



**Congratulations to Chelsie Baucus and Tony Schmidt, who were married last weekend in Elkhart. Chelsie is the daughter of Bob and Sandy Baucus (north side).**

*Thanks to Amy Lutz for the nice photo*

**COMMODORE'S COMMENTS**

**A**s I sit in the Flamingo Room trying to think of something news worthy to write this week, I'm looking out at an overcast sky waiting for the possible storms to arrive. Across on the west shore there is a boat pulling some very thrilled kids on a tube, and I can hear their ohhs and ahhs and squeals of excitement traveling across to this side of the lake. They are obviously not sitting indoors waiting for the first raindrop! It made me stop and think, "what if we all seized every opportunity and every moment available to us and enjoy the lake?" Turn off the TV, stop listening to the weather reports — they're generally not right, anyways — and not anticipate when the rain will be here, but just do it until it DOES get here! That is my plan this summer! To just enjoy the lake every moment possible. In my opinion, it is one of the best places on earth! (and you have to agree

because I am the Commodore!! HAHHAH!!)

What a weekend, AGAIN! Our wonderful Baucus family neighbors on the north shore once again, did not lose a daughter, but gained a son! Saturday Chelsie Baucus joined Tony Schmidt in marriage. Bob and Sandy WOW! Talk about setting the bar pretty high! Two weddings in 11 months and you both were so calm and proud! Congratulations to your entire family.

Sailing races on Sunday were fast and exhilarating! Good wind made 3 races possible. The finishes were close and at times, dramatic. I had a full committee boat crew, Dana Soldato from the hill and her parents Dave and Lori Carter visiting from Avon, Ohio. Keith Kinsler, west side, operating the anchor, and the northsiders, Deb Spratt, recorder, Amy Lutz, whistle blower, and Good Patti Russwurm, task-keeper. It was great fun and I will be starting races again this Sunday!

Ladies we are gonna have FUN!

**2014 Birch Lake Calendar**

July 18.....	BL Ladies' Golf 9 am
July 19.....	Newberg Twp Fire/EMS Open House, 11 am-3 pm
July 25.....	BL Men's Golf Outing
Aug 2.....	Corn and Sausage BLYC
Aug 16 .....	Camp T Hog Roast
Aug 23 .....	BLYC Fall Dinner — Page 9
Oct 18 .....	Chili Cook Off
May 2, 2015.....	BLYC Spring Dinner
June 27, 2015.....	People's Regatta
July 4, 2015 .....	Fireworks
July 5, 2015 .....	Pancake Breakfast
July 17, 2015 .....	Ladies' Golf Outing

Dates subject to change.  
Watch the Barker for updates!

**FUN! FUN!** at Friday's Golf outing. Try to be at the Diamond Lake Golf Course 22041 US 60E in Cassopolis early enough for our Sparky Cam can get pictures. Plan on tee off right at 9 am. Many surprises — I hope you find them

# — Birch Lake Notes —



*Thanks to Mr. Bob for the nice Sunfish photo*

pleasurable and just fun.

Men you will be golfing the 25th in Three Rivers. (I bet you won't have NEAR the fun we're gonna have!) Peter Soldato has been working very hard to make it a fantastic event for you and I'd like to say thanks Peter for taking on this outing. It is not a little job.

Blair and Bernie Garceau are making plans to once again make the annual

Corn and Sausage Roast happen on August 2. Details for this event will be in the Barker. You won't want to skip this! Last year Bernie managed to cook up some of the sweetest, tenderest local corn I think I have ever had, and Blair's green beans and baked beans are absolutely delectable!! Mmmmmm! I'm making myself hungry just thinking about it! Fall dinner is rapidly approaching.

Do you know who the new vice commodore might be? Are YOU the next in line to fill Fry's shoes? (I have a shiny new quarter for you if you let me know!)

In wrapping things up, I have to put out a strange plea. At the Motown party in June, the Supremes showed up. One Supreme — who will not be named but whose initials are BP — can't find her black Vera Wang Stillettos. They are my ... um um um ... I mean that singer's favorite pair of heels. This person has searched her cottage up and down and in and out to no avail. If any one has any information, could you please call the Shoe Police at 476-2615. All callers will remain anonymous.

So have fun on the lake, stay safe, watch for the pink lights and always remember....

Pink....it's not just a color, it's an ATTITUDE!!!

*~Bad Patty, Commodore 2014*

## **Last chance to sign up for golf**

Last chance to sign up for the Men's Golf Outing, which is taking place on July 25th! The caterer and golf course need final numbers by next week, so all team registrations must be submitted to Pete Soldato (63266 Kinsey Street — the hill) by the end of this weekend (7/20). We still have room for a few more teams — the more the merrier! Please contact Pete Soldato (630-936-8822) with any questions. Hope to see you there!

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# — Barker kids of the Week —



Bill and Le King (north side) cutting a rug at the Baucus/Schmidt wedding last weekend.

Thanks to Amy Lutz for the photo



Di Wozny (south side), Fran Welch (east side), and Jan Temple (west side) shared a "kid dragger" for a trip around the lake last week.

Thanks to Gary Eshleman for the pic

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# — Barker kids of the Week —



*Hadlee Baldrige, the great-granddaughter of south sider Dick Bender had lots of fun during the Fourth of July Birch Lake Boat Parade.*

## Send in your kid-of-the-week!

*One picture is worth a thousand words! Send it to me (with the details) via email at [sailorphil@philvitale.com](mailto:sailorphil@philvitale.com)*



*Taylor Marquez, center (granddaughter of Randy and Fran Welch, east side) celebrated a birthday last weekend with friends Kelly Mae Nietokuj (niece of Mike and Amy Lutz, north side) and Morgann Applegate (granddaughter of Phil and Sandy Vitale, east side). Happy birthday Taylor!*

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# — Barker kids of the Week —



*Thanks to Amy Lutz (north side) for sending this great KOTW pic of four of the Birch Lake Babes and a younger brother.*



*Mike and Julie Sheffeick were the first visitors at the Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast!*

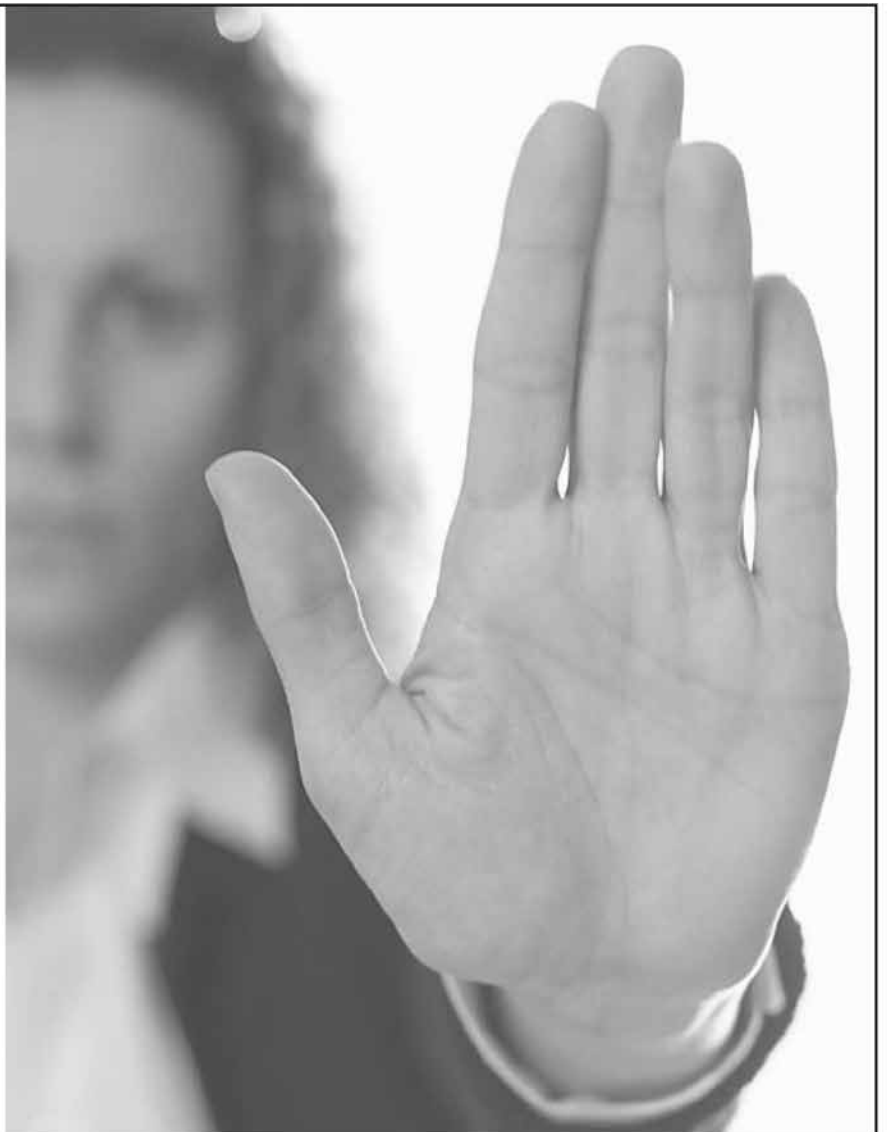
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# — Water Quality Report —

## Blue Green Algae Update

Each year we have mentioned blue green algae as a potential but not likely problem. Fortunately, we are a low nutrient lake and thus not one that normally stimulates blue green algae blooms. However, on Friday morning July 11, a neighbor on the south side called me (Terry Dugan) and asked me to look at a green scum on the surface that was fairly widely spread.

I went to a taxonomic key for algae and compared it to both the macro view from the shoreline and a sample I looked at microscopically. I am far from an expert on algal "taxonomy" (orderly classifications of plants ... according to their presumed natural relationship), but this very much appeared to be a blue green algae called anabaena, which is one of many types of blue green algae.

Blue green algae are actually more related to bacteria but are different in that they have photosynthetic capability. They are ubiquitous in all bodies of water and generally not much of an issue. However, under the right conditions they can bloom, i.e. dramatically increase in number to form a film on the water's surface.

The color of the film depends on the particular species and ranges from reds, greens, browns etc.

Normally blooms form in relatively stagnant waters that have an elevated nutrient content, but can actually occur in any fresh water body when the water is still and the temperature is over 78 degrees.

Blooms in low nutrient bodies of water usually are transient and with wave action readily disperse and may not be seen again.

At Birch Lake we have seen some isolated patches of bloom in the late summer and early fall. Our phosphorous level this spring was 10ug/l which is higher than usual for us but still in the oligotrophic (clear lake) range and not what one would consider a high nutrient environment.

One other note regarding low nutrient lakes and blue green algae is the recent scientific reports of an association with the presence of zebra mussels



where good algae get filtered and the mussels reject the blue greens, leaving them in a more dominant role. In fact blue greens are not part of a food chain, i.e. nobody likes them.

The major concern regarding blue green algae is the fact that they may produce some toxins that could be released into the remaining lake water. In many cases blooms occur without toxin production and even if production

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# — Water Quality Report —

occurs, dilution makes any effect negligible (unless a bloom is extensive and persistent, which has not been the case at Birch Lake). However, to be on the safe side, should you notice in the early morning a greenish scum on the surface of the lake by your shoreline, do not let your pets drink from the lake and it may be wise to just stay out of the water until the bloom has dispersed.

**NOTE:** If it a blue green algae bloom it will be obvious. They are not collections of pollen, larval insect carcasses, or floating dirt accumulations. I would also not expect to see them away from a shoreline and then only after a very still windless night.

If you do happen to see a bloom by your property, I would appreciate a call or note to that effect so I can actually log it in. What was observed last Friday morning, may be the only one of the season. However, if we have extensive sightings, we may want to do some sampling and testing.

I have initiated a conversation with Michigan State University on this topic and at this point they seemed unconcerned (with the exception of what we have recommended above) and they reconfirmed the association between lower nutrient lakes, zebra mussels, and blue green algae.

There are two important points

here. One is that *this note is not intended to create concern, but primarily to educate and provide a small portion of safety information:* briefly put, no wallowing or swallowing in a bloom. Secondly, as proud stewards of the lake we are again reminded to avoid creating the nutrient conditions that could create an issue. Instead, use common sense on fertilizer (phosphorous free, if you must), consider planting of natural plant barriers at the waters edge, try to remove ashes from fires so we do not let rain bring residues directly into the lake, etc.

~Terry Dugan

## Public opinion sought on proposed bass fishing regulations

In order to get public input on proposed regulations to expand Michigan's bass fishing seasons, the Department of Natural Resources has announced an online survey and public meetings throughout the state in July. For the past year the DNR's Fisheries Division has been working with the Warmwater Resources Steering Committee (a public advisory group) to discuss possible expansion of bass seasons.

The regulation expansion options being discussed would increase fishing and harvest seasons. Under all options, bass populations would still be protected and

include a winter no-harvest season, 14-inch minimum size limit and daily possession limit. The regulation expansion options being discussed would increase fishing and harvest seasons. Under all options, bass populations would still be protected and include a winter no-harvest season, 14-inch minimum size limit and daily possession limit.

To gauge public opinion, both anglers and non-anglers (particularly lake property owners) are encouraged to complete the DNR's bass regulations survey, available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BassRegs>. The goal of this survey

is to determine the level of support for increasing angling opportunities for largemouth and smallmouth bass through changes to existing fishing seasons.

For more information on the meetings, visit [www.michigan.gov/fishing](http://www.michigan.gov/fishing).

### Barker Deadlines

Please be advised that the deadline for submitting information for any particular edition is **6 pm on the Tuesday** of the week before publication (example: the deadline for materials for the May 31 issue was 6 pm on Tuesday, May 27) ... thanks.

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# FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



## HELP WANTED!

I know my headline might not sound politically correct for a sailing column, but we are in desperate need of people to run our committee boat in the next several weeks! How can you put a price on being up front and close to the best sailing around southwest Michigan ... and it's free of charge. Not many lakes have weekly sail boat races. We are blessed to have these races, their spectacular colors and sounds of sails in the wind. So please, if you would like enjoy some great entertainment for your Sunday morning, please give Amy or myself a call!

Last Sunday, winds started a little light but intensified as the morning progressed. By the time we started the third race, winds were around 8 to 10 mph, which can make for some great sailing.

I need to thank all the people on the committee boat, in all I think there were nine or ten — it looked like a Fourth of July party ( maybe a little late). If I put all your names, I would take up one full page and our editor would have me rewrite this. Thanks again to everyone on the committee boat, and to Harold, Steve, Jeff, and my wife Amy for all the things you do to make these races possible!

Until next week,

~Fleet Captain Mike

### Committee Boat Assignments for the upcoming Races

#### July Races

20 — *Bad Patty*

27 — *Committee boat needed*

#### August Races

3 — *Bad Patty*

10 — *Bad Patty*

17 — *Committee boat needed*

24 — *Committee boat needed*

#### Labor Day Regatta

August 30 — open

August 31 — open

Sept. 1 — open

Committee Boat volunteers are still needed to help start races. It's fun, It's easy; will train! Call Mike or Amy at 476-2843.



## 2014 Weekly/Season Sailing Results

Date .....	13-Jul .....	13-Jul .....	13-Jul .....	SeasonTotal .....	Season .....
Race .....	19 .....	20 .....	21 .....	Points .....	Average .....

#### MC Scow/Sailor

Scott Troeger #1489 .....	1 .....	4 .....	1 .....	26732 .....	1572 .....
Jeff Smitley #2002 .....	3 .....	1 .....	2 .....	26938 .....	1497 .....
Phil Vitale #500 .....	4 .....	3 .....	3 .....	22739 .....	1421 .....
Bob King #1199 .....	2 .....	5 .....	4 .....	23617 .....	1389 .....
Harold Cranmer #1991/2412 .....	6 .....	2 .....	5 .....	27120 .....	1356 .....
Bill Luecht #1579-3/4 .....	5 .....	6 .....	7 .....	23285 .....	1294 .....
Gib Eberhart #916 .....	7 .....	7 .....	6 .....	17837 .....	1274 .....

#### Sunfish/Sailor

Stewart Spratt .....	1 .....	1 .....	1 .....	18890 .....	1574 .....
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue) .....	2 .....	2 .....	3 .....	16737 .....	1522 .....
Brad Davis .....	DNS .....	DNS .....	DNS .....	11791 .....	1474 .....
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow) .....	3 .....	4 .....	5 .....	21378 .....	1425 .....
Katie Luecht (White/Red/Blue) .....	DNS .....	DNS .....	DNS .....	4186 .....	1395 .....
Herb Cleveland .....	4 .....	3 .....	4 .....	11110 .....	1389 .....
Peter Soldoto .....	5 .....	5 .....	2 .....	12185 .....	1354 .....
Chris of the Scofields .....	DNS .....	DNS .....	DNS .....	2525 .....	1263 .....
Bill Butler .....	DNS .....	DNS .....	DNS .....	12276 .....	1228 .....
Nick Anderson .....	DNS .....	DNS .....	DNS .....	9739 .....	1217 .....
Camille Butler .....	DNS .....	6 .....	6 .....	15454 .....	1189 .....

#### 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.





# Sweet Sunday Sailing



Thanks to **Amy Lutz** for the photos





**“Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall”**

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# — Dana on Drugs —

## Here comes the sun

by **Dana Soldato**, PharmD

**W**e have had a relatively mild summer. My husband and I have only turned our air conditioning on one time. However, it still feels pretty warm on the lake. While I haven't had very many people this summer ask me how to treat a sunburn, that doesn't mean that you don't have to take precautions against the sun.

Since July is historically the warmest month of the year in Michigan, we need to be extra careful when out on the boat this month.

### Sunscreen application

Sunscreen should be applied to the entire body 15-30 minutes prior to sun exposure, and reapplied at least every 2 hours and after sweating or swimming. You should always apply "broad-spectrum" sunscreen, meaning it protects against both "UVA" and "UVB" rays. UVA and UVB are the 2 rays that the sun penetrates into our skin. UVA rays are the rays that "age" us (A for Age!), and UVB rays are the rays that "burn" us (B for Burn!). Both rays damage the

skin and put you at risk for skin cancer. Keep in mind, 80 percent of ultraviolet rays still penetrate your skin on cloudy days, so don't just reserve these products for hot summer days. If you are applying both bug spray and sunscreen, always apply your sunscreen first. For the ladies, apply your sunscreen before applying makeup.

### Sunscreen vs. Sunblock

Sunscreens work to absorb and dissipate UVA/UVB rays, while sunblock scatters and reflects UVA/UVB rays. Basically, sunscreen works chemically while sunblock acts as a physical barrier. Most people don't want to wear sunblock because it is easily noticeable and very messy (picture the lifeguards on the beach with the white noses and cheeks). Another difference between the two: sunscreen has a SPF factor associated with it, while sunblock does not carry a SPF factor.

### Waterproof vs. Water-Resistant Sunscreen

The FDA considers a product "water-resistant" if it maintains its SPF

level after 40 minutes of water exposure. A product is considered "waterproof" if it maintains its SPF level following 80 minutes of exposure to water.

What does SPF mean? SPF stands for "sun protection factor." SPF is calculated by comparing the amount of time needed to burn sunscreen-protected skin vs. unprotected skin. For example, if a person normally burns after 10 minutes in the sun, SPF 15 sunscreen would protect that person 15 times longer (150 minutes) before a sunburn appears. However, this can be misleading because you would think the higher the SPF, the proportionally longer you can stay out in the sun. This is not the case — SPF protection does not increase proportionally with an increased SPF number! SPF 2 absorbs 50 percent

of UV rays, SPF 15 absorbs 93 percent of UV rays, and SPF 50 blocks 98 percent of UV rays. Most dermatologists consider any protection after SPF 30 to be negligible.

### Preventing Sun Burns

Sun screen alone is not always enough to prevent a sun burn. You should still wear protective clothing over your skin and utilize hats and sunglasses. Keep in mind the sun is most intense between 10 am and 2 pm so staying indoors during those hours is beneficial for your skin.

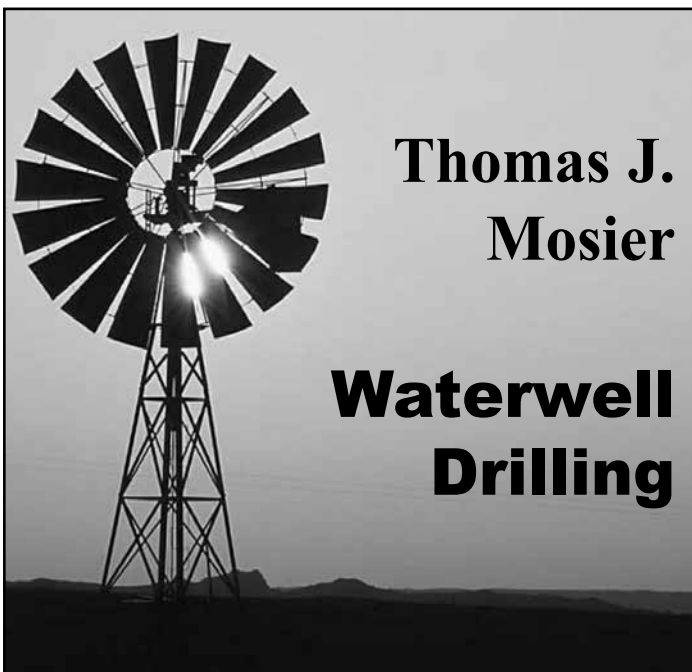
What medications make your sun more likely to burn? Believe it or not, there are lots of medications that increase your ability to burn! The biggest culprits that I always counsel on are antibiotics. If you are on an antibiotic called ciprofloxacin, or an antibiotic called Bactrim<sup>®</sup> (Sulfamethoxazole-Trimethoprim) you should take extra precautions against the sun. These two antibiotics are commonly used to treat urinary tract infections (UTI). Bactrim<sup>®</sup> is widely used to treat skin infections such as MRSA. Another antibiotic called doxycycline, is another commonly used medication that increases your sensitivity to the sun. Doxycycline is commonly used for treating acne, pneumonia, and tick-borne diseases like Lyme disease. Other medications include glyburide, diltiazem, amiodarone, Accutane<sup>®</sup>, Aleve<sup>®</sup>, "water-pills" Benadryl<sup>®</sup>, chemotherapy, and the list goes on and on. Like I said, antibiotics are the main ones.

### Treating a Sun Burn

If you've scorched your skin, stay hydrated! Drink lots of fluids and treat your symptoms by applying aloe onto the painful area. Taking ibuprofen will help with the pain and inflammation. Stay out of the sun for the next few days, and make sure you keep your burn covered to prevent it from worsening. If the skin blisters or starts to peel, do not pick at it.

### Sun poisoning

Sun poisoning is a term used to describe a really severe sun burn. It's a sun burn that's so bad, that it produces symptoms that make you feel poisoned. The skin can be red and blistered, painful, swollen, and it may even tingle. Some burns can result in headaches, nausea, dizziness, fever, and chills. If the burn covers a large area of your skin or if you have a fever or chills, you should seek medical care — do not attempt to simply treat this type of burn yourself. Otherwise, stay hydrated and apply aloe, cool compresses, and take ibuprofen to help with the pain and inflammation.



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## Treated to a super moon

Each moon of the year carries with it a traditional name. You're no doubt familiar with at least a few, such as the Harvest Moon in September or the Bare Moon most any weekend night here at the lake. The names vary depending on which list you look at or which culture named them. I've presented a list before, and I will again, but not just now.

On July 12 we had the first full moon after the June 21 solstice. Around this time of year, in North America, buck deer start growing antlers, thunder storms rage and farmers struggle to pile up hay in their barns. Thus, according to folklore, we call this full moon the Buck Moon, Thunder Moon or Hay Moon. Though not traditionally a recognized name we were recently treated to a Super Moon.

A supermoon rose above cities from Los Angeles to London last Saturday night, the first of three times this year the full moon will orbit nearer the earth and appear unusually large and bright.

The supermoon is technically known as a perigee moon, and occurs when the moon is full as it reaches perigee, the point of its orbit closest to the earth. It looks largest when it's closest to the horizon, but as we've discussed before, that's just an optical illusion.

However, if it gets people out and looking at the night sky and maybe hooks them into astronomy, then it's a good thing.

Two additional supermoons are expected in 2014, one on Aug. 10 and another on Sept. 9. August's supermoon is expected to be the most remarkable of the year, as the moon will be at its closest point to Earth.

Look for the moon most any night of the week, and even quite often it can be seen during the day. There's other stuff up there too. Just go out, look up and enjoy the show. It's free. Thanks for following.

~Stu Spratt

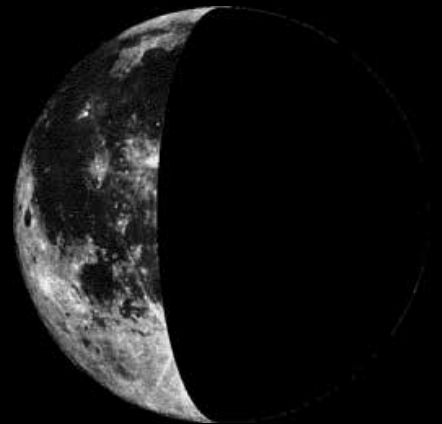
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### The Moon for July 12

(At Midnight, US Central time,  
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**Aries (March 21-April 19)** While it's true that everyone will have a shift of good fortune as Jupiter changes signs this week — some will be luckier than others. And you are one of them! In fact, you come out a big winner! For the next 12 to 18 months, And you WILL take a vacation! Start planning now. Yeehaw!

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** In the year ahead, you will have greater inner peace and security at home, in your personal life and with your family. The next 12 to 18 months are the perfect time to purchase real estate or a new home. It's also a great time to invest in your home by redecorating or renovating. Family relationships will be warmer, richer and happier. This will make you happy because these are all things you truly value.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** For the first time since 2002-2003, Jupiter will travel through the part of your chart that is your "home." This will make you optimistic and happy in the coming year because your daily life will expand with possibilities of joy and fun! Relations with siblings, neighbors and relatives will improve. Your plans for the future will be larger.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** You will get a year's run of happiness. You will be able to boost your earnings. You will gain wealth by buying possessions or receiving them as gifts. Basically, whatever you most value will manifest in your world. This is the key. Not everyone hopes for money. In the next year, you will learn more about yourself through your possessions and what it is you value.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** People and favorable resources will be drawn to you like magic. Your luck and good fortune will improve. Relationships with others will open up new avenues. Even the spiritual

dimension of your life will deepen. This is your chance to get to know what you can accomplish because you feel secure enough to try it or reach out; plus you sense the approval of others.)

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** In the next year, your spirituality and awareness will expand and deepen. You will look more compassionately at the world around you and feel greater empathy for those who suffer. You might encounter a powerful teacher (who is or is not a formal teacher) or perhaps, you will play this role for someone else. Metaphysics and the occult will appeal, possibly even involvement in the church. You will feel more content.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Expect increased opportunities to enjoy friends and activities in clubs and professional associations. Your interaction with others will benefit you. Friends will be supportive and will give you help, advice and good ideas. Naturally, you will do likewise for them. Just remember that whatever you put out will come back to you even more so. So it's in your own best interests to reach out to others and help them.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Life is looking up for Scorpios because lucky Jupiter now starts to travel across the top of your chart for the first time in 12 years. This draws attention to you plus it generates opportunities to boost your profession and career. This will be a time of "getting ahead" for you. Some of you will put your name up in lights because Jupiter will magnify your reputation. Many will get a promotion at work or increased public recognition. Expect to be successful at what you do. Some will change their line of work to medicine, healing, the law, higher education and travel. (If this is the case, they will not necessarily get a promotion.)

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Your prayers are answered. Expect opportunities for extensive travel and chances to learn and teach. Some will be involved in human potential movements and consciousness-raising groups. Writers will be glad to know it's a great time for publishing and working in the media. Interaction with foreign countries will increase, perhaps romantically.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** The coming year will generate wealth and money for you. This means many of you will get an inheritance or money back from the government or wealth through partnerships and marriage. The coming year is a great time to get a loan or mortgage. You might have the use of things that others own. You will also benefit indirectly through the increased wealth of others. .

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Your one-to-one encounters and close partnerships will improve. Marriage, committed partnerships and professional partnerships will benefit you and enhance your life in many ways. Incidentally, this even includes your relationship with doctors, consultants and counselors. Expect to be more involved with people from foreign countries and other cultures. If you marry or partner in the next year, this person will be older, richer and worldlier. This is a good year to marry.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** Your health and work will improve in the coming year. If you don't like your job, you can get a different and better job. If you like your job but you have a terrible boss — this boss will disappear or be transferred. You can get better duties or better working conditions and surroundings. Your health will improve with increased physical strength and vitality. But you might gain weight.

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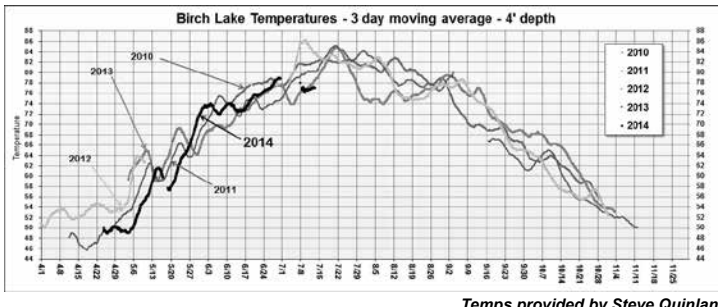
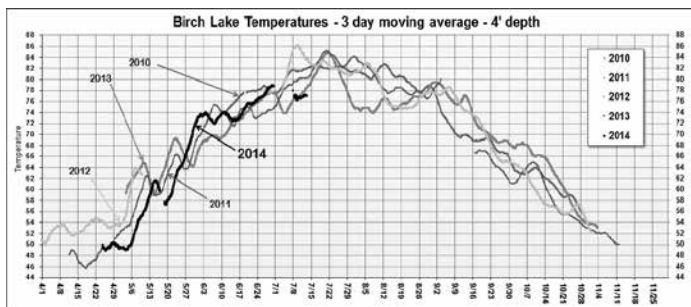
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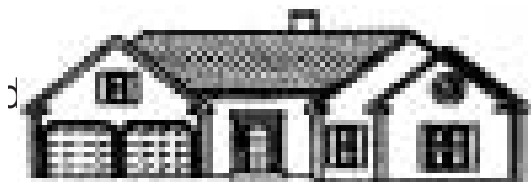
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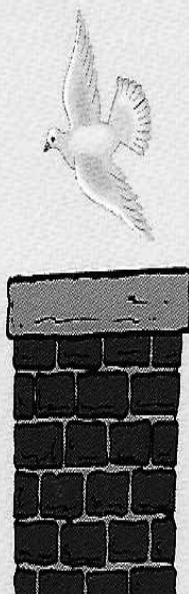
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### Ingredients

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 cup real bacon bits
- 4 hamburger buns

### Directions

1. Preheat grill for high heat.
2. In a large bowl, mix together the ground beef, Cheddar cheese, horseradish, salt, pepper, garlic powder, and bacon bits using your hands. Shape the mixture into 4 hamburger patties.
3. Lightly oil the grill grate. Place hamburger pat-



- ties on the grill, and cook for 5 minutes per side, or until well done.
4. Serve on buns.



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*A gathering of friend from all different places  
All different stories, all different faces  
Nothing to lose, but hoping to gain  
Friendships and joy that will always remain  
'Cause although our bright futures seem so far ahead  
You'll look back at these years and wonder where they went*

**Chorus:** *All around a campfire with our friends by our side  
Not a care in the world with our heads held high  
Dreams lie within every one of our hearts  
Dreams we can't achieve without having to part  
So we'll make the best of the time we have together  
We'll cherish the moment and never say never  
'Cause in the end you'll always remember  
That the days may fly by, but the memories last forever*

*Couple years gone like clouds in the sky  
A little bit older, but all the more wise  
'Cause those stars up high, they shine for us  
They bring us closer to the ones that we love  
Then one day reality strikes and you're forced to realize  
That you can't stay in this little place for the rest of your life*

## Chorus

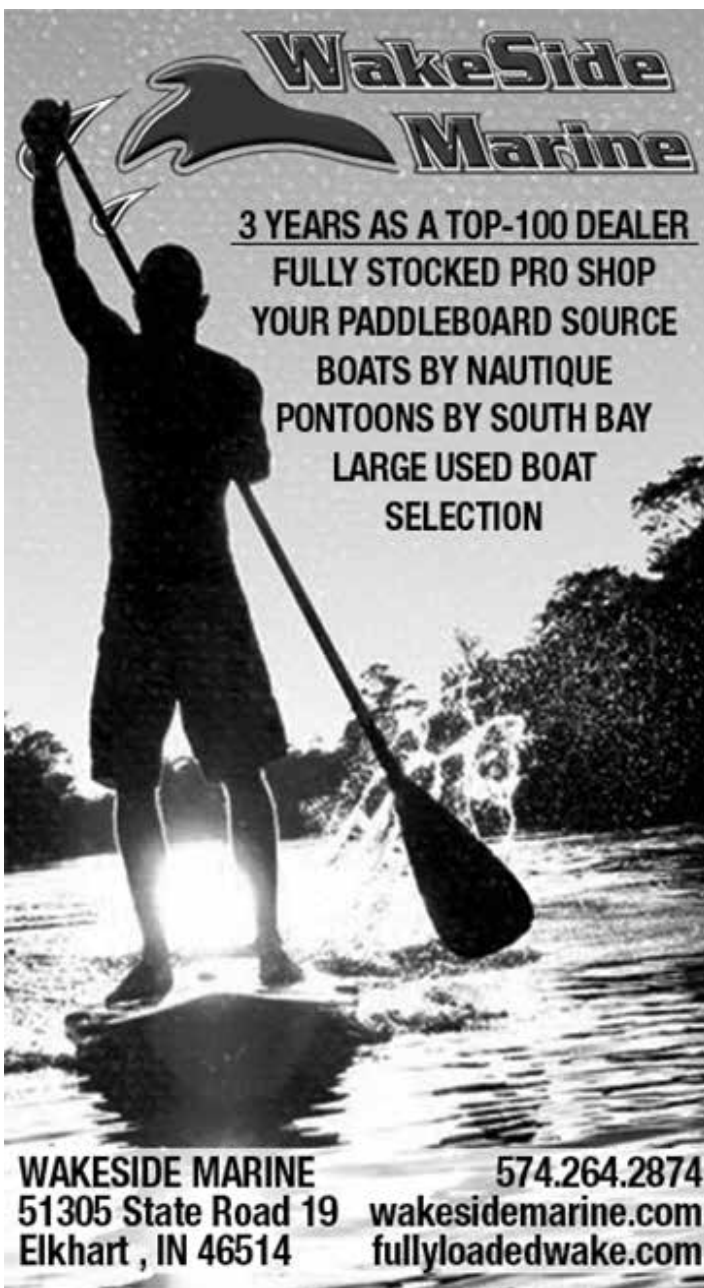
**Bridge:** *All grown up in this big old world  
Alone and trying to find your self  
But time goes on and you find that you've become  
Someone else...*

## Chorus

*Now you've lived your life, 83 years old  
All lessons learned, every story told  
But when you look back, all that you can see  
Are those warm summers spent on a lake among the trees  
How you made the best of the joy and the pain  
You had a great time in the sun and the rain  
Even when people you love seem to change  
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