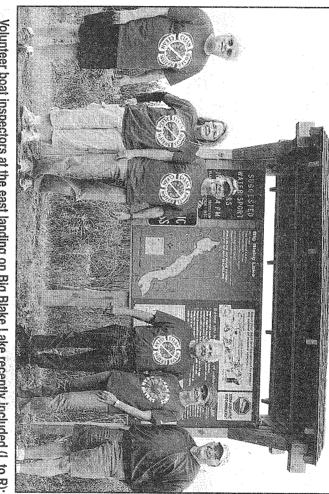
Clean Boats, Clean Waters on Big Blake Lake

Boat inspections part Fourth of July Landing Blitz of DNR 2012 over the

to ensure that boaters do not accidentally spread Eurasian water milfoil, zebra mus-Sunday, July 8, as part of the statewide DNR 2012 Landing Blitz. Inspectors work sels and other aquatic invasive species. tion District will be educating boaters and conducting tree boat checks now through Big Blake Lake Protection and Rehabilita-BALSAM LAKE - Volunteers from the

at east and west landings to help boaters understand Wisconsin's invasive species laws and what they must do before leav-The volunteer inspectors will be visible

"Wisconsin lakes are great for fishing and boating. By following simple steps we can preserve the quality of our lakes Peggy Lauritsen, Clean Boats, Clean Wafor future generations to enjoy," says



Volunteer boat inspectors at the east landing on Big Blake Lake recently included (L to R): Sue Ogren, Peggy Lauritsen, Mike Rogge, Jim Thorn, Sandy Thorn and Jim Maxwell. – Photo submitted

spectors volunteer 400 hours per season to ters, AIS coordinator. "Our dedicated in-

> and live fish or water moved from one aboard boating and fishing equipment ation. The main way that invasive species species, disrupt lake ecosystems and interbody of water to another. and fish diseases, such as viral hemorfere with boating, fishing and other recrerhagic septicemia, spread to new waters is Invasive species crowd out native

invasive species and VHS laws. on their trailer posts to remind them of take, provide stickers for boaters to place through Wisconsin's Clean Boats, Clean these steps, and will talk about Wisconsin quired prevention steps boaters must Waters program, will demonstrate the re-The volunteers, who have been trained

Wisconsin waters are required to: Boaters, anglers and others enjoying

- and animals; Remove all attached aquatic plants Inspect boats, trailers and equipment;
- and equipment; Drain all water from boats, vehicles
- help protect water quality on Big Blake Lake." "bait laws." – submitted apply. Visit dnr.wi.gov and search tor from a body of water. Limited exceptions Never move plants or live fish away

at Crox Moadolls 25, will be canoeing or kayaking on one of the flat-water flowages. Space is not lim-

can be done and how to go about restorows Wildlife Area this week, and join before heading to a location to see first-hand the benefits. Learn about fireflies on Friday Tuly 13. beginning at 8:30 nm Smith with the USFWS, on Tuesday, July biologist Brett Olson, along with Caitlin ing wetlands to attract a variety of wildlife them for programs next week. Learn what to your property with DNR private lands 10 at 6:15 p.m. Meet at the visitor center GRANTSBURG - Explore Crex Mead down Stolte Road and return to the visithe prairie. Join Friends of Crex member tor center about 7:30 p.m. No reservations to Stolte Road on Fish Lake Wildlife Area. yellows and how insects benefit from Dale Bohlke and be amazed at the various They will Wednesday, July 18, at 6 p.m. to caravan them. Meet at the visitor center on July is the month of yellow flowers on take a leisurely walk

coming topics include birds, bugs wildflowers, pond study and worms. ers learn through hands-on activities. Upon Tuesdays from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Explor-Nature's Little Explorers will continue

ited, but please sign up before the event,

support these types of programs and be more involved by joining the Friends of especially if equipment is needed. For more information about these and port these and other programs. You can other events at Crex Meadows, call 715find us on Facebook. Friends of Crex sup-463-2739, visit www.crexmeadows.org, or

learn about creepy crawly critters, turning Meet on Wednesday, July 11, at 6 p.m. to outside, discovering nature while in it a new program series. The idea is to be Summer Family Wildlife Adventures is

are necessary.

On Thursday Talk 19 at 5 nm inin staff