

Birch Barker

Weekend of July 10, 2004

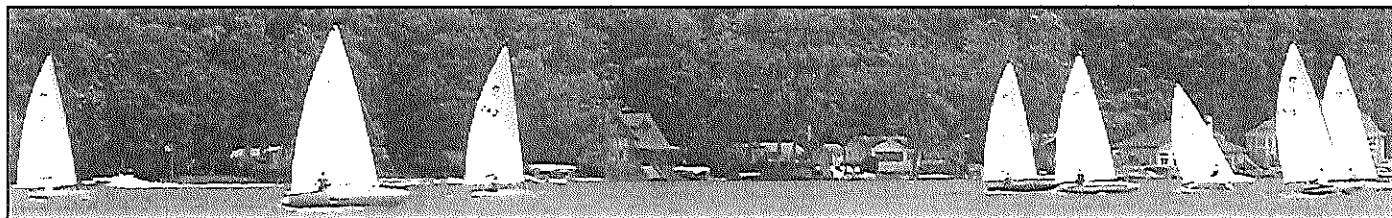
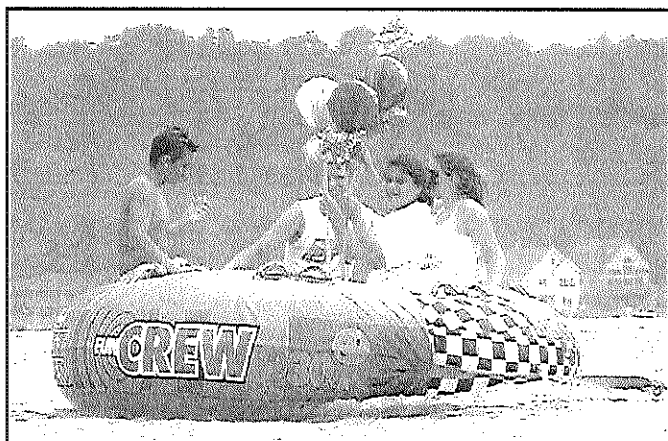
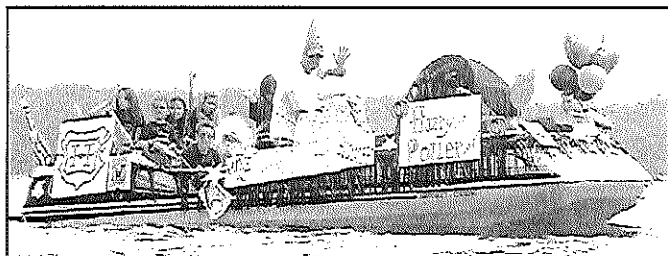


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The Fourth of July on Birch Lake



photos by the Bob King

SPECIAL REMINDER FROM THE SAFETY COMMITTEE: Please plan to attend today's boat safety inspection hosted by Dan Covey (at his pier just east of the public landing) from 10 am to 1 pm ... Story on page 3.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

We had to wait an extra 24 hours for the fireworks this year but it was worth it. And having the fireworks on July 4th instead of the 3rd just seems more appropriate, doesn't it? What a great show.

The rain and thunderstorms of Saturday night were replaced by a mostly good weekend on Sunday and Monday. Judging from the boat traffic lots of folks were out having fun.

A record crowd attended the annual pancake breakfast at Camp Tannadoonah on Sunday morning. More than 530 hungry pancake eaters came to chow down and visit. Thanks a million to all the hard work that Don and Lind Harman did to

make this another success. Thanks also to the many that helped out serving, waiting on tables, doing dishes and cleaning up. We couldn't have been this successful without such a great team.

I haven't received any sign ups for the volleyball tournament yet. Let's not wait until the last minute. Instead of sending in the entry form you may enter by phone. The best number to find me at is 574.291.3227. Leave a message on the machine if no one is there to answer.

The men's golf outing is June 30th. See inside for more details.

Let's see ... did I forget anything? Weather, events recap, thank yous, next events... That's it. Have a swell weekend everybody. Let's get out there and have some fun.

-Stewart Spratt, Commodore 2004

BLYC Calendar

- July 10 - Directors meeting; 9 am
- July 10 - Boat Inspection
- July 17 - Party TBA
- July 24 - Boaters Safety Course
- July 28 - Women's tea
- July 30 - Men's golf outing
- July 31 - Garage sale
- July 31 - The Great Tube Float
- Aug. 6 - Women's golf outing
- Aug. 7 - Corn and sausage roast
- Aug. 15 - Directors meeting; 9 am
- Aug. 15 - Volleyball Tourney
- Aug. 21 - Fall dinner

The deadline for submitting Barker materials is every Tuesday at Noon!

We are always soliciting and accepting materials for future publication. Just e-mail the info to me at sailorphil@philvital.com, or, if you must, put the materials in the red Barker box at 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore), mail to Phil Vitale, 120 So. Broadway, Cassopolis, MI 49031, or fax your items to (269) 445-9200. To contact me by phone, call 476-1680 or (269) 445-9200.

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

Birch Lake Notes

Thanks from Don & Lind Harman

Don and I would like to thank everyone for the great turn out for the Pancake Breakfast. We served 531 this year and will be donating \$2,000 to Camp Tannadoonah. This was a record turn out this year, again thanks.

A big THANK YOU to all the workers: Debbie and Jim Bolinger, Dave and Judy Olson, Mike and Katha Machalleck, Maryann and Bill O'Neill, Teri and Joe Sankey, Doris and Marty Sante, Sue and Bruce Wagner, Sandy and Phil Vitale, Blair and Bernie Garceau, Kim and Stu Spratt, and last but not least Rick Harman.

Santes share two 'favorite' places

We would like to share a couple favorite places we enjoy:

THE LITTLE STORE ON THE PRAIRIE; it is

in the middle of no where, but packed with good foods. Some of our favorites include frozen wheat, white and rye bread that one needs to let raise and bake, a large variety freshly ground spices, whole wheat pastas, spinach pasta, cheeses and quality frozen meats. Directions: M60 to Decatur Lake Road, right on Dewey Lake and left on Wickett. They are closed Sunday and Monday and accept checks.

RIVER LAKE INN has entrees or one of the best buffets/salad bars we have ever had. The Sunday buffet included fish, chicken, bar-be-que and pork roast. There are windows across the back of the restaurant that overlooks many bird feeders and a nature path. We have dined there for several years and never had a bad meal. It is a bit pricey but ideal for special occasions. Directions:

M60 through Three Rivers, (past Leonidas) right on Ralston Road to 767. Their address is Colon but we decided one can't go to Colon and find it without getting lost. They are open 4-10 six days and Sunday 12-8.

The restaurant accepts reservations at 432-2626.

-Marty & Doris Sante

Comos to perform at Buchanan's Tin Shop

The Como's performing group "The Company" will be performing at the Tin Shop for two weekends in July and we would love to see our neighbors from Birch Lake at the shows!

Melanie Como Sr. is the director of "The Company" and Wendy, Paige and Melanie Jr. perform as well as many of our close friends who you have probably seen at the Lake.

"The Company" players will present "Singin and Dancin," a musical

review, at the Tin Shop, in Buchanan, on July 16, 17, 23, 24. SEATING IS LIMITED!! Performance times are 7 p.m. (Indiana time, 8 pm Michigan time). Call the Tin Shop at (269) 695-6464 or visit their website: www.tinshop.org, or call the company at 574-243-7704 for information.

The show will feature a wonderful selection of high energy vocal and dance material including rock n' roll, country, Broadway and jazz!

Bocks return to Birch

Paul and Jane Bock have returned to the north side for a week's vacation. Their son Tom will also be staying with them. The Bocks are from Naperville, IL and have spent much time at Birch Lake. Tom is an avid sailor and would like to get out there some this week. If anyone has a boat he can sail please contact Stewart Spratt at 574.291.3227.

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Birch Lake News

Free Boat Inspections

The Cass County Sheriff, Marine Division will conduct voluntary boat inspections today from 10 am to 1 pm.

Though Dan Covey has retired from the Sheriff's office, he will again be coordinating this year's boat inspection. Bring your boat to Covey's dock (4th house East of the landing) between 10 am to 1 pm (IN Time).

Items that will be inspected include: PFDs (personal floatation device), fire extinguisher, navigation lights, horn/whistle, ventilation system, backfire flame arrestor (on carburetor) & registration numbers.

For information review the Michigan Boating Handbook or go to the Michigan DNR website at <http://boated.com/mi/handbook/>

NEWS FROM THE EAST SIDE

International visitors

On the East Side, we had the good luck to share America's most important holiday with two international visitors.

Jan Heier Johansen from Tromso, Norway came to stay for a few days with us, his host family from 1995-1996. At that time we lived in Mishawaka and he came to the US as an exchange student through AFS. He attended Penn High School and even played on their varsity basketball team. He is back in the US now doing an internship with a company in Boston. We were very happy to see him again and show him our new

home here on Birch Lake.

For those of you who don't know us, our beautiful daughter-in-law, Olga is from Latvia. She also came here as an exchange student in 1996, but except for a few visits home, she remained here, attended high school at St. Joseph High, spent one year at IUSB before marrying Jay, our son, then got her degree in Information Systems from Bethel. She now works for a company in South Bend. Over the last eight years, her parents and brother have been frequent visitors. This week, her mother Nadja Shabonova, is back to visit. We consider ourselves very fortunate to be able to share our lives, country and culture with friends from all over the world.

-The Bolingers

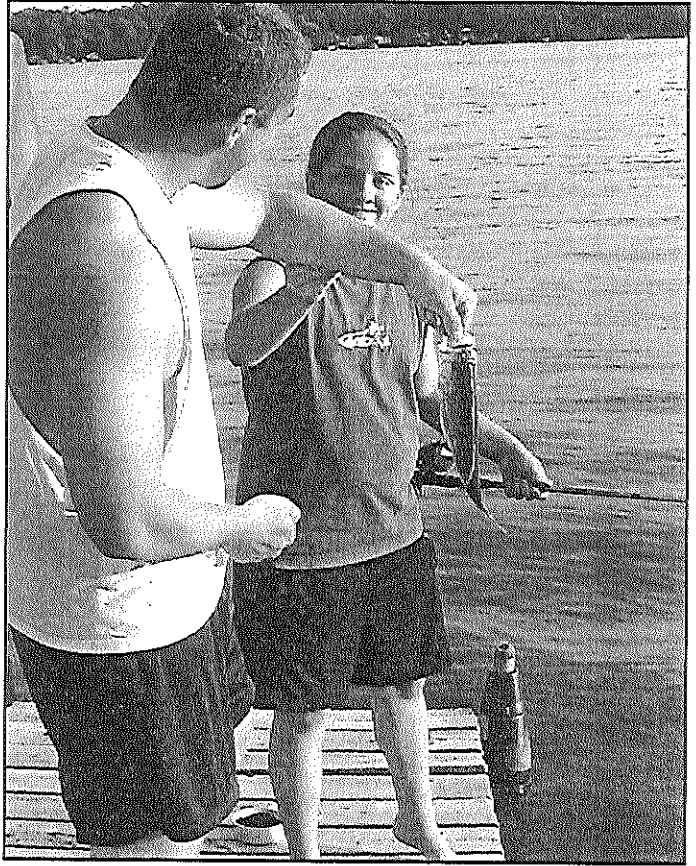
NEWS FROM THE SOUTH SIDE

Sheetz graduates from police academy

Kevin M. Sheetz, son of Harold and Charlene Sheetz, recently graduated from the Chicago Police Academy. He was No. 3 in Academics in his Platoon, 03-02B. Kevin is now on duty on the south side of Chicago near the Skyway. Besides his police work, he is attending college to earn his Masters in Criminal Justice.

Kevin misses the lake, and hopes to have a free weekend soon. He likes to ride his PWC, and enjoy the sun and water. Birch Lake is a great getaway place!

Barker Kid(s) of the Week

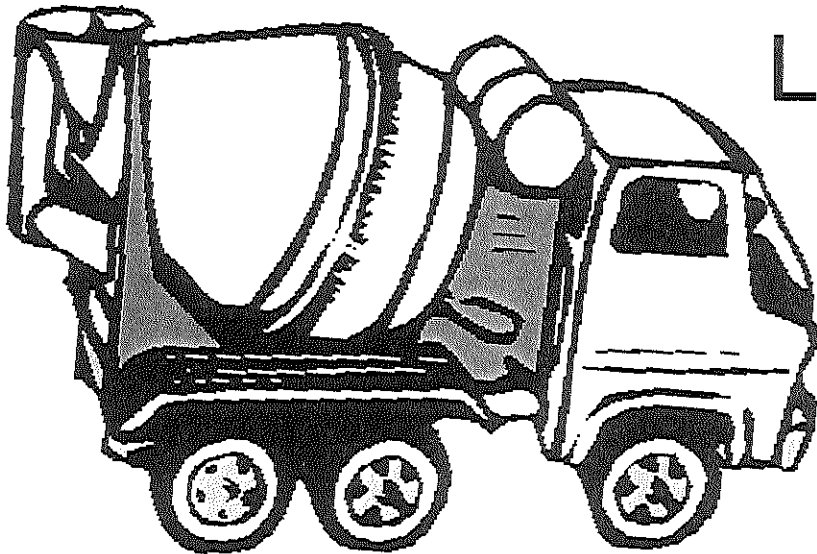


Big brother David is helping Erikka Gambill show off her big catch at Aunt Patti and Uncle Rick Russwurms pier.

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Birch Lake News

News From The Cove by *Sunny Waters*

My apologies for not writing a weekly column, however I have been so busy shaving my legs there just wasn't enough time ...

This will be brief because I'm having a group of family members over for the forth and daughter Elizabeth's birthday (age not mentioned).

Things have been exciting for B.S. and me. Hopefully Birch Lake will warm up a bit. I stuck a foot in the water and almost lost a toe.

Having nothing more to say; God Bless American and all of our men and women in the armed forces.

Love to all of you,

-*Sunny Waters*

Thanks Bob

Thanks for the nice words in last weeks article about the logo for the new Birch Lake "goodies." I would like to add that the design was not mine alone. I made the rough draft version and then Bob King put his computer genius to work to clean it up and put it into a format that the committee could use. Thanks Bob!

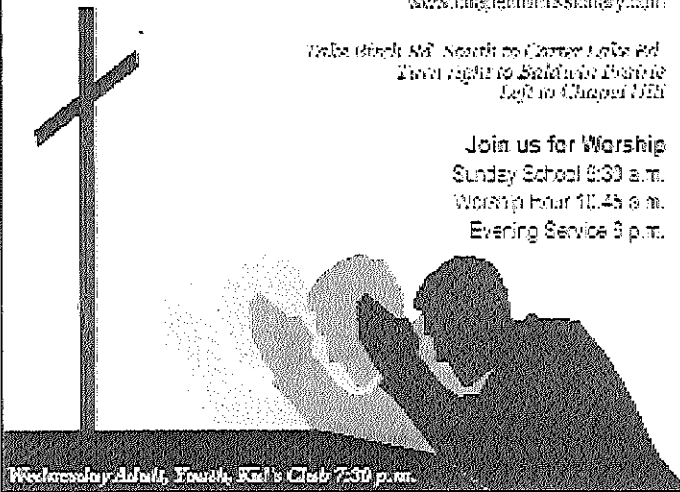
-*Debbie Bolinger*

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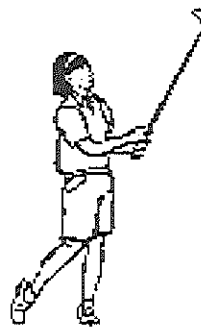
Ladies Golf/Lunch

Friday, August 6

Park Shore Golf Course,
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9 am (IN) golfing
Noon Lunch
(at Lindy's, Dowagiac)

All levels of golfers welcome!



Golf Entry Fee- \$27/per golfer
Fee covers golf, half a cart, and lunch at Lindy's

Interested in joining us for Lunch only? No pre-pay is necessary, but reservation is requested.

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For info call (269) 641-5513 or contact Julie Weaver at
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Men's Golf Outing

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4-man scramble ~ Shotgun start

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Prizes, refreshments \$60/man. Sign up **NOW!**

Team Members:

Send checks to Fred Freihofer
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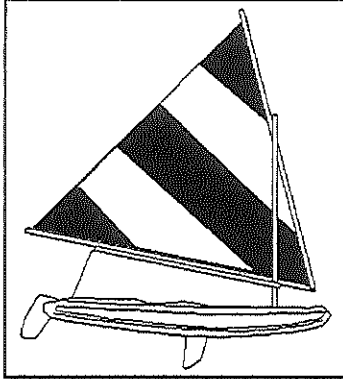
Deadline: July 23



BLYC Sailing News

Hey Sailors!

Fourth of July weather allowed us to run two races on Saturday and three on Monday. The scoring for regattas is different from regular season scoring with all races, even the DNS/DNF, having a point value. First place receives a score of "0" with consecutive places receiving an increasingly larger value. DNS/DNF receives the last place score plus "1". Scoring for 4th of July regatta is as follows:



I would like to correct the sail numbers given last week. Don Harman's boat is number 582. Bill Luecht is sailing the boat with sail number 3582.

I would also like to thank Marty Sante, Judy Olson, Jon Rondot and Phil Vitale who were all ready and willing to work the committee boats. See you next week.

-Jim Bolinger
Fleet Captain 2004

Sailor	Finishes	Score	Place
MC			
S. Troeger	1,1,1,1,1	0	1st
H. Cranmer	2,5,3,2,2	24.7	2nd
J. Bolinger	3,4,2,3,3	28.1	3rd
D. Harman	4,2,4,D,D	41	4th
R. Harman	6,3,D,D,D	50.4	5th
P. Vitale	5,6,D,D,D	54.7	6th
B. Luecht	8,D,5,4,4	56	7th
R. Russwurm	7,7,D,D,D	59	8th
SUN A			
T. Howard	1,1,1,1,1	0	1st
D. Olson	2,2,2,2,2	15	2nd
E. Vitale	3,3,3,3,3	28.5	3rd
SUN B			
S. Vitale	1,2,1,1,1	3	1st
S. Richards	4,4,2,2,2	25	2nd
A. Troeger	3,1,D,D,D	25.8	3rd
C. Walker	2,3,D,D,D	28.8	4th

UFO spotted on Birch Lake

... or "Jessica Simpson" sees the light

Saturday had been a hectic day with lots of family coming in from out of town. Once everyone else went to bed, I decided to take advantage of the peace and quiet and watch a movie. The movie finished very late but before I went upstairs, I went outside to lower the patio umbrella in case of a storm. Outside, the night was dark with no stars or moon visible, and very quiet. I hurried inside, upstairs, prepared for bed and finally crawled in around 2:30 a.m.

Our bedroom has a very close up, panoramic

view of the lake on three sides of the room, and I always enjoy falling asleep to the view of the lights twinkling around the water's edge. That night there were no little green or red lights moving around on the lake as there often is on holiday weekends, indicating die-hard partyers or fishermen cruising for a good spot.

I had just settled in when suddenly something went flying past the right side window and straight out over the lake. It was a strange, small eerie light that flew up high, hesitated briefly, then lowered slowly, softly to the lake. It searched around on the water a bit before flying up and out again. It seemed to be looking for



something as it once more dove for the water. This time it quickly chased something under the pier next door and spent some time zipping this way and that between the piers, searching frantically. By then I was convinced that it must be some kind of tiny alien craft. I got out of bed and edged over to

the window to get a better look. Just then it rose from the water again and seemed to fly right toward my window!

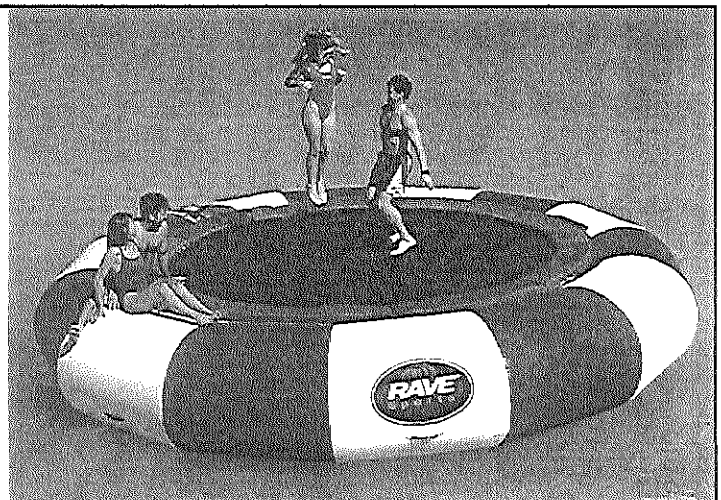
I ran back to bed, jumped in, shook my husband (who was totally resistant, I might add) shook him again, roughly this time, and whispered hurriedly, "There's something out there! It looks just like the littlest UFO in "Close Encounters". Hurry Up!"

With a groan, he lifted his head off the pillow one inch, half opened one eye, closed it again and dropped his head back to the pillow and uttered with a disgusted tone, two words, "Lighted bobber."



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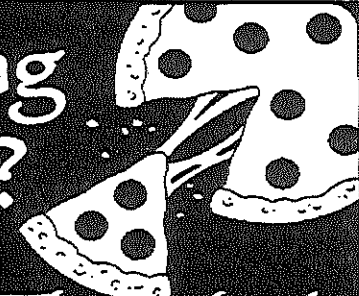
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The 2004 Birch Lake Boat Parade

The rain held off until all 17 boats had paraded around the lake and what a grand spectacle it was! Many thanks to Dick Bender for the use of his pier for registration and the giving out of the trophies.

Thank you to the judges: Suzy King, Charlene Sheetz, and Judy Olson.

Grand Marshals: J.J. and Bruce Harlan on the Vitale pontoon boat led the parade.

The winners for this year are:

Yankee Doodle Award: **O'Neill families**
 Best Island Party Boat: **Lindzy families**
 Magical Summer Award (Harry Potter): **Rheinhardt, Bernaciak, King, and Zesinger families**
 Old Glory Award: **Harman and Rondot families**
 Parrot Head Award: **The Curtis families**

Pink Bird Award: **The Luecht, Vitale, Bolinger families**

Get Out and Vote Award: **The Walkers**

Patriotic Award: **The Horvath Grandchildren**

Man's Best Friend Award (Scooby Doo): **Werkema and Foos**

Desperado Award (Birch Lake Banditos): **The Witchie family and friends**

Hogwart's School of Wizardry Award: **The Parkinson family**

American Award (The Wild West): **The Fillenwarth family**

"Yeah Baby" Award (Austin Powers): **Doolittle and friends**

Hollywood Award (The Good Ship Lollipop): **The Tomaino family**

Birch Lake Spirit Award (Bananas over Birch Lake): **The Vos family**

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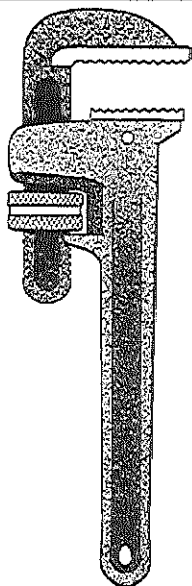
Terry Keirn
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Ladies Day — Wednesday July 28 Those Were the Days . . .

Tickets: \$8; Time: 12:30 IN

Summer's not over ladies, and we have lots of fun in store for you at the Ladies Day Tea. We will have a salad and desert luncheon at the Birch Lake Yacht Club, with Ice Tea and Lemonade. We have other surprises in store for you ... so stay tuned to next week's Birch Barker for more information! Tickets are available now from the following committee members: Mary Ann O'Neil, Helen Toth, Darlene Troyer and Denny Weesner. Seating is limited so get your tickets now!

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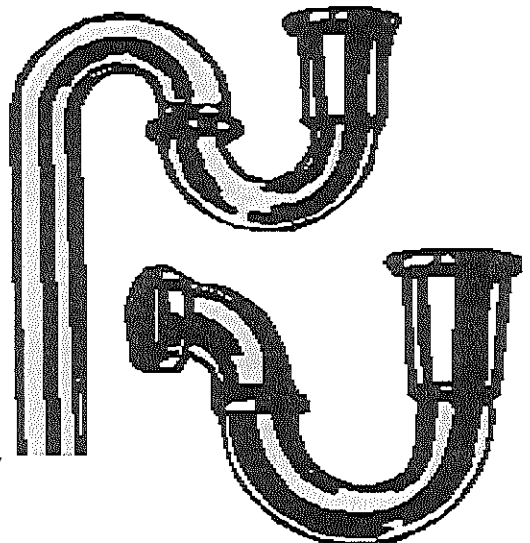
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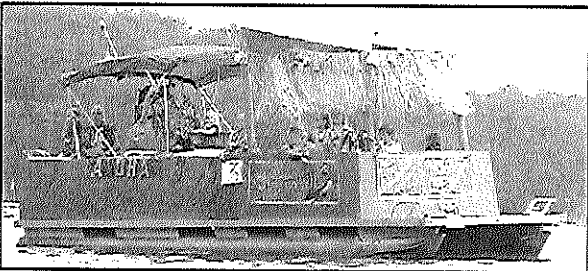
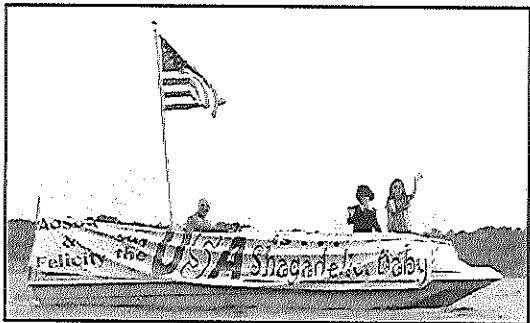
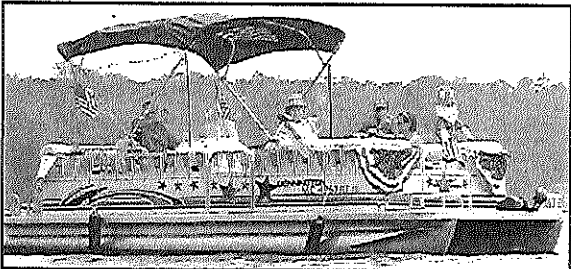
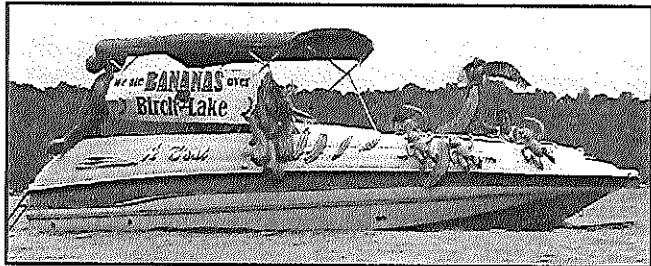
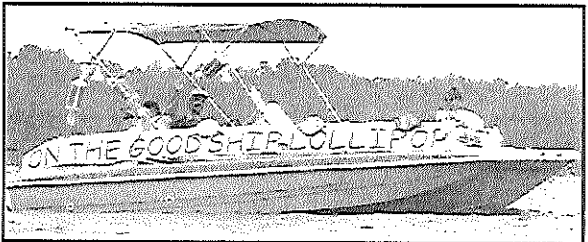
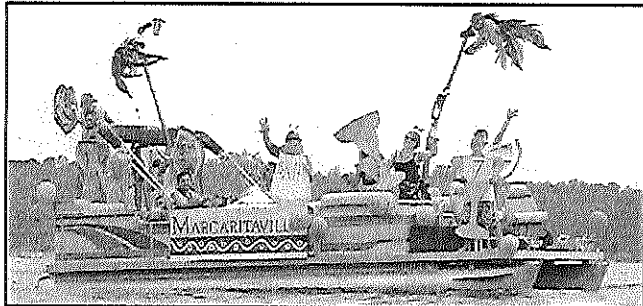
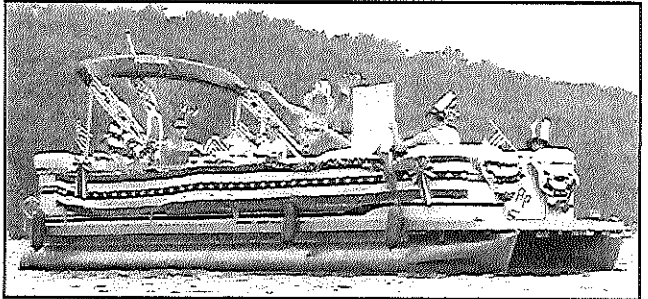
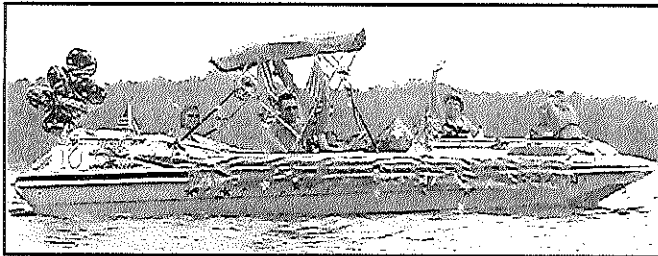
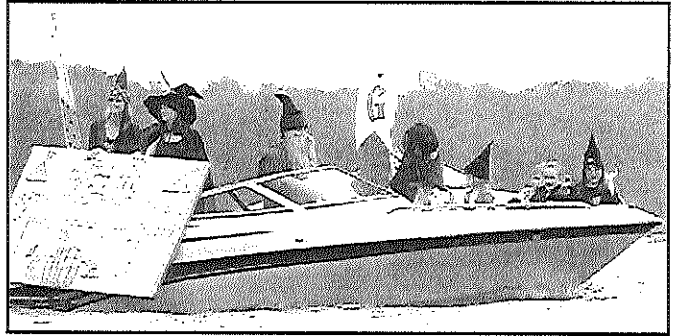
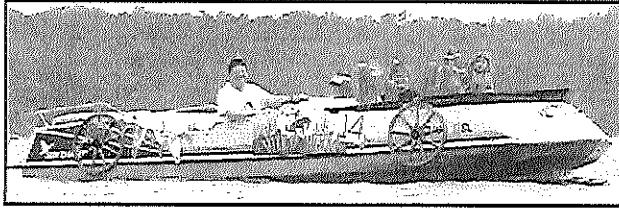
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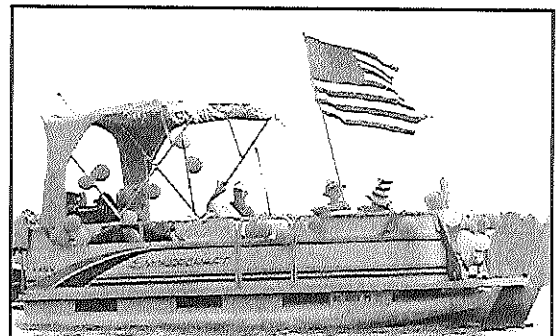
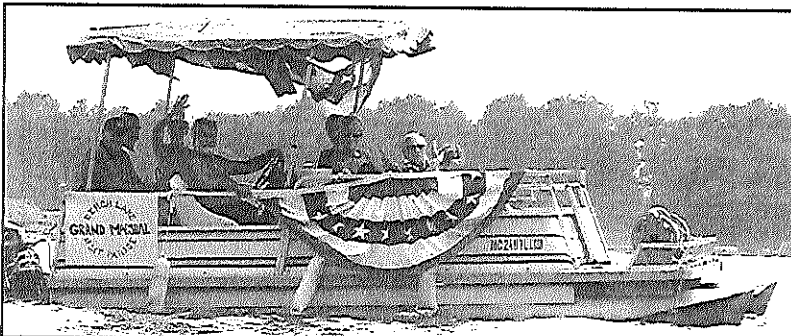
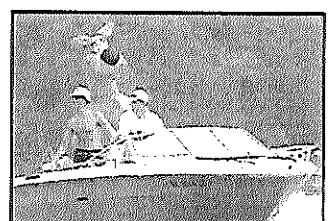


17 Boats participate in annual Boat Parade

(see winners list on previous page)

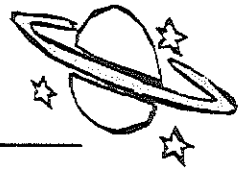


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Stu's Star Stuff



The show goes on and on

Tonight you may still have a chance to see fleeting Mars, with help from Mercury. The two planets sit within two-tenths of a degree tonight. Mars is at its faintest and sinking in the west. Without brighter Mercury to show the way, the Red Planet would surely be lost in the twilight haze. Look for the pair 45 minutes after sunset 5 degrees (half a fist) above the west-northwest. Mars hangs directly below Mercury.

The magnificent summer constellation of Scorpius now straddles the southern horizon at

nightfall. Gleaming Antares is the luminary and heart of the scorpion. To that star's upper right lies the head region, and to the lower left flow the body and tail. Pay particular note to the two stars at the tip of the tail, the stinger, which curves upward. The Navajo Indians view that pair of stars as part of a rabbit track created by the rabbit's hind legs.

The two stars immediately below the pair represent the tracks from the forelegs. Other cultures have seen the two tail stars as cat's eyes.

At dawn on Tuesday, the waning crescent Moon

perches between two star clusters -- the Pleiades (above and right) and Hyades (below).

Seasoned observers, such as my many faithful readers, will recognize the Hyades also as the "face" of Taurus, the Bull. The brilliant object 9 degrees (a fist) directly below the Moon is Venus. Notice, also, the bright star 3 degrees to the planet's upper right. That's Aldebaran, the eye of Taurus.

Venus is now at greatest brilliancy, and it is something to behold. Too bad most people will miss the show because the planet performs at such an

inconveniently early hour. Wednesday morning look for Venus in the east-northeast 10 degrees (about a fist width) to the right of the Moon. If you enjoy a leisurely morning schedule, try following the Moon and Venus through sunrise. How long beyond sunup can you locate the planet?

The show just goes on and on.

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-Stu Spratt

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Off the page

by *Marian* (the librarian)

Summer often makes me think of sports. I grew up going to Cub games, watching golf tournaments, and making floats for the big Homecoming football game. I was the only child in my family who could bait their own hook and more importantly wanted to. Whether you're an sports fanatic or just knows enough to keep up with a sports discussion hopefully the books below will add to your game.

Ø **27 Men Out: Baseball's Perfect Gamest** (Coffey)

A brilliant book that's about baseball but also about life as it presents the only fourteen perfect games that have been pitched in the modern era of baseball, describing the games themselves and their impact on American society and baseball history. The individual tales of the most stellar baseball careers, from Cy Young to David Wells, as well as the flash-in-the-pan players make for a fascinating read.

Ø **Friday Night Lights: A Town, A Team and A Dream** (Bissinger)

Following the 1988 season of the Permian Panthers, a high school football team in Odessa, Texas, this book explores the lives of the players and the impact of the championship team on the small town. And we thought our local fans were crazy!!

Ø **The River Runs Through It** (Maclean)

A story about the relationship between a father and his two sons, bound together by love and fly fishing. Need I say more?

Ø **I Am Third** (Sayers)

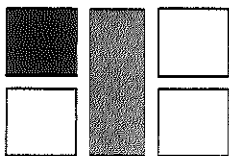
An autobiography of Hall of Famer Gale Sayers, a running back for the Chicago Bears in the late 1960s and early 1970s, in which he recalls the triumphs and disappointments of his career, and shares the story of his friend and colleague Brian Piccolo's courageous struggle with cancer. A good book for diehard Bear fans and softies alike.

Ø **Caddy For Life: The Bruce Edwards Story** (Feinstien)

This is an inspiring tale about the legendary Bruce Edwards, Tom Watson's caddy for more than 30 years. The author chronicles Edwards's story, revealing the behind-the-scenes rivalries, the thrill of winning eight major PGA titles, and also details the caddy's greatest challenge-dealing with the degenerative effects of Lou Gehrig's disease-and his determination to continue with the job he loves.

Kids and Teens: Don't forget to send in your favorite book titles. I hope to spend two weeks (at least) on your suggestions. Send them to sailorphil@philvitale.com Please tell your name, age or grade, and your favorite books. I am really excited to see what you're reading.

Next week: Love Stories



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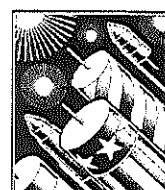
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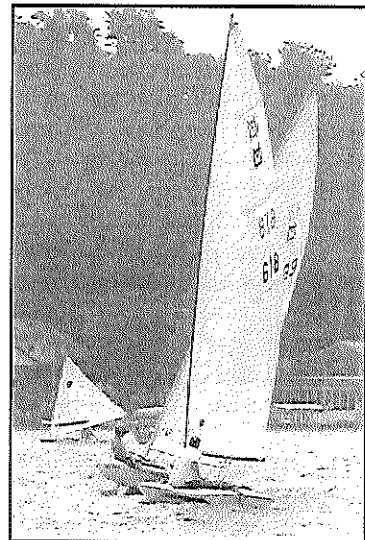
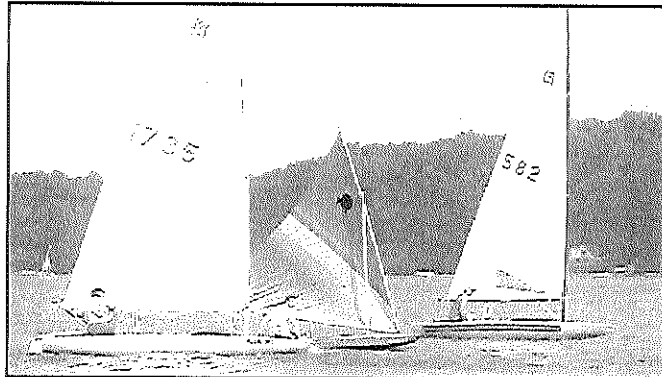
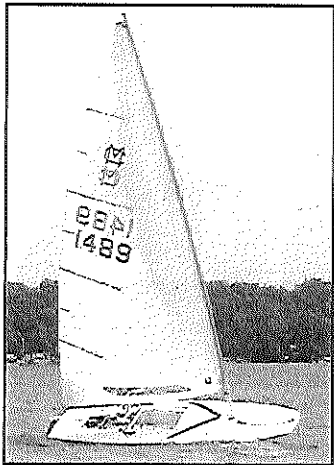
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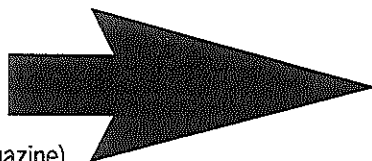
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Found — Aluminum row boat - 16' washed up on the west shore in mid May. Older model, no brand or identifying labels. Pick up anytime from shore between Millers and Quinlans. 476-8802.

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