



Congrats to east sider Katie Luecht who became Birch Lake's first female competitor in the MC class races! Great job Katie!

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Well it's Monday, I'm back in Danville, and I am officially a trunk slammer again. (Heavy sigh...) School starts tomorrow, and that means real clothes and shoes! YUK!! I don't understand why school starts so early. I think we need summer to last until October!! When John becomes Emperor of the World, I'm going to make sure that's the first thing he changes.

This Saturday we are all invited to Camp T for their annual Hog Roast. It is always such fun to go hang out with family and friends, eating yummy food and dancing the night away. It starts at 5 pm; just bring your appetite, a party attitude and a side dish and be prepared to have a great time.

I got my tickets for the fall dinner. I am prepared to hand over the reigns of Commodoreship and anxious to learn the identity of the new vice commodore. Don't hesitate to buy your tickets so you can us for a great evening at the BLYC

on August 23rd.

Bill is trying to scan all the old Birch Barkers, so we can have a permanent record of what has happened over the years at the lake. He's got a really good start thanks to Denny Weesner and Judy Olson for passing along the back issues they had. If you have any old Barkers, or know someone who might, feel free to let Bill know. He needs any issues dated before 1967 and any from 2000 until 2006. We will be at the lake on the weekends, so feel free to call him at 476-2615 or his email bill.luecht@aes.com.

I also want to say "Way to go, Katie!!" Last Sunday our lovely daughter was the very first woman to race an MC on Birch Lake! What an effort - 3 official races against the big boys!! Move over, gentlemen, she's definitely going to give you a run for your money in the future! Love you, Katie!!

Well I have go upstairs and find some teacher-like clothes for tomorrow morning. Gotta hit the hay early tonight so I'm all bright-eyed and ready to enrich young minds!

So until I get back, have fun on the

2014 Birch Lake Calendar

Aug 16	Camp T Hog Roast — 5 pm
Aug 23	BLYC Fall Dinner — 5:30/6:30
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 11	House Walk
	More info soon
July 17, 2015.....	Ladies' Golf Outing
TBA.....	Poker Run 2015

Dates subject to change.
Watch the Barker for updates!

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

Camp T Hog Roast — Saturday!

Join us beginning at 5 pm at the 6th Annual Camp Tannadoonah Hog Roast to celebrate another wonderful year, thank our volunteers and donors, and remember what an amazing thing it

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is to be a kid!

Attendance is free. Please bring a dish to share.

Live music! Fantastic friends! Wonderful food! Pulled pork and soft drinks are provided. Beer/wine is available for those 21+.

Please join us for the silent auction to benefit Camp Fire River Bend and Camp Tannadoonah! Or donate online at tannadoonah.org/donate.

Fall Dinner is August 23!

Fall Dinner is right around the corner, and if you don't have a ticket purchased in advance, you will miss out on a great meal, a chance to spend quality time with neighbors and find out first hand who the Vice Commodore is. Event information is in the Barker and tickets may be purchased from Sue Williams (south) 476-8886, Sue Waddle (east and hill) 476-2293, Patti Russwurm (north) 476-2407 and Vicki Rogers (cove and west) 476-2383.

Sausage Fest returns!

It's that time once again, the Kinzlers' (west side) 8th annual Sausage Fest returns to the west side of Birch Lake Aug 14-17. It's the growing and ever-popular, all-guys trip to the lake house. You may remember the waterskiing pirate, hot dog, Batman & Robin, moose, and Geico pig. The rumor this year is a skiing chicken! (don't know if it's a Notre Dame fan or "Purdue")

Our waterski contraption entry this



Just Wanted You to Know...

*The Birch Lake Book Club celebrated our very own author last Tuesday evening, August 5th at the Yacht Club. Carol Dugan (south side) has written and published a memoir titled **Just Wanted You to Know**. The book is not only inspirational, but also contains many of Carol's beautiful photographs. After a great discussion of the book, we had a wonderful celebration in honor of Carol's accomplishment. If you are interested in purchasing the book, contact Carol at CDugan5310@aol.com or 476-2814. (\$20 hard cover and \$15 soft cover)*

year will bring you back to a famous 70's TV show.

So don't be alarmed if you see 30+ guys barbecuing in matching sausage fest t-shirts and be on the lookout for the "dancing sausage" and our new laser light show at night.

You are welcome to stop by for a game of bags, beer darts & pong, and

the coldest beer on Birch Lake!

Photography and Beyond

Birch Laker Carol Dugan, will be curating 'Photography and Beyond,' an art show at the Carnegie Center for the Arts. The show opens with a reception on Sunday, Aug. 24 from 2-4 pm. The five participating artists aim to expand

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Congratulations to Lindsay and Chris Kervan, who were married July 5th in Boulder, Colorado. Lindsay is the daughter of Pat and Sue Williams (south side).

our view of photography. The display will hang from Aug. 24 through Sept. 30. Carnegie is located at 107 N. Main in Three Rivers. Hours are Tuesday-Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-2, closed on Sundays except for special events such as the reception. Call Carnegie 269-273-8882 or Carol 476-2814 with any questions.

Happy birthday Cal King

Calvin King turns 21 on August 27th (which is, ahem, also the Vitale's 44th wedding anniversary) during the first week of his Junior year at ONU. He will host friends at the lake this weekend. Apologies in advance should they be noisy and/or unruly. Pre-spanking is encouraged any time this weekend / post-spanking on Labor Day holiday weekend. As always the line forms at the rear :0). ~Mr. Bob

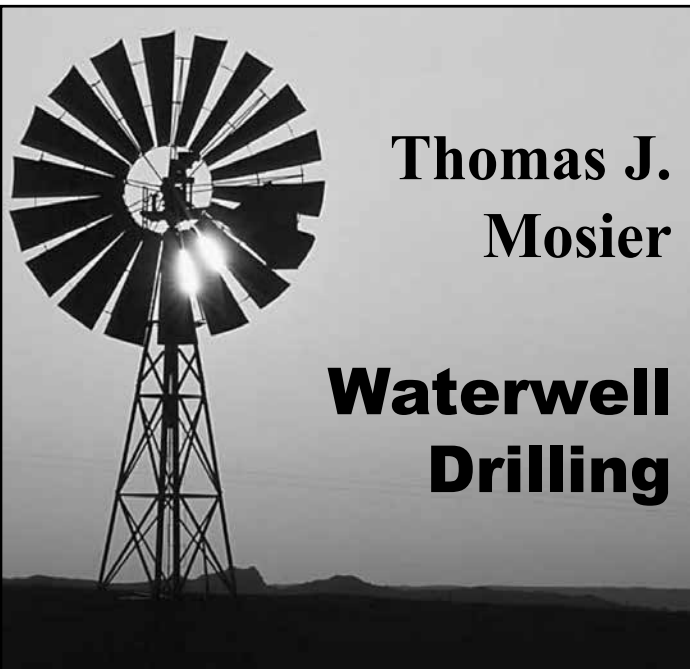


Berries & Pork

Long ago, in a galaxy far, far away, a rather hip(pie) professor by the name of Dr. John Barber immersed students in a core class. His lecture series offered what was at the time revolutionary multimedia. A musical group called Strawberry Fields supported the Colloquium. Over time the Strawberries developed their own following and performed at various events.

Those same musicians still gather due to an enduring friendship hatched in youth. Now? A bit older, with possibly less hair, or gray hair ... when together ... music happens. The genre includes: CSNY, Buffalo Springfield, etc., etc. Think: lightly amplified acoustic sounds of the 70s.

Ever ready to support a good cause, Strawberry Fields will make music at the Camp Tannadoonah pig roast on Saturday, Aug. 16. Pork 'n berries. Got tie-dye?



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Technical protest update

The ad hoc (all Corinthian volunteer) BLYC-MC (Measurement Committee) was at loggerheads over where to drill core samples (though everyone agreed using the largest hole saw available was best practice). At this writing we believe the three areas (on each side) shown in the photo would yield an adequate representative sample for our purposes. Other: based on average BLYC sailor weight it is thought the boat should either have lead "glassed in" as "corrector weight" or the be required to sail with crew onboard for every race going forward. Watch this space ...

Eagle encounter

While fishing recently in the SW corner of the lake my son Collin, son-in-law Aaron Bell, my grandson Cole Bell spotted two Bald Eagles, one of which

Labor Day Weekend
FRIDAY NIGHT FLOTILLA!
August 29, 6 pm
We are taking our cue from other lakes!
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Look for the boats in the middle!
Be there or be square!

(the male) dove down to catch a fish but missed.

~J. Patrick McGann

Sending large files to the Barker

Well, it happened again this week ... several well-intentioned neighbors unknowingly sent very large files (one was over 23 megs) that bogged down my e-mail account for hours.

I know most people don't pay attention to the size of the files they send (especially in these days of unlimited data on cell phones), but the rest of us

who are stuck in the computer world are unlikely to be able to have the high-speed, 24/7 instantaneous communication that you enjoy ... especially with social media items like photos and videos ... we are stuck in the rut of only getting seven or eight megs of data at a time (unless we can wait several hours for our email servers to catch up). So, please, please don't send files larger than four or five meg (especially from a smartphone or phone-account based iPod) ... it will only delay the Barker.

Thanks, ~PV

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Calling all dogs — Pooch Parade

SATURDAY, Aug. 30

Raindate, Aug. 31

Registration 10 am

Parade 10:30 am

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All Birch Lake Dogs and their owners are invited to meet at the Sears Memorial Park boat landing for a Labor Day dog parade celebration. If parking is a challenge, you are invited to park at the Yoshizawa's, Steffen's, or Chester's. After the 10 am registration, the parade commences from the boat landing at 10:30 am and proceeds north on Birch Road, ending at the home of Dennis and Claudia Phipps.

Costumes are encouraged. All participants will receive doggy AND human treats!

Prizes will be awarded in these categories: MOST WELL BEHAVED; BEST COSTUME; LARGEST DOG; SMALLEST; CUTEST; UGLIEST

Parade Rules:

1. Animals must be current on vaccinations
2. No aggressive animals or females that are in season
3. Animals must be on a leash and in control by their owner at ALL times.
4. Pet owners must pooper scoop after their dogs



Parade organizers:

Carla Chester, Linda Curtis, Sue Waddle, Claudia Phipps

Thanks to Duffy Dufor for the great illustration!

The Price of Beauty

One of the many endearing features of our community is its narrow, winding roads, which also serve as sidewalks and bike paths carved into the lush blanket of Mother Nature's greenery. The numerous such scenes that we enjoy are truly idyllic. Personally, my soul rests easier each time I turn onto Birch Rd. enter its atmosphere, and submit to its aura.

A necessary ingredient in Mother Nature's domain is growth, which translates over time into further encroachment upon the roadways, limiting of sight lines, and restrictions on where a

traveler (whether by car, bike, or foot) can safely see, and/or be seen by, others. Each day of continuing or sustained growth causes our roadways to become slightly more dangerous.

If the under- (and over-) growth on your property (or in the public right of way adjacent to your property, even if on vacant property across the street from you) blocks people's vision, **it needs to be trimmed back. Please trim it back now** before anyone is hurt or anything is damaged. If you can't get, or have, the trimming done yourself (perhaps with a neighbor's assistance) feel free to call me and I'll see about organizing a work party.

Should we fail to address such safety issues, others (can you say "Road Commission" or "Power Company"?) might be inclined to act on their own. I'm guessing either of those agencies would be far less concerned with aesthetics, and therefore less likely to trim judiciously, than might those of us who live here.

So, next time you go outside or travel down your road, look hard and see if there is any living thing on or by your property that should be trimmed or cut back. If so, please proceed with the necessary surgery forthwith.

Thanks in advance for your efforts.

~Paul Fallon

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West siders Dick and Peggy Cowen's grandkids from California. Gaby (4 years old) and Lance (just 2 years old). They were here for 3 weeks and everyone had a great time.



Above is Cowen's' third grandchild, Ciara 14 years old eating some of the icing she made on cupcakes during her visit.

KID-OF-THE-WEEK PHOTOS!

Everyone loves to see their kid in the paper ... and one picture is worth a thousand words!
 Send your kid of the week to me (or grandpa of the week or neighbor of the week or dog of the week ... we even print weeds of the week!) with the details via email at SAILORPHIL@PHILVITALE.COM
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Above: Zoe Blough, 13 and Kelly Niepokuj, 13 visited Aunt Amy and Uncle Mike Lutz last weekend for some serious kid dragging and other fun!



At right: Taylor Marquez, 14, the granddaughter of Randy and Fran Welsh (east side), shows off her copy of a famous (but weird) painting.

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— Barker kids of the Week —



That's two of our grandchildren, Aley and Dominic, enjoying a kid-drag behind Mike and Amy's boat ...



Jack Carey (18 months) is the son of Chris & Brynn Carey and the grandson of Marty Asire on the West side. He loves being a Birch Lake baby!



That's Commodore Bad Patty Luecht lounging on the "Bad Patty" during last weekend's sailboat races ... Thanks Bad Patty for doing so many race weekends this year!



Minnie Carey (10 years) enjoys peace & solitude, viewing birds off the dock.



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Dinner Served 6:30

Fall Dinner Menu:

<u>Baked Lasagna*</u>	<u>Roasted Italian Vegetable</u>
<u>House Salad</u>	<u>Ciabatta Bread</u>
<u>Lemon Mousse</u>	<u>Lemonade</u>
<u>Water</u>	<u>Coffee</u>

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Year End Meeting 7:30
Meet the new Vice Commodore

Ticket price: \$18.00

Tickets must be purchased in advance

For tickets, contact Vickie Rogers for the cove and west shore ,Good Patti Russwurm for the north shore, Sue Waddle for the east shore and Sue Williams for the south shore.



— Sailing on Birch Lake —



Photos courtesy of the *PattiCam*





FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Another great sailing weekend

It was another great weekend for sailing on our wonderful waters. We had some light to medium winds to complete our usual three races around the designated course that Harold sets every week.

As usual by the third race the winds had changed a little and it made each sailor change their tacks just a little.

We only have three more weeks of sailing, with the Fall Regatta set for the weekend of Labor Day. Hope to see all the sailors out for this event, it will be a great time. We are also looking for committee boat operators for the next two weeks, if you can help out please call me!

I need to thank the committee boat participants Bad Patty, Q-Patti, Sandy

Vitale and Deb Spratt for their help last weekend, thanks ladies.

Until next week,
~"Fleet Captain Mike"

Committee Boat Assignments for the upcoming Races

August Races 17 — *Committee boat needed*

24 — *Committee boat needed*

Labor Day Regatta

August 30 — *Bad Patty*

August 31 — *Bad Patty*

Sept. 1 — *Committee boat needed*

Committee Boat volunteers are always needed to help start and run the races. It's fun, It's easy; will train!

Call Mike or Amy at 476-2843.



2014 Weekly/Season Sailing Results

Date	10-Aug	10-Aug	10-Aug	Total	Season
Race	28	29	30	Points	Average

MC Scow/Sailor

Scott Troeger #1489	4	1	1	35945	1563
Jeff Smitley #2002	3	DNS	DNS	36068	1503
Phil Vitale #500	1	2	4	34080	1420
Harold Cranmer #1991/2412	2	5	2	38911	1390
Bob King #1199	5	4	5	34143	1366
Bill Luecht #1579	6	3	6	31213	1301
Gib Eberhart #916	7	6	3	24254	1277
Rick Harman & Kids	DNS	DNS	DNS	1225	1225
Katie Luecht	8	7	7	3401	1134
Pat McGann	DNS	DNS	DNS	2245	1123

Sunfish/Sailor

Stewart Spratt	2	2	2	32585	1552
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	3	1	1	30823	1541
Brad Davis	DNS	DNS	DNS	11791	1474
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)	1	4	4	30125	1435
Herb Cleveland	4	3	3	23881	1405
Katie Luecht (White/Red/Blue)	DNS	DNS	DNS	4186	1395
Peter Soldoto	DNS	DNS	DNS	16073	1339
Chris of the Scofields	DNS	DNS	DNS	2525	1263
Bill Butler	DNS	DNS	DNS	13501	1227
Nick Anderson	DNS	DNS	DNS	9739	1217
Camille Butler	5	5	5	22948	1208

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

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Dealing with plantar warts

By DANA SOLDATO, PharmD

Plantar warts are warts that look as if there is some kind of cauliflower-like substance on the bottom of your foot. When a wart appears, it will feel hard, and the skin around the wart will thicken. In certain cases, the warts themselves can even cause pain.

But what causes warts?

In fact, they are caused by one of two things:

- 1) a virus that enters the skin through cuts or openings in your foot, or
- 2) direct contact of your skin with a virus. Luckily, the virus is not extremely contagious, but if you're walking around barefoot, you're more likely to end up with a wart.

The wart causing virus loves warm, moist environments, so be sure to wear flip-flops when using a public shower, in locker rooms, or on a pool deck. I remember showering barefoot at the YMCA after my swim practices in elementary school, and one day my dad discovered about 20 warts covering my feet and toes. After we spent a good month or two trying to get rid of the things, I started wearing flip flops on the pool deck and in the locker room!

So how do you go about killing a wart? There are a number of ways.

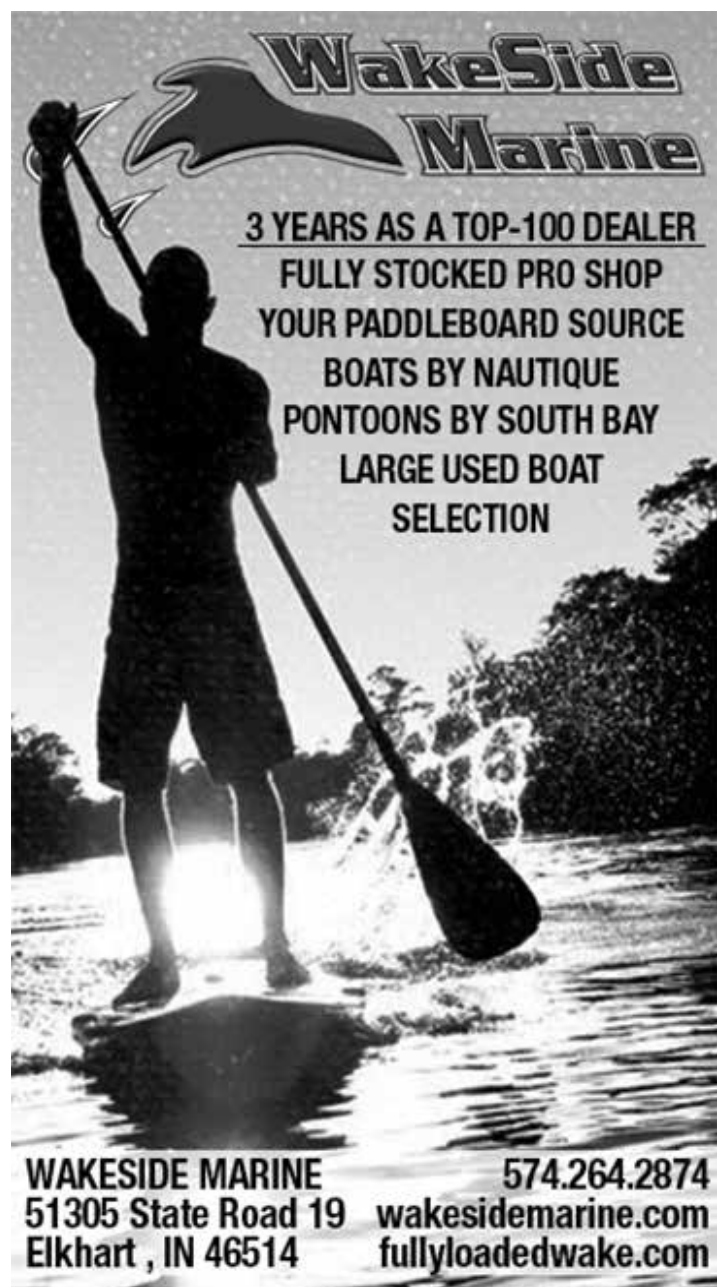
1. **Go to the doctor:** One method involves a trip to the doctor's office where they can numb the area and cut it out. This method is probably the most painful, but it will work! I've witnessed this method, and it was not pretty. But it was effective.
2. **Freezing it off (Compound W Freeze Off®):** I remember going to the doctor every couple weeks and having a doctor apply liquid nitrogen to my feet in an attempt to kill my warts. It hurt so badly and I still to this day have vivid memories of my feet pulsating for hours. I really don't like this method because it's very cold (-70F!), uncomfortable, and my mom thought it was a waste of money.
3. **Buy Compound W®(salicylic acid):** Salicylic acid works to peel away at the wart layer by layer. Apply it directly to the wart every day until the wart is gone. This is the method that my dad chose. This typically takes around twelve weeks to accomplish, but the warts will eventually go away! I rarely recommend using this method because it's very time-consuming -- having to buy and apply many bottles of salicylic acid is a big commitment!
4. **Duct Tape:** Putting duct tape over the wart supposedly starves the wart, eventually killing it. I

don't think this method is very effective, but it's certainly easy, low-maintenance, and inexpensive. All you do is cover the wart with duct tape for 6 days. After 6 days you remove the duct tape and use a pumice stone to grind away at the dead skin. Repeat until the wart is gone.

5. **Apple Cider Vinegar:** THIS WORKS SO WELL!!!! This is the method that I always tell people to use. Put apple cider vinegar on a cotton ball and duct tape it to your wart at bedtime. In the morning, remove the duct tape and cotton ball and you will notice that the wart has turned black and is dead. You can then use finger nail clippers to remove the dead skin and wait for the wart to push itself out. I've had people come up to me in the pharmacy and hug me because this method works so well!
6. **Do nothing:** The wart will resolve on its own in 1-2 years, if you have the patience to wait that long.

As you can see, there are many ways to deal with a pesky wart, but only you can decide which route to take. Maybe the best way to deal with warts is to avoid getting them in the first place -- keep shoes or sandals on as much as possible, especially if you are in public areas!

Thanks for reading!



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Forget Nemo, find Leo

The Big Dipper, as you've been reminded countless times, points the way to several stars and constellations in our sky above the lake. We all remember "Arc to Arcturus and speed on to Spica," and "Follow the pointer stars to Polaris then on to Cassiopeia." But my favorite is the bottom of the Big Dipper falling out and spilling its contents onto the back of Leo the Lion.

Leo is one of the few constellations that requires little imagination to be able to say, "Oh yeah, I can see what that is." Others might include the Tea Pot, Scorpius, Cygnus the Swan and Tequila the Pink Flamingo. But how did Leo get up there? Multiple stories exist.

There are two strong contenders as to which mythical lion is represented by the constellation Leo.

The first is the Nemean lion which Hercules had to kill as the first of his 12 Labors. This fearsome beast terrorized the land, killing all who ventured near it. Not only was it more fierce, larger and stronger than other lions, but it also had the added advantage of possessing a skin which was impervious to metal, stone and wood. Since, for this reason, Hercules could not kill the lion with any weapon, I, ahem, I mean Hercules, wrestled it with his bare hands, and finally managed to strangle the animal. Seeing at once the unique protective qualities of the pelt, he removed it with one of the lion's own claws, and thereafter wore it as a cloak.

The second contender is the lion featured in the poet Ovid's tale of Pyramus and Thisbe. Both sets of parents of this young couple considered them too young to marry and stopped them from seeing each other. However, the pair made arrangements to meet secretly by a mulberry tree with white berries. When Thisbe arrived at the appointed place, a lion sprang out from some bushes and she ran away in fright. Unfortunately, her veil fluttered to the ground as she ran and the lion, bloody from its latest kill, pounced upon it. A short time later Pyramus arrived, saw his beloved's bloody veil and believed that she had been killed. Totally distraught, and unable to face life without her, he threw himself on his sword. As he lay dying, Thisbe returned, took his sword and killed herself. (Someone needs to point out that this writer is no worse than Shakespeare in regard to stealing material.) The blood of the tragic pair colored the berries of the mulberry tree red, and so they remain to this day. Some suggest that Zeus placed Thisbe's veil in the heavens as Coma Berenices, but watchers of this space have seen other explanations for Coma.

Look for Leo below the big dipper any time during the night. His mane and head are formed by a backward facing question mark, anchored by Regulus, the bright heart of the celestial lion. Regulus is several times bigger and heavier than the Sun, and hundreds of times brighter.

Coma Berenices is behind, or to the left, of Leo's hind quarters and looks like a small semi-circle.

The show will go on forever. And, except for last week, it will always be free.

Next week, a star here on Earth.

~Stu Spratt

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The Moon for this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time,
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Illuminated Fraction: 0.518
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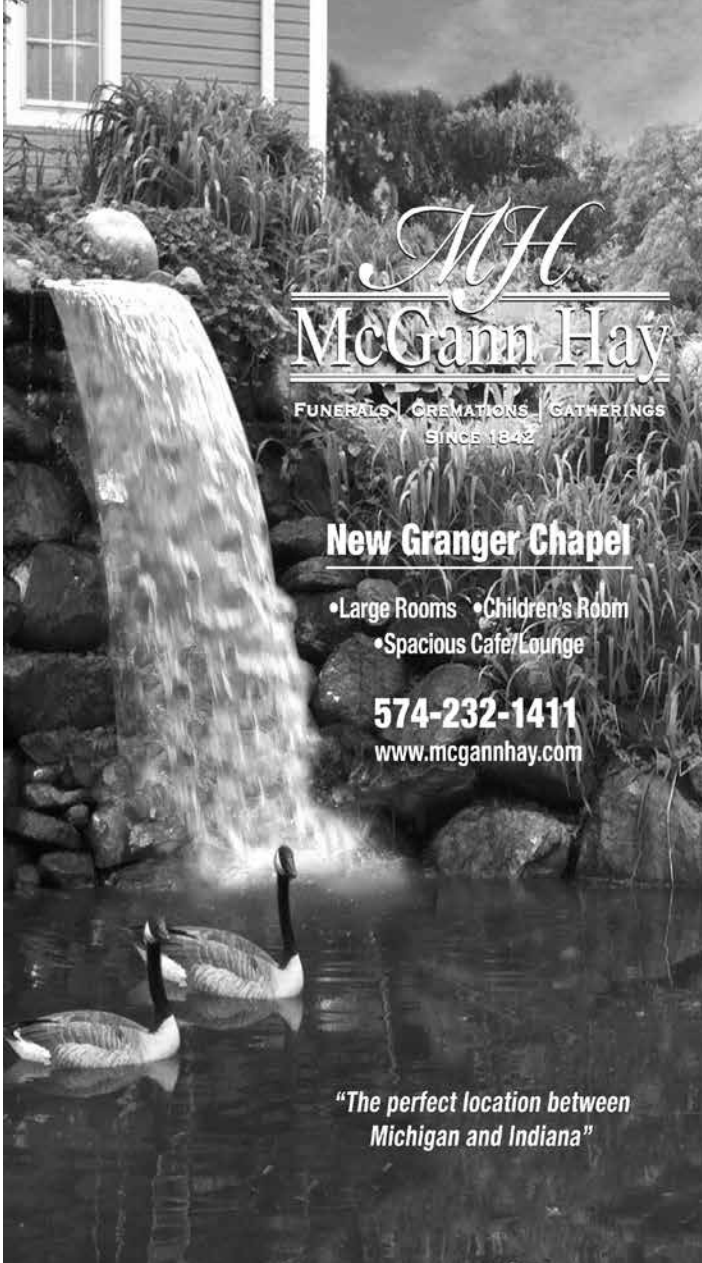
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Taurus (April 20-May 20) In the next month, you will enjoy peaceful moments at home. You will take pride in making your home more gracious and you will also enjoy your love of family by entertaining friends and family at your always welcoming table. You will also thrill to redecorating projects and an opportunity to enhance the beauty of where you live. Display your collectibles. Enjoy fine fabrics soft to the touch. Dine by candlelight.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) You are the wordsmith of the zodiac. You love information, news, gossip and hearing the latest buzz. It will be appropriate to let others know how much you care for them. (Don't leave them guessing.) You will enjoy opportunities to express your affection through letters, e-mails, cards, texts and hidden notes. The power of the pen!

Cancer (June 21-July 22) Taurus has a lot of financial savvy and knows how to make money. But the reason you have money is because you keep it. In the month ahead, money, financial opportunities and material possessions will come to you. This will also tempt you to spend. But as fast as money comes in, it will go out on beautiful art objects, jewelry and marvelous things for your garden and kitchen.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) You are eager to relate to others in a warm, friendly and genuine way. It's a great time to take a vacation and enjoy the company of others. This means when you indulge in plea-

sure and fun - you won't feel guilty. It's a mix between "I love this" and "I deserve this." Make beautiful choices, especially buying wardrobe goodies, jewelry and art.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will find your satisfaction through helping others and being useful. You will find it easy to demonstrate forbearance and grace in difficult circumstances. Others will be grateful and will admire you. In turn, you will get the gratification for helping someone you love. Admittedly, it can also bring secret love affairs into your world.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Enjoy friends and fun occasions - a drink on the balcony, a good table at a nice restaurant and a lively discussion around the dinner table. You will enjoy parties and an opportunity to go out with others to have a good time. Any group setting will be blessed - whether it's a business conference, a classroom or a casual setting. You'll feel secure within this group - respected and loved. In fact, a friend could become a lover.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) "May you live in interesting times" was actually a Chinese curse. Nevertheless, life will be interesting! People will notice you and they will see you in flattering terms. In turn, you will be eager to talk to others, especially authority figures, and you will do so easily. Others might ask for your creative input about redecorating, art, layout and design. Meanwhile, because Venus has a strong relationship to romance - you might begin flirtations with your boss or someone who is older or richer.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You are a Fire sign, and when there are five planets in a fellow Fire sign - life rocks! This heavy focus of the Sun, Mercury, Venus and Jupiter will attract all kinds of

travel opportunities to you. This strong influence also attracts opportunities for you to explore in publishing, the media, medicine, the law and higher education. In other words, you can broaden your horizons, explore new fields, learn and study new things while you are traveling for pleasure. Romance with someone from another culture or a different country might develop. Get out and enjoy art exhibits and the beautiful creations of others.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will benefit from the wealth and resources of partners, other people, the government and financial institutions. In fact, any relationship where you share finances - for example, a credit card company or a bank, will benefit and enrich you in the coming weeks. The next few weeks are the perfect time to go for a loan or a mortgage. This same influence also magnifies your sex drive and sweetens all intimate relationships.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Focus on partnerships and close friendships and improve your relationships with your enemies. Basically, you find it easy to express your affections to others and vice versa. You effortlessly arrive at an understanding with others that is warm, friendly and mutually beneficial. Now is the time to make peace where there is conflict. This is a great time to marry or enter into partnerships including legal confrontations.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Improve your job, get a better job or better duties or a better work situation. It's a particularly good time to discuss agreements and the boundaries of what others expect from you in terms of duties and obligations. Turn a work relationship into a cozy romantic connection. It will attract financial and other favors to you, and at the same time, while things are going so swimmingly - it will boost your health as well!

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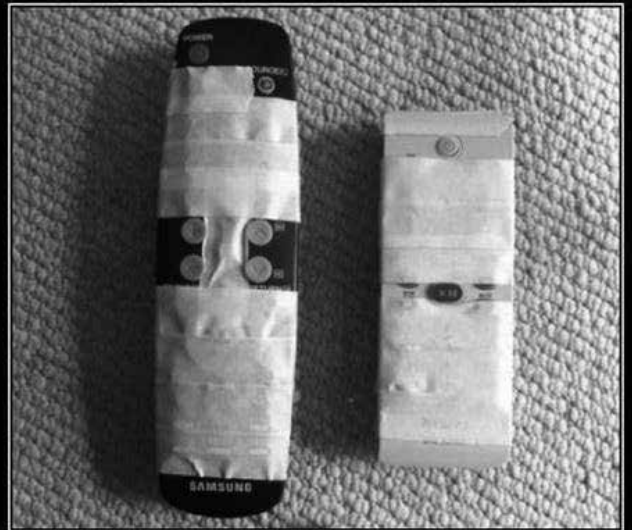
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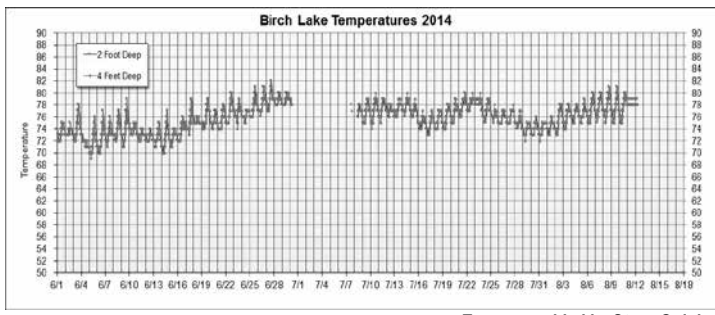
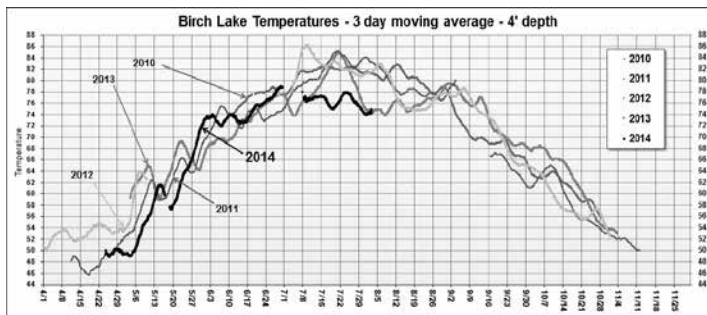
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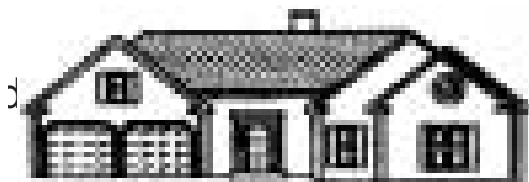
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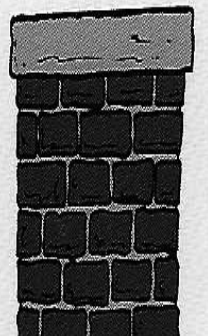
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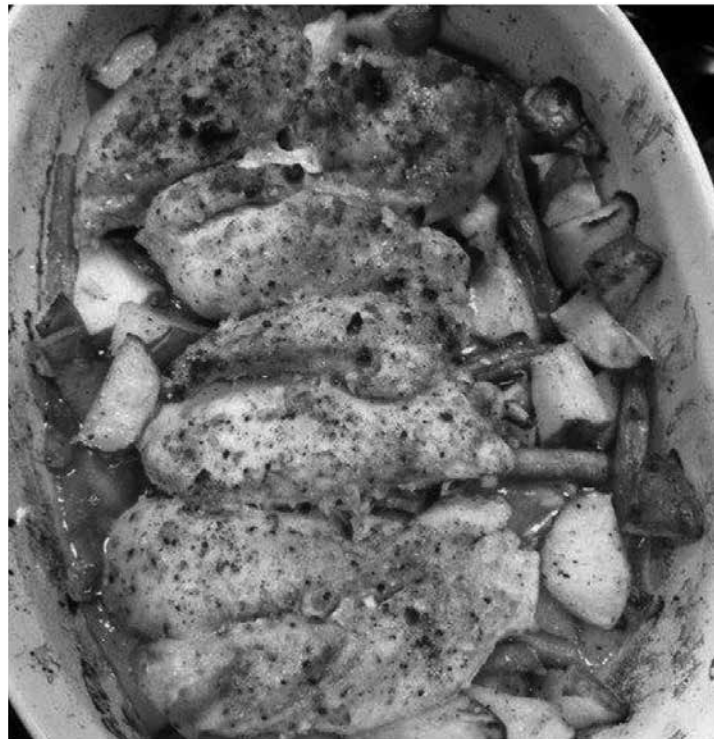
INGREDIENTS

- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 lemons, 1 thinly sliced, 1 juiced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 3/4 pound trimmed green beans
- 8 small red potatoes, quartered
- 4 chicken breasts

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 400°F. Coat a large baking dish or cast-iron skillet with 1 tablespoon of the olive oil. Arrange the lemon slices in a single layer in the bottom of the dish or skillet.

In a large bowl, combine the remaining oil, lemon juice, garlic, salt, and pepper; add the chicken, green beans and potatoes and toss to coat. Pour this mix into the pan and



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LOST & FOUND

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