

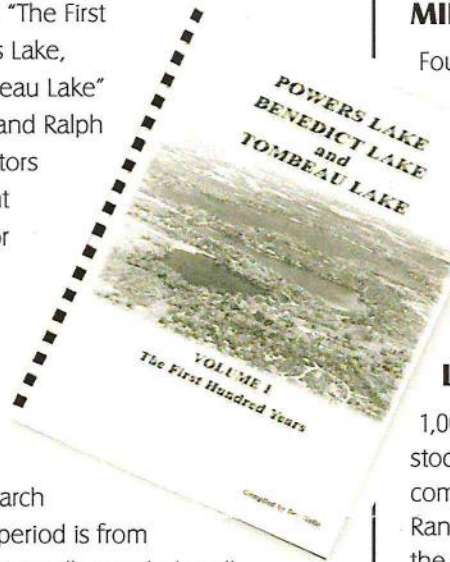


District of Powers Lake NEWSLETTER

Published for all those who use and love Powers Lake

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I am excited to report that "The First Hundred Years of Powers Lake, Benedict Lake and Tombeau Lake" has just been printed. Dee and Ralph Wells, as well as their ancestors before them, were lake front residents on Powers Lake for many years. Dee's family came in the 1880's. Her grandmother kept encouraging her to write the history of the area. Now Volume 1 is hot off the press after years of research and interviewing. The time period is from 1830's to just before WWII. Naturally it includes all the surrounding areas as they related to Powers Lake including Genoa City, Burlington, Richmond, Pell Lake, and Southport as Kenosha was originally called.



Lots of pictures, lots of stories about the early settlers and the evolution of this area, including farms, resorts, prohibition, ice harvesting and families, and how the land became subdivided and by whom. It is \$25, tax included and available at Wells-Osborn Spiral Stairways in Genoa City or Solid Brass-Fine Antiques in Richmond. You can order by mail from Dee Wells, P.O.Box 133, Genoa City, WI. 53128 for \$30 to cover postage.

ADOPT-A-LAKE UPDATE

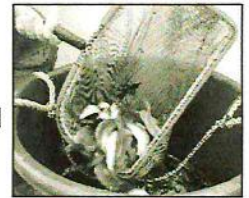
Karen Reddin, and the Adopt-A-Lake program will have 81 third grade students involved this year. Come spring they will start the classroom sessions followed by on-lake activities as the season develops. She is planning to add at least one of the four kindergarten classes to the Adopt-A-Lake program this year. She hopes to add another class level each year, broadening their knowledge of lake life. She will add more aquascopes, more boots and a camera so that activities at the lake may be photographed and reviewed in the classroom. We love reporting on her activities.

MILFOIL TREATED

Four acres of Eurasian Watermilfoil were treated October 11 and 12. Treatment is most successful when the water is calm and the sun is shining which makes it easier to detect what areas to treat. The scheduled dates don't always work out, but eventually the treatment is completed. That is what happened this fall with several false starts due to weather conditions.

LAKE STOCKING

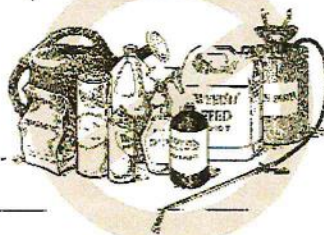
1,000 smallmouth bass approximately a foot long were stocked in the lake on October 20. Stocking is a three-way commitment with the Powers Lake Sportsman Club, Randall Township, and the District of Powers Lake sharing the bill. You will remember in the last newsletter we reported that the DNR stocked the lake with 25,000 Walleye fry which are minnow size fish. That was the first time the DNR had ever stocked Powers Lake and of course it was much appreciated.

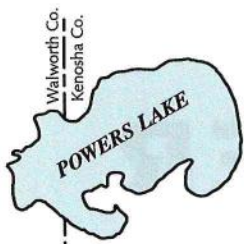


LOW PHOSPHORUS FERTILIZER RESOLUTION

The Randall Town Board passed a Phosphorus Resolution. It states that all fertilizers used on lawns in Randall Township must be phosphorus free. This will protect not just the lake but the streams, ponds, and wetlands. We are all part of a watershed no matter where our properties lie, and the runoff will eventually get to the water. Please instruct your yard-care people that this Resolution has passed and that they must not use fertilizer containing phosphorus.

It's The Law





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DREDGING

The dredging has been partially completed and by the time you receive this newsletter it will be finished. All of the floating piers from the Randall Launch at Bayview Park were moved out into the lake and the first 50 feet of frontage was dredged. Lakeview Park south of the beach was also dredged. Randall Township has funded and overseen this project.



Mark Your Calendar

MEETING NOTICE

The January District of Powers Lake meeting will be Friday, January 6 at 5:00 pm, at the Randall Town Hall in Bassett.

50TH ANNUAL ICE FISHING DERBY

The Ice Fishing Derby is super special this year. It is the Fiftieth Annual, and will be held at the DNR Launch Sunday, February 12. It will have all the great prizes, raffles, food and fun. Awards for the biggest fish of each type every hour are given. The fish must be alive and wiggling when weighed and measured. You can fish at your

favorite spot, no restrictions. The Sponsor, as always, of this dynamite event is the Powers Lake Sportsman's Club. It is a family event with dads and moms as well as kids of all ages. If you aren't an ice fisherman, plan to come anyway. It is a great spectator event and the aromas from the big tent are so tantalizing you will have to stay and partake of their great food.

WISCONSIN LAKES WORKSHOP

The SE Wisconsin Lakes Workshop will be on Saturday, February 18. The theme this year is *Troubled waters: managing and restoring southeastern Wisconsin's lakes*.

There will be sessions on: lake-scale restoration projects and tools; groundwater and lakes; rules and regulations for landowners - understanding permitting; and watershed/land use partnerships.

The sessions will include many first hand examples and there will be ample time during sessions and breaks to talk to those who have actually worked on projects similar to what you may be considering.

The cost for this full day workshop held at Waukesha County Technical College is usually about \$35 and includes materials, lunch and breaks. More detailed information, as it becomes available, can be found on the Wisconsin Association of Lakes website, www.wisconsinlakes.org.