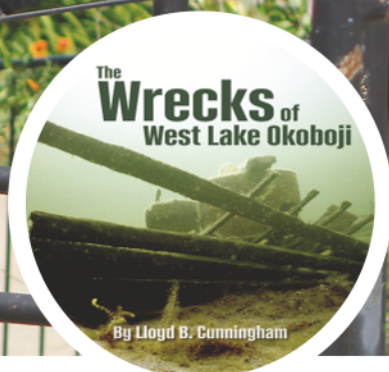




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Karaoke 8pm

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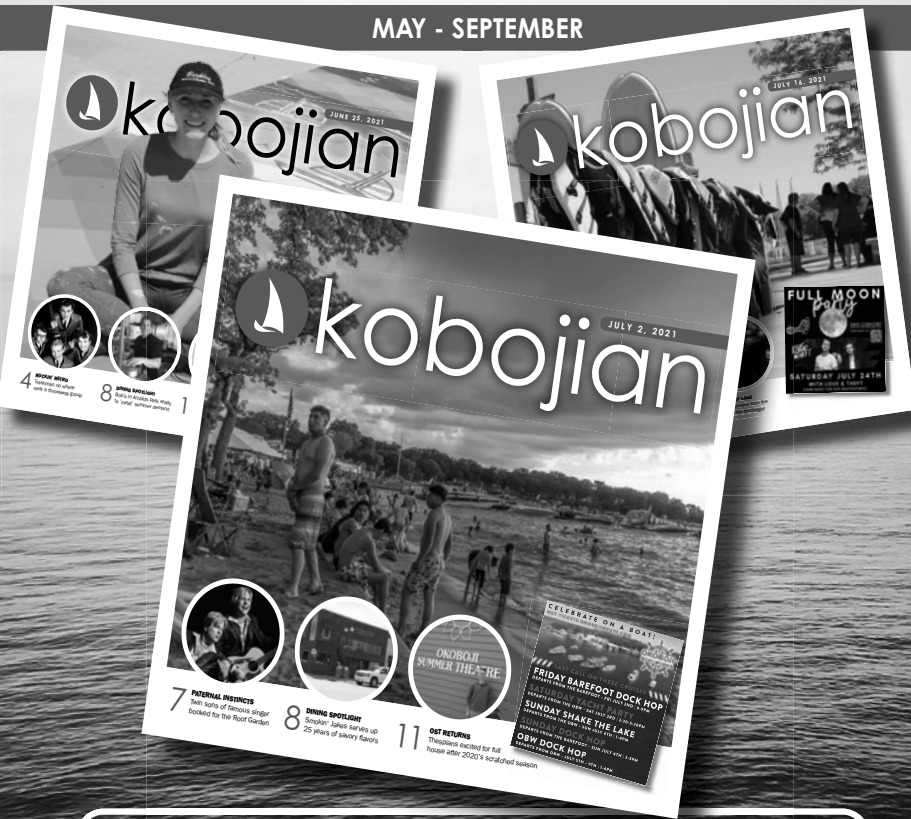
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NORTHWEST IOWA

FISHING REPORT



This weekly fishing report is compiled from information gathered from local bait shops, angler creel surveys and county and state parks staff. The report below is from July 28, the latest report available at the time of publication. For current conditions, call the Spirit Lake District Office at 712-336-1840. Most area lake temperatures are in the mid-70s to 80s. Forecasts call for continued temperatures in the 80s and 90s. Algae blooms have popped up on a few area lakes, making visibility much lower. Bass and panfishing has been great on most lakes out along weed lines in 15-plus feet of water. Most bigger fish have been caught out in deeper water as temperatures have increased.

EAST LAKE OKOBOJI — The water level is approximately 1 inch over crest. Fish are out deeper during warm water temperatures. Trolling has been working very well. Find crappie and yellow bass in 10-16 feet of water. Try fishing weed lines where there is new vegetation growth. Black Crappie — Good: Best bite is in 10-15 feet of water along weed lines. Bluegill — Good. Walleye — Fair: Try spinners, crankbaits and long and shallow shad raps in the main basins. Best bite is an hour before and after sunset.

LOST ISLAND LAKE — Fishing/trolling is getting more difficult as aquatic vegetation reaches the surface in many places. There has been a decent-sized algae bloom lately. Black Crappie — Fair. Walleye — Slow: Try trolling crankbaits or with Lindy rigs off weed lines. Best bite is an hour before and after sunset. Yellow Perch — Fair.

SILVER LAKE — The late afternoon bite has been fair. Many anglers are targeting fish schools during the day. Vegetation growth and a large algae bloom is making fishing more difficult in many areas. Many schools of young of the year bullhead are swimming around the lake. Walleye — Fair.

SPIRIT LAKE — The lake level is just below crest. The walleye season is open. Most species are out deeper in 15-plus feet of water. Black Bullhead — Fair: Try fishing the northern grade of Spirit Lake. Black Crappie — Fair: Use a tube jig and bobber. Bluegill — Fair. Walleye — Fair: Use spinners, crankbaits and long and shallow shad raps; try to find weed lines. Yellow Perch — Good: Many perch can be caught, but may need to be sorted for size.

WEST LAKE OKOBOJI — The water level is approximately 1 inch over crest. Most fish are out deeper in 15-plus feet of water. Rocky points and areas with new vegetation growth have seen the most success. Black Crappie — Good: Use crankbaits or shad raps. Bluegill — Good: Try small shad raps. Largemouth Bass — Fair. Smallmouth Bass — Fair: Try fishing off points with surface baits or jerk baits. Walleye — Fair: Try fishing off points by trolling crankbaits or with Lindy rigs. Best bite is an hour before and after sunset. Some fish have been caught while trolling for crappie.



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Happy birthday wishes go out to **Connie LaFoy** of Arnolds Park. She turned 96 on Aug. 3. She and husband Aubrey celebrated by attending the opening night performance of “Painting Churches” at the Okoboji Summer Theatre on Tuesday.

Nate Walsh (pictured at left) is home for a couple of weeks for two excellent reasons. The Spirit Lake High School graduate is going to start his senior year at the Boston Conservatory at the prestigious Berklee College of Music. He told me he was excited to come home from Boston and meet his sister’s new baby. He will also be performing in the musical “Legally Blonde” at the Okoboji Summer Theatre. Unlike the other interns on the OST campus this summer, Nate was not able to spend the entire summer semester here as he was performing in a play back in Boston. Nate is excited to be able to perform on the

OST stage, where he attended many performances while growing up.

“I know I have big shoes to fill after seeing so many good ones in the past,” he told me.

His family will go on vacation as soon as the show is done on Aug. 14. Then he will return to the conservatory for his senior year. His goal is to perform professionally, and we all wish him well in his pursuits.

Mark your calendars for Aug. 7. That is **National Purple Heart Day** which honors all those military veterans and active members who were wounded in action. To help celebrate our brave warriors, Scooter’s Coffee and other businesses will accept donations to the **Wounded Warrior Family Support** project. All moneys received will go to that fine organization, which helps the families of the wounded with such things as building ramps for those now using wheelchairs so they may live at home with their families. So throw an

extra dollar into the pot as you pick up your coffee or anything at any place honoring Purple Heart Day. A huge thank you to all you Purple Heart recipients for your sacrifice and service to us all.

The famous **Peter Noone** of Herman’s Hermits is coming to the Iowa Great Lakes Area. He and the Hermits will perform a show in the Roof Garden the night of Sunday, Aug. 14. **Melissa Etheridge** is going to be on the new stage on Preservation Plaza the night before that. The **Fabulous Flippers** will be here in the Roof Garden on Sept. 2. Wow, the big names just keep coming here this summer. Lucky us!

• If you have a reunion, family party or special event coming up this summer, let me know. You can email the information to doris@dickinsoncountynews.com or give me a call at 712-320-2850. Have a safe week!



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8:30 a.m. Okoboji Bible Conference
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Aug. 5 — GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mammoth Hockey Fundraiser
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Aug. 5 — SPECIAL EVENT

Lake Park Farmers
Appreciation Days
Lake Park City Park/
Lake Park Schools

Aug. 5 — LIVE MUSIC

5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset with
Parker D and Boji Bill
9 p.m. The Fishheads
The Gardens

Aug. 5 — OUTDOOR EVENT

6-9 p.m. Barefoot Dock Hop
Okoboji Boat Works

Aug. 5 — LIVE MUSIC

6 p.m. Ryan Sather
The Ritz

Aug. 5 — OUTDOOR EVENT

7-10 p.m. OBW Dock Hop
Okoboji Boat Works

Aug. 5 — LIVE MUSIC

7-11 p.m. Jake McVey
Barefoot Bar

Aug. 5 — LIVE MUSIC

7:30 p.m. Chris Janson
ticketed event
Preservation Plaza

Aug. 5 — LIVE MUSIC

8 p.m. Owen Justice
Sportsman's
downtown Spirit Lake

Aug. 5 — LIVE EVENT

8 p.m. Painting Churches
(comedy)
Okoboji Summer Theatre

Aug. 5 — LIVE MUSIC

8 p.m. Scott Larsen Band
Okoboji Store

Aug. 5 — LIVE MUSIC

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fishheads
The Gardens

Aug. 5 — LIVE MUSIC

9 p.m. The Whiskies
Captain's Getaway

Aug. 6 — OUTDOOR EVENT

7-10 a.m. U of O Point to Point Swim
Gull Point State Park

Aug. 6 — OUTDOOR EVENT

7:30 a.m. to Noon. Farmers Market
Dickinson County Fairgrounds

Aug. 6 — OUTDOOR EVENT

Sportsman's Eighth Annual
Tiki Bicycle Ride
Sportsman's Pub Spirit Lake

Aug. 6 — OUTDOOR EVENT

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Farmers
Market in the Park
Arnolds Park Amusement Park

Aug. 6 — SPECIAL EVENT

Lake Park Farmers Appreciation Days
Lake Park City Park/Lake Park
Schools

Aug. 6 — SPECIAL EVENT

Estherville Sweet Corn Days
Estherville Chamber of Commerce

Aug. 6 — OUTDOOR
ENTERTAINMENT

9-10 a.m. The Studio Yoga and Barre
Arnolds Park Amusement Park

Aug. 6 — LIVE MUSIC

9 a.m. to 12 noon Dave Rowley
Arnolds Park Amusement Park

Aug. 6 — OUTDOOR EVENT

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Art in the Park
Preservation Plaza

Aug. 6 — LIVE MUSIC

9 a.m. to noon and 9 p.m. to midnight
Owen Justice
Sportsman's in downtown Spirit Lake

Aug. 6 — LIVE MUSIC

11:30 a.m. Tim Horsman
Rock the Patio
Iowa RockNRoll Music Museum

Aug. 6 — OUTDOOR EVENT

Noon to 4 p.m. Boji Brew Fest
Arnolds Park Central Park

Aug. 6 — LIVE MUSIC

1 p.m. Lake Patrol Band
8 p.m. Scott Larsen Band
Okoboji Store

Aug. 6 — OUTDOOR EVENT

2-5 p.m. Barefoot Dock Hop
Okoboji Boat Works

Aug. 6 — LIVE MUSIC

2-6 p.m. Billy Lurken
Round Lake Vineyards

Aug. 6 — LIVE MUSIC

2:30-6:30 p.m. Salute to Veterans
with The Senders
7-11 p.m. Undercover Band
Barefoot Bar

Aug. 6 — OUTDOOR EVENT

2:30-5:30 p.m. Millers Bay Yacht Party
Okoboji Boat Works

Aug. 6 — OUTDOOR EVENT

3-6 p.m. Barefoot Dock Hop
Barefoot Bar

Aug. 6 — LIVE EVENT

4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Painting Churches (comedy)
Okoboji Summer Theatre

Aug. 6 — LIVE MUSIC

5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset
with Sounds Fishy
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fish Heads
The Gardens

Aug. 6 — LIVE MUSIC

6 p.m. She's With Us
The Ritz

Aug. 6 — LIVE MUSIC

7:30 p.m. Pet Rock
Preservation Plaza —
bring lawn chairs
Fireworks at show's conclusion

Aug. 6 — LIVE MUSIC

9 p.m. The Whiskies
Captain's Getaway

Aug. 6 — LIVE MUSIC

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Coyote Wild
Farmers Appreciation Street Dance
Lake Park

Aug. 7 — GOLF TOURNAMENT

Ruebin's Theatre Legacy
2-person best show
Emerald Hills Golf Course

Aug. 7 — SPECIAL EVENT

Estherville Sweet Corn Days
Estherville Chamber of Commerce

Aug. 7 — SPECIAL EVENT

Lake Park Farmers
Appreciation Days
Lake Park City Park/
Lake Park Schools

Aug. 7 — OUTDOOR EVENT

1-4 p.m. OBW Dock Hop
Okoboji Boat Works

Aug. 7 — LIVE MUSIC

1 p.m. Keifer and Scott
8 p.m. Jesse Daniel
Okoboji Store

Aug. 7 — LIVE MUSIC

2-6 p.m. John Griggs
Barefoot Bar

Aug. 7 — LIVE MUSIC

2-6 p.m. Gabe Fueston
Round Lake Vineyards

Aug. 7 — LIVE MUSIC

4 p.m. She's With Us
The Ritz

Aug. 7 — LIVE MUSIC

4-6 p.m. Terry Brooks Jazz
Little Swan Lake Winery

Aug. 7 — LIVE MUSIC

5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset Sounds Fishy
The Gardens

Aug. 7 — LIVE EVENT

6 p.m. Painting Churches (comedy)
Okoboji Summer Theatre

Aug. 7 — LIVE MUSIC

8:30 p.m. Adam Sanders
Captain's Getaway

Aug. 8 — GOLF TOURNAMENT

Quest Wealth Management
Wounded Warrior
Emerald Hills Golf Course

Aug. 8 — OUTDOOR EVENT

9-10:30 a.m. Keep Okoboji Blue
Lakeshore Cleanup
East Lake Park

Aug. 8 — LIVE MUSIC

5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset-Charlie
Leissler
The Gardens

Aug. 8 — LIVE MUSIC

6:30 p.m. Dave Rowley
Discovery House Porch Party
Bring lawn chairs —
food served at 6 p.m.
Hill Avenue, downtown Spirit Lake

Aug. 8 — LIVE MUSIC

7 p.m. Dick Bauman Big Band
Pomerantz Hall at
Pearson Lakes Art Center

Aug. 9 — GOLF TOURNAMENT

Quest Wealth Management
Wounded Warrior
Emerald Hills Golf Course

Aug. 9 — LIVE MUSIC

5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset-Tim Horsman

The Gardens

Aug. 9 — LIVE MUSIC

7 p.m. Jazzed Up Big Band of Okoboji
Roof Garden Ballroom

Aug. 9 — LIVE EVENT

8 p.m. Legally Blond (musical)
Okoboji Summer Theatre

Aug. 10 — OUTDOOR EVENT

7:30 a.m. to Noon. Farmers Market
Dickinson County Fairgrounds

Aug. 10 — OUTDOOR EVENT

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Nature Tots
Might Minis — Enjoy World's Smallest
Creatures
Dickinson County Nature Center

Aug. 10 — OUTDOOR EVENT

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Nature
Explorers
Rocks vs. Minerals
Dickinson County Nature Center

Aug. 10 — OUTDOOR EVENT

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wild Wednesday:
Nature Art
Iowa Lakeside Laboratory

Aug. 10 — LIVE MUSIC

5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset-Ryan Sather
The Gardens

Aug. 10 — LIVE MUSIC

5-9 p.m. Bubs Blue Bottle Day
with Tim Horsman
Barefoot Bar

Aug. 10 — LIVE MUSIC

6 p.m. She's With Us
The Ritz

Aug. 10 — LIVE MUSIC

6-8 p.m. Itty Bitty Boji Band
Spirit Lake VFW

Aug. 10 — LIVE MUSIC

7:30-10 p.m. Gary Lewis
and the Playboys
with Mitch Ryder
Pearson Lakes Art Center

Aug. 10 — LIVE EVENT

8 p.m. Legally Blond (musical)
Okoboji Summer Theatre

Aug. 11 — LIVE MUSIC

5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset-Tristan
Marquardt
The Gardens

Aug. 11 — LIVE MUSIC

6-8 p.m. Nate Case
Round Lake Vineyards

Aug. 11 — LIVE MUSIC

6-8 p.m. Andy Juhl
Little Swan Lake Winery

Aug. 11 — LIVE MUSIC

6-8 p.m. Rock the Roof
Starfire
Roof Garden Ballroom

Aug. 11 — LIVE MUSIC

6 p.m. Sweet Trouble
The Ritz

Aug. 11 — LIVE MUSIC

7 p.m. Full Moon Party with
Free and Easy
Barefoot Bar

Aug. 11 — LIVE EVENT

8 p.m. Legally Blond (musical)
Okoboji Summer Theatre

Aug. 11 — LIVE MUSIC

8:30 p.m. Maddie & Tae
Captain's Getaway

Aug. 12 — OUTDOOR EVENT

6-9 p.m. Barefoot Dock Hop
Okoboji Boat Works

Aug. 12 — LIVE MUSIC

5-9 p.m. Funset Sunset-Michael Hope
9 p.m. Waves Collide
The Gardens

Aug. 12 — LIVE MUSIC

6 p.m. Sweet Trouble
The Ritz

Aug. 12 — LIVE MUSIC

6-10 p.m. Anthony Koester
Oak Hill Outdoor

Aug. 12 — OUTDOOR EVENT

7-10 p.m. OBW Dock Hop
Okoboji Boat Works

Aug. 12 — LIVE MUSIC

7-11 p.m. Rock ala Carte
Barefoot Bar

Aug. 12 — LIVE EVENT

8 p.m. Legally Blond (musical)
Okoboji Summer Theatre

Aug. 12 — LIVE MUSIC

8 p.m. Damon Dotson
Okoboji Store

Aug. 12 — LIVE MUSIC

9 p.m. Dave Worley Band
Captain's Getaway

Aug. 12 — LIVE MUSIC

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Waves Collide
The Gardens

CHUCKLES WITH A MESSAGE AT OST

Doris Welle
Staff Writer

“Painting Churches” is not what I had expected when I arrived at the Okoboji Summer Theatre for opening night Tuesday. I knew it was a comedy, but I didn’t expect to learn some valuable life lessons between chuckles.

The play is not about climbing a ladder and brushing paint onto the outside of a church. It is about an artistic daughter’s desire to paint a portrait of her parents for her upcoming show. The family’s last name is Church.

A huge standing ovation goes to Rob Doyen for a magnificent performance as the father Gardner Church, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author who, in his advancing years, has a major need for Prevagen (the super-strength kind). The couple is moving from their large upscale home to a much smaller retirement-sized abode. Doyen had mega amounts of lines to learn for this role, including a lot of poetry. His portrayal of the sometimes-lucid-and-sometimes-not author is gut-wrenching.

Professional actress Dr. Cheryl Black went from retirement as a professor just prior to COVID hitting the theatrical industry hard, to her first stage performance in a couple of years. She drew the role of the mother Fanny Church.

Now Fanny was not such a nice person when her only child was growing up. She has that elitist snob attitude which comes back

to haunt her big time when her only child returns to help pack up the household goods and hopefully paint a portrait of her parents. Black played the role well, but we had real trouble hearing her at times. Never the less, we embraced her comic relief and struggles with the situation she faces.

Karina Short, a third-year student at Stephens College, portrayed daughter and acclaimed artist Margaret. She was very good, and I really got a lot out of her performance. I went home thinking about ways I can make it easier for my kids when the time comes to get rid of all my “treasured” stuff. A bravo goes out to Short on a role well played.

The cast of three was assisted by a backstage crew which changed sets before our eyes with efficiency. Director Courtney Crouse did a good job getting their roles in the shadows well timed.

I couldn’t help but chuckle every time one of the crew picked up a stack of boxes and carried it clear across the stage to the other side instead of using the door closest to them. It was fun to watch them work.

Kudos to costume designers Briann Johnson and Shannon King for the attire. They found three or four (I lost count) of the ugliest hats for Fanny to wear. The only one that was marketable was the red one. I kept waiting for Fanny to come back on stage each time to see what awful hat she would be wearing next.

The set was necessarily simplistic but definitely took us to a stately old mansion-style house.

Credit goes to Gretchen Ugalde for the set.

“Painting Churches” teaches us to figure out how to forgive parents who did not support our hopes and dreams, to cherish each lucid moment we have together and how to best assist them when their decades-long lifestyle is turned upside down.

Thank you OST for giving us new perspectives while viewing a play that is directed and performed with skill and perfection. We senior citizens in the audience went home with some new thoughts to process and were thankful to have seen such a poignant story. Hopefully the younger members of the audience also learned to treasure each and every moment with their parents and grandparents.

“Painting Churches” continues through Sunday night with two shows on Saturday (4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.) and the finale Sunday at 6 p.m.



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Attendance is limited to 500 people again this year, in order for the craft beer festival to allow ticket holders to have a

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WEST LAKE TREASURES REVEALED IN NEW BOOK

Doris Welle
Staff Writer

Lloyd Cunningham is an avid diver. He has searched the bottom of West Lake Okoboji hundreds of times over the years.

“Every dive in Lake Okoboji is a treasure hunt,” he said. “West Lake is a time capsule of water transportation history.”

Cunningham published his first book “The Deathboat” in April 2019. While researching the book, he kept hearing story after story about other boats on the bottom of the lake. Two years ago this month, he began searching in earnest for the real stories behind the rumors.

“I began putting together stories on each of the boats I’d seen down there and soon discovered I had several stories to tell,” said the author. “This is a history book not only about the three or four other boats that have been brought up but about what is still down there.”

Just after Cunningham finished his second book at the end of 2021, titled “The Wrecks of West Lake Okoboji,” another boat was found.

“History unfolds before you all the time,” he said.

His purpose for writing the book is simple. “I wrote down those histories so people who can’t or won’t dive to the bottom of the lake can read about their lake bottom and its treasures,” Cunningham said.

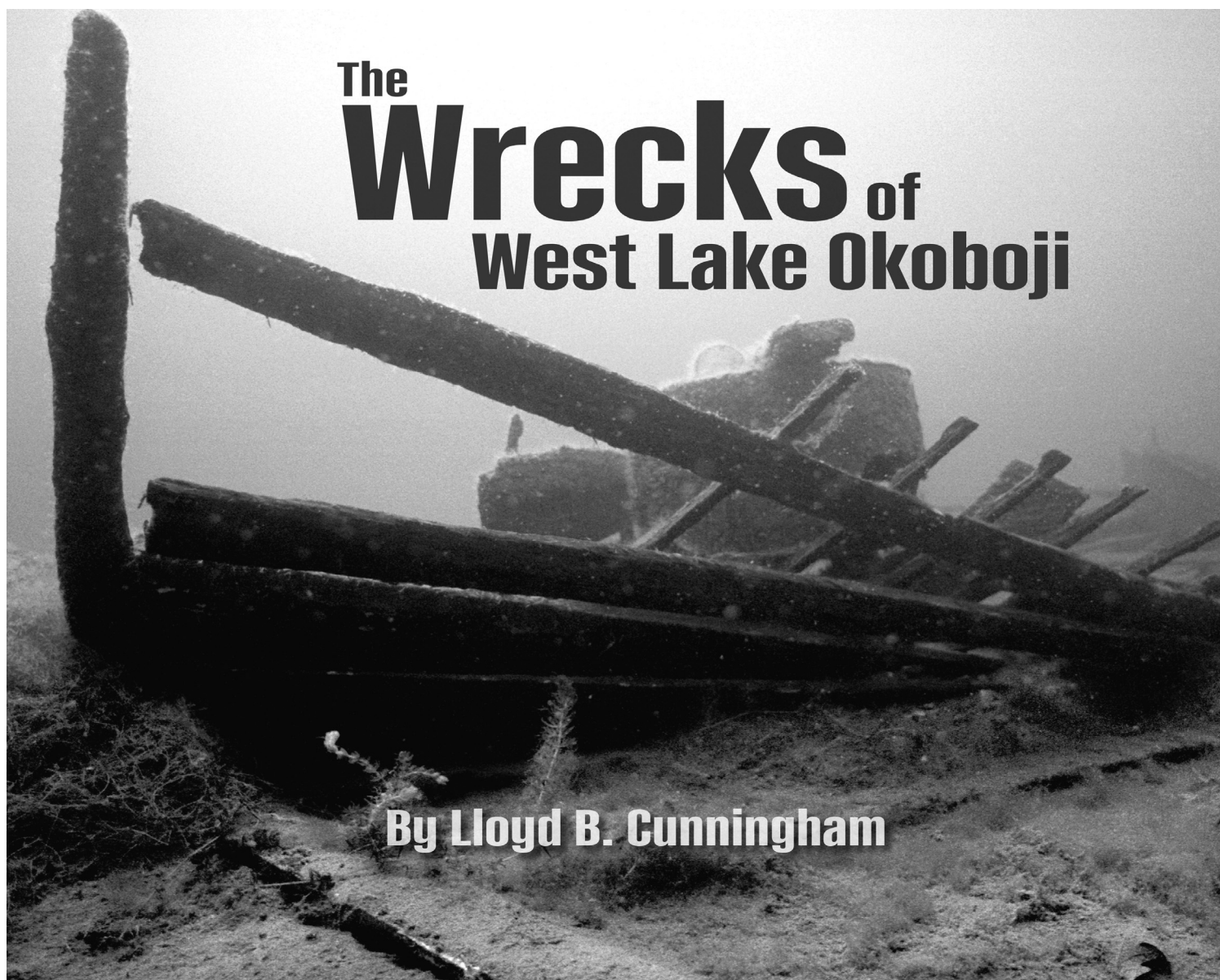
The research about those treasures took a lot of time and patience. He contacted families of the persons involved, interviewed divers and longtime business people.

“The history goes way back, since the first steamboat providing transportation on the lake was here in the 1880s,” he said.

He gives credit to Mary Kennedy at the Iowa Great Lakes Maritime Museum for helping.

“The Maritime Museum is such a special place, and I am so glad I have the opportunity to help tell the history of these lakes,” Cunningham said. “Mary was so very helpful.”

“I realize most visitors to our Lakes Area like to do the many fun things to do around here and that is OK,” Cunningham continued. “But for people who want to delve deeper into the lake, or should I say dive, they can



read that history in my book.”

A retired newspaper photographer from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Cunningham and wife Linda live in Lakeland, Florida, during the winter months and in Wahpeton during the summer. He is always finding little treasures when he dives in West Lake.

“I had a garage sale one time to sell 48 anchors I retrieved from the bottom of the lake,” he said. “You can find all kinds of things from dishes to anything.”

He did not strictly stick to wrecked boats. He also included the ice truck that rests in the waters off Preservation Plaza and talks about the submarines that graced the lake.

“There is a lot of history to tell at the bottom of this lake,” he said.

Cunningham has been on dives in the waters off Florida, Mexico, and other exotic places, but he said West Lake Okoboji is still his favorite.

“The water is not as clear, but there is so much history to discover that I like diving

here the most.”

“The Wrecks of West Lake Okoboji” hit the book shelves last week. It can be found at the Iowa Great Lakes Maritime Museum in Arnolds Park and the Barn Swallow Gift Shop in Okoboji.

The staff at the Iowa Welcome Center is hosting a book-signing by Cunningham on Saturday, Aug. 13, in the welcome center gift shop. Cunningham will be signing copies of his book from 1-3 p.m. that day.

FEELIN' GROOVY AT THE ROOF



Tom Tourville
Okobojian Contributor

One fact about chart music today that was the very same in the '60s and '70s is that we have a lot of one hit wonders. There is always an artist that puts a memorable song on the charts and then disappears from the scene, leaving behind a musical gem. One such group in the 1960s was Harpers Bizarre of Santa Cruz, California.

Harpers Bizarre got its start by playing in and around San Francisco as the Tikis. They released two 45s for San Fran's Autumn Records, the same label that the Beau Brummels were recording and having hits on.

The group consisted of Ted Templeman-guitar, Eddie James-guitar, John Peterson (who had been with the Beau Brummels) on drums, Dick Scoppettone-keyboards and Dick Yount-bass. All but Peterson called Santa Cruz home.

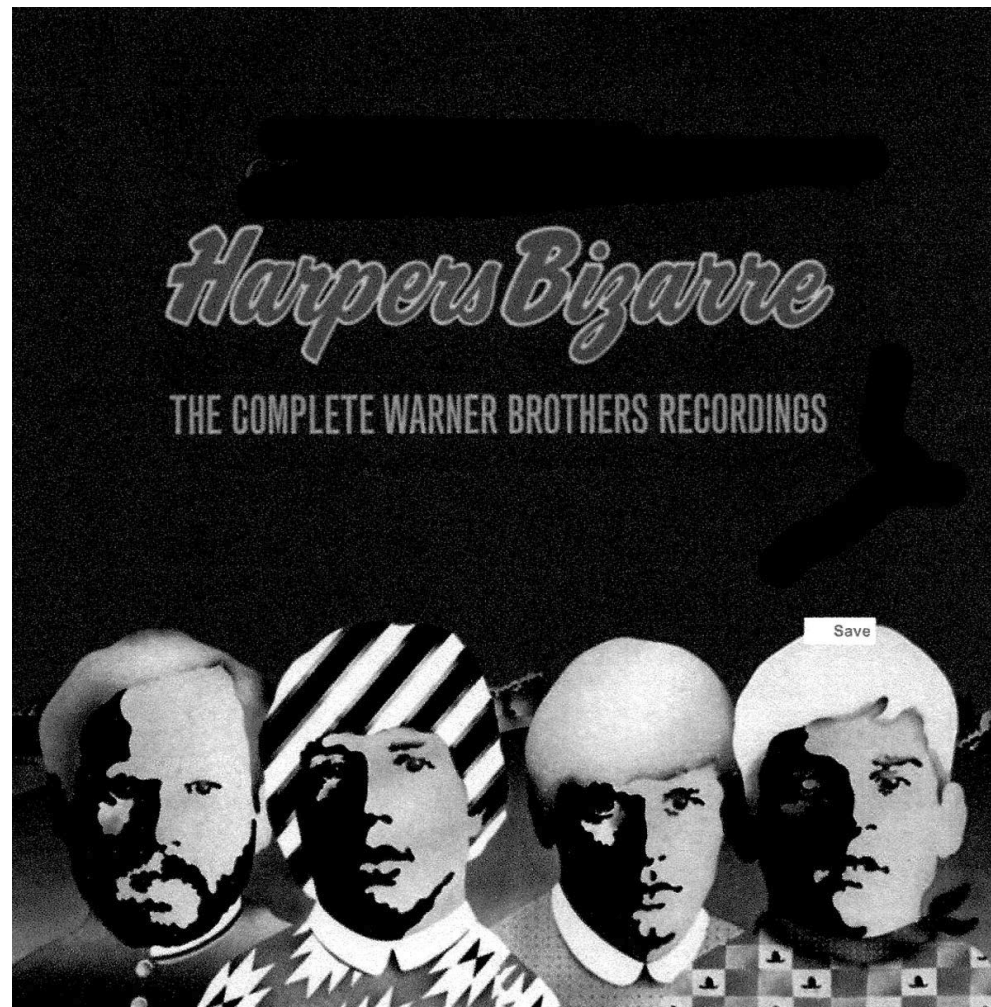
Record producer Lenny Waronker had been working with Autumn Records and liked the way the Tikis sang, so he got them cross-designed to Warner Brothers Records. Waronker liked a song he had heard written by Simon & Garfunkel titled "The 59th Street Bridge Song (Feelin' Groovy)."

He was influenced by the music of Brian Wilson and wanted to do a sunshine pop record with Harpers Bizarre, and this was it.

Warner Brothers did not like the name The Tikis whatsoever, so a new name was about to take its place — Harpers Bizarre, taken from the name of the magazine *Harper's Bazaar*.

"The 59th Street Bridge Song" was backed by "Lost My Love Today" (Warner Bros 5890) and was released in 1967. The record took off like a rocket on the charts and went all the way to No. 13, while selling well over one million copies.

The group would reenter the studios and fine tune their incredible vocals. They had



some of the best combined vocal talents of any recording group at that time.

As was often the custom, the guys in the band just did the vocals for their next releases, the musicians on their records were members of the legendary Wrecking Crew. The likes of Hal Blaine — drums, Leon Russell — keyboards, Joe Osborne (Elvis Presley) — bass, Mike Deasey, Tommy Tedesco, Glen Campbell and Al Casey on guitars, Carol Kaye and Lyle Ritz on bass. Wow!

Many of their new record releases were written by such notables as Van Dyke Parks and Harry Nilsson, who also played on many of the band's sessions as well as former Tiki member, Randy Newman.

Their follow-up releases did not have the success of "Feelin' Groovy," but all were top-end recordings. They included "Come To The Sunshine/The Debutante's Ball" (W.B. 7028), "Anything Goes/Malibu U" (W.B. 7063), "Hey You In The Crowd/Chattanooga Choo Choo"

(W.B. 7090) and "Knock On Wood/Witchi Tai Ta" (W.B. 7296).

The band's recordings have been used in the movies, "I Love You Alice B. Toklas" and "The Boys In The Band." With the hits having all but dried up, Harpers Bizarre disbanded in late 1969.

Warner Brothers was impressed with the job that Templeman had done with Harpers Bizarre, so they hired him as a W.B. producer. Most of the members, minus Templeman, got together in 1976 to release a new album, "As Time Goes By," but nothing came of the release. Even today, as you listen to the Bizarre's old recordings, they are still slices of pure sunshine pop genius.

Harpers Bizarre appeared only once locally. On Aug. 1, 1967, they played the Roof Garden Ballroom. I'm feelin' groovy just thinking about the show.

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KEEPING CLEAN

R. Aubrey La Foy
Okobojian Contributor

The evolution of keeping one's body clean is a study in itself. When I was a youngster, we religiously took a bath once a week, usually on Saturday. Our bathing facility consisted of a bathtub, and the rest of the week we used a wash pan, soap and a washcloth in the kitchen. Dad and mother used the small lavatory in the bathroom. Dad shaved each day, and mother really kept herself clean. I didn't take a shower until I started physical training in junior high.

The bathtub in our home was small. It was 4.5 feet long and had feet shaped like claws. It didn't take a great deal of hot water, which was a good thing, because we had to heat the water in a teakettle on the stove. We would heat two teakettles full of boiling water, take them into the bathroom, pour the water into the tub and then cool the water down. This would give one enough water for a tub bath.

Our family had to space out the taking of baths because it took time to heat the water, but that was really not much of a problem as we took baths only on Saturdays. I can still remember my father in that tub with his knees up to his chin as he was 6 feet tall, and the bathtub was a bit small for him.

I remember that the two barbershops in our community were equipped with bathing facilities. Each barbershop had a little room separated from the rest of the shop that contained the bathing facilities. Farmers and townsmen would come in on Saturday afternoon and evening, get a bath and then a shave. Remember the old song: "Shave and a haircut, two bits?" (25 cents) The price was probably a little higher, but it was still the same program. The barber would heat a towel, place it on the patron's face and, after the whiskers were soft, lather the face with soap and then shave



with a straight edge razor. The patron had to trust the barber putting that razor on his neck.

Now I prefer showers to tub baths because, when I was in the service in World War II at March Field, California, it was a real pleasure after two hours of close order drills to wash the sweat and dust off. The military was always very good about providing bathing facilities for the troops. If there was any kind of a permanent base, we usually found a shower. It was only when we were away from bases that we had to look for bodies of water to bathe.

There were bathing facilities provided on troopships, but the water was from the ocean. If you have ever taken a shower with seawater you will not do it often, as the result is not a clean feeling. The best we could do would be to fill our metal helmets with some of our rationed water and take a sponge bath. That was after we had brushed our teeth and shaved with the water. Even after that, we used the remaining water to wash out our socks and underwear. We didn't waste any of that water, because we got only two or three canteens of water a day.

While stationed in China in World War II most bases had bathing facilities which usually consisted of Chinese heating water in large barrels and then pouring it into an arrangement with holes that simulated a shower — crude but effective. The Chinese had public bathhouses, but we didn't use them.

An interesting point for young people to note is that deodorant didn't show up until about World War II. The first deodorant that I recall was called Mum. It came in a little jar and was a white salve. Perfume was great for the ladies, but about all the fellows had to use was talcum powder. It was OK but didn't last very long. Because of not laundering clothing very often, bathing once a week and having no deodorant, it was not uncommon to find lots of people with body odor.

People who lived in the country had a more difficult time bathing than we did in the towns. There was always the reservoir in the old cook stove for hot water, but very few farm houses had running water or sewer. That meant that a big washtub was the bathtub. Although that

was OK for the kids, the adults had a more difficult time fitting into the washtub for a bath. That was the reason why many of the men-folk went to the barbershops for a bath. Women used the washtub because they were smaller, or they could scrub well with a washcloth.

When I look back to my days in high school, I remember we avoided some of the kids who didn't have good bathing facilities. We should have been ashamed of ourselves, but at that age it isn't so easy to realize the circumstances that existed. I distinctly remember one fellow who had to do a lot of farm chores before he came to school. When it was winter and we were stuck in the classrooms with no windows open, it was a real pain to sit by him. He couldn't help it, but we did make fun of him. Shame on us!

Our family used to do a great deal of camping out when our boys were young. We would camp out so many days in tents and then rent a motel room to shower and clean up. Today I love to "rough it" if I have clean sheets, a warm room and hot and cold running water. Above all, I want to have a shower.

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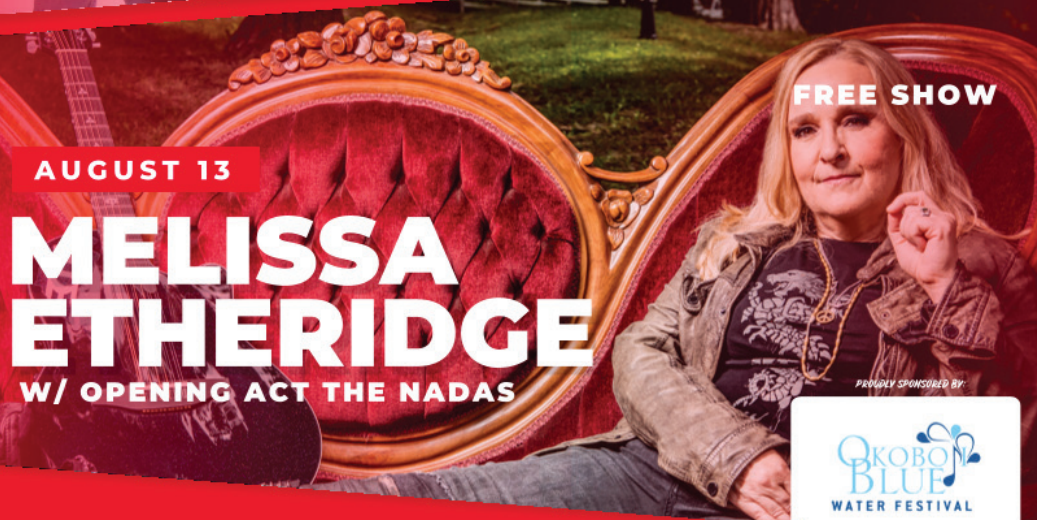
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