

Birch Barker

Weekend of June 7, 2003

Still waitin' for some summer

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Hey there, hi there, ho there... Summer has still been slow coming to Birch Lake this year ... but the grass is green, the trees are filling out and the boats are all in the water waiting for some weather warm enough to enjoy.

Maybe we should pass a resolution...

Anyway, summer or not, we've got a lot going on for the next couple of weekends at good ol' Birch Lake.

Tonight is the annual Commodore's Party, and this year we have opted to turn the yacht club into a casino for a fun-filled fund-raising Monte Carlo Night.

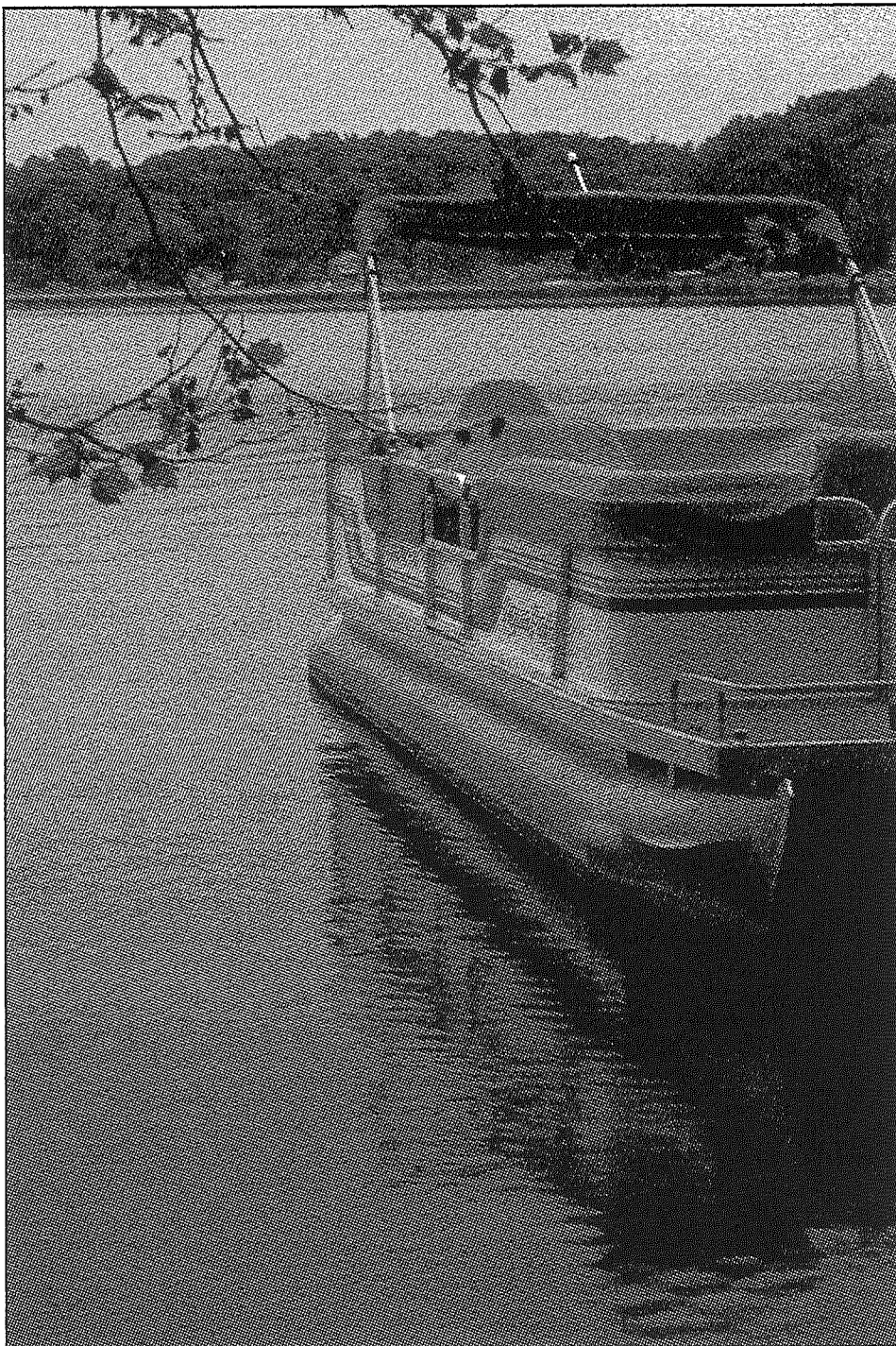
Don't expect to go home in a limo, but you might just go home with some nice prizes and three lucky winners will even carry away some prize money and the coveted "braggin' rights" for the year.

Bring a few bucks and join us for an evening of fun games of chance ... more information on the event appears on page 5 of today's Barker.

This weekend is the Michigan Free Fishing Weekend. That means all of you worm-drowners can legally dip a hook without a license. Wouldn't it be great if people would use this opportunity to introduce a kid to fishing. Remember that old adage, "if you give a guy a fish, he'll eat for a day, but if you teach a kid to fish, they're not hangin' out at the mall," or something like that.

Speaking of kids, a new event has been added for next weekend. Paula Russell and her intrepid band of kid-herders will put on a Kids Craft Event next Saturday at the club (come one, come all — even if it's raining!).

And, if you're around during the week, you might want to attend the Camp Tannadoonah Tupperware party this



Thursday evening (if you're not going to be at the lake, you can contact Mr. Dug at Camp to order, anyway).

I know I sound like a broken record, but the boating season's not even on us yet and I've already seen some potentially serious (and seriously bone-headed) maneuvers on the lake. Please take safety seriously this year, follow the rules, be courteous and use an uncommon amount of common sense.

Let's all have a safe and fun summer at Birch Lake!

-Commodore Phil



This is the first Barker of the year and we are eagerly soliciting and accepting materials for future publication. Just put the materials in the red Barker box at 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore) or e-mail the info to me at sailor-phil@philvitale.com. If you must, mail to Phil Vitale, 122 So. Michigan, So. Bend, IN 46601, or fax your items to (574) 232-3853. To contact me by phone, call 476-1680 or (574) 232-3735.

Note: All times in the Barker are IST (Indiana Standard Time) unless stated otherwise

Birch Lake Notes

Calling All Kids

Come join us at the Yacht Club for KIDS CRAFT on June 14th between 10 - 11:30 am (IN time). Let's kick off the season with a great turnout this year!!! Hope to see you there!

-Paula Russell

News From Tannadoonah

Before too long you will be hearing the voices of children coming from up on the hill! We are really getting excited! Our staff training begins on Sunday June 8th and we will be setting up the camp and getting the counselors ready to handle the children.

On June 15th the People of Praise will be renting our camp for the week. Then starting June 22nd will be the first full week of camp.

You may have heard the sounds of trucks running up at camp, the tennis courts have begun construction. And we had our last workday on May 31st. Thank you so much Don Harman for coming up and helping you got us motivated to clean and set up.

Camp still has plenty of room for the summer in all week and for all ages. Call 574-234-4145 for information on how to register for this season.

Finally, come to a Tupperware Party at Camp Tannadoonah Thursday evening, June 12, at 7 p.m. Please come see all the new summer items that would be great for

June 7 Commodore's Party
Monte Carlo Night
June 7 Porter Twp. Cleanup Day
June 12 Camp Tannadoonah
Tupperware Party 7 pm
June 14 Kids Crafts, BLYC 10 am
June 21 Board Meeting 9 am
June 28 Vice Commodore's Party "A"
Paris Evening"
July 4 Fireworks
July 5 Firework Cleanup
July 5 Boat Parade 3 p.m.

BLYC Calendar

July 6 Pancake Breakfast
July 19 Bad Patty Punch Party and
Marc's Fancy Pants Dance
July 25 Men's Golf Outing
July 26 Board Meeting 9 am
July 26 Garage Sale
July 30 Women's Tea (tentative)
Aug. 8 Women's Golf (tentative)
Aug. 9 Corn and Sausage Roast
Aug. 16 Board Meeting 9 am
Aug. 23 Fall Dinner

PLEASE NOTE: All parties at the yacht club will begin at 7 pm Indiana time ... unless otherwise noted.

use at the lake. Camp Tannadoonah will keep 50 percent of what we sell. This is a great opportunity to directly help the camp while getting items that you will use everyday! Please contact us if you are not able to attend but would like to place an order.

-Thanks, Mr. Dug

Missing a raft?

Herm and Bev Kruggel have reported that an Aqua Patio swim raft has floated up in front of their home on the southwest corner of the lake. The anchor is appar-

ently still attached (it hasn't moved an inch in a week.

Pedro Update

2050 miles in 30 days not bad for an old skinny now guy. I'm finally back in Tahoe after a wonderful Amtrak ride for the last two days the biking was more fun but the train ride was scenic also. If I didn't see you in Indy it was a whirlwind week so as soon as I get my home computer up and running I'll send an update. Thanks to all you well-wishers. I'm okay.

-Pedro Kinner



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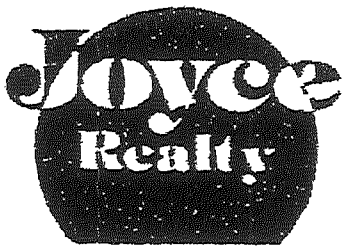
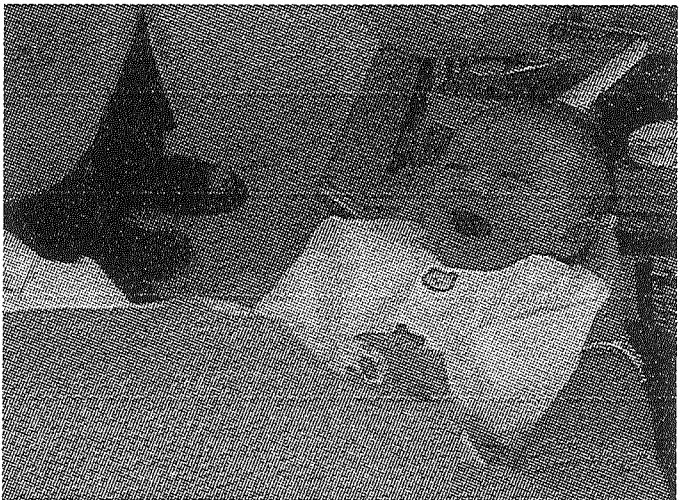
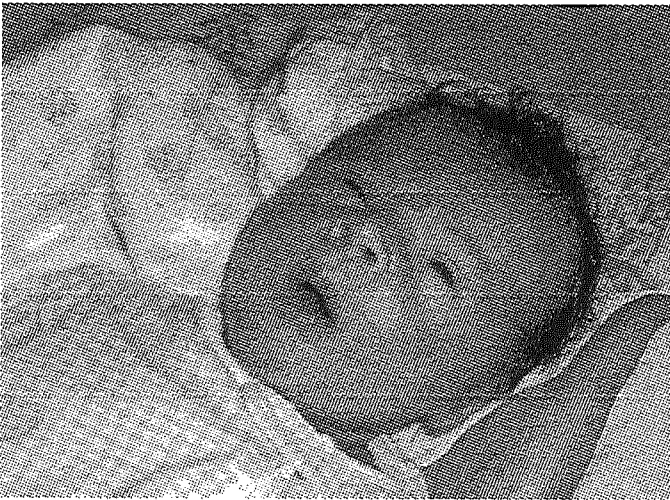
New to Birch Lake!

Three babies have recently joined the Birch Lake family.

At left is **Davis Jeffrey Olson**, son of Beth and Jeff Olson. He arrived May 30 at 8 lbs., 10 oz, 21-1/2". Maternal grandparents are Phyllis and Dean Davis; paternal grandparents are Judy and Dave Olson, great-grandparents are the late Nadine and John Brown and Bill and Mary Olson, former residents of Birch Lake. Grandpa Dave says he can hardly wait for sailing lessons!

At right is **Allison Grace Machalleck**. Born April 29 to Brian and Kris Machalleck. Grandparents are Mike and Katha Machalleck, and great grandparents are John Machalleck and the late Arline Machalleck.

Below is **Trevor Jaeger Rohder**, born in Bemidji, Minn on Feb. 24 at 6 lbs., 13 oz, 20-1/2". Parents are Debbie and Steve Rohder, grandparents are Bob and Eileen Herms.



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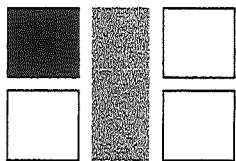
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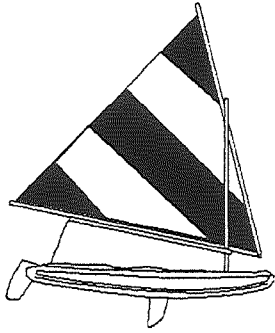
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-Ben and Vanessa Wozniak

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BLYC Sailing News

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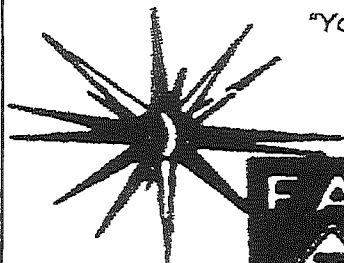


The weather still hasn't cooperated with the sailboaters yet, so the season is still on hold. We will put out the marks for practice whenever the weather allows — Watch the Barker for information on the start of the racing season.

Meanwhile, we still need help with the sailboat racing start boat. We have to have people who will help on the "starting" boat to begin and finish the races. We have many of the weeks covered already (thanks to the Becks), but we

would love to have other boats to fill in when they aren't available and people to help all of the starters. If you are available to help on any starting boat, or if you can stand in for us once in a while, we'd love to hear from you. All supplies and equipment (except the boat) will be furnished; we'll even provide training if you don't know how the whole thing works ...

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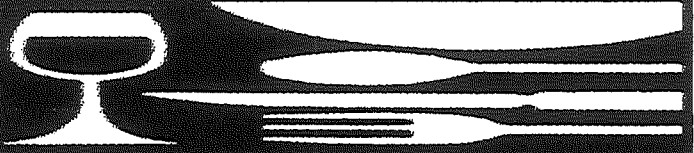


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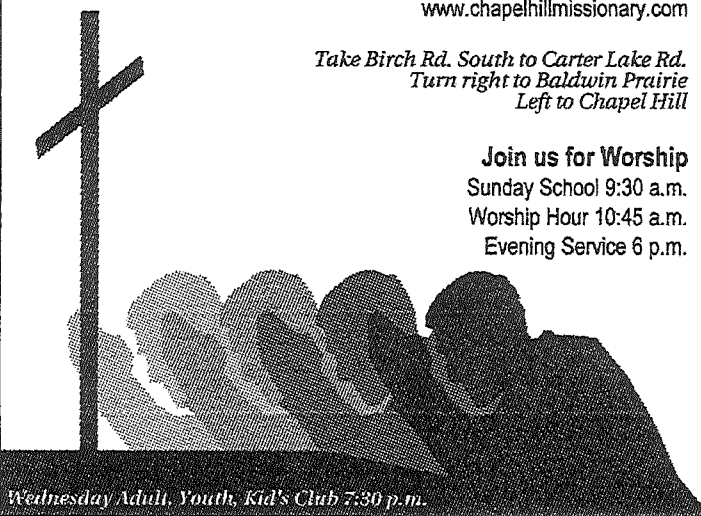
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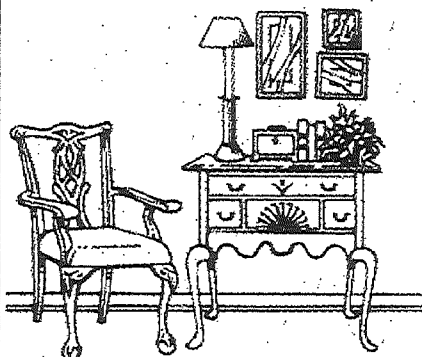
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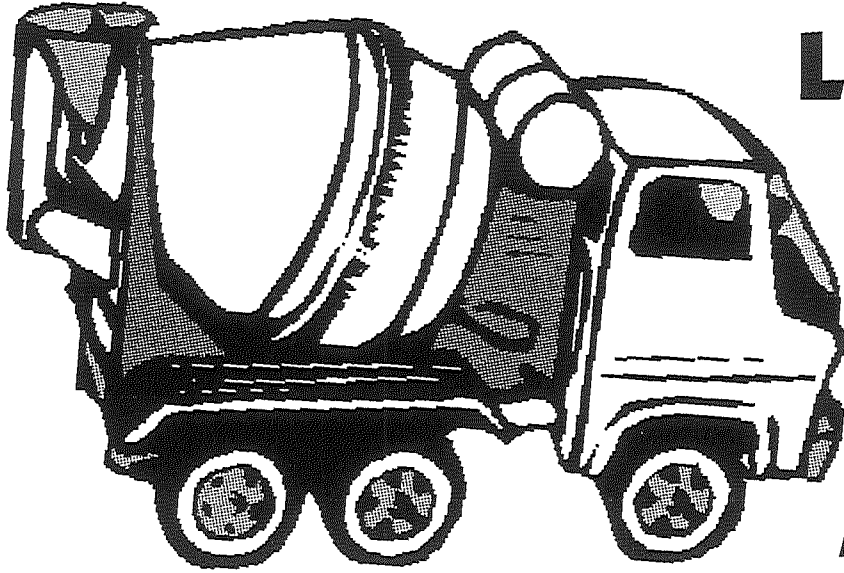
For just \$10 you can get \$100 worth of Birch Bucks to bet on poker, black jack or any of the other games of chance. (We'll also have some 50/50 \$\$ raffles and lots of great prizes, too!)

At 10:30 pm, whoever the three people with the most Birch Bucks will receive monetary awards (in addition to winning the braggin' rights as the best gamblers at Birch Lake).

But don't worry, even if you're not one of the top winners, you can still use your Birch Bucks to buy some of the great "consolation prizes" we've assembled.

As always, the drinks and munchies are free (you may want to eat dinner before you come, though).

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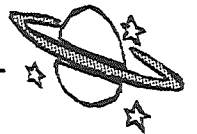
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Stu's Star Stuff



On May 15th some of you may have been able to watch the Lunar Eclipse. It was cloudy where I was so I missed out. But shouldn't we get to see one again soon? If you think November 9th is soon, then yes.

For an eclipse to occur we must have an exact lineup of three worlds — Sun, Earth and Moon. Eclipses of the Sun (solar) happen when the Moon passes between Earth and the Sun. The alignment is Sun-Moon-Earth. Eclipses of the Moon (lunar) occur when Earth is in the middle and the Moon passes into Earth's shadow. The alignment is Sun-Earth-Moon.

You'll recall from grade school that the Sun-Moon-Earth arrangement is what we have each month at New Moon. And the Sun-Earth-Moon arrangement gives us a Full Moon each month. So why isn't there a solar eclipse at each New Moon and a lunar eclipse at each Full Moon?

The reason lies in the fact that the Moon's orbit around the Earth is slightly tilted with respect to the plane containing Sun and Earth. This plane is called the ecliptic, the apparent path of the Sun through the zodiac constellations. About half of each month the Moon is north of this plane. The other half the Moon lies south of the ecliptic. The Moon lies right on the ecliptic at only two times each month, and these are the only times possible for an eclipse.

So we still haven't really answered the question. Unless the New Moon occurs when the Moon is at or near the ecliptic, it will pass just north or just south of the Sun's disk, thus, no solar eclipse. Likewise, at Full Moon, if the Moon isn't near the ecliptic, the Moon does not pass into Earth's shadow and is not eclipsed.

Another reason for not seeing eclipses more frequently is that you have to be at the right place at the right time. Sometimes an eclipse occurs when another part of our planet is facing the Moon. A lunar eclipse might be visible in Asia, but not at the lake. And as we've seen, weather is also a factor.

But, weather or not, the show will go on.

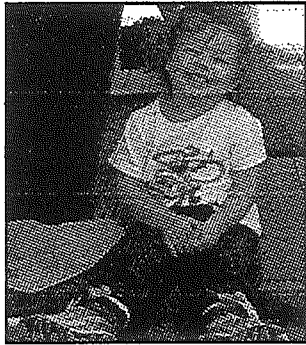
And it will be free.

Next week, *looking back in time.*

-Stewart Spratt

Barker kid of the week

Ok, I admit to a prejudice, but ain't she cute as a button? This is my incredibly adorable grand daughter, **Morgann Applegate** hangin' out on mom and dad's back porch. Incidentally, Morgann's mommy turned 30 this week. Happy birthday, Sanya.



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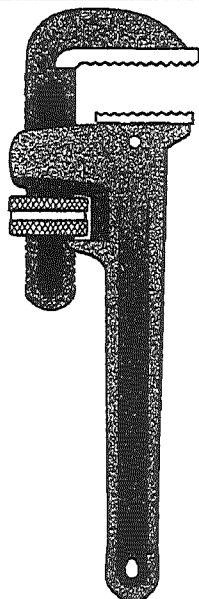
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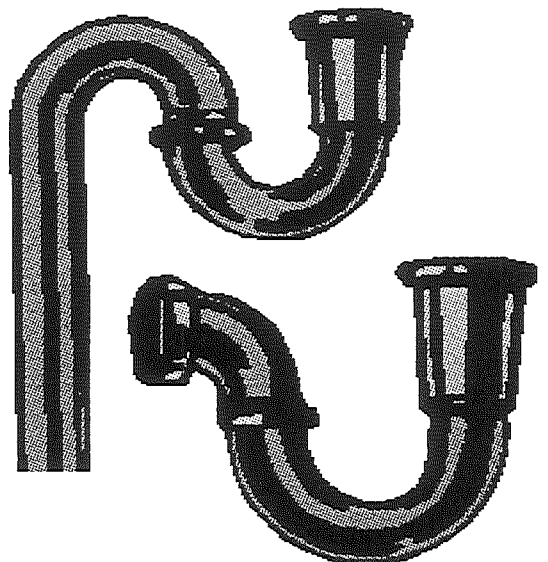
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Antioxidants recently discovered in beets show promise for preventing heart disease. Betanin, one of these antioxidants, inhibited oxidation of LDL (bad) cholesterol. Beets

deserve room on your plate for one more reason: Eating them significantly slowed the growth of skin and lung tumors in animal studies. Beet em with beets!

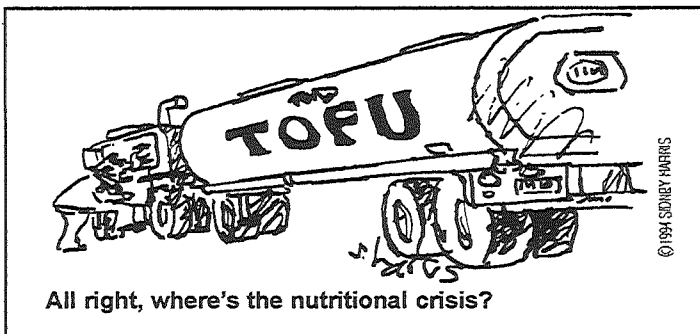
Blueberries - Despite their small size, blueberries are one of the most potent antidotes to oxidative stress, a process that ages you. (Can you bath in them?)

Blueberries help your brain maintain its ability to produce dopamine, a chemical that is crucial for memory, coordination, and feelings of well-being, but that declines as we age.

Researchers found that feeding aged rats the equivalent of ½ cup blueberries daily actually reversed declining memory and poor coordination. Researchers also found that blueberries prevented the growth of breast cancer cells in test tubes. Wow, powerful little devils aren't they.

Quick Tip - The benefits of blueberries are equal fresh or frozen so pack your freezers for all seasons.

Broccoli - Kids and for-



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Quick Tip - Eat broccoli lightly steamed or sautéed. Broccoli's cancer-fighting chemicals are more active when it's cooked. "C" if you can guess what exciting power foods are in the C-foods for next week. This is more fun than Jeopardy isn't it?

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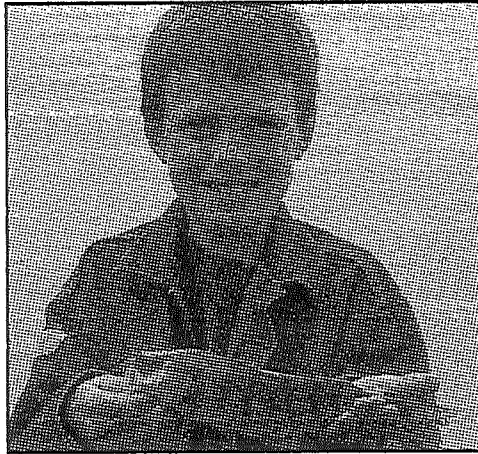
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Big Catch(es) of the Week!

Nathan Wozniak, nephew of Ben and Vanessa, caught this 12" perch off their Birch Lake pier last weekend. Nice catch, Nathan!

Katie Luecht and Amanda Lacy also made a big catch, a large ("big as my net") leatherback turtle.

For cryin' out loud, kids, put that darned thing back in the lake before he bites off your finger!





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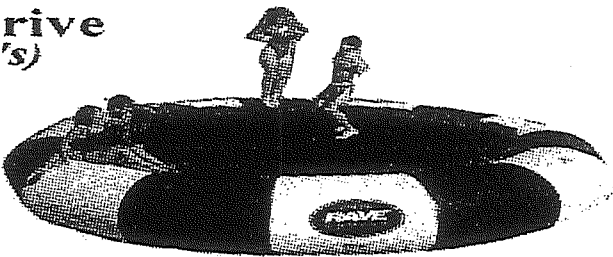


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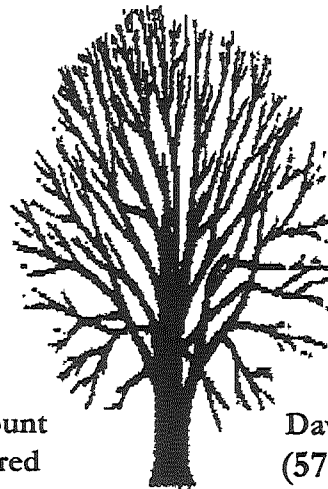
Directory Corrections

Jim and Shirley Ann Blue's phone number should read: 476-2708.

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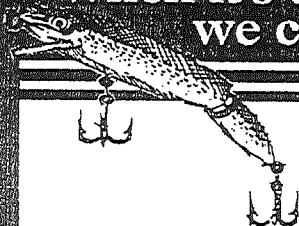
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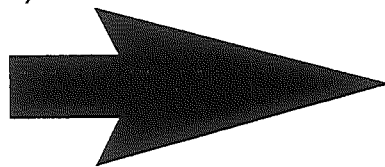
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