



Congratulations to Sam and Katie Hass on their wedding last weekend in Elkhart. Katie is the daughter of Bill and Bad Patty Luecht. Sam and Katie are currently honeymooning in France. They will live in Bloomington, IN when they return.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

ello Birch Lakers! Remember me? I'm the past commodore with the voice like a nightingale that you hear starting the sailboat races on Sunday. The one that has an obsession for flamingos and all things pink. The one that is totally thrilled and blessed to be at the greatest place on earth, Birch Lake!

Last Saturday, my husband Bill and I had the joy and honor to witness our daughter Katie marry one of the finest guys ever, Sam Hass! It was a joyous occasion, filled with tears, laughter, and love. Congratulations to Katie and Sam for a long, wonderful life together!

Just a few things that you really need to be aware of: Tonight the South side is hosting the Spaghetti dinner. It will be from 5:30 until 7:30. You MUST purchase tickets in advance! If you don't have yours yet, you have until ONLY 1PM TODAY to get them. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!! You should call Vickie Rogers at 476-2383 IMMEDIATELY to guarantee you will have a great meal, a wonderful evening with friends and family. See complete details in today's Barker.

Coming up on July 15, is the Harman/Troeger People's Regatta. This is an excellent opportunity to experience sailing on our lake. Our friends, Don Harman and Earl Troeger were both instrumental in promoting the joy (and frustration) of this wonderful tradition! So come join us. Bring the kids so we can start another generation of sailors that will continue to sail on our lake. Don't know how to sail? NO PROBLEM! Don't have a boat? NO PROBLEM! We will fix you up with a experienced sailor to take you out. So you have NO EXCUSE!

Ladies! Don't forget our FUN Golf Outing is THURSDAY, JULY 20! Take note that it is THURSDAY NOT FRIDAY THIS YEAR! Please get your team together, and be prepared

2017 Birch Lake Calendar

Spaghetti Dinner - June 24 Popsicles on the Pier, Kintzlers - June 30 Boat Parade - July 1 Fireworks - July 1 Pancake Breakfast - July 2 Fireworks rain date - July 2 Popsicles on the Pier, Witchies - July 9 Harman/Troeger People's Regatta - July 15 Ladies Golf Outing - July 20 Mens Golf Outing July 28 Corn and Sausage Roast - July 29 Fall Dinner August 26 Soup Challenge - October 14

Upcoming Board of Directors Meetings: July 8, August 5, Sept. 9

More info as available.; Dates subject to change; Watch the Online Barker for 2017 schedule when available and for updates!

to have a day of fun! Registration form is in the Barker, and feel free to call me at 476-2615 if you need any additional information.

Birch Lake Notes —

Thank you for letting me be the "proxy" Commodore column-writer this week. Hope to see you all tonight for a big plate of spaghetti and a evening with the best neighbors, anywhere!

Remember ... PINK ... t's not just a color, it's an ATTITUDE!! ~Bad Patty, Past Commodore

Parade de beateaux

Time is ticking away (very profound). You have only one week left to prepare for the marvelous, colossal, stupendous and fantastic Birch Lake Boat Parade on this coming Saturday.

The non-theme "Everything" allows your imaginations to run wild. The parade will begin at 2 pm on Saturday, July 1. Please stop at Dick Bender's pier on the south side before two o'clock to pick up your entry number and allow the judges to view your boat up close. Then entrants will form a line behind the Grand Marshal's boat, which will lead the parade around the lake.

We are extremely pleased to announce that we have secured the services of four well qualified (and good looking) judges, Nick and Angela Bergan, Linda Curtis and Tina Strukel. The judges will study each entrant and then determine the one to



Thanks to our Artist in Residence Duffy Dufor for the great Birch Lake art.

receive the coveted "Most Outstanding Boat" trophy. All entrants will receive a trophy for participating. We will reveal the identities of this year's Grand Marshal in next week's Barker.

New Directory in the works

The Birch Lake Yacht Club is in the process of collecting data for a new

Birch Lake Directory, which will be published this year. We will be collecting data through July 4 and hopefully will have directories available for the Fall Dinner.

If you are new to the lake or if any of your information in the last directory has changed, please your new information to Deb Spratt at 18100

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Birch Lake Totes

Birch Lake Totes are again available for just \$5 each. Call Patty 476-2615. They will be on sale at the Commodore/Vice Commodore party on Saturday June 10.

High speed Internet project

Birch Lake is part of the Jones zone for the high-speed Internet construction project by Midwest Energy. This zone is currently in 5th place, at 35 percent of its goal. Midwest Energy is looking for approximately 451 more sign ups before they will begin construction in our area for 2018.

The more sign ups they receive in our zone the more quickly construction will begin. Spread the word! Advise friends and family to sign up on <u>team-</u> **fiber.com**. Signing up there does not commit you to anything it just shows that there is interest in the fiber service.

The Birch Barker

As it has been in previous years, the deadline for submitting materials for any given Birch Barker is 3 pm on the Tuesday prior to publication.

The printed Birch Barker is online again this season ... to see any week, go to www.philvitale.com and follow the links to the "Latest Printed Birch Barker."

Advertising is always welcome in the Birch Barker. All money paid goes to support Birch Lake Yacht Club events and activities, and all the people who helps produce and distribute the Barker are unpaid volunteers.

Display style ads are produced and printed as "modular" ads in the following increments: 1/8 page - \$65; 1/4 page - \$130; 1/2 page - \$260; full page - \$560. The cost for the ad is for the entire season (not per week).

Classified advertising in the Barker is free for BLYC members or \$5/week for non members.

To order an ad, contact Barker Editor Phil Vitale at onlinebarker@ gmail.com or sailorphil@philvitale. com, mail or put the ad materials in the stone mailbox at 63174 Birch Rd. (east side), Vandalia, MI 49095, or, as a last resort, call me at 269-476-1680.

Birch Lake Friends,

As you may already know, I won't be back at camp this summer to cook for your kids, grandkids, family and friends. For the past 11 years I have truly enjoyed cooking for the campers and staff and working with many of you. Mr. Tony & I cherish all the friends we have made at Camp Tannadoonah and Birch Lake. For 23 years Tony, myself and our three children have been involved with Camp Fire and Camp Tannadoonah and planned on being involved for many years to come. I joined Camp Fire in order to help create caring confident youth and future leaders, and I will continue to do just that. I will miss cooking for you all this summer, as well as hearing camp songs, seeing your smiles, hearing "Good Morning Miss Peggy," and watching all the campers play, learn, and grow. I hope you all continue to make wonderful camp memories, and I am heart-broken that I am not allowed to continue to be a part of those memories. I hope to one day see you all again on the hill, above the lake, among the trees. ~WOHELO, Miss Peggy



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COMMUNITY CORNER

by **Sarah Petty**

We were able met new and old friends! Thanks to all who came and if you weren't able to make it, please come next week to the Kinzler's on the west shore! It will be Friday 6/30 from 6:30-8:30. All are welcome, remember to byob, Kinzler's will provide popsicles. This is open to all ages, but we are encouraging the teens to make an effort to come. We will have games and a bonfire! Remember coming on foot, bike, a non motorized boat, or getting dropped off are all recommended ways to arrive. (Kinzler's do have some space for a few boats to pull up and beach) What a fun way to start the holiday weekend! Thank you to the Witchies (south side) for volunteering to host. Save the date for Sunday, July 9 from 3-5 pm. I hear they have shuffle board! I still need a volunteer from the east shore and cove! Please email me if you are interested! Sarahkpetty@gmail.com

I hope you are enjoying reading about your BLYC board members! Below meet Karen Curtis-Miller, our vice-commodore, and PJ Vandewalle!

Get to know the Birch Lake Yacht Club board

Hi...I'm Karen Curtis-Miller, 2017 Vice

Commodore! I was lucky to grow up on Birch Lake and returned in 2010 when my husband, Eric, and I moved into our cottage on the East Side.

When I'm not spending my weekends at the lake, I'm working for the pharmaceutical unit of Bayer, specifically the Women's Healthcare area.

My favorite thing to do is hunting for architectural salvage pieces, which I try to incorporate into the cottage...



corbels are always calling my name! If you're looking for us on the weekend, you can almost always find us on our turquoise pier.

I am **P.J. Vandewalle** and, I live on the east shore with my wife, Sue. We have been married for 44 years.

We have one daughter, Carly who is married to her husband, Danny. They have two children Grace (3) and

Daniel (2 months). I have lived on the lake for 10 years and have been on the Birch Lake yacht



club board for 9 years.





Friday, July 20; \$35 per Golfer Diamond Lake Golf Course Tee Off Time 9 am

Cost includes green fees, cart, beverages, and more FUN and GAMES than money can buy! More details to come later!

Lunch following at the BLYC (included in cost)

Deadline to sign up is July 16 Get Your Teams Together!

Team Members

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For more Information Watch the Birch Barker Bad Patty Luecht 476-2615

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2017 BLYC Season Sailing Results

FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Date	18-Jun	18-Jun	Total	Season	Races	%
Race	4	5	Points	Average	Finished	Finished
MC Scow/Sailor						
Scott Troeger #1489						
Jeff Smitley #2002	1			1522	5	100.0%
Barb Cassady/Maggie Cassady #2506	2	1	7305	1461	5	100.0%
Phil Vitale #500	DNS	DNS		1395		60.0%
Harold Cranmer #1991/2550						
Gib Eberhart #916						
Pat McGann #1735						
Bill Luecht #1579	DNS	DNS		1202		60.0%
Bob King #1199	DNS	DNS	0		0	0.0%
Sandy Vitale						
Sunfish/Sailor						
Peter Soldato						
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)						
Herb Cleveland						

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Herb Cleveland	DNS	DNS	 		60.0%
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)					
Brad Davis	4		 	2	
Stewart Spratt	DNS	DNS	 	3	
Bill Butler					

Abbreviations explained:

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.)

SEASON PLACE = total season points/number of races attempted

CREW - Counted toward completed races, Points go to skipper of boat

SUNDAY IS SAILING DAY AT BIRCH LAKE, and ON SAILING DAYS races start at 11 am Please give 'em a break, and stay clear of the course



Images from America's Cup racing





You think last weekend's sailing at Birch Lake was fast, just imagine what it would have been like on foils! Thanks to Bob King (north shore) for the great photos of America's Cup action. Bob is currently in Bermuda watching the racing.

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Tony Clark -- Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres

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Barker Kids of the Week -



Andrew Turner enjoying Birch Lake at "Great-Grandma and Grandpa's" (Weaver Cottage-South side).

KID-OF-THE-WEEK PHOTOS

Mail your kid-of-the-week (or turtle of the week or plant of the week or whatever you've got) photos BEFORE 3 PM ON TUESDAYS to Birch Barker, 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095; put them in a ziplock and stick them in the stone mailbox at my home (east side), or email them to me at SAILORPHIL@ PHILVITALE.COM





Barker Kids of the Week —



Above: John Ball, life long Barker kid. John recently celebrated a milestone birthday hosted by his sons at camp Tannadoonah. This is John's 1965 entry in the Birch Lake boat parade as rocket ship. "Keep em Flyin" A wooden Carver boat with a 40 horse Evinrude.



At right: Thank you Lily and Timmy Bergan, for helping deliver the Barkers while Vickie was away. Grandchildren of Jim & Linda Bergan, Cove.



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Barker Kids of the Week -



Aurora Jade Trudell, also known as Aurorable, is a Barker KOTW this week after gramma Amy sent in this pic of her toodlin' in her pink floatie. Aurora is the granddaughter of Amy and Mike Lutz (north shore).



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Barker Kids of the Week -



Mark and his 2 daughters, Claudia and Erin (mid and Rt) and Joci Bishop, another granddaughter, enjoy their first weekend in 2017 at Birch Lake! Mark is Alan and Pam Van Huffel's son (south side).



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Business as usual is seldom business as usual.



What does the evidence show?

n the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...

Uh, no. That's not true. God didn't create anything. But if you're willing to disregard reason, facts and evidence then it's unlikely that anything I write will make any sense.

Also, if evidence is unimportant, jury duty for you would be a bad idea.

In the beginning a natural event created the universe as we know it, and the earth did not form until billions of years later. We know this because of the work of countless scientists spending countless hours studying our universe.

The creation story in Genesis is completely wrong. Simply read Genesis and you can see it. For example, it's written that light and darkness were created after the water but before the sun. How could that even be possible?

Everyone knows that the sun came first, then the planet and its rotation (which is what causes light and darkness to occur on a daily basis) and then the water, and this all happened over billions of years.

Let's take a step back. Scientists believe our universe comes from a singularity. Scientists don't actually know where this singularity came from or exactly what it is, but they do know that a singularity is an infinitely small, hot area of infinite pressure and density.

These singularities defy our known laws of physics because they didn't appear in space. Rather, space began inside them. Before the singularity, nothing existed. There was no space, no time, no matter, no energy. Enter the God-gap.

If science can't explain it, then there must be some divine explanation. Until scientists finally figure it out at least. With every scientific advance the excuses for divine intervention diminish.

Thunder, lightning, earthquakes, volcanoes, diseases, were all at one time unexplained and naively attributed to a higher power, simply because no one had a better explanation. Now, none of those things are a mystery. The gap is getting smaller all the time. The conclusion should be obvious. But I digress.

When scientists first propose a hypothesis to explain a phenomenon, they expect to find certain evidence to support it and turn their hypothesis into a theory. There are several main pieces of evidence that support the Big Bang theory. One is the fact that the universe is expanding, proven with something called red shift. The second is something called cosmic microwave background radiation. The third is the abundance of different elements in the universe.

In the 1920s, Edwin Hubble used the 100-inch Hooker telescope in Southern California to study the Andromeda Galaxy. He took pictures of faint galaxies and studied them. Eventually, he was able to calculate the velocity for the galaxy and show that everything is moving away from everything else and thus expanding.



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Sunrise: 06:11:21 AM Sunset: 21:23:21 PM Moonrise: 06:56:22 AM MoonSet: 21:56:56 PM Daylight: 15 Hr 11 Min 59 Sec

If that's true, then scientists figured that the universe was previously much smaller than it is now. All of this evidence was the first observational support for the Big Bang theory that Georges Lemaitre first proposed in 1927.

Then of course there is evolution. Indisputable. But we'll save that for another time.

Next week - back to the show.

~Stu Spratt Celebrating more than 53 Years at Birch Lake



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YOUR HOROSCOPE

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Without doubt, your focus on home, family and your private life will be strong in the next four weeks. Many of you will tackle home repairs and perhaps renovation projects. You might be more involved than usual with a parent. Family discussions will be intense; and in some cases, conflict and disputes will arise because of the increased chaos and activity going on at home. .

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - The next four weeks will be fast-paced and busy for Taurus natives. Suddenly, you've got things to do, places to go and people to see! Not only is your schedule busy but your overall energy and focus are magnified because you want to enlighten others about your ideas.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - In the next four weeks, it's all about making money and spending it. Many of you will have moneymaking ideas; and all of you will be more focused on cash flow, income, purchases and assets. You might make a major purchase. Many of you will want to show something off in the next month because you are so pleased with it.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - his is a fortunate time for you! Important people and favorable situations will be attracted to you. Obviously, it's in your best interests to use this. This kind of advantage does not occur year round. People will listen to you! Because you are bursting with more energy than usual, get physical exercise and enjoy competitive sports. **Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - It is totally appropriate to take a backseat and work alone or behind the scenes making secret plans. Many of you will act privately or in secret. However, one aspect of your life that is public is the fact that bosses and VIPs are charmed by you! Someone wants your creative input on how to make something look more attractive. The next four weeks are the perfect time to plan what you want your new year to be all about.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Your dance card is full in the next four weeks because everyone wants to see your face. Yes, you're popular! Enjoy the company of friends. Enjoy the company of groups, especially groups of people who share your values and ideals. The people you hang out with affect your future because they affect your mind and your choices, which in turn, create your future.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - This is the only time all year when bosses and VIPs see you in admirable terms. They are impressed! Naturally, since this is a once-a-year phenomenon, and it lasts for four weeks, you can use this to your advantage.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - You will hit the road in the next four weeks because you want to do anything to expand your horizons. First on the agenda will be travel. Whether it's white sandy beaches or cobblestone streets, you need a change of scenery! You want to get more out of life! You want adventure and a chance to learn more! Since you are motivated to do this - you will do something to expand your experience of the world. Study, sign up for a course, travel. Carpe diem!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -

Things will flow nicely for you in the next four weeks, especially at work because others will be supportive coupled with the fact that you feel good. This is a good time to discuss agreements with colleagues and coworkers. Your ability to resolve disputes and problems is excellent in the coming month because you are intense, focused, strong, and yet, at the same time, you are diplomatic and charming.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Your focus on spouses, partnerships and close friends will be strong in the next four weeks. In fact, this intensified focus will allow you to have a better chance to observe your style in these relationships. You will also want to form working units with others; and you will have a better appreciation of your role in those relationships. .

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - In the next four weeks, you will leap upon your trusty steed, filled with purpose and intention to become better organized in absolutely every aspect of your life. It's totally appropriate that you gear up your energy and focus so that you survey every aspect of your life both at home and at work.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Lucky you! The next four weeks will be one of the most fun-filled, playful times of the year for you! Carve out time to enjoy partying with others. Accept invitations to picnics, barbecues, the theatre, luncheons, dinners and fun get-togethers. By all means, slip away on a vacation if you can or at least, take a mini vacation on weekends.



BIRCH BARKER FUNNIES









On reflection, allowing Buddy to watch the end of Old Veller may not have been the best idea.





need anything?

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Parmesan tomatoes, cauliflower

Pesto-Parmesan baked Tomatoes

Juicy, delicious roasted tomatoes topped with pesto and shredded Parmesan cheese. So easy to make, only 3 ingredients!

INGREDIENTS:

4 medium tomatoes, halved 4 teaspoons basil pesto (store bought or homemade) 5 tbsp shredded Parmesan cheese

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F. 2. Arrange the tomatoes on a baking tray and top each with 1/2 teaspoon pesto and 1/2 tablespoon of Parmesan cheese.

Roast the tomatoes until the Parmesan cheese is slightly browned and melted, about 18-20 minutes.
 Remove from the oven and serve immediately.

Parmesan roasted cauliflower

These Parmesan Roasted Cauli-



flower Bites are the perfect quick and easy side dish, or double as a vegetarian baked chicken nugget!

INGREDIENTS:

7 cups cauliflower florets, cut to bite sized pieces 3 to 4 tbsp olive oil 1 cup Italian bread crumbs 1/2 tsp garlic powder 1/2 tsp salt 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Line a large, rimmed baking sheet with foil and spray liberally with non-stick cooking spray. Set aside.

2. Combine the cauliflower and olive oil in a large zip close bag and shake to coat. 3. Add the remaining ingredients to the bag and shake until coated, pressing slightly to help the breading stick. Pour onto the baking sheet and spray the tops of the cauliflower with cooking spray and bake for 20 minutes. Stir the cauliflower and continue to bake an additional 10 minutes. Serve hot. Enjoy!

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Camp Tannadoonah

The campers have arrived! Our first group of campers arrived for Session 1 on Sunday afternoon. This week is our smallest week of the summer, with a total of 79 kids. Next week we jump up to having 130! Our total so far for the summer is currently at 903 – which is just a couple short of where we ended last year (908). Our goal is to get to 950 by the end of the summer.

We're coming up on the Pancake Breakfast quickly, and would love to have some additional volunteers to help set up, flip pancakes, serve food, or help with cleanup. If you are available to help on Sunday, July 2 with the Pancake Breakfast please let me know (amber@ tannadoonah.org or 574-315-0227). We're looking forward to another delicious breakfast!

This week we'd like to introduce everyone to our "Front Cabin Unit" – these are the counselor who work with the middle group of girls – typically ages 10-12. One of the front cabins is our brand new building, Demolay. It's so exciting to have a new cabin!

First up is Miss Danni, our front cabins Unit Leader. Miss Danni will be a Junior at Western Michigan University, studying Business as an Entrepreneur. Her dream is to eventually open her own bakery. She has worked at Camp Tannadoonah for 5 years and was a camper for 11 summers. You can usually find Miss Danni at the archery range. Miss Danni always has a smile on her face and lots of energy.

Miss Cathrine is a second-year counselor and she was a camper for 7 summers. She loves being at camp and in the outdoors. Miss Cathrine is a lifeguard and is usually at the waterfront teaching swimming and boating. In the fall she will be a freshman at IUPUI, majoring in International Studies and Business Management.

This is Miss Danielle's first summer at Camp Tanndoonah. She attended Delta College this past year, and will be transferring this winter to Saginaw Valley State University to major in Secondary History Education. Miss Danielle is one of the counselors in charge of the "Sparks" program, which is for our youngest campers (age 8 and younger).

Miss Donna is also a first-year counselor, and it is her first time at an



American summer camp! She is a history student all the way on the other side of the ocean at the University of Amsterdam. Miss Donna enjoys horseback riding, going to the beach and hanging out with friends. She is on the Waterfront Staff, and loves to teach kayaking and paddleboarding.

Miss Kryslley is a first-year counselor from Lima, Peru. She is studying Administration and Finance. Miss Kryslley likes dancing, playing sports, and hanging with friends. She loves traveling and learning about cultures.

This is Miss Leslye's first year working at Camp Tannadoonah and she is the other Sparks Counselor, along with Miss Danielle. She is from Waukegan, Illinois and will be a sophomore at Carthage College in the fall. Miss Leslye the oldest of five kids. She loves to be silly and outgoing and she's always up for an adventure!

Miss Melanie is a first-year counselor, and will be a junior at Valparaiso University, majoring in Marketing. In her free time she enjoys going to concerts and listening to records with her friends. She loves the outdoors and can't wait to spend the summer at camp!

Miss Paty is also a first-time counselor and is from Guadalajara, Mexico! She is studying Law at Tecnológico de Monterrey. Miss Paty has lived in 8 different cities, so meeting new people is something that she really enjoys! She likes being active, trying new things, and being involved in university activities. Miss Paty is a lifeguard and loves to teach boating, skiing, and swimming lessons.

Miss Sarah is back for her second year at Camp Tannadoonah. She is a Psychology and Legal Studies Major at Morehead State University in Kentucky. Miss Sarah is a lifeguard, and her favorite thing to do at the waterfront is to drive the boat for water skiing and wake boarding.

Miss Shelby is from Oak Lawn, IL and will be starting at a community college in the fall. This is my 9th year at camp, and second year as a counselor. In her free time, she enjoys playing guitar and singing.





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FOUND

FOUND: One white "San Marin" **inflatable buoy**, Item Number "NB60," approximately 20" diameter, on 2/17/17. Call 476-1467.

Found near cove: **Child's red and black life vest** decorated with Lightning McQueen from Cars movie. Found on south shore. Appears to be **plastic seat back for kayak**. Please Call Chris Stevens 317-771-8531

FOUND: **Black "Kitchen Aid" grill cover.** Please call Jeff & Denise Smitley at 269.476.9000.

Found: 4-**pack of orange life jack-ets** floated ashore on the east side the weekend of May 14th. Please call Amber at 574-315-0227 if they are yours! They are on the end of our dock.

WANTED

Wanted: **swim raft**. Please call Machallecks at 476-2642.

The Yacht Club is seeking **new volun**teers to plan and oversee the Annual Birch Lake Boat Parade. The current chairs Sue and Bob Waddle have decided to retire after this summer's parade. They were hoping for someone to volunteer, who has a better understanding of the world we now live in. The Waddles would welcome any new volunteers and invite them to participate in the planning for this year's parade. Please call 269-476-2293. Operators are standing by.

Seeking: **If you have newspapers that you would like to get rid** of, we need them at Camp T! Please call Amber at 574-387-6095 if you have old newspapers, and I will come pick them up.

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LOST Royal Oak sailing on Saturday my **cell phone** slipped from my pocket and into beautiful



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