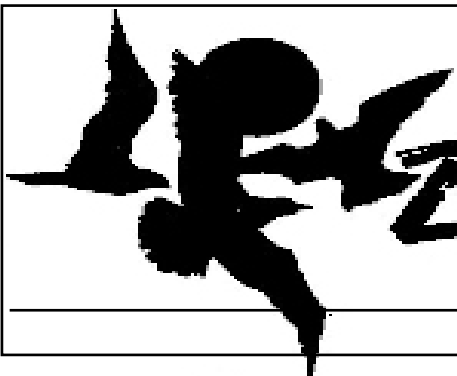


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Monday night's storm did considerable damage to a home, garage and cars on Lenore St. by the Yacht Club. Above, Steve Frakes poses by a huge tree that took out three cars and damaged the deck of the home he and his daughter, Chelsea Morales recently moved into. Another limb damaged a nearby garage. Additional photos inside this Barker.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

I don't know about you guys, but it was nice to take a break this weekend and not have any huge commitments. I always enjoy when my family comes for visits but as time goes on, I appreciate my solitude on Birch Lake.

The YC Board meeting was held on Saturday as scheduled. The Financial Transparency committee and the Yacht Club Renovation committees are both hard at work and updated the Board on their progress. Their presentations are expected at our August board meeting. I will include information on their respective reports after that meeting.

Hopefully you will read this Barker before Saturday because I wouldn't want you to miss the Family Picnic that is scheduled for Saturday evening at the Yacht Club. This event is open to all lake families. The committee is trying something new this year with a food truck supplying meals and a DJ mixing tunes for family entertainment. Let's keep our fingers crossed for the weather being clear and dry for the event.

A few hours before the picnic, I am

planning on holding the first Birch Lake Kids' Kayak Race. The race will start at the swim beach on the south side, and the course will take the kayakers along the south side. There will be volunteer boats along the south side lined up to protect the racers. The race is scheduled to start at 1 pm. All Lake boaters and fishermen, please be respectful of this area of the lake during the race, doing your part to keep our children safe.

Another kids'-centered event is scheduled for July 27, the annual Don Harmon Kidz Regatta. This is a great opportunity for our young Birch Lakers to hone their sailing skills and have

some fun. Treats and nautical knot tying demonstrations can be enjoyed after the race. Participants are asked to meet at the King home on the north side.

We will round out the month with both the Women's golf outing and luncheon July 19, and the Men's golf outing and dinner scheduled for the 26th.

For all the card players around the lake we are meeting at the Yacht Club again on Thursday, July 25.

Hope you are enjoying some of the new articles that are popping up in the Barker. Remember if you have any history or Lake memories you'd like to share with the rest of the Barker read-

2024 Birch Lake Calendar

JULY

- July 20 - Kids' Kayak races
- July 20 - Family Picnic, See attached information sheet for details
- July 25 - Card Night, 7 pm, BLYC, TBA
- July 26 - Men's Golf Outing, 8 am, Hampshire
- July 27 - Don Harman Kidz Sunfish Regatta (Tentative date), King's (north side), TBA

AUGUST

- Aug 3 - Corn & Sausage, 5:30-7 pm, BLYC
- Aug 10 - Board Meeting, 9 am, BLYC

Aug 17 - Earl Troeger Jr. Memorial MC Interlake Regatta, more info TBA

Aug 21 - Women's Style Show and Luncheon - Woodfire Restaurant, TBA,

Aug 24 - Fall Dinner & Annual Meeting, TBA

Aug 29 - Card Night, 7 pm, BLYC, TBA

Aug 31, Sept. 1 - Sat/Sun, Labor Day Regatta, backup Mon.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 7 - Board Meeting, 9 am, BLYC

Sept. 7 - Sailing Award Lunch, 1 pm, BLYC

Sept. 7 - Fall Frolic Free Concert, BLYC, TBA

OCTOBER

October 19 - Bad Patty Luecht Crockpot Challenge (tentative date), TBA

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ers, please send on to Phil Vitale or myself for inclusion in following Barkers.

Sadly, we are halfway through the summer and the kids will be going back to school before you know it. So please enjoy the days and weeks ahead and remember, "May the memories remain and the view stay the same" on our Golden Pond.

~Commodore Sue Davis

Ladies style show and luncheon

Join us Wednesday, August 21 for the Birch Lake Ladies Style Show and Luncheon at the Woodfire Grill and Trattoria in Dowagiac. Six lovely Birch Lake ladies will model fashions from the Marshall Shoppe.

The luncheon begins at 11 am, and includes a choice of one of three entrees, side salad, dessert, soft drink, tax and tip. The cost is \$32 and must be purchased before the event.

This always sells out so purchase tickets early! Tickets can be purchased by calling Ronni Eshleman 317-418-9557 or Denny Weesner 269-476-2569, Di Wozny 574-315-4915 and Claudia Phipps 574-596-2154. We will also be selling tickets at the Family Picnic on July 20.

Save the date for free concert

Some past commodores from Birch Lake would like to present the first "Fall Frolic" on September 7, with the DAWG Band featuring Duane Gundy on mandolin and guitar, Jim Shenk on pedal steel guitar and Randy Horst on upright bass. Their repertoire includes acoustic

rockin' folk music and Americana old and new. Stay tuned for further details.

Third Annual Family Picnic

Mark your calendar for the third annual family picnic on July 20. This is a free community event that is mostly outdoors with food and games for the kids. Bring a desert to share. Reminder we do not have parking at the BLYC for this event. There will be some parking close by, look for the signs. Please try to walk, bike, golf cart, or carpool. We will have DJ Michael Wells from Bad Entertainment LLC in the house, so bring your requests. The food is being provided by the BLYC and this year it's catered by the Red Flame Roots Catering Company. Bring the whole family to the BLYC next Saturday!

New C&S Chair needed

After 20+ years it's time to hang up the apron strings. The Corn and Sausage organizers are looking to pass the tongs to the next enthusiastic group of cooks. It's a fun way to serve the community and all the smiles and compliments are worth it. Years of data, recipes, procedures and hands on training are available to all who are interested in taking on this favorite community event.

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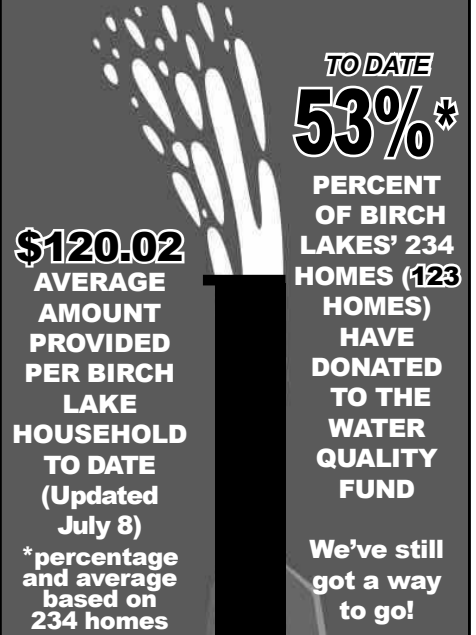
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Annual Don Harman

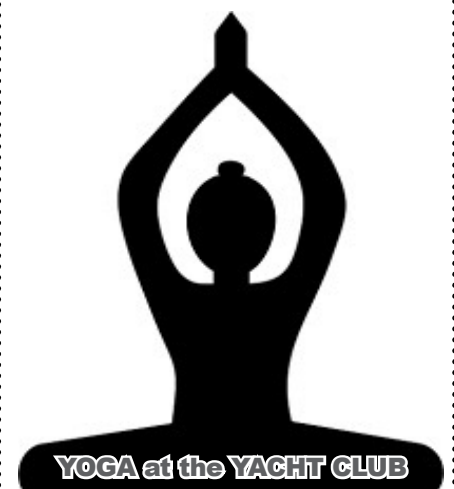


Kidz Regatta

Sat. July 27 — from 1-3 pm

Send the kidz rain or shine.
Weather permitting, we sail.
Meet other lake youth!!!

BYO: PFD (lifejacket) / squirt guns



Join Claudia Phipps most
Thursdays at 9 am at the yacht club
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- A pillow or two for under the knees and head
- An eye pillow or scarf to block out the light

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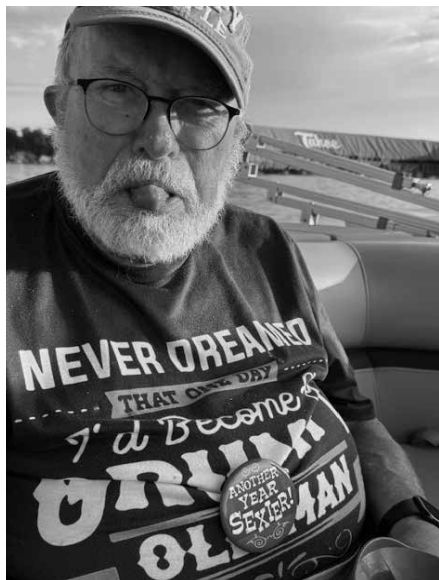


Vice Commodore Julie Dickey (east side) and hubby Kelton's grandson Dino Meneghin enjoyed the Fourth of July.

are courtesy of Birch Lake Home Owners Association

Secure your trailers

The Petty family (north side) had a pontoon trailer stolen last week that was tucked in the woods to the side of our



Dennis Phipps celebrated his birthday at the Birch Lake flotilla.

barn on the North Shore.

The printed Barker

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Moonrise: 21:19:02 am

Moonset: 04:57:24 pm

Hours of Daylight:

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Damage from Monday night's storm at the home of Chelsea Morales and Steve Frakes, and to Ray Gaik's garage on Lenore Street (near the yacht club). No one was injured but property damage is still being assessed.



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FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Two races, almost three ...

We thought we had it made for three races last Sunday, when the forecast rain had passed and the wind rose in time for our races. Eleven boats took to the racecourse, 7sevenMCs and 4 Sunfish, and two exciting races were run in a strong breeze. The third race then started, but well past the midway point, a flash of lightning was seen. Although it was far enough away that no thunder was heard, the dark cloud it was in was headed our way. The decision was made immediately to stop the race, and the air horn was blown to clear the course. Disappointing for sure, but we did get in two great races, and, most importantly, all returned home safely.

In the MC fleet, Scott Troeger took honors for the day with a one-two punch, assisted in the second race by his daughter Tory. Tory also served on the Committee Boat in the first race. Barb Cassady went three and one, while Pat Welch had a second and third.



Among the Sunfish, Rick Russwurm won both races. Stewart Spratt had a second and third, while Bob Niezgodski had a second and Amy Troeger a third.

Many thanks to Rick Doolittle and Buzz Rasmussen on the Safety Boat; Ron Niezgodski, Bill Butler, Karen Brovold and Stacia Andriano on the Committee Boat, and Tom Cassady and Vic Jones on the Course Setting Boat. Due to fast skedaddle off the lake, the big yellow buoys were left out. Tom Cassady went

out later and picked them up, including one that had somehow broken loose and wound up in front of King's.

Earl Troeger Jr. Interlake Regatta

Coming up in only four Saturdays is the Earl Troeger, Jr. Memorial Interlake MC Regatta on August 17. Nine MC's have already signed up, a great start this far in advance. We are especially grateful to be already welcoming several off-lake boats, some of whom are members to the extended Troeger clan.

Please mark August 17 on your calendars, and please plan to keep your boats off the lake while the three races of the regatta are being run during the late morning and early afternoon.

If you would like to assist as a volunteer and have not already done so, please contact the Interlake Regatta Committee Chair, Barb Cassady.

Thank you!

~FC Steve

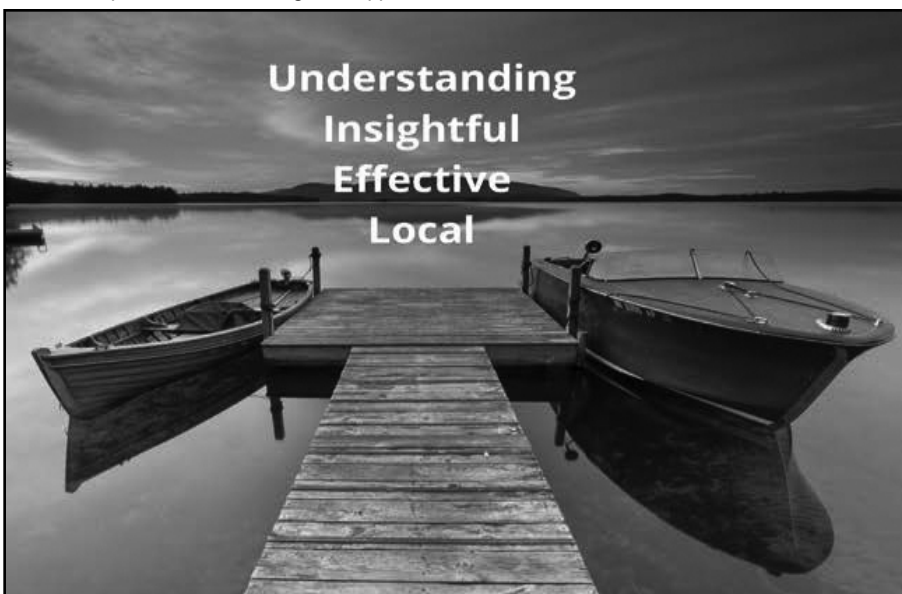
BLYC racing & season standings to date

Date..... 7/14..... 7/14..... Total Points..... Point Average..... Races Finished..... % Finished

MC/Sailor	Total MC Races = 19		Total Points	Point Average	Races Finished	% Finished
Scott Troeger #1489	1	2	26412	1553.64	17	0.89
Barb Cassady #2506	3	1	29385	1546.57	19	1.00
Patrick Welch #1979	2	3	11631	1453.87	8	0.42
Bill Luecht #1579	4	6	15671	1424.63	11	0.57
Ashly Connaugaton #1979	DNS	DNS	5490	1372.5	3	0.15
Steve Frew #656	7	4	25960	1366.31	19	1.00
Phil Vitale #500	DNS	DNS	5265	1316.25	3	0.15
Bob King #1199	5	5	2592	1296	2	0.10
Sandy Vitale #2159	6	7	7212	1202	5	0.26

Sunfish/Sailor	Total Sunfish Races = 21		Total Points	Point Average	Races Finished	% Finished
Rick Russwurm	1	1	32816	1562.66	21	1.00
Stewart Spratt	2	3	31872	1517.71	21	1.00
Scott Sortal	DNS	DNS	9061	1510.16	6	0.28
Pete Soldato	DNS	DNS	5630	1407.5	4	0.19
Bob Niezgodski	4	2	25191	1399.5	18	0.85
Herb Cleveland	DNS	DNS	12475	1386.11	8	0.38
Amy Troeger	3	4	6703	1340.6	5	0.23
Camille Butler	DNS	DNS	3888	1296	3	0.14
Bob King	DNS	DNS	2525	1262.5	1	0.04

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 last place (if 5 boats started the race, you will be scored as 5th place); **DNF, DSQ** not counted toward minimum number of races needed; **CB** - sailor who serves on Committee Boat receives their season average place as of that date - counted toward season total; **Season Points** are awarded on Square of 40 system (1st = 40 squared = 1600, 2nd = 39 squared, etc); **Season Place** = total season points/number of races attempted; **Crew** - Counted toward completed races, Points go to skipper of boat



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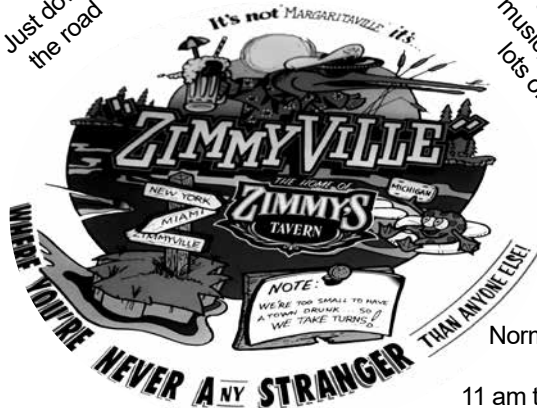


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Birch Lake fireworks: embarrassing?

You are like me, every year you enjoy the fourth of July fireworks at Birch and are grateful to all those who contribute toward that celebration. On this holiday it's so easy to be proud, not only of our country and its freedoms, but also of our particular lake community, its spirit, and camaraderie. We are all blessed indeed.

This year's show was particularly great. The size, variety and number of individual fireworks were outstanding. The show seemed to last longer than normal. Even the weather was perfect.

Every year we gladly contribute to this worthy celebration. To help in the fundraising, each week the Barker publishes the total amount raised to date versus the goal. The 7/13/24 issue revealed that \$17,341 (99.1 percent of the goal) had been donated. Thank you and well done to all those who contributed!

So, what's so embarrassing? Did you know that during that same period, fireworks had raised 20 percent more money than Water Quality (\$17,431 vs. \$14,483), and that almost half (49 percent) of our residents had contributed nothing to Water Quality this year?

This is abysmal. One might even say embarrassing. All we have left from the fireworks display is a fond memory.

What we do, or fail to do, for our lake has repercussions that could last decades, or even lifetimes.

We are doing some things well:

1) To date, we are one of only a handful of Michigan lakes that have been able to cover our costs with donations. Most lakes that don't pay with donations use a local governing agency, thus giving up all control of income and outgo, and are set up with a special assessment district, to which each lake homeowner pays, every year, as part of their tax bill.

2) Currently, thanks to those who contribute and the fact that the average donation is more than the requested \$100, we have some reserves.

3) Unlike many other lakes, we pay two expert, professional firms: one to survey and recommend, another to treat. For our successes the community will always be indebted to such long-term WQ luminaries as Gert Temple, Terry Dugan, Rick Russwurm, and Bruce Wagner. In 2007, when invasives first required significant treatment, Commodore Blair Garceau led the battle.

Also, fortunately, right now we pretty much only treat for one invasive (living organisms from different locales that have few, if any, predators or other natural conditions in our environment that limit growth and reproduction, which then expand exponentially, often even hybridize, relatively unabated), even though experts say there are already hundreds, if not thousands of them in our part of the world that are anxious to visit us.

Thanks to birds, wind, fish and most often, boats (tell your acquaintances to clean them before entering Birch), it is not a matter of if, but when, any invasive will be introduced into Birch.

Just one such invasive, starry stonewort, which is already common to the area and just a few hundred feet away in Birch's mill pond, could cost \$5,000 to \$20,000 per year, to impede its growth.

True boat wash stations, a potential, partial solution that other communities have invested in, start in the six-figure cost range.

Some invasives, if not treated quickly and thoroughly when discovered, require annual treatment and mechanical harvesting. The need for reserves is serious and substantial.

Our current annual WQ expenses are somewhat unpredictable, running from \$8,000 to \$11,000 in the recent past. This year our expenses are going to exceed past year's averages. We are treating an additional milfoil site. We are also conducting additional testing. Expenses are starting to increase.

Therefore, it's to everyone's advantage if everyone contrib-



utes. Plus, we'll all sleep better at night knowing the lake, our investment, is protected.

In a perfect world, everybody who donated anything to fireworks would give even more to WQ. We don't know how much we are going to need, or when.

But we do know we are going to need it.

Oh yeah ... and I wouldn't have to feel any pangs of embarrassment each time I think about fireworks and the donations that support them.

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— Birch Lake Memories —

Woodland Cove

Submitted by **Vickie Rogers,**
Woodland Cove

These excerpts were passed onto me, by my neighbor the late Bill Lloyd, who received them from his late friend, Floyd Fulmer's book on Birch Lake.

It is written that Woodland Cove is the nature lover's paradise, located on the northwest shore of Birch Lake. It consists of about 40 acres of wooded shoreline, starting at the west boundary of Camp Tannadonah and extending around The Cove to about the middle of the west shore. Included is also the wooded area in back of the road. It was divided into 40 lakefront lots, and the rolling wooded land in back of and across the road is owned by the lakefront property owners.

Part of this tract of land was procured from the US Government by Elizabeth White on February 2, 1834, and the remainder by John Dagwell on July 25, 1836.

On September 6, 1852, Allen T. Hunt acquired title to this property. He in turn sold it to John Doan, grandfather of Mildred Doan Binkley on December 1, 1868. Then Frank Doan, father of Mrs. Binkley on April 10, 1916, became the owner of this property and plotted it as Oak Bluffs. The same year as Frank Doan, now property owner, also purchased from Tom White a building formerly used as an ice house. This ice house was located near the outlet on the southwest part of the lake. That winter he moved it across the ice to what was lot 27, and remodeled it to use as a cottage. This is considered to be the first cottage in Woodland Cove.

In 1925 Frank Doan entered into a partnership with Tom L. Hogan, Richard Ridenback, and Glen Welch,

and replotted The Oaks Bluff addition, naming it Woodland Cove. The sold lots were purchased by various people who in turn started building cottages.

Jim and Helen Beard were the first from Mishawaka, IN. They bought "Snug Harbor" in 1932. Next were Doc and Ruth Lahr. In 1944 saw Chuck and Sara Partridge become owners of lot 17 where they built "Wee Wood" in 1945. Also in 1945, Floyd and Ruth Fulmer bought lot 26, on which they built "Dunkampin." Then Dee and Helen Shewman bought lot 26, Clifford and Avonalle Cowans lot 19, and Jack and Evelyn Asire lot 3. The Cowans and Shewmans built in 1946. Starr and Mildred Wentworth started "The Cheese Box" on lot 21, later changing the name to "Add-A-Bit. In 1948 "Bottom Dollar" was started for The Asires, being completed in 1949.

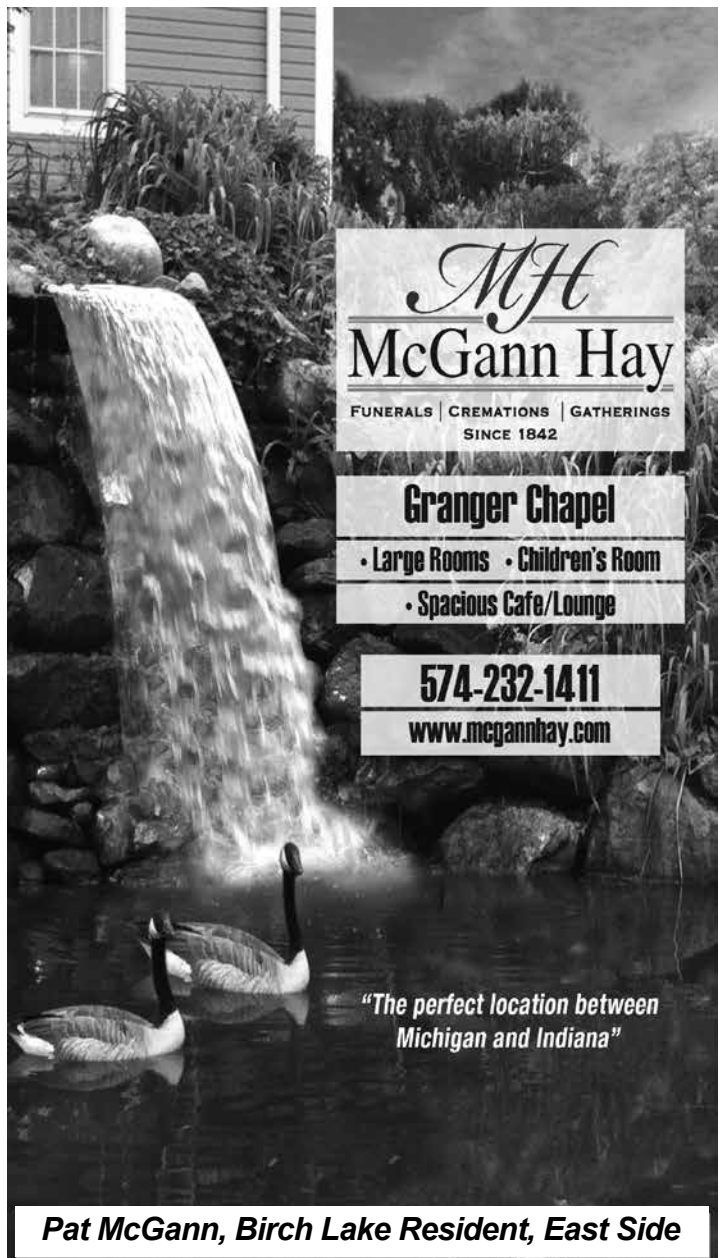
In 1949 Mr. Binkley bought the remaining unsold lots of Woodland Cove. He then sold lots 51 and 52 to George and Clara Gheradi who built "The Last Resort" that year. Mr. Binkley, in cooperation with nearly all of the property owners of Woodland Cove, filed a petition in the Cass County court for the closing of Doan Park, which had become a nuisance. The petition also asked for the replotting of the remaining unsold lots, to close all easements leading to the lake and certain unused alleys and streets, all back lots having been purchased by the front lot cottage owners.

The hearing

for the petition was set for August 20, 1951, and nearly all the cottage owners were represented in court for this hearing. Judge Mosher, of the Cass County Court, rendered a decision favorable to the cottage owners, closing Doan Park and alleys and permitting the replotting of the remaining unsold lots. Certain residents of Porter Township appealed this decision to the Michigan Supreme Court, which on December 9, 1952, rendered a decision upholding The Cass County Court decision, thereby officially closing Doan Park, and the alleys and streets.

In 1951 saw The Beards in the "New Snug Harbor 11," Chas and Minnie Gollatz in the first "Snug Harbor 11," which they remodeled. The Binkleys moved into their new permanent home at the south edge of Woodland Cove in August 1952.

If you have any history or lake memories you'd like to share with the rest of the Barker readers, please send them to Phil Vitale by emailing to onlinebarker@gmail.com or to Commodore Sue Davis at eyesnd76@gmail.com or text to 574-993-6031 for inclusion in an upcoming Barker.



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— Barker Kids of the Week —



Eight year old, Kane Wozny, grandson of Diana Wozny and Craig Fredlake (south side) and Bob and Kathy Wozny (west side), was a trooper only being able to fish July 4th weekend with his broken leg. He broke it playing third base and trying to tag the runner. All he asked was "did I get him out?" Yes, Kane you did!

Kids of the Week

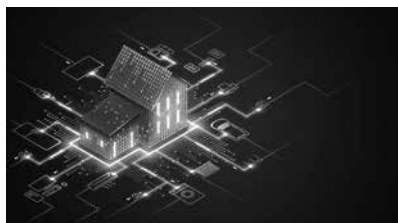
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Past Commodore Deb Hall (right, Cove) and her bud Lori enjoyed a cold sarsaparilla or two on the hall pier over the July 4 weekend under the watchful eye of Forrest the Wonder Dog and some old guy named Bud.

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LEFT: Family fourth of July gathering at the home of Kelton and Vice Commodore Julie Dickey (east side).



RIGHT: The Caenepeel (west side) clan of Jason, Jen, Dylan and Jack ready for their next adventure to explore the beautiful places in Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

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■ **TOP LEFT:** Bill and Sheryl Magro's (north shore) grand kids checking into Camp Tannadoonah. The Magro and Magro Algarotti cousins include: Top row, left to right Dominic, Vincent, Gianna and Tommy. Bottom row, left to right: Clara, Ben, and Lorenzo. ■ **TOP RIGHT:** Cousins converged at the Scholes' house (east side) to enjoy the recent holiday. Joanna and Bruce Scholes from Louisville and Quinton Scholes Crossetti from Cape Cod. ■ **RIGHT:** Avery Meneghin and Abby Williams, granddaughters of Julie and Kelton Dickey (east side). ■ **BELOW:** The Ball boat from last weekend's Boat parade (Sorry, somehow I missed it last week).



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- ½ cup diced tomato
- 1 tablespoon Kalamata olives, pitted and finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint

Directions

Cut the round watermelon slice into 6 to 8 wedges, but keep them arranged into a circle.
Sprinkle feta cheese, tomato, olives, and mint evenly over the watermelon. Serve immediately.

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— Camp Tannadoonah —

Past the halfway mark

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Since fall of 2017, we have worked with Good Shepherd Montessori School in South Bend to provide their Extended Day program, from the end of the school day until 5:30 pm. In January of 2018 we added a second after-school location at Sam Adams Elementary in Cassopolis. At Sam Adams, we provide both before- and after-school programs, from 7:15 am to the start of the school day, and from the end of the school day until 6 pm. On days when the schools have a half day or a teacher professional development day, we generally offer a half day or all day program.

This fall, we are very excited to add a third location to that list. We will be providing the before- and after-school programs in Edwardsburg for their K-5 students. We have been trying to get approved to do a program at Edwardsburg for ten years – I first proposed it to the administration when Avery was in Kindergarten, and he will be a sophomore this fall! There are more than 1,200 students in the K-5 grades, and they

have not had any before- or after-school programs in the district.

Our School Year Programs are directed by Miss Carmen Garcia, who started working at Camp in the summer of 2020, and joined us as a full-time staff member in the fall of 2021 to oversee the two before- and after-school sites. Miss Carmen creates the curriculum folders for each program, plans the activities, purchases and organizes their supplies, plans their daily snacks, and hires, trains, and supervises the staff.

Each program has its own set of site staff, with a site supervisor and at least one program assistant each day. In the afternoons, we do a snack, “spark time” (which is our version of classroom circle time), playground or gym time, homework help or reading time, a planned activity, and some free choice time each day.

The planned activities follow a weekly schedule – Mondays are Camp Fire “trails” (trail to knowing me, trail to the environment, trail to the future, trail to family and community, etc); Tuesdays are STEM days; Wednesdays we do a seasonal art project; Thursdays are project-based learning; and Fridays are outdoor or environmental ed.

On Thursdays, for project-based



learning, the students choose a topic or project and spend six Thursdays researching their subject and doing something on their topic. They then make a presentation about it to the other students. For instance, one group researched the history of ice cream, and then tested out multiple recipes and shared them with the other students!

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~Mrs. Amber

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This message is brought to you by the Homeowners Association of Birch Lake



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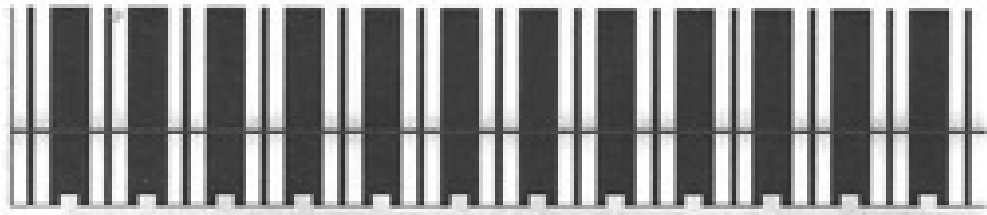
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