



Weekend of June 9, 2007

© Copyright 2007, The Birch Lake Yacht Club

# Eurasian Milfoil Alert



The presence of Eurasian Water Milfoil on Birch Lake was confirmed by experts last week, and the areas of contamination have been roped off with lines and buoys as seen in this photo. The affected areas are along the East Shore and near the public landing on the south side.

All boaters are need to stay well away from the buoyed areas

and homeowners are asked to NOT try to treat or remove the plants themselves — if the weeds are broken off before they can be properly treated, the broken pieces will take root and further spread the menace to other areas.

The Birch Lake Yacht Club and Water Quality Committee will publish updates weekly in future Barkers.

## Commodore's Comments

There's always seems to be good and bad in our neighborhood.

On a lighter side, please join us honoring the past commodores of Birch Lake. The cocktail party will begin at 7:30 pm in the Yacht Club. Please dress in your best nautical or Birch Lake attire and bring an appetizer/snack. After our short honor ceremony we will play a round of Birch Lake Jeopardy. There will be three teams and the competition will be fierce. It should be a blast.

Now for the heavy news about EURASIAN MILFOIL! We all need to pay attention to this. Eurasian Milfoil has been identified to exist in at least two areas of Birch Lake. This aquatic plant is very invasive and dangerous to the health of our lake. Please take every article discussing the effects it will have on the lake very seriously. Each household received a paper detailing the history of our watch-

ful Water Quality Committee's tracking of this plant. Until last week the lake had suspicious areas but nothing that had tested positive for this harmful plant. Now we are in for a fight against this aquatic invader. We'll keep you up-to-date regarding our next steps.

I want to thank Gert and Bob Temple for their vigilance and passion for keeping our lake quality at such high standards. Because of their dedication over the years, we were immediately connected to the right people who knew what we had to do to contain and irradiate this threat. Spending much of their weekend cordoning off the hazardous areas, talking to residents and passing our flyers were Gert and Bob, Jan Temple, Tom Kuhn, and Rick Russworm. I thank each of them for their commitment to protect all of us.

I'd also like to say thanks to every household who has been inconvenienced because of this problem. Mosiers, Whites, O'Briens, Dennerts, Greenes, Goldens, Luechts, Vitales, Woses, and Troegers. If I missed anyone I apologize.

These families have had to curtail their boating activities and will have to put up with people invading their space during the treatment phase.

What can you do? First and foremost please stay away from the areas that have been roped off. If a boat goes through the plant it could tear it up and spread the danger more. This plant is spread more by little fragments than it is by seeds. Keep a look out for any suspicious growth (thick mats of vegetation is one clue). Report your concerns to myself, Mike Lutz, Rick Russworm or the Temples. Talk to your neighbors and make sure everyone is informed. We need your cooperation and support this summer to make sure we rid our lake of this nuisance.

Because of our wonderful, watchful and helpful neighbors I can say,

It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood.

-Blair Garceau  
Commodore 2007

We are always soliciting and accepting materials for publication. E-mail the info to sailorphil@philvitale.com, or, if you must, put the materials in the red Barker box at 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore). You can also mail your items to: Phil Vitale, 102 So. Broadway, Cassopolis, MI 49031, or fax to (269) 445-9200. To contact me by phone, call (269) 476-1680 or (269) 445-9200.

# — Birch Lake Notes —

## 2007 BOAT PARADE

June 30 at 4:00 is the 2007 Boat Parade. Now is a good time to start planning your entry and to start getting the materials to make it. Hollywood, Christmas, fishing, favorite song/movie/book, patriotic, and sports are some ideas for your entry. Keep the tradition of great parades alive!!

## New Directory is coming

The 2007 Birch Lake Directory will be arriving this summer. This is your last chance to make sure we got your information. Please call Blair Garceau, 476-9862 or email her at bgarceau@aol.com (make sure you put BL Directory in the subject line) if you have any changes or updates. If you filled out a form last summer or emailed me over the winter I have your information. If you just moved in or didn't fill out a form please contact me.

## MURDER

There'll be rockin' in Roley City when Rock N. Roley returns to Roley High School for the class of 1954's high school 5th reunion, only there will be a murderous twist to the night of reminiscing. When and where will the crime take place?

Saturday, July 14 at the Yacht Club, we'll start the detecting at 7 pm. Gather a group of 8 participants to solve the case. Each group member will be playing a part in this mysterious crime. If you can't gather eight people call Blair at 476-9862 so you can be placed with another group. Plan now so you don't miss out on the fun.

## WICKED

Birch Lake's Book Club, *One Lake One Book*, is currently reading *Wicked*. On July 11 we will take the South Shore into Chicago to see the musical. Anyone interested in joining us on our adventure is welcome to come, you don't even have to read the book. To make sure we can get tickets contact Blair Garceau at 476-9862, or email bgarceau@aol.com (put *Wicked* in the subject line) by Wednesday, June 13th. Seating may be limited so make sure you contact me.

## Ladies Coffee cancelled

The Ladies Coffee has been cancelled. A luncheon will take its place on Wednesday, July 25th. More information will be forthcoming in future Barkers.

## Tentative BLYC Calendar

June 9.....	Board Meeting 9 AM
June 9.....	Commodore's Party
June 14.....	Ladies Coffee 10 AM
June 23.....	Vice Commodore's Party
June 30.....	FIREWORKS
June 30.....	Boat Parade 4 PM
July 1.....	Pancake Breakfast
July 3.....	Fireworks & boat parade raindate
July 7.....	Board Meeting 9 AM
July 7.....	Homeowner's Assn Meeting 10 AM
July 21.....	Spaghetti Dinner
July 27.....	Men's Golf Outing
July 28.....	Garage Sale
Aug. 3.....	Women's Golf Outing & Luncheon
Aug. 4.....	Board Meeting 9 AM
Aug. 4.....	Corn and Sausage Roast
Aug. 11.....	House Walk
Aug. 18.....	Fall Dinner
Sept. 1.....	Board Meeting 9 AM
Sept. 3.....	Sailing Awards

Thanks for the deliveries

Thanks to all of the Barker delivery people. If you didn't get a Barker please contact Blair Garceau, 476-9862, or your area delivery person.

Line Dancing is back

Line Dance, Tuesday mornings at 9 am. Everyone is welcome to join us at the Yacht Club.



**FIRST MIDWEST**  
**FINANCIAL SERVICES**

500 Park Blvd. • Itasca, Illinois 60143

**We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer at Birch Lake!**

*-Ben and Vanessa Wozniak*

Benjamin P. Wozniak • Suite 190C • 630-773-3883 • Fax 630-773-0920



**BENDER**

*supports the Birch Barker*



He may be moldy but he ain't plastic!

*And he probably won't remember your name  
until you've know him for years ... but, hey  
He wants everyone here to...*

*'Have A Safe and Fun Summer!'*

# — Birch Lake Notes —

WHY YOU SHOULD SMILE  
AT YOUR NEIGHBOR



It's hard to not smile back at a big happy grin. But do you know why? It seems to be human nature to want to return a smile to someone. A smile signals warmth, friendliness, and good feelings. Believe it or not, it's easier for the human face to smile than frown. They say it takes twice as many muscles to frown as it does to smile.

Because smiling is something that people often do when they feel happy, it's a popular idea that smiling may actually make someone feel happy.

So the next time you see your neighbors give them that big happy grin. You'll feel happy and they won't be able to resist feeling happy too.

## Birch Barker Kids of the Week



*Since no one else sent in a kid pic this week, Harvey Heronhead is the official Birch Barker Kid of the Week. Mr. Bob King shot Harvey (no, not literally ... no danger of Remington's disease) and emailed the photo to me. Thanks Bob.*

**BIG  
C  
LUMBER** Since 1921

For All Your Building Material and Hardware Needs,  
Come See the Experienced Folks at Big C Lumber!  
Schoolcraft, MI 269-679-5500 / Elkhart, IN 574-262-4506

For a listing of our other locations, or to find out more  
about our people, products and services, visit us at:

[www.bigclumber.com](http://www.bigclumber.com)



"Your Birch Lake Neighbors"

Dick & Judy Lindzy

**FACTORY  
TILE  
I N C.**

211 Dixie Way North  
South Bend, IN 46637  
**574-272-7000**

# Lutz Concrete

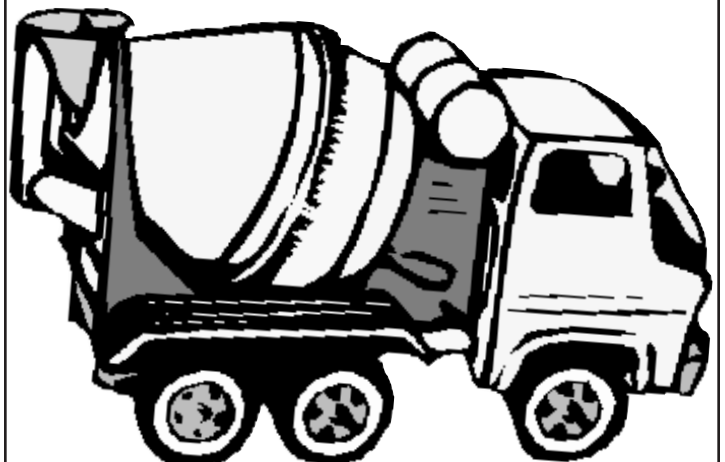
FLATWORK ~ DRIVEWAYS ~ FLOORS  
concrete stamping ~ colored concrete

14960 W. M-60  
Three Rivers, MI 49093

269/279-7973

FAX 269/279-0133  
Mobile Phone: 269/207-1153

E-mail: [mmtlconcrete@aol.com](mailto:mmtlconcrete@aol.com)



# Personal watercraft (jet ski) rules

## Registration Requirement

The owner of a personal watercraft shall file an application with the secretary of state for a registration number and decal. The registration must be carried and displayed upon a peace officer's request.

The owner of the personal watercraft shall permanently paint or attach the registration numbers in block letters on each side of the forward half of the vessel.

## Equipment Requirement

Each person riding or being towed on a personal watercraft must wear a PFD.

A lanyard-type engine cutoff switch must be attached to the person, clothing or personal flotation device.

Each personal watercraft must be equipped with one B1 type fire extinguisher.

## Age Requirement

A person shall not operate a personal watercraft if a child under 7 years of age is on board or towed unless with a parent or guardian or designee of parent or guardian. A person under the age of 14 shall not operate a personal watercraft in this state. A person who is 12 but less than 14 may operate a personal watercraft if he or she obtained a boating safety certificate before January 1, 1999.

Persons born after December 31, 1978 shall not operate a personal watercraft unless they obtain a boating safety certificate.

The operators of a personal watercraft must carry their boating safety certificate and display it upon the demand of a peace officer.

## Out of State Residence Requirement

Non residents shall only operate a personal watercraft if they possess one of the following:

- A boating safety certificate.
- A certificate from their state that is substantially similar to the education and training for Michigan.
- A certificate from a course approved by the national association of state boating law administrators education committee that shows completion of a boating or personal watercraft course.

## Prohibited Operation

A person shall not operate a personal watercraft during the period that begins 1 hour before sunset and ends at 8 a.m.

A person operating a personal watercraft shall not cross within 150 feet behind another vessel, other than a personal watercraft, unless the personal watercraft is operating at a slow-no wake speed.

A person shall not operate a personal watercraft where the water depth is less than 2 feet, unless 1 of the following exists:

- The personal watercraft is being operated at a slow-no wake speed.
- The personal watercraft is being docked or launched.

A person shall not weave through congested vessel traffic while operating a personal watercraft.

A person operating a personal watercraft shall not wait until the last possible moment to avoid a collision.

A person shall not operate a personal watercraft while carrying more persons than the

personal watercraft is designed to carry.

A person operating a personal watercraft shall not disregard the rights or safety of others, nor operate a personal watercraft at a rate of speed or in a manner that endangers a person or property.

A person who operates a personal watercraft or a person that is being towed by a personal watercraft shall not operate within 100 feet of:

- A dock or raft.
- A buoyed or occupied bathing or swimming area.
- A person in the water or on the water in a personal flotation device.
- An anchored or moored vessel.
- A vessel that is drifting or sitting dead in the water.

## Alcohol

A person shall not operate a personal watercraft on the waters of this state if either of the following conditions exists:

- The person is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, or both.
- The person has a blood alcohol content of 0.10% or more.

## Courtesy To Others

Use courtesy and common sense when sharing the waterways with other recreational users.

Respect the peace and quiet of the residents on the water. Do not operate for long periods of time in the same area.

Do not chase or harass the wildlife.

## WakeSide Marine *for all your* Water Sports needs!



**Boats** — Bennington, Four Winns, Nautiques

**Service** — Extreme dedication and energy are behind our commitment to our regular customers. We have almost fifty years of combined service experience and can handle everything from minor tune-ups to full boat and engine restoration.

**Pro-Shop** — Largest selection of boards, skis, tubes and accessories from Liquid Force, Hyperlite, Gator and many others.



■ FOUR WINNS

BENNINGTON

Nautiques

51305 SR. 19 North • Elkhart, IN 46514  
574-264-2874 • [www.wakesidemarine.com](http://www.wakesidemarine.com)

# Dave's Residential Services

Handyman Repairs  
Home Maintenance  
Lawn Care  
Property Management

(269)476-2797

Wireless (269) 362-0724  
[dhardisty@beanstalk.net](mailto:dhardisty@beanstalk.net)

Emergency Service Available 24/7

# FOR THE HEALTH OF IT!

By Ima Foodnudge

A few years back I did a column sharing my research on healing and healthy foods. With the research I did at that time I was able to get back in shape by improving my eating habits.

Well, I've slipped. Yes, I have crossed back over to the evil eating side. Not only do I have less energy but my pant size shows it. I can no longer blame the dryer. I must step up to the plate (smaller, healthier plate hopefully) and do something about it.

So for the next few Barkers I will resume researching and sharing with you information on the most powerful foods you should be consuming from A to Z just **FOR THE HEALTH OF IT.**



## ALMONDS

- Lower cholesterol levels
- May help lower risk of heart disease

Good fat fights bad cholesterol — It's true that almonds, like other nuts, are no prize when it comes to calories and fat content. They contain 13 grams of fat per ounce. However, that fat is 87 percent monounsaturated fat, the kind that helps lower cholesterol and thus may protect you against heart disease. Studies have shown that people who add 3 ounces of almonds to their daily diet have an average 10 percent drop in cholesterol. Almonds offer other heart-protecting substances as well. Almonds are high in vitamin E, which helps keep artery-clogging plaque at bay, thereby reducing your risk of high blood pressure, heart attacks, and stroke. If you eat just an ounce of almonds a day, you'll double the average vitamin E intake. . Studies have proven that eating almonds may also reduce the risk of colon cancer. So put that bag of chips back on the shelf and choose almonds for that snack.



## APPLES

- Lowers blood cholesterol levels
- Treat constipation and diarrhea
- Help control diabetes
- Strengthen immune system
- May lower risk of heart disease
- May help prevent cancer

We've all heard this one, "An apple a day may keep the cardiologist at bay". Ok, something like that. One medi-

cine unpeeled apple provides 3.5 grams of fiber, more than 10 percent of the daily fiber intake recommended by experts. Apples can lower your total cholesterol and triglycerides. Apples are the best fruit source of catechins, potent cancer-preventive substances. In fact, eating apples can decrease the risk of lung cancer. Apples also provide quercetin, which may inhibit prostate, lung, and liver cancer. Eve evidently knew exactly what she was doing!



## APRICOTS

- Lower cholesterol
- Help regulate blood pressure
- Protect eye sight
- May help fight cancer
- May lower risk of heart disease and stroke

Whether fresh or dried, apricots taste like a burst of pure sunshine. They also provide a burst of pure nutrition. Apricots are one of the top fruits for beta-carotene, as you can tell from a glance at their bright-orange color. Studies show that people who eat foods high in antioxidant carotenenes have lower cancer rates. Beta-carotene has also been found to prevent formation of plaque deposits in arteries, which can lead to coronary artery disease.

"B" ready for next weeks exciting power food list. Bet cha can't wait!

Ima Foodnudge is a Birch Lake resident who wants her neighbors to be healthy

## TOM'S GARAGE

IN WILLIAMSVILLE

1969

PHONE 476-2272

2007

24-HOUR TOWING

GASOLINE AND AUTO REPAIR

MINI MART ■ WE OPEN LOCKED CARS

8AM TO 7:30 PM (MI) SUNDAY THRU THURSDAY

8 AM TO 8 PM (MI) FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

CLOSED SUNDAY 10:30 TO 12:30 (MI)

\*\*TOM \* BECKY\*\*

VISA - MASTERCARD ACCEPTED

Yes, I'm Dick Bender's brother. Mention his name and I will raise your bill by 10 % ...

Open M-F from 5 am to 10 pm  
Saturdays from 6 am to 9 pm  
Sundays from 8 am to 9 pm

**Benders Corner Store**  
Corner of County Roads 4 & 5, Elkhart

We're known for our  
**CHICKEN & FISH**

To  
Mentor  
Omar Khayyam

Awake! Awake!  
For winter's frost is in retreat.  
To sylvan Birch Lake  
We depart to meet.

Harkin! Do you see?  
The Herron's flying  
Low and clear.

Fishermen! Fishermen!

Tether your flies  
Fish so plenty will  
Bulge your eyes.

The water?  
Oh so calm  
Your skin refreshed  
By this natural balm.

The lake! The lake!  
Was meant for you.  
A dip, a scrub  
And then you're through.

Here, saints and sinners  
All alike  
This water's absolution is  
For you.

Take your magic carpet for a ride.  
And then alight  
To Birch Lake's  
Paradise.

by Manny Molho  
Birch Lake  
& Rochester Indiana



# BLYC 46TH ANNUAL MENS GOLF OUTING (FLORIDA SCRAMBLE)



JULY 27, 2006

FOUR LAKES C.C. EDWARDSBURG MI.

\$75.00 W/CART \$65.00 WO/CART

SHOTGUN START 1PM EST

**NOTES:**

OPEN TO THE FIRST 100 MEN.

CELEBRATION AT THE YACHT CLUB DIRECTLY FOLLOWING GOLF.

YOU WILL BE TREATED WITH A COOK TO ORDER RIBEYE STEAK DINNER W/CORN ON THE COB (ROASTED), BAKED POTATO (ROASTED), GARDEN SALAD, TRIMINGS, RED WINE & KEG BEER, CASH BAR.

PLENTY OF GAMES/CONTESTS AND OTHER SURPRISES.

PLEASE GET ALL FOUR NAMES AND YOUR RESERVATION AND \$\$\$ TO ARTIE McELWEE  
**BY JULY 1ST, 2006.**

-----  
Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Two Carts    \_\_\_ One Cart    \_\_\_ No Carts

PLEASE MAIL CHECK PAYABLE TO BLYC TO ARTIE McELWEE, 63306 BIRCH ROAD

# Fleet Captain's Corner

**T**he more things change... What happened if we had a sailing season and Mother Nature didn't agree? We've tried for the past two weeks to have at least one race but the Powers that Be seem to prevent that by lack of wind or excess of thunderstorm. Mother Nature does have a way of being rather convincing, doesn't she? We will try again like the determined sailors that we are, on Sunday with a 12 noon start time and a 100 start due to weather delay.

Speaking of starting races, I am still waiting to hear from interested starters. The general idea that I get is that people don't want to run races because they don't know how. So...I will have for every interested starter the following materials:

1. A map of the lake with directions (N,S,E,W) and common landmarks
2. A race contestant sheet with a list of all of our sailors
3. A basic rules sheet with the most common rules and regulations
4. A course sheet map showing the course for each fleet
5. A course description script listing exactly what the starter should announce at the start of the first race.

I think that should make it very easy for anyone at all to start a race. If I can run a race by myself, alone on a boat, anyone can do it. I'll be available

at Vitale's this weekend so please call if you have any questions.

Over the next few columns, I will be including some general sailing information, such as sailing history, principles and concepts, basic rules and terminology for those interested in trying to learn a little about the wonders of wind and water. Let's go!

Sailing is the art of controlling the motion of a sailing vessel. By adjusting the rigging and rudder, a sailor manages the force of the wind on the sails in order to change the direction and speed of a boat. Mastery of the skill requires experience in a multitude of wind and sea conditions, as well as extensive knowledge concerning sailboats. Today most people enjoy sailing as a recreational activity, though due to the rising cost of fuel some shipping companies are now considering using trade winds to propel their vessels. Recreational sailing can be further divided into racing, cruising and "day sailing" or dinghy sailing.

Since the dawn of history this vital concept of using wind to move on water has afforded mankind greater mobility and capacity for fishing, trade and warfare. From moving the stones of the great pyramids from Aswan to Giza to allowing man to migrate throughout Polynesia to Nelson's defeat of the French and Spanish navies at the Battle of Trafalgar, mankind's history has been inter-

twined with this seemingly simple technology.

Throughout history sailing has been instrumental in the development of civilization. The earliest representation of a ship under sail appears on an Egyptian vase from about 3500 BC. Advances in sailing technology from the 15th century onward enabled European explorers in Canada to make longer voyages into regions with extreme weather and climatic conditions. Improvements were made in the design of sails, masts and rigging, and navigational equipment became more sophisticated. Ships went further north, stayed longer on the Grand Banks and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and eventually began to explore the Pacific Northwest and the Western Arctic.

Today we sail for fun, but in some parts of the world, sailing is still the way people make their living from the sea, unchanged for millennia. I like to think that five, six or even ten thousand years ago, somewhere in the world, there was a rather large captain and his little boat bobbing in the warm water and healing sun while a few good friends also have their boats out, racing past him on a bright summer afternoon. The past kind of gives hope to the future doesn't it?

Fair Winds and Following Seas,

**-Steve Richards**  
2007 Fleet Captain

## Advantage Plumbing

2400 North 5th Street  
Niles, MI 49120  
(269) 687-7192

*Complete Plumbing Service  
Sewer and Drain Cleaning*



**DON'T LET A LEAK RUIN YOUR DAY!  
CALL US AND WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY!**

### TOP 10 REASONS TO CHOOSE ADVANTAGE PLUMBING

1. Licensed Plumbers
2. Drug-Free Employees
3. Criminal Background Checked Employees
4. No Surprises with the Bill- You know the Cost *Before* the Work is Done
5. 100% Satisfaction Guaranteed
6. True 24-Hour Emergency Service
7. Fully Stocked Trucks-"Warehouse on Wheels"
8. Clean and Professional Technicians in Uniforms
9. Longest Warranties in the Business
10. Our Phones are Always Answered by a Customer Service Employee During Business Hours

**Bonus- The Only Attitude You Will Receive is a Good One!**



100% Satisfaction Guaranteed  
Major Credit Cards Accepted



10% Senior Citizen Discount  
Financing Available

# Tannadoonah Tidbits

The first group of kids at camp started this week! The Elkhart YMCA Day Camp kids arrived on Monday for their first week of camp. Unfortunately they had a very rainy first day, but they all had fun nonetheless.

Next week the People of Praise will be at camp, and the following week we start our official staff training.

This Saturday (June 9) will be our last cleanup day of the year, and we could use some help with some of

the remaining projects. We have several piles of brush to burn, boats to be taken down the waterfront, waterfront buoys that need to be put in, and lots of cleaning to do. If you can come up and lend a hand for a few hours we would really appreciate the help! I will be up at camp by 9 am on Saturday to get started, and we'll be there until around 3 (or until we finish all of the major projects).

We are now up to 238 campers, which is 75 ahead of last year's

number on this same date! We're really excited about the numbers, and can't wait to get the summer started.

We do still have openings for all sessions, so please sign up your kids, grand-kids, nieces, nephews, and friends!

Overnight sessions are open



to campers ages 6-16 and day camp is available for kids ages 6-13 (please call me if you have a camper outside of those ages — sometimes exceptions can be made).

Finally, on Saturday, June 16, Chas and I are having an open house / graduation party up at camp starting at 3pm to celebrate my graduation from the graduate program in developmental psychology at Notre Dame. Come up and join us!

**Amber Holleman Grundy, Ph.D.**  
Director, Camp Tannadoonah  
[amber@tannadoonah.org](mailto:amber@tannadoonah.org)  
574-315-0227

<http://tannadoonah.org/>

**Enjoy Summer!!**

**Cressy & Everett**  
REAL ESTATE

Amy Trudell, Realtor  
269-744-7746  
[www.amytrudell.com](http://www.amytrudell.com)

[www.odonnellsdocks.com](http://www.odonnellsdocks.com)

Come visit our new showroom at 12097 M-60 in Jones, MI

10 percent off with this ad

SALES/SERVICE/REPAIR  
DOCKS-BOAT LIFTS-CANOES  
RAFTS-BENCHES  
LADDERS-ACCESSORIES

**DONNELL'S DOCKS, LLC**  
OFFICE: (269) 244-1446  
CELL: (269) 370-3625  
FAX: (269) 244-5736  
[DRDOCK@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:DRDOCK@HOTMAIL.COM)  
12097 M-60  
P.O. BOX 1  
JONES, MI 49061

AUTHORIZED DEALER FOR:  
**SHOREMASTER**  
**SHOREMATE** ShoreStation

**WATCH US GROW!**

**SAUK TRAIL BAR & GRILLE**

**OPEN FOR LUNCH**

**LIVE BANDS!**

**EVERY SATURDAY**

Check out our Weekday Dinner Specials!  
Tues — Low Country Shrimp Boil; Wed — Huge Wings & Peel & Eat Shrimp; Thur — King Crab Legs

It's time to FOLLOW THE TRAIL  
to SAUK TRAIL BAR & GRILLE on US 12 in Union

**641-5708**

Dine in or Carry Out

Open Daily except Monday

We accept Credit Cards

**SAUK TRAIL BAR & GRILLE**





# Stu's Star Stuff



## Jupiter lights up the sky

**J**upiter lights up the southern sky this week. The planet lines up opposite the Sun, so it rises around sunset and remains in view all night. It's brightest for the year, too, so you can't miss it. Look for a dazzling star low in the southeast in early evening, and scooting across the south during the night.

To our eyes alone, the planet shows a solid cream or ivory color. Through a telescope, though, it looks like a beachball, striped in shades of tan, brown, and orange. Each stripe is a different layer of clouds. The giant planet spins so fast that the clouds are stretched into bands that encircle the globe.

There are two varieties of stripes. The lighter-colored ones are called zones, while the darker ones are called belts.

Clouds in the zones are moving

upward, carrying heat from far below. But the clouds in the bands, which are much lower in the atmosphere, are moving down. Zones and bands are separated by jet streams that can blow at up to 300 miles an hour -- as fast as the most powerful tornadoes here on Earth.

All of this action creates ripples and eddies in the clouds, making Jupiter's atmosphere look like a Surrealist painting. It also creates big storm systems. The biggest of all is the Great Red Spot -- a feature that's wide enough to swallow two Earths.

Look for Jupiter throughout the night, and throughout the summer. It's putting on a show that you don't want to miss. And it's free. More on Jupiter another time. It's free.

*-Stu Spratt*



### The Moon tonight:

The moon for June 9 (at Midnight)

Illuminated Fraction: 0.295

1.8 days after last quarter

## How do the signs of the zodiac relate to astronomy?

Though many people start their days by checking their horoscope in the newspaper, the 12 constellations of the zodiac are no more important to astronomers than the other 76 constellations.

The significance of the zodiac stems from the fact that the ecliptic -- the narrow path on the sky that the Sun, Moon, and planets appear to follow -- runs directly through these star groupings. Since ancient times, the Sun, Moon, and

planets have been known as special astronomical objects -- they "wander" through the background stars of the zodiac, which remain fixed with respect to each other. It was reasoned that these zodiacal constellations must be special to make up this path, and the relative positions of the "wandering stars" within them bore great importance.

True scientific astronomy has its roots in the attempts of ancient

astrologers to predict future occurrences of, for instance, imperial Jupiter and the blood-red planet Mars meeting within the charging bull of Taurus -- a potentially powerful omen for those who believed the planets represented the gods themselves.

For your reading enjoyment horoscopes for the coming week will be offered. No guarantees regarding accuracy will be made.

### ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20)

Those close to your heart may be difficult to reason with. You need an outlet that will not only stimulate you but also challenge your intelligence as well. Physical limitations are possible if you aren't careful. Try to accommodate them without infringing on your own responsibilities. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

### TAURUS (Apr. 21- may 21)

You may have problems with skin, bones, or teeth if you haven't been taking proper care of yourself. You could lose money or precious belongings if you aren't careful. Use your charm, but don't sign or agree to anything. Be prepared to make compensations and adjustments. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You need to get down to basics with regard to yourself. Try to deal with the problems of those less fortunate; however, don't allow them to make unreasonable demands. You are best to put in some overtime rather than get involved in family gatherings. You need to concentrate on the areas where you can make a difference. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

### CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Your ideas are right on the mark and your work commendable. Any capricious behavior will confuse loved ones and your mood swings will result in loneliness. Get busy putting your place in order. You must avoid gossip and

focus on what you have to do. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

### LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

You may want to take a trip; however, before you do, make sure that your car is serviced properly. You are best to be accommodating for the time being. Sudden romantic infatuations won't be lasting. Do things you enjoy instead of being a chameleon. Losses are likely if you have left your financial affairs in other people's hands. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)

Unexpected visitors are likely. Be prepared to do your chores early. Opportunities will come through behind the scenes activities. A residential move may be necessary to get a better job. Your ability to add a sophisticated touch will help you capture the look you're after. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

### LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)

You need to fulfill your needs and present your talents. Turn things around, make sure that they do their share. New partnerships will develop if you join investment groups. Stabilize your own position by locking up your savings. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Don't be shy; show your abilities! Interaction with colleagues will only be upsetting. Travel will promote romantic connections. You should be in business for yourself. Your lucky day this

week will be Friday.

### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)

Make changes in your domestic scene. It might be time to shake a leg and do a personal makeover. Your charm will attract someone special. Don't let your anger consume you and don't allow important matters go unattended to. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20)

Read between the lines when signing contracts. Delve a little deeper if you really want to know the score. Keep your ears open, especially to those who care about you. Moneymaking opportunities will surface. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)

You have been going through a period of change that no doubt caused problems with your loved ones. Be honest with yourself before getting involved with someone who is likely to lead you on. Your outgoing nature will win hearts. Property deals will pay big dividends. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

### PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Don't get involved in expensive entertainment that involves gambling. You can get a promotion if you put in a little extra detail. Try to bend to their wishes if you want to avoid conflict. Don't go overboard; start small and work toward building it up slowly. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

# CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOR RENT:**

Updated Cabin overlooks North Shore by day, week month or season Sleeps 4-6. \$500 weekly — 476-2086. Call 574-825-9355-ext 241.

**HELP WANTED:**

Very tall person needed to clean my gutters (or person with tall ladder). Give me a quote and let's get-er-done. Call Phil at 1680.

**WANTED:**

2 or 3 bedroom cottage wanted for June, July, and August of 2007. Call John Ball at 574-295-

6021 or email balljkb@aol.com.

I need a new Sunfish — contact Dave Olson, 476-2125.

Wanted: a kid's bike with training wheels. Call The Olsons at 476.2125.

**FOR SALE**

Spring Cleaning on BLYC Merchandise:

**Birch Lake Posters**, ready to frame, only two left at \$20@. Soon to be a collectors print signed by the artist.

**2007 Birch Lake Calendars**, 13 great photos taken by our

own Birch Lake photographers. Call Vickie Rogers 476-2383

**For Sale — Swiss Chalet Style Home.**

63258 Kinsey Open style concept living room, dining room and newly remodeled kitchen. Stone fire-place in living room with wood-burning insert for added heat. Three bedrooms, two full baths, three season sun room, 2 car garage with cement driveway from road to house. All appliances included such as stove, refrig, washer, dryer, water heater and softner. Lake access. If interested call 476-2831

**GOT A CLASSIFIED AD FOR THE BARKER?**

Birch Barker classifieds are free for members of Birch Lake Yacht Club; non-members pay \$5. Put your ad in the Barker Box at 63174 Birch Road, or send e-mail to me at: [sailorphil@philvitale.com](mailto:sailorphil@philvitale.com)

Maryann O'Neill.

**Looking for reading sunglasses?** All styles under \$20. Check out [www.boomersintheknow.com](http://www.boomersintheknow.com)

## 2007 Dues, Contributions & Donations Form

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ - BLYC Member Dues (\$20 / year)
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ - BLYC Associate Member Dues (\$10 / year)
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ - Homeowners' Assoc. (\$10 / year)
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ - Sailing Fees (\$15 / year)
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ - Building Improvement Fund
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ - Fireworks Fund
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ - Water Quality Program
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ - Riparian (\$8/yr, provide address for magazine)
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ - Safety Committee
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ - Other (non-party related expenses)

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Holly Troeger, Treasurer  
1516 Ash Drive East  
Elkhart, IN 46514

or drop off at: 63696 Birch Road (call 476-9898)

Make checks payable to **Birch Lake Yacht Club**

## THE LAKE EXPERTS Robin Sharpe and Nancy Walker

Now teamed together to provide the most successful service in the history of southwestern Michigan Real Estate

**ROBIN SHARP**  
574-215-5037  
888-406-5333

**NANCY WALKER**  
586-530-8581  
888-406-5333

*Over 25 years combined experience! Unparalleled knowledge of SW Michigan Lakes*



**RE/MAX** Shore Acres

21550 SHORE ACRES RD.  
CASSOPOLIS, MI 49031

**269.445.5333**

*We are excited to be teamed together to provide you with the best service available — whether you are BUYING or SELLING your dream home!*

**CALL US TODAY!**

[www.swmichiganhomes.com](http://www.swmichiganhomes.com)

[www.nancy-walker.com](http://www.nancy-walker.com)