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Birch Barker

Weekend of September 1, 2012

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Bidding
farewell
to a
great
(but HOT)
summer!

Thanks to Mr. Bob for the cool Upside-Down pic of the neighbors in the early morning haze ...

Commodore's Comments

Well, it's officially here: my reign of terror begins — that is, the terrible rain of puns, appeals for member renewals, and awful Dr. Seuss-inspired verse.

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Fall Dinner last weekend. We had 95 guests and enjoyed delicious food from The Skillet and beautiful flowers from the Wozniaks. It was great seeing so many new faces, even if it's just because I hadn't had the good fortune to meet you until then. Thanks to everyone who helped make the evening possible.

Thank you to Pam and Rich Mullin, our outgoing commodore and her husband, for all their work this year. And thanks for being such fun and generous

people.

Thanks to Stewart Spratt, Fleet Captain, for providing perfect winds and an entertaining column this summer. Good luck to the sailors this weekend.

Thanks to all of the Birch Lake Yacht Club directors and officers for their service and dedication to the lake and community.

Thanks to Amber's parents, Bill and Sherry Holleman, for their support all summer. They make it possible for Amber and me to spend so much of our time doing what we love — volunteering around the lake, working at Camp, and spending time with so many wonderful friends. And I know Avery and Elyse sure love having them around!

Please welcome our new vice-commodore Patty Luecht and new fleet captain Mike Lutz. May your sails and

Flamingo Rooms be full!

Be sure to get your Birch Lake directory and 2013 calendars — and

2012 BLYC Calendar

Sept. 8Sailing Awards
Sept. 15 or 25Game Night/Card Party
Sept. 25Patti Russwurm's 50th Birthday
Oct. 6Annual Chili Cook-Off

Board Meetings - 9 am (Saturdays)

Sept. 8

Sailing Regattas

Labor Day weekend

Note: The 2013 Calendar of Events will be published in the Online Barker as soon as it is available.

The Birch Barker is accepting materials for publication. E-mail your materials to sailorphil@philvitale.com, put the items in the stone newspaper/mailbox at my home, 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore), mail to Phil Vitale, 102 So. Broadway, Cassopolis, MI 49031, or fax to (269) 445-9200.

Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want photos or any other materials returned. To contact me by phone, call (269) 476-1680 or (269) 445-9200, or contact BLYC Commodore Chas Grundy at 574-968-7022 or Chas.grundy@gmail.com. --Phil Vitale, editor

— Birch Lake Notes —

thank our volunteers for helping distribute them. We also have Birch Lake sweatshirts and towels available.

Finally, I've put in the request for perfect weather again next year. There's no guarantee we'll get approved but luckily, there's never a bad day at Birch Lake.

~*Commodore Chas*

2013 Birch Lake Calendars

2013 Birch Lake Calendars are now available! They are \$15 each, and feature stunning photography from Birch Lakers. Pick one up from Carla Chester (East), Vickie Rogers (Cove), or Sue Williams (South). Special thanks to Linda Yoshizawa for taking the lead on this project, as well as our super-secret selection squad.

Bolingers win Commodore Award Congratulations to Deb and Jim

Bolinger for receiving the Commodore Award at the Fall Dinner last Saturday evening. Their names will be displayed on the Commodore's Award plaque at the Yacht Club and they will receive a token of our appreciation.

Congratulations Deb and Jim.

~*Past Commodore Pam*

Birch Lake Directory

The new directories are out and they are as bright as an HRP shirt! All residents will receive a free directory;



Thanks to Mr. Bob for the floating leaf art

extra copies are \$5 each. Our hotshot delivery team will be distributing directories over the next week, so keep an eye out. Many thanks to Celia Fallon for spearheading this Herculean task.

Bumbley Bees

Last call for all you PWC riders. Let's rally at the public landing on Monday, Labor Day at 11 am for a lap or two together. How cool to see an armada racing around the lake. And imagine the sound! Giddy up. Let's go. See you

out there.

Labor Day Open House

Dennis and Claudia Phipps invite everyone to an Open House on Monday, September 3, from 2-8 pm at their home, 14719 Kiloqua Woods Lane (north shore). Drop by to meet Granny Helen, party and see the reno!

Events planned at VFW Post 2284, 69946 M-62 South, Edwardsburg
■ Sunday, Sep 9 — AYCE Breakfast

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Buffet 8:30 am — 11:30 am (\$6)

■ Saturday, Sep 15 — Ladies Auxiliary Annual Hog Roast — 2 - 8 pm (\$7) Bring the family and enjoy lots of good food, fun, door prizes and raffles.

■ Every Friday — Burgers & Brats, 5 - 8 pm

■ Oktoberfest — Saturday, Oct. 20 from Noon till Midnight.

Lots of great fun planned with plenty of German food, great music, games and prizes.

The Birch Barker

This is the last printed Birch Barker of the season. The Barker has been brought to you by the Birch Lake Yacht Club, courtesy of the advertisers, the content providers, and the great delivery staff. Thanks to all of the regular columnists, writers, photographers and content providers. Thanks to the great crew who braved a seriously hot summer to deliver the Barker to our doorsteps every week. And special thanks to Fred Freihofer for picking up the Barkers at the printer each

week and to Barb Zesinger for doling them out to the delivery folks. Assuming that the BLYC Board approves, the Online Barker will begin in October, and will be published every month until May. For more information contact Phil Vitale by email at sailorphil@philvitale.com or by phone at 476-1690.



— Water Quality —

A Call to Arms #2

Two weeks ago the Barker included an article detailing some possible concerns with long term preservation of Birch Lake's water level.

Establishment and maintenance of a continuous program of monitoring and recording lake water levels with corresponding weather data was suggested by a number of "experts" as a good first step to protect the most important ingredient of our shared jewel. For example, someday we may be able to interpolate that data with available information on area agricultural wells, draw some conclusion and perhaps even help effect some changes, if needed.

A call was made for volunteers to participate in this project. While it might surprise you, to date none have come forth and revealed their identities (to me anyway). So, it sounds like you needn't be concerned about being overwhelmed and minimalized by the masses who have already stepped forward. Isn't that a relief?

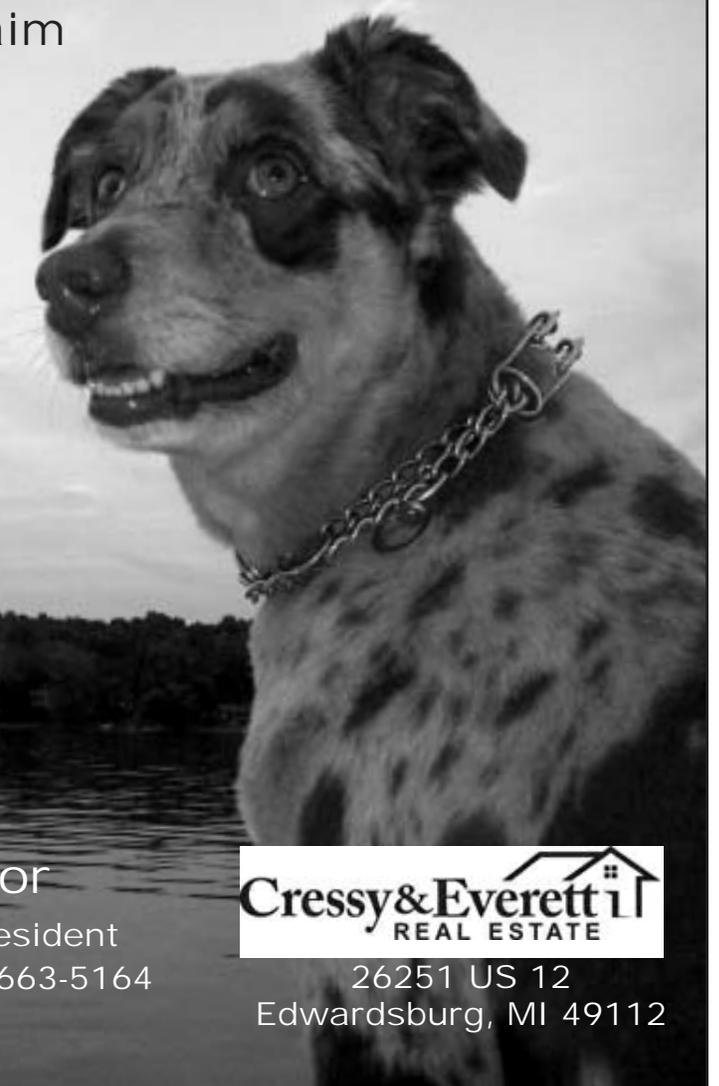
If that knowledge, or any other reason, motivates you to learn more about this opportunity to serve in a meaningful way, please contact Paul Fallon (East side, 476-1467) before too much time expires.

Don't miss your chance to get in on the ground floor of this project dealing with elevated water!



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— Barker Kids of the Week —



My annual reconnect with the lake — Lisa (Sanders) Lyles (east side), Melrose, MA



Mullin, Matt and Boyo (north shore) ... thanks to Mr. Bob for the pic.



At left are, from left, new Vice Commodore “Bad” Patty Lutz, new Fleet Captain Mike Lutz, Photo Interloper “Almost Old” Patty Russwurm, Past Commodore Pam Mullin and 2013 Commodore Chas Grundy. Thanks to Bill Luecht for the photo.

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"The Company" to present "Singin' and Dancin' into the Holidays, A Merry Como Christmas"

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Box office and doors open at; 6 pm. Curtain time: 8 pm with a 7:30 warmup

Contact: Wendy Como, 574-243-7704
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 www.thecompanyplayers.com

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" aptly named "A Merry Como Christmas," because it features descendants of the famous crooner, Perry Como. Melanie Como-Dits, Wendy Como, and Paige Como, are granddaughters, and new addition to the production is his great-granddaughter Abigail Como. As of 1985, daughter Melanie has directed and headed these productions.

The event will feature the best, most professional vocalists in town and perform beautiful tight harmonies that take months to perfect. This year, "A Merry Como Christmas" brings back highlights from the men performing their favorite homage to the Rat Pack and the Jersey Boys! All of the vocal material will take you on a stroll down memory lane. This year there are many surprises, included is a favorite of a huge pair of singing, glittery lips, the ever popular light up Christmas tree, and of course, back by popular demand, the three headed Santa!

They have been in rehearsal since June. This show is a new production every year highlighting



new soloists and new songs! The name is the same, but the performances are brand new. Their troop of dancers will add just the right touch of energy and excitement, performing great music from the past decade as well as your rock-n-roll favorites. The musicians will take center stage in the show with highlights from the horn and reed sections, the drummer, and keyboard

player will interact with the singers, and four guitaristists who will appear on stage to demonstrate their talents.

Costuming takes center stage, as "The Company" prides itself in its flashy costumes and lightning fast costume changes for the entire cast.

This holiday production is as close to Vaudeville, with a touch of the spirit of cabaret as you will find in the Midwest! "The Company" tries to make you feel like

you are a part of their "family." So they include you in little jokes going on on stage. They would like you to feel like you have left the real world and are part of the magic that happens in the theatre! They are proud to share this with you and hope you will accept this as their early holiday Present to you!
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Aboard this tiny ship.*

*The mate was a mighty sailing man,
The skipper brave and sure.
Five passengers set sail that day
For a three hour tour, a three hour tour.*

*The weather started getting rough,
The tiny ship was tossed,
If not for the courage of the fearless crew
The Minnow would be lost, the Minnow would be lost.*

*The ship set ground on the shore of
this uncharted desert isle
With Gilligan*

*The Skipper too,
The Millionaire and his wife,
The movie star
The professor and Mary Ann,
Here on Gilligan's Isle.*

*So this is the tale of our castways,
They're here for a long, long time,
They'll have to make the best of things,
It's an uphill climb.*

*The first mate and the Skipper too,
Will do their very best,
To make the others comfortable,
In this tropic island nest.*

*No phone, no lights, no motor cars,
Not a single luxury,
Like Robinson Crusoe,
As primitive as can be.*

*So join us here each week my friends,
You're sure to get a smile,
From seven stranded castways,
Here on Gilligan's Isle.*

Ginger or Mary Ann? Mary Ann. Definitely.

Thanks so much to Mike, Julie, Good Patty and our great head official Karen for being our starters. If not for them we'd likely be home cutting ceramic tile or painting instead of having fun.

Current results follow but since there is one more weekend of racing, plus a regatta, final standings will be conveyed via a different medium.

Karen Brovold will be our head racing official for the Labor Day regatta. Start time will be as usual — 11 am on Saturday and Sunday. Monday if necessary. The weather doesn't look all that great at this writing.

Season awards presentations will be made on the outgoing fleet captain's patio at noon on Saturday, September 8th. Snacks and refreshments will be served. All committee boat participants are expected to attend. Thanks to all for a great season. That is all.

~2012 Fleet Commander Stu

2012 Sailing results to date

Sailing Results	26-Aug	26-Aug	26-Aug	Points	Average
MCs					
Scott Troeger #1489	1	1	1	35935	1562
Bob King #1199	4	3	2	36543	1462
Jeff Smitley #2002				36385	1455
Harold Cranmer #1991/2412	3	5	3	41229	1374
Phil Vitale #500	2	4	4	38479	1374
Dave Olson #1979				24597	1295
Bill Luecht #1579	6	1	7	31815	1273
Gib Eberhart #916	5	2	5	33522	1289
Sunfish					
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	3	1	1	36093	1569
Stewart Spratt				29536	1477
Sandy Vitale (White)	1	2	4	32254	1466
Peter Soldoto	2	5	3	25513	1417
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)	5	3	5	36739	1413
Bill Butler	4	4	2	13197	1320

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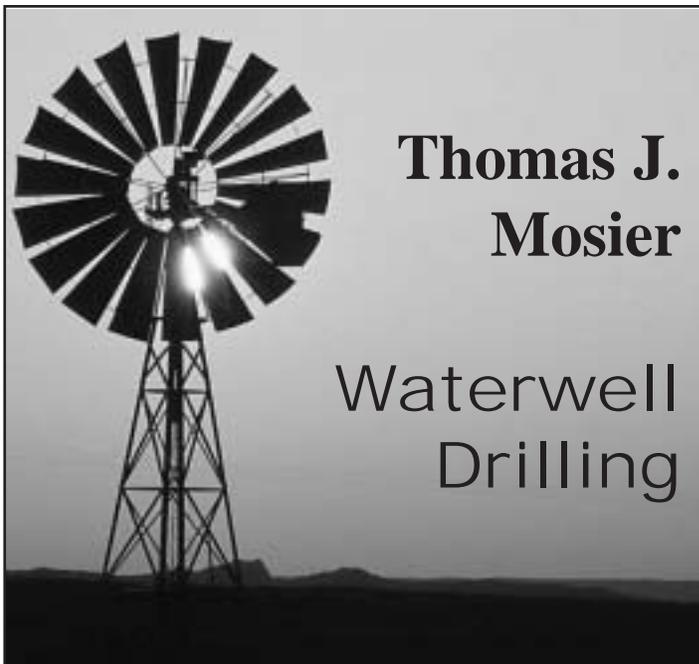
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Stu's Star Stuff

Orion the Hunter

Orion, the hunter, one of the signature star patterns of winter, is, sadly, climbing into view in the early morning sky. Orion clears the eastern horizon a couple of hours before sunrise and is high in the sky at first light. Star icon Orion, the hunter, one of the signature star patterns of winter carries an interesting story.

Orion was a powerful figure — strong, handsome and possessing great prowess as a hunter. While visiting the isle of Chios, he fell in love with Merope, a granddaughter of the god Dionysis, god of wine. Her father, Oenopion, agreed to their marriage on condition that Orion first rid the island of all dangerous beasts. This he did, but Oenopion made further excuses as to why the marriage should not take place. An exasperated Orion drank a great deal of potent wine and, under its influence, forced himself on Merope. Oenopion was furious at this attack on his daughter and, while Orion was still drunk and helpless, blinded him. Orion sought the assistance of an oracle and was told that he had to travel to the East to seek the Sun's morning rays in order to recover

his sight. After many adventures, including a meeting with Vulcan, blacksmith to the gods, on the island of Lemnos, he finally met the Sun god Helios and was given back his sight.

Now all his thoughts were of revenge, but on his way to seek out Oenopion, he landed in Crete, where he met the beautiful Artemis, his feminine counterpart where hunting was concerned. (We've covered this.) Orion had a habit of boasting of his ability to kill all animals, no matter how dangerous they were. The gods, rightly fearing for the world's ecology should he decide to put his boast to the test, produced a gigantic scorpion, whose body was so heavily encased that Orion was unable to pierce through the armor, and was himself stung to death. Artemis was greatly saddened and arranged for Orion to be immortalized among the stars.

The Scorpion responsible for Orion's death is also immortalized in the Heavens, but is placed in the opposite quadrant to that of Orion.

Look for Orion any time after 4:30am in the east. Venus is below and to the left and Jupiter is above and to

the right a bit. The Scorpion is still low in the south for now. Check it out. Have a great fall/winter/spring and we'll meet again in 2013. The show must go on. And it will always be free.

The Moon for Sept 1
Illuminated Fraction: 0.967
1.7 days after full moon



Statistics for today

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Sunset: 8:18 pm
Moonrise: 8:31 pm
Moonset: 8:19 am
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ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) A friendship might suffer if money becomes an issue. Losses are likely if you get involved with uncertain individuals. You'll feel much better when your slate is clean again. Don't let others make you feel guilty or insecure. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Get busy making those changes to your home. Try not to be too lavish with your lover. Don't bother getting even; they'll make themselves look bad. Partnerships will be successful. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Be tactful if you see flaws in someone else's work. You have to know what your boss wants if you expect to do your job correctly. You can enjoy entertainment if you join in and follow the crowd for a change. You can come into money; however, perhaps not under the best circumstances. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You have bent over backward trying to help them and now it's time to let them stand on their own two feet. Your childlike quality may get you into big trouble this week if you neglect your responsibilities. Do you really want to start something with someone you can't reason with? You can make favorable real estate offers this week. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Avoid letting family

get involved in your personal life. Try to have patience and refrain from being judgmental. Depression may be likely if you're away from home. You will be overly sensitive this week. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Strength will come from your ability to overtake just about any one. Do not reveal personal information to those you feel may be untrustworthy. Your attitude is changing rapidly and your plate is overloaded. Don't let your family put demands on you. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Get help setting up a reasonable budget. Look into ways of making extra cash. Set a limit on the amount you're willing to spend, and be sure to stick to it. Your tendency to vacillate will drive everyone crazy. Use discretion, especially if involved with someone from work. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Some time spent with that special someone should be your intent. Don't overextend your self in order to add luxury items to your entertainment center. You may find that female colleagues will be more help than you anticipated. You will have to put those you live with in their place if they try to interfere with your work. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)

Delve into your work if you can't make amends at home. Any attractions toward clients will be one sided and must be put right out of your head. Your suggestions for fund raising events will be well received. Travel or short trips will probably be your best outlet. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Don't hesitate to look for alternatives that will enable you to raise the kind of donations you need to do the job right. You may experience financial loss if you don't use good judgment. Someone you least expect may not have your best interests at heart. You are best to tuck your money away where no one will be able to touch it, including yourself. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Be careful that you don't overextend yourself. Uncertainty regarding your direction is likely. Don't overextend your self in order to add luxury items to your entertainment center. Get the whole family involved in a worthwhile cause or cultural event. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You will have original ideas for ways to make extra money. Take your time be fore making personal decisions. Be tolerant, but don't let any one take you for granted. Financial difficulties may be worrying you. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



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~Birch Lake Recipes~

Bacon wrapped pork medallions

“This is variation of a recipe my mother used to make with my own spin on the seasonings! Also, one of our favorites to enjoy around the holidays!”
Original Recipe Yield 4 servings

Ingredients

- 8 slices bacon
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 pounds pork tenderloin
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons olive oil



Directions

1. Preheat an oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).
2. Place the bacon in a large, oven-safe skillet, and cook

over medium-high heat, turning occasionally, until lightly browned and still flexible, 6 to 7 minutes. Drain the bacon slices on a paper towel-lined plate. Remove any excess bacon grease from the skillet. Combine garlic powder, seasoning salt, basil, and oregano in a small bowl. Set aside.

3. Wrap the pork tenderloin with the bacon strips securing with 1 or 2 toothpicks per strip of bacon. Slice the tenderloin between each bacon strip to create the medallions. Dip both sides of the medallions in seasoning mix. Melt butter and oil together in the same skillet over medium-high heat. Cook each medallion for 4 minutes on each side.

4. Place skillet into the preheated oven and bake until the pork is no longer pink in the center, 17 to 20 minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read 145 degrees F (63 degrees C).

— BIRCH LAKE WORDSEARCH —

Complete the maze and then find the words. The words can only be found along your maze path.

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Camp Tannadoonah

So long ... until next year!

So long, farewell... Until next year, that is! What a great summer it has been for Camp Tannadoonah! We had over 700 campers for the first time in many, many years. It was fun, and exciting, and busy all year long, which is exactly the way we like it. It's more fun with more kids!

This past weekend's auction at the fall dinner was very successful, and we are tremendously grateful for the generosity of all of our neighbors here at Birch Lake. In total, the auction items raised \$5,197. In addition, we received pledges for \$5,400 for the rebuilding of the waterfront stairs.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! To everyone who participated in the auction, donated items to the auction, and helped set up for the auction and the dinner!! And also to everyone who helped make camp such a success this summer. We had many volunteers who helped with projects around camp, as well as many individuals who volunteered to run programs at camp. We also had over 100 campers who attended camp with the assistance of campership funds, which is made possible by the generosity of many donors to the campership program.

We are looking forward to a calendar full of exciting fall events, and winter events as well. We try to offer bi-monthly events, to keep our campers and club members involved with Camp and Camp Fire. All of our programs are open to kids ages 5-16.

Here's a tentative calendar for the upcoming months:

September 14-15: Gamma Phi Beta retreat at camp

September 28-30: Fall Camp and Family Camp

October TBA: Club group camping weekend

October 12-14: Rental Group at camp

November TBA: Harvest Party

November 10: Work Day

December TBA: Craft workshop

December TBA: Caroling at St. Francis Convent

We're already working on our plans for the 2013 camp calendar. One new thing we're hoping to have for next year is an Alumni Camp Weekend, probably in early June. If you attended or worked at Tannadoonah, or know someone who did, get in touch with me for updates!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the lake this holiday weekend!

-Miss Amber

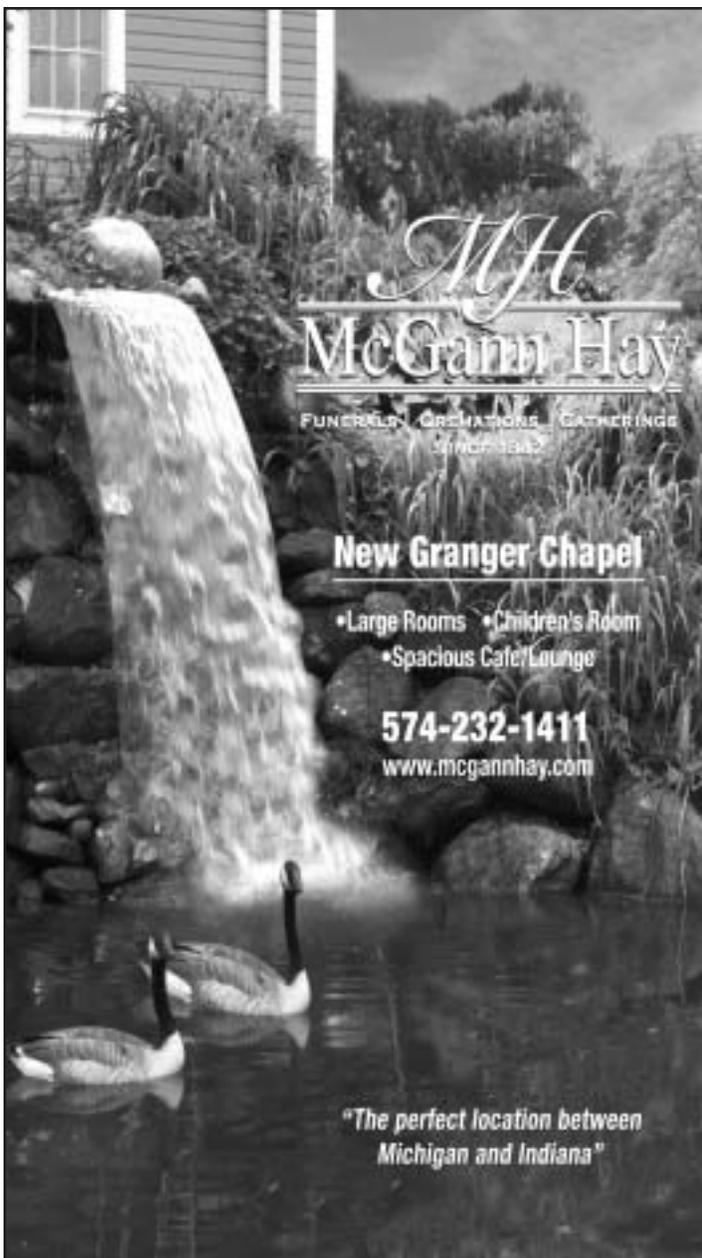
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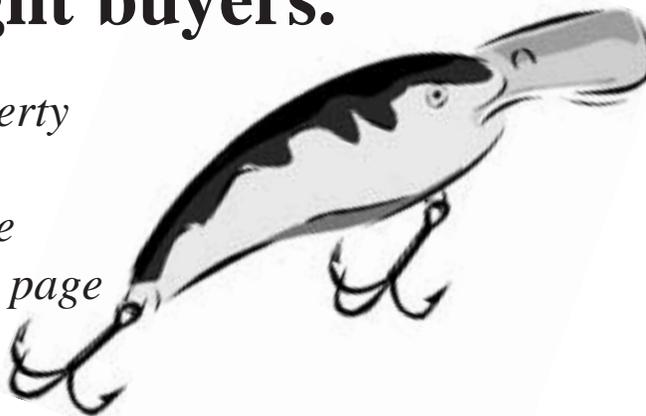
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