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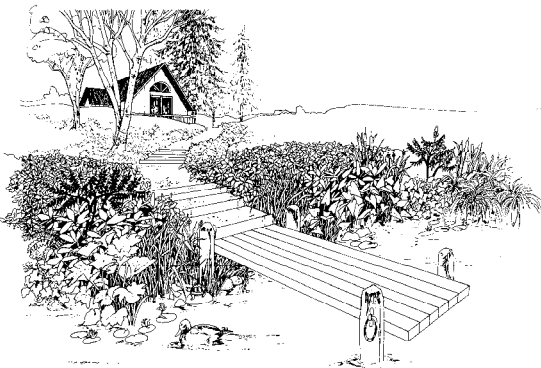
# Sinissippi Waves

## Shoreland restoration website: valuable tool for property owners

The Langlade County Land Records and Regulations Department has developed a one-of-a-kind website for individuals who are interested in planting native vegetation on their shoreland property. The website gives step-by-step instructions that walk property owners through the differing stages of shoreland restoration.

"Property owners can answer some easy questions about the site conditions on their property and the computer database will show them only the plants that will grow there. It also gives them pictures of the plants along with general ecological information on the species so that they can decide if they want to include or exclude it from their restoration. All of the plants listed are readily accessible from local greenhouses and nurseries," says Matthew Wagner, Langlade County Shoreland Protection Specialist.

The website also has information on every bird and most butterflies that spend at least a part of their lifecycle in Wisconsin, and how to create/restore



habitat conducive to attracting them. "If you have a favorite bird or butterfly, you click on the 'Attracting Birds and Butterflies' function, and the computer program will tell you what could be planted to attract it and care for its differing needs throughout the stages of its life." Wagner states.

Langlade County's website also contains information on eliminating invasive weeds, soil preparation, planting tips, mulching, maintenance, greenhouse contacts, supplemental plantings, benefits of bioengineering over rock riprap, and the rationale behind planting native species. It includes more than 340 easy to find and locally grown trees, shrubs, wildflowers, ferns, vines, grasses, sedges, and emergent and submerged aquatic vegetation that property owners can use to customize their own shoreland restoration plan.

The new website works for all properties, not just those on the shorelands, thereby making it a handy tool for those property owners who do not live on a lake, but would still like to plant a native butterfly garden.

To access this website, type [www.co.langlade.wi.us](http://www.co.langlade.wi.us) into your search engine, click on County Departments, Land Records and Regulations, Zoning-Shoreland, and Restoring Native Vegetation

**Matthew Wagner, Langlade County Shoreland Protection Specialist**  
Wisconsin Association of Lakes Newsletter

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### Native Plant Sale

The annual native plant sale will be held at the DNR building on Hwy 28 between Horicon and Mayville on May 20, 2006 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Numerous vendors will be selling Wisconsin native plants and seeds. The plant sale is part of the Splendor of Wildflowers weekend organized by Marsh Melodies Association. For information on other events for to [www.marshmelodies.com](http://www.marshmelodies.com).

## From the Presidents Pier

Gary Knipper

Spring has sprung here on Lake Sinissippi all of us have many things on our to-do lists, along with docks, boats, yard work, gardening, please put the Lake Sinissippi Association annual meeting on your calendar Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> 2006 at the Hustisford High School. The meeting will be starting with coffee and donuts at 8:00am and beginning promptly at 8:30am. At our meeting we will discuss current and future LSA project for our 2006-2007 fiscal year, Hey and Associates will discuss the shore line improvement analysis, and this year we have four (4) board positions open. Please consider running for the LSA board, it is a great way to support the Lake Sinissippi community.

Our annual membership drive is now taking place so far we have see great community response with over 210 Lake Sinissippi residents that have already joined for 2006, if you or your neighbors have not sent in their annually dues please participate in supporting LSA. Memberships support activities that benefit the whole lake community, your memberships are necessary to continue our work.

July 1<sup>st</sup> 2006 we will be having our annual fund raiser Lakefest-2006 at Lions part in Hustisford, great food, fun and games, live band and a spectacular fireworks show at dusk. Learn more about the planned activities at the 2006 annual meeting. Volunteers are needed to help with all activities please contact any board member to help at Lakefest.

Hope to see all of you at the annual meeting, and have a great and safe summer on and around Lake Sinissippi.



## WANTED...a Few Good Men or Women

There are a total of 12 LSA Board of Director positions. Four of the twelve positions will require a vote at the May Annual meeting for either re-election, or to fill the three vacant positions. Please consider becoming a LSA board member. It's your chance to contribute to the future of the lake. **Fresh perspectives are needed and welcomed!** Please call any board member for information on nominating yourself or another person for office.

## Lake Sinissippi Association Board Members for 2005/06

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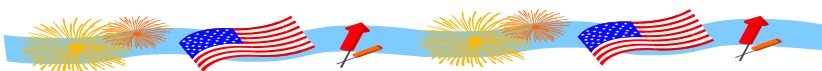
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\* resignation for health and other concerns leaves position open



# Lakefest 2005

## Saturday July 1st

### Fun starting at 3:00 PM

Vendors and games will be available

### Hustisford Lions Park

Food, Refreshments, Games

### Raffle Drawing for Grand Prize

### 32" Large Screen TV

### Awesome Fireworks at Dusk

Watch for Posters

Music by **Groovy**



# Boating Safety Classes Available to Lake Residents

Mark Ritter

My name is Mark Ritter and I have been a lake rfor 11 years and live on the east side of the lake near the former Chadwick property, for those who remember that era!! I also am the chief of police for the Town of Hartford and am in charge of the Lake Patrol on Pike Lake.

Each year we offer a number of early evening Boating Safety Classes and I want to invite you to take a Boating Safety Course. This class is DNR approved and uses the State Boating Curriculum. All juveniles between the ages of 12-16 must take this class before driving a boat or a jet ski without an adult. They then get a certificate allowing them to drive. Also about 1/3rd of our class is adults. Many insurance companies offer a discount on boat insurance if you take this class. I get a 10% yearly discount on my boat so it may be worth checking with your insurance provider, it may pay to take the class.

2 separate classes are being held, one in June and one in July.

The June class starts on Monday June 5th and continues of Wed June 7th and starts at 6:30 pm and

runs till about 9pm

It finishes up the following week on Monday June 12th and Wed June 14th.

The class is a total of 10 hours with many hands on activities and a final night with a visit from a local conservation warden.

The July class starts Monday July 10th and continues on Wed. July 12th. It finishes up the following week on Monday July 17th and the final night of Wed. July 19th.

Each class costs \$ 10 per person which pays for materials and soda. Classes are held at the Hartford Town Hall which is 1/4 mile south of the McDonalds in Hartford. Classes are limited to 25 people. We have also had whole families take the class. Consider this also... we do allow 10 and 11 year old and up to take the class but they must understand their certificate is not good until they are 12.

If you would like to pre-register for either class or have questions please call me at 349-8351 and I will be happy to drop off the materials early and register you if you are a lake or nearby resident.

## Looking Back

Stephanie Knipper

Originally printed in the Hustisford Historical Newsletter *Spinning Wheel*

Bill Germer (former long time LSA Board member) remembers a time when Hustisford had the "best show house in Dodge County". Hustisford was a bustling community that had dress shops, four grocery stores and every building on Lake Street was filled with business. Bill Germer can recall the boom days of Hustisford. Did you know that highway 60 used to run right through Hustisford? That was before it was paved of course; however, that might have been why Husty was the boomtown it was.

*....but the people remain the same, good natured and dedicated to their land.*

Bell Germer was born in the farm house in which he lives today. His father bought the house in 1916 for \$1,500. There his family members tended to the farm and livestock. In fact, the only time Germer has left his farm was to serve his country in Korea. The Great Depression didn't affect Germer's family much since they were self-sufficient, processing their own milk, cream and meat.

Fur trapping was a big industry in this area when the lake was drained in 1972. His father used to trap muskrats. They had one especially plentiful season when 2,300 muskrats were trapped. That pulled in a great deal of money too, at \$7.50/hide, they made \$17,250.

Times were simple, the work had to be done by lantern light before electricity was installed in 1941. The Germers purchased their first tractor in 1934, before that all tilling and plowing was done by hand and horse. At the time a good work horse, that was broken in' cost about \$120. However Bill Germer has the opinion "the only horse I like is a dead horse."

Hustisford has grown a lot since Bill was a child. He says that there are about four times as many homes in the township now than there uses to be. Also that people used to live in the town on Lake Street and now the population is more spread across the lake. The lake has changed much and so has the town, but the people remain the same, good natured and dedicated to their land.

## A Mink in Your Future?

Karen Fink

Have you seen a mink? You could have because they live throughout Wisconsin and a number of people have reported seeing them around the Lake Sinissippi area.

Sleek with thick, chocolate brown fur, minks are a member of the same weasel family as badgers, ferrets, otters and skunks. The male minks are 23-28 inches long with a 9-inch furry tail trailing behind. They weigh an average of 3 pounds. Females are more petite. They only measure 18-22 inches and aren't as heavy. They are sometimes confused with the river otter. Look for an obvious patch or streak of white on the chin, throat, chest or belly. Their bushy tail can be slightly darker than the body fur color.



Photo by Mark Werner

Five partially webbed toes on each foot help mink

get around in the water as they swim and dive in streams, rivers, ponds, lakes and marshes searching for whatever comes in their path. They will eat virtually anything they can catch and kill, including fish, birds, bird eggs, insects, crabs, clams and small mammals. Females usually make their dens in log cavities, stumps or under tree roots and stay within 30 acres of it while males will travel twice the distance and socialize at other dens along the way. You may see them sneaking around on their stomach to stalk prey or bounding across the land when they're traveling. A litter of 3-6 kits (young) are born in April or May in a den lined with feather, fur, and soft vegetation. The kits are born hairless at birth but quickly grow hair and open their eyes after 25 days. At 5-6 weeks they are weaned but stay near their mother until fall. Startled mink may squeal, hiss or snarl and then release a scent similar to a skunk. They can't spray like skunks can, but they do smell. This scent is also used as a marker to advertise their presence to other mink. Remember to watch all wildlife with respect and give them plenty of space.

## Natural Shoreline Plant Sale

LSA is not sponsoring a native plant sale this year. However, if you are interested in improving your shoreline with plants this year, our consultant, Lisa Reas has made herself available. She will be happy to answer any questions people around Lake Sinissippi

might have about their shoreline and the type of plants they might consider. Her contact information :

L J Reas Environmental Consulting, Corp  
Phone 920-294-3116  
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## Eagle Watch



Karen Fink

Once again, we are fortunate to have a nesting pair of eagles on Lake Sinissippi. The pair has been observed feeding two eaglets this year. It is interesting that although eagles have about 7,000 feathers, it is unlawful to possess even one without federal approval. Federal law prohibits harassment of Bald Ea-

gles and they are the most protected wildlife species in the United States according to a DNR Wildlife biologist. Their life span is up to 30 years in the wild so hopefully if they are not disturbed, we'll be able to enjoy their presence for many years to come on the shores of our lake.

## LSA Monthly Raffle Winners



### March 2006 Raffle Winners

Dolores Grudzinski	\$ 100
Sarah Pieper	\$ 50
Troy Thom	\$ 25

### April 2006 Raffle Winners

Phyllis Rutz	\$ 100
Lisa Bosse	\$ 50
Roxane Becker	\$ 25

Tickets are \$ 10 each and winners are drawn every month at the Board of Directors meeting. If you have purchased a ticket, you have a chance of winning every month.

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## News Letter

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[www.lakesinissippi.org](http://www.lakesinissippi.org)



## Lake Sinissippi Association Annual Meeting Saturday, May 27th, 2006 Hustisford High School

**Plan to  
Attend**

- 8:00am Registration—Coffee and Donuts
- 8:30am Introduction of Board Members  
Nominations of New Directors  
Elections
- 8:45am Lakefest 2006 – Terry Burge
- 9:00am 2005 LSA Accomplishments—Gary Knipper
- 9:15 am Shoreline Restoration Grant Discussion  
Representative from Hey & Associates
- 9:45am Open Forum
- 9:55am Election Results
- 10:00am Meeting Adjourned

