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DID YOU KNOW?

By Morgan Maddox

Did you know that fish do not add new scales as they grow? As the fish grows, the scales grow, forming rings that reveal the age of the fish.

There are more than 32,000 different species of fish in the world today, and in late October/early November, we will be introducing a new member to the waters of Lake Wee-Ma-Tuk, The Hybrid Striper. A cross between the white bass and the striped bass, these fish are being introduced to Lake Wee-Ma-Tuk in order to regulate our shad population, but also to lend some entertainment to our local anglers.

Below is the population we will be introducing to the first four lakes of Wee-Ma-Tuk. This menu is a strategy built between local land owner Ryan Maddox, and Nate Herman of Herman Brothers Lake and Land Management. It is based off of each lake's needs, but also financial capability.

Lake Marie- 25 Muskie and 25 Grass Carp

Lake Traer-100 Crappie, 100 Bluegill, 50 Largemouth Bass, 30 Walleye

Wood Lake-50 Largemouth Bass, 100 Bluegill, 75 Walleye, and 100 Crappie

Big Lake- 500 Hybrid Stripers, 250 Walleye

The plan for each lake in its entirety is posted on our website and also the Wee-Ma-Tuk Landowner's Facebook page. Feel free to contact Ryan Maddox, 309-338-8638, with any questions or concerns you may have. We will be choosing new lakes in the spring, so stay tuned!

Newsletters

By Chris Strong

A couple of months ago, I asked the WMTLA Board if, as a cost-saver, we should cut the newsletter down to a postcard.

We have the website (www.weematuk.net) and our Wee-Ma-Tuk Facebook page to convey information much more quickly, and far more often than semi-annually. We also have an email list for things that are sudden. Email chris@weematuk.net if you want to be added to it.

Since the newsletter's primary purpose seems to be informing all landowners of the spring and fall meeting dates, I wondered if postcards might suffice.

Board members talked me out of it. They pointed out that a well-written, attractive publication that goes to all mailboxes is no less than our residents deserve. It might not spend much time on the coffee table, but it would look good while it's there.

And, they reminded me, some people may not have the internet.

So here is your Fall, 2017, WMTLA Newsletter, announcing October 21 as our Fall General Meeting date, and including other articles of interest. I hope you let it linger on your coffee table.

Meet Our New Board Member

By Pam Prater

I was born and raised in Canton, Ill and spent a majority of my childhood in Wee-Ma-Tuk at my grandparents' and as members of the WMT Country Club. I moved away for a brief 7 years, and when we decided to move back home to be close to family, it was the fond memories of the private paradise that prompted my husband Jed and myself to find a home in WMT. In 2011, we found a home on Cheyenne Dr. and moved back home to be with our family. We have four children between us and twelve grandchildren and counting! I work for FedEx and spend a great deal of time traveling for work; outside of work I enjoy family, boating, fishing, and hiking/walking.

Emergency Service and Disaster Siren

By John Loebach

For your information:

We have our share of severe weather in WeeMaTuk. The weather siren is important to all of us.

The ESDA siren is located approximately 0.4 mile west of the golf course club house on a rise above Kenabeck Trail, on the south side of the road as the road bends to the south (across from 15398 E Kenabeck).

It is tested on the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am. It should be audible to all of WeeMaTuk.

Around 2006, Installation of the siren was initiated by the WeeMaTuk Landowners Association (WMTA), and replaced a siren used by the golf course to warn of lightning and severe weather. Funding was provided by ESDA (Chris Helle) and then-State Representative Mike Smith.

But, the siren suffered neglect and it became inoperative due to weeds and insect damage.

In 2014, Joe Putrich of WMTLA spearheaded repair of the siren and maintained the area around it. Larry Krulac, Wayne Demott, and Jerry Walloch have followed up recently.

Maintenance to this area will continue by the Wee-Ma-Tuk Landowners Association with the volunteers until it can be included in the contract with the people who do the mowing at the Wee-Ma-Tuk entrance and other common ground within Wee-Ma-Tuk. This service is provided through WMTA membership dues.

Animal Control

By John Loebach

Wee-Ma-Tuk is a great place to live. It is a great place to be outdoors: to walk and to bike, play sports, and just live outdoors. Let's keep it that way.

Recently, there have been encounters of dogs with people in the subdivision. Some of these have been aggressive.

This note is to serve as a reminder to people, that these instances have occurred and be wary of "loose" dogs.

More so, this is a warning to pet owners that the Illinois Animal Control Act has severe penalties for pet owners who do not keep control of their pets. The "act" itself is lengthy and can be found at

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1704&ChapterID=41>

A pertinent excerpt follows:

(510 ILCS 5/16) (from Ch. 8, par. 366)

Sec. 16. Animal attacks or injuries. If a dog or other animal, without provocation, attacks, attempts to attack, or injures any person who is peaceably conducting himself or herself in any place where he or she may lawfully be, the owner of such dog or other animal is liable in civil damages to such person for the full amount of the injury proximately caused thereby.

(Source: P.A. 94-819, eff. 5-31-06.)

. . . "Dangerous dog" means (i) any individual dog anywhere other than upon the property of the owner or custodian of the dog and unmuzzled, unleashed, or unattended by its owner or custodian that behaves in a manner that a reasonable person would believe poses a serious and unjustified imminent threat of serious physical injury or death to a person or a companion animal or (ii) a dog that, without justification, bites a person and does not cause serious physical injury.

. . . "Vicious dog" means: (i) Any individual dog that when unprovoked inflicts bites or attacks a human being or other animal either on public or private property. (ii) Any individual dog with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack without provocation, to cause injury or to otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or domestic animals. (iii) Any individual dog that has as a trait or characteristic and a generally known reputation for viciousness, dangerousness or unprovoked attacks upon human beings or other animals, unless handled in a particular manner or with special equipment. (iv) Any individual dog which attacks a human being or domestic animal without provocation. (v) Any individual dog which has been found to be a "dangerous dog" upon 3 separate occasions.

. . . If a dog is found to be a vicious dog, the owner shall pay a \$100 public safety fine to be deposited into the Pet Population Control Fund, the dog shall be spayed or neutered within 10 days of the finding at the expense of its owner and microchipped, if not already, and the dog is subject to enclosure. If an owner fails to comply with these requirements, the animal control agency shall impound the dog and the owner shall pay a \$500 fine plus impoundment fees to the animal control agency impounding the dog. The judge has the discretion to order a vicious dog be euthanized.

Fall General Meeting

By Chris Strong

It's October 21 at the Club. But that's only part of the story.

Judy Kemper has come up with a dazzler of a food plan:

La Judy's Taco Bar!

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| Beef | Chicken | Lettuce |
| Tomatoes | Onions | Sour cream |
| Jalapenos | Shredded cheddar | |
| Black beans | Cilantro | Corn |
| Salsa | Black olives | |
| Mexican rice | | |

Tres leche cake (I don't know, either. Google it.)

Cinnamon ice cream

Churros

Ice tea

Corona and Modelo beer will be available at the bar, which will be decorated in a Mexican theme.

The cost for the food? Eleven dollars. Eleven. I don't know what that is in pesos.

Sombreros are optional.

We ask that 1) you pay a Board member before dinner, and 2) you phone the club (326-2500) by Thursday, October 19, so Judy can prepare enough.

Cocktails at 5, dinner from 6, meeting at 7. Fifty-fifty and door prizes, as always.

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