

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Pam Mullin takes the helm as new Commodore

On Saturday evening at the Fall Dinner, Stan Pitakos passed the Commodore's flag to me. He is going to be a tough act to follow and I hope I can do half as well as he did. I know he will be there if I should need him for whatever reason. Thank you just doesn't seem enough Stan, but thank you good friend. And like the saying goes, behind every man stands a good woman — thank you Karen for all your work this past season.

For all those who attended the Fall Dinner, thank you. It was filled with great conversation, delicious food and it was wonderful to see everyone and meet those who I didn't know (or thought I didn't know until I put the face with the name). I have to thank the following who made the Fall Dinner the success it was: Carol Freihofer and Sandy Baucus for transforming the Dining Hall into the elegant hall we all enjoyed; Deb Taghon (with Stu's help I am sure) for the delicious appetizers and my family: Rich, Matt, Sarah, Ronan, along with Beth Murphy, who helped with set up and clean up.

I am amazed by the generosity of all of you who are so willing to give of your time. Many of you have already offered to chair an event of some type. Believe me, it is much appreciated.

Speaking of someone willing to give of their time, I am honored to announce Chas Grundy as your Vice Commodore. Chas and Amber, along with Avery and new sister- or brother-to-be, are residents on the hill. I am looking forward to



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08/28/11

Thanks to Mr. Bob for the great composite of last weekend's sailing ...

2011 BLYC Calendar

Sat, Sun 11 am.....Labor Day Regatta
Monday 11 amRegatta rain date
Mon, 10 am/2:30 pmSailing Awards
Mon. Sept. 5.....Sailing Awards
Sat, Sept. 10.....Board Meeting 9 am
Sat, Sept. 17-24Game / Card Party
Sat, October 8.....Annual Chili Cook Off

2012 TENTATIVE CALENDAR ITEMS

Sat. June 304th of July Fireworks
Sun. July 1Pancake Breakfast

**NOTE: ALL dates and times are subject to change.
Watch the Barker for updates!**

The 2012 Calendar of events will be updated regularly in the **ONLINE BARKER**, which will be produced monthly beginning in October ... to sub-

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working with Chas in the coming year. Please make sure you congratulate him and wish him the best of luck when you see him around the lake.

At our annual meeting, all the attendees at the dinner unanimously approved Patty Luecht and Denise Smitley to the Board. Mike Sheffieck will step into the role of Secretary as Sandy Vitale has stepped down after many years as the Secretary. Thank you Sandy, for an outstanding job. Thank you also to Bob Baucus, Holly Troeger, Scott Troeger, Rick Russwurm, Karen Brovold and Steve Quinlan who all agreed to commit to another term on the Board.

Good things are coming for the next year and because time seems to be on fast-forward, Summer of 2012 will be upon us before we know it. Before we close out this summer, we still have the Game/Card Party on Saturday, September 17th and the Annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, October 8th. Look for details in next weeks Birch Barker on these events. Saturday, Sept. 10 9 am, will be our final director's meeting of the season.

I am sure as soon as I send this article to Phil, I will think of other items I should have put in, if so, I will make sure they get in the next Birch Barker.

Until then, here's to Smooth Sailing....

-2012 Commodore, Pam Mullin



The Company holiday program

Before the first Jingle Bell, turkey carving, or Ho Ho Ho, "The Company" gets you into the Holiday spirit with their annual "Singin' and Dancin' into the holidays," this year aptly named, "A Merry Como Christmas." Shows will be on Nov. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19. Curtain time is 8 pm, with a 7:30 warm-up. Ticket Prices are \$10 for seniors, and \$11 for adults and children.

Shows will be at the Battell Center Theatre, 904 North Main Street, Mishawaka, IN. For information or to reserve tickets call 574-243-7704, or check the www.thecompanyplayers.com

Tickets will be available at the Battell Center from 9-5, or at the door.

Farewell Appreciation

We would like to invite everyone up to Tom's for a Farewell Appreciation on Monday Sept. 5, from 10 am to 3 pm.

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-Becky Beers

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A Close Call

Sometimes luck can play a big part in your life!

As a young horse lover in my early veterinary school days, I found that horses can vary a lot in temperament. Some are congenial and easy to manage, but others can be as cantankerous as the dickens. Some don't respond nearly as well to being ridden as we envision. They are indispensable to a cowboy hero. I rode a polo pony in a college equitation class and he was great. I learned a great deal about horses from him! In the beginning of learning how to handle a polo pony, I FELL OFF A LOT!! Never was injured. Each time I landed on the ground during maneuvers, he would patiently stand by until I got up and back into the saddle. He neck-reined beautifully. I looked forward to seeing him on my weekly day in class.

The last week of class, we had to ride around the race track a few times to exercise the horses. As we cantered around, there was a tree branch overhanging the track about halfway around. As I went under, my head just missed the branch. I felt it brush my hair. I thought, "Whew, that was a little too close for comfort". Back at the paddock, I forgot all about it. However, the next week, my chemistry professor was riding under the same tree. He was slightly taller than me and his head hit that branch. He was killed instantly. At that point I suddenly realized what a close call I'd had the previous week.

-Duffy Dufour

Thanks for all the help

For a lot of people the Birch Barker has become a Birch Lake tradition over the years, and I've received a lot of kind notes from my friends and neighbors ... but it is important to remember that the Barker is a group effort, with dozens of people involved in writing and producing the regular columns and features, the occasional and even the one-time contributors, and all of the folks who do the picking up and delivering of the papers and dealing with the logistics and accounting ...

so, to all of the great people who helped produce, ferry, distribute and deliver the Birch Barker this summer, a big **THANK YOU** from the bottom of my heart!

-pv



Thanks to Mr. Bob for the cool bumble bee photo (with the sailboat quarter thrown in for scale (who would have thought Bob would use a quarter with a sailboat on it?))

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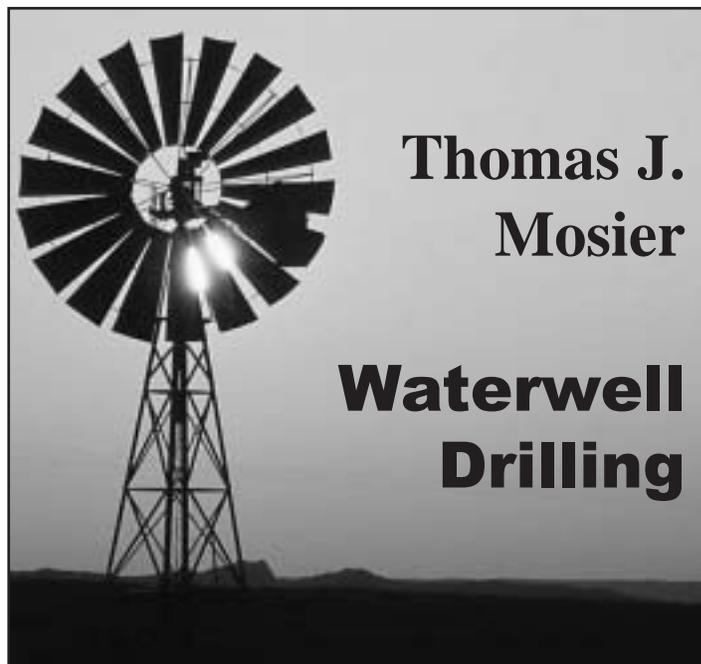
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— Barker kids of the Week —



That's Linda Curtis (east side) cruising around Birch Lake with Barker Kids of the Week, Jack & Lola.

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Camp Tannadoonah

Thank You!

The Silent Auction event for Camp Tannadoonah on Saturday night was a huge success, thanks to the generosity of all of our Birch Lake neighbors! We raised \$7700 at the auction, and received an additional donation of \$300 to round it up to \$8000 total. Wow! The top two items in the auction were the Bears Club Seats and Parking Pass (which went for \$1001) and the dinner for 8 at Camp Tannadoonah (which went for \$1000).

Thank you to everyone who donated items and who bid on items! We had a grand total of 66 items up for bid, and 61 individuals who either donated something to be auctioned off, or who won an item in the auction. We are so very grateful for all the support from this community!

Also thank you for everyone who helped at Camp this year — at work days, or running programs for the campers, or donating decorations for our themed weeks, serving on committees for fundraisers, and all the other ways people have assisted us over the past year!

We had a great year at Camp, and we're looking forward to more fun events this fall. Don't forget that we have our Fall Camp and Family Camp weekend

September 23-25. Families who attend will get a cabin or room in a cabin for their family. We provide the meals and activities led by our counselors throughout the weekend. Plus you'll get some awesome family time! The cost is \$100 for a family of 2, and \$25 for each additional family member (kids 4 and under are free!). If you can't bring your family, but have a child or grandchild who wants to attend the Fall Camp weekend, the cost is \$75 per child (ages 5-16) who attend without a parent.

Also coming up is our Camp Fire Outdoor Training. It's scheduled for September 17th from 10am to 3pm at Camp. Outdoor Training is a Camp Fire program designed to teach kids about

hiking, trail blazing, outdoor cooking, pocket knife safety, and other valuable outdoor skills. Campers will learn to build a fire, prepare their lunch over the fire, go for a hike, learn how to pack a first aid kit and hiking pack, and more! And the cost is just \$5 for the day.

Of course we will have our usual fall work days throughout October and November, so keep an eye out for announcements about those dates and times!

For those who aren't here year-round, I hope that everyone has a wonderful year, and can't wait to see you all back at the lake in the spring! And for the rest of the year-rounders, hope to see you all often this winter!



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Water Quality Committee Report

Dissolved Oxygen/Temperature Profiles of Birch Lake

Over the last few months we have provided information on three properties for which we regularly check the waters of our lake. Previous articles described the results over time of our sampling for transparency, phosphorous, and chlorophyll(a). They, like the test(s) discussed below, are all done as part of the Cooperative Lakes Management Program (CLMP), which is sponsored jointly by the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association, the State of Michigan, and Michigan State University, among others.

The fourth area for which we regularly (monthly in this case) gather and log data for the CLMP allows us to determine the dissolved oxygen and temperature profile of the column of water at the deepest part of the lake. This involves the use of a special meter and sensor from which we are able to obtain readings at defined depths for both temperature and oxygen levels. We share the equipment with both Corey and Eagle lakes. Like the other tests, it is really another way to look at productivity (the rate at which biomass, consumable as food by other organisms, is made) in a lake and how that productivity is affecting the quality of the lake.

An initial fact that needs to be remembered in this discussion is that the density, or weight per unit of volume, of water changes with temperature. Water weighs the most at about 4C or 39F. Above that temperature water weighs less and will thus float on the denser water. In the spring and after a few days following ice out, the lake will be found to have the same temperature from the top to the bottom, i.e. 4C. Without any layering the strong spring winds permit mixing of the lake from top to bottom. Since oxygen is dissolved into the water at the surface, this oxygen rich water then becomes equally distributed throughout the depth of the lake. Measuring oxygen levels in early April will show the same amount of oxygen at 90 feet as at 1 foot. With sun and increasing warmth, the waters at the surface become less dense and thus provide a floating layer that increases in thickness with the advancing season.

This warmer floating layer prevents the further mixing of the lake due to wind and storms. (Think of oil on water.) Thus the oxygen in the deep part of the lake is not replenished until the fall when the surface waters become cooler and denser and then sink, producing turnover and mixing again.

The rate that oxygen is lost from the depths of the lake are a measure of productivity, and also health. As oxygen is lost, it might provide sterile places in which fish can no longer exist, especially fish requiring colder temperatures. Oxygen is both lost and gained due to algae production. The algae will produce oxygen in the upper layers of the lake, but this will not mix with the denser colder waters. As algae grow, they also die and sink to the bottom of the lake where they are degraded by bacteria that use oxygen for that purpose. The oxygen that is in the depths is used up in that process. With oxygen depletion, some minerals, that are in precipitate form, coupled with, when in the presence of, oxygen, now dissolve out, and a key one is phosphorous. Thus, if we have increased productivity due to phosphorous that is in the lake, the oxygen depletion that occurs with algae die off can actually lead to a further increase in phosphorous levels. This is not the type of cycle we want to see, and another reason to minimize potential phosphorous input into the lake (i.e. fertilizers, etc.)

In a deep lake such as ours, it is inevitable that the oxygen will be depleted during the summer months. However, what we want to see over the years is that there is no pattern of increasing rates at which this depletion



occurs. We have only been doing this for a few years, so our recorded history is brief. A key is that even in a very warm summer like this, we still have good oxygen levels down to almost 60 feet on August 13. As a comparison, a few days prior to this, Corey Lake had virtually no oxygen below 30-35 feet. We have produced a graph of the August 13 data to give you an idea of what it looks like at this point. We would expect to see further degradation into September. Please note the temperature layering effect is most noticeable from 25 feet and above.

A little phenomenon that is observed here is that the oxygen levels actually are highest in the slightly cooler waters between 20-30 feet where sunlight still penetrates. This is due to some cooler loving algae that grows well at this elevation and produces abundant oxygen, in excess of what can be obtained at the surface.

Editor's Note: Because of an incompatibility of computer programs the chart that was to have accompanied this article could not be reproduced. We hope to be able to post the chart with the first ONLINE BARKER when it is published in October.



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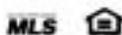
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A great day to sail

Last Sunday we had perfect sailing conditions. Not too hot or cold — both wind speeds and temperature. There were shifts, but not too extreme or swirly. The committee boat was positioned perfectly with a nice wide starting line and held anchor for all three races. The course was long, allowing for a chance to pass by identifying a wind shift or playing a favored side of the course. It was a great day to sail.

It was also the last sailing day I can write about as this is my final column as Fleet Captain. I'm turning over my post to Stewart Spratt who has graciously volunteered to be your 2012 Fleet Captain. In his capable hands, I'm sure next season will be a success.

So far this year, we've had 21 different sailors participate in the races. Not all have had enough races for a place in the final season standings. Completing 2/3 of all races is necessary to qualify. I've trimmed the weekly results to only show sailors who have an opportunity reach that level. If your one of the sailors with 13 races, you need to complete 5 this weekend.

Even if you haven't sailed yet this season, feel free to come on out for the Labor Day Regatta. We will plan on racing both Saturday and Sunday. Monday will be the rain date if we cannot sail on one of those two days. All start times are the same as normal: 11 am with Noon backup if we have to wait for the wind to arrive. As a reminder, just like the 4th of July Regatta, the regatta will be scored two ways and will be included in the season standings.

The end of the season sailors' meeting and awards ceremony will be held on Labor Day at 10 am unless we race that day. If so, it will be at 2:30 in the afternoon as I'll need a few minutes to crunch the scores and prepare the award certificates. Everyone is welcome to attend.

I want to thank Karen Brovold, Good Patti Russwurm and Steve Plaia for running the committee boat again. So far this season, Thirty-three people have volunteered for the committee boat (plus my pup Wrigley). When I first accepted for this job, being able to find someone to run the races every weekend was my biggest concern. I'm grateful to all who've given a morning

Committee Boat Schedule	
Sept. 3 (Regatta).....	Steve and Julie Plaia
Sept. 4 (Regatta).....	Karen Brovold/Plaia
Sept. 5 (Rain Date)	Karen Brovold

of their time to allow us to sail. Thank you again for your help.

I also want to thank Harold Cranmer for setting out and retrieving the marks every sailing day. I've valued his experienced counsel regarding race postponements and cancellations. While helping him set the marks, he's shown me how to recognize the changing wind conditions approaching over the water. Learning from him is one of the reasons my sailing has improved over the past few years.

Finally, I want to thank My Lovely Bride for all of her help. From arranging the committee boat volunteers, proof reading my columns, to purchasing supplies, she's always there to support me and the Birch Lake community. Thanks for everything you've done.

For the last time as Fleet Captain, see you at the starting line...

Fleet Captain Jeff

-Fleet Captain Jeff

2011 Sailing Season Results

Date.....	28-Aug.....	28-Aug.....	28-Aug.....	Total	Season.....	Races.....%
Race.....	20.....	21.....	22.....	Points.....	Average.....	Finished..... Finished
MC Scow.....						22
Scott Troeger #1489.....	1.....	1.....	DNS.....	29243.....	1539.....	19.....86.4%
Jeff Smitley #2002.....	2.....	2.....	1.....	32809.....	1491.....	22.....100.0%
Bob King #1199.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	18029.....	1387.....	13.....59.1%
Bill Luecht #1579.....	4.....	8.....	3.....	27134.....	1357.....	20.....90.9%
Harold Cranmer #1991/2412.....	8.....	3.....	2.....	29326.....	1333.....	22.....100.0%
Dave Olson #1979.....	5.....	4.....	5.....	17168.....	1321.....	13.....59.1%
Phil Vitale #500.....	6.....	6.....	4.....	29006.....	1318.....	22.....100.0%
Gib Eberhart #916.....	7.....	7.....	7.....	23353.....	1229.....	17.....77.3%
Tom Howard #1713.....	3.....	5.....	6.....	20532.....	1208.....	19.....86.4%
Sunfish.....						22
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue).....	1.....	1.....	2.....	31684.....	1584.....	20.....90.9%
Stewart Spratt.....	2.....	2.....	1.....	19862.....	1528.....	13.....59.1%
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow).....	3.....	3.....	3.....	29608.....	1410.....	21.....95.5%

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 not counted toward minimum number of races needed.

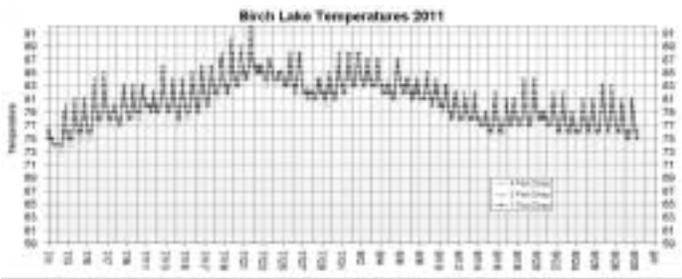
CB - sailor who serves on Committee Boat receives their season average place as of that date - counted toward season total.

Season Points are awarded on Square of 40 system (1st = 40 squared = 1600, 2nd = 39 squared, etc.)

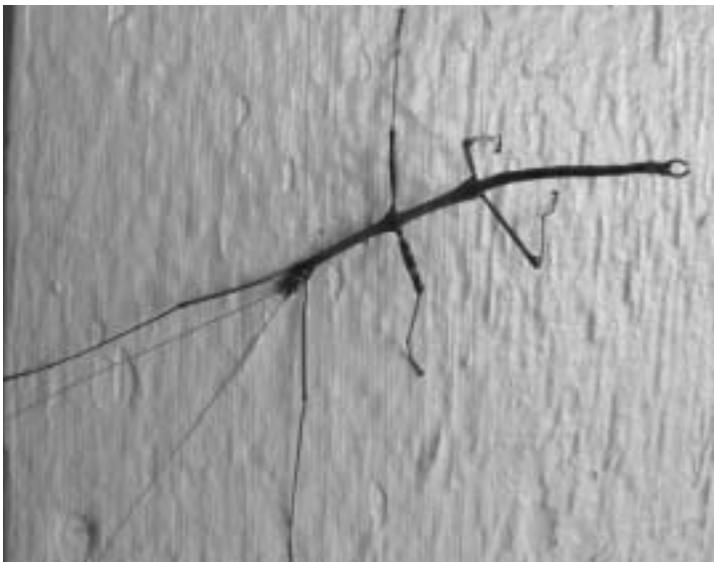
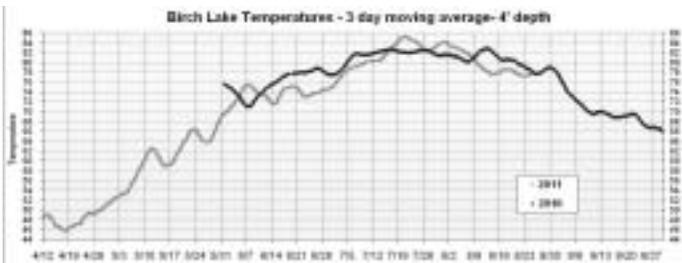
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Crew - Counted toward completed races. Points go to skipper of boat.





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Sadly, this IS the end. We've come to the end of our Birch Barker season. In the past we've looked at how the Earth will end. We know that the sun, as it uses up it's last bit of fuel, will expand to what we know as a red giant, with it's outer layers engulfing Earth and extending out as far as the orbit of Mars. Our oceans will boil and evaporate and what's left will be burned beyond recognition and even existence.

Before that happens though we mere mortals will have figured out how to carry on on another world some-

where.

But what about the rest of the universe? Will it ever end?

Not all scientists agree, and of those who think so, not all agree on just how.

First, how did it all begin? And who runs the place?

I think we'll save discussion on the first question for the beginning of next year's Barker season. As for the Ruler of the Universe, well, my intent isn't to turn this column into a theology discussion, but let's just say that the Ruler of the Universe is entirely skeptical that he holds this position, as he is entirely skeptical of everything, including whether his cat, The Lord, really exists, or whether there is even a universe at all outside of his small isolated home. (credit D. Adams - Hitchhiker's Guide to the

Galaxy)

For the end of the universe we offer four competing possibilities, of varying likelihood — a Big Crunch (recollapse), a Big Rip (the universe is torn apart), or either of two types of Big Chill (a long, slow fade-out).

In the Big Crunch we have gravity winning the struggle with the universe's current expansion, causing the universe to contract, collapsing to an infinitely dense point, or black hole. Should this happen (thought to be unlikely for reasons too lengthy to go into here) it might trigger another Big Bang (a scenario called a Big Bounce) with a new universe starting up and a new phase of expansion/contraction.)

The Big Rip has expansion ever increasing to near the speed of light, resulting in a truly spectacular ending that would occur in just a few billion years' time. Matter will be ripped apart with incredible rapidity in the later stages. Galaxy clusters will begin to disintegrate, followed by galaxies themselves, then stars and planets will fall apart and finally atoms.

This sounds dire, but not considered to be one of the more likely endings, given what is known about dark matter.

A Big Chill seems to be the favored outcome. In this scenario the universe continues to expand and there are

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two scenarios. One in which the expansion gradually slows and a modified one whereby it speeds up (thought the most likely). Either way, the universe undergoes a slow fade-out. As galaxies exhaust their supply of gas to make new stars existing stars will degenerate to black dwarfs and black holes. Atoms disintegrate to elementary particles and the temperature of the universe will approach absolute zero. But this won't likely take place for a trillion more years.

Not something I'm going to lose sleep over. Don't you lose sleep either. If you do, just go outside and enjoy the show. It's free all winter. We'll see you back here next year.

-Stu Spratt

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ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Business trips will be more productive than trying to fight the red tape facing you. You will be able to enlist the help of colleagues who believe in your ideas. Your high enthusiasm will be sure to inspire anybody around you. You will do well in social settings, and new and interesting individuals may spark a romantic curiosity. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- may 21) You are best to do your research before taking on such a venture. Don't hesitate to voice your opinions when it comes to matters pertaining to work. You will meet potential new mates through business. Use your inventiveness to find solutions. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Someone you live with may feel totally neglected. You can persuade even the toughest opponents to think your way. Don't overspend on entertainment, on children, or make poor investments. Lighten up your serious attitude. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Try to compromise rather than having an all out battle. You will be attracted to unusual forms of entertainment and foreign cultures. You must act quickly. A romantic infatuation from your past may surface if you frequent places that you both used to go. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You really can't do anything to change matters this week. Be sure to think twice before you say something that might hurt your partner's feelings. Confusion at an emotional level will cause you to make wrong decisions concerning your personal life. If they don't want to get involved, work by yourself. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Spend time by yourself to avoid any conflicts with family members. You are best to work behind the scenes on projects that require detail or precision. Make sure any presentation you have is ready. False information from someone trying to start problems is likely. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You should feel a little more stable about your position; however, don't be surprised if a job offer comes your way. You need to refrain from being the generous one in the group. Concentrate on work and on making money. Changes in your home environment may cause friction. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You could do extremely well in competitive sports events. Love can be heightened if you sit down and discuss your future plans. Your health may have suffered due to neglect or abuse. Try not to be too harsh with loved ones; there will always be two sides to an Issue. Your lucky day this week will be

Wednesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Don't blame every thing on your mate. Art investment will pay big dividends in the long term. You will have a problem dealing with groups. Be sure to think twice before you say something that might hurt your partner's feelings. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) You could come into extra cash. Don't let someone you work with put words in your mouth. This is a great day to beautify your living quarters or to entertain at home. Try to mix business with pleasure while traveling. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Curb or cut out that bad habit you've been meaning to do something about. You need to concentrate on solving existing problems. You have more energy than the rest of the people you live with anyway. Move into a leadership position if you are determined to do so. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You may find travel to be most rewarding. You can make changes to your home that will be pleasing to all concerned. Arguments with employers or colleagues will be to your detriment. Don't let coworkers interfere with your objectives. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

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~Birch Lake Recipes~

Simple but delicious cheese ball



With the Holiday weekend here and company arriving, this yummy cheese ball will help fill the gap between meals. Serve with assorted crackers.

Ingredients

- 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 3 1/2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 (1 ounce) package Ranch-style dressing mix
- 2 cups chopped pecans
- 4 pecan halves

Directions

In a large bowl, mix together cream cheese, Cheddar cheese, and dressing mix. Form into one large ball or two smaller balls. Roll in chopped pecans to coat surface. Decorate

the top with pecan halves. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours, or overnight.

— BIRCH LAKE WORDSEARCH —

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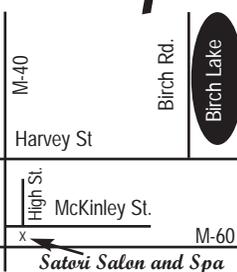
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Lost - **Grandkids favorite beach toy, a red-orange tupperware "rain bucket"** (6" plastic bucket with holes in the bottom). Floated away sometime in July on the West side of the lake. Call Quinlan's at 476-8802 if you found it.

FOUND

One white pontoon bumper washed up after storm, Lacy's #98 (south side)

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