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**President's Message  
Ray Potempa**

The debate continues on locating the National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility at UM-Madison's Kegonsa Research Campus. The Campus is located at Schneider Drive and Dyerson Road which is directly west of the Lake. Federal researchers would study the world's deadliest animal germs that could be transmitted to humans at the proposed facility.

The Town of Dunn has strongly objected to the facility while UW- Madison staff is promoting the economic development potential to the both the University and Dane County. Governor Doyle and County Executive Falk are actively supporting location of the Facility in Dane County. However, the Dane County Board voted 19-7 to oppose the federal animal disease lab in the Town of Dunn at a recent meeting. Wisconsin State Journal in a May 8<sup>th</sup> editorial supported the view point that the "U.S. lab is good fit for Dane County". Numerous letters to the editor have been published offering the opposite point of view. Homeland Security is expected to select the three to five finalist locations by the end of June.

Amendments to the County's shoreland zoning ordinances also continue to be discussed with no definite resolution in sight. Basically, the issue is whether a property owner can build on a parcel which was plotted prior to shoreland zoning ordinances without going before the Board of Adjustment for approval. The new standard on lot size is a minimum width of 100 feet. To confuse the matter further, two lawsuits have been recently filed against the Board of Adjustment on their decisions. The outcome of this zoning issue has a real impact on Lake Kegonsa shoreline property owners since 92 % of our parcels would be classified as substandard.

More pleasant thoughts are looking forward to enjoying Lake Kegonsa during the 2007 season. Please remember all of the safety rules when in or on the water.

For More About FOLKS, Visit Our  
Website at [WWW.Kegonsa.org](http://WWW.Kegonsa.org)

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## Boater Safety Course July 14 & 21, 2007

FOLKS is hosting a Boaters Safety Course in conjunction with the Dane County Sheriff's Department. The course will be taught by Matthew Gueldner of the Dane County Sheriff's Department.

**Register Now!** Registration is limited to the first 30 paid applications received. Certificates of completion will be issued at the end of the class. Although, the course is open to people of all ages, anyone under the age of 12 will not be issued a certificate due to boater regulation laws. <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/es/enforcement/safety/boatage.htm>

We encourage children and those who are new to boating to visit the following website prior to this class to help you better understand and prepare for the test. [www.boat-ed.com](http://www.boat-ed.com)

**When:** Saturdays, July 14 & 21, 2007 (Participants must attend both sessions)  
**Time:** 8:00 am to 12:30 pm  
**Where:** Town of Dunn Hall, 4156 County Road B, McFarland  
**Cost:** \$10.00 per student – to cover the cost of the program and certificate.  
**Contact:** Susan Luellwitz, (608)873-8519 or [Susan.Luellwitz@boe.ca.gov](mailto:Susan.Luellwitz@boe.ca.gov)

We thank everyone that has renewed their membership so far this year. In addition, we would like to acknowledge our new 2007 members:

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Ed & Mary Bieno	Harold & Evelyn Randecker
Thomas Frank	Patrick Laemmrich & Trisha Scanlon
John & Jean Hendrickson	Mark Schnellbaecher
Laurie Irwin & Jim Mickowski	Steve Shoudy
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FOLKS monthly board meetings are held on the last Monday of each month and the public is welcome to attend. The next board meeting is June 25, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. Stoughton Country Club, 3165 Shady Side Drive, Stoughton, WI 53589

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## Child Life Preserver Bill

The State Senate recently passed a bill that requires children 12 and under to wear life preservers whenever they are aboard a small boat. If passed by the Assembly and signed by the Governor, it will become law effective January, 2008.

Governor Doyle believes that the bill "could save lives." It would require children 12 and under to wear a life preserver whenever they are on a boat less than 26 feet long. (The current law requires that there be a life preserver for everyone onboard, but doesn't require them to be worn.)

## An Invitation to go Paddling

Lake Waubesa Conservation Association (LWCA) is sponsoring a paddling event on June 12<sup>th</sup> and is inviting FOLKS members to attend. Wes and Jane Licht of the Town of Dunn are leading a paddle of Upper Mud Lake and Lake Waubesa on Tuesday evening June 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 PM. The group will meet at Rutabaga located on Broadway in Monona and launch from there no later than 5:30 PM. Rentals are available from Rutabaga by advance reservation at \$10 on an as-available basis.

## Swimming Rafts and Water Trampolines

If you are planning on placing a swimming raft or water trampoline in front of your property this summer, you should be aware of the requirements in state statutes and DNR regulations. The following information is taken directly from the DNR website (<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/fhp/waterway/swimmingrafts.shtml>).

By statute, swimming rafts may not interfere with public rights in navigable waters, or interfere with the rights of other property owners. They must be placed within 200 feet of shore, and can only be placed by a waterfront property owner.

A waterfront property owner may place a swimming raft or water trampoline in a navigable waterway without obtaining a permit, if:

1. The swimming raft or water trampoline is not more than 200 square feet in surface area (equivalent to 15-foot diameter for round water trampolines); and
2. The swimming raft or water trampoline is not more than 38 inches in height. This does not include protective covers, diving boards, ladders and slides.

Larger swimming raft or water trampolines may be placed without a permit, only if they are removed from the water on a daily basis, or if they are placed in a marked swim area approved under Chapter NR 5.09, Wis. Adm. Code.

**If your proposed swim raft does not meet these size limitations or exceptions, or the statutory requirements, you must apply for a *Miscellaneous Structures in Waterway* permit. A fee is required.**

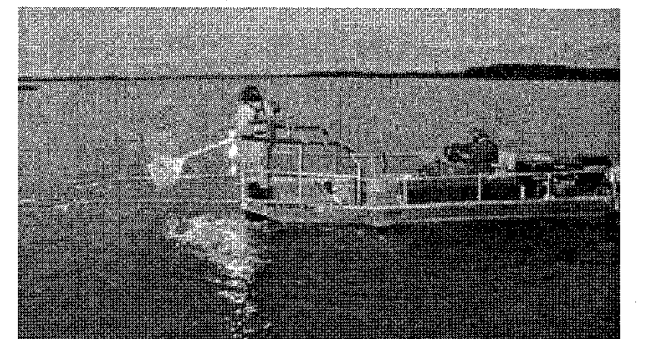
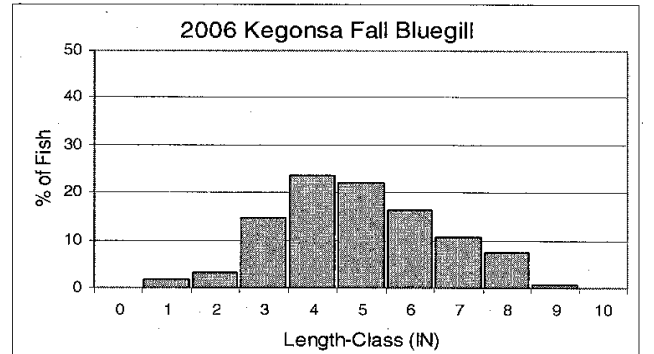
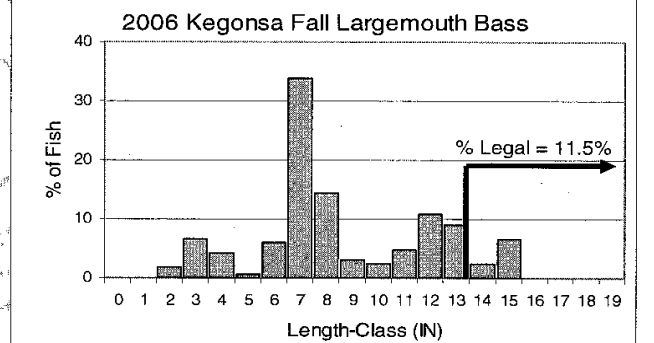
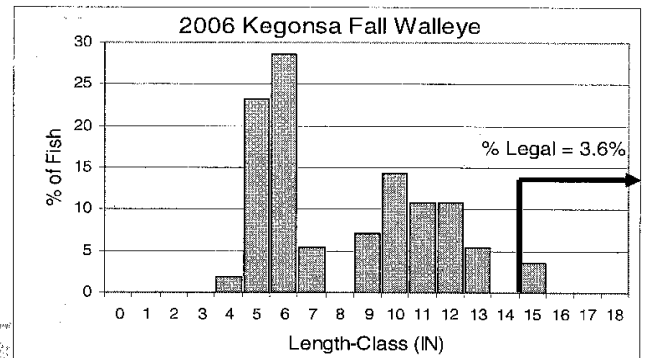
## Lake Kegonsa Fall Electrofishing – 2006

	2004	2005	2006
<b>Walleye:</b>			
Total Captured:	94	16	56
Average Length (in.):	11.6	11.5	9.3
Length Range (in.):	6.0 – 25.0	7.4 – 18.6	5.3 – 16.50
% Legal (>15"):	9.6	12.5	3.6
% YOY* (<7"):	8.5	0	25.0
<b>Largemouth Bass:</b>			
Total Captured:	126	136	166
Average Length (in.):	12	8.9	9.6
Length Range (in.):	4.5 – 19.0	3.8 – 17.6	3.5 – 15.5
% Legal (>14"):	8.7	13.2	11.5
% YOY* (<7"):	1.6	53.6	13.3
<b>Bluegill:</b>			
Total Captured:	27	17	123
Average Length (in.):	7.3	5.6	5.4
Length Range (in.):	2.8 – 9.3	3.1 – 8.7	1.7 – 9.1
% >7"	70.3	35	18.7
Fish / Hour	108	34	53.5

\*YOY = Young of Year

### Stocking:

Year	Species	Number Stocked	Length (in)
2000	NORTHERN PIKE	2,500	7
2000	WALLEYE	93,059	1
2001	NORTHERN PIKE	400,000	0
2001	NORTHERN PIKE	1,500	7
2001	WALLEYE	50,000	2
2002	NORTHERN PIKE	2,500	8
2002	WALLEYE	161,253	1
2003	WALLEYE	138,170	2
2003	WALLEYE	47,969	2
2004	WALLEYE	67,511	1
2004	WALLEYE	92,989	2
2005	NORTHERN PIKE	3,210	(Fry) 9
2005	WALLEYE	144,877	2
2005	WALLEYE	15,760	2
2006	NORTHERN PIKE	2,229	7
2006	WALLEYE	112,315	2
2006	WALLEYE	48,685	2



Data provided by Kurt Welke Dane County Fisheries Manager Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (608) 273-5946 Kurt.Welke@wisconsin.gov



### **The Path** By Doug Pfundheller

There once was a path that led around the south end of the lake. It ran from Cliff Halverson's store all the way to the outlet. On the far east end you would have to walk the R.R. Tracks or to the beach to make it to the end. The Path was about two feet wide and was so well used that the grass was worn down to the tap roots. Most of the way it wound along the waters edge but here and there it went behind the cottages along the road. At that time there were no year-around homes on the lake.

In his history of Camp Collins, Mr. Palmer mentions sunny, summer, Sunday afternoons when folks from Stoughton would walk the Path through their camp and once in awhile, take a peek into the campers' tents. This was in the late 1890's so the Path was there a long time, at least 60 or more years. No one ever questioned whether it was O.K. for the Path to run through their yards. It seemed like public domain and just part of the fun of being at the lake. Wives would scurry up the Path in mid-morning for a cup of coffee with a friend and kids, some in their 80's now, remember riding their bikes to Amundson's store for penny candy or a five cent ice cream cone. All were met with a wave and friendly smile.

Then there was the Path at night. The music from the Nickelodian at the Pavilion would drift across the lake. Bands such as Glen Miller, Tommy Dorsey, and singers Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, and Nat "King" Cole sang and played their slow and dreamy songs, perfect for "slow dancing". During the summer, young folks from nearby towns of Stoughton, Edgerton, and Evansville and some who rented cottages by the week and others camping with their parents would gather. Nothing seemed quite as romantic as a full moon over the lake and those sweet songs would melt a young heart. Many a serious romance started on the Pavilion dance floor when he would whisper in her ear, "Let's go up the Path".

The war came and the Pavilion closed and the young men were gone. After the war, people started to build year-around homes on the lake. Soon fences went up and no trespassing signs. Then an owner and a path walker got into a fight that ended up in court. The owner won and after all those wonderful years, the Path was no more.

P.S. Much of this information was from a letter Doug Stockstad wrote to his friend Anton. At the end of the letter he wrote, "to be shared with all who remember the Path".

## **Meet With Dane County's Parks Commissioners at Fish Camp**

Dane County's Park Commissioners will be meeting the general public at Fish Camp Park on Wednesday evening July 11th. The program will be starting at approximately 5:30 PM. Discussions are planned for developments in the Door Creek Wetlands Area, nature/bike trail from McFarland to Stoughton along the Yahara River, plus other Parks projects. FOLKS members are encouraged to attend to gain some insight on park planning in our area. Commissioners will be available to learn about members' concerns and opinions.

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## **Free Boat Safety Inspections**

Are your boats safe? FOLKS is sponsoring a voluntary boat safety inspection event at Fish Camp Park on Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to ensure that FOLKS members can enjoy a safe 2007 boating season.

The following are the details of the event:

1. The VSC (Vessel Safety Checks) program is a FREE check of a recreational boat to determine whether it complies with federal, state and local safety requirements, and provides an opportunity for the boater to ask questions about the rules, or safety-related concerns.
2. The examinations are conducted by fellow boaters - members of the local United States Power Squadron organization who have been trained to do the examinations. The program is sponsored by the United States Coast Guard (the Coast Guard Auxiliary also conducts VSC's). Boats that pass the examination can display a decal which indicates that the boat has been found to comply with the applicable regulations. The examiners are not law-enforcement officers, and no report is filed with any law-enforcement agency.
3. Some of the items checked include:
  - Proper display of numbers
  - Registration/documentation
  - Personal flotation devices
  - Visual distress signals
  - Fire extinguishers
  - Ventilation
  - Backfire flame control
  - Sound producing devices
  - Navigation lights
  - Overall vessel condition
4. For more information, please go to [www.usps.org/national/vsc/index.html](http://www.usps.org/national/vsc/index.html) or visit the site of the local organization at [www.madisonsquadron.org](http://www.madisonsquadron.org).
5. In addition, your boat engine can be "noise tested" to meet the current regulations.