

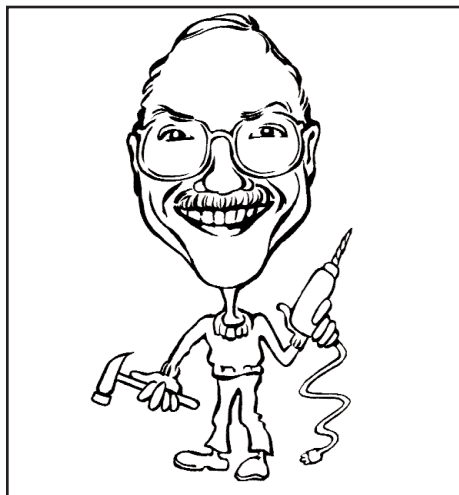


Thanks to Mr. Bob (once again) for this great pic of the sumac along the road ...

The Black Warrior strikes again

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

I just sharpened my two "Black Warrior" comments pencils and they are really holding up quite well despite weeks of grueling use. For all of you youngsters out there, Black Warriors have always been the Cadillac of pencils (I guess that's another antiquated expression) — far superior to those skinny, hexagonal yellow things with tiny green letters. Shiny black and round, they have a little heft to them that others lack. And best of all, Eagle Black Warrior No.2 is emblazoned in gold leaf script the entire length of the pencil. Truly



the Mont Blanc of pencils.
Uh Oh! Mind's wandering again.

2010 BLYC Calendar

August 21.....	Waterski Challenge
August 28.....	Fall dinner
	Camp T Fun Fest
	Camp T Silent Auction
September 11.....	Board meeting 9 am
September 18.....	Birch Lake Trivial Pursuit
October 9.....	Chili cook-off
July 9, 2011.....	House Walk
July 22, 2011.....	Ladies Golf Outing

Believe this or not, it's Monday. I'm still a little groggy from the weekend. But a pot of coffee has put me back on track. As I write this our talented and extremely dedicated editor, Phil

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Vitale, is enjoying a week-long fishing excursion to the northern recesses of the great state of Wisconsin. Phil has packed his lap-top and is producing this Barker edition from up there. So Phil has asked all Barker contributors to submit their material as as early as they can this week. Thank goodness for computers and also, thank you to Phil for interrupting his vacation and making sure we get this little newsletter that we all eagerly anticipate every week.

We almost had to hire a traffic cop last Saturday to handle all the vehicles on our narrow roads for the big Birch Lake Garage Sale. Our sale certainly benefited by coinciding with the big US 12 Garage Sale, which lasted all weekend. In my travels on Saturday I counted almost a dozen individual sales all along the length of Birch Road. Plus, our Yacht Club building was filled with items donated by many Birch Lake residents. I want to use this opportunity to thank all of you who contributed your unwanted "stuff." We were finally able to turn over \$270 to our Water Quality Fund after paying expenses for newspaper ads and supplies.

A very special thanks goes to Staci Whiteman, who worked extremely hard and sacrificed a lot of her time to make the YC sale a success. She accepted items at the YC, displayed

them all and the hardest part, priced every single item. Thanks also to Bernie Garceau for delivery services and Celia Fallon for making signs and acting as cashier the entire morning. More thanks go to Linda Curtis and Sue Waddle, who both helped out as cashiers. Despite a few traffic woes, the sale was deemed a success by all the participants that I interviewed.

I wasn't really watching the sailors on Sunday, but it appeared the usual suspects were out there having fun. The weather this summer has been very kind to the sailors — I can't think of many days that they've missed sailing.

On Sunday it was hard to get off of the couch. The Chicago White Sox (Go Sox!), Chicago Cubs (Go Cubs!) were both playing at the same time that the PGA Championship was wrapping up. The television remote got a real work-out. You must really feel sorry for golfer Dustin Johnson, who was leading the tournament into the 18th hole when he was penalized two strokes for merely touching the ground slightly with his club. He was totally unaware that he was in a sand trap because the ground had been completely trampled by the large gallery. Johnson ended up tied for fifth. What a cruel ending. But also, what a show of good sportsmanship.

The lazy, hazy days of summer are upon us. We have this weekend off and then comes our Annual Fall

Dinner on Saturday, August 28th. Please don't forget to buy your tickets in advance.

Looking ahead, the Birch Lake Trivial Pursuit Challenge is only a few weeks off. This is a new feature of the YC and I am really looking forward to participating.

I am already perfecting my secret chili recipe for the Annual Chili Cook-off, only seven weeks away. The Chili event has become one of the Yacht Club's most popular events. There are so many entrants and varieties that we should produce a Birch Lake Chili Cookbook. Not to be forgotten, the desserts there are out-of-this-world.

My days as your Commodore are growing short — I think I have only one more "Comments" to write before turning over the reins of the Yacht Club to Vice-Commodore Stan. I can hardly wait to sample his literary style and maybe see his picture accompany his efforts. I figure you're getting pretty weary of looking at my mug each week.

I am also running out of little witticisms from my little lake book with which to end my comments. It looks as if I will just make it. One of the shortest is from our old friend Hank Thoreau, who summed up our feelings about Birch Lake when he wrote "It was a perfect lake in the woods." Let's all work to keep it that way.

*-Commodore Workin'bob
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— Birch Lake Notes —

Birch Lake Directory Updates

Dear Birch Lake Community,
In the spirit of community, fellow-ship and accuracy, I would like to invite you to send additions, corrections, deletions and updates for the Birch Lake Directory at any time. The printing of a new directory is not on the agenda in the near future; but feel free to send new information to me at any time.

If you see new neighbors, please welcome them to our Nirvana and send them my way for a directory.
Phone: 269-476-1467 (landline)
Email: philcele@comcast.net
Or mail: Celia Fallon, 63600 Birch Road Vandalia MI 49095

p.s. I'd like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to all the neighbors who kindly allow trespassing on their yards so I can walk the lake on occasion. It's one of my favorite things to do.

Birch Lake Calendars

The new Birch Lake 2011 pictorial calendars are now available for purchase at strategic locations around the lake. The calendar's photos were all taken by our talented group of resident photographers. At merely \$15.00 each they would be great Christmas or birthday presents. Just having them around all year reminds us of the marvelous place we all share. You can pick them up at these locations: Karen Brovold (west), Vicki Rogers (cove), Linda Curtis (north/east), Judy Olson (east), Carla

Chester (east) and Sue Williams (south). All profits from calendar sales will go to the Camp T campership fund.

Anniversary wishes

"Happy 68th Anniversary" to Jim & Betty Mitchell, East shore of Birch Lake. Married in Elkhart, Indiana August 22, 1942. They are the parents of a daughter, Nancy (husband Mike), son Jim II (wife Elaine), four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The Mitchells purchased their home on Birch Lake in 1981 as a summer home, living year round in Sturgis where they owned Sturgis Tool & Die. Jim was active on an early water quality board at Birch Lake. He celebrated his 88th birthday in June and Betty, 86 years young last January! The Mitchells have enjoyed 29 summers at Birch Lake and seen alot of changes and known many neighbors. Though not boating and swimming this year, they still enjoy the deer in the meadow and the birds that frequent the yard!!

Notre Dame photos

Whoa, back up the truck Phil. The Notre Dame photographs listed and shown in the Barker were credited to me. Actually, I am the donor. The images were taken by my colleague and good friend Michael Bennett who took over the Sports Photography at Notre Dame when I retired. Mike's images have appeared in all of the Notre Dame

publications, Sports Illustrated, and all of the great sports outlets. As mentioned they are awesome color photographs and in addition to displaying them in your office and/or den they would make beautiful gifts for that special Notre Dame man...or Lady".

-Bruce Harlan

Fourth annual Sausage Fest

It's that time once again, Kinzler's 4th annual sausage fest returns to the west side of Birch Lake Aug. 20-22. It's the growing and ever popular all-guys trip to the lakehouse. You may remember the waterskiing pirate and last year's waterskiing hot dog. Rumor has it the "dynamic duo" will be making a special appearance on the water! Don't be alarmed if you see 30+ guys barbecuing in matching Sausage Fest T-shirts. So be on the lookout for the "dancing sausage" and feel free to stop by for a game of bags, beer darts, or pong and the coldest beer on Birch Lake!

Fall Dinner!

Who will be the new vice-commodore? Come to the Fall Dinner and learn the identity of the new Birch Lake Yacht Club vice-commodore. The new vice will be announced, Saturday Aug. 28, at Camp Tannadoonah.

The evening will start at 6 pm with cocktails and appetizers. Northsider Deb Taghon will be creating the appetizers of bruschetta, barbecue meatballs, aspara-

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Tim Liddell, East Side Hill

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-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

— Birch Lake Notes —

gus wrapped in philo, assorted cheese and crackers, plus a veggie tray with dips. Dinner will be at 7, catered by David Hollars (he did the Lutz's wedding and Mike's fall dinner several years ago.) The main course will be family-style breaded boneless pork chops, coleslaw, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and rolls with apple and cherry crisp for dessert. Coffee, tea, lemonade, beer and wine to drink.

The new vice-commodore will be announced after dinner just before the Silent Auction is over. So join us for a fun-filled night and get to know the vice.

Please purchase tickets in advance (by Saturday, August 21) from Sue Williams or Denny Weesner on the South shore; Linda Curtis and Judy Olson - East shore; Le King-North shore; Vickie Rogers - Cove; and Karen Brovold - West shore. Tickets are \$20 per person and \$8 for children 5 to 10 years of age.

The new vice-commodore to be and I hope to see everyone at the Fall Dinner.

Any questions call me at 476-8862.

-Vice-Commodore, Stan

Pat Stevens

Last Thanksgiving (almost a year ago), my mom, Pat Stevens, suffered a stroke. Since then, she has moved to Fort Wayne and been under the care of and receiving lots of love from the wonderful people at Saint Anne Home/Retirement Center at 1900 Randallia, Ft Wayne, IN 46805. Moving her to "The Fort" has been great because I live 5-6 minutes away and am able to visit her almost daily. As you can imagine, its not easy being Pat these days, and the freedoms she once enjoyed are almost all but gone. But, I can say she would love and appreciate all notes of encouragement and prayer you might want to send her. If you really want to make her day, give her a call at (260) 399-3147 (best time 6 pm) Mom is still as sharp as a tack and not afraid to remind me about it, either. I want to personally thank all of those people who have already sent their regards, cards, called, and/or even made visits. It really does make a difference in her recovery.

-Jeff Stevens



As the Fleet Captain's wife, I wanted to let all of the sailors and fans of sailing to know about the Tall Ships exhibition coming to Chicago August 24-29. You can view, board and even sail on the ships that are docked at Navy Pier in Chicago. Twenty Tall ships will be arriving with a Parade of Sail on August 24. There is a spectacular view of the Chicago skyline and lakefront. Navy Pier also has plenty of family friendly activities and dining. For more information go to www.navypier.com. See you in Chicago! Denise Smitley

A Merry Como Christmas

Before the first Jingle Bells, "The Company" gets you into the Holiday spirit with their annual "Singin and Dancin into the holidays," this year named "A Merry Como Christmas."

Tickets are \$10 for seniors, and \$11 for adults and children. Production dates are Nov. 5, 6, 12, 13, and 19, 20. Curtain time is 8 pm, and there will be a 7:30 warm-up time.

Shows are held at the Battell Center Theatre, 904 North Main Street, Mishawaka, IN. For information or to reserve tickets please call 574-258-1667 or check our website for more information:

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Tickets will be available to purchase at Battell Center during office hours 9-5, and we are taking reservations for parties of 15 or more. Those tickets must be paid for two days before show.

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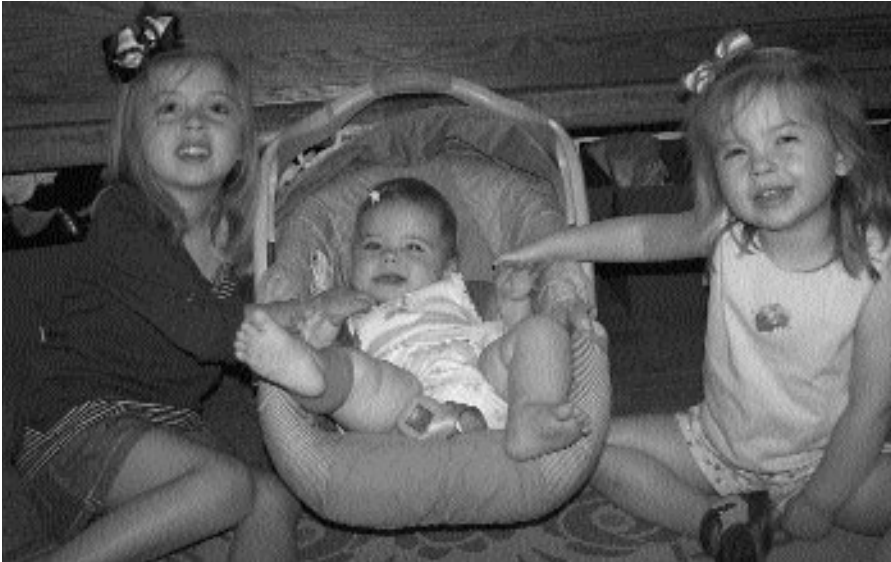
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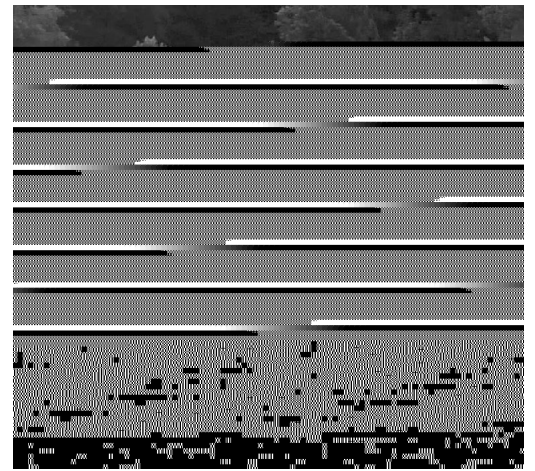
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— Barker kids of the Week —



Above: Greta, Lyla and Clara Boecher, the granddaughters of the Russwurm (North side), cheeeeeezng it up!



(l-r) Matt Kelly, Tess, Kelly, Remy McCay (Cove) try to keep the summer exciting with a new ski trick.

At right: Already practicing for tryouts at Cypress Gardens, Six year old Jack Applegate and six year old Collin Bogue are skiing double for the first time. Collin is the grandson of Rita and Dennis Tudor (West Side) and Jack is the grandson of Vickie and Steve Quinlan (West Side).



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— Barker kids of the Week —



Liam Donohue, Erin Donohue (niece and nephew of Jeff and Denise Smitley) and Claire Brovold (daughter of Karen Brovold) all of the West shore.



John Luecht, son of Bill & Bad Patty (East side), holds Ronan, the grandson of Rich & Pam Mullin (North side).



Eight year old Samantha and six year old Collin Bogue are learning to kayak this summer. Samantha and Collin are the children of Emily & Jeromy Bogue, grandchildren of Dennis & Rita Tudor (West side).



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~Birch Lake Recipes~

Stay out of the kitchen!

Grilled Two-Cheese Pizza

Again, no need to heat up the kitchen, just make it pizza night on the grill with just six ingredients and in less than 30 minutes!

Servings: 4 servings

Prep: 25 mins

Total: 25 mins

Ingredients

- 1 package fresh chevre (goat) cheese (3 1/2 ounces)
- 2 packages prebaked Italian pizza crusts (two 8-inch crusts each) (10 ounces each) or 4 pita breads (8 inch)
- 4 plum (Roma) tomatoes, sliced
- 16 kalamata olives, cut in half, pitted
- 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (6 ounces)
- 1 tablespoon chopped or shredded fresh basil leaves

Directions

1. Heat gas or charcoal grill. Spread cheese evenly over each pizza crust. Top with remaining ingredients except basil.
 2. Place pizzas on grill over medium heat. Cover grill; cook 5 to 10 minutes or until crusts are crisp and vegetables are hot. (If crusts brown too quickly, place a piece of foil between crusts and grill.) Sprinkle with basil.
- Or simply add your own favorite ingredients and make it fun.

Grilled Texas-Style Beef

The slightly sweet grilling sauce gives a Texas twist to these back ribs. As is customary in the Lone Star State, most of the cooking is done before the sauce is slathered on. Be generous with the slathering, and be ready to serve more of the sauce on the side.

Servings: Makes 4 servings.

Prep: 10 mins

Total: 1 hr 10 mins

Ingredients

- 3 to 4 pounds beef back ribs (about 8 ribs)*
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/2 cup catsup
- 1 4-ounce can diced green chili peppers, drained
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard

Directions

1. Trim fat from ribs. For rub, stir together the salt and black pepper. Sprinkle mixture evenly onto both sides of the ribs; rub into surface.
2. In a grill with a cover arrange preheated coals around a drip pan. Test for medium heat above the pan. Place the ribs on the grill rack directly over the drip pan. Cover and grill for 1 to 1-1/4 hours or until the ribs are tender. Add more coals as needed.
3. Meanwhile, for sauce, in a small saucepan stir together the onion, honey, catsup, chili peppers, chili powder, garlic, and dry mustard. Cook and stir over low heat for 10 minutes. About 10 minutes before the ribs are finished grilling, brush sauce generously over ribs. Continue grilling until glazed. Pass remaining sauce. Makes 4 servings. Enjoy!

Dick

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Fleet Captain's Corner

Keep the wind in your sail

The beautiful sailing weather continued on Sunday. Of course, I was not able to join everyone around the marks due to my back. I did however spend the day in the committee boat for the first time and I now have a better appreciation of all that they do.

Mike Lutz showed off his striking new sail. I know he was happy we didn't sail a few weeks ago as he was scrambling to patch some holes in his old one. He also turned in a solid sailing day with a 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Keeping all of the wind in your sail is a good thing.

For the Labor Day Regatta, the schedule is to sail Saturday and Sunday with Monday being the rain date. Start times are our normal 11:00 AM start with a push off to 12:00 noon if there was no wind earlier. End of the Season meeting will be held on Monday.

I'll announce the time next week after I check the Yacht Club availability.

Thanks to Chas, Amber, and Avery Grundy and my Lovely Bride for helping me run the committee boat. It was difficult for Avery to call the boats over as he has not yet learned his numbers or colors, but I think he did a great job.

See you at the starting line....

-Fleet Captain Jeff

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

Aug. 22.....Open
 Aug. 29Chas & Amber Grundy
 Sept. 4th Labor Day Regatta.....Open
 Sept. 5th Labor Day Regatta.....Open
 Sept. 6th Labor Day Regatta (Rain Date)Open

2010 BLYC Sailing Season Results

Date	8-Aug	8-Aug	8-Aug	Total	Season	Races	Percentage
Race	22	23	24	Points	Average	Finished	Finished
MC Scow							
Scott Troeger #1489/500	1	1	1	34493	1568	22	81.5%
Bob King #1199	5	3	2	30861	1403	22	81.5%
Harold Cranmer #2412	2	5	4	35288	1357	26	96.3%
Jeff Smitley #2002	CB	CB	CB	31559	1315	24	88.9%
Phil Vitale #500	DNS	DNS	DNS	28880	1313	22	81.5%
Don Harman #582	3	2	5	28496	1295	22	81.5%
Dave Olson #1979	6	6	3	29435	1280	23	85.2%
Bill Luecht #1579	7	7	7	33994	1259	27	100.0%
Jim Bolinger #1735	DNS	DNS	DNS	7412	1235	6	22.2%
Gib Eberhart #916	4	4	6	33188	1229	26	96.3%
Tom Howard #1713	DNS	DNS	DNS	5857	1171	5	18.5%
Sunfish							
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	DNS	DNS	DNS	30918	1546	20	76.9%
Erica Vitale (White)	1	2	1	30286	1514	20	76.9%
Stewart Spratt	2	1	4	22359	1491	15	57.7%
Chris Spratt (Blue/Green)	4	3	3	31192	1418	21	80.8%
Sandy Vitale (White)	DNS	DNS	DNS	29360	1398	19	73.1%
Katie Luecht (White/Red/Blue)	5	5	5	25672	1351	19	73.1%
Eric Odenwald	DNS	DNS	DNS	2665	1333	2	7.7%
Mike Lutz	3	4	2	30349	1320	23	88.5%
Steve Richards	DNS	DNS	DNS	3817	1272	3	11.5%
Bernie Garceau (Red/White/Blue)	DNS	DNS	DNS	10163	1270	8	30.8%
Stan Pitakos	DNS	DNS	DNS	2450	1225	2	7.7%

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), DSQ (Disqualified) scores as one place worse than last place (if 5 boats finished, you would have finished 6th, will be scored as 7th place). DNF, DSQ not counted toward minimum number of races needed. 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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ARIES (Mar. 21-April 20)

Throw yourself into your profession. You need to do more research before you make your final decision. You may find that purchases or entertainment could be expensive. Go out with friends who are positive and supportive. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)

Although it does look promising, be careful not to overextend yourself or you will lose in the long run. Talk to your emotional partner about your intentions. You'll be pleased with the results if you take the time to decorate your home. Don't trust coworkers with important or personal information. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

This will not be the day to start new business ventures or make drastic changes in your career. Be firm when dealing with matters pertaining to your environment. An older member of your family may have left you with a pressing situation. Opportunities will unfold; however, you must be willing to pay the price. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Visit friends or relatives you rarely see. Go over your finances and figure out a solid budget. You may find it difficult to communicate with someone at work. Try to address the real issues in order to turn things around. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

You have been stagnating for some time now and you need a change of pace. Try not to be too aggressive or judgmental when talking to your mate. Sudden changes at home will affect family members more than you anticipated. Overindulgence may cause conflicts. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23)

You may have the energy to clear up that mound of paperwork facing you. You will find your vitality is lowered. This will not be the best day to make changes or renovations to your residence. Praise will be yours if you have been pursuing your goals. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

You may be somewhat emotional concerning a rather private matter. You will meet new romantic partners if you get involved in seminars or travel. You could meet potential new mates if you go out with friends or take pleasure trips. Be careful not to divulge secret information this week. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Money can be made if you are willing to take a chance. Empty promises are evident; therefore, get it in writing, to be safe. Trips will be more than adventurous. If you haven't planned a vacation, then at least try to get away for the weekend. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Don't forget that your budget is limited right now. Get involved in groups and organizations that are of a distinguished nature. Your input into their activities will help bring you closer together. Unreliable people will be negative about your ideas. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22- Jan. 20)

Overindulgence will mean poor health. You have to believe in yourself and your talents. Be careful if a friend asks you for advice. Someone important may be watching you from afar. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Your ability to do detailed work will dazzle those who are less creative. Opportunities to travel will be favorable in terms of moneymaking connections. Try not to hesitate; act on your initial instincts. Things will be emotional with your mate. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

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SPOTLIGHT

Dunkampin

The little white cottage with green shutters in the cove named Dunkampin started out as a campsite in the woods overlooking the beautiful lake that Floyd Fulmer 'discovered' one day as he was out driving up and down the country roads in Cass County. A chance turn down a narrow dirt lane led to what would become home to five generations of the family.

Floyd drove down the dirt lane until he reached Nan Binkley's house, now the Parnell/Niezgodski home. He knocked on the door to ask who owned the land and found he was talking to the owner herself. In 1937 Floyd and Ruth bought a small parcel in the cove along with a new tent. Knowing the importance of good neighbors, friends were brought to the lake that also fell in love with it and bought lots of their own. The Shewmans (now Vaths) bought the lot next door, the Cowens (Dick's parents) bought a few lots down, as did Ruth's sister and her husband (the Partridges, now the Caenepeels and still in the family). It wasn't long after that Jack and Buddy (Fulmer) Asire bought a lot too.

Within a few years and with the help of good friends all working together, cottages began to go up. A black and white reel of movie film captured Floyd and Dee Shewman mixing concrete in a wheel barrow and pouring it into what would become the foundation for Dunkampin. The first cottage was fairly primitive with a pump handle by the sink for running water and an outhouse across the road but Ruth and Floyd were out of the tent and no longer camping, thus the name Dunkampin. Wanting to preserve as much as they could around the lake, Ruth and Floyd started saving and when finances allowed, they bought an additional five lots on the back side of the road. Having a vision of the future and not wanting the lake to become overcrowded, Floyd became active in closing



off the many lake easements that would have allowed for key-holing. He took his duties as yacht club commodore seriously and for a number of years was also the Barker editor which meant the rest of the family got roped into collecting the news, typing, and delivering the papers.

Summer evenings were filled with corn and sausage roasts followed by slide shows in the Beard's (now Waggoner's) shop or games of canasta that could get pretty competitive. The West-siders were a tightly knit group of friends who passed their love of the lake on to their children and grandchildren. Dunkampin now boasts electricity, hot and cold running water and a high speed internet connection. It has come a long way from its first days so many years ago but it is still owned and loved by the Asires, descendants of Ruth and Floyd.

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Camp Tannadoonah

It's hard to believe

I's hard to believe we're past the half-way point in August! Many of the campers and counselors have already gone back to school, and the beginning of the college football season is just around the corner.

With all the talk this year about the financial circumstances of Camp and Camp Fire, I've been giving a lot of thought to my role at camp and what it means for me. I've been coming to camp since I was five years old. I was a camper for 11 summers, on the summer staff for 6 summers, a board member for a couple years when I was in grad school, and now just finished up my 5th summer as the camp director. I've been somehow involved with camp every year for the last 26 years, either as a camper, paid staff member, or volunteer. My assistant director, Miss Sue, has me beat, with 28 years as a camper, counselor, or staff member. Between the two of us, that's 54 summers at Camp Tannadoonah!

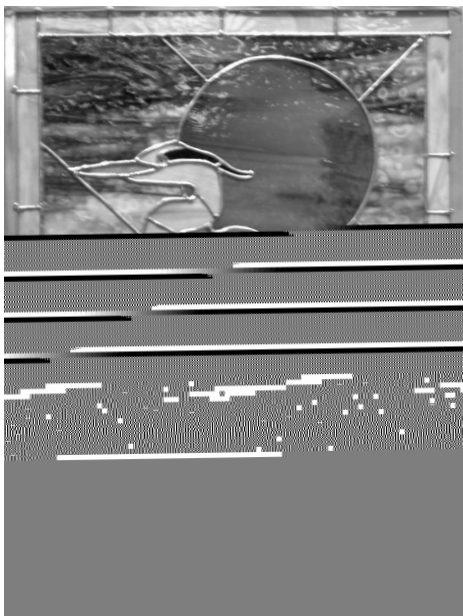
Camp is not just a job for me. It's definitely not something I do for the big bucks; I do it because I love it. It's a lot of work, a lot of hours, and it gets really stressful sometimes, and there are parts of my job that aren't that fun. But I never regret signing on for this position. Every time I look back at the progress we've made over the past five years, I feel proud of what we're doing.

When I was a kid, I really looked up to the camp director, Mrs. Murphy. Today I like to think that she would be proud of the job we're doing up here at camp. She'd be happy to see the camper numbers going up, and glad that we're

continuing many of the great traditions of Camp Tannadoonah. But I think she'd also be excited about some of the changes we've made.

I want Avery to grow up at camp and have the same wonderful memories of camp that I have. I want him to learn to swim in Birch Lake, play tennis on the Murphy Memorial tennis courts, canoe over to the landing for a picnic, and learn to sail on the camp sailboats. I want him to sing camp songs and know all the legends, and cook out over a campfire every week. I hope he writes letters to his grandparents about the silly things the counselors do and all the fun he's having with his camp friends. I want him to float his candle out into the lake on the last night of the summer, and feel sad that camp is over until next year.

And I don't just want that experience for my own children; I want to share with as many kids as we can for as long as we can. People ask me how long I plan on being the camp director, and I really have no idea. I want to keep doing it for as long as I love doing it. I want to expand our programs and add new things, and build new buildings to make Camp Tannadoonah a better place for the next generation of campers to



Silent Auction item — stained glass piece by Marty McKiernan 24.5" x 18", Value \$450, ok'd by Coy ITEM 1005

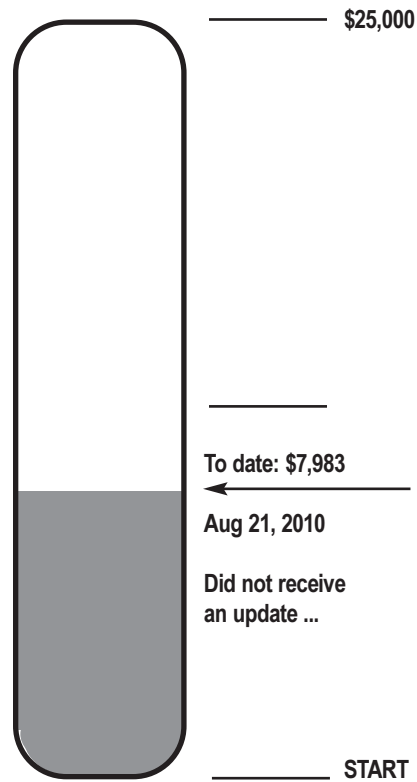
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enjoy.

But as you all know, we're in a difficult spot right now, and we need your help to achieve those dreams for the future. That's why I hope we see many, many people at the Fun Fest and Silent Auction on the 28th! In the meantime, Chas and I and Avery will continue to enjoy the beautiful weather and hope to see you all out on the lake this weekend!

-Miss Amber

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Camp T Silent Auction items

We are accepting bids for the following items in the the Camp T silent auction:

- * One week at a Florida condo at Holiday Island C33, 1515 Pinellas Bayway, Tierra Verde, FL; \$500 Minimum bid. (See Photos Below) — **ITEM 1001**
- * 5X8 Pace utility trailer \$700 **ITEM 1002**
- * a beautiful, hand-made birch wood table **ITEM 1003**
- * a football to be autographed by Brian Kelly (winner submits it and gets a personalized autograph) **ITEM 1004**
- * a stained glass piece by Marty McKiernan **ITEM 1005**
- * a dinner party for 8 at Camp Tannadoonah **ITEM 1006**
- * Original acrylic painting donated by Dorothy Anderson
- * 2-Bears vs Redskins tickets for October 24 at noon **ITEM 1007**
- * 2 more Bears vs Redskins tickets **ITEM 1008**
- * 2-Tickets to Colts vs Bengals preseason game Sept. 2 **ITEM 1009**
- * 2 more Colts vs Bengals tickets **ITEM 1010**
- * A new upright vacuum cleaner **ITEM 1011**
- * Three 10-lb. Ameritex commercial fire extinguishers **ITEMS 1012-1014**
- * Packets of photo prints by Carol Dugan **ITEM 1015**
- * **Beautiful necklace and pin** (\$88 value) (See Photos Below) **ITEM 1016**
- * 2 rounds of golf at Sauganash Golf Club (with cart) **ITEM 1017**
- * **A 20 x28" color photograph** of the Dome and Basilica from across the lake looking south with a fog foreground – beautiful **ITEM 1018**
- * **5 – 16 x 18" Notre Dame related football color photographs** (very unusual), 1 is a full length of new head coach Brian Kelly, others include unusual montages (all photos are mounted on foamcore with 2" matte borders. They would make outstanding den or office décor. (See Photos Below) **ITEMS 1019-1023**
- * Callaway Warbird X Golf Stand Bag - retail value \$ 130.00. Donated by Steve Plaia — **Item 1024**
- * 3 - 20gal LP gas grill fill ups, picked up and returned - retail value of \$51.00. Donated by Bill Butler — **Item 1025**
- * \$50 Gift Certificate from Budget Blinds in Granger — **Item 1026**
- * Authentic Birch Lake Blue Gill Dinner For 6 — succulent Blue Gill filets. complete dinner, desert and beverages served in the home of Tom & Lynn DeCocker (East Side) — **Item 1027**
- * A 20 x 16 acrylic original on canvas "Sailor Boy" - retail value \$180 - Donated by D.A. Anderson — **Item 1028**
- * Deb Bolinger will do an original paint on your mail box at Birch Lake — **Item 1029**
- * 2 Roadmaster Mt. Fury 15 speed bikes — (See Photos Below) **Items 1030, 1031**
- * \$100 in Marina Bucks from Apollo Marine Bid **Item 1032**

To bid on any of these items, please send a sealed bid with the item number printed on the outside of the envelope; Bids will be opened on Aug. 28. Send to: Phil Vitale, 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095

1-week Condo stay
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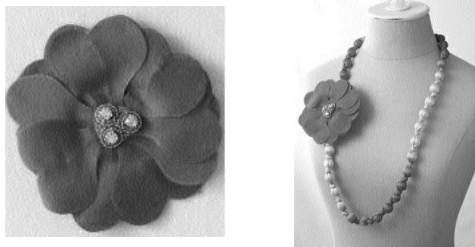
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Bid — **ITEM 1001**

* **Necklace and pin** (\$88 value)

ITEM 1016



* **2 Roadmaster Mt. Fury 15-speed bicycles**

Items 1030, 1031

Notre Dame photos contributed by Bruce Harlan

Helmet (right) — **ITEM 1019**

Tunnel (below) **1020**

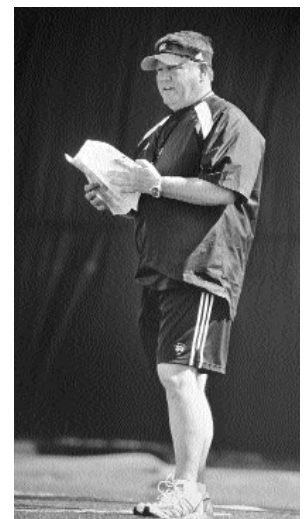
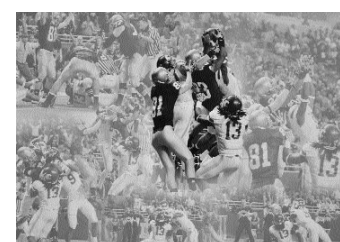


Golden Dome — **ITEM 1021**

Glory — **ITEM 1022**

Celebrate — **ITEM 1023**

Coach — **ITEM 1024**





Camp Tannadoonah Fun Fest Saturday August 28



Event Entry Form

Please return Entry Forms to Phil Vitale, 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095

Thank you for your interest in the Camp Tannadoonah Fun Fest events. Please mark the event(s) you intend to participate in, and sign the disclaimer at the bottom of the page.

Event:Entry feeor Pledges

- _____ Tennis Tournament.....\$25.....
- _____ Bike Tour\$25...../mile
- _____ 5-K run\$25...../kilo
- _____ Kayak Race.....\$25.....
- _____ Kayak Fun Paddle.....\$25.....

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Entry fee:

The fee to participate in any of the events is \$25/person — and may be paid in cash, by check or credit card by the participant directly or received in the form of pledges to Camp Tannadoonah. Participants are encouraged to solicit pledges from friends, family and co-workers to help raise funds for the camp. Pledges may be for a fixed amount or for an amount-per-mile or kilometer.

Please indicate the total amount you have enclosed in entry fees and/or pledges that have been made:

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Disclaimer/waiver:

I have read the information provided to me regarding the events of the Camp Tannadoonah Fun Fest. I agree to follow all of the rules as laid out by Camp Tannadoonah and Camp Fire USA River Bend Council.

I understand that reasonable measures will be taken to ensure my safety. I hereby release, acquit, and forever discharge Camp Fire USA River Bend Council, Camp Tannadoonah, and its employees, agents, volunteers and representatives from any and all liability for damages, losses, or injuries to persons, property, or both, including, but not limited to any claims, demands, actions, causes of action, damages, costs, expenses, and/or attorney fees, which arise out of or occur during my participation in any of these events.

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FOUND

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