michael Tully, 6-10pm
- **June 11th** John Masino Band 1-4pm; Acoustic Duo of Thirsty Jones, 6-10pm
- **June 17th** Back-to-Back Acoustic, 6-10pm
- **June 18th** US Silver Dollar Band 1-4pm; PBS Band (Lodi based) 6-10pm
- **June 24th** Shelley Faith, 6-10pm
- **June 25th** Blue Zone, 1-4pm; B-day Party Band, 6-10pm

DE FOREST / WINDSOR COMMUNITY GARAGE Sales May 13th-14th please contact the DeForest Times for more information: 608-846-5576

POYNETTE AREA GARAGESALE WEEKEND – May 12th – 15th. See a list and map of sales in the Hometown Shopper and Poynette Press. For more details, contact the Poynette Press, 608-592-3261.

RED, WHITE AND BREW TOUR – Friday May 13th. Come enjoy a night out in beautiful Downtown Lodi, stopping at 20 businesses and sampling select wines and Wisconsin craft beer. Wine Maker Shaun from Rock N Wool Winery will be there to showcase his amazing wines! Many of our business open their doors up for non-downtown businesses to participate! Tickets are \$30, must be 21. For more info visit www.lodilakewisconsin.org/our-festivals.php

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- **MAMMOTH FUN RUN and HIKE – June 4th, 9am**
 A National Trails Day Celebration – **Events:** 6K & 8K runs; a 1K kid's fun run, and a 6K hike (distances are approximate) **Contact:** Joanna Fanny at 608-592-7817 or email at www.iceagetrail.org/event/lodi-valley-chapter-mammoth-fun-run-and-hike/

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LAKE MELVIN FISHING EXTRAVAGANZA – May 14th 9am-12pm. The LMFE is a free fishing event for kids 15 and under sponsored by the Dane Fire Department. Originated in 2007 as a way for the fire dept. to support the community by creating a fun event for kids and families. Free T-shirts, hot dogs, and drinks. <http://danefire.com/fish/fish.html>

DE FOREST DOWNTOWN WINE WALK – May 19th
 Take a stroll through Deforest and discover a vast array of businesses while enjoying a wine tasting at each location. Contact the Chamber office for more information. 608-846-2922.

HARMONY GROVE AREA GARAGE SALES – June 3rd-5th. Harmony Grove Garage Sales, get you map at the Lodi Enterprise; Located corner of Main St. at the four way. information@lodiwisconsin.com

DRAGON ART FAIR – June 6th, 10am-2pm. Hosted on Market St. and in Fireman's Park. Participation is open to all artists 18 years of age and older that exhibit fine art and fine craft works of original concept, design and execution by the exhibiting artist. The Dragon Art Fair presents artists' handcrafted finished works. A silent auction of donated items, hand created by our artists, is held in addition to the DeForest Fire and EMS Activity Fair.

PORTAGE CITYWIDE GARAGE SALES – June 9th-11th, Contact Portage Area Chamber of Commerce at 608-742-6242

TASTE OF THE DELLS 2016 – June 10th & 11th, Celebrate the start of summer with tasty samples from many Dells area restaurants. There is also live entertainment, a fish boil, family entertainment, arts and crafts show, antique tractor show and a library book sale. All activities are located downtown Dells. Admission is free. <http://www.wisdells.com/wisconsin-dells-attraction/taste-of-wisconsin-dells.htm>

PORTAGE CANAL DAY 2016 – June 11th, Canal Days Parade starts at 10am. All area schools, churches, businesses, clubs and private parties are encouraged to celebrate the 26th Canal Days Festival. There is no entry fee. Contact Tricia at 608-566-5730.

RELAY FOR LIFE – June 24th 11am. Deforest High School Football field. Contact Wendy Schmidt, 608-575-9339 or visit www.relayforlife.org

DANE FIREFIGHTERS FESTIVAL – June 23rd- 26th
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