



Thanks to Mr. Bob for the cool negative image of the wildflowers in the canoe at the entrance to Camp Tannadoonah.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

So today, Monday June 2, 2014, was the last student day at our school. It was fabulous! Think back when you were in third or fourth grade and what that last day felt like! It felt like your birthday, Christmas, and New Year's Eve all rolled into one spectacular day! The field day, yearbook signing, saying goodbye to friends and teachers, knowing that for the next 10 weeks you could play, swim, camp, go to movies, catch lightning bugs ... the sky was the limit! And that's the way it should be! I am so looking forward to my 10 weeks at Birch Lake. It makes me feel like a kid again, and we all need time to rejuvenate and de-stress, no matter how young or how old you may be!

I had the privilege to correspond this last week with a former Birch Laker named Sharon Gay. As a young girl, her family had a cottage on the east side, where presently Millie Zelasko lives. I wanted to pass on her email because there may be some of you who remember

her and her brother:
*"Hi Patty,
 You won't know me, nor likely remember the family name, but my grandfather, Oliver Bovik, built our summer cottage on the east side of Birch Lake way back in 1938. At that time, there were few cottages on the lake. My mother, Barbara Bovik (Wallin) was a young girl back then and enjoyed every summer at the lake. Then, when my brother Bill and I came along, we too, spent our summers at our cottage. It was magical and will be held in our hearts forever.*

The years have passed, and the cottage was sold when my grandfather passed away in the 1960's, but Birch has always been in our lives and our hearts. We often rented other cottages over the years, and my mother kept up with a lot of her old friends at the lake: the Thayers, the Kensills, the Weesners, Nancy Harvey, and many others. I imagine most of them have passed away also or sold their cottages so I am reaching out to you as I found your name on the Internet on the Birch Barker, a paper that my aunt Joyce Bovik started way back "in the day" with other members of the yacht club. She

2014 Birch Lake Calendar

June 8	Olson's Bon Voyage, BLYC
June 14	Commodore/Vice Commodore Party — MOTOWN NIGHT, 7 pm, BLYC,
June 21	Spaghetti Dinner, BLYC
June 28	Kids' Regatta - need organizer
July 4, 5, 6	BL 4th of July Regatta 11am
July 5	BL Boat Parade 2pm
July 5	Fireworks - Birch Lake
July 6	Fireworks Rain Date
July 6	Pancake Breakfast 8:30-11am Camp
July 18	BL Ladies' Golf 9 am - TBA
July 25	BL Men's Golf - need organizer
July 25	BL Ladies on the Lake - TBA
Aug 2	Com and Sausage BLYC - time TBA
Aug 16	Camp T Hog Roast
Aug 23	BLYC Fall Dinner - TBA
Oct 18	Chili Cook Off
May 2, 2015	BLYC Spring Dinner

Dates subject to change.
 Watch the Barker for updates!

sailed the "Hep Cat" back in the '40s and '50s.
 My mother and I live in the Seattle area. She passed away on May 1st. It was her desire to have her ashes brought

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back to Birch Lake. My brother, William Frame, is planning on coming to Birch Lake the week after Memorial Day with her ashes. A sad journey, to be sure, but a wonderful end to a lifetime of loving Birch.

We were wondering if you knew of anybody on the lake that rents little boats so my brother could go out in the middle of the lake with the ashes. He has spoken to the Porter Township and the local sheriff, about it and it appears that it is okay to do this.

We would appreciate any light you could shed for us, on this, my mother's final journey back to our beloved Birch."

Thank you so much,

Sharon Gay
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Sharon then wrote:

"Patty,

Thank you so much for writing back! It's good to hear from another Birch Lake person! Our childhood was so absolutely lovely there. It is a special place. I went back there about 15 years ago and rented a cottage on the South end, past the public beach. I was thrilled to see that the water is still as crystal clear as it was when I was a pup!

Our cottage was also north of Weesners. It sounds like it may be quite



Lazy Lodge from an undated file photo ...

close to yours! I cannot remember the exact house number, but there are two cottages, side by side built around 1938- both kind of "Dutch Colonial" in style, and one of them was ours, the other belonged to the Terry's. Our cottage used to be white with green trim, but I believe now that it is a sage green color. Is your cottage the old Olson cottage? If so, that was about 2 doors further north than ours. One cottage north of ours (and we had an empty lot between the cottages) was an old farmhouse cottage that was one of the "originals" on the lake. The Challinors lived there. We

had a pump in the kitchen with well water and an old fashioned ice box. Lanky (do you remember his little store up in Billyville?) used to deliver ice for the ice box — huge cubes with tongs! My oh my!

Do you remember Lazy Lodge? Back in the day, we traveled over there for burgers. It was the only slightly commercial enterprise on the lake. My grandparents had their honeymoon at Lazy Lodge in the 1920's. The lake was practically empty then — I think there were only 12 cottages!

We knew the Weesners quite well, and the Kensills, the Brights, the Olsons,-

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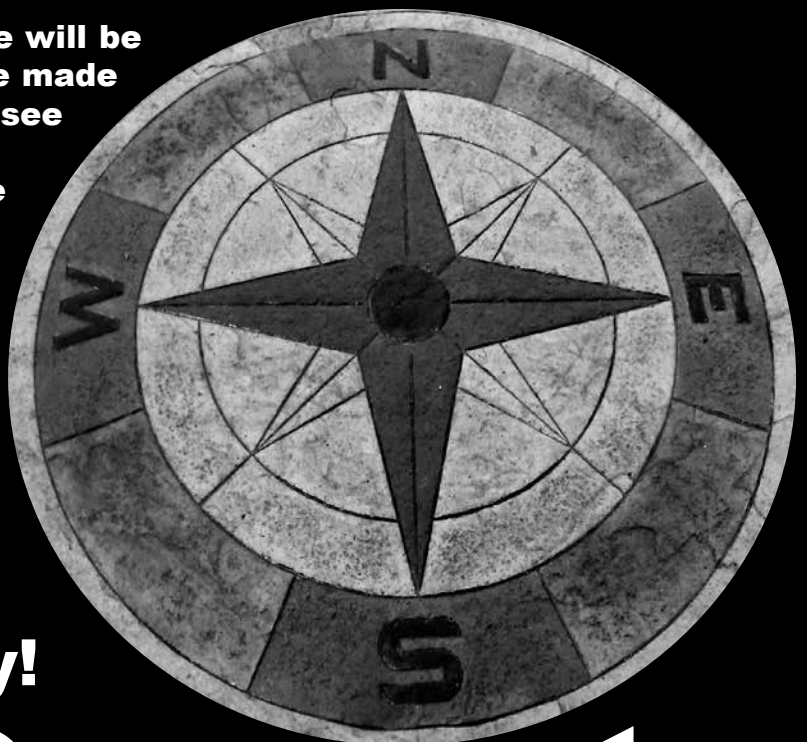
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Carpenters, Sears, Shanks, and frankly — a lot of names escape me because I was a kid then. (I'm 64 now — guess I should be glad I remember THIS many names — ha ha! The Luxembergers had the house next to the Public Beach. Sorry to go on and on, but I feel so happy to connect with another Birch Lake person!

I appreciate your offer to help and would love it if you passed my email around. So very kind of you.

It was exciting to hear from you and I thank you for your kindness!"

And just like Birch Lakers always do, Dave Olson and Tom DeCocker were so kind, met with Sharon's brother, Bill Frame, and took the time to make Barbara Bovik Wallin's last request come true with the reverence and dignity that anyone from Birch Lake deserves. Thank you both for being such wonderful members of the Birch Lake family.

Anyone wishing to email or write to Sharon Gay, feel free to do so. She said she would love to hear from you!

Board meeting 9 am Saturday, June 7 at BLYC.

ONE MORE WEEK!!!! June 14th!!! MOTOWN NIGHT for the Vice Commodore/ Commodore shindig! Please bring an appetizer to share and come catch up with all of those you missed this winter. Socializing will begin at 6:30 pm and the sweet sounds of Motown will begin at 8.

I will be on the committee boat on Sunday, June 8. I would love to have a fun crew join me in the middle of the lake. Bring some sunblock, the beverages of your choice and let's support our sailors!

Just one more thing! I want to wish my husband Bill a very Happy Anniversary On Sunday, June 8th, This will be number 23 — and I know you've had 3 of the best years of your life during that time!!! You are my rock, my soul mate, best friend and the only person in world who would put up with me for all that time. LOVE YOU, WILD BILL!!

Take care this weekend! Watch for the pink lights, and remember ... PINK ... it's not just a color, it's an attitude!

~Bad Patty, Commodore 2014

Olson's bon voyage party

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Congratulations to my good friends and neighbors Commodore Bad Patty and Wild Bill Luecht who are celebrating their 23rd anniversary on June 8.

the lake, they are looking for a new adventure in Ashville, N.C.

WHEN; JUNE 8

TIME: 1-3:30 pm

WHERE; BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

Please bring an appetizer to share. Ice tea and lemonade will be provided but if you want anything else you'll have to bring your own.

Barker Deadlines

Please be advised that the deadline for submitting information for any particular edition is always the Tuesday of the week before publication (example:

the deadline for materials for the May 31 issue is Tuesday, May 27) ... thanks.

Boating Safety Classes

Cass County Sheriff's Office operates a Marine Patrol Division. The Marine Patrol uses a combination of boats and jet skis to patrol the lakes of Cass County. Marine Patrol Deputies enforce all marine laws.

The Marine Division also offers a variety of boater safety classes. Students may per-register by calling the Cass County Sheriff's Office at 445-1240. Please have the student's legal name,



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Anyone born after December 31, 1978 must have a boating safety certificate to operate a personal water craft. Anyone born after July 1, 1996 must attend a Boater Safety Class to operate any vessel.

Upcoming classes include:

June 7, Donnell Lake Conservation Club
 June 21, Eagle Lake Marine
 June 14, Cass County Conservation Club
 July 12, Diamond Lake Yacht Club
 July 19, Indian Lake Yacht Club

For more information contact the Cass County Sheriff's Marine Division at 445-1225, or the Sheriff's Department at 445-2481.

Advertising in the Barker

We are still (and always) accepting both display and classified advertising for the Birch Barker (see page 17 of today's Barker). Classified ads are free to members of the BLYC (non-member rate is \$5 per ad). Email your classified ads to the Barker at sailorphil@philvitale.com.

Display ads are charged at the low, one-time rate of \$65 for a 1/8 page ad; \$130 for a 1/4 page ad; \$260 for a 1/2 page ad; and \$520 for a full page ad.



Thanks to the Birch Lake Artist in Part-time Residence Duffy Dufor for the great illustrations ... this one is titled "Friends meet at Birch Lake."

For information and help building your ad, contact Phil at 476-1680, 445-9200 or sailorphil@philvitale.com.

All ads are subject to the approval of the editor and/or Commodore, officers and board of the Birch Lake Yacht Club.

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DNR waives fees during Summer Kickoff, June 7-8

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has announced the 2014 Summer Kickoff. During Summer Kickoff, fees will be waived for some of the state's most popular outdoor activities. Summer Kickoff includes:

■ June 7-8 is Free Fishing Weekend,

when all fishing license fees are waived for two days. Residents and out-of-state visitors may enjoy fishing on both inland and Great Lakes waters for all species of fish. All fishing regulations still apply.

■ June 7-8 is Free ORV Weekend, when ORV license and permit fees are waived for off-road vehicles. Anyone (resident or nonresident) may ride an ORV for free,

but all ORV laws still apply.

■ June 8 is free entry to all Michigan state parks; no Recreation Passport required. This is the only day of the year when there is no vehicle entry fee for the state parks. Camping fees still apply for overnight visitors.

— Barker kids of the Week —



Greta, Lyla and Clara Boecher. Granddaughters of the Russwurms. Greta and Lyla just received "Wildcat Awards" for being outstanding students at Eastwood Elementary School in Elkhart.

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Devon Hopkins was a guest of the Lutz (north shore) last weekend ... and he got to wear the cool bright red nose!



Pet of the week honors go to Cap'n Gracie who skippered the committee boat during last weekend's sailing races ...

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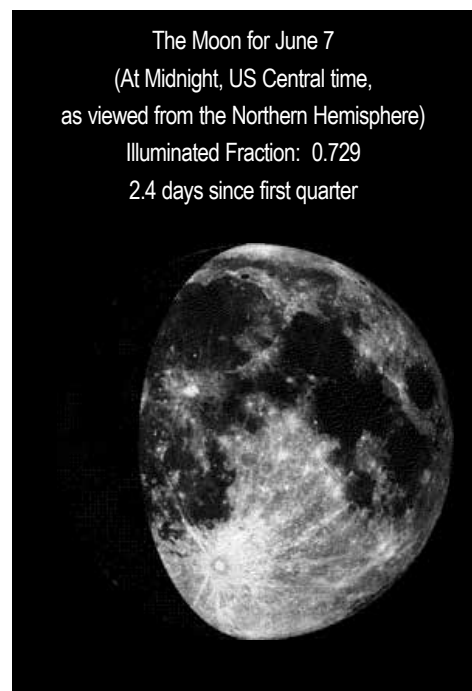
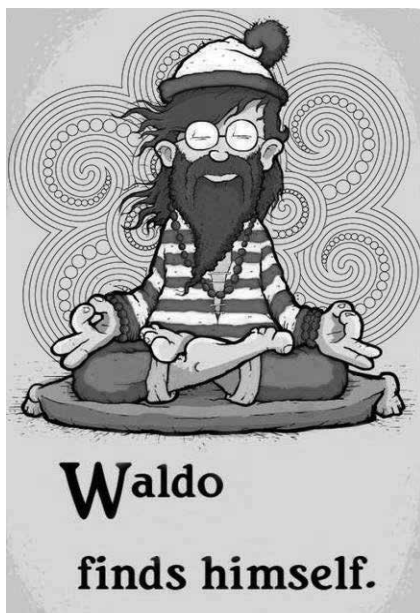
And now for something entirely different

Greetings fellow stargazers. Last week I mentioned that this week would be readers' choice. No one requested any-

thing so I have nothing for you. In any event you can still get out there and enjoy the show. It's free most any night of the week, but unfortunately

there is no 1 pm matinée. Next week — another surprise.

~ *Stewart Sprat*



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Sailing Again

After a long and very cold winter, sailing has begun again on our wonderful waters! It was nice to see sail boats back racing for the first time in many, many months.

The winds were above average, which led to some aggressive sailing ... and to a Fleet Captain who decided to turtle his boat at the finish line due to some poor maneuvering.

Due to a wedding and some electrical issues we only had two Sunfish boats out, which by the rules does not constitute a race, so the sunfish hopefully will begin their season this week, as long as we have three boats out!

As always I want to thank Harold for setting up the marks, and thanks to our gracious committee boat Goddesses of Beth, Kelly Mae, "Good" Patty and my lovely wife Amy.

In finishing just a reminder, we are always looking for people to run the committee boat, If you would like to

spend a few wonderful hours enjoying sailing first-hand, up-close, personal and at it's best, please let me know!

~"Fleet Captain" Mike

Committee Boat Assignments

June Races

- 8 — Bad Patty
- 15 —
- 22 —
- 28 — Bad Patty
- 29 —

4th of July Regatta

(these dates may change due to the Pancake Breakfast. Please watch for updates.)

- July 4 —
- July 5 —
- July 6 —

July Races

- 13 —
- 20 —
- 27 —



August Races

- 3 — Bad Patty
- 10 —
- 17 —
- 24 —

Labor Day Regatta

- August 30 —
- August 31 —
- Sept. 1 —

2014 BLYC Sailing Season Results

Date	1-Jun	1-Jun	1-Jun	Total	Season
Race	1	2	3	Points.....	Average

MC Scow/Sailor

Scott Troeger #1489.....	2	2	1	4642	1547
Jeff Smitley #2002.....	1	4	2	4490	1497
Phil Vitale #500	3	3	4	4257	1419
Harold Cranmer #1991/2412	4	1	6	4194	1398
Bob King #1199	6	5	3	3965	1322
Bill Luecht #1579.....	5	7	5	3748	1249
Gib Eberhart #916	7	6	7	3537	1179

Sunfish/Sailor

Not enough Sunfish sailed to make it an official race (only two boats came out)

Legend:

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** are 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

Crew Counted toward completed races, Points go to skipper of boat.

Sailing Notes



From the Royal SA (South Australian) Yacht Squadron ... thanks to Mr. Bob for sending it to us.



Sailing vessel sinks — The St. Lucian pirate ship which was featured in several Hollywood movies including the popular 'Pirates of the Caribbean' sank last month. Saint Lucia News Online (SNO) confirmed that the Brig Unicorn Pirate Ship sank off the coast of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Friday 23rd of May 2014 . According to reports, the vessel was heading to St. Vincent from St. Lucia for repairs when it encountered difficulties and sank. No one was injured. See: <http://www.stlucianewsonline.com/famous-pirate-ship-sinks-off-st-vincent-coast/>

The Unicorn pictured in St. Lucia (photo by Phil Vitale, January, 2014)

— Health at the Lake —

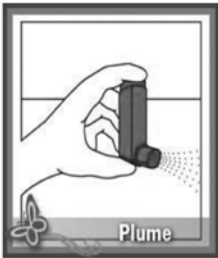
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DEB'S STAR STUFF

Emma Award-winning actress Ann B. Davis, who died Sunday at 88, was the “glue that held ‘The Brady Brunch’ together,” said Barry Williams, who played Greg on the show.

Davis was known for her beloved role as housekeeper Alice on “The Brady Bunch,” and her death in a San Antonio, Texas, hospital after a fall in her home inspired former co-stars and other celebs alike to reach out and talk about the iconic actress.



“I remember watching from behind the camera when she was rehearsing one of the scenes for ‘The Brady Bunch’ and I was laughing along with her timing and stuff. Well, apparently, I was messing up her timing so she turned around and said, ‘Barry, comedy is not funny.’ I was crushed”, he said.

I thought, ‘Oh, my gosh. I’ve upset her. A little later I went over and said, ‘Excuse me. What did you mean when you said that comedy was not funny?’ and she said, ‘Oh, I was just kidding with you.’”

The whole blooming Brady bunch will miss Alice along with the rest of us.

Vitalii Sediuk insists he isn’t crazy. Brad Pitt doesn’t sound convinced.

Speaking out for the first time since the notorious red carpet prankster got way too close for comfort at the L.A. premiere of Maleficent last week, Pitt has given his version of what went down when Sediuk breached the barrier that was in place to keep the crowd at bay.

“I was at the end of the line signing autographs, when out the corner of my eye I saw someone stage-diving over the barrier at me,” the actor, whose entire family was in attendance that night, recalled the incident in a statement to People.



“I took a step back; this guy had latched onto my lapels. I looked down and the nutter was trying to bury his face in my crotch, so I cracked him twice in the back of the head not too hard but enough to get his attention, because he did let go. I think he was then just grabbing for a

hand hold because the guys were on him, and he reached up and caught my glasses.”

“I don’t mind an exhibitionist,” Pitt’s statement continued, “but if this guy keeps it up he’s going to spoil it for the fans who have waited up all night for an autograph or a selfie, because it will make people more wary to approach a crowd. And he should know, if he tries to look up a woman’s dress again, he’s going to get stomped.”

Royalists are up in arms after a German tabloid exposed photos of the Duchess of Cambridge’s naked bottom.

Bild.de published a picture taken as Kate’s dress blew upwards after she hopped off a helicopter with Prince William in the Blue Mountains in Australia during the royal tour in April.

The publication described the pics as “Photos show our favorite Duchess Kate, 32, in the Australian Blue Mountains.” The rotor blades of the royal helicopter swirl the air so that Kate’s summer dress blew up giving a clear view of her beautiful bum!

The picture is revealing and it is not clear as to where the royal bloomers were.

Kate and William have faced numerous battles to protect their privacy by preventing the publication of photographs.

The most famous case was when topless pictures of Kate, taken on their holiday at a Provence chateau, appeared in a French magazine in 2012

The photographs have sparked online debates about why Kate doesn’t wear weights in her hems like the Queen to avoid future wardrobe mishaps.

The royals have yet to comment on the pictures.

Pamela Anderson, buxom, beautiful, but hardly the brightest bulb in TinselTown abruptly abandoned her lunch spot at the BevHills Hotel Polo Lounge, approached the table of a nice-looking, 60-ish gentleman she’d been eyeing for moments and said: Hi, I’m Pam you look so familiar, but I just can’t remember where we’ve met

As the man smiled back, she burred: Did you ever guest star on ‘Baywatch?’ Cracking up, the man chortled loudly: No WAY!

Prettily puzzled, Pam pressed on, asking: Then how on earth do I know you?

Chuckling, the man responded: Well, I’m AL GORE. I used to be Vice President. Without missing a beat, Pam said: Oh, I see so, ahhh Vice President of what? When Gore replied the United States. Pam abruptly turned beet red!

Stammering apologies, she shook the ex-Veep’s hand, scurried back to her table and never faced his way again!

Keep watching. This show’s free too. Just don’t get too used to this.

~ Deb Spratt

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Aries (March 21-April 19) Expect transportation delays, flat tires, engine problems and missed buses while you do daily errands or take short trips. Conversations with others will be plagued by misinformation and mistakes. The mail will be late. But this is your chance to finish writing projects or wrap up tasks related to your immediate environment. Expect to talk to siblings and relatives you haven't seen for a while. (Maybe they owe you money?)

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Expect cheques in the mail to be late. Issues with cash flow, earnings and money will be delayed. Payments will be delayed. If someone needs to return an item or money they borrowed, this will be late. Postpone purchases of computers, cell phones, cars, trucks and bicycles i.e. anything to do with communications, messages and ground transportation.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) Allow extra time for everything you do because there will be minor frustrations and forgetfulness. You will misplace items, lose things, miss appointments, be late for things, and wait at the wrong place. You will also be plagued with computer errors, late mail, mixed up messages and transportation delays. Ex-partners will be back in your life, which could be good or bad.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) You will be in contact with old friends and ex-partners. Sometimes this is a good thing, sometimes not. It depends on your history. The upside is it will help you to finish little projects you have on the books. All those things you've been "meaning" to do?

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) You will suffer from delays, mistakes and transportation problems this month. But you will also encounter old friends and members of groups from your past. This is your chance

to catch up on gossip and laugh about the bad old days. It's also a good time to reassess future goals. What are some of the things you were hoping to achieve? Surely, some of these were a good idea, no? Why not resurrect one of these ideas and move it to the front burner?

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This month will involve your relationship with authority figures - parents, bosses, teachers, VIPs and the police. Two things will occur at the same time: Your interaction with these people will be plagued with silly errors, delays and misunderstandings. Be aware of this and speak clearly. And yet, at the same time, you have a wonderful opportunity to finish old business with authority figures. It's also the perfect time to contemplate your life direction in general. Where do you want to go?

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) The best laid plans of mice and men are held up. You will be plagued with silly errors, delays in appointments and meetings, and a general confusion with tasks and communications. Delays and rescheduled travel plans are also likely. But the good news is you will finish your book, thesis or any project related to higher education, the media, publishing, medicine and the law.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Checks and payments to you will be late or stalled for some reason. Discussions and agreements surrounding inheritances, taxes, debt, shared property and insurance matters will be subject to errors and confusion. Double check everything to make sure others understand what you say. But the upside is that these same areas can be swiftly brought to conclusion and finished, because Mercury retrograde wants to finish old business. Always! You might successfully wrap up something that has been lingering for years!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) The Ex-partners and old friends will be in contact with you again. According to the history of these relationships, this will be pleasant or not. But some of them will be a chance to laugh it up with old pals. Ex-marriage partners or business partners could give you a chance to clear up misunderstandings or provide closure that settles things once and for all.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) For the most part, you will see miscommunications, errors, delays and silly, goofy mistakes. They're generally small but they eat up time and they're frustrating. You might feel people don't give you enough warning or you might suffer from staff shortages or things that create inefficient productivity. This can be a drag.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Old flames and ex-lovers are back on the scene again. This could prove interesting or frightening, depending on how the affair ended. Generally, you like to stay friends, which often appalls others. Some of you will hear from your kids, especially if you've been out of touch. This month will be a great opportunity to finish creative work, arts and crafts projects, and anything you have wanted to get off the ground related to the hospitality industry, the entertainment world and sports.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Your focus will be on family, home and your private life. Relatives will be on your doorstep, sleeping on your sofa and eating you out of house and home. (Stock the fridge.) Family reunions are likely. Friends and family will drop by. Naturally, there will be confused communications with relatives. This is a great month to wrap up redecorating and renovating projects at home or unfinished details with a family business or family negotiations. It will please you to finish things that have been lingering forever. In 4 to 6 weeks - this stuff will be done!

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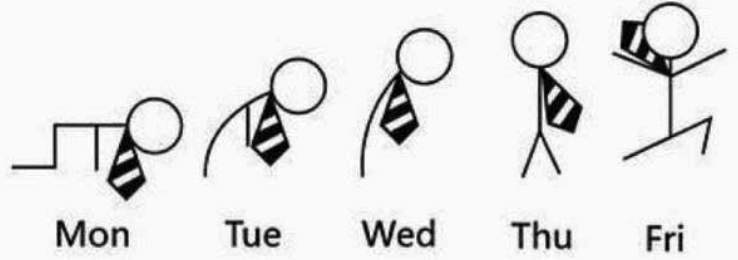
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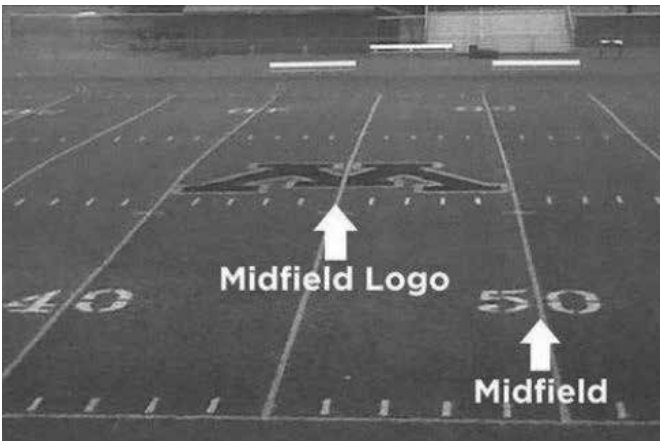
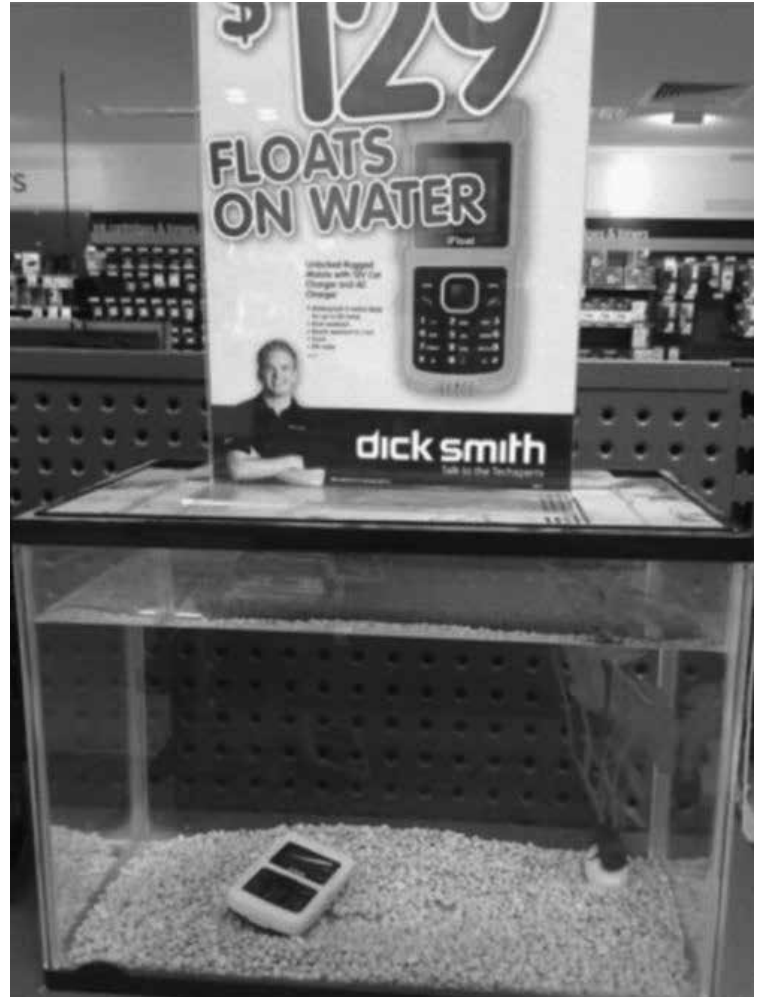
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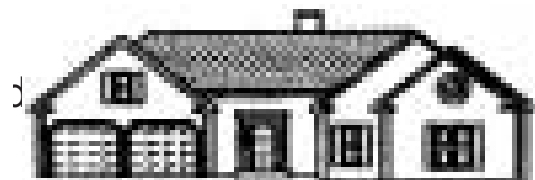
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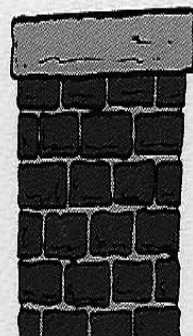
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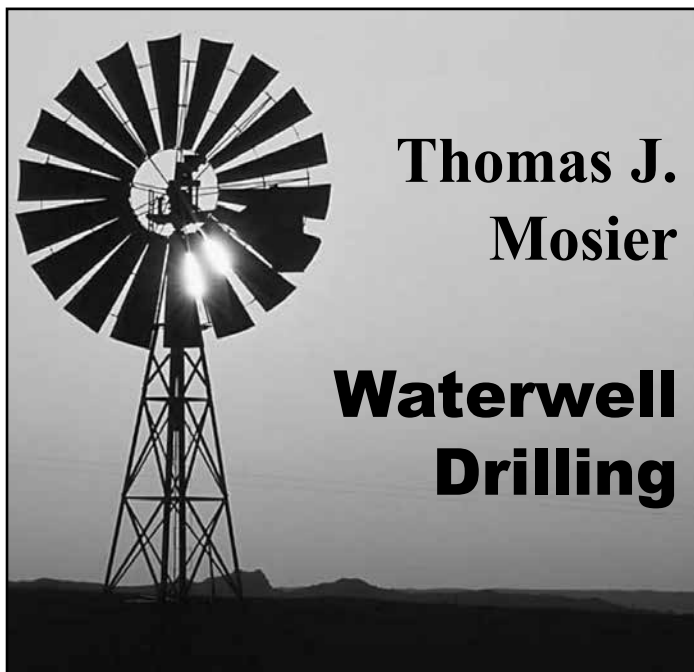
If anyone gets the chance to make these you will not regret it. Everyone enjoyed them. You could also drop some off to my friend Sandy Vitale who is recovering from double knee replacement and would love a special treat.

Ingredients

- 3 Tablespoon butter, melted
- 24 Fresh mushrooms (I used baby portabella's)
- 2 Tablespoon butter
- 2 Tablespoon minced green onions
- 1 Teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 Cup diced cooked crabmeat
- 1/2 Cup soft bread crumbs
- 1 Egg, beaten
- 1/2 Teaspoon dried dill weed
- 3/4 Cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese, divided
- 1/4 Cup dry white wine

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Prepare a 9x13 inch bak-
- ing dish with 3 tablespoons butter.
2. Remove stems from mushrooms. Set aside caps. Finely chop stems.
3. Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Stir in the chopped stems and green onions and cook until soft, about 3 minutes. Remove saucepan from heat. Stir in lemon juice, crabmeat, soft bread crumbs, egg, dill weed and 1/4 cup Monterey Jack cheese. Thoroughly blend the mixture.
4. Place mushroom caps in the buttered pan, and stir until caps are coated with the butter. Arrange caps cavity side up, and stuff cavities generously with the green onion and crabmeat mixture. Top with remaining Monterey Jack cheese. Pour wine into the pan around the mushrooms.
5. Bake uncovered in the preheated oven 15 to 20 minutes, until cheese is melted and lightly browned. Serve warm.



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It's been a busy week up at camp, finishing up the last details on the shower house, and trying to get the "Adventure" cabins completed. It looks like the store porch project is going to have to wait until fall. We got a late start because of the crazy weather this winter, and just couldn't squeeze everything in before camp opens.

Our camp numbers are still looking spectacular compared to prior years! As of Tuesday (June 3) I have 697 official registrations, compared to just 422 on June 3 of last year. My new goal is to get to 750 before the end of the summer (the original goal was 650, and we're already way past that!). As of right now, we have awarded more than 70 camperships

to help kids who need financial assistance to come to camp.

We have some items up at camp that we are hoping to find homes for (if you would like to take a look, give me a call at 575-387-6095).

- There are a number of assorted golf clubs that we do not use at camp anymore. Some are very old and decorative!

- We have two Sunfish sailboats, and I think that they have all of the rigging, rudder, and dagger boards. However, we have not used them in at least 5 years, so I can't guarantee the condition of the boats or the rigging / hardware. But they're here if you want 'em!

- There is a mini Catamaran that was donated a few years ago, and we have not found a use for it at camp. It has all of its parts, but the rigging needs some repairs. And it needs a good cleaning. It's on a trailer, ready to go to a good home.

- And finally, I have a bunch of tomato and pepper seedlings (the tomatoes are about 5-6" and the peppers are around 3"). There are 4 different varieties of tomatoes: Big Boy, Big Mama, Brandywine Pink, and Beefsteak, and 4 different varieties of peppers: Sweet, Serrano, Jalapeno,

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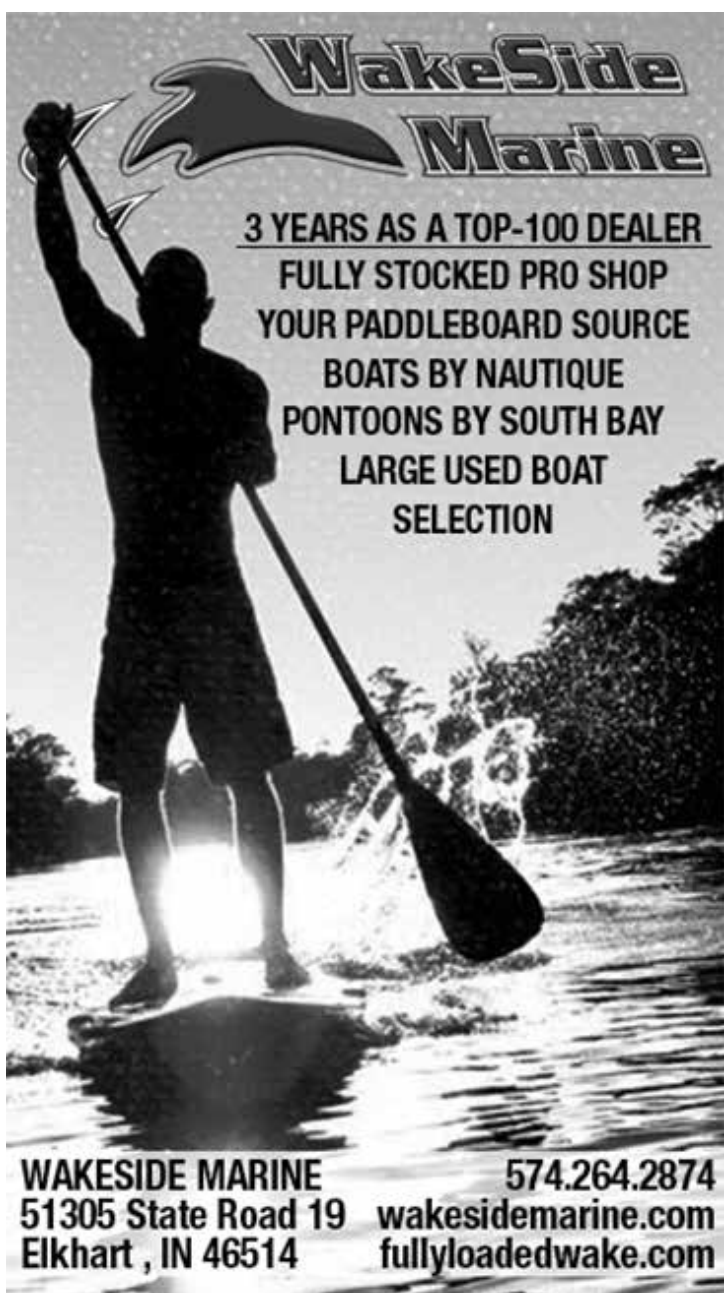
This last week was exciting at the Grundy household because my parents arrived for the summer. They've already been busy taking care of my kids, working in the gardens up at camp, and working on lots of different projects around our house and over at camp. It's so great having them here to help for the summer, and my kids are thrilled to spend their days with Grandma and Grandpa!

I'm looking for someone who might be interested in driving the boat for our waterskiing classes at camp. My dad and Celia Fallon have been awesome volunteer drivers for the past few years, and will be continuing to teach and drive the boats this year. However, there are a few weeks that one or the other them are not available drive. The classes run from 9:30-11:30 am and 3:15-5:15 pm. If you're interested in doing a week or two (morning or afternoon or both), please give me a call!

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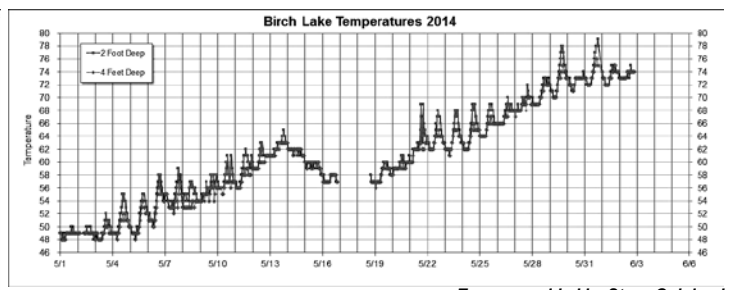
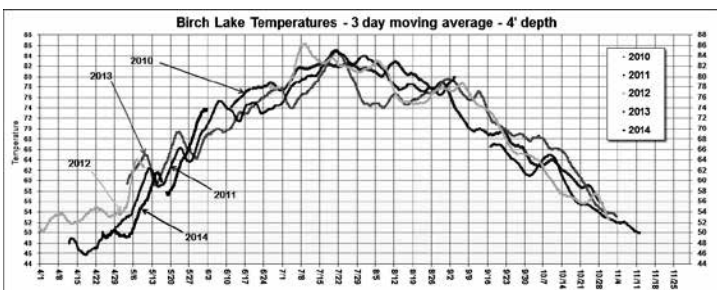
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