

# Birch Barker

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Weekend of July 21, 2007



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## Commodore's Comments

What another superb weekend. From Friday night until Sunday evening our time was spent with friends. It seemed like Heaven but I think it's Michigan.

Our trip to Wicked on July 11th, was wonderful. Twenty-three of us took the South Shore in and enjoyed a few hours of The Loop. The play was fabulous. The Wicked Witch and Glinda were extremely talented actresses and the special effects were breathtaking. By intermission I was on the edge of my seat. Watching the Wicked Witch fly was overwhelming. It was a long day but everyone had a great time and we'll plan to do it again next year. For anyone interested in discussing the book and the play we'll meet at the Yacht Club Saturday morning (7/21), 10 am. Bring your own morning brew.

Last Saturday night we had our

1950's Murder Party. Four teams of eight characters played their parts to discover who killed Rock Roley. Clues were squeezed out of our suspects and accusations made. Only a few people claimed to have chosen the right "killer." It's always the one you least suspect. Many of our suspects came dressed for the day. I was so sorry I didn't have my camera that night. Thanks to everyone who participated and made this low-key night so much fun. Thanks to Terry Wiseman for the audio set-up. He's always there when we need him.

Saturday night is our Spaghetti Dinner. Tickets have been sold this past week so I hope you have yours. The food is always delicious and don't forget that the proceeds go towards our Eurasion Milfoil treatment and management. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

There are so many activities going on at Birch Lake this time of year. I love getting together and seeing everyone. It makes me feel connected to all of my

neighbors. I know there is something you can participate in every week from now until mid-August. Inside you will find all of the details of upcoming events.

This may not be heaven but it sure is a beautiful day in this Birch Lake neighborhood.

-Blair Garceau  
Commodore 2007

## Tentative BLYC Calendar

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

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# — Birch Lake Notes —

## EURASIAN MILFOIL UPDATE

As of Tuesday, July 10th, we are still waiting for the State of Michigan to grant a permit to treat our Eurasian Milfoil. Once the permit is issued the herbicide treatment will begin in days.

Contributions are still being accepted for our Invasive Species budget. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation and patience.

The Birch Lake Yacht Club Board of Directors would like to clarify that our contract with Tony Groves and Progressive AE includes his initial survey of the lake, contacting the herbicide application company, assisting with the acquisition of the DEQ permit and a follow-up survey later in the season. The Board will then review the progress of control and recommend further actions for next year.

## Ladies Golf & Luncheon

Once again the Birch Lake Ladies will gather for a fun filled day of golf, lunch and a lot of fun. Whether you're a pro or a duffer everyone is welcome. The cost for golf, cart, lunch and prizes is \$40. Please call Linda Bergan (9359), Vickie Rogers (2383), Ilene Golden (9635) or Blair Garceau (9862) to sign up your foursome or if you want to be placed with a team. The deadline for signing up is JULY 21st.

Any non-golfing Birch Lake Lady and their friends are welcome to join us

## Birch Barker Kids (No. 1) of the Week



*Birch Lake Kids Marquez, Sharpe, Dobosewicz, Welch*

for a delicious luncheon following the golf. We will be dining once again at the Four Lakes Country Club. Lunch will start at 12:30 and the cost for just the lunch (and favors) is \$15. We will not be able to accommodate walk-ins so please

call Linda, Vickie, Ilene or Blair by July 21st to reserve your spot today.

## Line Dancing

Line Dance at the Yacht Club Tues. mornings 9 am Everyone welcome.



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## Mark Your Calendars!

Mark Your Calendar! The Corn and Sausage Roast will be held on Saturday, August 4th, serving food from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm. Once again we will be serving grilled chicken breasts on a limited basis, so come early if brats aren't your thing. Our combo meals include your meat choice, corn, four sides, cookies and beverage. Prices are: \$5 for a hot dog meal, \$6.00 for a bratwurst or chicken breast meal. Hope to see you there.

## BLYC Garage Sale cancelled

Our Garage Sale must be cancelled for this year. We'll try again next year. Sorry for the inconvenience.

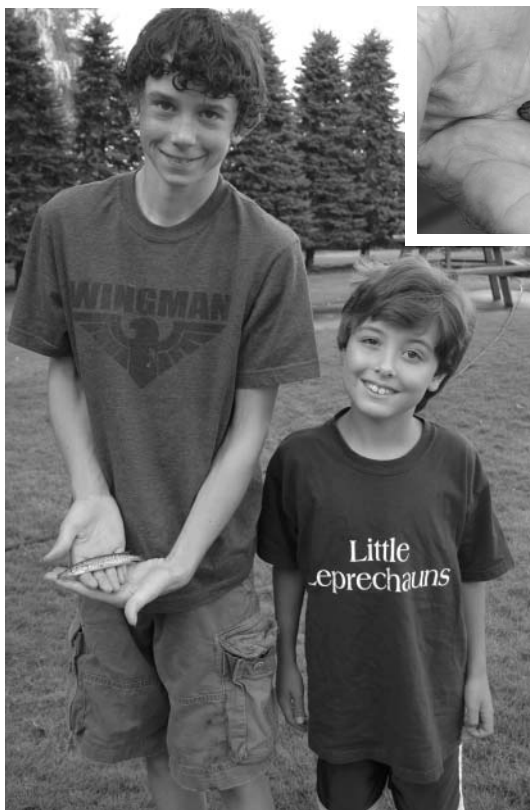
## One Book, One Lake

Anyone interested in discussing the book and the play, *Wicked*, we'll meet at the Yacht Club Saturday morning (7/21), 10:00 am. We will also pick our next book to read so bring some ideas. Bring your own morning brew. If the weather is nice we'll sit on the porch.

## Spratts to visit

Wes Spratt and his wife Rhea will be spending a few days on the north shore this week. They are visiting from South Carolina and are here to help Stewart celebrate 40 years as property owners on Birch Lake. In case you didn't feel like

## Birch Barker Kids (No. 2) of the Week



Northern in Birch Lake?

*Spencer Rheinhardt, 14, and Ian Zesinger, 8, the grandsons of Bud & Barb Zesinger (east side) pose with a startling discovery they made last week. While out walking around the lake the boys saw — and netted — this small northern pike, an extreme rarity (if not a "first") at Birch Lake. Even without the fish, though, they're cool enough to be Barker Kids of the Week!*

doing the math the Spratts bought their cottage on the north side in 1967.

Volleyball anyone?

Let's spike it up. Sunday, July 29 at

1pm come to the north east corner of the lake and play. Games will be played in the field near Ben Wozniak's barn. This is very informal. You don't need a team. Just come on over and we'll choose up

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teams from whoever's there. See you on the court.

## House Walk Tickets

Tickets for the Second Annual House Walk, on August 11th, are now on sale. You can purchase them from Denny Weesner, South Side, Judy Olsen, East Side, Michelle Seyforth, North Side, Vickie Rogers, Cove and West Shore, Bev Kruggel, West Side.. If you buy them in advance, they are \$10. The day of the tour, they will be \$15. We will have 7 homes and 2 historic barns open to Birch Lake residents and their friends.

Besides a fabulous home tour, we will be serving refreshments in the Wozniak barn. Everyone that buys a ticket will be eligible for some great door prizes. All proceeds will go to fight the Eurasian Milfoil. We are all looking forward to another great event at Birch Lake!

## Directories are here!

If you are a member of Birch Lake Yacht Club and did not receive your free directory please call Blair (9862). If you would like a copy or need additional copies (\$5.00) please call the same number. Any inaccuracies in the directory should be emailed to bgarceau@aol.com. Please put "BL director" in the subject box.

## Birch Barker Kids (No. 3 & 4) of the Week



*Terry Wiseman attracted quite a crowd of good-looking Birch Lake kids to his Terryoke setup at a recent Birch bash on the south side. Although photographer GoodPatti didn't get their names, the kids are too cute not to put in the paper!*

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*Finally, my granddaughter Morgann Applegate is a kid of the week after completing her first-ever week as a camper at our Camp Tannadoonah.*

*Morgann got to go swimming and sailing at camp and she made a bunch of new friends and had a lot of fun.*

*She also lost a beach towel (with a tiger on it), one flip-flop (red, with sparkleys) and a tooth (one of two she lost last week).*



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## Almost Impossible Questions #3

This week's Questions:

13. What television and movie star after graduating from high school worked in his sister's beauty parlor as 'Mr. Danny'?

14. Studies show that men like theirs white while women prefer theirs painted blue. What?

15. Wyoming was the first state in which it was legal for women to do this. What?

16. What Time Magazine Person of the Year for one of the years of the 80's decade was born in the U.S., but has never voted and works in this country but has never paid a dime of income taxes?

17. Thomas Jefferson brought what popular kids dinner treat to America?

18. What do these Winter Olympic sports have in common: Speed Skating, Hockey, Figure Skating and Curling?

Answers to last week's Questions

7. If you suffer from 'ailurophobia' as Napoleon did, what are you afraid of? Kittens!

8. A recent survey revealed that 37% of those surveyed would like to be able to do this more often at work. What? Dress more casually!

9. They ordered 400,000 of these for the Winter Games in Salt Lake City but used them up in 5 days. What? Hot Dogs!

10. Here are three English words. What is the connection between all three: Wolf, gum, cigarette? They all come in packs!

11. Ireland leads the world in the consumption of this category of food with 15 pounds a year. What category? Breakfast Cereal!

12. In the U.S. we get a new one of these about every 18 months. In Europe they get a new one about every year and in Japan, every 9 months. What? Cell phones!

## Birch Barker Kids of the Week



*Major and Kerni O'Brien were just passing by when Ben Wozniak snapped this photo ... which is good enough to get them kid of the week honors ...*



*And Bob King turned in this nice photo of Hewie, Dewey and Louis Duck on the turtle raft in front of a northside home as this week's final kid of the week picture.*

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# Tannadoonah Tidbits



It's Harry Potter Week at camp! We have lots of exciting events taking place this week. Sunday, the 60 campers who are here this week played "Capture the Wand." Monday was cookout, and we had "Dragon Tails," a.k.a. hot dogs, over the fire. Wednesday night they plan to play Quiddich out at the Sports and Games Field. Friday night we will have our costume party and Council Fire. Then we have a really special treat — we were able to order Harry Potter books for everyone who wanted one! We actually have quite a few extra copies that will be coming in on Friday night at midnight, so if you want to stop up at the Camp Store on Saturday (10am-noon) or Sunday (2-4pm), we will be selling them for just \$25 (regular price in the store \$34.99)!

We have also placed a re-order for hoodies, so if you came up to the Pancake Breakfast and we didn't have your size, send me an email and let me know so I can reserve one for you! We will have more in both the forest green and gray. We also have lots of gray crewneck sweatshirts still available. They are great for these cool nights up at the lake!

Just an update on camper numbers. We are actually behind last year's pace right now. We were doing SO well at the beginning of the sum-

mer, and were even almost 100 ahead of the pace at one point. But in the last month or so, registrations have pretty much stopped coming in. We're currently at 352 campers, and our goal was 450 for the summer. We only have 2 sessions remaining. All Star Sports Week begins on Sunday, July 22, and On the Loose Week/Wilderness Week begins on Sunday, July 29. We only have 23 kids signed up for On the Loose Week as of today, and we really need to get that number up! So if you have any kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbors, etc., who would like to come to camp, sign them up today! We're even offering a \$20 discount on all registrations that come in from now til the end of the summer.

Back to the staff bios... Miss Kahley is a former Tannadoonah camper, and is now living in Luta Koda and working on the waterfront staff. She recently became certified as a paramedic, and will be working this fall and winter as an emergency tech in South Bend. She attended Indiana State University, and has just a few more credits to take before graduating. Miss Kahley loves to swim and is learning all about sailing this summer!

Miss Laura is also a former Tannadoonah camper, and lives in Luta Koda as well. Miss Laura works

at Sports and Games this summer. She will be a sophomore at Indiana University in the fall. Unfortunately, this is Miss Laura's last week at camp, as she will be working for the next two weeks coaching the marching band at Concord High School in Elkhart, where she attended High School. Miss Laura loves to play soccer and volleyball.

Miss Stephanie is the third counselor in Luta Koda, and is also on the waterfront staff. She will be a senior at Saint Mary's College in the fall. Miss Stephanie is a student manager for the athletic department at Notre Dame, and will be the senior manager for the men's swimming team this upcoming year. Miss Stephanie is a former swimmer for Clay High School, and she loves teaching swimming and kayaking. She has also been doing the lake swim every Saturday, and coaching our "Campers on the Move" Triathlon program this summer.

Hope everyone's summer has been as great as ours up at camp! See you on the lake.

-Miss Amber, aka  
**Amber Holleman Grundy, Ph.D.**  
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# BLYC House Walk Preview

House #2: Linda & Terry Curtis

In the fall of October, 1972, we were on a Sunday drive and drove down Birch Road. That's when we saw the for sale sign at the Anderson Farm, which included a home, barn, and 50 acres. We bought it in 1973 and remodeled it. We raised our four children in the house. After they grew-up, it became too big for us, so our son, Steve, and daughter in law, Deborah, purchased it in 1995.

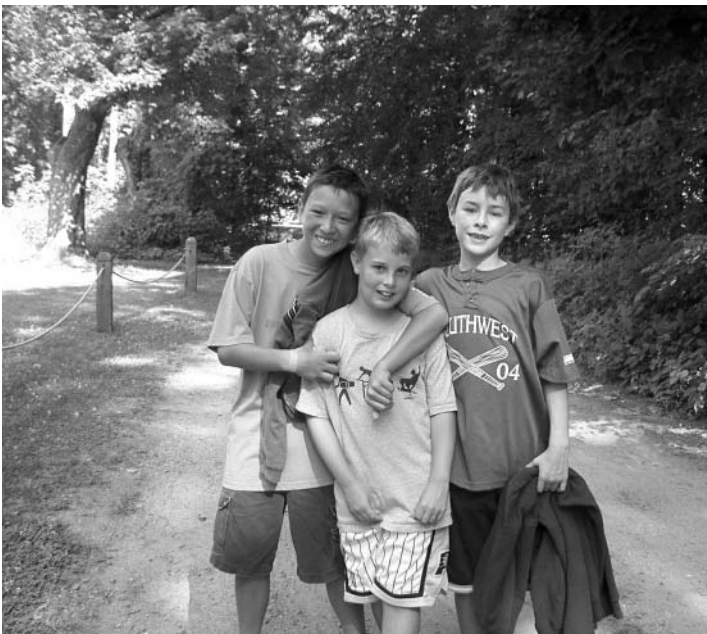
Linda and Terry decided to build up on the hill in 1994. They tried to build it open and airy, so they could enjoy the view and nature on their 35 acres. By the way, the barn still exists and is over 100 years old. It was built with logs from trees within the property line. There were many barn dances in that wonderful old barn. . Today, they use it for storage. The barn will be open for the House Walk. It is truly a beautiful home, built on a beautiful piece of property.



House Walk will be August 11th (rain date August 12th). It will feature six homes and the beautiful and historic barn owned by Ben and Vanessa Wozniak. Tickets are on sale for \$10 in advance and \$15 on the day of the tour. All proceeds are going in a fund to fight the Eurasian. *-Denny Weesner, Vanessa Wozniak & Michelle Seyfarth*



Thanks, campers  
These photos submitted by Miss Amber at Camp Tannadoonah were shot as part of a camp activity involving photography.



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# Fleet Captain's Corner

Today, Tuesday, is busy as usual, but oddly quiet in a lonely kind of way. Kind of like when you feel alone in the middle of a party. Overcast with the threat of storm, maybe I'm a little overcast too. School in the morning and school at night, driving here and there, endless errands, and now trying to fix a broken truck, I really got to thinking of the people around each of us that we depend on and some times take for granted.

Sometimes when we are at that end of the rope, when you fall down hard, it seems as there is no one there to catch us; but they are always there. That is what I love so much about this lake community; it's not just a club or neighborhood, but a family with brothers and sisters, grandparents and even children, all who have that extra inch or two of rope when you are in need. So this week, although print can't really express the emotion or do it justice, I want to thank some of those that do so much, but don't ever ask for recognition. So here goes:

■ Everyone always sees the marks out for sailing on Sundays, but who is always analyzing the weather down to the raindrop, trying to make the best and most challenging

courses for the sailors? Thanks go to Harold Cranmer for his many years of sailing knowledge.

■ Don Harman, and of course the woman who is always behind any good man, his wife Lind, put their all in to the Pancake Breakfast, doing their best to raise money for the camp and the fireworks show every Fourth of July, but Don just sails in his easy way every Sunday, never a worry.

■ If there is a project that needs fixed, Jim Bollinger is the man that everyone turns to, for tools, advice, and actual work. Jim always gets the job done, even at the expense of being able to have a just little sailing time of his own.

■ Bob King is an individual that I wouldn't forget if I ever left the lake area; his passion for all things sailing and honest desire to introduce the sport, no, lifestyle of sailing to new sailors, kids of all ages makes me try to do this job of Fleet Captain better. I would also like to mention the man that's responsible for Bob, Bill King. Bill is the man that everyone goes to, about anything, from borrowing needed items to just talking in the pole barn with a cold one. Bill is truly the "King" of the lake.

■ Thanks are due as well to all of those that start our races, watch out when we sail, or even allow us to sail; "Bad" Patty Luecht and crew, Stuart Spratt, Artie McElwee, Scott and Neil Troeger for the rescue help two weekends ago and of course Eileen Golden, who has watched Dominic on numerous occasions to allow us the chance to sail. I know that he'll love it too as he grows, but he's still just a little too young to go out.

■ Since being Fleet Captain also means being a BLYC Board member, I've gotten quite an education of how much work is done by the Board to make life at the lake better for all, so thanks to our current Commodore, Blair Garceau, Vice-Commodore Mike Lutz, Treasurer Holly Troeger and the other officers and Board members. It's not just all parties, folks. These people do the full time job of elected officials, but without any pay or benefits, just the altruism of giving back to our community.

■ There are also those that live quietly, almost anonymously, even a door or two down the street, but when there is a need for someone to help, these people just show up. Thank you, to all those who are just

## LADIES GOLF AND LUNCH



Friday, August 3  
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there when you call, or especially when you can't call. I could go on all day listing the people that I could thank, but my sister-in-law already told me that she read War and Peace in college. So, I will finish with my immediate family:

■ Speaking of her, Sanya (Vitale) Applegate is also my longest and best friend; fearless of everyone and everything, except spiders, she will take on the world and fight for anyone not getting their fair share. She gave me her sister, got me a job, gave me a car; found me another car to buy when the first one was destroyed. I don't understand her immense kindness, or the way she thinks sometimes, but I am grateful for both.

■ Phil Vitale is just Phil, an honest man in everything he does and who he is. He sees the big picture in things, sets the goal, and then gets it done. He edits, arranges, basically does everything involved with the publication of the Birch Barker, entirely alone until it all 260+ copies are printed and delivered by others willing to help in what way they can. This is in addition to being the owner and Editor-in-Chief of Cass County Neighbors. He encourages and pushes my education, always asking about my classes. Sometimes it's just really great to have a discussion about things unrelated to

career, school, or home, like the America's Cup, or literature, or politics. I am proud to refer to him as "Dad", something my own father would also approve of if he were still here.



■ Sandy Vitale is a reality check, practical, determined and dedicated. She passed on these wonderful traits to both of her daughters, and also feels free to use them herself when I need to keep my feet on the ground. I am a dreamer and very often lose focus, but Sandy shows that she cares by example; working hard herself at all she does, asking about my studies, showing concern and interest over my career, not ever afraid to express her thoughts. Thank you.

■ Finally, Erica is my life, my love, the mother of my son and my other half. She is always there when I need to figure things out, to talk, or just to laugh and play. She seamlessly steps in to cover for me or my responsibilities when I am committed or indisposed due to something else. I would say that she is my better half or partner, but it just doesn't say enough as what she is to me. There are many that I am sure that deserve entire columns of their own in thanks for all that they have done for our community (Dick Bender, Tom and Vicki Rogers, Bernie Garceau, Artie McElwee, Fred and Carol Frieffer, Debbie Bollinger, the list just goes on and on...) but the best that I can do here is just... Thank You.

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Bill Luecht	SB	SB	3	3	60.00	5.67	3539	1179.67	8th

## Sunfish A Fleet

Tom Howard	1	1	5	5	100.00	2.20	7540	1508.00	1st
Dave Olson	2	2	5	5	100.00	2.40	7459	1491.80	2nd
Rick Russwurm	DNF	DNF	2	2	40.00	2.50	2969	1484.50	3rd
Erica Vitale	DNF	DNF	3	3	60.00	4.67	3965	1321.67	4th
Sandy Vitale	SB	SB	3	3	60.00	3.33	3819	1273.00	5th
Ashley Marquez	DNF	DNF	3	3	60.00	4.00	3689	1229.67	6th
Steve Richards	SB	SB	3	3	60.00	6.33	3606	1202.00	7th
Nancy Walker	DNF	DNF	0	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	8th

## Sunfish B Fleet

Paul Fallon	DNF	DNF	2	1	20.00	1	3121	1560.50	1st
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## Junior Fleet

Neil Troeger	DNF	DNF	1	1	20.00	1.00	1600	1600.00	1st
Katie Luecht	SB	SB	3	3	60.00	1.33	4486	1495.33	2nd

### Regular Season Scoring

SB- Safety Boat will be scored at End-of-Season as Committee Boat Service

DNF - (Did Not Sail) does not count for or against any sailor; however a minimum of 2/3 of total season races must be completed to qualify in class

CB - Any sailor who volunteers to operate the Race Committee Boat and/or act as Starter will receive the point equivalent of a First Place finish for that day and will be counted in final season totals

DNF - (Did not Finish) will equal Last Place of Class minus 1 place (i.e. 5 boats race in class, DNF equals 6th place)

DQF - (Disqualified Foul/CB Ruling/Other) will equal Last Place of Class minus 1 place (i.e. 5 boats race in class, DNF equals 6th place)

GCDQ - (Gross Misconduct Disqualified) will count as zero points for that race or day (CB ruling)

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# Stu's Star Stuff



## Asteroids in our galaxy

**A**t the dawn of the 19th century, Giuseppi Piazzi found what many thought was a major catch: an object orbiting the Sun between Mars and Jupiter. It was hailed as a new planet, and named Ceres, for a goddess of agriculture.

As it turned out, though, Piazzi's discovery wasn't a major planet, but a minor one -- the first asteroid. Astronomers have since discovered tens of thousands of objects in a wide band known as the asteroid belt.

The asteroids are left over from the formation of the planets. They might have come together to form a planet, but Jupiter's gravity kept pushing them apart.

Ceres is the largest of the bunch. It's a bit more than a quarter the diameter of the Moon, and it contains about a third of all the mass in the asteroid belt. That makes it a prime target for scientific study.

Gravity has shaped Ceres into a ball, like the planets. And it's given Ceres a layered structure, with the heaviest rock and metal sinking to the center, and lighter materials floating to the surface. Ceres probably has a thick layer of frozen water, plus a surface layer of frozen water, ammonia, and other ices.

Images from telescopes on the ground and in space reveal only a few features on Ceres -- a few bright and dark

spots. They show that its surface is relatively smooth, and that its impact craters are likely to be wide and shallow.

Every now and then a celestial boulder as big as several city blocks will sneak up on Earth. Some will pass within 10 million miles behind our planet. And some have passed much closer: as little as two million miles away.

It turns out that our region of the solar system can seem uncomfortably crowded. So far, astronomers have discovered about 3,000 near-Earth asteroids - big chunks of rock and metal that cross or come close to Earth's orbit around the Sun.

Astronomers want to know as much as they can about these objects - how big they are, what they're made of, and what their orbits are like. In part, that's because these objects can provide new insights into the formation and evolution of our solar system.

But there's a more pragmatic reason for studying near-Earth asteroids: About a quarter of them are at least one kilometer in diameter - big enough to cause widespread destruction if they hit our planet. In fact, impacts by large asteroids may have exterminated much of the life on Earth more than once.

Smaller asteroids have caused destruction on a smaller scale. One that

was perhaps a hundred yards in diameter exploded above Siberia a century ago, flattening hundreds of square miles of forest.

So far, none of the asteroids that astronomers have discovered and plotted pose an immediate threat. But a few have created some nervous moments. So get out there and enjoy the show while it lasts. You never know when it might end. But at least it's free.

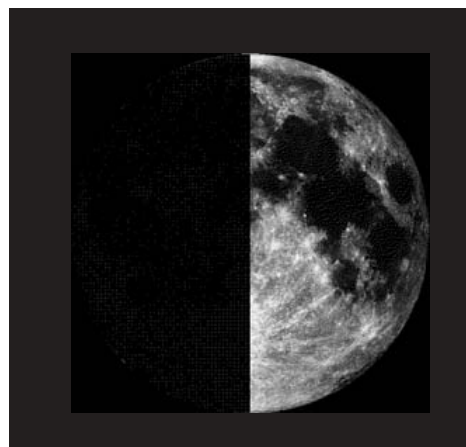
*-Stu Spratt*

### The Moon tonight:

The moon for July 21 (at Midnight)

Illuminated Fraction: 0.497

0.0 days since first quarter



### Your Horoscope

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

You will have good ideas for home improvement projects. You will be able to get along well with colleagues. Your ability to help others will win you points. Travel will be to your advantage; however, it might be expensive. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

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

Risks will not be profitable. You will be able to make financial gains. You will enjoy getting together with friends. Be ready to explain your actions. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

#### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Be careful when using machinery or electrical equipment. It might be time to shake a leg and do a personal makeover. Unexpected romantic connections can be made if you go out with friends or take a pleasure trip. Stay mellow. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Your personal life will be under the gun and you may want to avoid the questions your lover is going to want to ask you. Travel should be on your agenda. You have a real need to be vocal. Your involvement in sports or entertainment will lead to new romances. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

#### LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

You will be misinterpreted if you get involved in other people's problems. Someone envious of your popularity may challenge you to a debate. Avoid any confrontations with colleagues. Make arrangements to spend quality time together. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

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

You may be upset if someone has borrowed something that belongs to you. Don't allow your lover to take advantage of your good nature. Relationships have not been the best for you lately and it's left you somewhat gun shy. You can make moves, but they won't be settling. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

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

You will learn a great deal about yourself if you go somewhere secluded. Don't be too quick to sign documents. You will be relentless when it comes to getting yourself back into shape. Overindulgence could cause problems for you with your loved ones. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

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

Get busy. You will feel compelled to do some traveling. Your emotional stability may influence the changes taking place in your personal life. Channel your energy into projects that will enhance your home. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)

Disappointments regarding partners will be subject to the way you react to their personal comments. Compromise if you have to, to avoid verbal battles. You've been hurt before and could be again if you don't play hard to get. Entertainment should include your whole family. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

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

Get help to finish a project if you need it. You can make money if you get involved in real estate deals. Control your emotions and everything will fall into place. Tie up your personal papers or push to have legal settlements completed. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

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

Mishaps due to preoccupation will be upsetting. Luck is with you. Opportunities for travel and socializing are evident. Rather than making a scene, communicate quietly about the way you feel. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

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

Try to deal with the problems of those less fortunate; however, don't allow them to make unreasonable demands. Opportunities for new and exciting relationships will be yours if you get out and join groups. Don't let someone take the credit for a job you did. You could be tempted to overspend on unnecessary items. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

# FOR THE HEALTH OF IT!

By Ima Foodnudge

Editor's note: Ima is taking a one-week sabbatical from her regular health column to research the long-term effects and FDA ramifications of two recipes she has recently created for Eurasian milfoil stew or maybe a Purple loosestrife casserole ... she promises she'll have a new column ready for next week's Barker unless her mommy says she has to clean her room.

In the meanwhile, Ima sent in these two yummy-sounding recipes for a hot day at the lake:

## No Drip Ice Pops

"Made with plain yogurt and sugar-free gelatin, these are good for dieters too!"

8 ice pops

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 (3 ounce) package fruit flavored gelatin mix
- 1 banana
- 1 cup plain yogurt

### DIRECTIONS

Combine boiling water and gelatin in a blender and pulse until gelatin is dissolved. Blend in banana until smooth, then blend in yogurt. Pour mixture into popsicle molds or small, plastic drinking cups and freeze until hard. (If using drinking cups, freeze until firm, insert popsicle sticks, then freeze completely.)

## Penny's Smoothie

"Banana, blueberries and peaches blended with yogurt and fruit syrup. Use any flavor of syrup

to taste. (You can even use sugar free syrup) My kids like to freeze this for ice pops."

3 servings

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 banana
- 1/4 cup frozen blueberries
- 3/4 cup frozen peach slices
- 1/4 cup yogurt
- 2 tablespoons all fruit blueberry syrup
- 1/8 cup milk

### DIRECTIONS

In a blender, combine banana, frozen blueberries, frozen peach slices, yogurt and syrup. Blend until smooth. add rice milk and blend to desired consistency. Pour into glasses and serve.

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



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BIRCH LAKE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

July 16, 2007 Report to Residents – Gert Temple

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EURASIAN MILFOIL CONTROL UPDATE

I have received good news for Birch Lake and all residents but first, I want to express my appreciation to Tony Groves, Water Resources Director, Progressive A/E, for all that he has done in the past for Birch Lake, for all that he is doing now, and for all that he is about to do. Thank you, Tony.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has all the information needed.

- The department has the application which is complete.
- The Department is awaiting final review.

We are hopeful that the Eurasian milfoil in Birch Lake will be spot-treated soon by Professional Lake Management.

Tony will make arrangements for a fall survey and will report findings to the Water Quality Committee.

Watch this page for further “Updates” in regard to the Eurasian milfoil Control Program and in regard to the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program as well as the Birch Lake Monitoring Program.

Dan Reynolds, Chairman, Water Quality Committee

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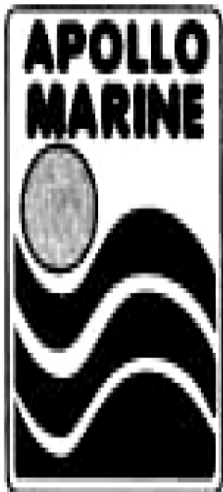
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