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## Roadhouse139 presents... Summer Music on The Patio!

Date: May 27, 2023 -Sept. 10, 2023 Roadhouse 139 presents...Summer Music on The Patio! There's a full schedule of music and events planned at the Roadhouse! Check it out! Location: Roadhouse 139 in Long Lake, WI

#### 2023 Aurora Farmer's Market

Date: June 15 through Sept. 28 Time: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Farmer's Market at the Aurora Pavilion Every Thursday rain or shine! Location: George Weber Memorial Park Events\



### KAMO Event -Kids Hooked on Fishing! Date: July 8 Time: 8:30 a.m. - 1:00

nime: 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Open to ALL kids ages 5-15 years old Poles, bait and life jackets will be provided. Register at 8:30am day of the event Location: Lake Emily Park Contact Email: jjtimberbeast@yahoo.com Contact Name: Johnny Johnson Contact Phone Number: (715) 548-1112



**Music in the** Park Date: July 13 Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Live Music by Nicolet Dropouts from Eagle River '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s and Today's Hits Fun For the Whole Family! This is a rain or shine event Sponsored by the Florence Chamber of Commerce Location: In the Park next to the Florence **Community Center** 



Social

Florence County Historical Society's Annual Fundraiser: Strawberry Social and Quilt Show Date: July 15 Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Admission to the Quilt Show is free. Strawberry shortcakes

will be available for purchase. Tickets will be available for a raffle for a quilt and other prizes. Location: Maxsell's Celebrations and Suites



**Big 4+ Annual Sportsman's Club Members Picnic** Date: July 15 Time: 10:00 a.m. Food, Soda, Beer, Games, Raffles, Live Auction, Baskets Leeroy's Tasty Pig Roast There's lots happening! Location: Big 4+ Sportsman's Club in Long Lake

#### Florence Street Dance - Country Legends! Date: July 22

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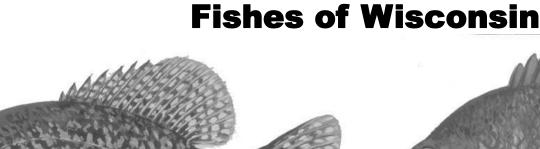
Time: 6:00 p.m. Florence Street Dance & The Tavern on Central present: Tim Castle's Country Legends Tribute Nashville Recording Artists Tim Castle & Dale Sellers! Location: Tavern on Central

#### Aurora Parks & Rec Cornhole Tournament/ Picnic!

Date: July 22 Location: George Weber Memorial Park, Aurora

### 1st Annual Car-Bike-Tractor Show!

Date: Aug. 26 Local Vendors, Food and Music! Location: Roadhouse 139 in Long Lake Admission Fee: \$10.00



# Black crappie

Common name: Black crappie Scientific name:

Scientific name: Pomoxis nigromaculatus (Pomoxis means "sharp opercle (cheek)"; nigromaculatus means "black spotted") Distribution: The

Distribution: The black crappie occurs in all three drainage basins in Wisconsin (Lake Michigan, Mississippi River, and Lake Superior). This glacial species is well distributed throughout the state, except in the streams of the driftless area of southwestern Wisconsin. Spawning: In Wisconsin, the black crappie usually spawns in May and June; however, during a colder season, spawning may be delayed until July. Favorable spawning temperatures range from 64 to 68° F. The male sweeps out a nest in the sand or fine gravel and guards the nest and defends the young until they start to feed.

Angling: The black crappie is considered an excellent game fish when taken on light tackle. Extreme care must be taken in landing these fish because their mouths are very tender. Anglers speIllustration by Virgil Beck.

cializing in catching black crappie know that to be successful the bait must be kept constantly moving. The best baits are small minnows, small maribou-covered jigs, plastic minnows, or small streamer flies cast along the outer edges of weed beds. The crappie lies in weed beds in deep water during the day and bites best in the early morning or toward evening. In summer, with the abun-dance of small fish for feed, they are more difficult to catch. Small minnows are used as bait in winter.

## Bluegill

Common name: Blue-

gill Scientific name: Lepomis macrochirus (Lepomis means "scaled cheek"; macrochirus means "large hand", possibly in reference to the size of the pectoral fin).

Distribution: Bluegill occurs in all three drainage basins in Wisconsin (Lake Michigan, Mississippi River, and Lake Superior). Originally it was not present in the Lake Superior basin, but as a result of widespread stocking, it is now present and reproducing in many lakes and rivers.

Spawning: Spawning takes place from late May to early August (peaking in June) at water temperatures between 67 - 80° F. Males select a sand or gravel bar that can be hollowed out to form a nest. Before and after spawning, the male bluegill defends the nest against all species, but most vigorously against other male sunfishes.

Angling: Plain garden worms are the fa-

vorite bait for bluegills, but they can be caught on a number of different types of lures. The fly fisher can have fun with poppers, especially in spring and early summer, when nests are concentrated in shallow water. Most large bluegills are taken in deep water during the summer months by drifting with the wind using worms. Wintertime jigging in the weed beds with grubs or mousies on ice jigs also produces excellent results.

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