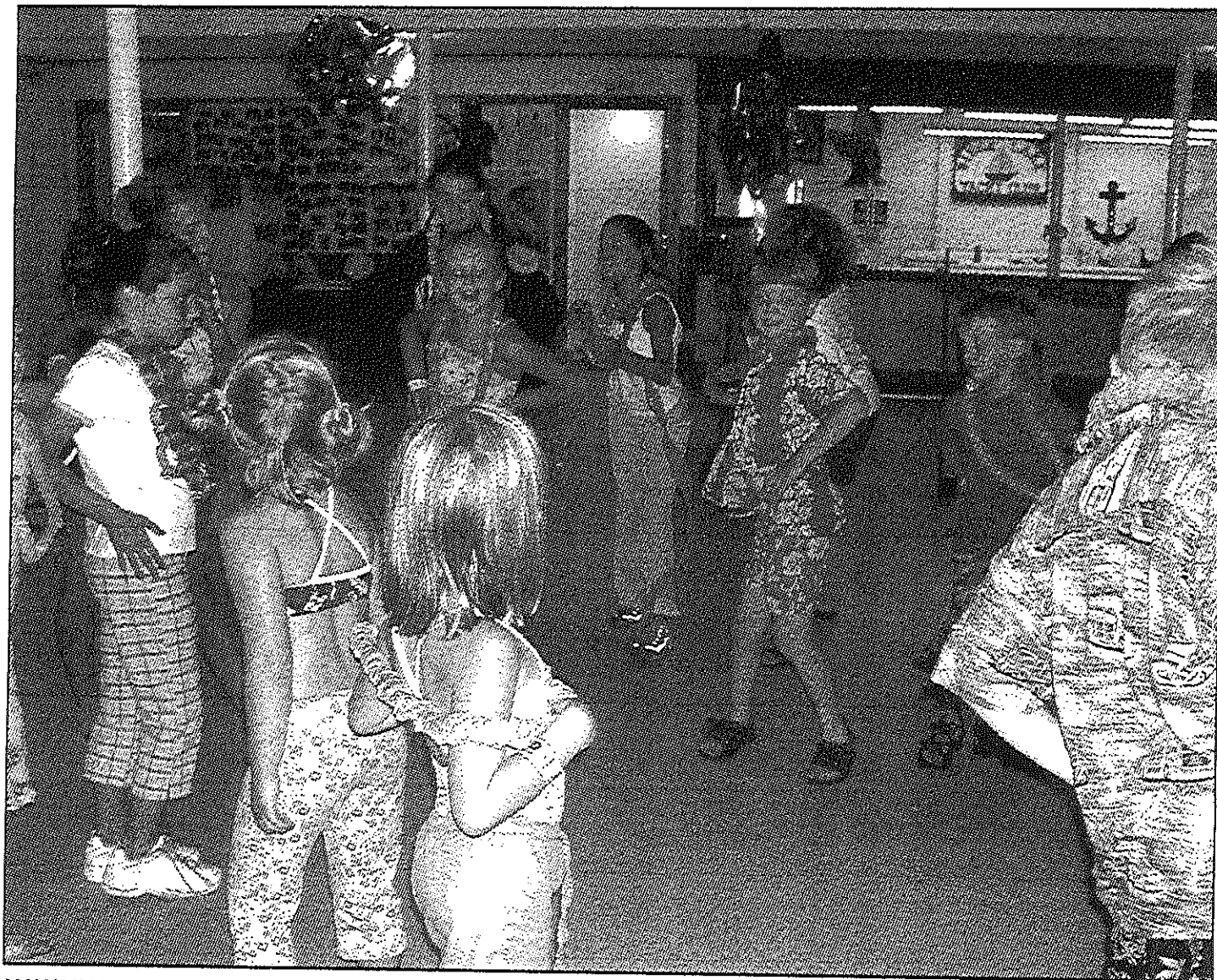


Birch Barker

Weekend of Aug. 9, 2003



HAWAIIAN FEVER: Birch Lake kids hula-ed to the beat last weekend at the yacht club in what has been called "the bestest kids party EVER!" Special thanks to Paula Russell and Helen Toth for hosting the event.

Hey there, hi there, ho there... They call the days of August the Dog Days, but around Birch Lake, the dogs don't seem to mind much, especially when the weather has been so cool and breezy.

Life's been kind of quiet around the lake for the past week as a lot of our seasonal visitors are making plans to pack up and get the kids back to school soon.

Paula Russell put on a great kids event last weekend, a Hawaiian luau, complete with flowered shirts, leis, limbo and even Pinata and Hula Hoops. The kids had a great time — thanks Paula!

You won't want to miss today's annual Corn and Sausage Roast. We've even got chicken this year (for Ima Foodnudge and her healthy-eating crowd). This is the "big feed" of the summer, and Gableman

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

and his crowd will have the corn, brats and all the fixin's ready for you at 5 pm (we still need help shucking!).

Next Saturday, don't forget the board meeting and the kids regatta (Harman's house, east side, 2 pm — all kids need to bring a PFD).

As promised, we've got the details (and the reservation form) for the Fall Dinner (see page 3). Vice Commodore (and soon-to-be Commodore) Stewart Spratt has arranged a fabulous wing-ding square dance at Camp (where he will announce his new vice commodore) — we hope you can ALL attend.

Once again, have a great week, pay your dues and be safe.

-Commodore Phil

BLYC Calendar

TODAY ONLY
CORN AND SAUSAGE ROAST
(ok, we've got some chicken, too)

5 PM — 8 PM
WHILE THE FOOD LASTS!

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

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- Aug.16 Board Meeting 9 am
- Aug. 16 Kids Regatta 2 pm
- Aug. 23 Fall Dinner 6 pm



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.

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Birch Lake Notes

Barker Kid of the Week

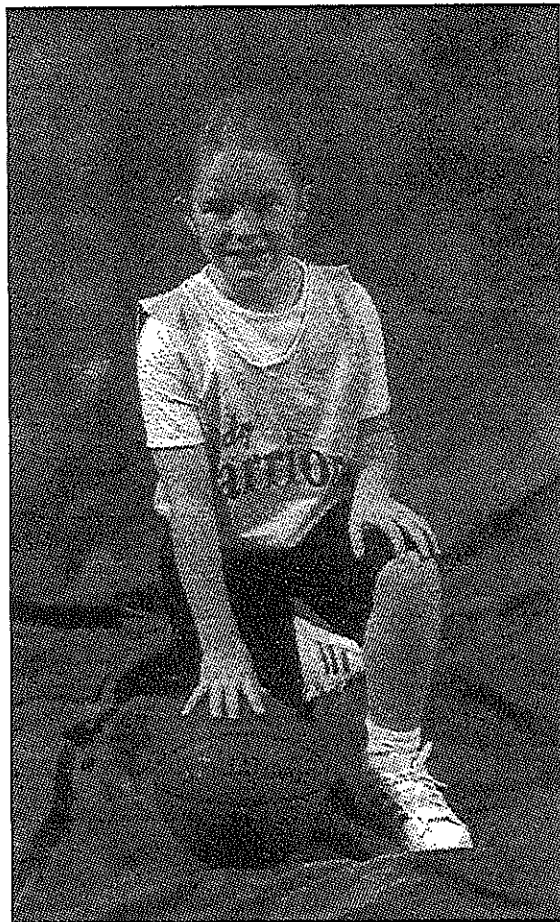
Happy Birthday,
Katie!

Katie Luecht is this week's Barker Kid of the Week.

Katie turned 10 years old last week while she was dodging the raindrops at Camp Tannadoonah (and her parents and brother were resting comfortably on the east shore).

Katie, who in the off season lives in Danville, IN, plays basketball for her school, and scored her first basket at the end of the season last year (her mom made me put that in the paper).

In addition to basketball, Katie enjoys riding her bike, catching frogs with Amanda, pestering her brother John, and swimming off the next door neighbor's pier.



Memorial for Arline Machalleck

The Machalleck family invites all who knew Arline Machalleck to a memorial service on Sunday, Aug. 17 at 3 pm (Indiana time) at the United Presbyterian Church in Cassopolis.

Thanks for the rescue

Thanks to the speedy water rescue assistance of Steve Cranmer and the onboard assistance of Bob King in the rescue of submerged sailors Chris and Mike Spratt. Chris and Mike escaped with the M-16 and found the going a little wilder and woollier than they had perhaps imagined. Righting an M-16 is a bit trickier than the Sunfish they are used to sailing. We also found that an M-16 tows easier when the mast and sail aren't in the water. Thanks again guys.

-Stewart Spratt

Volunteers, donations for roof

On August 23rd at 7 a.m., we will re-roof the Nurses' Infirmary at Camp Tannadoonah. Donations for the cost of the roof, and volunteers would be appreciated. To donate or volunteer, call Don 476-2039 or Tom 476-2383.

-Don Harman & Tom Rogers

Tips, Tips, Tips!

■ Candles will last a lot longer if placed in the freezer for at least 3 hours before burning.



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Birch Lake Notes

What are the odds?

What are the odds of two kids growing up at Birch Lake, playing golf at the same high school (South Bend Riley) and the same University (Notre Dame), winning the same city golf tournament (South Bend Metro), and being 44 years apart in age? This is the case with Bud Zesinger and K. C. Wiseman. Bud graduated from Riley in 1957 and was the No. 1 man on the golf team all four years. K.C. graduated valadectorian from Riley in 2001 and was No. 1 man on the golf team all four years. After high school, Bud and K.C. both continued their golf prowess at the University of Notre Dame — Bud (Class of '61) K.C. (going into his junior year, Class of '05)

Bud played in nine South Bend City golf tournaments, winning three and finishing second in three. K.C. accomplished his first South Bend Metro win last weekend, beating the rest of the field by five strokes.

The Wednesday before the Birch Lake Open, Bud shot his age at Park Shore Golf Course by posting a 3-under par 65. K.C.'s four-round Metro victory was 3-under par the Sunday after the Birch Lake Open. They played together in the Birch Lake Open and won.

Oh, by the way, the cottage that Bud grew up in as a kid on Birch Lake is the same cottage that K.C. is still growing up in on the south side. **WHAT'S THE ODDS? MAYBE IT'S IN THE WATER!**

FALL DINNER RESERVATION FORM

It's time once again for the annual Fall Dinner for the Birch Lake Yacht Club. This year's event will be similar in many ways to last year's. We'll start with a social/cocktail hour at 6 pm (Ind. time). Then, at 7 pm, there will be a down-home country-cooked meal featuring rib tips, chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, corn bread and peach cobbler, and of course your favorite beverages. After the meal we'll have a brief (BRIEF) end-of-the-year board meeting to elect new members, pass the Commodore's flag and introduce the Commodore for the year 2005. Then, be sure to stick around for the ho-down after the meeting where you can strut your stuff in your best square dancing outfit.

Register now by filling out the form below and dropping it off with your check for \$15 per adult, \$7.50 for kids under 12 at the Spratts' place on the north shore or the Vitales' home on the east side.

Tickets are limited and will be going fast so act now, or at least by August 20. Call Stewart Spratt with questions — 476-2113.

BLYC FALL DINNER: Saturday, August 23

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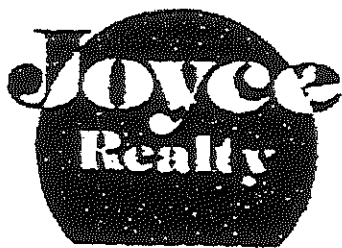
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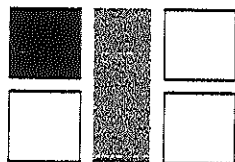
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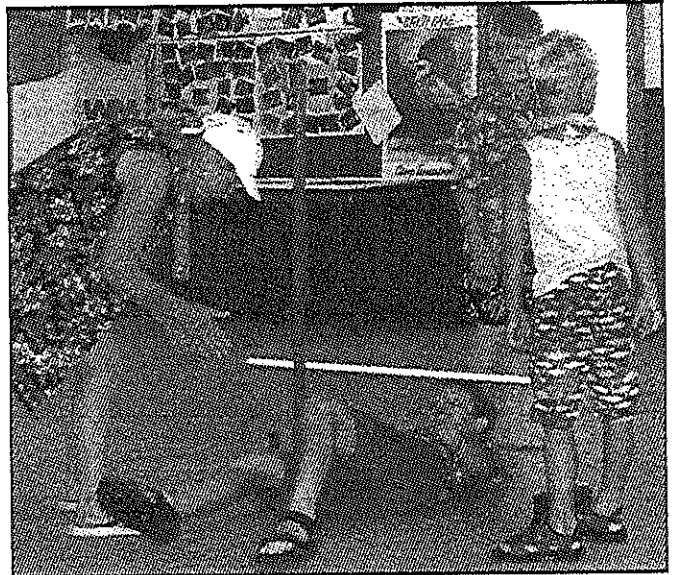
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Birch Lake Recipes of the Week

ORIENTAL SALAD

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1 package broccoli slaw
1 bunch or 1 package broccoli flowerettes
6 to 8 scallions, sliced
1 cup slivered almonds, toasted
1 cup sunflower seeds
Noodles from 3 packages of chicken-flavored ramen noodles, crushed

Layer the above ingredients in a bowl in the order given **DO NOT MIX!**

Dressing:

1 cup canola or vegetable oil
1/2 cup sugar
1/3 cup apple cider vinegar
seasoning packets from the ramen noodles

Mix dressing ingredients all together. Pour over salad **DO NOT MIX!**
Prepare at least two hours before serving — Mix before serving.

MANDARIN ORANGE AND AVOCADO SALAD

Dressing Ingredients:

1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup vinegar
1/2 cup sugar
2 teaspoons minced onion
1/2 teaspoon salt
dash paprika

8-10 cups bibb and leaf lettuce, torn into pieces
1 can (11 oz) mandarin oranges, drained
1 avocado, peeled, sliced and tossed lightly in lemon juice
1 can (3 oz) french fried onion rings

For dressing: 6 hours or more before serving, put all ingredients into a blender. Blend well and refrigerate. Just before serving, blend again.

To assemble salad: In a large salad bowl, combine lettuce, mandarin oranges, avocado slices and onion rings. Toss lightly with dressing to serve.

GREEN BEAN AND MOZZARELLA SALAD

Ingredients:

2 cups fresh green beans, cooked and drained
1 package (8 oz) mozzarella cheese, cut into 1/2 inch cubes
16 to 24 grape tomatoes, halved
1/3 cup cup chopped fresh basil
1/8 teaspoon pepper

Mix all ingredients in large bowl. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour.

More Tips, tips, tips

- Don't throw out leftover wine: Freeze into ice cubes for future use in cooking.
- Are flies and bees bothering you? Spray them with hair spray and they will take a quick dive!

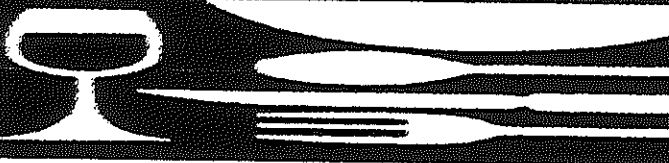
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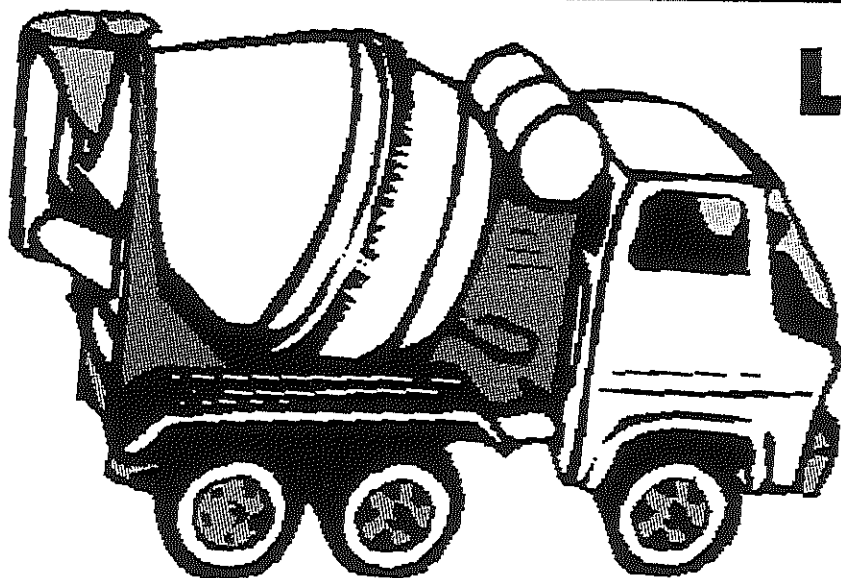
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A brief history of the origins of the Birch Barker...

Through more research of past Birch Barkers, I came across this piece of history that explains how and when the first Birch Barker appeared.

Did you know that the first BIRCH BARKER began one day back in 1944 as an answer to a group of South Side young lakers sitting on the Cox's front porch asking, "What can we do?"

Mr. Cox said, "Why not have a newspaper for the lake?"

OK

"What can we call it?"

"How about the BIRCH BARKER," said Mr. Cox.

Those present on that historical after-

noon were: June and Bud Zesinger, Jane and Tom Cox, Pat Scannell and Beverly Foote. With the aid and encouragement of parents, the first publication went to press. The first issues were printed in the basement of the Lafayette Building, South Bend, Indiana. Editor Chuck Schott; Assistant Editor Jane Cox; Reporters June Zesinger, Pat Scannell and Beverly Foote

The first issues contained news of the lake — jokes and anecdotes, fish "phonies" and articles written by Gregory Cox on the history of the area, history of Williamsville, Birch Lake, Birch Lake Cook Book, pictorial map of the lake, news from Tannadoonah and Kiloqua.

The first paid advertisers were

Tubby's General Store on Shavehead Lake, Lanky's Williamsville Store, who advertised block ice — cut from Birch Lake and delivered, "Lazy Lodge" and Schell grocery in Jones.

The idea caught on and as interest in the BARKER grew, more "KIDS" volunteered to help. The Coxes printed the BARKER for the first couple of years and then the Schott's bought a mimeograph to use at the lake. From 1953 to 1957 no BARKERS were published. Then in 1958, Julie (Ebling) Weaver and a group of Junior Yacht Club members reorganized the paper and it has been a yearly Yacht Club publication ever since.

-Submitted by Julie Ball Lacy

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BLYC Sailing News

We had a pretty good day of racing last Sunday, with light winds at the start that built for the

second race, but shifty conditions continued and we called it quits after 2 races (the second race in the MC division was scratched because 2 of the 3 racers didn't hear the call for a course change).



Thanks to Steve Plaia and

This Week:

Sunday Races

Sunday, Aug. 9 11 am

Alternate start: Noon

Bob Cranmer for Committee Boat duties.

Don't forget the Kids Regatta on August 16 — join us at the Harman's at 2 pm for a fun day on the water!

Harold Cranmer
2003 Fleet Captain

Here are the results of last weekend's competition:

Sunfish:	1st race	2nd race	Place
A Class			
Jim Bolinger	1	1	1; 1552.9
Dave Olson	DNS	DNS	2; 1525.2
Rick Russwurm	3	3	4; 1437.8
Dewayne Weaver	2	2	3; 1520.1
B Class			
Erica Vitale	2	1	2; 1563.5
Sandy Vitale	3	2	3; 1524.9
Chad Plaia	1	DNS	1; 1570.8
Jody Meyers	DNS	DNS	4; 1444
MCs	1st race	2nd race	Place
Harold Cranmer	1		3; 1468.6
Don Harman	2		2; 1498.1
Rick Harman	DNS		4; 1446.8
Scott Troeger	DNS		1; 1549.3
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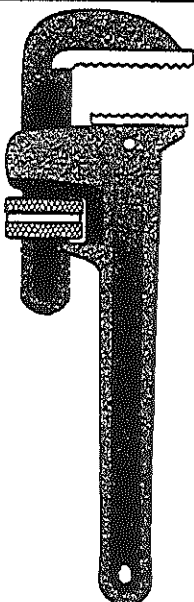
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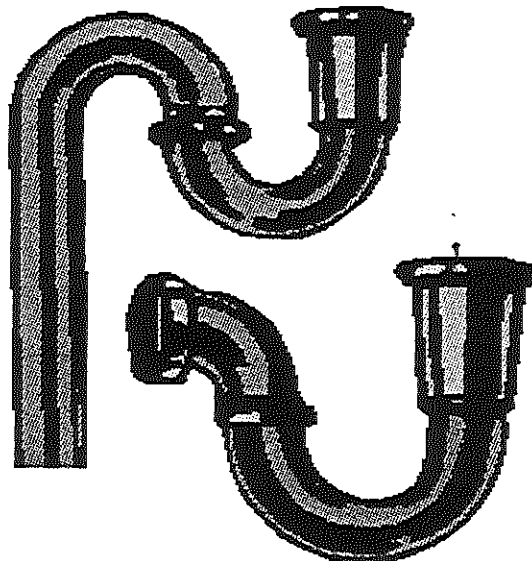
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Stu's Star Stuff



As we saw last week, of all the stargazing tricks, using the Big Dipper to find Polaris, the North Star, probably is the most famous. If you draw a line through the "pointers" — the two stars that form the outer edge of the bowl — and follow it "above" the bowl, you'll reach Polaris every time.

The stars provide lots of pointers for those who are just learning the night sky. One of the most famous one will allow you to find Arcturus and Spica. Arcturus is the brightest star in Bootes, the hunter, and Spica's the brightest star in Virgo, the virgin, and the 16th-brightest star system

in the night sky. It's blue-white, which tells us that it's hotter than our Sun. The pointer is this: Arc to Arcturus, then spike to Spica. It's telling you to extend the curve of the Big Dipper's handle until you come to the bright yellow-orange star Arcturus, which is high in the sky this evening. It's about 30 degrees from the end of the handle — about three times the width of your fist held at arm's length. Then keep going for another 30 degrees, and you'll come to Spica.

Continuing to use the Big Dipper as a pointer, if you imagine the bottom dropping out of the bowl, it's contents would

spill right on the back of Leo the Lion. The prominent backward question mark is Leo's head/mane and most recognizable feature, with reddish Regulus at the bottom.

Finally, using the pointers to find the North Star again, continue the same path north to a lazy W. This is Cassiopeia, the Nigerian queen. She's sitting upright in a chair, gazing at herself in a mirror. Or so the legend suggests.

Next week, planets moving backward.

-Stewart Spratt

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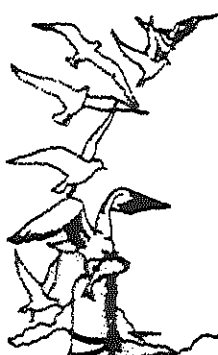
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by: Ima Foodnudge

I'm appalled at the power food choices from my evil twin. I've always been certain one of us was switched at birth. One thing I know for sure, my readers have gained enough wisdom and plain ol' common sense to know better than to eat last weeks offering.

Just to prove this, I have created a word search using all the power foods that were in the previous barkers. See how many you can find. I'll give you a hint: there are 33 words to date and none of them are from Skippy's list.

And a word for my dear, dear friend Sunny. I'm not related to your cousin. I'm simply someone that cares about your health. As of our last chat, it sounds to me like you and your beloved BS are doing a wonderful job in your food choices.

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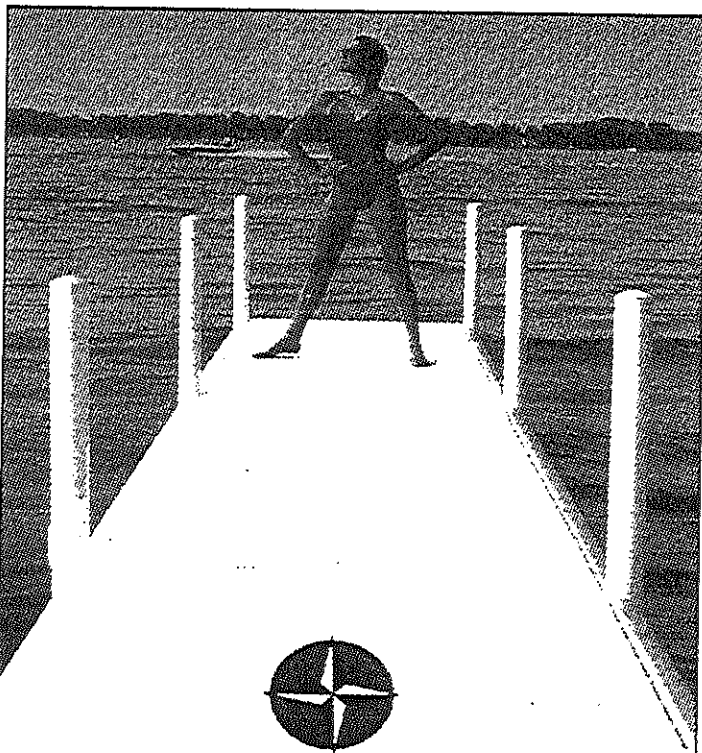
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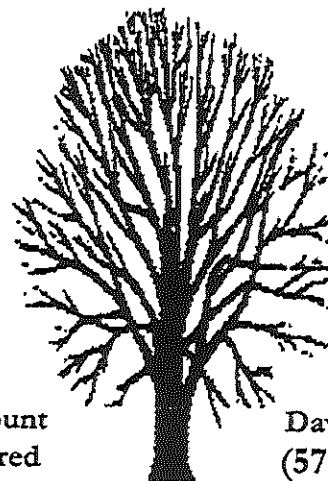
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Dancing, music and laughter
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We love this country of ours
For it's good to be here alive,
Here rich and poor are equal
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We all praise the Lord as we please
Speak in the language we know,
Here in this sweet land of liberty,
Hatred will never grow.

A song of a peaceful nation
Born to be sung by all,
In this land of opportunity,
United States we call.

By: **Matthew G. Klimek**
Sgt. World War II

Matthew Klimek passed this to Darlene Troyer, and wondered if we could put it in the Barker. It's a song that he wrote while he was in World War II.

Materials wanted for book

Old stories on Birch Lake, Old photos (will be returned), Historical Events. Stories about your favorite times on Birch Lake or your favorite memories.

Remember those dances at the Yacht Club? Did you go to Lazy Lodge for a malt and a burger? Who wrote the first Barker etc. etc. Also, is there anyone on the lake who kept a hand drawn picture that they got from Mr. Purdy when you went to "Billyville" for candy?

I'd like to compile a book on the history of the Birch Lake area and with your help and stories it would be a great way to combine the history of this area and hand it down for future generations.

Send your stories to Darlene Troyer at darlenesue@hotmail.com or drop them of at our house on the east side, 63110 Birch Road.

I'd like to work on this project over the winter so we could publish it next summer.

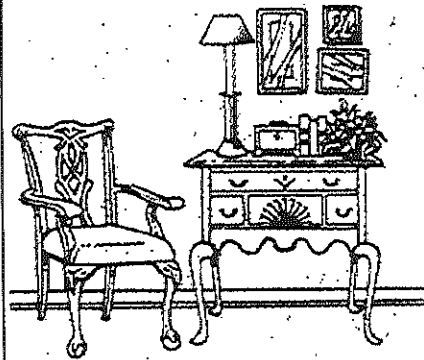
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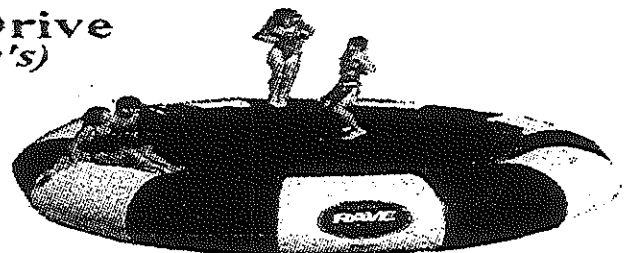
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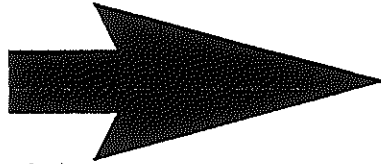
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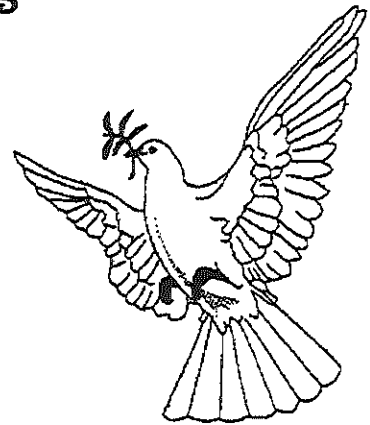
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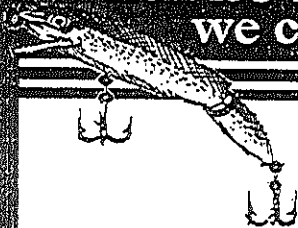
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