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**BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB**

# Birch Barker

Weekend of July 4, 2010

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Thanks to Mr. Bob for the great flower pic ...

## HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

### 2010 BLYC Calendar

#### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

It's Tuesday morning, very calm and quiet, hardly a sound outside. It's a far cry from the windy, blustery day we had yesterday. I just looked out toward the lake to see Don Harman silently glide by in his yellow kayak. When I got out of bed, the first thing that crossed my mind was that I had to sit down and write those doggone "Comments" again and as usual I waited too long. My deadline wasn't merely approaching, it was here. And then it crossed my mind that for 30 years, I got up at 4:30 a.m., shaved, gulped down my cereal and then drove all the way across Lake County, Indiana on the NASCAR track they call the Borman Expressway to work for a guy that I really didn't like very much. Boy, thoughts like that send a chill down my spine. All of



a sudden I'm in a much better mood — kind of energized — knowing I can grab another cup of coffee and enjoy the view as I write these words.

June 26 .....	Vice-Comm Cocktail Party
July 3 .....	Boat Parade, Fireworks
July 10 .....	Board meeting 9 am
	Homeowner's Annual Meeting
July 4 .....	Pancake Breakfast
July 17 .....	Spaghetti Dinner
July 23 .....	Women's golf outing
July 30 .....	Men's golf outing
July 31 .....	Camp T Hog Roast
August 1 .....	Board meeting 10 am
August 7 .....	Corn and sausage roast
August 14 .....	Garage sale
	Camp T Silent Auction
August 28 .....	Fall dinner
September 11 .....	Board meeting 9 am
September 18 .....	Birch Lake Trivial Pursuit
October 9 .....	Chili cook-off

Some of you may be aware that my lovely wife, Sue, will be having her last faulty hip joint replaced on July 7th. I'm going to have to don my nurse's hat for a

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

while. If you drive Birch Road on the east side, I'm sure you've seen her out there, gallantly limping along, usually with Linda Curtis and her dogs, Jack and Lola. Sue had her right hip replaced in 2007 without a problem, and she has tolerated the pain on the left side until now. The time is right. We have been busy doing all the pre-surgery stuff and we had to go to Memorial Hospital in South Bend last Wednesday for some tests for her. As we both limped down the corridor toward the information desk, run by the hospital auxiliary, one of the ladies, with a worried look on her face, hurried up to ME and asked if I needed a chair. As I tried to figure out why I would wait for Sue way out there, Sue quietly informed her that SHE was the patient. Talk about ruining your day. In the volunteer's defense, I'm still limping from January heel surgery. They chiseled off a large bone spur on my right heel, reinforced my damaged Achilles and re-attached the tendon to my heel bone via a clip held in place by some sort of fasteners. I don't know, maybe \$300.00 "molly bolts." Anyway, the tendon seems to be healing fine, it's the point of attachment that's bugging me. Wish me luck and I'll get better.

Enough about your aging Commodore's ailments. Last weekend was a mixed bag weatherwise. Our friend, Mother Nature, blessed Vice-Commodore Stan Pitakos with a marvelous day for his cocktail party. On Sunday, morning storms passed, but the threat of lightning cancelled the day's sailboat races. But later on the day developed

into a winner. Speaking of Stan's party, it was a gas. The 70's theme was way cool and lots of Lakers dressed the part. I don't think I've seen that much tie-dyed stuff since the 70's. Our tremendous cooks here at the lake filled two brimming tables with treats, including lots and lots of brownies.

The Mullins were there, promoting the Spaghetti Dinner on July 17th and selling advance tickets. This will be your last chance for several years to enjoy the savory Northshore sauce recipe since the Eastsiders take over next year. Word is that there is a secret bunker hidden somewhere on the east side where their recipe is being tested and perfected. Back at the party — a huge THANK YOU! to all of you who generously opened your hearts and donated items for the foodbank. The largess filled the back of our station wagon. God bless you every one.

Since in real time, it is now Saturday, July 3rd, I will now switch to present tense. I hope you didn't wait until Sunday to read this, because that messes up everything. The annual Birch Lake Boat Parade is today. Carla Chester, Chairperson of the parade committee, lays out the details in this week's issue. I know there are tons of creative folks out there that could come up with some really cool ideas and themes. Plus, everyone gets a trophy. How neat is that? Be sure to give a wave to this year's Grand Marshalls, Lind and Don Harman. These two people have given an awful lot to the Birch Lake community and deserve this honor.

The Birch Lake Fireworks show begins tonight at ?. I guess it depends on how dark it gets and how soon. Hang in there, it will

be worth the wait. We've upped the fireworks budget substantially this year and this year our show promises to surpass all previous ones. I've had some Lakers tell me that we should slow things down to make it last longer and I've had some Lakers say that we should speed things up to make it more exciting. Taking all that into consideration, I predict this year the fireworks will be "just right."

I can't forget to mention the famous Birch Lake Pancake Breakfast tomorrow, Sunday, July 4th at the camp mess hall. Please note the revised starting time of 8:30 a.m. instead of 8:00. Don and Lind Harman and their devoted crew will draw on their years of pancake experience to offer up a delicious, AYCE breakfast for all. And remember, all proceeds from the breakfast will be donated to Camp Tannadoonah. There will also be plenty of Camp merchandise for sale. You can also pay your BLYC dues, make fireworks, water quality and other donations, buy spaghetti tickets and pick up member's stickers and phone directories if you haven't already gotten them.

On Monday you will probably need a day off after such a busy Saturday and Sunday. Kick back and take in a sailboat race on the big screen outside your door. Mostly, be careful and be courteous to others. We all like fireworks, but please, not all night long. The past week and coming week are probably the busiest of the year. You'll all take care and reflect on these words by famous poet Kahil Gibran "Forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and the winds long to play with your hair." Peace.

*-Commodore Gimpybob*

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# — Birch Lake Notes —

## Boat Parade

Saturday, July 3, at 2 pm, the 2010 Boat Parade will take off from the south shore of Birch Lake. Dick Bender has once again provided his pier and expertise in boat parade management. Thanks go to Dick.

**Lind and Don Harman have been selected to be the 2010 Grand Marshalls for the Birch Lake Boat Parade. Lind and Don will be the lead boat of the parade at 2 p.m.**

I know many of you are saying "but they are so young!" But they are not neophytes in their service and accomplishments for the Birch Lake community. For instance, Don and Lind are responsible for the annual 4th of July pancake breakfast at Camp Tanadonah. Lind teaches Line Dancing each Tuesday morning at the BLYC, and Don is tireless in keeping the Yacht Club in good repair. And the list goes on.

Please honor both Don and Lind as they head-up the 2010 Boat Parade as Grand Marshalls this Saturday.

A new twist, starting last year, is the "Best of Parade" trophy. Immediately after the parade, the judges will announce the winning boat and it will take a final fast-lap around the lake. The Grand Marshall shall escort the first place winner. You will want to see if you can predict which flotilla will be the win. A trophy will also be awarded to each family decorating a boat, so



everyone is a winner! Your cheering and applause are much welcomed by contestants and are very much encouraged.

The judges this year will be Linda Yoshizawa, Irene Steffen, Tim Steffen, Bud Zessinger and Sue Williams. You have less than 24 hours to bribe them, though you must know that that is frowned upon by the comity

To register, you will please approach the pier slowly and make a quick stop to register and receive a number. After all boats have registered and are in line

behind the Grand Marshalls boat, Lind and Don Harman's, you will take a slow lap around the lake. Then you will return to the registration pier to return your number and receive your trophy. That is when the "Best of Parade" boat will be notified and make it's final fast-lap around the lake, again, behind the Grand Marshall.

Have a wonderful and safe 4th of July, 2010!

*2010 Boat Parade Committee  
-Carla Chester, Ilene Golden*

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-PJ VandeWalle, East Side Hill

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Tim Liddell, 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



# — Birch Lake Notes —

## July 4th PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEW TIME 8:30 TO 11:00

The annual Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday July 4th 8:30 to 11:00 at Camp Tannadoonah

ADULTS \$5; CHILDREN 6-10 \$2;  
CHILDREN UNDER 5 FREE

This is an all you can eat breakfast, so come enjoy, meet friends and neighbors. All proceeds go to Camp Tannadoonah.

## Homeowner's Association Meeting

The Birch Lake Homeowners Association will host the annual meeting next Saturday, July 10, at the Yacht Club at approximately 10 am, following the Board of Director's Meeting.

Cass County Drain Commissioner Bruce Campbell will be the guest speaker, providing updates on the Brownsville Drain situation.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Visitors

The King family is looking forward to hosting friends including: Ric and Lisa Dwenger, from Muncie; and Chuck and Karen Horn, from Noblesville. Rumor has it daughter Whitney Horn may put in an appearance and Sarah Elizabeth, daughter #2, is again bringing friends Laura and Elena, from Zaragoza (Spain). Please stop by to chat.

## Happy Birthday

Karen Sue (Suzy) King will be celebrating yet another birthday on Tuesday, July 6th. As a courtesy we won't publish the running total (but it's a really big number). Condolences expressed in cash, coin of the realm — or liquid form will be happily accepted ... well wishes too!

## Pre-pay at Tom's

I have had a person or two from the lake that would drive up for gas or whatever from the store only to have to return to the lake and come back because they forgot their money or credit cards. Someone suggested that I could set up a prepay arrangement, where I would hold the funds on a credit slip and customers could come up and get what they want until the prepay amount is



used up — then we start over again. When they prepay me they can tell me if this is to be used by just them, or them and their spouse, or them and the spouse and the kids ... or if they are having a group up, they could send someone else and just let me know who's ok to use the prepaid account.

*-Becky Beer, Tom's Garage*

## Parking issues?

I know parking is sometimes a problem with the limited space at the lake and if anyone needs additional parking I have space available. Just stop in and we'll work out the details. Also, Tom's is on facebook ... listed as Tom's Mini Mart ... if anyone is interested.

*-Becky Beers — Tom's Garage*

## July 31st Camp T Hog Roast

On the afternoon and evening of Saturday, July 31, Camp Tannadoonah will join nearly 50 other Camp Fire Councils around the country in a National Centennial Campfire Celebration of 100 years of serving our mission. Everyone is invited for the festivities, which will include a Hog Roast. Camp is also seeking volunteers to help organize this event — call Marty at 574-234-4145.

## Art in the Park

The Sunday Art Market in the Park will be July 11, Aug. 8 and Sept. 12 from Noon to 3 pm at the Farmers Market in Scidmore Park near downtown Three Rivers. Fine art, including fiber, water

colors, metal sculpture, metal jewelry, oils, photography, fine art cards and prints, polymer jewelry, pottery and more. Birch Lake resident Carol Dugan is among the local artists exhibiting.

## Underground Railroad Days

The Underground Railroad will be the subject of a special celebration at Milo Barnes Park in Vandalia (on M-60) on Saturday, July 17 from 10 am to 7 pm, and on Sunday, July 18 from Noon to 5 pm.

Tours will be led by the Underground Railroad Society of Cass County, and there will be Underground Railroad Presentations Sat. at 11 and 1, and Sunday at 2. Also on Saturday, there will be a Classic Car Show, and Music, Community Bake and Craft Sale (spots still available, call Beverly at 476-2344) and Local Food Vendors.

## Caps for cancer treatment

Our daughter is a nurse practitioner with a pediatrician in Ft. Wayne. Their office is collecting plastic bottle caps (these can be any plastic caps from bottles and cartons including laundry products). For every 1,000 caps collected and sent to Riley Children's Hospital someone receives a free cancer treatment. Caps may be dropped off at Don & Lind Harmans on the east side.

## The Escarpment

It was the wonderful drawings of Burne Hogarth that inspired my hobby of figure drawing and painting. His figures for the comic strip "Tarzan of the Apes" burned an indelible spot in my imagination. His drawings of Tarzan and the band of apes were spectacular. As a ten year old boy I copied them furiously. His sinewy muscles that carried him through the tangled jungle made Tarzan come alive for me. In my mind's eye I can see him fleeing to escape the horde of spear-carrying natives, chasing him and his companion apes to a safe refuge in the jungle. The escarpment was the refuge. It was the early Tarzan movies that shook the theaters with the cry "To the escarpment!!!". Thus, our cottage name, Escarpment.

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# — Barker kids of the Week —



The 4th generation of Machallecks gathered last week for some fun at Birch Lake. They are Brynn Machalleck (5), Ascher Wolf (1), Addison Machalleck (7), John (JP) Machalleck (10 mo.), Milo Desmond Lee (2), Kai Desmond Lee (4 1/2) and Tyler Hug (2).



Ronan Richard Scheuer, son of Sara and Matt Scheuer and grandson of Rich and Pam Mullin; 7 pounds, 7 ounces; 21 inches long; BORN June 16, 2010 at 4:54 pm. Congrats to all!

### Got a kid of the week at your cottage?

Just e-mail the photo to me at [sailorphil@philvitale.com](mailto:sailorphil@philvitale.com), drop it in the red newspaper tube at 63174 Birch Rd. (East Side) or mail it to me at Neighbors, 102 S. Broadway, Cassopolis, MI 49031

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When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world...

#### TIMELINE

June 11 — Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Robert R. Livingston appointed to a committee to draft a declaration of independence. American army retreats to Lake Champlain from Canada.

June 12-27 — Jefferson, at the request of the committee, drafts a declaration, of which only a fragment exists. Jefferson's clean, or "fair" copy, the "original Rough draught," is reviewed by the committee. Both documents are in the manuscript collections of the Library of Congress.

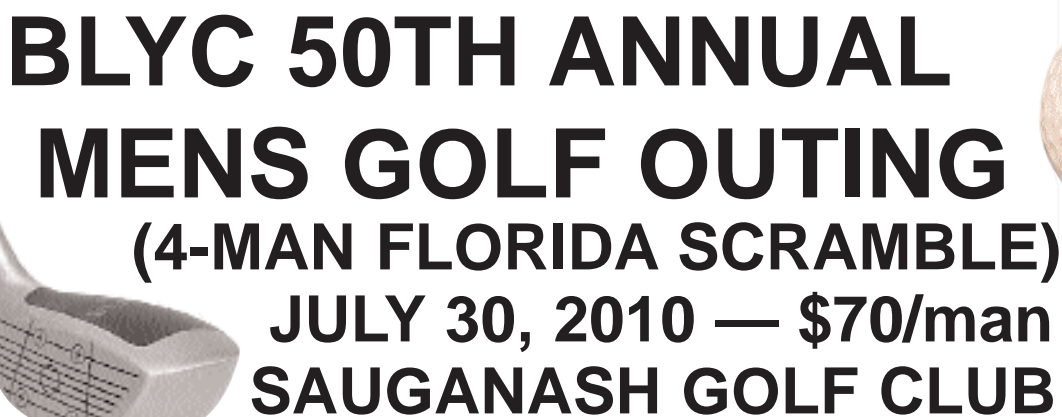
June 28 — A fair copy of the committee draft of the Declaration of Independence is read in Congress.

July 1-4 — Congress debates and revises the Declaration of Independence.

July 2 — Congress declares independence as the British fleet and army arrive at New York.

July 4 — Congress adopts the Declaration of Independence in the morning of a bright, sunny, but cool Philadelphia day. John Dunlap prints the Declaration of Independence. These prints are now called "Dunlap Broadside." Twenty-four copies are known to exist, two of which are in the Library of Congress. One of these was Washington's personal copy.

From: <http://www.ushistory.org/Declaration/timeline.htm>



# BLYC 50TH ANNUAL MENS GOLF OUTING (4-MAN FLORIDA SCRAMBLE) JULY 30, 2010 — \$70/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 21st.

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#### Additional Information

- \* team prizes and contests
- \* dinner only, \$25 per person
- \* dinner includes 10oz. grilled ribeye, side salads, corn on the cob.
- \* 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 Artie McElwee at 574-514-3179. We have need for 80 players in the mens' and 40 players in the womens' event.

\* **Send entries to [artie@toefco.com](mailto:artie@toefco.com) or 63306 birch road 574-515-3179, 476-1692**  
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#### Foursome Information

Team Captain:

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

Please Print Players names:

# ~Birch Lake Recipes~

## Electric Lemonade!

How bout a new drink for the 4th of July celebration?

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/4 oz Absolut Citron
- 1/2 oz Orange Curacao
- 4 oz Lemonade
- 1 Tblsp Pureed Strawberries

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Blend with ice until smooth. Serve in a hurricane glass and garnish with a lemon wheel

Serving Glass Hurricane Glass

Enjoy and remember to serve responsibly.

-Good Patti

(2 oz)

- 1/4 cup finely chopped red bell pepper
- 2 tablespoons sliced ripe olives, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- 3 flavored or plain flour tortillas (8 to 10 inch)

### DIRECTIONS

1. In medium bowl, mix all ingredients except tortillas. Spread about 1/2 cup of the cheese mixture over one side of each tortilla. Tightly roll tortilla up. Repeat with the remaining tortillas and cheese mixture.
2. Wrap each tortilla roll individually in plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 3 hours but no longer than 24 hours. To serve, cut each tortilla roll into 1-inch slices.



### VEGGIE TORTILLA ROLL-UPS

Cream cheese complements crunchy red bell pepper and olives in a vegetarian appetizer.

Prep Time: 15 Min Total Time: 3 Hr  
15 Min Makes: About 30 servings

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 package (3 oz) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup finely shredded Cheddar cheese

### CHEDDAR AND BACON BISCUITS

Try this cheddar and bacon biscuits recipe made with Pillsbury® Grands!® Frozen Buttermilk Biscuits from Pillsbury.com

Prep Time: 5 Min Total Time: 30 Min  
Makes: 4 biscuits

### INGREDIENTS

- 4 Pillsbury® Grands!® Frozen Buttermilk Biscuits (from 25-oz. pkg.)

- 2 teaspoons real bacon pieces
- 2 tablespoons finely shredded Cheddar cheese

### DIRECTIONS

1. Heat oven to 375°F. Place frozen biscuits on ungreased cookie sheet, sides touching. Bake at 375°F. for 10 minutes.
2. Remove partially baked biscuits from oven. Top biscuits with bacon and cheese. Return to oven; bake an additional 10 to 14 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

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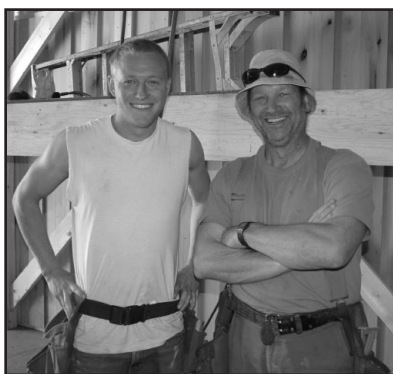
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# Fleet Captain's Corner



## It's not easy being right ...

It's never easy canceling races when the weather here is sunny with steady winds. However looking at the radar, it was clear that a line of storms was coming. The only question was when they would get here. When I put together my weather wish list last week, I forgot to mention that I didn't want a thunderstorm with 50 MPH wind gusts bearing down. I guess I should have been more specific.

I spoke with Harold and we decided that he would place the marks while I evaluated the storm's progress on radar. As he was finishing, I decided that we probably would be able to start the races but would not be able to finish them. I know having the marks placed caused some confusion, but I think in the end it was the right call. At least a few of the Sunfish spent some of the time enjoying the breeze prior to the storm's arrival.

Even though the races were canceled, I do still want thank Irene Steffen, Mike Sheffieck, and Karen Brovold for volunteering to run the committee boat.

The schedule for Fourth of July Regatta is to sail on Saturday and Monday at our normal time of 11 am. We will only sail on Sunday if we cannot sail on Saturday. The start time on Sunday would be pushed back to Noon so as not to conflict with the Pancake breakfast.

The Fourth of July Regatta will be scored using the Low Point Scoring System. Winners will be announced in next week's Barker. As a reminder, all Fourth of July Regatta races will also be scored using the regular season Square of 40 System and included in the season totals.

See you at the starting line...

*-Fleet Captain Jeff*

P.S. Here it the current committee boat schedule. To take an open slot, you can call me at 476-9000.

July 3 .....	Karen Brovold
July 4 (Rain Date) .....	Karen Brovold/Fry
July 5 .....	Karen Brovold/Jim&Sally Beck
July 11 .....	Patty Luecht
July 18 .....	Bob & Sue Waddle
July 25 .....	Patty Luecht
Aug. 1 .....	Deb Taghon
Aug. 8 .....	Bob & Sue Waddle
Aug. 15 .....	Chas & Amber Grundy
Aug. 22 .....	Open
Aug. 29 .....	Open
Labor Day Regatta .....	Open

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Date.....	20-Jun.....	20-Jun.....	20-Jun.....	Total.....	Season
Race.....	6.....	7.....	8.....	Points.....	Average

#### MC Scow

Scott Troeger #1489.....	3.....	1.....	DNS.....	6165.....	1541
Harold Cranmer #2412.....	1.....	2.....	DNS.....	9931.....	1419
Phil Vitale #500.....	5.....	6.....	2.....	8236.....	1373
Bill Luecht #1579.....	7.....	10.....	4.....	1071.....	1340
Dave Olson #1979.....	8.....	4.....	3.....	10680.....	1335
Jeff Smitley #2002.....	9.....	3.....	1.....	10556.....	1320
Gib Eberhart #916.....	2.....	9.....	6.....	10221.....	1278
Bob King #1199.....	4.....	7.....	5.....	3821.....	1274
Jim Bolinger #1735.....	10.....	5.....	8.....	7412.....	1235
Don Harman #582.....	6.....	8.....	7.....	6940.....	1157

#### Sunfish

Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue).....	DNS.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	7765.....	1553
Sandy Vitale (White).....	2.....	2.....	DNS.....	7763.....	1553
Erica Vitale (White).....	1.....	1.....	DNS.....	6165.....	1541
Stewart Spratt.....	CB.....	CB.....	DNS.....	6084.....	1521
Katie Luecht (White/Red/Blue).....	3.....	4.....	DNS.....	5478.....	1370
Chris Spratt (Blue/Green).....	4.....	3.....	DNS.....	9516.....	1359
Mike Lutz (Yellow/White).....	5.....	5.....	DNS.....	9514.....	1359
Stan Pitakos.....	6.....	6.....	DNS.....	2450.....	1225

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. CB - sailor who serves on Committee Boat receives their season average place as of that date - 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



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# Water Quality Committee Report

## Water Quality Program

### Water Quality Committee Lake Management Report

Paul Fallon, Chairman;

Terry Dugan, Rick Russwurm, Gordon Seyfarth, Bruce Wagner

#### Lake Aging and Us

We commonly use the term eutrophication to describe the process of aging of a lake as well as to provide a gauge relating to quality of a lake. The three stages of eutrophication are oligotrophic (early), mesotrophic (midway), and eutrophic (final). As we have previously described, eutrophication is a continuous process related to an overall increase in the organic matter of the lake. This organic matter is a summary collection of all living organisms (from bacteria and algae to weeds and ultimately to big fish) plus the formerly living but now decayed organisms which end up creating a lot of the sediment at the bottom of the lake.

A true oligotrophic lake will have little of the above. Thus, it will have a rocky or sandy bottom, possibly many species of algae, water weeds, and fish, albeit few in numbers, clear water, low level of nutrients (phosphorous and nitrogen), and little nutrient matter getting into the water from relatively unproductive farmland in the area. We might say that the quality of these lakes is great from the perspective of esthetics, i.e. clear clean looking water. However, a fisherman might take issue with this as they can spend a lot of unproductive time on the lake. These lakes are most commonly seen in the upper part of the lower peninsula and the upper peninsula.

The gradations from oligotrophic to mesotrophic, and then eutrophic are really only increases in the amount of organic material that we find in any particular lake. Thus, more algae (less clarity), more fish, more weeds, and more sediment. There are no real well defined lines that truly describe the different trophic levels, but rather ranges in which we place different lakes. Eutrophication may also be defined as natural and or cultural. The natural process is the result of the addition of organic matter in the form of leaves, pollen, seeds, nutrient runoff from woods and fields etc. which then provides the food stuff and nutrients for algae and all the rest of the

food chain. On the other hand a more rapid eutrophication can result from the cultural aspect. This is the result of human impact on the shoreline where we build houses with lawns, roads, reduce the wetlands, and enhance agricultural practices that make runoff more nutrient laden. We cannot do much about the natural process.



One only has to get out on the lake early in the morning when the lake is still in the spring and look at the coating of pollen and seeds that have fallen in a single night. Cultural eutrophication is another matter. We are not going to remove our homes and lawns, but we can alter practices that reduce runoff and fertilizers etc. The replacement of septic systems 20 years ago was of great importance and we now hope that the sewers will have eliminated nutrients getting into the soil from our home uses. However overall shoreline impact will increase eutrophication beyond the natural slow rate. We just hope to minimize this as much as possible.

As far as trophic status is concerned, our lake is in that transition from oligotrophic to mesotrophic. Characteristics of this status include: reasonable clarity of the water, sandy to marly sediment for the bottom of the lake, most weeds are scattered and not in dense beds with the exception of some very localized areas, very modest nutrient levels so far, and reasonable productivity relative to plant and algae growth, with a fish population that ranges from cold water trout that requires cold, well oxygenated, water to the typical warm water bass and bluegill populations. There is nothing wrong with this classification right now as it truly provides full scale recreational opportunities. However, 10, 15, 20 years from now we would like to see it relatively unchanged from the current conditions. We will look at some parameters from the past in a later issue to see what the future may hold.

DEB THOMPSON

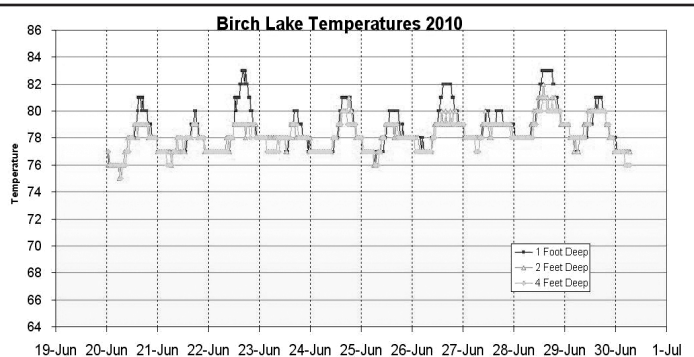
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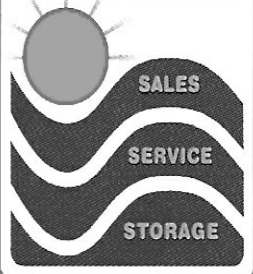


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West Sider Steve Quinlan is recording the lake temperature every every 30 minutes. The Temperature sensors are at the end of his pier, 50 feet out into the lake. The temperature sensors are 1 foot, 2 feet, and 4 feet deep. The graph above shows the data collected from from last week

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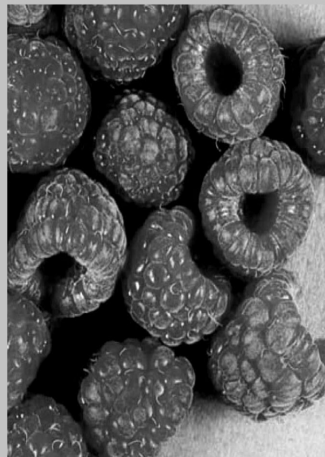
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# Stu's Star Stuff

**W**eather systems on Earth blow themselves out in a few days or weeks. On the solar system's giant planets, though, weather systems can last for decades. The record holder is Jupiter's Great Red Spot, which was first observed no later than 1830 -- and perhaps a good bit earlier. This oval storm system is wide enough to swallow two Earths, and the winds at its perimeter blow several times faster than the strongest hurricane ever recorded on Earth.

As the Great Red Spot demonstrates, Jupiter is a world of superlatives. It is the largest planet in the solar system, big enough to swallow more than 1,300 Earths, and bigger than some types of stars, and more massive than the solar system's other known planets and moons combined. It rotates faster than any other planet, it produces the most powerful magnetic field, and it offers the largest and most interesting assortment of moons, more than 50.

Despite its great size and its brightness in Earth's night sky, however, much about Jupiter remains poorly understood. Scientists must infer quite a bit about it from observations by the spacecraft that have visited the planet.

Jupiter has rings like Saturn's, but much fainter and smaller. They were totally unex-

pected and were only discovered when two of the Voyager 1 scientists insisted that after traveling 1 billion miles it was at least worth a quick look to see if any rings might be present. Everyone else thought that the chance of finding anything was nil, but there they were, although they are far darker and skimpier than those of the flashier planet Saturn. The rings may consist of material that was "sandblasted" off the surfaces of Jupiter's moons by collisions with meteorites.

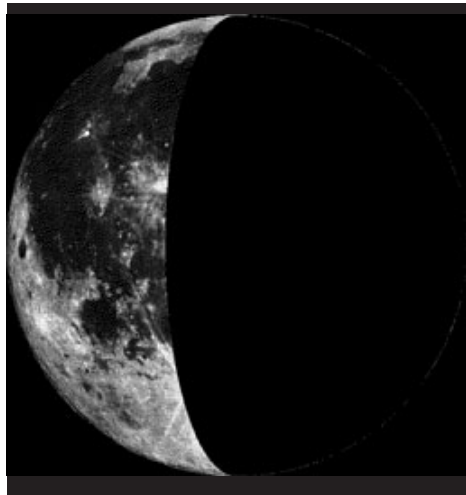
Jupiter does not have a solid surface. Jupiter and the other outlying planets are composed of gas, mostly hydrogen and some helium, some in liquid form. Since Jupiter has no solid surface, no human will ever walk on the planet. In fact, any attempt to visit the Jovian system will require heavy shielding. Jupiter's magnetic field captures electrically charged particles from the Sun and from the planet's volcanic moon Io. These particles create strong radiation belts. Around Io's orbit, the radiation belts are powerful enough to kill an unprotected human in a few minutes. That adds one more item to the list of Jupiter's superlatives: deadliest radiation belts.

Look for Jupiter in the southeast sky early in the morning. It will be the brightest object in that part of the sky. A good pair of binocu-

lars will reveal some of Jupiter's moons.

Did anyone see the Moon slide through Earth's shadow early last Saturday morning? Should have bought tickets. Next week, Saturn. Enjoy the show.

*-Stu Spratt*



**The Moon for July 4, 2010**  
(At Midnight, US Central time)  
Illuminated Fraction: 0.428  
0.7 days after last quarter

## BIRCH LAKE HOROSCOPE

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

Opportunities for new partnerships will develop through the organizations you encounter. Don't let other people meddle in your private affairs. Advancement can be yours if you put your efforts into work related matters. Your leadership ability will enhance your reputation. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

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

Your lover will be annoyed with your participation. Be honest in your communication and don't lose your cool. Partnerships with creative people could lead to financial gains. Visit friends you don't get to see that often. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You can convince others to follow suit. Your interest in helping others may take you back to school. Put your energy into your work or moneymaking ventures rather than into your emotional life this week. Take time to deal with legal documents and the affairs of people who you may be indebted to. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

### CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Extravagance will be a problem. Use your better judgment before you sign up for a costly venture. Give everyone in the house a physical chore that will help burn off some of the excess energy. It's time to reevaluate your own motives and make changes to yourself first. Your lucky day

this week will be Wednesday.

### LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

Pleasure trips will be most enjoyable if you take them with that special person in your life. You could have a change of heart if an old flame waltzes back into your life. Put your efforts into your work or money making ventures rather than your emotional life. Learn some new skills that will increase your income. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

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

Pamper yourself; you deserve it. Romantic encounters will be full of excitement. Business and emotional partnerships will run smoothly. Do yourself a favor and leave your plastic at home. Work at home if at all possible. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

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

You are best to move quickly and to get in good with the boss. Take your time before making personal decisions. You can expect to have a passionate time if you go out with someone you are romantically interested in. Do not get involved in joint financial ventures. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

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

Do not trust others with important information. Your mate may want to pick a fight but if you're persistent with your affections their anger should dissipate. Try to be fair in your dealings with acquaintances. It's

time you let your true feelings out. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

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

You may find it necessary to confront a situation that has gotten out of hand. You can do well on stage or behind the scenes, the choice is yours. Try not to make waves. You need to get out and have some fun to reduce tension. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

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

You will meet a person who may turn out to be more than just a friend. Your lover will cost you dearly if you let them. Your emotional state could leave you vulnerable and confused. Get ready to discover love, passion, and the desire to enjoy all that life has to offer. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

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

Let go of the past in order to progress. You will be able to enlist the help of colleagues who believe in your ideas. Accept the inevitable. You must consider yourself for a change. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

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

Your mate will enjoy helping out. You can make drastic changes in your professional direction this week. Finish off old projects before starting something new. Don't be too hard on your mate. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



# SPOTLIGHT

## Don and Lind Harman

### Parade Grand Marshalls - Don and Lind Harman

Picture this — 1960 (or '61) — an unusually tall female office worker at the toll road looks up to see an unusually tall toll road electrician enter the room - there are sparks — heart sparks, not electrical sparks — and a match was made. Three or so years later they married and a happy family began.

Shortly after they met, Don became an apprentice electrician, then a journeyman electrician and then electrical foreman on many large jobs in the South Bend area where they lived, with their two children, Barbara and Rick.

Lind had been visiting Birch Lake since she was a small child because her mother was very good friends with (then) Birch Lake residents, the Kensills. In 1966 her parents bought a home on Birch Lake and their visits increased, including renting a cottage for many summers. In 1981, it was their good fortune to buy a cottage on the east side from our own Mike Machalleck. It remained a cottage until 1987 when the time came to make it a larger structure. They remodeled the old cottage, adding another story and a garage on the property and made it their full time residence.

In 1997, disaster struck the Harman house when a freakish wind shear during a sudden thunderstorm disrupted an evening of cards with family and friends by sending a huge shoreline tree through the upper story of the house. The tree narrowly missed their grandson asleep in an upstairs bedroom! Between the tree and the accompanying rains, almost the entire house had to be rebuilt. They were fortunate to be able to stay in a neighbor's cottage next door during the rebuild. One thing they did while rebuilding was to remove all the other large shoreline trees to avoid a repeat. Lind is still considerably nerv-



The Harman house after a 1997 storm dropped the tree ...

ous during thunderstorms!

Some years earlier, when the kids were old enough to care for themselves, Lind began working in the optometric field with Dr. Ron Snyder and Don was working mostly at Notre Dame, but in 1991, they decided that the winters in southern Michigan were bad enough that they needed to get away. Lind retired from her job and Don was able to arrange an escape from his Notre Dame responsibilities for a few months and they purchased a place in St. Petersburg, Florida. Each year they would stay a little longer until Don officially retired in 1999 and they could begin splitting their time equally between their homes. And though they do love their time in Florida where they are active in all kinds of social events, including weekly breakfasts and parties, line dancing, bingo, karaoke, volleyball and club maintenance, nothing can keep them away from the lake each summer! And here, nothing can keep away the kids and six grandkids (ages 19 - 4) that

love them and the lake. They visit frequently and join them on camping trips around the state.

We, the residents of Birch Lake, are all thankful that the Harmans return each summer because, besides being good friends and good neighbors, they are the gurus of our 4th of July pancake breakfast, having organized and run it every year since 1998. In addition, Lind is our line dance instructor and a Yacht Club board member and Don has spent many summer days working on the Yacht Club building and helping up at camp. Don has also served as Commodore for Birch Lake Sailing and hosted the Kidz Regatta for several summers.

I am honored to count this great couple as our best friends for the last 38 years. I can't think of any that are more deserving to be this year's Grand Marshalls! Congratulations! Love ya both!

-Debbie B.

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# INFORMATION REGARDING BIRCH LAKE

**Editor's Note:** The following was forwarded to me from Mary Deitle, a longtime Birch Laker ... Mary was born — 98 years ago — in the main "cottage" up on the hill at what is now known as Camp Tannadoonah. Her parents owned and operated a summer resort there, and used the following as their informational piece to prospective renters. She said that she believes the brochure to be approximately 100 years old. Thanks Mary for the great read!

**BIRCH LAKE** is in Michigan, 4 1-2 miles from Vandalia, 4 miles from Jones and 2 1-2 miles from Newburg, a flag station without a depot where all trains stop to take on and let off passengers.

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**VANDALIA** is 112 miles from Chicago on Michigan Cent., about three hours ride from Chicago. Trains leave Ill. Cent. depot at 7:10 A.M. arriving Vandalia 11:30 A.M. and at 3 P.M. arriving Vandalia 6:30 P.M., but during the summer months, June, July and Aug. the Mich. Cent. put on a special train leaving Chicago, at 2 P.M. and arriving Vandalia at 4:45 P.M. This special train returns Monday morning at 6 A.M. arriving in Chicago at 9:10 A.M.

Other trains returning are at 6:30 A.M. arriving Chicago 9:55 A.M. 1:30 P.M. arriving Chicago at 4:55 P.M. and on Sunday evening at 6 P.M. arriving Chicago 9:45 P.M.

**FARES:**The regular fare to Vandalia is \$2.11 each way but from the last Friday in April until the latter part of September

the Michigan sell a WEEK END ticket good on all trains and good from Friday until Monday at special rates for Round Trip.

**BIRCH LAKE** is oval in shape, about 1 1-2 miles long by a mile wide. The water is exceptionally clear and cold, the lake being fed entirely by dense springs in the bottom of the lake and around the shores. There is no inlet. The temperature of the water is about the same as that of Lake Michigan, a trifle warmer perhaps; that of the various springs is about 48 degrees, the year round.

**THE BEACH** shelves off very gradually to deep water, making it absolutely safe for bathing purposes for both grown-ups and children. In fact one can wade around the entire shore.

**BIRCH LAKE** is surrounded by high bluffs having an elevation of from 50 to 75 feet. Between the shore line and the bottom of these hills is a wide stretch of level ground and almost the entire shore as well as the bluffs are densely wooded.

**THE OUTLET** is a beautiful wooded passage, 1/2 miles in length, leading to a large mill pond on the banks of which is the town of Williamsville, a small village where supplies of all kinds can be had and this point is easily accessible by boat or by road from all parts of the lake. This outlet furnishes sufficient water to operate quite a large flour and feed mill at Williamsville, can easily accommodate row boats and is one of the most beautiful spots on the lake, affording a delightful retreat on very hot days, as both sides are lined with trees, the branches meeting overhead.

**FISHING** Large and small mouth black bass, salmon bass, and all kinds of pan fish, such as blue gills, perch, rock bass, croppies, frogs, etc. abound. Ciscoes are also plentiful.

**OTHER LAKES ADJACENT** afford an excuse for enjoyable trips and furnish excellent fishing, and frogging.

**SCENERY** No prettier spot can be found in Michigan is the verdict of the majority of the people who have visited Birch Lake. The drives from Vandalia, Jones and Newburg are a source of delight to everyone who loves nature on her happiest mood. These roads wind along the shores of various small lakes and through what are almost primeval forests and road weariness is impossible.

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**SUMMER TEMPERATURE** Hardly a night but what a blanket can be used comfortably and on the bluffs there is

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The 5 and 6 room cottages have both stoves and fireplaces for heating purposes, the four room has at present no means of heating except by oil stove, but I will arrange to put in a stove if occupant desires same.

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# BIRCH LAKE WORD SEARCH

## BIRCH LAKE NEIGHBORS

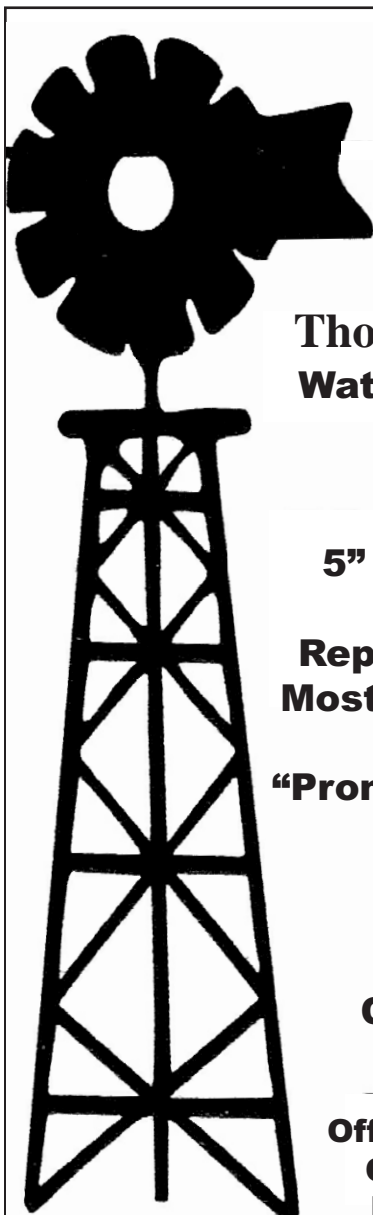
The Word Search puzzle at right contains the last names of several families at Birch Lake ...

See if you can find them all!

If you send us your completed word search puzzles, we'll keep track of who gets the most names and give the winner a big prize at the end of the season!

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# Camp Tannadoonah

## Animals emerge in Week 2

**W**eek two of camp is underway and we're having a great time up here! We have 67 campers this week. This week is Jungle Safari week, and we've been playing lots of games involving animals. On Sunday night we played variations on our usual group games - instead of "Giants, Wizards, and Elves" we played "Giraffes, Tigers, and Monkeys"! "Spud" was changed to "Lion", and "Ride that Pony" was "Ride that Zebra"!

On Tuesday night our counselors became jungle animals, and we had an Animal Hunt. The counselors had to find places to hide around camp, and the campers went to find them. Then they got "punished" for being found by having to do goofy or gross stunts. Tuesday night was Capture the Giraffe (instead of Capture the Flag).

We're up to a total of 429 campers so far, compared to just 370 on this date last year. And we didn't reach 429 last year until the first day of the last week of camp last year (8/1/09)! So we're definitely going to beat last year's numbers and hopefully hit our goal of having over 500 this year.

The number I am reporting is our total number of full-pay campers - it does not include spots that we donate or barter, or spots that go to our staff chil-

dren (who pay a lower rate). It does include camperships as long as they are fully covered by donations. If I include the total number of bunks filled, we're already at 498, and last year our grand total was just 490, so we're already above that! This is great news, but we want to keep on going! So keep spreading the word and sending new campers our way.

One thing I have noticed the past few years is that we have a pretty consistent rate of returning campers. About 60% of our campers return from the previous year, and that figure doesn't seem to change much. What really fluctuates is the number of new campers. This year we have 180 new campers so far (out of 429). That means that 58% of our campers so far this summer are campers who attended camp last year. Last year we only had 154 new campers, so that accounts for a good part of our increase this year.

We're all looking forward to the pancake breakfast again this year, and hope to see many smiling faces up here at camp on Sunday morning! Last year the Harmans reported that we served a record number of breakfast-goers, with over 500 people attending. Let's see if we can beat that this year! All of the funds that are donated from the breakfast go

to the campership fund, which allows us to sponsor campers who wouldn't be able to attend camp otherwise.

Speaking of campers who otherwise would not be able to attend, this year we allotted 10 campership spots to the South Bend Center for the Homeless. The five who have attended so far have been an absolute joy. We love to share the camp experience with kids who need it so much. One of the boys last week took a counselor by the hand and said, "I love it here. I feel so safe." It brought tears to my eyes when I heard that story. That's the kind of thing that makes this job so worthwhile, and why I try so hard to build the campership program up. So if you're interested in sponsoring a child, please contact me!

Hope you all have a safe and fun 4th of July! See you at the Pancake Breakfast!

## Camp needs \$25k this year!

### Camp Tannadoonah Silent Auction

Camp Tannadoonah is planning a fund-raising Silent Auction and Health Fest on Saturday, Aug. 14 at the Camp. And we need some help! We are seeking sponsors and donations of both money and items that we can auction at an all-new, friend-raising event designed to raise funds and increase awareness of the camp and its wonderful facilities.

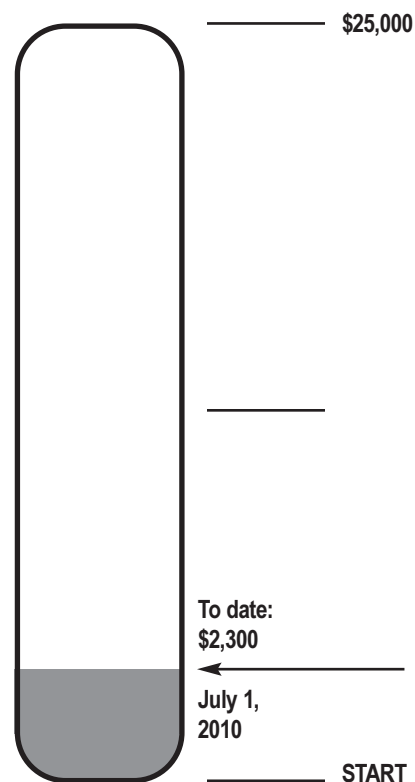
Events planned for the Health Fest (which will be held on the same day as the Birch Lake-wide garage sale) include a competitive 5-mile run (around the lake), a kayak race, a tennis tournament and a bicycle tour through the countryside. Visitors will be able to look over the items in the auction and make "silent" bids for them at the Camp Dining hall. After the events are over the bids will be opened

and the items will be "sold" for the amounts bid. All proceeds will go to Camp Tannadoonah.

Among the items already pledged for the auction are a football signed by Notre Dame Head Football Coach Brian Kelly, a basketball signed by ND coaches Mike Brey and Muffet McGraw, and a beautiful, framed display of Notre Dame season tickets. We hope you will join us in helping Camp Tannadoonah — anything you can do will be greatly appreciated.

Please help us. **To make a donation or contribution, or to become a sponsor**, please contact Phil Vitale at 269-476-1680 (email: sailorphil@philvitale.com or mail to Phil Vitale, 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095) or call Karen Brovold at 269-476-8862. Thank you!

### Camp Tannadoonah Needs \$25,000 ...



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