

# Birch Barker

Weekend of June 28, 2008

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*The Eurasian Milfoil in Birch Lake was chemically treated on Tuesday of last week. Pictured above is the airboat spreading the pellets that will kill the Milfoil ... in the background in the boat is Birch Lake Water Quality Committee Member Terry Dugan. The East shore area near the treatment has been posted with notices advising residents about swimming and grass and plant watering restrictions.*

## Commodore's Comments

Another great weekend around birch lake!! We have been blessed with some really wonderful weekends in the last two months. Maybe a little rain to dampen our ideas, but never enough to washout our overall goals. The mild days and tranquil nights make for enjoyable working weather and great sleeping weather. Just a couple of words for mother nature, "keep it up!!"

This Saturday will be the commodore's party. We will be honoring all of those who donate their time and energy to make Birch Lake and the BLYC a great place to call home.

Our theme for Saturdays event is going to be "Mexican fiesta," dress up (if you wish) and bring your warmest Mexican appetizer. Come out and enjoy the camaraderie with all that make this place so wonderful. Festivities will start at 8 pm.

Next week we have a full slate of

events on our calendar.

First we have the boat parade on Saturday afternoon, so decorate your boat, and we'll see you at Dick Benders' pier.

Secondly our spectacular fire work show will begin promptly at dusk. We have another brilliant show planned — don't miss it.

Last, but not least is the annual pancake breakfast up at the camp. The hot treats will begin at 8 am and run until 11 am. Come out, fill your plate, slake your appetite and help support the campership program to get kids to camp.

The next two weekends will be full of events that make me realize why we call this place such a great home. Where else can you go to find such a great sense of community, friendship, family and the other thousand words that describe our beautiful birch lake. I want everyone to have a fun and safe time ... see you on the pond.

-Mike Lutz

Commodore 2008

## 2008 BLYC Calendar\*

- Sat. June 28 — Commodore's Party 8 pm
- Sat. July 5 — Boat Parade 4 pm
- Sat. July 5 — Fireworks dusk
- Sun. July 6 — Pancake Breakfast Camp 8 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@philvital.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, 102 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 —

## Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast at Camp Tannadoonah will be July 6th from 8 am to 11 am. Adults \$5; Children 6-12 \$2, and children under 5 free. Please plan to attend and support the camp.

## Boat Parade Grand Marshalls

The 2008 Birch Lake Boat Parade Grand Marshalls are Jim and Eleanor Thayer who live on the north shore. Both he and Eleanor are delighted to be honored by being the 2008 Grand Marshalls.

Jim has many tales to tell about Birch. If you are walking by their place, do stop and ask some questions. Jim, born in 1926, was brought to Birch before his first birthday and he has been here every year for 82 years!

The property was platted in 1902. Jim's grandfather purchased the cottage and land in 1918. It was originally part of the Lyon Farm and the cottage was the first one on Birch Lake; the Curtis barn on the east shore is also on what was the Lyon farmland. Mr. Lyon went bankrupt and sold in 1918. Jim Thayer has refurbished a sign that says "Silver Spring, established 1902" that had been on the original cottage. If you look at the base of the present

## Birch Barker Kids of the Week



*Since not a single soul sent in a real "kid" this week, we're publishing some alternative kids of the week instead ... in this case, Gen and Quba Soldato who enjoyed boating this past weekend with their humans, the Soldato family of the West Side of Birch Lake.*

screened porch, the original stone steps and foundation can be seen.

Jim remembers his mother rowing across to the west shore so that he could walk up to Billyville (Williamsville) for candy. This was a weekly thrill for a young boy in the 1930's.

Also in the mid to late 1930's, there was a dispute over the water level of the lake. A group of men installed a dam and another group dynamited it. This went on for a while -- installation, dynamite, etc. -- until the dam as we know it today still stands.

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# — Birch Lake Notes —

Please wave and give them a hearty welcome as they lead the parade around the lake. Also, wave and welcome Marlow and J.P. Hoyer who will be escorting the Thayers around the lake. The Hoyers are very new to Birch and live on the east side.

## 2008 Birch Lake Boat Parade

The 2008 Birch Lake Boat Parade will be on Saturday, July 5th. This exciting event starts at 4 p.m. Participants should cruise on over to Dick Bender's pier on the South Side about 3:45 to get your number and get lined up. Don't miss out on the fun!

The judges will be Fred and Carol Freihofer, Jim and Linda Yoshizawa, and Denny Weesner. They are all upstanding citizens of Birch Lake and have promised to be impartial. Although, the word on the street (or should I say lake) is that they are not above bribery!

## Missing items ... thefts?

We haven't heard of any ore news of missing and/or stolen items this week, but please remember that if you notice any suspicious activity, you should contact the Cass County Sheriff's Department at "911" for emergencies or 445-8644.

## Even More Birch Barker Kids of the Week



*Mr. Bob (King, North side), sent in this excellent photo of a great blue heron fishing for his dinner near Camp Tannadoonah recently.*

## Adopt a Cabin

The Adopt-a-Tannadoonah-Cabin campaign is looking for your contribution. Please give generously when asked by one of the campaign captains. Below is the list of cabins that are up for adoption — by indi-

vidual, family, or group. Captains are: southside: Katha Machalleck and Denny Weesner; westside: Bev Kruggel and Peg Cowen; northside: Rick Russwurm and Tom Rogers; eastside: Linda Curtis and Judy Olson.

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# — Birch Lake Notes —

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Gail and Ruth Pletcher

Gail and Ruth Pletcher bought the cottage on the West side of the lake in 1945. They enjoyed many years in the cottage. In 1957 they built the house next door and moved there in 1972.

Gail passed away in December, 1996 and Ruth passed away February 3, 2008 at the age of 93.

Ruth always enjoyed watching the many activities on the lake and especially enjoyed it when her

daughter and son would come to visit. She also enjoyed the visits from her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is missed very much and remains very special in all our hearts.

Line dancing

Line Dance continues at the Yacht Club at 9 am on Tuesday mornings.

## 4th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

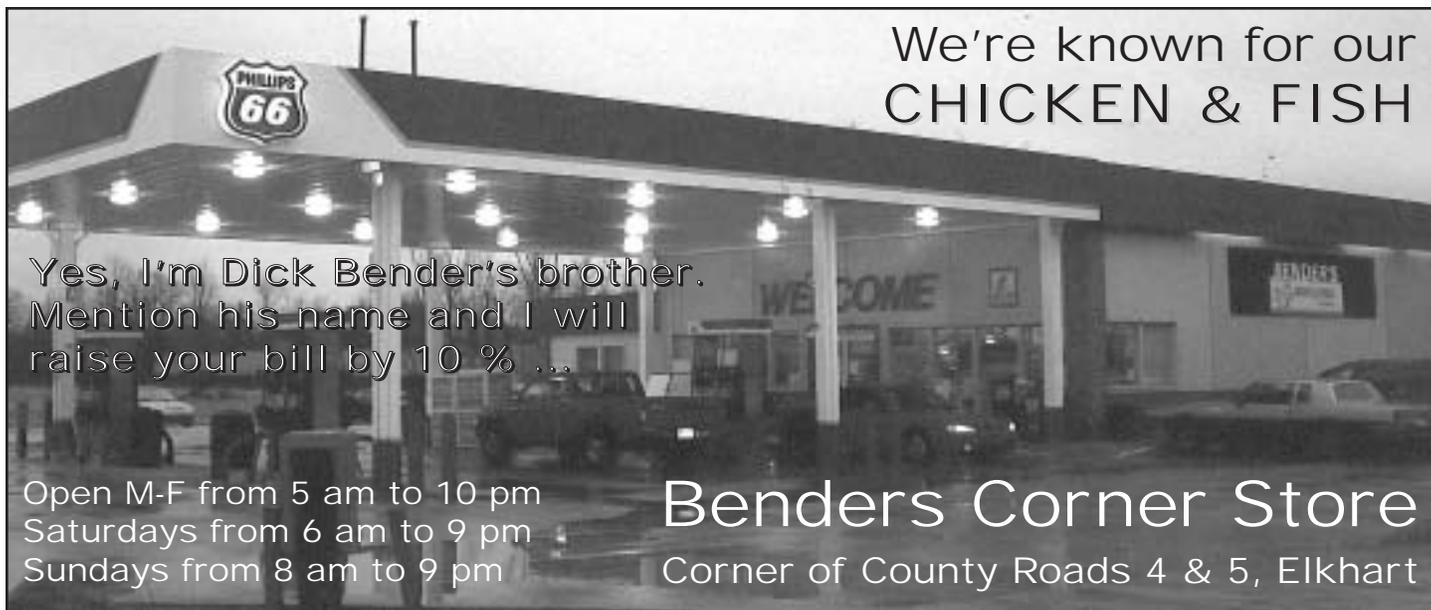
At the Birch Lake Yacht Club  
Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 6-8:00 p.m.  
Dinner at the Club - or - carry out  
**\$7 adults / \$5 kids 3-10 / \$0 toddlers**



alternate transport reduces parking congestion

Tickets must be purchased in advance (so the cooks can prepare enough for all diners). Tickets will be available at the Commodore's Party this weekend, at the Pancake Breakfast July 6<sup>th</sup>, and from volunteers around the lake who can help you make a reservation (watch this space for names / numbers).

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# Fleet Captains' Corner



## Weather or not to weather that is the question

There hasn't been much excitement in the sailing department here lately. Two weekends in a row without any sailboat races. The sailors are willing, but the weather just won't cooperate.

When it comes to the weather, sailors are a fussy bunch. We complain about the wind being too strong. Then when the wind dies down we grumble that it's too

calm to sail. Then when it picks up again we won't go out for fear of a few hailstones and lightning bolts.

We almost got some races in last Sunday, but not quite. Around 11:30 the wind started to pick up a little, and several sailors ventured out. Jim Bolinger took his boat out of mothballs for the first time this year, and Harold started to put the marks

out. Then the sky turned ugly and everyone headed for the hills.

Thanks to Bob Waddle and Stewart Spratt for volunteering to man the committee boat for last week's races.

See you all out on the water this Sunday at 11:00.

-Bill Luecht, fleet captain)

## A funny little story from a friend named Misha

Hi, my name is Misha and I am a one year young Siberian Husky. One of my favorite things in life is my human's garden hose. It's such fun to chew on - especially when my human is trying to sprinkle the garden and I can get water to squirt out through the holes I make.

One night when my human let me out to "do my business" I figured out how to turn on the water myself! Genius I am! It was great fun. I tugged and tugged on the hose and finally the faucet and pipe snapped off the back of the house.

Boy, did water spray out then! It was great! My human wasn't too happy though. She came out into the yard in her pajamas and nearly had a heart attack.

She made a couple of telephone

calls to plumbers and I heard her yelling at them about why they advertise that they have 24-hour service when they really don't have anybody around at 1:00am.

She went out to the curb to try to turn off the meter herself and couldn't do it. Finally, she had to call one of her male coworkers and wake him up so he could drive over to turn off the water.

This guy doesn't have dogs and he doesn't understand what my human sees in me. I had to buy him a nice bottle of wine out of my doggie treat fund to apologize for getting him out of bed.

The next day a plumber finally did show up, and boy was he impressed. He has Dalmatians, a breed that is unfairly credited with being the most ingenious and destructive. But he had to admit that even his dogs had never done what I

did. They only tore the siding off the house and real predictable stuff like that.

Oh yeah, now my human unscrews the hose from the faucet when she's finished using it. And she keeps it coiled in a big heavy clay thing that's hard for me to get into. She also nick named me her thousand dollar dog, what ever that means.

Yap at cha next week.

**Fido' Friend**



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# Tannadoonah Tidbits

**W**ow! It's the first week of camp, and things up here are CRAZY! We have a total of 85 campers this week, ranging from kindergarten up to 10th graders. Luckily we have 22 absolutely amazing counselors to keep everything running smoothly.

Thanks to the generosity of many Birch Lakers, we were able to give financial assistance (camperships) to 23 campers this week! I can hardly believe it! Five of these campers are student from South Bend Community schools who are receiving their camp funding from the St. Joseph County Community Foundation (a fund established last year for camperships).

Another 18 of these campers are students a Beardsley Elementary in Elkhart. With the help of Miss Sue (who teaches 3rd grade there), the vice-principal and the school social worker, they identified 18 very deserving youth and we raised enough funds to send all of them to camp! We have another 15 or so campers who have requested funding and we are working on getting all of them to camp, too.

We are up to a total of 362 campers, which is 11 more than last year's total! So our numbers are already a little up from last year, and we're still shooting for 450 campers. I



think we're going to have an amazing summer here. This year's staff is honestly one of the best staffs we have ever had up here at Camp Tannadoonah. I wish I could just keep them all forever! Just like last year, I'm going to devote a few paragraphs each week to telling you about some of our incredible staff members.

Ms. Sue Felix is my new assistant director this year. Ms. Sue was a camper at Tannadoonah and was even one of my counselors when I was a camper! She has been our CIT director for the past two summers, and this year she and her 3 children will be at camp all summer! Ms. Sue has an amazing amount of energy, and a real passion for Camp Tannadoonah.

Next we have the counselors living with the youngest girls (ages 6-9). This is Miss Catherine Laskowski's 2nd year as a counselor, and her 3rd as a member of the staff (she worked in our kitchen 2 years ago). Miss Catherine

just graduated from Mishawaka High School, and plans to attend Indiana University in the fall. This year, Miss Catherine is the director of our crafts program, and also leads the jewelry-making activity called "Bejeweled!"

Miss Jordan Perry will be a sophomore at Indiana University in the fall. She is a former volleyball and softball player from Elkhart, and is majoring in Elementary Education. Miss Jordan is heading up our Dance program, and also helping out at crafts. This year is her first time at Camp Tannadoonah.

Miss Emma Giorgio will be a senior at Penn High School in the fall, and is one of our 4 junior counselors this year. She was a camper and a CIT (Counselor in Training) at Camp Tannadoonah for the past 6 years. Miss Emma is one of our lifeguards, and will also be helping with our Bluebirds program, which means she spends most of her day helping the youngest kids get to their activities on time!

See you at the Pancake Breakfast! Remember all the funds will be going to camperships, so please help us give a lot of kids a chance to attend camp!

**-Miss Amber**

**Camp T Wish List:** Digital Cameras; Bicycles & Helmets; Water Heater(s)

## Birch Lake properties for sale

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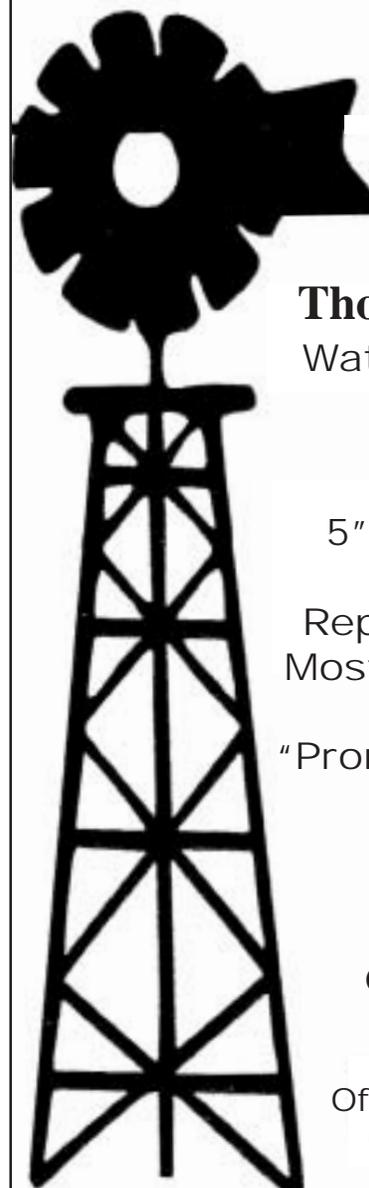
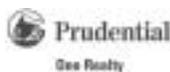


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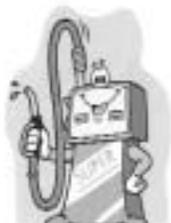
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## WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

**Water Quality Committee Lake Management Report**  
Rick Russwurm, Chairman. Terry Dugan. Bob & Gert Temple.

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### EURASIAN MILFOIL UPDATE

The Eurasian Milfoil was treated on Tuesday June 24<sup>th</sup>. The reason for the delay was due to a modification required to make in our DEQ Permit. The modification was necessary due to the form of chemical Tony Groves with Progressive AE had recommended. He recommended that the chemical be used in a granular form rather than liquid form which is more effective.

The Water Quality Committee has posted a sign at the landing cautioning about the Milfoil and the patch that has surfaced has been marked better. We will need to continue to avoid these spots until we are informed that it is safe to remove the markers. We continue to watch the other sites that have not yet surfaced. Please be aware of marked areas and stay clear of them and please caution your guests. Fishing boats and jet skis should also stay clear.

### Carlson's Trophic State Index, or TSI for Birch Lake

TSI was developed to compare lake data on water clarity, as measured by a Secchi disk, chlorophyll a, and total phosphorus. The TSI expresses lake productivity on a continuous numerical scale from 0 to 100, with increasing numbers indicating more eutrophic conditions. Long term monitoring on a consistent and regular basis will continue to provide data needed to recognize any change.

#### CARLSON'S TROPHIC STATE INDEX



	Total Phosphorus (ug/l)		TSI	Chlorophyll a (ug/l)					TSI	Secchi Disk (feet)	
	Spring	Overturn		May	June	July	Aug	Sept		Transparency	TSI
1999	10	8	34	2	5	1	3	4	43	30.0 Max	38
2000	7	8	34	5	2	1	2	3	37	24.0 Max	35
2001	9	7	32	5	2	2	2	3	37	29.0 Max	35
2002	10	3T	<27	2	1<	2	2	1	37	31.0 Max	34
2003	7	9	36	2.3	1.4	*	*	*		33.0 Max	34
2004	5	11	39	4.1	1.0<	2.6	2.8	2.8	41	43.0 Max	34
2005	6	6	30	2.2	2.2	3.7	2.7	2.6	40	32.0 Max	34
2006	3w	10	37	1.0	1.0	2.5	2.1	2.1	38	38 Max	33
2007	6	7	32	3.2	1.7	3.8	3.0	3.4	42	39 Max	34

Source: Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program Annual Summary Report  
Bob Temple is the lake sampler. He is the Lead Coordinator for the DEQ and is the Michigan Lake & Stream Associations representative for Birch Lake. If you have any questions and want additional data, please call Bob at 476-2773. Thank you.



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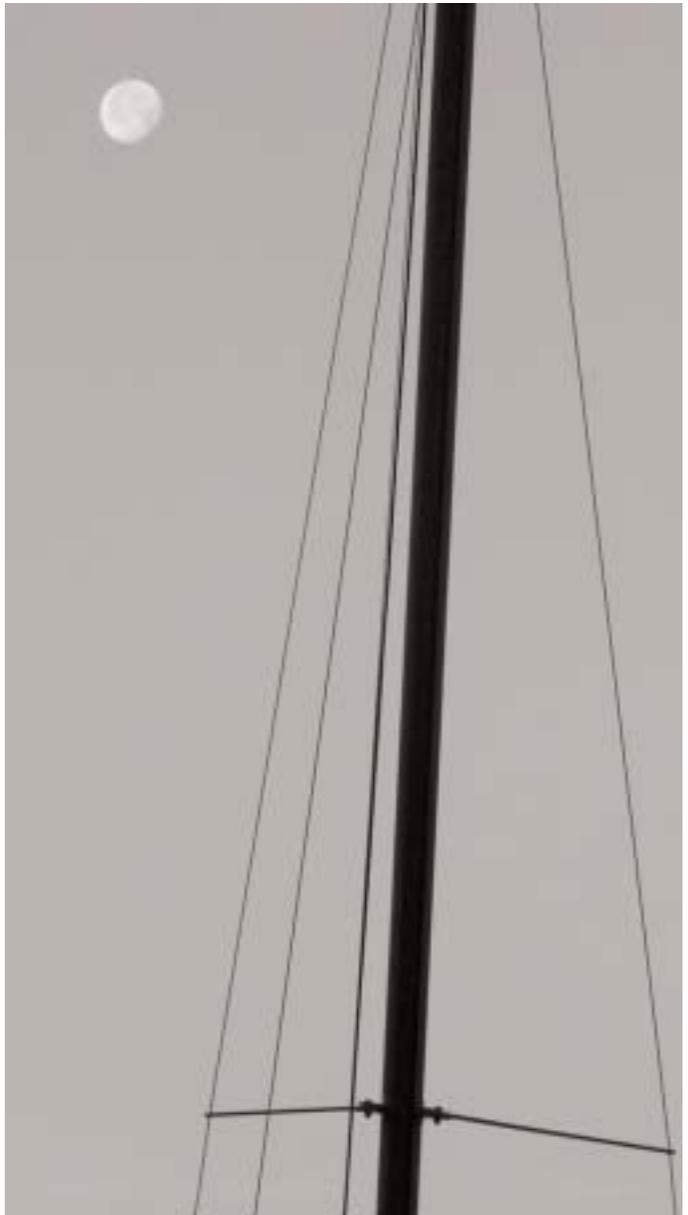
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Water dye / colorants	Cygnal Select	N/A - tracer	N/A	N/A	N/A

NOTE: User Date (month/year) Not for Use Application N/DEF - Unknown

Customer/Individual conducting treatment:  
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Permit Information:  
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Above is the notice posted along the East shore of Birch Lake where the Milfoil was chemically treated last week.

Mr. Bob (King, North side), sent this cool photo of a the moon shining over Birch Lake near the mast of an anonymous MC sailboat.

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# Stu's Star Stuff



## Planet viewing in 2008

**Mercury** — The solar system's smallest planet flits back and forth from morning sky to evening sky several times a year. It never strays far from the Sun in our sky, so it's tough to find in the glare. From the northern hemisphere, it is visible in the morning sky this year in March and April, July, and early November. The late-year appearance is the best, because the planet will stand highest above the horizon. In the evening, Mercury is best seen in January, May, late August through September, and mid-December. The May appearance is best.

**Venus** — Venus, the dazzling morning or evening star, outshines all the other stars and planets in the night sky. It begins the year in the morning sky, low in the east shortly before sunrise. It will disappear from view in early May. In mid-July Venus will reappear in the evening sky, where it stay for the rest of the year.

**Mars** — Mars begins the year as a brilliant orange star high in the east at sunset. As the year progresses, it will grow fainter, shining only about five percent as bright in late summer as in January. It will disappear in the Sun's glare by around mid-October. Mars and the star Regulus, the leading light of Leo, the lion, line up side by side Sunday night with orange

Mars to the right. They are separated by about one degree, the width of a finger held at arm's length. The planet Saturn stands a little to their upper left.

**Jupiter** — The largest planet in our solar system is a commanding presence in the night sky for much of the year. It looks like an intensely bright cream-colored star, shining brighter than anything else in the night sky except the Moon and Venus. It climbs into view in the pre-dawn sky in January. It rises earlier as the months go by, and moves into the evening sky in spring. Jupiter is at opposition in early July, when it appears brightest for the year and remains visible all night. Late in the year it is visible only in the evening sky, dropping lower each night.

**Saturn** — Saturn looks like a bright golden star. It spends the year in Leo, the lion, and for much of the year is close to Leo's "heart," the bright star Regulus. Saturn is at its best in late February, when it's closest to Earth. It disappears behind the Sun in July and August, then returns to view in the morning sky.

**Uranus** — Although it's the third-largest planet in the solar system, it's so far from the Sun that you need binoculars

to see it. It spends the year in the constellation Aquarius. It stages its best appearance in September.

**Neptune** — The fourth-largest planet in the solar system is so far away that you need a telescope to find it. Neptune is in the constellation Capricornus, and stages its best appearance in August.

*-Stu Spratt*



### The Moon tonight:

The moon for June 28 (at Midnight)  
Illuminated Fraction: 0.723  
2.2 days before last quarter

## Horoscope for Birch Lake

### ARIES

(Mar. 21- April 20 — Creative pursuits should payoff. Pushy people must be kept at arm's length. You will be accident prone if you aren't careful this week. Set a limit, or you'll wind up on a tight budget. — Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

### TAURUS

(Apr. 21- may 21 — Think twice before you pursue an unrealistic endeavor. Depression may be likely if you're away from home. Your passionate mood will be well received by your mate. Put all your energy into moneymaking ventures. — Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

### GEMINI

(May 22-June 21 — Help children with important projects. You need a day to rest and relax with the ones you love. Your partner may be somewhat irritable this week. You will be able to communicate well this week. — Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

### CANCER

(June 22-July 22 — Expressing yourself in novel ways should lead you down new avenues. You'll find it easy to deal with government agencies or large institutions. Romantic opportunities are evident if you get involved in large groups or organizations. Try to keep any mood swings under control; they may result in alienation. — Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

### LEO

(July 23-Aug 22 — You'll find it easy to talk about your feeling this week. Don't hesitate to find out what your mate's intentions are. Sit back. Talk to an older family member you have helped in the past. You will benefit by taking care of other people's concerns. — Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

### VIRGO

(Aug. 23 -Sept. 23 — Empty promises and a lack of cash may put a damper on your plans. Emotionally you won't see things accurately. Do not be surprised if your partner doesn't understand your needs. You could find yourself having problems with coworkers and employers. — Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

### LIBRA

(Sept. 24 -Oct. 23 — Be careful not to divulge secret information this week. Do your own thing and everything will settle down. Depression may put a damper on your day. Education may be the answer.

Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

### SCORPIO

(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 — Your attitudes are changing rapidly. Emotional relationships will be plentiful if you attend group activities. Look into alternate means of supporting your financial burdens. You can make excellent investments if you are in the right place at the right time. — Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 -Dec. 21 — Your confidence will stabilize your position. Any difficulties with peers could be unnerving. You can mix business with pleasure to get favorable results. Be cautious of making any residential changes this week.

Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

### CAPRICORN

(Dec 22.- Jan. 20 — You are best not to say too much to colleagues. Your desire for excitement and adventure may be expensive. You are best to be discreet. Take time to talk things over. Travel for business or pleasure. — Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

### AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21 -Feb. 19 — Real estate investments will payoff. Unforeseen changes in your location are apparent. You may want to make drastic changes concerning your personal partner. You may have problems with those you live with.

Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

### PISCES

(Feb. 20-Mar. 20 — Romance can develop; however, it will most probably be short-lived. You can convince others to follow suit. You could have a change of heart if an old flame waltzes back into your life. Help those incapable of taking care of their personal affairs. — Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

# BLYC CLASSIFIED ADS

## LOST

During one of the recent storms one of the treads on our pier stairs was torn off. If anyone finds a 2x6, approx. 40 inches long floating in the lake please call Spratts at 476-2113.

## FOUND:

**Found-Round silver earring** at the spring dinner. Call Mike Lutz 269/476-2843 or 269/207-1153.

**Pier Section Found** — If you are missing one section of your pier, call The Rogers in the Cove 476-2383.

If you are missing a **Ski-Doo air intake stack** please call 476-9862.

**Straw Hat** — Roma Went (hill) reported finding a straw hat on the lake. If it's yours, call her at 476-2454.

**Found — a life vest** from last weekend; call 476-9740.

## FOR SALE

**Love candles?** Like free stuff? Have a PARTYLITE CANDLE party. New summer catalog available offering candles, diffusers, gift ideas and great decorating ideas. Call your Birch Lake Partylite consultant, Patty Luecht at

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## WANTED

**Wanted: Birch Lake Rental for July 20 - 26.** Please call Gary at 309-360-8666.

**WANTED -- Mooring buoy.** Olson 476-2125.

**DESPERATE!!! for rental 7/25-7/27,8/1-8/3,or 8/8-8/10.** Mainly need sleeping spaces-other activities at our place. PLEASE call 269-476-9635 or 574-247-1062. Ask for Ilene Golden-

## MISC.

**Thank you to the Kellys** in the Cove for finding and returning our kayak paddle.

-The Freihofers

**Needed: Committee Boat Volunteers!** Great dates still available. Great dates still available. Sign up now, before these dates are gone!!!! Spend time on the lake working on your tan and help the

sailors at the same time. Call Bad Patty, 476-2615.

## SERVICES

**Lawn Service and Odd Jobs** — Call Spencer Bouwkamp at Birch Lake, 476-1001

**Propane for grills** — Bill Butler will pick up, fill and drop off propane canisters for grills for \$17/tank. Call Bill at 476-9905

## Want to place an ad in the BIRCH BARKER?

**Classified ads are free for paid members of the Birch Lake Yacht Club; Non-members pay \$5.** Drop or mail classified ads to 63174 Birch Road, or e-mail: sailorphil@philvital.com

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