



# **Fundraisers a huge success**

### **COMMODORE'S COMMENTS**

elia and I spent the last two weekends off the lake. The most recent one had us visiting Evansville, Indiana for the first time. We attended a wonderful event in what seemed to be a nice town with a very impressive looking riverfront area. The weather there was quite pleasant, certainly nicer than here. So why does a part of me regret not being at home, here, at Birch Lake?

It was tough to miss the Spaghetti Dinner. Everybody is talking about how great the food, service, and attendance were. The North Siders really can put on a super supper, can't they? Thanks to all for their hard work.

Another successful fundraising meal was the Pancake Breakfast, chaired by Lind and Don Harman. BLYC Treasurer, Holly Troeger reports that this year's event raised \$2,874, a huge, near, if not, record amount which will be used for Tannadoonah camperships. That's two belly-filling, cash raising, heartwarming feasts for wonderful causes.

Holly also provided an update on the firework financials. We did receive a slight

### 2009 BLYC Calendar

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

discount on account of a few shells getting wet and becoming unusable. Even without that discount, all of your generous donations to the fireworks funds exceeded expenses by a few hundred dollars. Thank you.

Our contract with RKM Fireworks was initially for \$6,000. For anybody wondering why Shavehead's show could afford to start before ours, and was still going on after ours was over, I'm told they have a single donor that chips in \$10,000 a year.

The BIRCH BARKER

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YOUR DIRECTORS (both Junior and Senior) WILL BE SAKING THEIR FINAL DRIVE WITHIN THE MAXT TWO MEMORS. If you do not almady have your membrahip, will you please be ready for them. We are awking for \$3.00 per nothings or whichour you wish to alwo. Junior Memoraphina are \$50.

After a brief hiatus and a big scare, the 10:00 AM Mass at Camp Eberhart each Sunday between Memorial and Labor Days will start again tomorrow July 26, 2009, with the diocese's blessings. Hallelujah!

Membership total is currently 154 strong. Thanks again.

As you no doubt recall, due to the daunting number, all of the essays submitted on "Why I Love Birch Lake" or "What I Love Most About Birch Lake" were broken

down into the six most common forms or classifications of fine literature and we are sharing with you the first place winner in each classification.

This week's genre is "Best Homage/Shoutout to the Commodore and Commodoress"

#### **Birch Lake**

- B Bernie & Blair
- I Interesting Neighbors
- R Real Fun Times
- C The Commodore
- H His Wife
- L Lots of Opinions
- A Alcohol Needed
- K Keep Your Cool
- E Escape, Escape! By Blair Garceau

Recalling that an outboard engine was pilfered on the South Side several weeks ago, I was disappointed to read that the Diamond Lake area has suffered some thefts from the insides of unlocked automobiles recently. Please continue to be careful and vigilant. If you are aware of any other Birch Lake area incidents, please make sure to so advise the Sheriff's Department.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at today's (July 25, 2009) Housewalk Festivities.

Until we communicate again, let us together continue to protect and enjoy the miraculous healing waters of Birch (God's favorite) Lake.

-Paul Fallon, 2009 Commodore



Bill Luecht, my next door neighbor and a longtime Birch Laker, recently uncovered some interesting Birch Lake history.

While going through the personal effects of his deceased aunt Doris (a longtime laker herself), Bill ran across a copy of the Aug. 22, 1964 edition of the Birch Barker (cover reproduced at left), as well as a copy of the 1966 Birch Lake Directory.

He has scanned both of these items and I will put them on the Website for anyone who would like to peruse them.

To check them out, go to http://www.philvitale.com and click on the Birch Barker page ... then watch for the appropriate links to these two "pdf" files.

Thanks for the memories,

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# Birch Lake Notes -

#### Change in meeting time

In order to accommodate the stragglers expected from next Friday's BLYC Men's Golf Outing, the Board of Directors has agreed to delay the board meeting start on Saturday morning by one hour ... so the meeting will begin at 10 am.

### **Homeowners Association**

The annual meeting and election of directors of the Birch Lake Homeowners Association will take place on Saturday, August 1, following the BLYC Board of Directors meeting. All are welcome to attend.

### **Boat safety inspection**

Sgt. Philip Esarey, the head of the Marine Division of the Cass County Sheriff's Department will conduct a boat safety inspection on Saturday, August 1 from 1 to 4 pm at the pier of Sheryl Papandria and Dan Covey on the east side.

The inspectors will be look for the following items:

- 1. Boat Numbers
- 2. Registration/Documentation
- 3. PFDs
- 4. Fire extinguisher
- 5. Ventilation
- 6. Backfire flame arrester
- 7. Sound signaling device (horn)
- 8. Navigation lights
- 9. Overall boat condition

Sgt. Esarey's crew will be inspecting power boats and providing a sticker

to those that pass. Those that do not pass will not be ticketed, but the owners will be given the information on how to bring their boats up to standards.

### **Successful BLYC Spaghetti Dinner**

This past Saturday drew over 200 people to the 5th Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Again, we are happy to report that we kept up with a wonderful Birch Lake tradition and put on another delicious feast.

We want to thank everyone involved in putting the dinner together: many thanks to Carol Freihofer and Pam Mullin (with help from Sarah and Matt Scheuer) for making the red meat sauce and Debbie Taghon for the alfredo sauce. Huge thank yous to Karen Brovold and her team of tickets sellers: Le King, Linda Curtis, Vickie Rogers, Denny Weesner and Judy Olson; to our ticket designer and marketer Bob King and to our ticket takers and greeters, Le and Bill King. Much appreciation to Ronnie Eshleman and Leslie King on the tossing of the salad and what would a pasta dinner be without the fresh Italian bread taken care of by Stu Spratt. Desserts were plentiful and delicious under the care of Sandy Baucus and Patti Russwurm and their many helpers (see Patti's note) and to Amy Lutz on keeping our diners thirst quenched!

Gracias to the super pasta cooking crew of Rick Russwurm, Fred

Freihofer, Gus Eshleman, Bob Baucus, Mike Lutz and Artie McElwee. Many thanks to Barb and Chris Kolber for stepping in as first timers to help in whatever they were asked to do.

Special thanks to Keck's Klear Water and Spencer's Quality Water for the donation of the water used for cooking and drinking. If we have forgotten anyone, please accept out apologies.

And much appreciation to Sandy and Phil Vitale for shadowing how the spaghetti dinner is done, from start to finish, as the East Shore will be taking on this fantastic fundraiser in 2011.

But most of all, thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the spaghetti dinner a festive and social occasion.

We will have what the spaghetti dinner netted in next weeks Birch Barker and we have asked the Directors of the BLYC to allocate these funds to camperships at Camp Tannadoonah.

See you all again next year - Ciao!
-Rich Mullin and Stan Pitakos

#### **THANK YOU**

It truly warms our hearts to once again witness how willing Birch Lakers are to lend a helping hand.

Thanks to all who slaved in their kitchens to make and donate a desserts to top off the spaghetti dinner. What a sweet success.

Thanks to: Vickie Rogers, Vanessa





# — Birch Lake Notes —

Wozniak, Judy Olson, Sue Waddle, Danielle Olinger, Irene Steffen, Linda Yoshizawa, Carol Dugan, Jeff Smitley, Linda Curtis, Le King, Karen Brovold, Lucene Daley and Barb Kolber.

You're the best!

Sandy Baucus and Patti Russwurm

#### **Corn and Sausage Roast?**

Mark Your Calendar! The Corn and Sausage Roast will be held on Saturday, August 8, 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 one beverage. The donation can will be out for additional canned drinks. Prices are: \$5.00 for a hot dog meal, \$6.00 for a bratwurst meal, and \$7.00 for a chicken breast meal. See you there.

#### **Fall Dinner Plan**

Hola amigos! Como esta usted? Did you notice the "south of the border" lead-in for this article? We're preparing you for a FIESTA GRANDE fall dinner at the opulent Birch Lake Yacht Club and Cantina. Go directly to your calendar and put a big circle around the 22 number on the August page. More detailed information in next week's Barker. YUM!

#### **Camp T hog roast**

Hey, Birch Lake! You're invited to attend a hog roast to help us celebrate the completion of the Murphy Memorial Sports Complex and thank all of our friends, volunteers, and donors. There's no fee to attend, just bring a dish to share.

What: Hog roast — we'll supply the hog, soft drinks, beer. We'll also have games and a bonfire.

When: August 1, 3pm-10pm, (5pm: Dedication of the Murphy Memorial Sports Complex)

**Cost:** Free! Please bring a side, snack, or dessert to share.

Where: Camp Tannadoonah http://tannadoonah.org/directions Who: Camp Fire friends and supporters and their families (kids welcome).

Email **chas@grundyhome.com** or call 574-315-0217 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

-Chas

### **CUS 12 Garage Sale**

The Mason-Union Branch of the Cass District Library will be participating in the US Hwy 12 multi-home garage sale on Sat. August 8th by renting spaces in the field. The price is \$5 for a space. BYOT (Bring you own Table! The Library itself will be open for access to facilities until 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in a space, get more information at the MU Branch or call

Debbie Bolinger.

#### oasters are in

The Birch Lake coasters that lakers ordered at the pancake breakfast are in. You can contact Phil Vitale at 476-1680 to pay (if you haven't already) and pick up your set.

#### "Hear," Here!

This note is in response to the "explanation" in last weeks Barker, penned by Beth Blackwood.

For years the gaggle of revelers in our boat have enjoyed the music that drifted out of the darkness during the fireworks display. We always came away from the display thoroughly entertained but left with two questions: "Who had the good sense to entertain us in between the booms?" and "why in the world didn't they turn it up just a bit more?" There are now quite a few more young people around the midwest that would not think of watching fireworks without the addition of a little classical music. Go Blackwoods. Thanks for helping us build memories and traditions for the next generation. Jake Young and Bernie Garceau, cocaptains of the 4th of July boat for the last 10 years.

-Fourth of July Boat Co-Captains for many years, Jake Young and Bernie Garceau



# — Birch Lake Notes –

#### **Close Call at Birch Lake**

The fishing was good that day in August. I was ready to come back to the cottage before darkness. I had enough fish for a small dinner. My six horse motor chugged along on my twelve-foot aluminum boat which had all my fishing gear aboard. I was halfway home when I found that I had left the fish that I had just caught trailing on my stringer on the side of the boat. In haste I retrieved the fish, but in doing so I leaned over too far and a gush of water entered into the boat. I fell out into the lake. I splashed into the water fully clothed without a life jacket. I had my fishing hat on, but that didn't help. I grabbed for the boat, but it chugged on.

There I was, in the middle of the lake, watching my boat purr on out of reach. I didn't panic, but I knew I was in a bad spot. The shore was a long swim. I kept my eyes on the boat while I treaded water and a curious thing happened. The boat that I was formerly in veered to the left and was making a circular path. Its motor turned itself to the right of the bow of the boat. This made the boat steer in a circle. Eventually, as I watched, the boat came back to me.

I grabbed the side and, because it was partially filled with water, it capsized. The motor stopped. I said good-

bye to all my fishing gear. Whew! I still was not out of trouble, but the boat did not sink. There I was, holding onto the boat and it was getting dark. Calling out didn't seem to be a practical solution, for I was too far out in the middle of the lake to be heard.

After a short while, a boat appeared out of nowhere and it was a sight for sore eyes. In the boat were neighbors Nadine and John Brown offering help. They had taken their late afternoon cruise around the lake and spied me in trouble. As darkness fell they got me back to shore. I'd say that was a pretty close call.

-Duffy Dufour

#### **Candles correction**

A new total on the profit made from the Candle fundraiser. The total is \$532.00!!!

A big thanks goes to Greg and Marsha Bolin who live on the West side. They also own Olde Cranberry Barn Candles who made the candles for the funraiser. Greg and Marsha generously donated 9 candles toward the fundraiser. Thanks much!!!

-Sandy Baucus

#### **Tastefully Simple Party**

Debbie Bolinger will be hosting a Tastefully Simple Open House on Wednesday, July 29th from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. "Bad" Patty Luecht will be the consultant on duty. Come taste some products and enjoy getting together with your neighbors!

#### **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

### **Golf Outings need donations**

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

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.Another Fish Story

### See you at the art display

Saturday, July a25, from 1 to 4 pm at Wozniak's barn. See if I have taken a complimentary photo of your home or a picture of your decorated boat from July 4.

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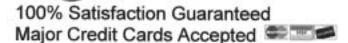


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# — Barker kid of the Week —



The daughter and granddaughters of Bruce Wagner (Cove) are Barker Kids of the Week. The girls all visited the Cove Cottage over the July 4



weekend. Above is Wendy Cotton with daughter Chloe and Caroline. At right is Chloe Cotton. All had a wonderful time and enjoyed their visit!

#### Want your kid to make the paper as a Birch Baker Kid of the Week?

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 stuff I type). •Editor



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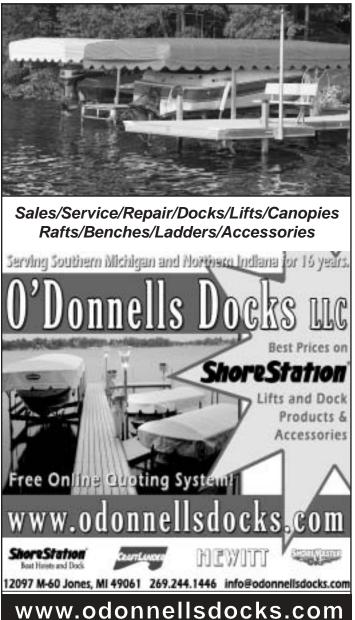
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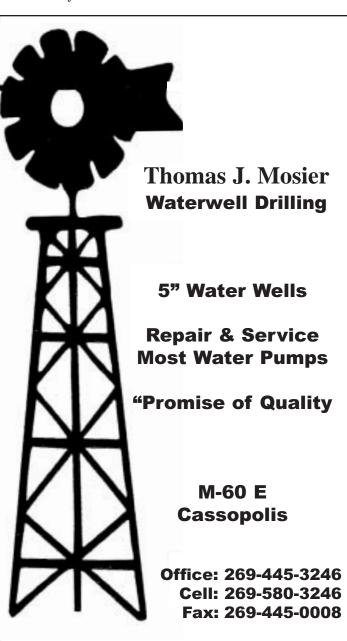
# Barker delinquents of the Week –





Strange week at Barker Central ... got these two great photos for the Barker this week and couldn't help poking a little fun at every man's ideal woman, Becky Bolinger (left), daughter of Jim & Debbie Bolinger (east side), and at Bad Patty Luecht and Bernie Garceau (above), also of the east side, who over indulged on vino rosso at last weekend's Spaghetti Dinner at the yacht club.







ast 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, and...oh, wait a minute...wishful thinking...that was the week before...

Last Sunday was one of those days that reminds us that sailing can be a pretty intermittent business. It was also a good example of why they invented the oar and the steam engine. There wasn't enough wind to wiggle a leaf on the big sycamore leaf out front. Maybe next time.

Thanks to Bob and Sue Waddle for promising to man the committee boat. Don't worry, we've got them signed up for another Sunday so they won't miss out on the excitement.

Speaking of excitement - this week we will be premiering our new sound system. Thanks to the approval of the Commodore and the Yacht Club Board, we were able to purchase a "Half-Mile Hailer" system to replace the balky bullhorn that we have been using for the last several years. The "Half-Mile Hailer" is a favorite of politicians, street evangelists and just about anybody else who likes to go out and annoy everyone within earshot. (Check out the Youtube videos!) Hopefully, the sailors (and everyone else) will be able to hear the countdown at the start of the races now. (Hopefully, the others within earshot will not be annoyed.)

-Bill Luecht, Fleet Captain 2009

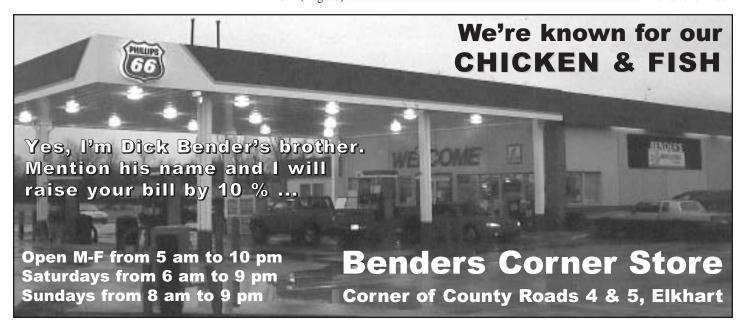
#### 2008 BLYC SAILING SEASON RESULTS

(Remember, we are counting completed regatta races toward the total number of races needed to qualify for the regular season.)

	Total	Season	Season	.Regatta.	Completed/
	Points	Avg	Races	Races.	Possible
MC Scow			9	5	
Scott Troeger #1489	4800	1600	3	5	8/9
Harold Cranmer #618	11653	1457	8	5	13/9
Tom Howard #1713					
Jim Bolinger #1735	4259	1420	2	0	2/9
Bob King #1199					
Rick Harman #379	2825	1413	2	0	2/9
Phil Vitale #500	9812	1402	7	5	12/9
Jeff Smitley #2002	6840	1368	4	5	9/9
Don Harman #582	2665	1333	2	0	2/9
Dave Olson #1979	9179	1311	7	4	11/9
Gib Eberhart #916					
Bill Luecht #1579	8457	1208	6	4	10/9
Sunfish			6	5	
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	6400	1600	4	5	9/6
Erica Vitale (White)	4642	1547	3	2	5/6
Katie Luecht (White/Red/Blue)	4563	1521	3	4	7/6
Sandy Vitale (White)	7453	1491	5	4	9/6
Eric Ödenwald (Blue/Yellow)	2888	1444	2	2	4/6
Bernie Garceau (Red/White/Blue)					
Brad Davis (Yellow/Teal)					

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

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8-9	
8-16	Bob & Sue Waddle
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# ~Birch Lake Recipes~

# **Great Balls of Fire**

I made these for the spaghetti dinner set up and boy were they a hit.

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

1 lb Bob Evans Hot Italian Sausage 1 ¼ Cup Bisquick 3/4 cup Sauerkraut (drain really really well) 2 cups Shredded Cheddar Cheese

#### PREPARATION:

Pre-heat oven @425.

In large bowl mix all ingredients by hand.

Roll into bite size balls. Line two cookie sheets with foil and spray well with Pam. Bake 15 to 18 minutes.

I baked my 18 minutes to make them crispy on the bottom.

They're really not that hot. Just the right amount of kick.

Happy snacking! -Good Patti





# **BIRCH LAKE** LADIES **GOLF OUTING**

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



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

Lunch only: \$10.00 Cost of golf and lunch: \$35.00

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
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# Tannadoonah Tidbits

hew! Last week was a really big week up here at camp! We all had a great time, and we were sad to see the full week of camp come to an end. This week there are only 49 campers, so we have less than half the number we had last week. It's a nice rest for the counselors.

This week was also our American Camp Association (ACA) accreditation visit. We have an accreditation visit every 3 years, and it's a really important process for us. We have 10 binders of documentation that are reviewed by our ACA visitor, and they also walk around camp and check everything out for the day.

The ACA accreditation process covers Site & Facilities, Food Services, Transportation, Human Resources, Operational Management, Health & Wellness, Program Design & Development, Aquatics, Adventure Challenge, as well as two areas we don't offer: Trip & Travel and Horseback Riding. For each area, there are about 30-40 standards that must be met in order to be accredited. We have to provide

documentation on how we meet each of the standards, and then also show the visitor that we are in compliance.

The whole process is a lot of work, but it is definitely worth the effort! Being able to say that we are ACA accredited means a lot for parents who are researching potential summer camps for their children. It also means that we really have to be on top of things in our training, programming, and lots of other areas. In addition to our ACA accreditation, we are licensed each year by the State of Michigan, and inspected by the Health Department and Fire Marshall as well.

Our numbers are still looking pretty good for this year, although we have fallen slightly behind last year's overall numbers. As of today we have 413 registered campers, and on this date last year we were at 424. We still have 2 more full weeks of camp, so if you know of any campers who might like to attend, get them signed up!

We would like to send out a BIG thank you for the two recent fundraisers that were sponsored by the Yacht Club and lake residents! The Pancake Breakfast raised over \$2800 to be added to the campership fund! The Spaghetti Dinner funds will also be added to the campership funds, although we don't have those numbers quite yet. It sure looked like a great success!

Next weekend is the big hog roast up here at camp -Saturday, August 1. Don't forget to come up for some great food and even better company! We plan to start around 3pm, and continue well into the evening. We're asking everyone to bring a dish to pass - appetizers, salads, side dishes, desserts, etc. We will also be having the official dedication of the Murphy Memorial Sports Complex, in memory of Mrs. Jo Murphy, who was the camp director at Tannadoonah for 27 years. If you haven't seen the awesome new tennis courts, you should definitely come check them out!

Hope to see you all up at camp soon!

-Miss Amber



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"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



# One small step for man ...

EIL ARMSTRONG: Okay, I'm gonna step off the LM now.
For Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong, the moment was at hand: He was about to become the first person to set foot on the Moon.

ARMSTRONG: That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.

On July 20th, 1969, Armstrong and crewmate Buzz Aldrin landed on the Moon's Sea of Tranquility. A few hours later, they stepped outside and loped across the dusty gray landscape. I remember being at the lake that hot summer evening, watching this historic moment unfold with my family on our black and white TV.

ARMSTRONG: The surface is fine and powdery. I can kick it up loosely with my toe. It does adhere in fine layers, like powdered charcoal, to the sole and sides of my boot. [:20]

Their mission was to land on the Moon and return home. But as long as they were there, Armstrong and Aldrin did a little science, too. They scooped up about 50 pounds of rock and soil. They set up a foil "sail" that gathered particles of the solar wind, and a seismometer that spent several weeks listening for moon-

quakes. And they deployed a laser reflector that's still helping scientists learn about the Moon, Earth, and the laws of gravity.

After two and a half hours on the surface, the astronauts returned to their lander. And the next morning, it was time to head back to lunar orbit.

MISSION CONTROL: Tranquility Base, Houston. You're clear for take off. ALDRIN: Roger, understand, we're number one on the runway. Five, four, engine arm-ascent, [static] Beautiful! 26, 36 feet per second up.

The Moon slips up on the planet Saturn this weekend. Tonight, Friday, look for Saturn well above the Moon as night falls. Saturn looks like a moderately bright golden star. The Moon will stand closer to Saturn on Saturday evening. Look for it to the crescent Moon's right or upper right at nightfall.

The Delta Aquarid meteor shower is building toward its peak, which should come around Tuesday night. The Moon will set early enough to leave several hours of good meteor watching. The meteors can appear in any direction in the sky.

Enjoy the show. It's free this week-

end.

On an unrelated note, I want to express my appreciation to everyone that kept an eye out for Charlotte. I am elated to report that she was found Tuesday night. She's a little tired and dirty but otherwise healthy and best of all safe. Thank you everyone.

-Stu Spratt



The Moon tonight:

The Moon for July 25, 2009 Illuminated Fraction: 0.229 2.6 days before first quarter

# BIRCH LAKE HOROSCOPE

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20)

Relatives may not be telling you the whole truth about a family situation. Be careful not to sign your time or your cash away. You're in need of love. Try to spend time with those having similar interests. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- may 21)

You will be able to pick up on future trends if you keep your eyes peeled for unique ideas. Don't sign up for too many extra activities or you'll have trouble fulfilling your obligations. Don't let your health suffer because of abuse. Talk to an older, established individual about your present situation. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You may want to tell someone how you really feel. Try a barbecue or a day at the beach. Your determination and sheer desire to do your own thing will be successful. Opportunities to learn important information will surface through discussions with peers or seminars you attend. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Your ability to come up with original ideas will bring recognition from superiors. You can get a great deal accomplished if you bring work home. Avoid conflicts with in-laws or other family members. If you are not already, think about going into business for yourself. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

So smile! Changes in your home may be alarming at first. Get help setting up a reasonable budget. Look into ways of making extra cash. Educational courses will be stimulating and successful. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)

You will be in an overly generous mood this week. Try to ease any disappointment by making amends. Don't be too quick to respond to a plea for help. Be prepared to meet new lovers through colleagues. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)

You will have a problem sorting out your true feelings when it comes to

your relationship. Visit those less fortunate than your self; be sure to help them with their personal problems. You could meet potential new mates if you go out with friends or take pleasure trips. Someone you live with may cause drastic alterations in your usual routine. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Dead end projects could plague you. You will learn easily if you put forth an effort. You will be ready to jump on anyone who gets in the way of your progress this week. There's a good chance that they won't come back. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Your involvement in sports or

entertainment will lead to new romances. Opportunities to learn important information will surface through discussions with peers or seminars you attend. Look closely at motives and honesty in your personal encounters. Be diplomatic but stem. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20)

You must lay down ground rules so that you can complete a job. Believe in yourself and so will those who count. Sign up for tours or courses that will enlighten you. Any intimate relationships with colleagues will lead to gossip that could easily affect your position. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)
Expressing yourself in novel ways should lead you down new avenues. Don't deny yourself this week. Pleasure trips will be emotionally favorable. You'll look guilty if you don't lay your cards on the table. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Don't hesitate to sign up for lectures or seminars that will enlighten you. Put aside any decisions concerning your position at work. You must not let fellow workers take advantage of your fine talents. Curl up with a good book or go for a drive in the country. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

# **Water Quality Committee Report**

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

#### Change of Season and Change in Lake Stratification and Available Oxygen

In early April, we went out on the lake with Ralph Bednarz from the DEQ to do a phosphorous side by side. He had the equipment to look at temperature and available dissolved oxygen from top to bottom of the lake at the approximately 95' mark.

Both the temperature and the dissolved oxygen levels were almost exactly the same from top to bottom, indicating that the water was of equivalent density from top to bottom permitting mixing of the whole water column as we had storms and wind. However, this all changes with the warming of the air and thus the water changing the density of the water.

Water is at its maximum density at 4 degrees C, or about 39 degrees F. When the lake warms in the Spring, it does so on the surface and this warmer water is lighter and thus actually floats on colder water below. Eventually, this produces (depending on the size and depth of a lake) a warmer surface layer or epilimnion, a cooler transition zone of



increasing density water, the metalimnion, and the cold dense lower layer that may actually make up the bulk of the lake, the hypolimnion.

Due to the density difference mixing does not occur with the hypolimnion and thus, this effectively becomes stagnant, and will not change until the fall turnover. Thus, whatever oxygen is in this part of the water column is all it will have until the fall turnover and mixing at that time.

Below are two graphs from temperature/dissolved oxygen data we took at two different time frames, mid-May and mid-July. The triangles represent temperature, and the circles show dissolved oxygen.

The stratification of the lake is apparent in the May sampling and very sharply delineated in the July sampling as indicated by the temperature changes.

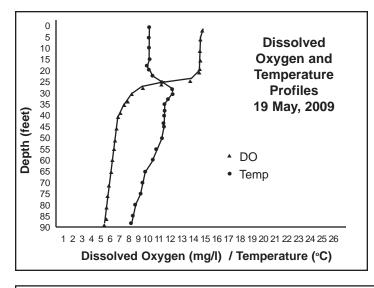
In the May sampling, there is not a lot of oxygen loss as you go to the bottom of the lake, but in the July graph, it is obvious that as you sample the deeper waters, the oxygen is progressively being lost.

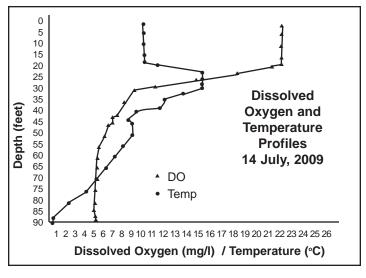
Thus, two obvious questions:

(1) What happens to the oxygen in the hypolimnion. In the upper part of the lake which receives light, algae grows. As the algae dies, it sinks to the bottom to be degraded by the bacteria on the bottom. These bacteria use oxygen and thus deplete the oxygen in the lower part of the lake. As oxygen is lost, this changes the microenvironment, and phosphorous can dissolve back into the water, increasing the nutrients available. The rate of loss of oxygen in the hypolimnion is a reflection of the productivity the lake. More nutrients, more productivity, more algae to die and sink to the bottom, etc.

(2) Why is there a spike in the oxygen levels as you get to slightly cooler waters before it starts dropping in the depths. In the lower trophic region receiving light, the water is cooler permitting it to actually hold more oxygen. Secondly, there appears to be a selective aggregation of algae that likes the cooler water and grows avidly producing this spike in oxygen in this region.

Watch the Barker for more data as it becomes available.







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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.

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- Sampling date

# **REFLECTIONS**

# One picture is worth ...

I am not a good photographer. I wish I were, but I must face the fact that I just don't have the gift. I envy those that can capture the glint of light reflecting off a dew drop on the edge of a rose petal, or, can anticipate the split second when a heron will dive for a fish. I do, occasionally manage to get a good snap of a beautiful sunset, but that's only because it stands still long enough for me to figure out where to put which dial, etc., etc., etc. I was much better before digital.

I was getting discouraged enough to quit taking pictures altogether, then I realized that the artistry of a photo is nice, but the real importance is not the beauty but the memory. I guess I've always known this, but because I'm drawn to the arty side of everything, my inability to do it well caused me to forget until a few things reminded me.

As I've told you before, my mother -inlaw has lost her past. It's sad for all of us in the family when we visit and she doesn't know us anymore, so in an effort to keep our faces familiar to her, I made her a small scrapbook. In it I put pictures of her late husband and their home in Florida, her children (one of them as a child and one more recent), her grandchildren and great-grandchild, brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews and a friend or two. I put a little journaling with each and decorated the pages with knick knacks and do dads. Every time I visit, that scrapbook is near her bed. I know she looks at it every day. When I am with her, we often go through the book and I read the journaling out loud as she can no longer figure out the letters. Sometimes she knows someone's name, sometimes not but she loves to do it over and over. The pictures in it are not works of art, but to her they are a slender thread linking her to everything she used to know.

Very recently, we attended a beautiful wedding and reception. After dinner a DVD was played. On the DVD were pictures of the bride and groom as they grew up and grew together. These, also, were not photos that will ever be sold on post cards or displayed in a studio, but I can bet that there was not a dry eye in the hall when it finished because that DVD told a story of two people in love and it foretold a future for them.

Therefore, I am going to buy a new camera, hopefully, one I can out figure out how to set before the subject walks off the screen. Then I am going to take pictures and I am going to try not to care if they are good or not. I want them there to remind me of now. And a want them there so that, God forbid, if someday I need a reminder of who's who, they will be there so my daughter or daughter-in-law can make me a scrapbook and read it to me every visit.

-Antique on the East Side

# ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S CARTOON QUIZ

- 1) Mighty Mouse's girl Pearl Pureheart His villain - Oil Can Harry
- 2) Lassie's 1st boy Jeff Miller, and she was a collie.
- 3) Prior to Captain Kangaroo, Bob Keeshan was Clarabelle the Clown on the Howdy Doody Show.
- Tom Terrific's best friend was Might Manfred the Wonder Dog and the villain was Crabby Appleton.
- Underdog's alter ego was ShoeShine Boy and his villains were Simon Bar Sinister and Riff Raff girlfriend Polly Purebread.
- Rin Tin Tin was a German Shepard and he and his boy Rusty lived with the US Calvary.
- 7) The Lone Ranger and Tonto's horses were Silver and Scout. Tonto (in the radio show) was from the Potawatomi tribe (never stated in the TV show but they think Apache), The LR's last name was Reid and his son/grandson was Britt Reid, the Green Hornet. LR's mask was made from his brother's vest after his Bro was killed by the Cavendish Gang.
- Moose and Squirrel were, of course, Rocky and Bullwinkle who constantly foiled the evil intents of Boris and Natasha.
- 9) The Rocky and Bullwinkle Show had a portion featuring the scientific dog Mr. Peabody and his side kick boy Sherman. The traveled through time in the Way Back Machine.





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# Fido's Friend

ello to all my two legged friends. Heard a couple horror stories already this summer about bad owners. Once again as a reminder, ready, most of you already know what I'm about to say!

### LEASH YOUR DOG, IT'S THE LAW

If your yard is not fenced (electronically works too) you must contain your dog to your property. Period. It is probably one of the most frightening experiences to be in the middle of a dog fight. You are so afraid your best friend is going to be hurt. Do you know where the nearest emergency animal clinic is?

So what I recommend ... Everyone program the Cass



County Animal Control number into their cell phone. When you are enjoying a walk with or without your four legged leashed pal and a dog charges out onto the road, just pull out your cell and let the law handle it. That number is (269)445-3701. Let's everyone help keep evervone safe.

Another important responsibility for pet owners is to have

them property tagged and licensed. Most people fail to put any kind of identification on their pets to ensure their safe return home if lost. In fact, only 16% of lost dogs and 2% of lost cats at shelters are ever reunited with their owners. So

An ID tag on your pet's collar is essential since anyone can use it to get your pet home. The tag should include your name, address, phone number (day and evening, lake and home is best), and the pet's name. If you're willing to pay a reward, then put the word reward on the tag too. Put the number (day and night) of a friend on another tag if vou're traveling.

Yap at cha next week.

-Fido' Friend



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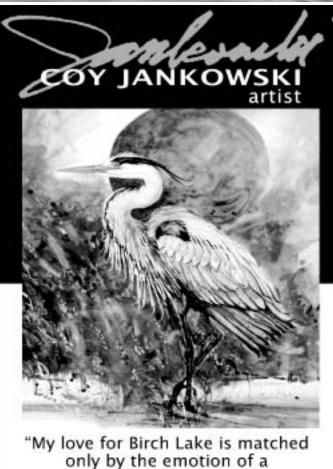
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- 10. RUST
- 12. BUBBLY BREAKING
- 13. HULL CLEANING
- 14. WINDLASS
- 15. TWO HULLS
- 18. CRASH
- 22. CANALWAY
- 23. WATER FLOW
- 24. SAIL CORNER RING
- 25. SEASHORE

### Down

- INTERIOR
- 2. LINE FITTING
- 4. OPENING BELOW
- DIRECTION SAILED
- SIDES MEET BOTTOM
- 8. DIRECTION FINDER
- GIVE ORDERS



- 10. LEEWAY BLADE
- 11. LINE OF SHIPS
- 12. SHROUD ATTACHMENT
- 13. LEASED BOAT
- 14. TURN OVER
- 15. BLACKBEARD

- 16. VARIOUS LINES
- 17. SPLASH RAIL
- 19. PIRATE SWORD
- 20. 2 FORESAIL RIG
- 21. BOAT WELL
- 23. AWNING

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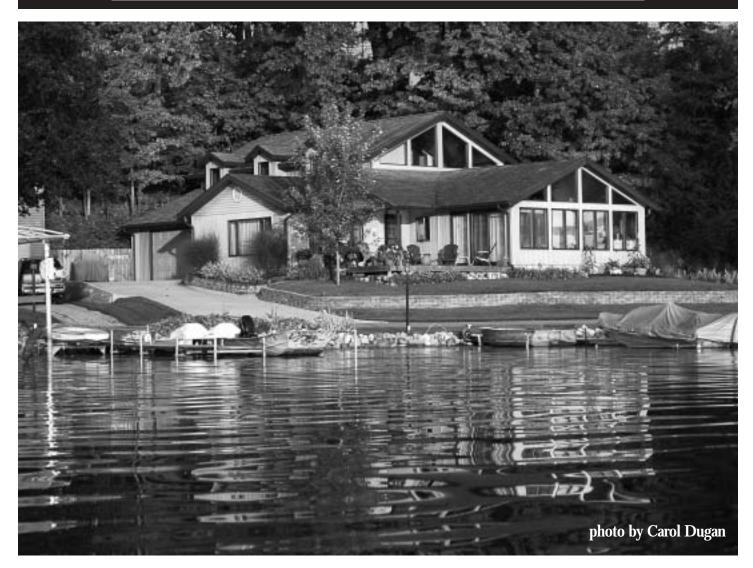
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# Birch Lake House Walk



# **Birch Lake Home Tour Today!!**

After weeks of preparation, the muchanticipated day of the Birch Lake home tour and art fair has arrived!

The event kicks-off today at the Wozniak barn at 63021 Road at 1pm. All participants must begin the home Birch tour by 3 PM in order to view all the homes so please allow extra time to pick up your home booklets, view the art, have refreshments, and enter the drawings for free prizes.

From the barn, the tour will begin across the street and a free boat shuttle service will whisk you from home to home at your leisure every few minutes.

Ticket sales have already exceeded our expectations and all proceeds will be going for water quality testing here at the lake. If you have not purchased your tickets in advance, tickets will be available at the barn for \$15 a person.

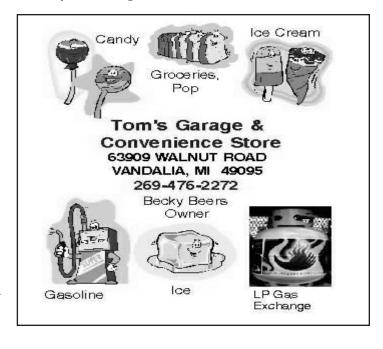
On display at the barn will be: several jewelry artists with their custom made jewelry, beautiful handmade purses, artisan wood furniture, watercolor paintings, photography, and candles. Be sure to stop by and get your free mini chair massage and/or a free paraffin wax hand treatment!

The seventh home on the tour is: Steve and Vickie Quinlan at 63287 Storey Hill St (west shore).

After looking for over 10 years at the few places for sale on Birch Lake, Steve and Vickie Quinlan purchased a cottage in August of 1988. The cottage, built in 1948 at the bottom of the hill, was a Sears, Roebuck and Co. cabin kit. The Quinlans have transformed the cottage (the original structure which still remains inside the their new home!!) into a year round used as such since 2003.

Steve and his son Chris designed and built the 2 additions to the house over an 8 year period beginning in 1995 and ending in 2003. This west shore, craftsman style house is uniquely situated on its lot so that it is aligned exactly N-S-E-W rather than parallel to the shoreline.

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- \* 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

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