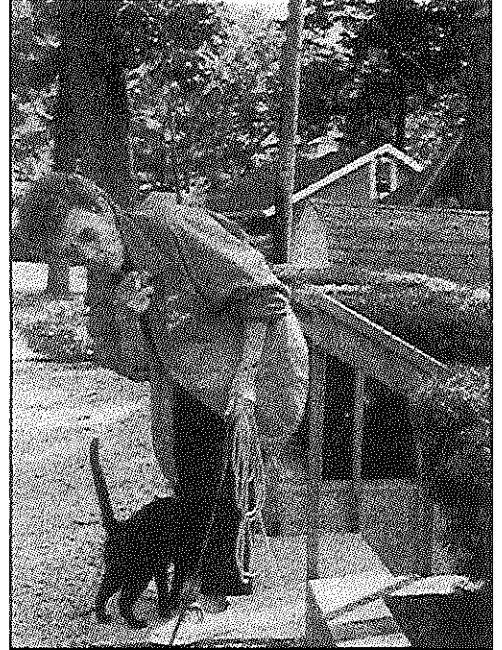
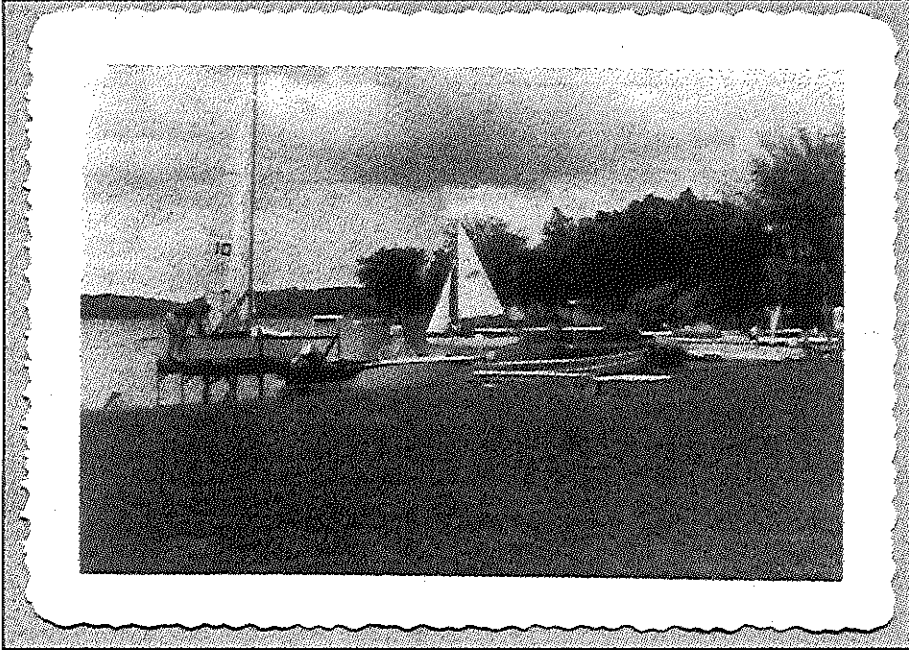


Birch Lake Barker

Weekend of June 28, 2003



Thanks to Bill Luecht for these recently re-discovered photos from the East shore, some dating as early as 1961.

Hey there, hi there, ho there... I couldn't resist these great "historical" photos that my neighbor Bill brought over last weekend ... hope you appreciate them as much as I do.

Tonight is "A Paris Evening" at the yacht club, Vice Commodore Stu's tribute to vin, fromage and l'amour (that's wine, cheese and love, and has nothing to do with that cowboy author). Party starts at 7; bring a bottle of wine to share and an hors d'oeuvre (and wear a beret).

We'll have samples of all of the new Birch Lake shirts and towels — we'll be taking orders for the next few weeks.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Tomorrow (Sunday) Sergeant Dan and his crew will host the annual **boat check** at the landing from 9 am (that's 10 Michigan time) until 11 am.

While you're there, if you rent your place out during the summer, you'll want to pick up some of the Safety First/Guest Information booklets.

Next weekend is the biggie of the summer. Fireworks will be on the Fourth at dark; the boat parade will begin at 3 on Saturday (follow Grand Marshalls Bill and Le King from Dan Reynolds' pier);

and the ever-popular Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday from 8 to 11 am at the Camp (\$4 for adults, \$2 for kids 6-10; Free for the 5 and under crowd).

If you haven't already gotten your group foursome (or is that a fore-some), together, this would be a good time to make plans for the mens' and women's golf outings (see page 9 for info). And, while we're talking golf, if you have a door prize you can donate to either outing, contact Rich Mullin or Judy Olson.

Ok, once more, pay your dues, have lots of fun and BE SAFE!

-Commodore Phil



We are always 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 sailorphil@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

Do you know??

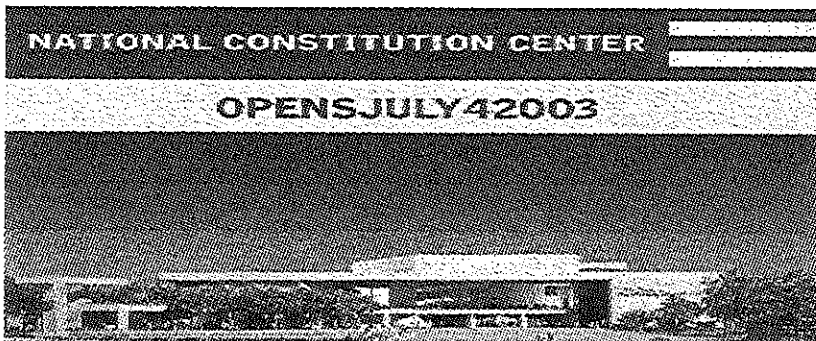
The United States of America has never had a building of its own to house the National Constitution. This will change on July 4, when the dedication of the National Constitution Center takes place in Philadelphia.

The National Constitution Center is located in Independence National Historic Park, just steps away from the Liberty Bell and other historic sites.

This beautiful building was only a dream six years ago. Through private and public donations the dream has come true. The building covers an entire block with literally tons of glass and Indiana limestone.

Chuck and Cheri LaPierre of Birch Lake will be attending the opening ceremony on July 4, in support of their daughter, Laura, who has been with the project from its inception as Executive Vice President. We are all very proud of her and the end result of extremely hard work, dedication and perseverance. Happy July 4 to all!

For more info, check out www.constitutioncenter.org.



BLYC Calendar

June 28	Vice Commodore's Party "A Paris Evening"	July 25	Men's Golf Outing
July 4	Fireworks	July 26	Board Meeting 9 am
July 5	Firework Cleanup	July 26	Garage Sale
July 5	Boat Parade 3 p.m.	July 30	Women's Tea (tentative)
July 6	Pancake Breakfast	Aug. 8	Women's Golf
July 19	Bad Patty Punch Party and Marc's Fancy Pants Dance	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.

A Poem to Birch Lake

*Sometimes when I am pensive — reminiscing of the past
Of when you were a child — my, my you grew up fast!*

*Grandma — Grandpa — Mom — Dad
That cottage — this cottage — that shore — this shore
I know my lovely blue
Will always be protected — by families like you.*

*And now I'm being introduced to another baby's nose
I feel the hands caressing me — I feel the little toes.*

*I will watch this child grow — like I kept watching you
And you'll keep watching me — I'm sure
To keep my shoreland safe — to keep my water pure.*

*I know you know that no one
No one has the right to steal
A child's chance to see — a child's chance to feel
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-Gertie Temple



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Birch Lake Notes

News from the Cove

by **SUNNY WATERS**
cranking up for the season

*she who informs, enlightens and guides those who have no understanding of the joy of what beautiful clothes, hair and makeup do for the plain Jane.
Look what its done for her!*

Good stuff that has happened:

The Blackwoods added a new grandchild, Thomas Michael, the most beautiful baby in Texas, according to his grandmother, an always-honest lady. Grandpa is already making arrangements for a Notre Dame scholarship.

More good news: The Yacht Club has finally upgraded those gosh-awful restrooms. Now you may guzzle all the beer you desire. No more hiding behind

BACK AGAIN!

shower curtains.

Yea!

Next Week's NFTC will be a spotlight on Loretta Drolet.

And now a word about the Cowens' new home. The former cottage was an antique, built many years ago by elder Cowens. Dick and Peggy decided that old moldy things aren't antiques so down it went. Down. Kerplunk! Gundy people got on the project and did an excellent job. The Cowens are living in their new home, but I, Sunny, believe they could have gotten a big, shiny double wide.

Ok, I'm jealous.

That's it for now, and in closing...

...may the bluebird of happiness drop little bundles of cheer upon you.

More garbage next week,



*-Sunny,
she who makes the world better*

Golf Outings Need Door Prizes

Door prizes are needed for both the Men's Birch Lake Open and the Women's Golf Outing/Lunch.

If you have something to donate, contact Rich Mullin at 476-1430 or Phil Vitale at 476-1680; or Judy Olson at 476-2125 or Peg Cowen at 476-2786.

For more info on the outings, see

Page 9 of today's Barker.

Safety first/guest information books

Designed for guests of rental cottages but valuable for any cottage, this booklet contains information your visitors will find useful. From Michigan boating laws, safety tips, emergency numbers to golf courses, movie theaters

and restaurant listings. There are blank pages for you to fill in with your contact information, your plumber, propane supplier, etc... Available Sunday at the boat check or by contacting David Bouwkamp at 476-1001. A \$5 donation is requested to cover the cost of materials.



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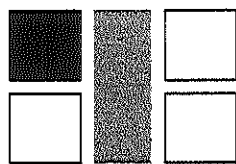
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BLYC Sailing News

ELUSIVE WIND BARELY ENOUGH TO FINISH ONE RACE

The wind was fickle and flickery last weekend, and the racing was mediocre at best — so after nearly an hour of bobbing in the boat wakes we opted to call bad enough too much and quit after one heat.

Thanks to Jim and Sally Beck (and their company) and Bruce Wagner on the committee boat. Bruce Wagner (and company) will command and man the committee boat next week ... if we can muster up some wind.

Once again, we're going to try to sail at 11 am, and if the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll try again at Noon.

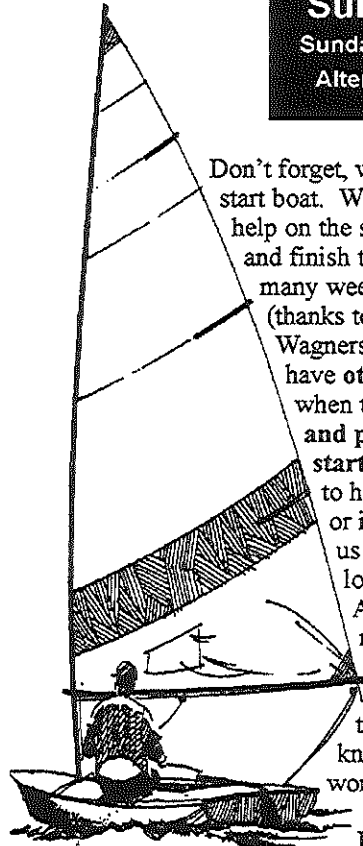
Hope to see you all out on the water.

-Harold Cranmer, Fleet Captain

Here are the results of the second week of competition:

Sunfish:	1st race	2nd race	3rd race
Jim Bolinger	DNS		
Dave Olson	1(A)		
Rick Russwurm	3(A)		
Sandy Vitale	1(B)		
DeWayne Weaver	2(A)		
MCs	1st race	2nd race	3rd race
Harold Cranmer	4		
Don Harman	2		
Scott Troeger	1		
Phil Vitale	6		
Bruce Harlan	3		
Rick Harman	5		

This Week:
Sunday Races
 Sunday, June 29 11 am
 Alternate start: Noon



Don't forget, we still need help on the start boat. We have to have people to help on the starting boat to begin and finish the races. We have many weeks covered already (thanks to the Becks and Wagners), 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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Get your boat checked Sunday!

Sgt. Dan Covey and other members of the Marine Division of the Cass County Sheriff's Department will be conducting a free boat check tomorrow, Sunday, June 29 from 9 am to 11 am (Indiana time) at the Public Landing.

Covey says that because of the new decal/certification, the check will be more time consuming and thorough than in years past, and special attention will be paid to the required equipment and to the placement and condition of boats' "MC" numbers and registration stickers.

Boats that pass the inspection will be

given a decal to post, which will alert police agencies that the boat is in compliance with state laws.

Boats that do not pass the inspection will be given the opportunity to leave and correct any infractions, and then return for a re-inspection.

Anyone who is unable to correct the boat on Sunday, or who is unable to attend Sunday's checkout, can still get their boat checked by contacting Covey and scheduling an appointment.

Covey noted that the laws have not



changed since last year. A supply of handbooks of Michigan Boating Laws and Responsibilities will be available at the Yacht Club at tonight's Vice Commodore's Party.

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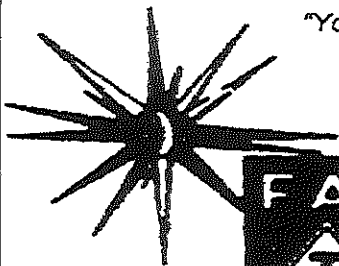
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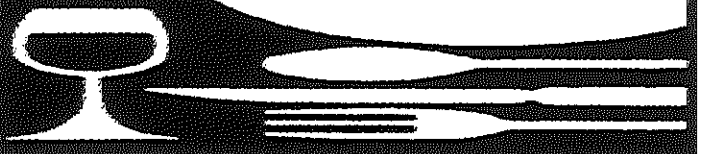


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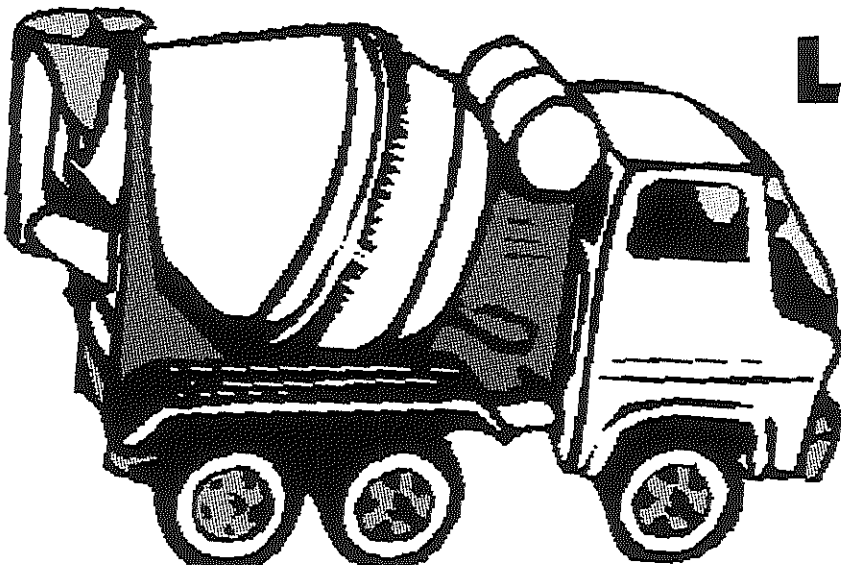
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HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Jim Bolinger has been selected to fill the remainder of Dean Davis' term on the board of the Homeowners' Association. Dean Davis, one of the founders of the Homeowners' Association and a member of its board since its inception, resigned from the board earlier this year. Elections for a new board will take place in August this year.

Something to think about as Independence Day nears and reminds us of that familiar motive to the Revolution; "No taxation without representation..." As many of you know from personal experience, Michigan has an interesting school tax law which permits property owners who can vote (residents) to decide whether to impose three times as much

school tax millage as they pay on property owners who can't vote (second home owners). Of course, the law is worded more cleverly — the tax rate difference results from a "homestead exemption" for a primary residence — but the effect is the same because those who don't qualify for the homestead exemption also don't qualify to vote.) Human nature being what it is, those who can vote have in the past almost invariably chosen to stick their neighbors who can't vote with a higher tax. For instance, while voting residents of Birch Lake in the Constantine school district pay six mills school tax, their non-voting neighbors must pay roughly 18 mills. It was therefore somewhat of a pleasant surprise to learn that voters recently passed up a chance to stick it even harder to the nonvoters. The

Headlee amendment to the school tax law provides that if the property tax base increases faster than inflation, the tax rate is reduced slightly to compensate. That has happened in the Constantine district, so instead of 18 mills, the non-voting property owners have recently been paying a little over 17½ mills. Although that isn't much of a break, it apparently bothered the Constantine School board enough to ask the voters to restore the full 18 mill school tax on those who can't vote. That attempt at taxation without representation failed to pass. Although property owners who can't vote still aren't treated equally with those who can vote, they are being treated slightly less unequally - at least until the next time the matter is brought to a vote.

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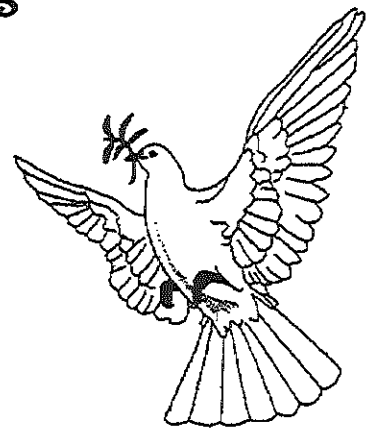
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Of hunting dogs and Charles' heart

Canes Venatici (KAY-nee-z Veh-NAT-ih-sigh), the Hunting Dogs, nip at the heels of the Great Bear, Ursa Major. The constellation is faint, its brightest star is only 3rd magnitude, but not too difficult to find, thanks to the Big Dipper nearby and no other stars as bright in the vicinity. Cor Caroli, that brightest star, sits 15 degrees under the end of the Big Dipper's handle. That's about the same length as the span of the handle. It lies roughly on a line between the Dipper's Bowl and the bright star Arcturus. (Remember "Arc to Arcturus"?)

Cor Caroli has nothing to do with hunting or dogs. The name is Latin for "Heart of Charles," referring to King Charles II of England. Edmund Halley, of comet fame and Astronomer Royal of England, created the designation in 1725. It seems that astronomers, long ago as today, were not immune from the realities of politics.

In centuries past, when astronomers relied on the royal purse to support their work, they often thought it was a nice gesture to name something in the heavens for their benefactors. Galileo named the moons of Jupiter for the Medici family, and William Herschel named a new planet for King George. Other astronomers ignored those names, though, so today we have the "Galilean" moons of Jupiter, and the planet Uranus.

To the unaided eye, Cor Caroli is modest. But telescopes reveal a beautiful sight: Cor Caroli is really TWO stars, which are bound to each other by gravity.

The brighter and heavier of the two stars is a bit odd. Its magnetic field is many times stronger than the Sun's. And it contains a higher percentage of heavy elements, like iron, which are dredged to the surface by the magnetic field. What's more,

the heavy elements are unevenly distributed at the surface of Cor Caroli, so astronomers see concentrations of different elements as it turns on its axis.

Look for this magnetic and regal "heart" below the Dipper's handle this evening, and watch as it rises throughout the night. Next week, Universal Time vs IST - no contest.

-Stewart Spratt

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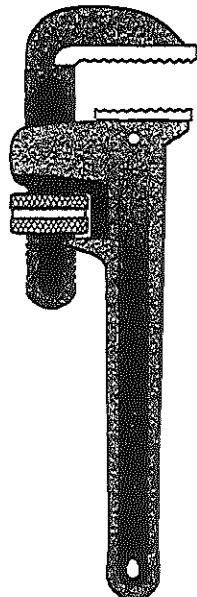
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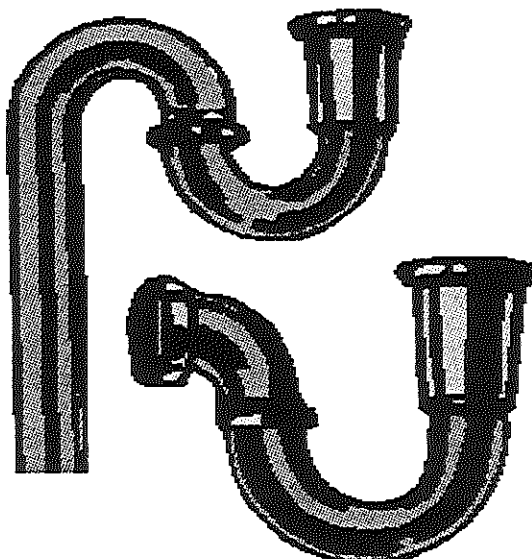
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Next time you're at a

book store pick up a book on natural healing and you will be amazed at the medicinal uses for garlic. You can darn near through everything else in your medicine cabinet away.

Ginger - Ginger contains several antioxidant plant chemicals. These antioxidants can fight cancer and heart disease. Ginger has been proven to lower your LDL ("bad") cholesterol and triglyceride levels and reduce atherosclerosis. And gingerol is as effective as aspirin at preventing blood clotting, making it a potential aid against heart disease.

If you have a guest that is susceptible to motion sickness, try giving them ginger snaps prior to boating. They are a healthier choice than chips or cookies and will help prevent motion sickness. Keep some of ginger ale around too, it works.

Green Tea - The healing powers of green tea have been valued in Asia for thousand of years. In the West, preliminary



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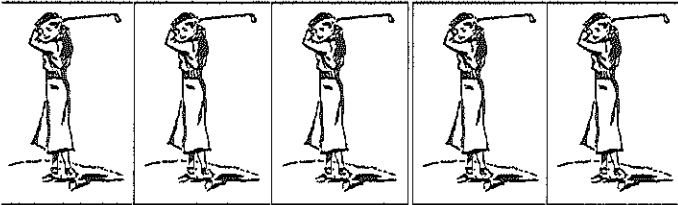
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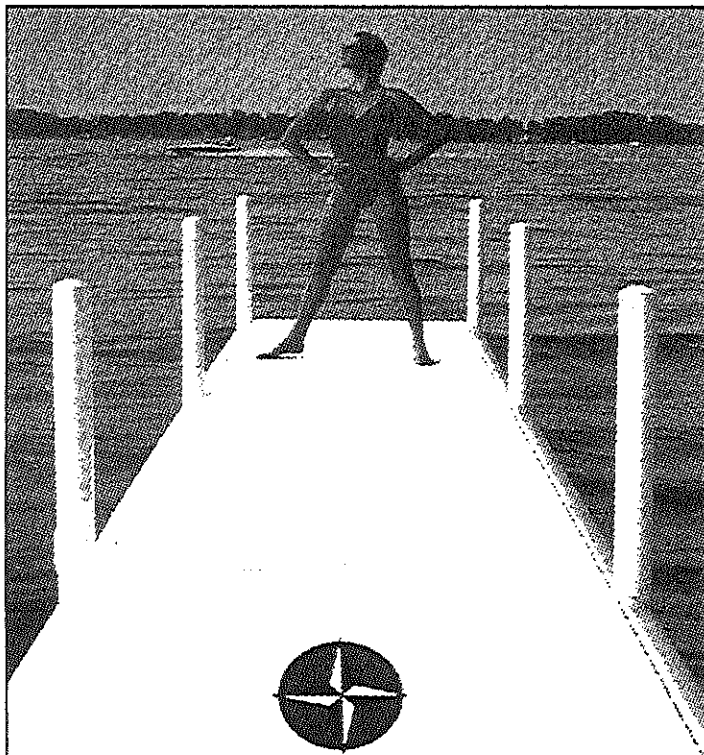
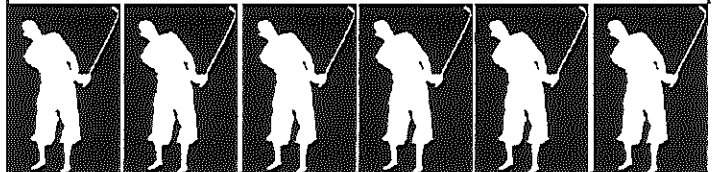
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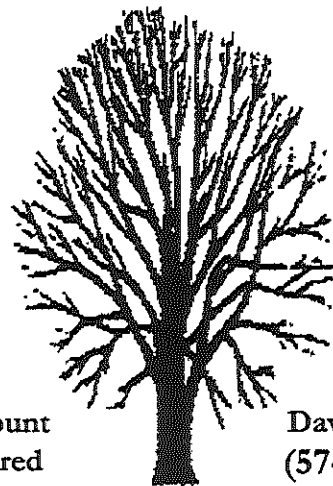
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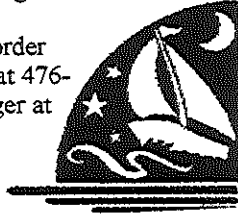
Birch Lake Merchandise Mart ...

As promised, here is the info on the latest offerings of Birch Lake merchandise: Beginning this weekend, we will have samples of the new Birch Lake Tee Shirts, Tank Tops and embroidered Sweat Shirts for sale.

Embroidered sweatshirts bearing the embroidered heron (in color) shown at right, will be on sale for \$30 each.

In addition, T-shirts and Tank Tops bearing the logo at right will sell for just \$10 each.

For info or to order contact Phil Vitale at 476-1680 or Bud Zesinger at 476-2526.



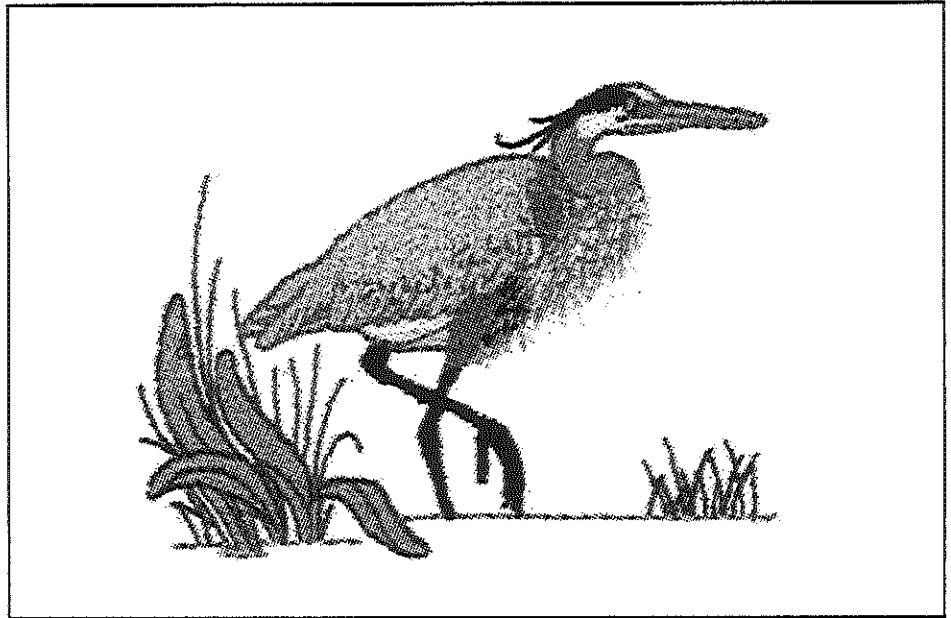
Denim, Golf shirt, towels

Want Birch Lake denim shirts? Towels? Golf shirts?

Well, we've got 'em!

Currently, we are selling denim shirts, Golf/Polo shirts, Egyptian cotton beach towels/bath sheets and hand towels. All of these items are embroidered with one of three different logos and the words, "Birch Lake, MI"

The towels are available in the following colors: white, yellow, aquamarine, periwinkle, pink, and snapper. The bath sheets/beach towels are \$30. The hand towels are \$15. The Denim shirts are available in Light Denim and Dark Denim and cost \$37. There are two styles of polo shirts for men: Greg Norman Pique which costs \$35 and a regular



smooth cotton polo which costs \$30.

We will have these items at the Vice Commodore's party tonight, June 28, or you can contact Denise Smitley (west shore) at 476-9000.

Don't forget the skier Safety Flags!

We are taking orders for the bright yellow "Skier-Down" flags being produced as a Junior Achievement project by north-sider Nick Freihofer. The flags are available for just \$5 each, to equip the mandatory ski spotters in your boat. The flags can be purchased from the Freihofers at 476-9823, or from board



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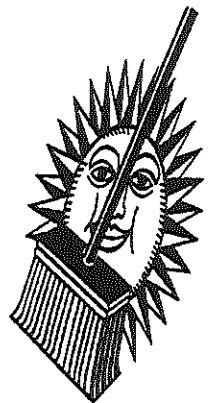
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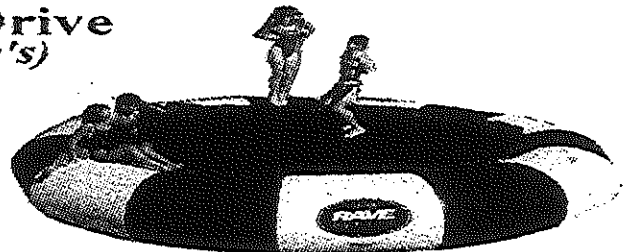


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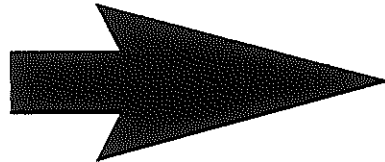
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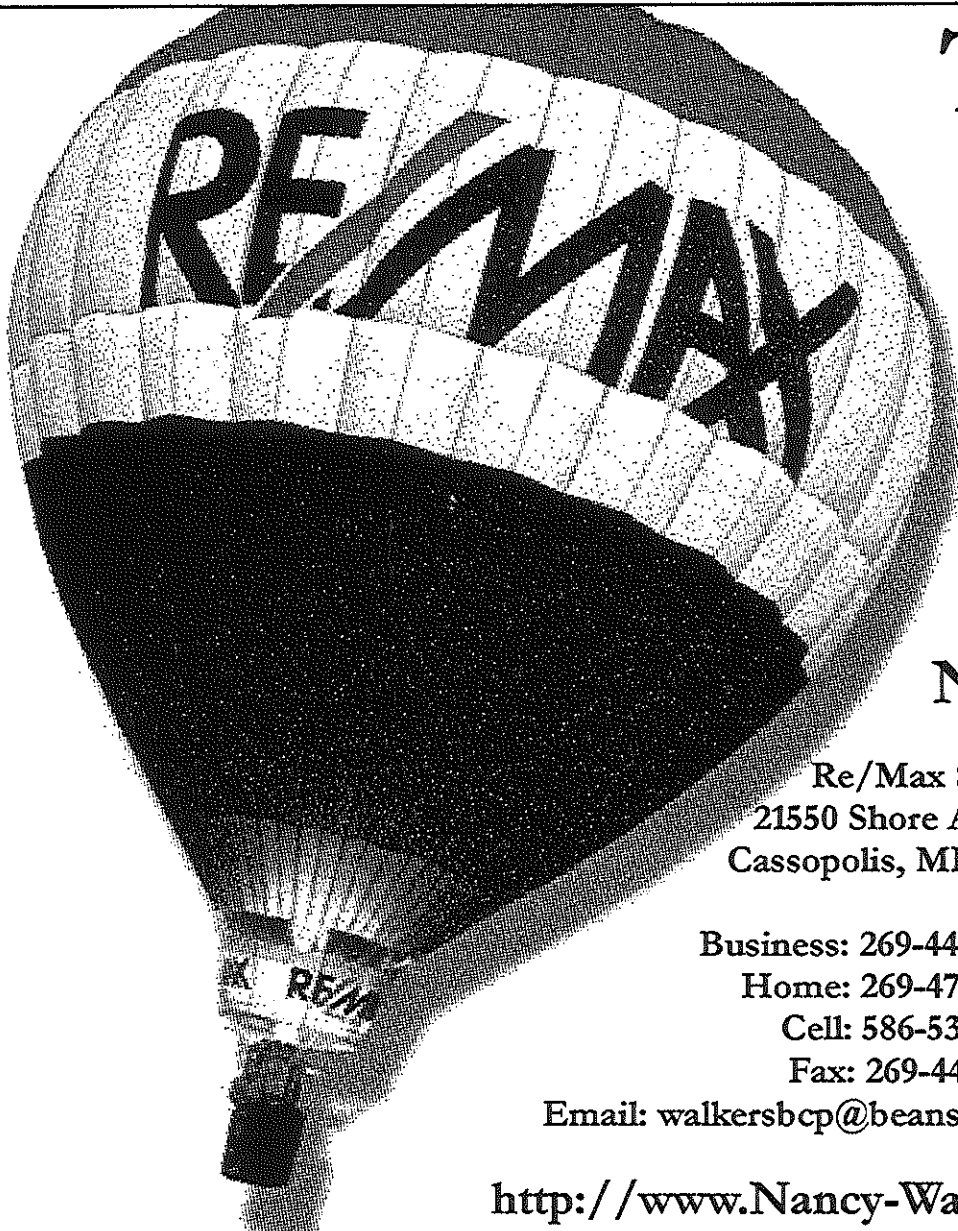
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