

Spring 2017



Lake Warren Breeze

Upcoming Season

With spring here and summer fast approaching we will have increased lake activities.

Remember this is a NO WAKE lake! Keep your speed down

Your boat sticker goes on the front right side of your water craft by your state numbers (that is the right side as you are sitting in the water craft).

When pulling skiers or tubers, they have to wear life jackets and you as a water craft operator have to display an orange flag (6"x6") at all times when pulling someone.

Anyone 13 years old and younger has to wear life jackets at all times no matter what the water craft is. Paddle boats and kayaks have to have life jackets all the time no matter what age.

Let's have fun but we need to follow the rules.



Looking for a used 2 or 4 person paddle boat.

Call Karen and Ron Stauffer 309-734-2997

If no answer leave a message

Spring work day is scheduled for Sat. April 29

Meet at the shelter at 8:00am rain or shine!

Lunch to follow at noon.

Spring clean up week is the first week of May,
dumpster will be at the shelter house for that week

Lake wide yard sale is May 6 beginning at 7:00am

Conservation Committee 2017 Spring Report

The survey of the lake was completed on April 13 by Herman Brothers. The conservation committee will meet to discuss the report and will make a recommendation to the board.

Lake Warren, Monmouth

63 acres +/-

22' deep

Draw down each fall (awesome)

Not much habitat in water

Not much rooted vegetation

Lots of common carp (50% of the overall biomass)

Great walleye population 15-24" fish

Great bass population 14-18" with some bigger

Not many 5-11" bass

Stunted crappie population

Low on bluegill

Based on our conversations and observations, here are some recommendations for you guys to consider:

Place habitat in the water anywhere you can that isn't in the way of swimmers... 10 pallets vertical stuffed with branches along the edges in 2-4' water (where people don't swim) during drawdown, weight with concrete blocks... Christmas trees and bushes in 6-10' water along shorelines out of swimming zones... Dead trees leaning over the lake drop into the water and weight down along the edges..... Create 3 big reefs in the lake and mark with buoys! Do these in the middle areas outside of the ski zone- 15 trees/brush piles per buoy... sink with buckets filled with concrete... do from pontoon boats or on the ice... add to them every year or every other year. This habitat work is the single biggest recommendation I can give for your situation.

Focus on harvesting crappie and carp this year and next year. Get creative and have fishing derbies with bonus incentives to get the most carp... utilize local businesses for gift cards, prizes, etc for your competitions. Also just in general encourage your members to focus on removing carp. The better the incentives and education about how to remove them, the more carp you will get out. If you could get 200+ carp out per year you would see a noticeable improvement in your crappie and bluegill populations! The carp currently take up more than half of your available fish biomass. That is a huge impact on your fishery!

The current daily limit of 1 bass, 1 walleye, 1 catfish over 15" is a good plan. However, encourage members to keep all crappie and release all bluegill for 2017 and 2018... bluegill are the backbone to the food chain, doing this will help boost their population. The crappie are currently stunted. The best thing you can do for them is to remove as many as possible for the next two years and follow up with a crappie stocking the third year to improve their genetics and get their population back on track.

Conservation Survey Continued

Here is a recommended stocking plan for the lake:

Fall 2017:

Stock 300-500 walleye (\$600-\$1000)

Stock 500 southern strain largemouth bass 5-8" (\$1300)

Fall 2018:

Stock 300-500 walleye (\$600-\$1000)

Stock 1000 bluegill 4-6" (\$1300)

Fall 2019:

Stock 300-500 walleye

Stock 1000 crappie 4-6" (\$1300)



Fall 2020:

Stock 300-500 walleye

Stock 1300 catfish 8-10" (\$1300)

Send any questions anytime. We would love the opportunity to stock the fish for you guys if desired. It gives us a way to stay connected and up to speed on everything happening. We would recommend doing another lake audit in 3 years.

Overall you have a very good fishery A+!! The ideas and plans above would help turn it into a world class fishery!

If anything changes in terms of budget or direction just let me know and we can help adjust the plan as needed.

Important Numbers

Animal Control—309-734-8343

Sherriff Dispatch—309-734-8383

Classified Ads—309-337-9448

**Lake Office—309-734-3894 or
309-337-9448**

Newsletter Editor—309-368-4641

Beach House—309-734-8095

Biology/Tree Permits—309-563-332-1160

Building Permits—309-536-3617

Gate House/Guest Cards—309-734-7238

Lake President—309-337-2291

Lake Secretary—309-337-9448

Campground News

Open and ready for the new season. If you having any problems your contact people for the campground is

Camp Director

Duane VanHyfte—309-734-6938

Or

Randy Mowen—309-337-5821



Campground is open!!

Fruit Salsa

This simple fruit salsa recipe is made up of strawberries, kiwi, and apples, served on homemade cinnamon chips!

Serves: 6

Ingredients

1 pint Strawberries	2 Kiwi
1 Granny Smith Apple	1/4 c Sugar
1/2 of a Lemon	

Remove caps from strawberries and peel kiwis and apple.

Finely dice all fruit and mix together in a large bowl.

Add 1/4 c sugar and juice from half of a lemon and mix thoroughly.

Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. This can be made a day ahead of time and refrigerated overnight.



Cinnamon Chips

Melt half a stick of butter in the microwave.

Lay out 6 tortillas and brush butter over them, covering them completely.

Mix sugar and cinnamon together and sprinkle over tortilla covering completely.

Cut tortillas into wedges and arrange on the baking sheet.

Board of Directors

President, Buildings Grounds & Maintenance—Dave Carr

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Conservation & Land Management—Mike Boyler

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Security and Beach area —Terry Weil

Campground—Duane Van Hyfte 309-734-6938 and Randy Mowen

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Board Meetings

2nd Wednesday of the
month 7:00pm

Lower Level

Security Savings Bank

220 E Broadway

Monmouth IL

Trustees

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Note from the Editor

Getting the website up and running has not been an easy task. While it is available it still has a way to go before it is at the level of quality that I expect it to be.

I am able to keep the friendly reminders section and the calendar current. We have not been able to get newsletters, current by-laws along with broadcast type of information working.

Right now we are concentrating on getting the new system in the office up and running. Once this is complete I will be sitting down with the developer and getting the site completed. Stay tuned and keeping checking back.

if you would like something included in the newsletter please email me at lakewarrennews@gmail.com or put something on paper and drop it off at the lake office.





Spring

BUDS
DAFFODILS
FLOWERS
GRASS
RAIN

RAINBOW
SEEDS
SPRING
TULIPS
UMBRELLA

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