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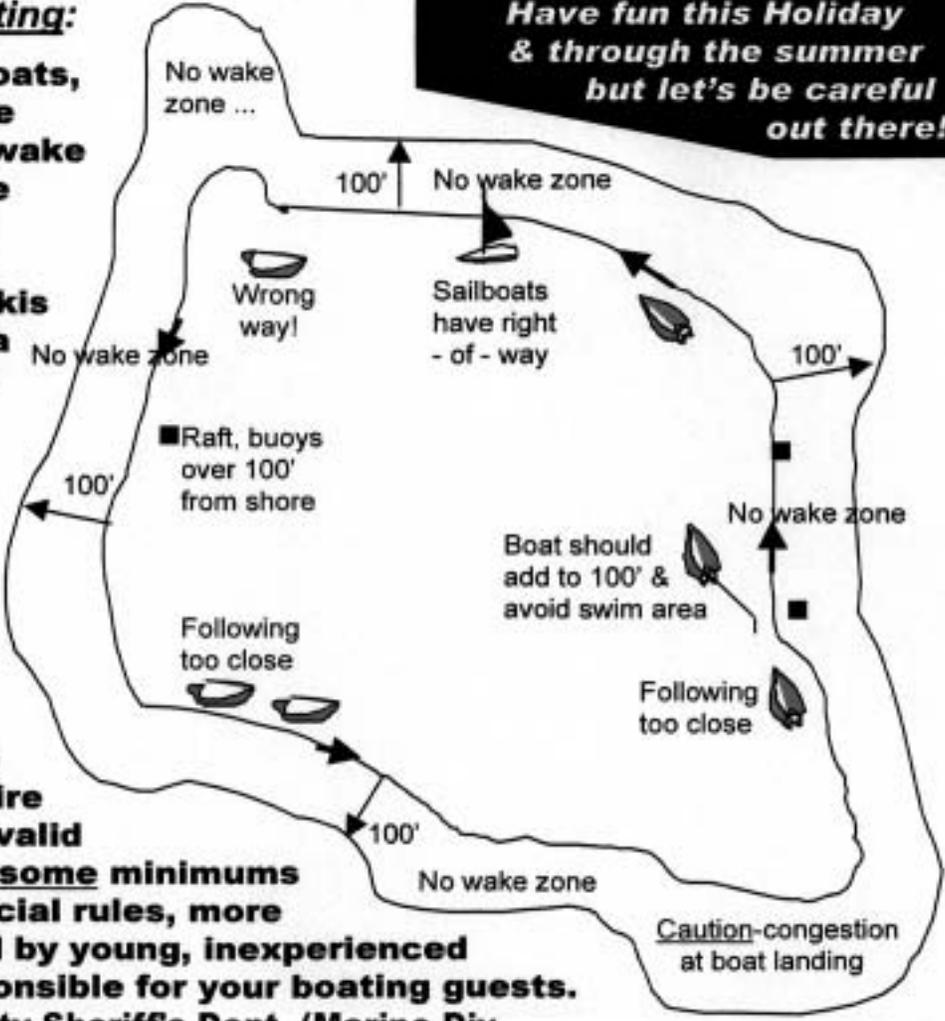
Weekend of May 24, 2008

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Common-Sense Boating:

- * **Go slow near other boats, rafts & shore. You are responsible for your wake**
- * **Take your time & give room - stay 100' from boats, rafts & shore**
- * **Pulling someone on skis or tube requires extra caution, an observer & add the length of your tow line to the 100' rule**
- * **Drive only in the counter-clock-wise direction (flow)**
- * **One wearable USCG life jacket must be available for each person on board! One throwable device, a fire extinguisher, horn & valid boat registration are some minimums**
- * **PWCs have many special rules, more caution must be used by young, inexperienced drivers. You are responsible for your boating guests.**
- * **Consult the Cass County Sheriff's Dept. (Marine Div. for Michigan boating laws**

Have fun this Holiday & through the summer but let's be careful out there!



Commodore's Comments

Wow!!! I can't believe that it is Memorial Day weekend already! Where does time go? It seems like just a couple of weeks ago, I was writing my first "commodore's comments," which were published back in late August. The saying is correct "time flies when you are have fun," and fun can be measured in many different ways. For you snow birds, it was the sun, hurricanes and warm weather of the south or the southwest. For the rest of us it was the snow, bitter winds, icy sidewalks and roads and hot fires in the fireplace.

No matter which category you are in, all of us have one thing in common, this beautiful "FUN" spot of water that we call Birch Lake. In that I would like to welcome everyone back to the lake — I'm looking forward to seeing you and meeting the new people who have decid-

ed to make Birch Lake part of their lives.

I want to say "Thank You" to all of those who made it to the spring dinner. We had a wonderful turn out and I thank everyone for their support. It was great to see everyone and to catch up on stories, tales and events from the past winter. I was also impressed to see many new faces, that will be enjoying "Birch Lake" for the first time.

For many of you that were up last week, the weather somewhat reminded us of the end of March rather than the middle of May. At the time of writing this I am going to go out on a limb and predict this weekends weather to be in the mid to upper 70's — slight chance of rain on Monday (p.s. local report as of 5/19). I hope everyone has a great and safe holiday weekend. Hope to see everyone, and enjoy the beautiful lake we have been given.

SEE YA ON THE POND,
-Mike Lutz, Commodore 2008

2008 BLYC Calendar*

- Sat. May 24 — Sailor's Meeting, BLYC, 9 am
- Sat. June 7 — Board Meeting 9 am
- Sat. June 14 — Vice Commodore's Party TBD
- Sat. June 28 — Commodore's Party TBD
- Sat. July 5 — Boat Parade 4 pm
- Sat. July 5 — Fireworks dusk
- Sun. July 6 — Pancake Breakfast Camp 9 am
- Sat. July 12 — Board Meeting 9 am
- Sat. July 12 — Homeowners Meeting 10 am
- Sat. July 19 — Spaghetti Dinner TBD
- Fri. July 25 — Men's Golf Outing TBD
- Fri. Aug 1 — Women's Golf Outing & Luncheon
- Sat. Aug 2 — Board Meeting 9 am
- Sat. Aug 2 — Corn & Sausage Roast
- Sat. Aug 23 — Fall Dinner
- Sat. Sept 6 — Board Meeting 9 am
- Oct 4 — Annual Chili Cook Off
- TBA — Sailing Awards, Fish & Wing Dinner, Card Party

*all dates and times are tentative.
Watch the Barker for updates

We are always soliciting and accepting materials for publication. E-mail the info to sailorphil@philvitale.com, or, if you must, put the materials in the red Barker box at 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore). You can also mail your items to: Phil Vitale, 120 So. Broadway, Cassopolis, MI 49031, or fax to (269) 445-9200. To contact me by phone, call (269) 476-1680 or (269) 445-9200.

— Birch Lake Notes —

Porter Township Clean-Up Day
Porter Township's annual Clean-Up Day will be from 8 am to Noon on June 7 at the American Waste Yard, 15621 Mason St. in Union.

Items that can be dropped off include trash and trash not picked up by your waste removal company (including large appliances — there will be a \$30 fee to drop off refrigerator-type appliances and a nominal fee to drop off tires). No yard waste, garbage or construction materials, and no hazardous wastes will be accepted.

A pickup service exists for handicapped & senior citizens. All questions should be directed to the township at 641-2375.

Donations will be accepted.

Matt Klimek

Matthew Klimek passed away at the young age of 91 on December 2, 2007. Birch Lake was a part of his life since 1943 when his sister Wanda Winiarski, purchased Lazy Lodge. Prior to his retirement from Certified Foods in Chicago, he would leave Chicago on his vacations to fish, and enjoy Birch Lake... (he liked to say he was helping his sister and brother-in-law!)

After his retirement he and his



Matt & Joyce Klimek

new wife Joyce Klimek moved to Birch Lake permanently. You would often see them sitting and just enjoying the lake or maybe serenading all the neighbors with his concertina and Joyce playing the harmonica or beat stick. If you went to Jimmy's (in the old days) you might even hear

them playing polkas with many other folks that loved the concertina and loved the polkas.

There must be something in the Birch Lake waters that keeps everyone so very young no matter what the calendar seems to say!



Thanks to Commodore Mike (and Amy) for the photo of the soon-to-be orphan on the turtle raft ... and to Mr. Bob who sent in the scan of the July 22, 1960 Barker. Watch for more "vintage" Barker pages in future editions.





Dick

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Now, let's go play some golf!

— Birch Lake Notes —

Dorothy Parnell

Dorothy Parnell was able to celebrate her 95th birthday at Birch Lake on February 16th before she passed away on March 2, 2008. She & her husband had been residents of Birch Lake for 40+ years and loved the lake very much. At her visitation and funeral there was a note in the card that was a message to all of her friends and family. It read:

Death is Nothing at All

Death is nothing at all.

I have just slipped away into the next room.

Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.

Wear no act of solemnity and laugh as we

always laughed at jokes we enjoyed together.

Life means all it ever meant.

All is well.

Line dancing

Line Dance will start Tuesday May 27th at 9 am at the Yacht Club.

Thanks to the cleaning crew

Commodore's Thank You goes out to those who grudgingly got out of bed early Saturday morning to

Birch Barker Kids of the Week



Congratulations to newlyweds Tom and Lois Griffith, this week's Barker Kids of the Week! Tom & Lois got married on May 15.

help clean up and beautify the roads around the lake. Thanks goes out to Rick Russwurm, Phil & Sandy Vitale, Paul Fallon, Blair Garceau, Stu Spratt, Deb Taghon, Bob Waddle and Bob Baucus. Next time you see

them give them a BIG thank you. Thanks Again,

-Mike Lutz

Golf Carts at Birch Lake
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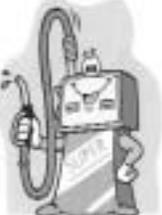
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— Birch Lake Notes —

Department has warned Birch Lake residents that golf carts are illegal on county roads. Apparently there have been complaints and the Sheriffs Department intends to enforce the law. The Birch Lake Homeowners Association will research the law to see if there is a way to bring the golf carts into compliance.

Watch what you flush

Recently the sewer force main leaving Birch Lake became plugged. The system is working fine now, after a cost of \$29,000. The cause was a multiple of things, one of which was items being flushed that should not be in the system. You should not flush anything that you would not have flushed into your old septic systems.

Trash woes

North side residents recently received a letter from Michiana Recycling & Disposal Services informing them that their trash would no longer be picked up on their road. They were told that, effective immediately, if they wanted to continue service they would have to bring their trash containers to the top of the hill.

This poses several problems”

1. Not everyone has a vehicle suit-

able for hauling trash cans.

2. Not everyone is physically able to be loading/unloading trash cans into a vehicle.

3. Trash day is Thursday. Some residents are only there for the weekend. What are they to do with their trash from Sunday evening until Friday night or Saturday morning when they return?

4. The top of the hill is all private property. Who wants a dozen family's trash cans on their property? If a dog or raccoon gets into them and makes a mess who's responsible for cleaning it up?

A call to Dawn at Michiana Recycling, 800.722.9710, was unproductive. She took these concerns to her manager and reported back that they have new trucks and can't go down the hill anymore. No discount was offered for this inconvenience, and when asked if these concerns were trivial she simply responded by saying, "We care about our trucks."

The good news is that there is an alternative. Katy at American Waste Systems in Union, 269.641.7502, was more than helpful. She arranged for new containers to be dropped off and service has begun anew on the north side - and for the same money as Michiana was charging.

If you have a problem with

Michiana Recycling please feel free to contact Katy at American Waste. Also be sure to tell Dawn why you are canceling service and to remind her about the north side.

-Stu Spratt

Hey sailors

This is to give you a couple days' notice that the annual start-of-the-season sailors' meeting will be at the Yacht Club this Saturday, May 24, at 9 a.m.

If enough people are ready to sail, we will have a Memorial Day Regatta. (We need to have at least three boats in a class - MC or Sunfish - to make it official.) The regular racing season starts next Sunday, June 1. See you Saturday,

-Bill Luecht

Garden Walk

The Mason-Union Garden Club will have their 3rd Garden Walk, on Saturday, June 21, from Noon to 4 p.m. (Rain or Shine.) The walk starts at Nelson's Herbs in Edwardsburg, where you will pick up a map to three homes in Union, and to the Chris Jaworski Studio & Gardens. There will be a Plant Sale and a Garden Items sale at two of the homes. The walk is free, donations will be given to local charities.

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Tannadoonah Tidbits

Welcome back to the lake! It was so fun to be up here at the lake all winter, but I'm very glad for spring to finally get here. There have been a lot of exciting things happening up at camp this spring, and I can't wait for the campers to actually arrive.

As of this evening (May 19), we have 249 campers registered for camp. Last year on this date we had 172; we didn't get to 249 until June 11 last summer. So numbers are up so far, and I hope they just keep going up. If you know any youth between the ages of 6 and 16, definitely encourage them to come to camp. We're shooting for a total of 450 campers by the end of the summer, and we really need to meet that goal!

Here's an update on everything that's been going on this spring. Because of new fire code regulations, we had to do some renovations to five cabins (the four "Adventure Cabins" and Wallace). We also put new roofs on two cabins: Cardinals & Wrens, and Wallace. We repaired the roof on Robins and Woodpeckers, and will be repairing the roof on the Handcraft building / Store before camp begins. We also replaced a large section of the flooring in the kitchen near the dishwasher. Beds have been moved all

over camp, also to satisfy the new fire code rules.

This past weekend (May 16-18) we held our third annual Spring Spectacular camping weekend. The weather was fantastic and we all had a great time. It was a small group of campers, but a great weekend nonetheless. On Sunday afternoon we also held our annual Open House up at camp.

I mentioned at the Spring Dinner on Saturday night that we are seeking donations for Camperships. Camperships are basically scholarships or financial aid for camp. Every year I receive dozens of applications from families who are unable to pay the full camp fee to send their child to camp, and we generally are able to help about 10 of these families. I think that one of the most rewarding parts of my job is the opportunity to share the camp experience with youth who otherwise would never be able to attend camp. The cost of camp is \$350, but contributions of any amount can be designated for camperships. We try to stretch the funds to as many youth as we can, depending on how much their families are able to contribute towards the camp fee. Given the current economy, we have been receiving a larger number of applications for



camperships than we have in the past. Please consider the idea of sponsoring a camper this year!

Several people have asked me about a "wish list" for camp, so here are a few things I've been thinking about: new lifejackets for boating (the orange kind), kayaks, full or queen boxspring & mattress, digital cameras, new water heaters, sports equipment (e.g., tennis racquets, softball & baseball mitts, soccer balls, volleyballs, kickballs, etc.).

Finally, a HUGE thank you to all of the volunteers who came up to camp to help with work days and work evenings this spring. We really couldn't make this happen without all the help of our volunteer workers. Thank you!

-Miss Amber

Director, Camp Tannadoonah
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Fleet Captains' Corner



Kicking off the sailing season

Greetings, sailors, and welcome to another exciting year of sailing at Birch Lake! Is everybody ready for the Memorial Day Regatta? Wait a minute ... does anybody have their sailboat in the water yet? Thanks to the cold, wet weather, it looks like everybody is late getting their houses opened up and their piers in. Maybe it will warm up this weekend, and we will see a few more sailboats out and about.

The annual start-of-the-season Sailor's Meeting will be at the Yacht

Club this Saturday, May 24, at 9:00 a.m. Hopefully we will see some new faces there along with the old regulars. We will be discussing the usual stuff, like how and when the races will be run, and how often you need to let the Fleet Captain win.

If there's enough interest, and enough boats, we will have a Memorial Day Regatta. (We need to have at least three boats in a class - MC or Sunfish - to make it official.) The regular racing season starts next Sunday, June 1st.

Have you signed up to help run the committee boat for a race yet? No experience necessary. Commodore Emeritus Garceau was making the rounds at the Spring Dinner, twisting arms and getting people to volunteer. If you didn't have a chance to sign up with Blair, please call Patty (that's Mrs. Bad Fleet Captain Patty) at 476-2615.

[insert first three chapters of "The Old Man and the Sea" here]

-Bill Luecht, Fleet Captain, 2008

Leash your dog — it's the law!

Hello to all my two legged friends. Fido's friend is back and ready to start a new season here on beautiful Birch Lake. Hope your winter kept you warm, safe and flealess.



Let's start off this season with a very important reminder. Ready? Most of you already know what I'm about to say! **LEASH YOUR DOG, IT'S THE LAW** If your yard is not fenced (electronically works too) you must contain your dog to your property. Period.

So what I recommend ... Everyone

program the Cass County Animal Control number into their cell phone. When you are enjoying a walk with or without your four legged leashed pal and a dog charges out onto the road, just pull out your cell and let the law handle it. That number is 269-445-3701. Let's everyone help keep everyone (and every dog) safe.

Another important responsibility for pet owners is to have them property tagged and licensed. Most people fail to put any kind of identification on their pets to ensure their safe return home if lost. In fact, only 16% of lost dogs and 2% of lost cats at shelters are

ever reunited with their owners. So Sad.

An ID tag on your pet's collar is essential since anyone can use it to get your pet home. The tag should include your name, address, phone number (day and evening, lake and home is best), and the pet's name. If you're willing to pay a reward, then put the word reward on the tag too. Put the number (day and night) of a friend on another tag if you're traveling.

Yap at cha next week.

-Fido' Friend

Water Quality Committee Report

submitted by Rick Russwurm, Chairman

BIRCH LAKE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

WATER QUALITY
 Bacteriological ----- Chemical ----- Physical ----- Biological

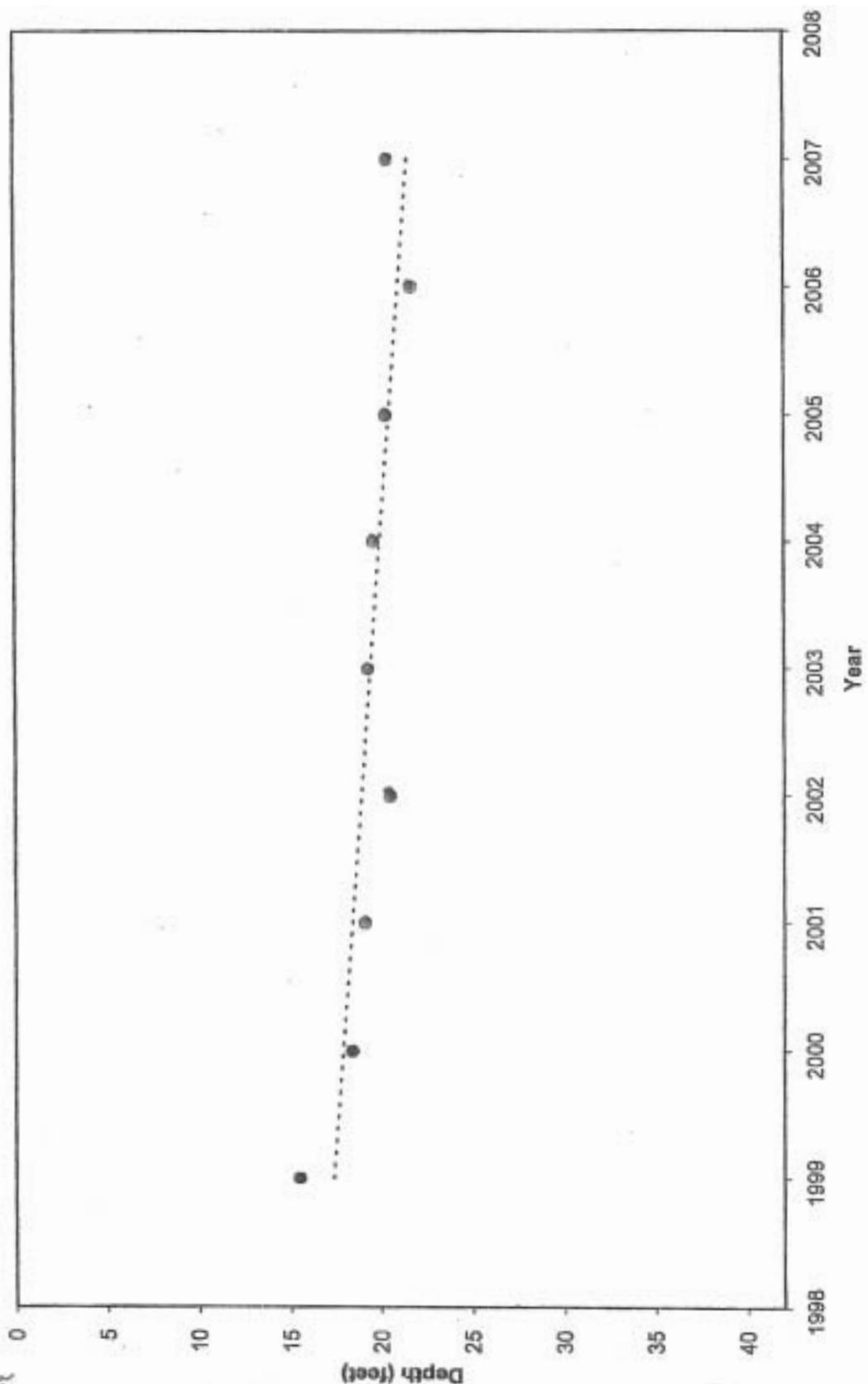
Water clarity: Measure of water clarity related to physical and chemical properties.

May-October weekly Secchi records of nine years provide an excellent way to document long-term changes in water clarity. Birch Lake Secchi disk Transparency (annual mean values) Trend was given to Bob Temple, ML&SA Lead Coordinator, for reporting to you

The DEQ views the viable data below as an indication of a high water quality index.

COOPERATIVE LAKES MONITORING PROGRAM
 SUMMER MEAN TRANSPARENCY

Birch Lake (Cass Co.)



WATER QUALITY

Chairman, Rick Russwurm ----- Bob Temple ----- Gert Temple ----- Terry Dugan

5-15-08



Stu's Star Stuff



Welcome back my friends...

Welcome back my friends to the show that never ends. For cryin' out loud, can't I come up with anything original? Prolly not. But let's try. How about if we start with some basics? What's going on up there right now? What can we see?

The familiar and easily recognizable constellation Ursa Major, the great bear, is high in the north on May evenings. The bear's body and tail form the Big Dipper. Less-prominent streamers of stars form his head and legs, streaming away from the dipper's bowl. Some of the stars in the dipper are double stars, or binary stars. More on that next week.

By following an imaginary line through the pointer stars, the two stars that mark the outside edge of the dipper's bowl, you will come to Polaris, the North Star. Polaris is not a particularly bright star, and with the moon as nearly full as it is just now it may be hard to pick out. The North Star marks the handle of Ursa Minor, the little bear, also known as the Little Dipper.

If you continue to follow that same imaginary line past Polaris you will come to a group of stars in the shape of a lazy W or M. This is Cassiopeia, the African queen.

Going back to the Big Dipper, follow

the curve of the handle in an arc to the next bright star, Arcturus. Arcturus is the brightest star in Bootes, (pronounced bo-AY-teze) the herdsman. Continue to follow the arc and you will come next to Spica (SPY-ka), the brightest star in Virgo.

Once more going back to the Big Dipper, imagine the bottom of the dipper falling out. Water would then pour down on the back of Leo, the lion. Leo is one of my favorites because it does actually look like what it's supposed to represent. The head is marked by a backward question mark with Regulus near the bottom. Saturn is right there too. Saturn is brighter, and it shines with a distinctly golden hue. Regulus, the "heart" of Leo, looks white.

Mars passes across the heart of the Beehive star cluster the next few nights. The Beehive is about halfway up the western sky at nightfall and looks like a fuzzy star. Check it out with binoculars and you will see why the cluster has that name. Mars looks like a fairly bright orange star near the bottom of the cluster tonight.

The bright, cream-colored planet Jupiter is to the upper right of the Moon as they clear the horizon late Saturday night. They stand in the south at first

light. Jupiter is the largest planet of our solar system, with a diameter 11 times that of Earth.

We'll get to some more in the next few weeks. For now go back out and get reacquainted with the night sky. The show's a lot more fun to watch in the summer when it's warm. And as always it's still free. **-Stu Spratt**



The Moon tonight:
The moon for May 24 (at Midnight)
Illuminated Fraction: 0.767
2.8 days before last quarter

Horoscope for Birch Lake

ARIES—(Mar. 21- April 20)

Take a long look at your present direction and consider your professional options. Your ability to stand out in a crowd will bring you the recognition you desire. You can have quite the romantic adventure if you take time to get to know your mate all over again. Your involvement with groups will raise your self esteem.

Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

TAURUS—(Apr. 21- may 21)

Your tendency to vacillate will drive everyone crazy. Talk to peers who you trust in order to get sound advice. Be sure that you have all the facts before you take action. You'll be an emotional basket case this week. Don't take any comments too seriously.

Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

GEMINI—(May 22-June 21)

Someone you least expect could be trying to make you look bad. Depression may be likely if you're away from home. Disputes on the home front may be hard to avoid. You need an outlet that will help take your mind off any troubles at work.

Your lucky day this week will be

Sunday.

CANCER—(June 22-July 22)

Your emotional state could leave you vulnerable and confused. Try to be patient and understanding. Your emotions may get the better of you. This will not be the best day to make changes or renovations to your residence.

Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

LEO—(July 23-Aug 22)

You will both have to bend if you want this union to work. You can get support from groups that you belong to if you're willing to step out on a limb and voice your opinions. Self-deception about relationships is a problem. There are ways of making extra cash if you put your mind to it.

Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

VIRGO—(Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)

Your lover may disappoint you in such a way that estrangement will follow. Take care that arrangements to spend quality time together are made in advance. Do things because you want to, not because someone else thinks you should. Rethink your motives and make the necessary changes to yourself.

Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

LIBRA—(Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)

Get involved in the activities of children. They will teach you far more than you expect. Romance will develop through work. Upheavals may occupy your day. You can make positive changes in your home.

Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SCORPIO—(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

You should be getting into self-improvement projects. If you act with anger you may blow the relationship. You can bet that someone in a higher position is watching to see how busy you are. Keep your thoughts to yourself for the time being.

Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

SAGITTARIUS—(Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)

Get back into a routine that promises a better looking, more aware individual. Education may be the answer. You need to be inspired and have your spirits lifted. Be discreet about your personal life or whereabouts. Be mysterious.

Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

CAPRICORN—(Dec 22.- Jan. 20)

Friends and relatives can give you good advice. Be cautious while traveling; minor accidents are evident. Tone down and put some of that hard earned cash into a safe, long-term investment. You will be uncertain of your feelings.

Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

AQUARIUS—(Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)

Do not yield to children or relatives when they really don't deserve it. Debates will stifle passion and result in estrangement. You will have some problems with children, but if you are patient you will win their favor. Try not to hang out with coworkers if you wish to avoid problems later.

Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

PISCES—(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Think of joining a health club that will benefit your physical appearance. You will be able to borrow money in order to invest. You need to spend less time daydreaming and more time accomplishing. Use some diplomacy to get your point across delicately.

Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

Birch Lake CLASSIFIED ADS

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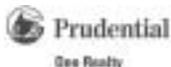
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Home Owners Committee

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2008 Dues, Contributions & Donations Form

- \$ ___ - BLYC Member Dues (\$25 / year)
- \$ ___ - BLYC Associate Member Dues (\$10 / year)
- \$ ___ - Homeowners' Assoc. (\$10 / year)
- \$ ___ - Sailing Fees (\$15 / year)
- \$ ___ - Building Improvement Fund
- \$ ___ - Fireworks Fund
- \$ ___ - Water Quality Program
- \$ ___ - Riparian (\$8/yr, provide address for magazine)
- \$ ___ - Safety Committee
- \$ ___ - Other (non-party related expenses)

Name _____
Address _____
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