

The official publication of the
BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

Birch Barker

Weekend of July 18, 2009

© Copyright 2009, The Birch Lake Yacht Club



In case you haven't driven in from the south ... these giant mushrooms appeared recently on Union Road.

Commodore Weighing Options

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Upon receipt of an uncountable number of petitions and after witnessing thousands of, thankfully non-violent as of yet, protesters in the streets of his dreams, your Commodore is considering invoking his ultimate authority to void and set aside the obviously flawed (and possibly purchased?) rulings of the judges of this year's Boat Parade.

Yes, I understand the pain and humili-

ation this would bring upon the Garceau and Rogers' families, and acknowledge that such an action might make recruitment of future judges more difficult, and agree that the Lindzy entry looked okay, but Geez Louise, did our judges have to be so wrong?

It was unanimous to all that I asked that the Chester/Fallen/Steffen flotilla was easily, truly the "Best of Parade."

And why weren't the normal prizes for "Best Decorations on the Side of the Boat that No One Can See" and "Best

2009 BLYC Calendar

July 18—Spaghetti Dinner
July 25—House Walk
July 31—Men's Golf Outing
AUGUST 1—BOARD MEETING 10 AM
August 1—Camp T. Hog Roast, 3 pm
August 7—Women's Golf Outing
August 8 —Corn & Sausage Roast
August 22—Fall Dinner
Sept. 5—Board meeting 9 am

For more info on any BLYC event, contact the Commodore at 476-1467 or 574-274-9580.

We are always soliciting and accepting materials for publication. E-mail your items to sailorphil@philvitale.com, or, if you must, put the materials in the red newspaper box at my home, 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. PLEASE NOTE, if you do not receive a Barker, call BLYC Commodore Paul Fallon at 476-1467. -Phil Vitale, editor



Application of a PWC: Keeping the Margarita Glasses Full of Those Floating on the Tubes Behind the Lead Boat” awarded this year?

We would have won both handily.

And then to insult our captain and entire crew by giving them the dreaded, and certainly undeserved, “Dazed and Confused” title. There must have been some kind of nefarious conspiracy here.

So, if you see members of our armed forces patrolling the streets of the Birch Lake Area and all of a sudden can no longer find a trace of any of the Garceau’s, Roger’s, or Lindzy’s, please know that these actions have been taken with only justice and the welfare of the people in mind.

153 and counting. That’s the number

of paid 2009 memberships effective 7/11/09. That’s more than I recall in my relatively short time here at the lake. Isn’t that great? It says a lot of good things about us. Congratulations and thank you to all who did their part.

I’d still like to see us blow past Diamond Lake and hit 180. If they aren’t already, encourage your friends and neighbors to be counted.

Essay contest. This week, we are printing the first place winner of all those submittals in the “Feel Good” category.

Birch Lake Really Does Have Restorative Powers.

In summers long gone, there was always that dreaded one day a week-going into town-for grocery shopping, checking on the house in town, doctor’s appointments, getting the mail, pulling weeds, etc. Of course, it was usually hot or rainy or both and with two young boys in tow, it really was “the dreaded day”.

The drive back to Birch late in the afternoon was much anticipated even if I did think of four things that should have been done that would go onto next week’s “dreaded day” list. Driving down the hill at the public landing started the “magic” of Birch Lake. The blue water was always a welcome sight after fighting the town traffic and boys who didn’t want to be in town all day. The bags of groceries and mail

made it from the car to the cottage, mostly organized and put away.

Now, was THE time! A smile of contentment started to appear on my face as I slipped into my bathing suit. My feet were focused as they aimed my body towards the lake. Slipping into the water and buoyed up by a half-inflated (very comfortable) inner tube, my mind and my body totally relaxed. It was as if a switch of contentment had just been turned on. I drifted and paddled in complete serenity.

The restorative powers of Birch Lake once again spread their magic!

-By Judy Olson

We hope you will also be able to enjoy the fabulous food to be served at today’s (Saturday, 7/18) Spaghetti Dinner and touring your neighbor’s houses in next week’s House Walk.

In the meantime, let us together continue to protect and enjoy the miraculous healing water of Birch (God’s favorite) Lake. *-Paul Fallon, 2009 Commodore*

Camp Eberhart Mass Cancelled?

Speaking of strong armed tactics by big brother ... Father Conyers was hopeful of being able to personally appeal the Kalamazoo Bishop’s decision this past week. We’ll try to let you know what transpires. If he is not successful, and you’d like to let the Bishop know your opinion, please contact Paul Fallon.

Birch Lake Yacht Club to Host 5th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Saturday July 18th from 6-8 p.m.

\$7.00 — Adults
\$5.00 — Children (3-10)
Free — If under 3

Dine in - or carry-out



Tickets must be purchased in advance (so the cooks can prepare enough dinners). For tickets, contact Karen Brovold (476-8862) -or- other volunteers around the lake.

Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce or alfredo sauce, salad, bread, tea and lemonade (or, bring your drink of choice).

Proceeds go to Tannadoonah Camperships

— Birch Lake Notes —



Congratulations to BLYC Commodore Paul and Celia Fallon (left) of the east side — and especially to their daughter, Elizabeth, who was married to Steve Kurtz last weekend in South Bend. Above is a group photo of the Birch Lakers who took the Fallon bus from their residence to the wedding and reception.

photos by Bad Patty and Good Patti

Candles tonight!

The candle fundraiser went well. I total of \$477 was profited to go towards next year's firework display on Birch Lake. Thanks to all who ordered candles and made this possible. Your candles will be available for pick up at the Spaghetti Dinner this week end. If you're not able to attend contact Sandy Baucus at 476-2863 or Sabaucus@aol.com, and she will arrange to bring them to you.

Explanation

This is more in the way of an explanation than an apology. Over 30 years ago, my Aunt Loretta introduced my children to the Boston Pops accompanying the fireworks over Boston Harbor. This was than

reinforced by one of my favorite movies, MOONSTRUCK (opera accompanying the fireworks in NY City). It has been a part of our fireworks ever since, abet, a bit louder as our sound system grew (about 7 years ago).

I am sorry to be putting this in the BARKER, but I have no other way of communicating with someone who leaves an anonymous note on the windshield of a guest's car. I have never thought of myself as unapproachable. A simple phone call, or stopping by for chat would seem more like BIRCH LAKE to me.

My family is nothing if not exuberant. We will tone it down, but I doubt very much that we will give it up completely. If, as you say in your

note, you have only been aware of the music for two years, I would guess you are either new to the lake, or your hearing is greatly improved. Either way, I wish you a wonderful rest of the summer. I know you are not an immediate "neighbor," as they have kindly tolerated our family music every time we get together (twice a year: 4th of July and Christmas).

I can be reached as listed in the directory or my e-mail address is: bblackwood@kilarchitecture.com

Golf Outings need donations

The Mens' and Ladies' Golf Outing organizers are looking for donations of money and door prizes for both events.

LAKELEMAN'S ROLLING PRAIRIE
AUGUST FIRST

FULLY LOADED
MICHIANA'S LARGEST AMATEUR
GRASSROOTS WAKEBOARD
COMPETITION

TONS OF PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS
ALL SKILL LEVELS AND AGES
WELCOME

CONTACT DAN OR MIKE AT
WAKESIDE
574.264.2874
MMICHEL@WAKESIDEMARINE.COM
WAKESIDEMARINE.COM

**WakeSide
Marine**

TIRED OF WORK?
DITCH FRIDAYS WITH
WAKESIDE MARINE

GET YOUR BUDDIES TOGETHER
AND SURF THE LAKES OF MICHIANA

SURF LESSONS, WAKEBOARDING,
AND NAUTIQUE DEMOS

FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND A SCHEDULE OF LAKES
CONTACT DAN OR MIKE
AT WAKESIDE
574.264.2874
mmicheli@wakesidemarine.com
WAKESIDEMARINE.COM

**WakeSide
Marine**
TRUST THE WAKE

51305 SR 19 North
Elkhart, IN 46514
Wakesidemarine.com

574-264-2874
Located just one mile north of the Toll Road
Exit #92 and one mile south of US 12.

— Birch Lake Notes —

If you have "logo" merchandise or any items to donate, or if you would like to sponsor a hole for either or both events, please contact Fred Freihofer, 14921 North Shore Drive at 476-9823.

Line Dancing continues

We will continue to have LINE DANCING every Tuesday morning at 9 am at the Yacht Club. Look forward to seeing everyone.

-Lind Harman



That's Don and Lind Harman cutting the rug at the Kurtz/Fallon wedding reception. A good time was had by all who attended, and on behalf of all of us to went, a huge thank-you to the Fallons for letting us all share the wonderful event ... a real "class" act.

Thanks to Bad Patty Luecht for the photo



Bev's Custom Sewing & Embroidering

Sewing, Alterations

Special occasion gowns made to order and to fit

Personalize any item with embroidery towels - shirts - Christmas stocking - personalized hankies - personalized napkins - stemware coasters for weddings, anniversaries, graduations (many colors to choose from)

Bev Comer, Owner

244-1165 cell 816-1389

13475 Harvey Street, Jones
bevscustomsewing@live.com

KEIRN CONSTRUCTION

Terry Keirn
Owner

**RESIDENTIAL - COMMERCIAL
NEW CONSTRUCTION
REMODELING REPAIR
CARPENTRY - CONCRETE
ROOFING**

62933 Birch Rd.
Vandalia, MI 49095

Office: (269) 476-2767
Cell: (269) 625-0818

Lutz Concrete

SW Michigan's
**FLATWORK
experts**



We specialize in decorative
Concrete Stamping
Colored Concrete
Concrete Staining



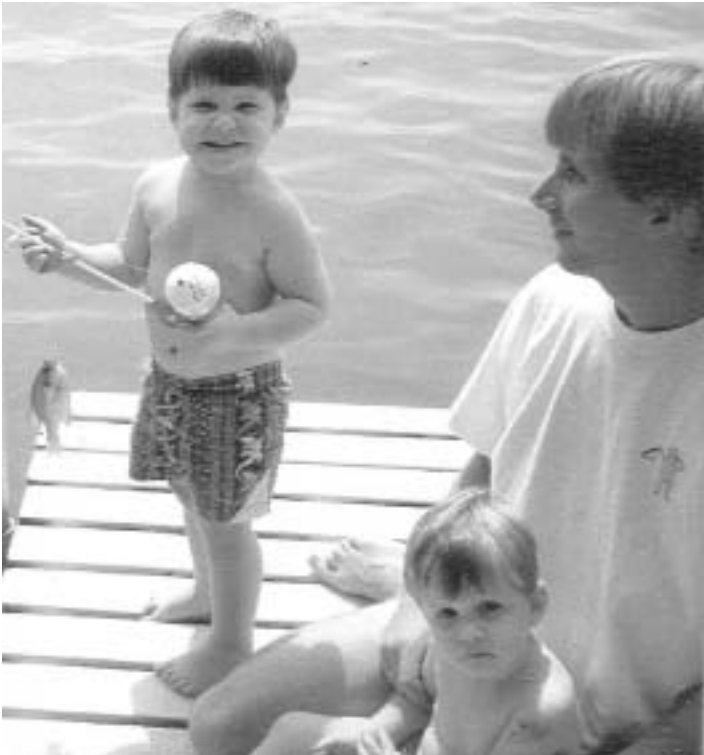
17050 M-86 — Three Rivers, MI

Ph: (269) 279-7973

Fax: (269) 279-0133

E-mail: mmtlconcrete@aol.com

— Barker kid of the Week —



Above is Zechariah Thomas Huff at age 2. Zech is the grandson son of Terry and Pat Keirn (daughter Lisa and Larry Huff). Others in the picture are Larry age 7 and brother Matthew, age 1). Zech caught his first "ever" fish at Birch Lake on what was Grandma Hunt's shared pier (Jean Hunt). The second picture is Zechariah Thomas Huff at age 18 when he graduated from Sturgis High School on Grandma and Grandpa shared pier (Terry and Pat Keirn). Besides spending many, many hours at Birch Lake throughout his life, Zech also wrestled for Sturgis High School in the 125 lb. weight class. Sturgis is a Division II school and Zech ended up 6th in his weight class in the state of Michigan. Zech was also honored as a Michigan Scholar, is a drummer in the worship band in his church, has been active in mission trips to Costa Rica and Canada and

has been a volunteer for right to life special functions. Zech will be leaving for Cleveland State University in August, where he will be a Business Major and will be wrestling in the 133 lb. weight class. However, he will still be coming to Birch Lake as often as he can...in fact he has actually gone to look at a couple of houses here with his Grandma and well...who knows!!!! Needless to say Grandma and Gramps are very proud!!!!



Smokin' Hot Bar-B-Que

Pulled Pork, ribs, chicken, sausage, wings, salmon & shrimp

Eat in, Carry out — Catering available!

We're just down the road!

Sauk Trail

US Highway 12 in Union, Michigan

641-7285

Purity Cleaning

Quality Cleaning
at a Pure Price

Commercial,
Residential &
Construction
Cleaning

Donna
Swartzentruber

625-0519

Licensed
& Bonded
in Michigan &
Indiana

Gundy Custom Builders



Gundy Custom Builders is a family-owned and operated design/build construction firm in Cass County, Michigan

GCB specializes in:

- *Lake home construction and remodeling
- *Concrete home construction
- *Application of "universal design" theory, providing greater accessibility for all ages
- *Use of high thermal performance materials and technologies for energy savings and a cleaner "living" environment

Call today!

888-641-9205



Dick

BENDER



and Bender Mold & Plastics, INC.

Want all of our Birch Lake friends to have a safe and fun summer!

55951 RUSSELL INDUSTRIAL PKWY
MISHAWAKA, IN 46545

TOOLING — (574) 255-5176

MFG — (574) 255-5350

Now, let's go play some golf!

— Barker kids of the Week —



That's the Baucus kids tubing at Birch Lake ... from left, Ashlee -25, Chelsie - 21 and Brody -15. What a fun day at Birch Lake!!!



That's Calvin King in the back, celebrating with his guests who visited at Bill & Le's house (north shore) over the July 4 weekend. Thanks to Chuck Horn of Carmel, IN for the great photo.



Peyton Greene, Katie and John Luecht and Parker Greene were pretty good buds for the last couple of weeks as the Greene family spent time at their Birch Lake home (away from their Arizona home) during late June and early July.



Ok, we'll give Suzy King a Barker Kid of the Week honor for celebrating her birthday on July 6. Happy birthday, kid! Again, thanks to Chuck Horn of Carmel, IN for the photo.



**Sales/Service/Repair/Docks/Lifts/Canopies
Rafts/Benches/Ladders/Accessories**

Serving Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana for 16 years.

O'Donnells Docks LLC

Best Prices on

ShoreStation

Lifts and Dock
Products &
Accessories

Free Online Quoting System!

www.odonnellsdocks.com

ShoreStation
Boat Hoists and Docks

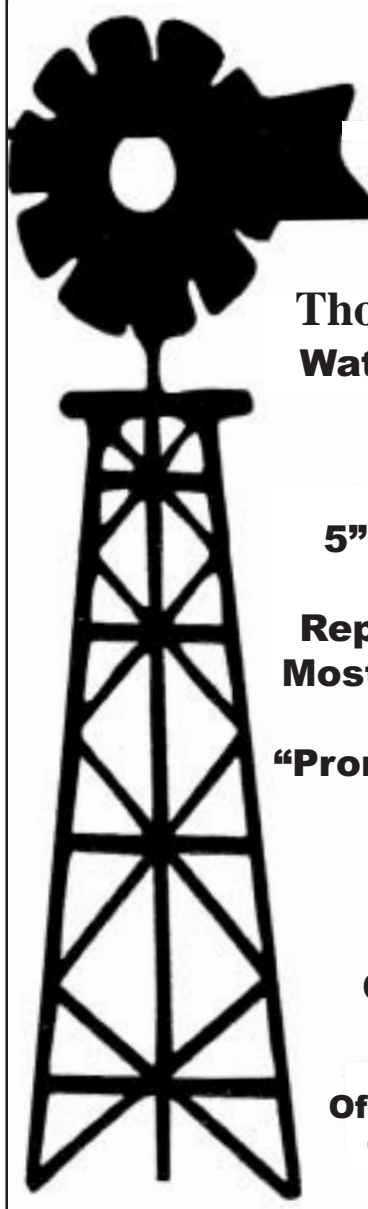
CRAFT LADDERS

HEWITT

SHORE MASTER

12097 M-60 Jones, MI 49061 269.244.1446 info@odonnellsdocks.com

www.odonnellsdocks.com



**Thomas J. Mosier
Waterwell Drilling**

5" Water Wells

**Repair & Service
Most Water Pumps**

"Promise of Quality"

**M-60 E
Cassopolis**

**Office: 269-445-3246
Cell: 269-580-3246
Fax: 269-445-0008**

Critters of the Week

According to Mr. Bob (north side), the pterodactyls are his morning friends - when fishing he practices catch and release ... but they have another plan.



Want your kid or critter to make the paper?

You can see your favorite kids' pics in the Barker if you send them to me (preferably via the email address sailorphil@philvitale.com) along with their name(s) and pertinent info like their parents' or grandparents' names, or who they were visiting, or what they were doing in the photo. If you don't email, please make sure the info is legible and not too long because if I can't cut-and-paste, I have to retype all that stuff from scratch (and I'm not a very good typist ... and I'm even worse at proofreading my own stuff). -Editor

Wouldn't it be great to monitor and control your home from anywhere in the world?

"One-Touch Automation is a full service home technology company. Our goal is to provide systems that you can control from anywhere, are easy to use, look great, and fit your budget. Our work should complement the quality of your lifestyle."

-Ryan & Rachael McDaniel, Owners

ONE-TOUCH Automation **800-526-6753**
Offices in Indiana & Michigan
one-touchautomation.com

Home Automation ● Home Security ● Surveillance ● Climate Control
 Fire Protection ● Lighting Control ● Central Vacuum ● WholeHouse
 Audio and Video ● Computer Networking ● Home Theater ● iPhone
 and iTouch Home Control ● System Integration/Structured Wiring



211 Dixie Way North
 South Bend, IN 46637

574-272-7000

Advantage Plumbing

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

*Complete Plumbing Service
 Sewer and Drain Cleaning*



"Gilbert Goldfish"

**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



Sailing can be pretty rough

Last Sunday was one of those days that reminds us that sailing can be a pretty rough business — the wind was strong and gusty, and MCs were getting blown over right and left.

Jeff Smitley's boat turtled and swamped, and had to be towed to shore.

Jim Bolinger's boat went over on its side — he popped it right back up, but then it took off without him, and Bernie Garceau had to chase it down with his Sunfish.

Tom Howard got hit hard with his boom and was knocked off of his boat. Scott Troeger and Bob King orchestrated a rescue by sailboat — not a simple task in strong winds — and got both Tom and his boat to safety.

Fortunately, Earl Troeger was out in his speedboat keeping an eye on us, and came over to help, too. Tom, I hope you are feeling OK after that episode.

Thanks to Deb Bolinger, Blair Garceau, Patty Luecht, and Don Harman for running the committee boat, and thanks to the others who came out to help.

-Bill Luecht, Fleet Captain 2009

SAILING RESULTS FOR JULY 12

Date	12-Jul	12-Jul	12-Jul	Total	Season
Race	7	8	9	Points	Average

MC Scow

Scott Troeger #1489	1	1	*	4800	1600
Harold Cranmer #618	7	4	DNS	11653	1457
Tom Howard #1713	6	6	DNF	11584	1448
Jim Bolinger #1735	2	4	DNF	4259	1420
Bob King #1199	3	2	*	5654	1414
Rick Harman #379	DNS	6	1	2825	1413
Phil Vitale #500	4	3	2	9812	1402
Jeff Smitley #2002	DNF	DNF	DNF	6840	1368
Don Harman #582	DNF	DNF	DNF	2665	1333
Dave Olson #1979	5	8	*	9179	1311
Gib Eberhart #916	9	10	DNF	11505	1278
Bill Luecht #1579	8	9	DNF	8457	1208

Sunfish

Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	1	1	1	6400	1600
Erica Vitale (White)	DNF	DNF	DNF	4642	1547
Katie Luecht (White/Red/Blue)	2	2	2	4563	1521
Sandy Vitale (White)	3	3	3	7453	1491
Eric Odenwald (Blue/Yellow)	DNF	DNF	DNF	2888	1444
Bernie Garceau (Red/White/Blue)	4	4	*	6731	1346

* (Stopped to Help) scored as first place. DNS (Did Not Sail) does not count against season score, however sailor must complete 2/3 of races to qualify for season. DNF (Did Not Finish) scores as one place worse than last place (if 5 boats finished, you would have finished 6th, will be scored as 7th place), DNF not counted toward minimum number of races needed. DQ (Disqualified) 0 points. STT (Stopped to Teach) scored as first place. CB - sailor who serves on Committee Boat receives a 1st place finish for that day - counted toward season total. Season Points are awarded on Square of 40 system (1st = 40 squared = 1600, 2nd = 39 squared, etc.) Season Place = total season points/number of races attempted

COMMITTEE BOAT SIGN UPS (TENTATIVE - AND STILL OPEN!)

7-19	Bob & Sue Waddle
7-26	"SISTAS, Good Patty, Deb, Bad Patty
8-2	Jim & Sally Beck, Bruce Wagner
8-9	Available for You!
8-16	Bob & Sue Waddle
8-23	Stan & Karen
8-30	Available for You!
9-5 (Regatta)	Bad Patty
9-6 (Regatta)	Available for You!
9-7 (Regatta)	Available for You!

Call Patty at 476-2615 if you are interested in signing up for any of these dates. *Must provide own boat *Must provide own crew

C. Jeanne Wilkerson

Like Mother, Like Daughter
The Tradition
of Excellence Continues

Two spectacular Birch Lake Homes



14719 Kiloqua Woods — \$595,000



63306 Birch Rd — Reduced to \$989,900.



C. Jeanne Wilkerson
Realtor, Lake Specialist
Chairman's Club
(269) 462-0306

bjwilkerson@comcast.net
www.jeannewilkerson.com



22451 US 12 East, Edwardsburg, MI
www.cressyeverett.com/jeannewilkerson

~Birch Lake Recipes~

Barbeque Pork Two Ways

PREP TIME 15 Min
COOK TIME 8 Hrs
READY IN 8 Hrs 15 Min
Servings — 8

INGREDIENTS

2 1/2 pounds pork shoulder
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 clove garlic, minced
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 cups ketchup
1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce

DIRECTIONS

Cut boneless pork shoulder crosswise into 1/4 inch slices. Partially freezing it will make slicing easier.

In the slow cooker, combine sliced pork, onion, garlic, brown sugar, dry mustard, salt, pepper, ketchup, and Worcestershire sauce; mix well, and cover. Cook on Low, stirring occasionally, for 6 to 8 hours or until the meat is tender.

OR : In a Dutch oven or large saucepan, combine pork, onion, garlic, brown sugar, dry mustard, salt, pepper, ketchup, and Worcestershire

sauce; mix well. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and cover. Simmer, stirring occasionally, for 2 1/2

to 3 hours or until pork is tender. Now go out and play on the lake. Dinner will be ready when you return.

Happy snacking!

-Good Patti



BIRCH LAKE LADIES GOLF OUTING



August 7, 2009 9:00a.m. Shot Gun
Start

Lunch 12:00p.m. At the Birch Lake Yacht Club

Sauganash Golf Club, 61270 Lutz Road, Three Rivers, MI 49093, Ph. 269-278-7825

Cost of golf and lunch: \$35.00

Lunch only: \$10.00

Proxy Bundles include closets to the pin, closest to the line, longest putt, and longest drive. These bundles may be purchased for \$5.00 per person.

Ladies, it's time to start gathering your team for the Birch Lake Ladies Golf Outing. We will be teeing off at 9:00 a.m. at the Sauganash Golf Course in Three Rivers then heading back to the yacht club lunch.

We are asking each team to donate a basket to raffle. We will also be raffling off the centerpieces as well as having a 50/50 drawing.

Lunch includes: veggie tray, cheese crackers, chicken caesar salad, mixed green salad, rolls, butter, mixed berries with frangelico cream, water, iced tea and chardonnay.

Any questions please call Amy Lutz at 269-476-2843. Donated items can be dropped off to Amy Lutz or Carol Freihofer.

2009 Birch Lake Ladies Golf Outing

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Checks should be made payable to the B.L.Y.C. and can be dropped off to Amy Lutz.

Tannadoonah Tidbits

Wow, it's been quite a week up here at Camp Tannadoonah! We have a completely full camp this week - 107 campers! In fact, we even had a waiting list for the session. That's the first time that's ever happened since I've been the director up here.

The theme for this week is Survivor Week. On Sunday evening we divided the camp into 8 tribes, and tie-dyed bandanas in a different color for each tribe. While the tribes were tie-dying their bandanas, they competed against each other in a game we call "Tannadoonah Auction."

In the Tannadoonah Auction, we call out a category, and each team has to nominate one representative from their team who best fits the category. For example, we might ask for the camper with the longest hair, or the camper with the cleanest shoes, or the camper with the smallest ears, or the camper who can do the best Donald Duck impression. It's generally a big hit with the campers, because everyone gets to show off their unusual talents or features.

On Monday night we had our cookout night and cabin night, and on Tuesday we played a very crazy game of Capture the Flag. With over 120 people on the field (campers and counselors) it got pretty wild! We divided the tribes into the "cool colors" and the "warm colors" to come up with 2 big teams.

Wednesday night's evening activity was a Counselor Hunt, which is like a big game of hide-and-seek. Each tribe was seeking their tribe counselors, and at the end all of the counselors who got found get "punished." They might have to walk barefoot through some gross, slimy stuff, or they might have to feed each other pudding while blindfolded. It's very messy, but definitely fun to watch!

With this big a group, the waterfront has been really busy! Those residents who are up here on weekday mornings probably noticed all the commotion when more than 30 campers showed up for the first morning of Polar Bear swim at 7am! I could hear them all the way up in Main Lodge. We also had 34

campers sign up for sailing! That's the most we've had in several years, and we had to put in one of our Sunfish Sailboats to accommodate all the sailors.

Our total number for the summer is currently at 401 officially. We're still right about the same as last year's numbers, which I consider a victory in the current economic climate. On this date last year we had 409 registered campers, and finished the summer with 457. There are

still openings for our remaining 3 weeks of camp: Robin Hood Week, It's a ZOO Week, and Fairy Tale & Super Hero Week. If you know of any potential campers, tell them to sign up soon!

Hope everyone has a beautiful weekend at the lake!
-Miss Amber

Wish list:

Youth size orange life jackets
Mattresses for camper bunks
Drain plug for a Sunfish
Rudder for a Sunfish



NICHOLS

TREE SERVICE & SMALL EXCAVATING

Justin Nichols, owner — 269-683-6656 — 2115 Spansail Dr., Niles

TREE SERVICE

**TRIMMING - PLANTING - REMOVAL
LOGGING - FERTILIZING - CABLING
BRUSH HOGGING - STUMP GRINDING
GUTTER CLEANING - HEDGE TRIMMING**

EXCAVATING

**HAULING - GRADING - RETAINING WALLS
POST HOLES 9" TO 32" - DRIVEWAYS
SEAWALLS - TRENCHING 0" TO 36"
FOOTINGS - BACKFILLS - RETAINING WALLS**

LEAF REMOVAL, SNOW PLOWING, SNOW REMOVAL, LOT CLEARING

"Justin Nichols recently put in a seawall at my home on Birch Lake ... and he did an amazing job in a very short time. Thanks Justin!"

-Tom DeCocker, East Shore

"Nichols brought in topsoil, graded my yard, buried the gutter drains and put in a short 25-foot wall ... now I'm ready to enjoy summer at Birch Lake thanks to Nichols Tree Service & Excavating."

Tim Liddell, East Side Hill

"I needed a retaining wall at my new home on the hill (Kinzie St.) while it was under construction. I called Justin Nichols, and he came up and put it in for me. He does very good work!"

-PJ VandeWalle, East Side Hill

"Justin Nichols was working next door when I met him. I needed several trees removed and the stumps ground ... Justin can do it all!"

Ryan Gableman, East Side Hill

Stu's Star Stuff

We know our world as an abode for life. Earth is teeming with fish, mammals, birds, reptiles, insects, and even some oddball “extremophiles” — life forms that live in extreme environments like deep inside ice at the poles or around hot springs at the bottom of the ocean. Today, the diversity of life on Earth and its hardiness at adapting to extreme environments prompt many scientists to think life could thrive elsewhere in our solar system or on planets and moons around other stars in our Milky Way galaxy.

But it was only in the sixteenth century, around the time of Copernicus, that people began to see Earth as a planet at all — akin to the “wanderers” that were seen crossing the night sky against the stable background of stars. Since then, telescopic and probe-based studies of other bodies in the solar system have put our remarkable home into a broader context.

We know that Earth is the largest of the “terrestrial” planets in our solar system — the four rocky planets close to the Sun.

Earth is tilted on its axis at 23.5 degrees, which creates the seasons. When one hemisphere is tilted toward the Sun, it experiences summer. The hemisphere tilted away experiences winter. Spring and fall occur when a hemisphere is between these two extremes.

Earth is the only planet where the normal temperature range allows water to

exist on its surface as a liquid. In fact, oceans cover 70 percent of Earth's surface.

This is an extremely important factor for life as we know it.

Earth's atmosphere is another factor that makes life possible. Consisting of 78 percent nitrogen, 21 percent oxygen, and traces of other gases, it provides protection from most of the Sun's harmful radiation. It also protects us from most of the meteors that head for the planet; they burn up in the atmosphere before they can hit the ground.

The solid portions of Earth form three layers. The top layer is the crust, and is made of silicates — rocks like quartz, feldspar, and others. The mantle lies beneath the crust, and contains most of Earth's mass. The mantle is made primarily of silicon, magnesium, and oxygen. The mantle wraps around a two-layered core: a partially molten outer layer of iron and nickel and an inner layer of solid iron. As Earth rotates, these layers spin at different rates, which generates our planet's magnetic field.

Earth's seven continents sit on large tectonic plates that float atop the mantle. Eons ago, the continents were joined together into a single land mass scientists have coined Pangaea. Starting about 200 million years ago, the plates began to drift apart, causing the continents to separate. They are still moving today, albeit extremely slowly. Earthquakes occur where tectonic plates run into each other

and one plate is forced to slide underneath another.

Other interesting facts include: Name - from old English, Average distance from the sun - 92,955,820 miles, or 1 Astronomical Unit, Equatorial diameter - 7,926 miles, Length of a day - 24 hours, Length of a year - 365.24 days, Known moons - 1.

Look for Earth this evening. It's approximately 240,000 miles below the moon. And especially enjoy the part we call Birch Lake.

-Stu Spratt



The Moon tonight:

The Moon for July 18, 2009
Illuminated Fraction: 0.113
2.8 days before new moon

BIRCH LAKE HOROSCOPE

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20)

Try not to lend or borrow money or belongings this week. First find out if they're married. Help if you can, but more than likely it will be sufficient just to listen. Try to find another time to present work or ideas this week. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- may 21)

If they want help that's great, but if they try to take credit for your work, you will have to set them straight. A little overtime may help you reduce the workload. You will have to help family members sort out unfortunate difficulties. Don't let your mate force you into making a decision that you aren't ready to make. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Do not blow situations out of proportion. Don't let peers distract you or push their work your way. You will find that money could slip through your fingers. Emotional upset at work will set you back. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

You may want to take a look at courses offered at a local institute. Health problems may prevail if you haven't been getting enough rest. Get them to pitch in, if you need help. You may find yourself in the midst of a pretty good deal. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

Organize your day to avoid any setbacks that might ignite temper flare-ups. Try not to discuss important matters with colleagues. You are in a high energy, get it all done, mood and you'll have little patience with those who are slacking off. Don't evade important issues; you may find yourself backed into a corner. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)

You will need a little competition this week. Get involved in activities that will stretch your stamina. You can expect your mate to get fed up and make the choices for you or back off completely. Hold your temper and refrain from doing anything that might cause injury. You will have to be careful not to fall into traps set by jealous colleagues. Your lucky day this week

will be Thursday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)

Take some time to change your house around. Your ability to visualize will help you convince others of the possibilities. Don't vacillate about asking for assistance if you need it. Emotional deception will cause friction on the home front. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

There's lots to be done and if you meet your deadline you'll be in your boss's good books. Competitive games will be your forte. You will have to put those you live with in their place if they try to interfere with your work. Problems with females you live or work with will try your patience and cause temper flare ups. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)

Romantic opportunities will flourish through travel or communication. Don't involve yourself in the emotional problems of those you work with. Travel may be confusing. Be aware that minor accidents or injury may prevail if you are preoccupied. Your

lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20)

Disruptions may set you back, but you're strong, and in the end the choices you make will be favorable. You may have a problem at work with a female coworker. Luck is with you. Business or pleasure trips will be knowledgeable as well as highly successful. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)

Be careful not to get involved in other people's personal affairs. You will find travel and lectures most stimulating. Money may slip through your fingers. Abstain from getting involved with married individuals. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Stay away from social unpleasantness. Legal matters that have been pending may be alleviated through compromise. Compromising could be on the agenda this week. Talk to others about your plans. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

Water Quality Committee Report

**Water Quality Program
Water Quality Committee Lake
Management Report**
Rick Russwurm, Chairman,
Terry Dugan, Gordon Seyfarth,
Bruce Wagner



look at it in comparison. It should be remembered that Eagle lake is a rather shallow lake and thus subject to more warming and productivity.

Water Quality Tidbits

Gordon and Terry were out doing the July chlorophyll and dissolved oxygen/temperature profile for the lake on Tuesday the 14th.

The Secchi disk reading for the week was 16 feet on Monday afternoon and just shy of 16 feet on Tuesday. The chlorophyll sampling uses a continuous sample of the water column from twice the Secchi depth to the surface, so about a column of 32 feet.

We plan to set up the graphics for the dissolved oxygen and temperature profile from May to the current readings. We still have significant oxygen down to about 70 feet where it starts to drop rather sharply to almost anoxic at 91 feet. The thermocline starts at about 20-22 feet with a temperature at about 71 F (21.6 C) and drops quickly to 49 F (9.8 C) at 32 feet. Over the next 50 feet the temperature only drops

another 10 degrees F or 4 C.

We share the oxygen/temperature probe equipment with Corey and Eagle Lake. We were talking to the tester on Eagle lake and the Secchi disk reading has dropped to 5 feet there from a record in June of 24 feet. He says the lake looks green. Also, below 18 feet the oxygen drops to levels we do not see until after 85 feet.

When he dropped the equipment off on Monday, he commented on how blue Birch Lake looked. Thus, we may see it as a bit cloudy, but I guess we have to

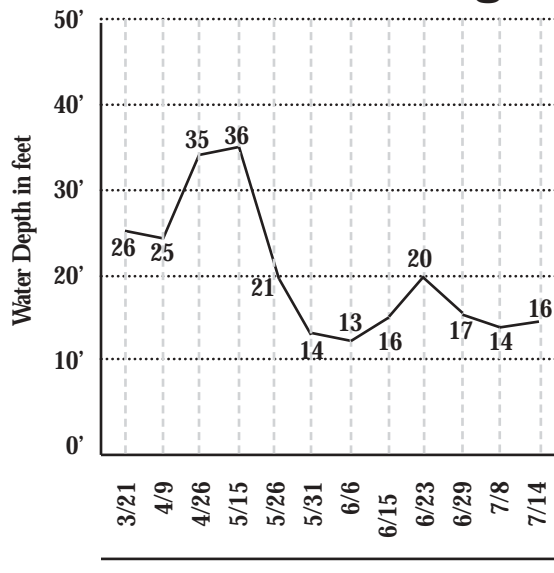
Eurasian Milfoil Update

On inspection of the Eurasian Milfoil patch on the east side, it appears that the treatment has worked very well. There are lots of plants but not Milfoil which is a good indicator because Eurasian Milfoil crowds out all other plants. As far as the patch by the public landing, it was retreated by Professional Lake Management on July 9th.

Purple Loosestrife Watch

Purple Loosestrife is emerging. It has been sighted at two locations on the west side. One site has been removed and the other should be removed before you read this. If you see a pink purplish flowering plant on your property that you think may be Purple Loosestrife, please call a Water Quality Committee member and we will check it out.

Secchi Disk readings (to date) on Birch Lake in 2009



Editor's Note: The Water Quality Committee will update this chart in the Barker every time a Secchi Disk reading is taken throughout the year so that trends can be monitored. For information on this chart or any other Water Quality issue, contact Water Quality Committee Chairman Rick Russwurm at 476-2407 or any other member of the Water Quality Committee.

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

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

REFLECTIONS

TV Trivia — no cheating!

Last weekend, while hanging out in my favorite East Side “hot spot,” my 50-something friends and I began reminiscing about the TV shows we loved in our early years. This resulted in a contest of who could remember the most particulars about the different shows. I thought you might like to give your brain some exercise by trying to remember the answers to the following 50’s - 60’s children’s TV trivia.

Good Luck, have fun and no internet cheating (like I did)!

1) “Here I Come to Save the Day!” Mighty Mouse would sing as he sailed in to save his love from the most frequent villain.

Name his lovely lady and the villain.

2) The most famous K9 of the 50’s and 60’s was Lassie. For ten seasons Lassie lived the farm life saving lives and protecting his humans. For the last seven years on the farm his boy was Timmy Martin but the first three seasons he lived with a different boy and his mother and grandfather.

Name the first boy and the breed of dog.

3) Bob Keeshan created and became the character of Captain Kangaroo when he was only 28 years old. Before that he had

been a very important character on the Howdy Doody Show. He was fired from that show twice, the last time for causing an uprising of the lesser characters over “talk time.”

What character did he play on Howdy Doody?

4) On the Captain Kangaroo Show was a very popular segment featuring the character Tom Terrific. It was often necessary for him to save his lazy best friend from his evil nemesis.

Name the best friend and the evil villain.

5) “Never Fear! Underdog is Here!” This was the battle cry of Underdog. By day a lowly street vendor but when trouble reared its ugly head, a super hero.

Name his alter ego, his top two enemies and his girl friend (on the TV show).

6) Another famous K9 from a slightly earlier time was Rin Tin Tin. He lived a valuable life as a heroic mascot in a branch of the US military where he also lived with a human youth.

Name the breed of dog, the branch of the military and the name of the boy.

7) This strange pair, that in today’s world would probably raise a few eyebrows,

was The Lone Ranger and Tonto. In the first few episodes, the Ranger and Tonto rode together on the Ranger’s horse, but after the producers saw the first publicity poster, they gave Tonto his own horse. Several questions here:

What were the names of their horses?

What was the Lone Ranger’s last name?

What tribe did Tonto belong to?

What later superhero was written to be either the son or grandson (some debate here) of the Lone Ranger?

What was the Lone Ranger’s mask made of (in the storyline)?

8) Next, everyone’s favorite Moose and Squirrel (besides the Birch Lakers of the same names).

Name their character names and the villainous couple that constantly endangered their lives.

9) Last but not least, on the Moose and Squirrel show, there was a segment featuring a time traveling dog and his pet boy.

Name the dog, the boy and the machine in which they traveled.

-Antique on the East Side

THANKS TO ALL EVERYONE HELPED MAKE THE JUNE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SUCH A GREAT SUCCESS! SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CURTIS FAMILY!



Now the summer fun begins!

red & black raspberries, peaches blueberries, green beans and **sweet corn** corn will be ready in mid-July



DIAMOND ACRES
CASSOPOLIS, MI

Sue & Bob are back! Come on in!

In Cassopolis behind the High School on Kamp Kozy

Open Every Day 10 - 6

We have Perennials in 1 & 2 gal pots



DISCOVER MICHIANA
REAL ESTATE
www.discovermichiana.com

Pat Keirn, Realtor

1111 E. State St., Cassopolis, MI 49031



Office: 269-445-2450
Cell: 269-625-8554
Home: 269-476-2767
Fax: 269-934-6979

email: pat@discovermichiana.com

http://www.discovermichiana.com

Licensed in Michigan
MLS

UNION INSURANCE AGENCY

Corner of US 12 & Union Rd.

**Auto
Home
Life
Renters
Business
Boats
RVs
Motorcycles
Snowmobiles
Pet Injury Coverage**

Sue McCammon
Independent Agent
269-641-5995
email: Sue@unionins.net



Auto-Owners Insurance

Scenes from a weekend



Last weekend so many great photos were taken of the boats in the parade (and in the yards as people were watching the parade) that we decided to print a full line up of all the boats that participated this year. Our thanks to everyone who contributed photos ... these were shot by Chuck Horn and the PattiCam



Vlasicaks' Meat Market & Smoke House

**Catering Available ● Fresh Cuts
Beer ● Wine ● Liquor**

Your Barbecue Headquarters
Custom deer processing, special order items
available, daily lunch items available, Port-A-
Pit Party services, wild game processing
**Jeff's Specialties — Summer Sausage,
Jerky and Beef Sticks**



**Sit back and
relax ...
Let us do the
cooking!**



**Open Mon-Sat 9 am - 6 pm,
Sunday 11 am - 4 pm
(closed Tues)**

**63490 M-62 South
South of Cassopolis
North of Edwardsburg
Formerly "Shafer's"
new owners Jeff & Geri Vlasicak**

445-8763

Coy Jankowski
COY JANKOWSKI
artist



**"My love for Birch Lake is matched
only by the emotion of a
sincere brush stroke"**

Whether it be your home, cottage,
family or memories, consider
a painting or drawing.
Commissions start at \$275

574-298-4067
coyjankowski@comcast.net
www.coyjankowski.com

Scenes from a weekend



Handyman Repairs

- Roof to basement - inside and out
- Floors, doors, stairways, ceilings and windows
- Siding, roofing, driveways and sprinklers
- Decks and fences; fascia and soffits
- Plumbing, electrical, heating and A/C
- Piers and Seawalls

Home Maintenance

- Painting - interior and exterior
- Snow removal - sidewalks, driveways & roofs
- Gutters and chimney cleaning & repair
- We do windows
- Power washing, insulation and weatherproofing
- Spring and fall yard clean up
- Tree and shrub trimming
- Rototill your garden

Free Estimates

- Firm quotes for all jobs
- Fully insured
- No job too big or too small

Property Management

- Reliable caretaker
- Fulfills all absentee homeowner's needs
- Periodically checks your property
- Provides second home peace of mind
- Call for all lake property requirements



Dave's Residential Services
(269) 476-2797; Wireless (269) 362-0724
davehardisty@comcast.net
Emergency Service Available 24/7

Barker Word Search

Find these words that are all about FISH!

RAYS
SHRIMP
WATER DOG
BAIT
GOLDFISH
FISHING
JELLYFISH
EELS

BLOWFISH
CATFISH
AQUATIC
ANGLING
TUNA
SHARKS
SALMON
SEA DOG

FLYINGFISH
LUNGFISH
FISHERMAN
HOOK
SEAHORSE
STARFISH
FINS
GILLS

TROUT
TAIL
SEA
OCTOPUS
INKFISH
BONY FISH
WHALES
WHALE SHARK

SALT
LOBSTER
SHELLFISH
DOLPHINS

J E L L Y F I S H S I F L L E H S I K I
D O L P H I N S A I I A E S A F K F R F
H N E F L Y I N G F I S H U I F O T A A
S S G S F A N G L I N G K P B L L K H T
A S I I T S F T R O U T O O O A O F S P
L H G F L T I F L N H S P T R O I W E F
T R N A G L N L I S A L E C H S F T L F
H L R I B N S O I S H B L O W F I L A M
H R S S O C U F R S H O A H S E L A H W
P N I L H H T L I O R J F A I Y H A W T
P N O T E A S F R E T S B O L C A S N O
M A F M C E R I L W A T E R D O G R P S
I M A R L A R K F I L S E L A H W E M L
R R H B T A I D S W E S O H S I F K N I
H E W S O K S S U E O G N I H S I F R A
S H G O L D F I S H M L F L U P O T C O
S S I H A Q U A T I C Y B T A I L E N T
R I S L I L G N A H N O E S R O H A E S
R F S H A E O U S O E H K I G O D A E S
G S I N M T S T B P I R I S F L O O F I

Candy
Ice Cream
Groceries, Pop
Becky Beers Owner
Gasoline
Ice
LP Gas Exchange

Tom's Garage & Convenience Store
63909 WALNUT ROAD
VANDALIA, MI 49095
269-476-2272

How Can Pier Perfection Help You?

Pier Perfection offers custom design, installation, removal, sales and service of dock products to help make your time on the water more enjoyable. As the premier service provider in Southwestern Michigan, we have built a reputation of quality and a commitment to excellence.

17228 M60
Vandalia, MI
49095

476-1500
fax 476-1510

PIER PERFECTION

www.pierperfection.com

Birch Lake House Walk

Home #6 — the DeYoungs

It's only 1 week until our House Walk on July 25th! Seven families have agreed to make their unique and wonderful homes available to view on the tour. To add to the afternoon's enjoyment, there will be free pontoon shuttle service between homes. In addition, there will be several local artists and vendors displaying their work at the Wozniak barn, along with free refreshments and several drawings going on throughout the day.

The House Walk starts Saturday at 1 PM and ends at 4 PM and brochures must be picked-up at the Barn the day of the house walk. A limited amount of parking will be available at the barn so please walk or car-pool, if possible. Each week, in the Barker, we will feature one of the homes on the tour.

Tickets are on sale for \$10 in advance and \$15 on the day of the tour. All proceeds are going towards Birch Lake Water Quality testing fees in their efforts to monitor our lake. Tickets can also be purchased from Denny Weesner south shore, Judy Olsen east shore, Vickie Rogers the cove, Bev Kruggel west shore, and Michelle Seyfarth north shore.

Don't miss out on this fun filled day! Mark your calendars for July 25th. Co chairs: Michelle Seyfarth, Vickie Rogers, and Vanessa Wozniak.

House #6 on our walk is the home of the DeYoung Family at 63155 Walnut Rd. (west shore).

Rich and Beth purchased their house in the fall of 1998 from the Ward family. The DeYoungs with their 6 children, dog Gizmo, and cat Bogie, needed a home to fit their needs and this home certainly fit the bill! The 5-bedroom home was built in 1990 and included a 2-bedroom guesthouse, where the original owners lived during construction, and a tiki bar on the lakefront.



photo by Carol Dugan

After moving-in, they put together a list of changes they wanted to make over time. To make the house feel like their home, they took on a project from the list every year. This past winter they finally removed the last of the wallpaper they had hated for over the past 10 years. They have completed most of the original list, but as all homeowners know, somehow the list continues to grow. It can be said that

every room in the house has been remodeled to one degree or another! The house had a giant oak tree in the front yard dying a slow death. For over five years, the DeYoungs attempted to save the tree but to no avail. Rather than eliminate it all together, they had it carved with their favorite sports teams in mind. GO BEARS AND CUBS!!!

Art in the Barn: 63021 Birch Rd.

During the Birch Lake House Walk, there will be several local artists and business owners at the Wozniak's barn presenting their work. On display will be: sterling silver to costume jewelry, handmade purses done in yarn using beads and other embellishments, watercolor paintings, photography, candles, and a representative from a local salon.

Don't forget to enter our drawings! We will have several drawings during to win a free lawn mowing service from Cheyenne, an adorable bird house and a Cranberry Barn candle from Chickadee's Gift Shop, a free massage and a free haircut from Satori Salon and Spa, and blank notecards with Birch Lake photos by Carol Dugan.

We will be serving free refreshments.



2009 Birch Lake Yacht Club officers and directors

Commodore — Paul Fallon —476-1467
cell phone: 574-274-9580

Vice Comm.—Bob Waddle—476-2293

Fleet Capt. — Bill Luecht—476-2615

Treas. — Holly Troeger—476-9898

Secretary —Sandy Vitale—476-1680

BLYC Directors:

North — Rick Russwurm—476-2407

Fred Freihofer—476-9823

Mike Lutz — 476-2843

(cell) 269-207-1153

Bob Baucus — 476 2863

Cell: 574-535-4946 Home: 269-641-5644

East — Scott Troeger—476-9898

Jim Bolinger—476-9737

Phil Vitale—476-1680

Lind Harman — 476-2039

Hill — Ryan Gableman—215-0366

South — Terry Dugan—476-2814

Sue Williams —476-8886

West — Harold Cranmer—476-2170

Karen Brovold — 476-8862

Steve Quinlan — 476-8802

Cove — Vicki Rogers—476-2383

BLYC Water Quality Comm.

Rick Russwurm, Chair.—476-2407

Terry Dugan—476-2814

Gordon Seyfarth — n/a

Bruce Wagner — 476-2090

Home Owners Comm.

Rick Russwurm—476-2407

Scott Troeger—476-9898

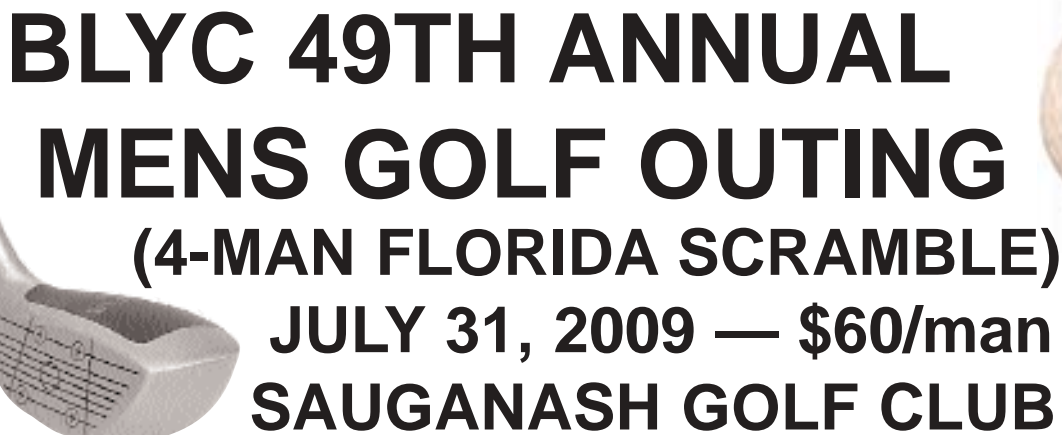
Paul Fallon—476-1467

Jim Bolinger—476-9737

Phil Vitale—476-1680

BLYC Fleet Captain

Bill Luecht — 476-2615



BLYC 49TH ANNUAL MENS GOLF OUTING (4-MAN FLORIDA SCRAMBLE) JULY 31, 2009 — \$60/man SAUGANASH GOLF CLUB

61270 Lutz Rd., Three Rivers, MI — Shotgun start at NOON; dinner at BLYC at 6 pm

* must have registrations by July 22nd.

Additional Information

- * team prizes and contests
- * dinner only, \$25 per person
- * dinner includes 10oz. grilled sirloin, side salads, corn on the cob and dessert.
- * lunch not included but the club has complete restaurant and beverage service availability.
- * prizes awarded during dinner.
- * the mens' and ladies' outing is looking for

donations of door prizes. If you have access to logo merchandise that could be donated to one or both, please contact Fred Freihofer @ cdfreihofer@aol.com. We have need for 80 players in the mens' and 40 players in the womens' event.

* **Send entries to Fred Freihofer, 14921 Birch North Shore Dr., Vandalia, MI 49095.**

*checks should be made out to BLYC

Foursome Information

Team Captain:

Player

Player

Player

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Official BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

2009 Dues, Contributions & Donations Form

- \$ ___ - BLYC Member Dues (\$25 / 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**

BLYC CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

2 Big & Rich Concert Tickets at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL. 2nd row dead center, section 2 row B seats 215-216. Call Denise at 630.279.4900 or 269.476.9000.

8x10' Aqua Patio swim raft with anchor and ladder. 2 yr. old carpet. \$200 or best offer. Call Helen at 476-2719 or 269-683-2051.

WANTED

Wanted: **Old boat oars and or paddles.** Will be willing to accept free or pay for! If you have any you are not using and would like to be rid of please call Kerni O'Brien at 476-2126.

Wanted to buy: **Bass clarinet** in good condition. Contact Bill Luecht 476-2615

Wanted: **Competitive and intermediate table tennis player.** Call Gordon Seyfarth 476-1319.

FOUND

Found: a wooden footstool of an adirondack chair found floating after a rainstorm. Contact Olson, 476-2125.

FOR RENT

Lovely 3 bedroom cottage on the beautiful north shore. Sleeps 6, plus a pull out couch. Indoor plumbing and no mosquitoes. \$850.00/week. Discounts available. Contact Stewart at 574.514.0667 or 269.476.2113.

Lake Cottage: Are you having family or

friends up and ran out of room? You can use my place. Willing to rent weekly, monthly, or just for a weekend. Family room, large kitchen with all new appliances, recently remodeled, washer/dryer, central air, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, loft with sleeper, new deck, gas grill, lake access. \$1200/week. Contact Vickie or Sam Tomaino @ 630-775-9336 or mytoria@aol.com for more information and pictures.

The Villages - Florida rental. Conveniently located just an hour from Disney World, and an hour from either coast. Located just off highway 75, it avoids much of the traffic the coasts are known for. It is an active community with 2 downtowns, every kind of eating place, 34 golf courses on site, its own hospital, a Sams, 2 Walmarts, many tennis courts, swimming pools, bocce courts, and even polo fields. Everything is accessible by golf cart. The Villages is described as the Disney World for adults. We have a lovely, extra large stand-alone Courtyard villa (which gives complete walled privacy) in the center of it all. It is completely furnished and equipped. It has 2 bedrooms (one a king bedroom and the other twin beds), 2 full baths, an open layout, 3 tvs, cable, local phone service, newspaper, centralized radio/music system, washer/dryer, outdoor furnishings and grill, and many extras. All you need is your suitcase and toothbrush and a willingness to have fun. It is one of the most active villas in that they include any renters in all villa activities: weekly men/women golfing, monthly dinners, night golf, monthly game nights, block parties,

sports activities, etc. It is available this year from Oct. through January. For more information and pictures, call 476-2786.

Luxury Condo for \$975/Week (rates contingent on availability and dates). Over 2100 square feet with panoramic balconies that are over 400 square feet, overlooking the ocean, speedway and downtown Daytona. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with walk-in showers. Fully furnished with washer, dryer, dishes and brand NEW appliances. King bed in master suite, 2 queen beds in guest bedroom and 2 twin beds in third bedroom. Large private swimming pool on complex. Hot tub, tennis courts, par 3 golf course, billiards room/game room, ping pong. Cleaning fees separate but optional. PLEASE CALL 561 603 5522. Ask for Angela or email berganfsu@aol.com

Single-Family Home in Naples Park \$750/week. 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom. Open floor plan. Screened in tile patio overlooking big back yard. Florida fruit trees. Home located 0.7 miles from public beach; great shopping areas nearby & lots to do and see in Naples, Florida. Home includes all linens and dishes, washer and dryer. Please call Angela 561 603 5522 if you are interested or email berganfsu@aol.com

Barker Advertising: **The Birch Barker will publish classified ads free for members of the BLYC ... non-members will be charged \$5/ad. Send ads to sailorphil@philvitalite.com**

We are a full service salon, specializing in hair cuts, hair coloring, nails, massage, body treatments, full-body waxing and facials.

We have a "Double Pedicure" unit. Which means that people can come and get pedicures side-by-side. Body Treatments are 10% off. We have a Mudd Wrap, Cryothermic Body Treatment, and an Aromatherapy Salt Scrub. Visit our Website for more information!

www.satorisalonandspa.com



Satori Salon and Spa

11920 McKinley Street
Jones, Michigan 49061

244-5510



Sales Service Storage

SOUTHSIDE OF GRAVEL LAKE
15355 96TH AVE
Lawton, Michigan 49065
269.423-6011

1-888-996-BOAT
RAUAPOLLO@AOL.COM

WWW.APOLLOMARINE.NET

Birch Lake



3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 2 garages, renovated kitchen, extra garage has an open upstairs for possibly a rec. room or extra living space. The 22x93 lake front lot with a shed and a pier to park your water toys are included. \$275,000.

Seller says "Bring them all OFFERS"



Rent out the cottage below for extra income. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, kitchen, dining area, and fireplace. This property also has an extra lot next to it. Lake access. \$115,000



Mark VanDusen
68827 M62
Edwardsburg, MI 49112
Cell: 574-215-6549
Office: 269-663-8585 ext 13

 **Prudential**
One Realty

We've Got You Covered!



**SUMMER'S HERE!
CALL US TODAY!**

- Retractable Awnings for Deck & Patios
- Roll Curtains for Screened Porches
- Roll Shutters
- Boat Covers and Tops
- Canvas Repair
- Aluminum Awnings



SALES • SERVICE • INSTALLATION

**Call us for a free
at-home
demonstration!**

*Locally owned
and operated
since 1985*

**SUN
&
SHADE
AWNING**

12291 Bidelman Road • Three Rivers at Big Pleasant Lake

269 244-5307
www.sunandsshadeawning.com