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**President’s Message ~ Peter Foy**

First, the Board would like to thank Gloria Kay Schoeberl and Jim Schoeberl for their years of service on our FOLKS Board. Gloria was our Treasurer and handled our lake alerts and other communications so effectively. They have sold their house on Lake Kegonsa and are planning to move to Florida.

We are fortunate that Bill Lamm’s wife, Connie Hagen has offered to serve as a Board member and Treasurer. Bill has been on our Board for a number of years. Connie is a retired CPA and worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers for many years. We welcome her to our Board.

Second, I don’t know how many of you are familiar with Door Creek. Some of our members have told me they have kayaked and canoed on the Creek, but I know I wasn’t aware of its history and how it impacts Lake Kegonsa until last year.

On May 31st Board member Pat Guiney, Sue Jones, Director of Dane County’s Office of Lakes Watersheds, Susan Sandford, Strategic Engagement Coordinator of Lakes and Watershed and I took about an hour and a half kayak trip down Door Creek to have a firsthand look at it. It was a worthwhile experience.

**Presentation** - We believe that it would be of enough interest to invite you to a joint Lakes and Watershed Board and FOLKS Board meeting on Tuesday July 13. It will be at 5:30pm at the Stoughton Country Club. The presentation about Door Creek and the new management plan that is mentioned below will be the first thing on the agenda. You are free to either leave after the presentation, or stay for the rest of the meeting.  
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Here is a little information about Door Creek:

### **Door Creek**

Door Creek, a tributary to the Yahara River entering at Lake Kegonsa, begins as a small stream in the southeast corner of the Town of Burke and flows south 12.7 miles to Lake Kegonsa. Door Creek and its tributaries drain 29.5 square miles (18,880 acres) of rolling agricultural land in the drumlin-marsh area of eastern Dane County. All of the land that drains to the creek is called its watershed.

The Door Creek Watershed's unique landscape was formed approximately 15,000 years ago during the last glaciation period.

Water quality in Door Creek is poor with some stretches having four to six feet of silt and less than two feet of water. The Creek also has the second-highest phosphorus loading from agricultural land in the larger Yahara watershed. Due to the high sediment and nutrient runoff, Dane County Land and Water Resources Department staff have developed a watershed management plan for Door Creek with the goals of (1) delisting Door Creek from the State Impaired Waters List, (2) Reducing 5,700 pounds (about 38%) of phosphorus runoff from agricultural and urban sources in order to meet Door Creek's phosphorus water quality criterion, and (3) maintaining Door Creek's natural community classification.

### **Carp Project Update**

We are continuing to make progress on our carp tracking and removal project. We have had meetings with the DNR and the commercial fishermen that have the contract for Lake Kegonsa. Every few weeks the DNR is tracking the 20 carp that have had radio transmitters inserted into them, to develop their movement patterns. Some of our members have said they have seen the DNR airplane going back and forth over the lake numerous times. Every time the DNR does the tracking we get a picture of what they are finding out. What we have seen so far is that in the spring, right when the ice came off the lake, 16 of the 20 carp were right over by Fish Camp Park. Now as the water has warmed up some have moved to the Yahara River and some are in Mud Lake.

Our plan is still to do a major removal early in 2017, but we hope to remove some yet this year. The major issue is that the commercial fishermen wants to fish when there is a good market for the carp and we just want them to remove as many fish as possible, regardless of the market. FOLKS might have to subsidize the current low market price to make it worthwhile to fish earlier than we had originally planned. We are working with the DNR on our plans. The best market is normally in the fall, and early spring.

## Shoreland Zoning Changes

by Lynn Markham, UWSP - Land Use Specialist

The Wisconsin Legislature has made major changes to shoreland zoning in 2015-16. These changes are described in three short video presentations:

1. Introduction to shoreland zoning and recent changes to required shoreland lot sizes:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_h7NYG4pKI8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_h7NYG4pKI8)
2. Changes to shoreland setbacks, vegetation protection and impervious surface standards:  
<https://youtu.be/GKxMORINInw>
3. Changes to standards for buildings located close to the shoreline: <https://youtu.be/1otUI3HsmUs>

Whole video (all three parts combined; 30 minutes) <https://youtu.be/enus9Ceub2g>

We hope these videos will be helpful for lake organizations, county board members, and others interested in lakes and rivers. Please contact me if you have any questions.

If you do not have easy access to YouTube and would prefer the videos through Dropbox or a DVD, let us know.

You may also be interested in this newly created fact sheet providing details on the history and recent changes to shoreland zoning:

Wisconsin Shoreland Zoning Over the Years <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/clue/Documents/Water/WI%20Shoreland%20Zoning%20Timeline%20050316.pdf>

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# **New Legislative Changes for Boathouses, Shelters & Seawalls**

by Dan Schultz, YLA Board Member

The 2015 Wisconsin Act 387, signed into law in April 2016, made material changes to the rules surrounding boathouses, boat shelters (lifts) and seawalls.

**Boathouses** - Act 387 changes the definition of a boathouse to a structure with one or more walls used for the storage of watercraft regardless of its current use. Current rules do not allow a boathouse to be constructed or placed beyond the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) and only allows the repair or maintenance of a boathouse that extends beyond the OHWM to 50% of the assessed value. The Act modifies the definition of the terms "maintain" and "repair" to add floors and foundations to the other items currently included in the definition (roofs, doors, walls, windows, beams and porches) but does not allow the placement of a floor over a wet bay (after 9/01/2016). There has been an exception to the 50% rules for boathouses in existence before December 16, 1979 as long as the repair or maintenance did not affect size, location or configuration of the boathouse and it was not being converted into living quarters. Act 387 removes the configuration restriction but does not allow placement of a floor over a wet bay.

**Boat Shelters** - Boat shelters are defined as structures in navigable waters for the purpose of providing cover for watercraft which may have a roof but no walls or sides. It may include a device for lifting a boat. So your standard boat lift is covered under this definition. Prior to Act 387, no general or individual permit could be issued for a permanent boat shelter if the adjacent property contained a boat house within 75 feet of the OHWM, or if there was a boathouse over navigable waters or if the permanent boat shelter extended beyond the pier. These three restrictions were removed under Act 387.

The DNR has had the authority to govern the architectural features of boat shelters as well as the number of boat shelters but has not had the authority to regulate aesthetic features or color of the boat shelter. Act 387 further restricts their authority to govern the distance which a boat shelter may extend from shore, except to prohibit a boat shelter from extending beyond the line of navigation. The line of navigation is defined under Act 387 as the greater of 3 feet, as measured at summer low levels or the depth required to operate a boat on the navigable water. Similar rules apply with regards to how far a pier can extend from shore.

**Seawalls** - Act 387 changes the rules that direct the DNR to issue a general permit allowing the replacement of a seawall if a permit was issued previously for the seawall. The new rules also allow replacement of the seawall if an exemption was granted under the statutes or if no permit was required at the time the seawall was built. The seawall replacement cannot exceed 100 continuous feet in an inland lake. Under the new rules the DNR may impose restrictions on the replacement of a seawall in an "area of special natural resource interest" only if those conditions do not prohibit the replacement of the seawall.

**Regulation of Bridges and Dams affecting navigable waters**- The DNR has the right under current rules to regulate and control the level and flow of water in all navigable waters to promote safety and to protect life, health and property. Act 387 added to protect property values and economic values as additional reasons.

## **Fishing at night on Lake Kegonsa**

FOLKS has been asked many times about boats that are seen periodically on the lake during the night that have bright lights, with noisy generators powering the lights.

What we know about this activity is:

- These people are bow fishing and removing carp, which is a good thing
- While it is annoying, it is legal to do this
- They can only remove rough fish, such as sheepshead, white sucker, buffalo and carp and fish primarily for sport.
- They cannot shoot gamefish, or pan fish
- We have not had any reports of items being stolen off piers and boats while this activity is going on
- The commercial fishing company that has the contract to fish Lake Kegonsa will be netting carp, not spearing them, and this will all be taking place during daylight hours. They are fishing to supply a market demand and fish to make money.
- If we can identify who the fishermen are that are doing the bow fishing we will contact them for two reasons. Number 1, we would like them to notify us when they are going to be on the lake, so we could let our members know. Number 2, we also want them to be aware that there are fish in the lake that have transmitters in them. If any of them are killed we would like to know that, as we are attempting to account for all 20 of the carp that we are tracking.

**Check Out FOLKS on FaceBook  for Lost and Found Items!**

## **Calling All Lake Kegonsa Stand Up Paddleboarders (SUPers)!**

Interested in learning how to paddleboard? Own a paddle board and want to paddle with others? Want to have fun on the lake with other Lake lovers?

Join us for our first Kegonsa SUP outing on Thursday, July 7. If we find there is interest, we can plan more.

Here are some ideas recommended from the Madison Surf Cats SUP club. They like to paddle for an hour and then socialize after. BYO drink and a snack to share. Some have gotten into racing, others just want to do social boarding and enjoy being on the water and maybe getting a little exercise.

We could meet at member's home on Lake Kegonsa around 6:00 pm and head out by 6:15. We can change meeting places or meet at one of the boat landings.

Our 1st paddle will be July 7 at 6:00 pm. Meet at 1961 Skyline Dr.

Please call or email Susi Haviland if you want to get on a mailing list.

kegonsasup@gmail.com or 608-576- 9211.

## **Gathering at Springers – June 18**

### **4th Annual Summer Fling – August 20**

Over 80 FOLKS members came to our early summer gathering at Springers on Saturday, June 18. We couldn't have asked for a nicer day and folks were able to mingle inside and out.

The FOLKS t-shirts were a hit – we sold over 60 shirts and will have to order more! (If anyone is interested in purchasing one, we have sizes from small to 2X – send me an email at cathiet@kegonasa.com.)

We played Lake Kegonsa Bingo. The question that ruled out most players was knowing the year the "castle" was built on the lake. Deb and Blake Fritz had the correct year - 1903 and won a \$25.00 gift certificate to Springers.

For those who missed this fun day, our 4th annual Summer Fling will be held at Stoughton Country Club on Saturday, August 20. More information will follow but be sure to save the date!

## **"The Emma" Once Sailed Kegonsa**

By Lorraine Hawkinson

Good news came to Stoughton on May 8, 1878.

An article appeared in the Courier for that day, stating that a steamboat would shortly be launched upon Lake Kegonsa.

Lake Kegonsa had long been a favorite recreational spot. Area residents camped, fished and picnicked there. Summer homes dotted the lake's shores. Out-of-town and out-of-state visitors learned of the beautiful lake and they, too, were attracted to it.

Named Kegonsa by area Indians, it was part of the chain of lakes which included Waubesa, Monona, and Mendota. It was called, "First Lake," with the others following in order, "Second," "Third," and "Fourth." Waters from these lakes flowed southward into the Yahara River (earlier known as the Catfish), then into the Rock River, and eventually emptying into the Mississippi.

The exciting event in connection with the lake, the steamboat, was predicted to occur within a few days, the newspaper stated.

John I. Williams was building the boat in Pittsburgh, Penn. A platform had been built by the side of the railroad track at the Yahara outlet for unloading the boat when it arrived by rail.

It was further stated the boat was coming upon two flat cars and that the steamer would be operated from the Williams' property at Sugar Bush. It was predicted Kegonsa, already a popular area for pleasure seekers, would become even more popular with a steamboat plying its waters.

About a week later Mr. and Mrs. Williams arrived from Pennsylvania and the wait began for the steamboat. After much delay, the boat finally arrived. It pulled into the Stoughton depot on Saturday, June 29, and was thoroughly inspected by the townspeople. On Sunday it was transported to the lake by the railroad company.

It was not yet seaworthy and Mr. Williams spent the rest of the summer getting the steamer ship-shape; "fixing her up in fine style," the Courier described it.

On Monday, Sept. 16, 1878, the steamboat was christened, given the name, "The Emma." She was placed in the water by Mr. Williams and promptly made her maiden voyage around the lake. A number of pleased villagers were aboard.

To make things convenient for the passengers, a long pier was built on the Williams' property. Transportation to and from the lake was by railroad.

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## **"The Emma" Once Sailed Kegonsa (Continued From Page 7)**

"The Emma" was a neat little craft. She was 57 feet long, 9 feet wide, and had a 4-foot, 6-inch hold. She weighed 10 tons. Sixty-five passengers could be transported on one trip and the boat cruised along at about 20 miles per hour, maximum speed, and it took about an hour to circle the lake.

Howls of those depending on the railroad to take them to the lake were heard when the company raised the fare from six cents to ten cents a ride! Nevertheless, use of the railroad continued to be heavy. Train crews got to know the "regulars."

For a number of years "The Emma" efficiently carried loads of happy holiday crowds, Sunday picnickers, seasonal campers and various groups, around the lake or to specific places.

In May of 1882, "The Emma" was transported to Lake Monona. After being overhauled, repainted and re-named "Maggie," the boat was used to carry members of a Sunday School assembly the held meetings in Madison during the summer.

The importance of the lake population became apparent when, in 1912, the U.S. Post Office signed a contract with Andrew A. Larson, Stoughton, to deliver mail to the residents of Lake Kegonsa – by boat. The contract required delivery of mail six days a week throughout the summer months. Another of the mail-boat postmen was Louis Vike, June Osterheld's father.



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This year's dues remain \$20.00 for households and \$30.00 for businesses.

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FOLKS monthly board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month and the public are welcome to attend. Next Meeting is July 13, 2016, 5:00 - 6:00 PM.

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