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Birch Barker

Weekend of July 7, 2012

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Steve & Deborah Curtis found 2 baby raccoons climbing up their porch screen. Steve removed the screen and carried it, with the babies, safely to the woods where they scurried up a tree. -photo by *Cindy Bernaciak*

Commodore's Comments

Dear Fellow Lakers:

As I write this, it is again Tuesday evening, a little earlier than I have been writing them (10:03 pm), and we have just come back from a boat ride around the lake. What a beautiful evening it is. I cannot believe that the 4th of July is here already.

A busy week-end had something for everyone. Starting with the Boat Parade with the "Summer Olympics" theme. Such clever and talented folks here on the lake. I love sitting on the end of the pier and waiving and watching everyone go by. Great job Carla and Eileen on organizing, and thank you Dick Bender for allowing the committee to use your pier to hold the event. And congratulations to our Grand Marshall's, Le and Bill King for leading the parade.

At dusk the fireworks started. "WOW!!!" is the word used to describe them. I thought they were spectacular. Thank you Jim Bolinger for arranging the show and all the details and for all of

you who supported the fireworks financially this year.

For those of you who missed the Pancake Breakfast last Sunday, Sandy, Phil, Amy and Mike and the entire crew again outdid themselves. Pancakes were light and fluffy, and the sausage must have been good since our grandson, Ronan, ate four pieces. It was wonderful to see so many new faces and it is always great to see friends and neighbors. All the proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast are donated to Camp Tannadoonah and Campfire.

Don't forget the Board of Director's meeting Saturday, July 7th at 9 am at the BLYC.

Next on our social calendar is the Vice Commodore's Party on Saturday, July 14th. The Ladies Golf Outing, the Poker Run/Camp T Hog Roast and the Men's Golf Outing are events coming up so get your reservations in soon to the chairperson. That pretty much takes care of July. Look for details on all of these events in the Barker.

Have a fun, safe week-end and make sure to drink plenty of fluids to

keep hydrated.

Here's to smooth sailing.

~Commodore Pam

2012 BLYC Calendar

July 7.....	BLYC Board Meeting, 9 am
July 14.....	Vice Commodore's Party
July 20.....	Women's Golf Outing
July 21.....	Poker Run/Camp T Hog Roast
July 27.....	Men's Golf Outing
July 28.....	Birch Lake Garage Sale
Aug. 4.....	Corn & Sausage Roast
Aug. 25.....	Fall Dinner
Sept. 8.....	Sailing Awards
Sept. 15 or 25.....	Game Night/Card Party
Oct. 6.....	Annual Chili Cook-Off

Board Meetings - 9 am (Saturdays)

July 7, Aug. 4 (Homeowners Meeting to follow board meeting), Sept. 8

Sailing Regattas

4th of July Regatta — this weekend!
Labor Day weekend

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

The Birch Barker is always soliciting and accepting materials for publication. Please 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 BLYC Commodore Pam Mullin, (269) 476-1080. --Phil Vitale, editor

— Birch Lake Notes —

Birch Lake Garage Sale

We are planning lake wide garage sales for July 28 from 8 to noon. Please email Staci Whiteman at srbw69@yahoo.com or call 269-816-5755 if you are planning to have a sale or have any other ideas as to time changes etc. Need all input, will take donations if you only have a few things, and Staci will be holding a sale back at the yacht club on that day — all proceeds will go to the yacht club from that sale. Also anyone that has leftovers after the sale day can call Staci and she will take all donations and have a free giveaway to help the community.

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

"The laziest man I ever met put popcorn in his pancakes so they would turn over by themselves." ~W. C. Fields

To all of the people who attended the Pancake Breakfast last weekend, we want to say a big THANK YOU! With your attendance we raised \$1,811 for Camp Tannadoonah. All those who attended ate famous Krusties pancakes donated by Lind Harman. We also had very few long lines this year due to the expertise of our batter maker Jim and our Olympic staff of pancake flippers Mike and Bill.

This year Mike and Amy Lutz along with Phil and Sandy Vitale volunteered to lead the most dedicated pancake-makin' crew through another well-

maneuvered day. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of the hard workers who pitched in to help us out, and to thank the Fallons for donating the plates.

Thank you to Jim and Debbie Bolinger, Karen Brovold, Tom and Vicki Rogers, Paul and Celia Fallon, Patty, Bill, and Katie Luecht, Katha and Mike Machalleck, Pam and Rich Mullin, Dave and Judy Olson. Cleanup crew Erica Vitale, Steve Richards and Morgann Applegate assisted all of us at the end of the day.

Again, many thanks to everyone for your participation and support for Camp T - What a wonderful family we have at Birch Lake. Next year don't turn over and go back to sleep, come on up for the pancakes!

*-Amy, Mike, Phil & Sandy
"Pancake Breakfast Team"*

In memory ...

In May, long time East Shore resident Ken Bernaciak passed away. Ken and his family originally spent summers at "Lazy Lodge" in the early 2950s before settling in 1959 at East Shore cottage #157. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with family and lake friends. His children and grandchildren continue to enjoy the beauty of Birch Lake as much as Ken did.

-Kevin, Cindy & Kyle Bernaciak



At one time Birch Lake launched the annual fireworks show from a tract of vacant land on the West shore. When access to that property was no longer available, Camp Tannadoonah allowed launch from their waterfront. Hopefully all agree the show is more pleasing when launched from a lower site versus launch from on the hill. Many thanks to those who made arrangements, those who cleaned up the site after, and ... to our good neighbors on the Hill for granting access.

*~Anon
photos by Chuck Horn*

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— Birch Lake Notes —

M-60 to be closed

MDOT has confirmed the railroad crossing at M-60 in Cassopolis will be closed and under construction starting Monday, July 9. The project is expected to be complete by July 27. The detour is Calvin Center, Brownsville, and M-62.

Safety note:

The Cass County Sheriff Dept's Marine Division would like to remind all boaters to please keep their boats (and their skiers and tubers) at least 100 feet away from EVERYTHING else on the lake — piers, rafts, other boats of any sort, and especially, swimmers!

Jet skiers should also remember that the law requires all passengers to be BEHIND the operator, regardless of their age, and that no one under 16 can legally operate a jet ski.

Newberg open house

Newberg Township Fire and EMS (corner of M40 and M60), in conjunction with Satori Salon will host an open house on Saturday, July 14 from 11 am to 5 pm. There will be a med-flight, smoke house, dunk tank, kids waterball and a bounce house. Port-A-Pit Chicken & Ribs will be available (\$7 for chicken; \$8 for rib tips ... comes with two sides and a drink). All are welcome!

Line Dancing on Tuesdays

Lind Harman is teaching/hosting line dancing at the Yacht Club on Tuesday mornings until further notice.

Cass County Conservation Club

The Cass County Conservation Club



That's the Canadian team leaving to the cheers of the Flamingos that participated in the Flamingo Olympics last weekend on the East Shore ...

will host a garage sale on Aug 12 to 14 in the club parking lot on the weekend of the large US-12 garage sale. For details contact Connie Sue Hulse at 641-2590.

The following events are scheduled at the Cass County Conservation Club on US 12 at Birch Rd.:

July 14 & 15 — U-Pick'em Bingo

Aug. 25 — Corn and Sausage Roast

Sept. 15 & 16 — U-Pick'em Bingo

Nov. 3 & 4 — Bingo Proceeds to

Weekly events include Line Dance class w/ Fran every Monday @ 6pm; Zumba every Wednesday @ 5:30 pm; Yoga every Tuesday @ 6 pm; Euchre

every Thursday @ 6:30 pm.

DiRutigliano

We have recently learned that long time Birch Lake residents Dominic and Joyce DiRutigliano (South Side) were involved in a tragic auto accident last Sunday night on their way home from the Lake.

According to the reports, Joyce DiRutigliano was apparently killed, and Dominic was hospitalized for several days.

We will provide more details and information as it becomes available.

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Checks should be made out to BLYC and dropped off to Patty Luecht (East side)

Questions call 476-2615

BE THERE!! GET YOUR TEAM!!!

Each team is encouraged to donate a basket to be raffled

Team Members and Entries by July 13th

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Whether you're a golfer or not, be sure to wish Patti Russwurm happy birthday, but don't ask her how old she is, she's very touchy about that, and like golf scores, everyone lies about their age!

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— Birch Lake Notes —

NEW EVENT — BLYC POKER RUN & Camp Tannadoonah Hog Roast

Saturday - July 21, 2012

Join the fun - first 52 players get to play! \$15 entry fee.

You will receive a playing Card at each home. Players must visit all 5 homes on Birch Lake to pick up cards to be eligible to win!. At the last (5th) home, poker hands will be presented to the official Dealers (Stan & Rich). Refreshments provided at each home.

Best Poker hand wins \$250; second best hand - \$100, third best \$50.

Event starts at 3pm - meet at Stu Spratt's and get the first card.

Other stops include:

West shore - Sheffieck's

East shore - Fallon's & Chester's

South shore - TBD

North shore - Mullin's

Pontoon transportation will be provided between stop! Finish at Mullin's. Attend the Camp Tannadoonah Annual Hog Roast afterwards - including Live Music and of course - the hog!!!!

Drop entry form off to any of the hosts - Mullin, Spratt, Sheffieck, Fallon, Chester. Limited to the first 52 players!!!!

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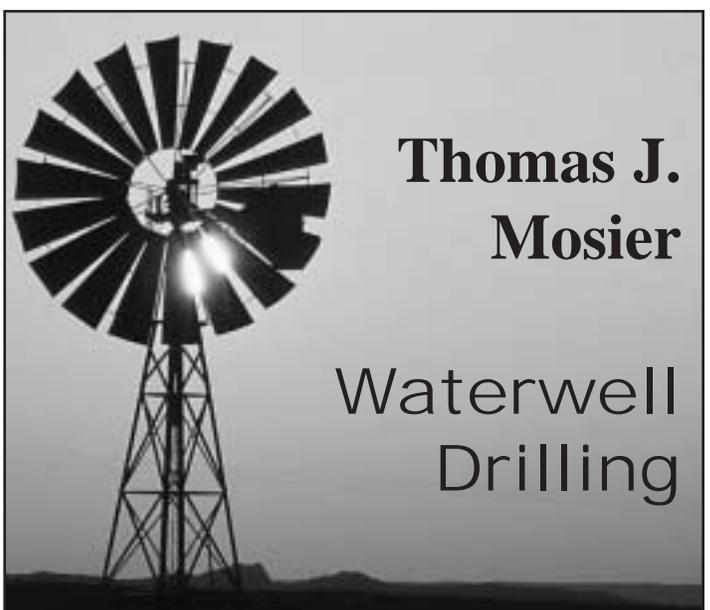
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— BLYC Boat Parade —

Annual Boat Parade participants show creativity!

Birch Lakers once again showed their creative sides at the annual July 4th boat parade. They were led by Grand Marshals Bill and Le King.

It was a smaller parade this year, yet participants and their audience all enjoyed.

Judging was once again a difficult task, and after much deliberating, the **Grand Prize went to the Lutz family boat for their Big Ben/London Tower/Archery theme.**

Other winners were:

- Best Olympic Float - Phipps family**
- Best Country of Pink Flamingos - track and field-Luecht family**
- Best Olympic Torch & Best Music - Magrow family**
- Best Beer Pong Team - Ball family**
- Best Table Tennis - Wozny family**
- Best Olympic Flag - Wozny family**
- Best Ms. Birch Lake - Grosec family**

As always, Dick Bender provided a lot of hospitality — covered deck for the judges, and numbers for the boaters.

Carla Chester and I will be turning over the boat parade chairmanship to 2 very able successors — Charlene Sheetz and Linda Curtis.

I had a lot of fun working with Carla. Getting involved with lake activities always means good times and good friends.

~Ilene Golden



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— BLYC Boat Parade —



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— Barker Kids of the Week —



Ben Petty, 9, has mastered the wakeboard! Could he be the youngest to wakeboard on Birch Lake this year?



Above, Ale Vitale-Richards, daughter of Erica Vitale (pictured) and Steve "Cheeseball" Richards, gives her best cheesball smile to Pop Pop ... apple doesn't fall far from the tree, huh?



At left is Gary "Gus" Eshleman (South Shore) taking his drink out for a swim on Birch Lake ...

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— Barker Kids of the Week —



Congratulations on their Engagement Ian Ray Whiteman will wed Racheal Anthony on August 24th 2013 at Camp Tannadoonah



Anya Lynn Noneman, 2, granddaughter of Dave and Michele Dufour and great-granddaughter of Duffy and Sue Dufour (East Side), enjoying a lakeside hammock.



Happy Sweet 16th Birthday to Ashleigh Nicole Raye Whiteman on Sunday July 8th Love Mom, Dad, Ian and Racheal

BLYC 52nd ANNUAL MENS GOLF OUTING (4-MAN FLORIDA SCRAMBLE) JULY 27, 2012 - \$70/man SAUGANASH GOLF CLUB

61270 Lutz Road, Three Rivers, MI — Shotgun start at NOON; dinner at BLYC at 6 pm
*must have registrations by July 9th.

Please state shirt sizes for every golfer!

Additional Information

- team prizes and contests
- lunch not included but the club has complete restaurant and beverage service availability
- the mens' and ladies' outing is looking for donations of door prizes. If you have access to logo merchandise that could be donated to one or both, please contact Bob or Stu at ReBauc@aol.com or slsvb1@comcast.net.
- We have need for 80 players in the mens' and 40 players in the womens' event.
- Send entries to Bob Baucus (19470 Starbrick Road, Edwardsburg, MI 49112) or drop checks to Phil Vitale (63174 Birch Road, Vandalia, MI - east side)
- dinner only, \$28 per person
- dinner includes 10 oz. prime rib, side salad, corn on the cob.
- prizes awarded during dinner

Foursome Information

Team Captain:

1. _____

Name & Shirt Size

Total Enclosed \$ _____

****Checks should be made out to BLYC****

Please Print Players Names & Shirt Sizes

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____



Fleet Captain's Corner



Sailing results corrected (and season totals and averages)

MCs	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	No. Races	Total Score	Season Average
Scott Troeger #1489	1	2	DNS	8	12484	1561
Jeff Smitley #2002	3	1	2	9	13851	1539
Bob King #1199	2	3	1	3	4565	1522
Phil Vitale #500	4	5	4	6	8295	1383
Harold Cranmer #1991/2412	5	4	DNS	8	10887	1361
Bill Luecht #1579	7	6	3	6	7859	1310
Gib Eberhart #916	8	8	6	9	11404	1267
Dave Olson #1979	6	7	5	3	3677	1226

Sunfish	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Races	Total Score	Season Average
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	1	1	1	9	14086	1565
Sandy Vitale (White)	2	2	2	3	4563	1521
Chris Spratt (Blue/Green)	DNS	DNS	DNS	3	4486	1495
Stewart Spratt	4	RAF	DNS	8	11720	1465
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)	3	3	3	8	11558	1445
Peter Soldoto	6	DNS	DNS	1	1296	1296
Bill Butler	DSQ	DNS	DNS	1	1156	1156



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Stu's Star Stuff

Are you smarter than a 5th grader?

On July 4th Earth was at aphelion, which means it was at its farthest point from the Sun for the year. We are more than 94 million miles from the Sun, which is about three million miles farther than when Earth was closest to the Sun in January.

So how can it be so much hotter now than when we were closer?

If you are smarter than a fifth grader, or if you have followed this subject before, you know. For newbies though, the answer is that the angle of Earth's rotational axis in relation to Earth's path around the sun is tilted approximately 23 degrees from vertical relevant to our celestial orbit.

Coincidentally, as we approach in our orbit what we call Summer, our part of Earth, the northern hemisphere, is tilted more toward the sun, thus receiving the sun's energy more directly.

In Winter at Birch Lake the southern hemisphere receives the most direct sunlight and as a result the warmest temperatures, even though we are much closer to the sun than we are now.

Going to work each morning this week, heading east on Douglas Road I've recently been able to spot two planets. Venus, the now "morning star," is fairly

low in the east around 5:45am.

The slightly fainter planet Jupiter is directly above it and both are very easy to find on a clear morning at that hour as the brightening dawn skies begin to overpower all but the brightest objects in the sky.

The true star Aldebaran, the orange eye of Taurus, the bull, is a bit below Venus. It doesn't look as impressive as the two planets, but that's only because of its great distance.

In the evening, as twilight drains from the eastern sky, a pyramid of bright stars fades into view: the Summer Triangle. The apex of the pyramid is Vega, the leading light of Lyra, the harp, about halfway up the eastern sky. Deneb is to its lower left, with Altair farther to its lower right. More later

The show starts at dusk and continues until dawn. One ticket will get you into the early show or the late show. And it's all free.

~Stu Spratt

The Moon for July 7
(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)
Illuminated Fraction: 0.761
2.8 days before last quarter



Sunday, July 8th:
Sunrise: 6:16am
Sunset: 9:21pm
Moonrise: none
Moonset: 11:50am
Day length: 15h 5m

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ARIES — (Mar. 21- April 20)

Colleagues may try to undermine you. Don't let your jealousy be the reason for a decaying relationship. Your energy will be high; however, if not channeled suitably, temper tantrums may erupt. You should be on the road. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

TAURUS — (Apr. 21- May 21)

You're best to avoid disputes. Do you really want to start something with someone you can't reason with? Look into projects that you feel would contribute something to your appearance. Your input into their activities will help bring you closer together. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

GEMINI — (May 22-June 21)

You need to start planning that vacation. Emotional deception will cause friction on the home front. You must deal with an emotional problem with your loved one that you have been avoiding for some time now. Your tendency to dramatize may be a little much for your partner to take constantly. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

CANCER — (June 22-July 22)

You have to know what your boss wants if you expect to do your job correctly. Your involvement in groups will be favorable for meeting new and exciting individuals. Do not expect too much from others. Look into physical activities that will help get rid of some of that tension you may be feeling. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

LEO — (July 23-Aug 22)

You can find solutions if you are willing to communicate. Your reputation may be at stake if you partake in gossip. Only offer to do the things you have time for. Luxury items will cost you more than you can truly afford. Not everything you hear will be legitimate. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

VIRGO — (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)

Travel should be on your agenda. Your tendency to take on too much will end in fatigue. Your tendency to dramatize may be a little much for your partner to take constantly. Don't be too critical. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

LIBRA — (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)

Think before you act if you wish to avoid friction. You have the ability to motivate others. You may end up being blamed if anything goes wrong. Do not give your heart to someone who may not live up to your standards. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

SCORPIO — (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Try to spend time with those having similar interests. Your diplomatic nature will help you in straightening out unsavory situations. Social events will lead to a strong and stable relationship. Problems with fire, gas, or oil may cause disruptions and annoyances. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

SAGITTARIUS — (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)

Your need to put great detail into everything you do may cause you to miss the overall picture. Your mate will enjoy helping out. Find out all you can;

secret enemies may lead you astray. Trying to deal with your mate will be unproductive and possibly hurtful. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

CAPRICORN — (Dec 22.- Jan. 20)

It may not be the best time to socialize with clients or colleagues this week. Go on business trips if at all possible. Educational pursuits should help you develop your hobbies. Your ability to deal with others will help you accomplish your goals. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

AQUARIUS — (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)

Don't let coworkers get wind of your ideas or they might try to take credit for your hard work. Any difficulties with peers could be unnerving. Pursue outdoor activities or any physical exertion. Proceed with caution if operating equipment or vehicles. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

PISCES — (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Avoid joint ventures and steer clear of groups that want you to contribute financial assistance. You can make drastic changes in your professional direction this week. Do a little shopping. You're likely to find a real bargain. Don't let your mate stop you from attending an event that could be most important. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

If your birthday is this week — Beware the Ides of July. Remember to keep your boat at least 100' away from EVERYTHING when traveling at wake speed ... and remember that the laws says jet ski passengers MUST ride in back!



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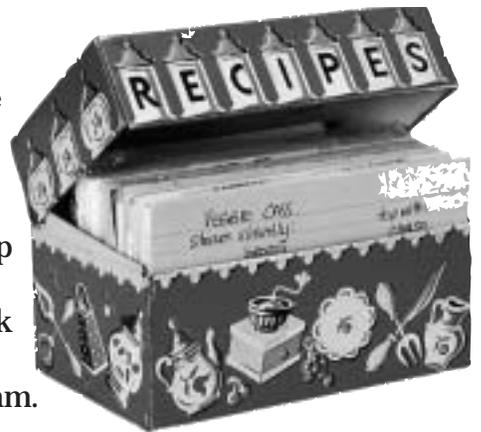
Ingredients

- 1 pint heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar
- 2 cups sour cream
- 1 1/2 cups flaked coconut
- 1 (20 ounce) can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 pint strawberries, hulled and sliced
- 1 pint fresh blueberries
- 3 cups miniature marshmallows

Directions

1. Combine the heavy cream and confectioners' sugar in a large bowl. Whip with an electric mixer until thick but not grainy. Mix in sour cream.

2. Use a rubber spatula to fold in the flaked coconut, pineapple, strawberries, blueberries and marshmallows until everything is evenly distributed. Cover and chill for at least 4 hours before serving. It tastes best if chilled overnight.



— 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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— BIRCH LAKE DIRECTORY UPDATE —

Thanks to all the residents that have submitted their directory updates. The Publications and Communications Committee has arrived at a deadline for the corrections: JULY 31, 2012. That being said, the directories may/should/probably will be ready in August. Wouldn't that be perfect for these dog days of summer?

Birch Lake Directory Update News

It's time to update our beloved Directory and the sooner we get your information, the sooner your household can have a brand new, crisp, accurate and informative directory.

On the next page of this issue of the Birch Barker is an Update form. You may:

1. drop it off to Fallon's at 63600 Birch Road (brown house, green roof)
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Got Pix?

We are looking for photos of Birch Lake for a 2013 calendar. We're particularly interested in covering all the seasons, so if you have a few (no more than 5 per person), send them to us ... email your submissions to sailorphil@philvital.com or get them to Commodore Pam, Vice Commodore Chas.

There is also a cool ONLINE form to submit photos ... find a link to the form at <http://www.philvital.com> (follow the link to "The Birch Barker.")



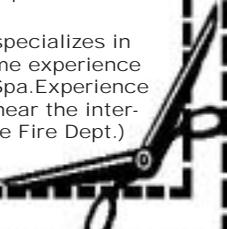
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Camp Tannadoonah

Raptors come to Camp T

Happy 4th of July Week! This week we had a 4-day break between camp sessions to accommodate the holiday. It was nice to have some time to spend at home, and to enjoy the air conditioning!

Last week at camp was Survivor Week, and oh, what a week it was! With 100+ degree temperatures, storms, a counselor and several campers getting sick, our cook having to take some time off, and the ice machine breaking down, it was surely an adventure. But everyone survived Survivor Week, and it was a fun and exciting week despite it all!

On Tuesday afternoon, some ladies from the Lake Milton Raptor Center came out to give a presentation on Birds of Prey for Survivor Week! It was amazing - they brought 3 owls (a barn owl, a screech owl, and a barred owl), plus a peregrine falcon, and a golden eagle! The kids were thrilled by the birds and had a great time learning more about them. The Eagle was beautiful!

This week we start our Outer Space Mini Week on Thursday afternoon, and go straight into Super Week and International Week on Sunday. Campers can attend both Mini Week and International Week for a 10-day "Super Week" session. For the 3-day mini portion, we have 61 campers, which will be a nice break for our staff. Then on Sunday, about half of those 61 go home, and another group comes in in the afternoon for International Week. We have a total of 106 attending for International Week!

Each cabin will be a country, and they get to design a flag and create a "cheer" for their country. For special activities, we will have a Japanese program that they can sign up for this week, taught by my Melissa Raffelock, the Mishawaka High School Japanese teacher.

Also this week, we have Rich Mullin teaching Lacrosse, and Terry Dugan and Tory Troeger teaching Science! Plus Celia Fallon will be driving our water-skiing boat for the next few weeks, so be sure to wave when you see her out on the lake with our skiers!



Our total camper number is up to 556 "regular" campers - which is 31 ahead of last year on this date, and just 69 away from our goal of 625 for the summer. Last year we finished with 585 campers, and picked up 61 between this point and the end of the summer. And this year we go a week longer, so we have an extra 7 days to gain those 69 campers to get to our goal.

If you have kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbors or anyone else that you know between the ages of 6 and 16, make sure you tell them about Camp Tannadoonah! We still have openings for all of our remaining sessions, and would love to fill them up!

A big thank you to the Pancake Breakfast crew and everyone who attended on Sunday morning! I always love seeing all the different faces at the breakfast, including many people whom I don't see any other time of the year. As always, the crew did a wonderful job preparing the breakfast, and cleaning up afterwards. Also many thanks to the yacht club for the beautiful fireworks show, and for the group that helped clean up the shells and debris on our waterfront afterwards. Thank you!!

-Miss Amber
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WANTED

Oars anyone??? Looking for some weathered oars for a DIY window treatment! Please call Amy @ 476-2843.

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