

The
weekend
Of

July 11
2015

Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the
Birch Lake Yacht Club



BLYC Fourth of July Boat Parade Grand Marshals Terry and Linda Curtis enjoyed the day aboard the boat of Doug and Judie Eichorst ...

thanks to the SparkyCam for the pic.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

I had a good feeling about the upcoming 4th of July weekend when on Thursday, while pulling onto Brownsville Road, flying towards me at 40 feet in the air is ... Talon. (I did not know at that time that Talon would be the winning name in our Name the Eagle contest.) ... Anyway, there the bald eagle was, and looking so regal with the sun shining on the white head and yellow beak. I just knew the weather would hold and all the events would come off without a problem and we would all enjoy a great holiday week end at the lake.

For our family and I hope yours, the weekend was great. We spent more time on the boat and working on our tans the last three days than we had all year. Thanks to the weather being so nice, it kept us from playing board games and enjoying the water!

The boat parade, fireworks and pancake breakfast went off with great reviews from all of you that I talked with. The July 4th events involve so many people and I'll leave the thank yous to the articles about those events you'll find elsewhere in the Barker. However the chair people for those events are The Waddles, The Vitales and Chas Grundy. Thank you to you and all that helped you entertain and feed us.

Speaking of feeding us did you know that the pancake breakfast bought the following amounts of food for serving us on Sunday: 645 plates, 120 lbs of pancake mix, 9 gallons maple syrup, 18,000 sausage links and 500 cups for the 12 cans of fruit cocktail.

About the only thing that was missing from the weekend was the wind for our sailors.

Well, the house walk is this weekend and if we have rain during the house tour, be patient on our roads as

2015 Birch Lake Calendar

- July 11 House Walk/Art Fair
- July 17 Ladies' Golf Outing
- July 18 Rescheduled People's Regatta
- July 31 BLYC Men's Golf Outing
- Aug 1 Homeowners Assoc. annual meeting (following BLYC Board Meeting)
- Aug 8 Corn & Sausage Roast
- Aug. 29 Fall Dinner
- FRIDAY, Oct. 9 Chili Cookoff

2015 Board Meetings
July 11, August 1, September 5
at BLYC -- Meetings start at 9 am

Dates subject to change.
Watch the Barker for updates!

congestion transporting four participants by car will prevail.

Time is running out on Birch lake calendar photos to Linda Yoshizawa by the 13th of July and get your golf outing teams together!

I'll see you at Birch Lake ... where

The Birch Barker is always accepting materials for publication. Please E-mail your materials to sailorphil@philvitale.com, or put the items in the stone newspaper/mailbox at my home, 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore). Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want photos or other materials returned. To contact me by phone, call (269) 476-1680, or contact BLYC Commodore Fred Freihofer at (269) 476-9823 or cdfreihofer@aol.com. ~Phil V

— Birch Lake Notes —



Special thanks to Dick Bender (for the use of his pier, and judges Claude Petit and Vicky Oros and JP and Marlow Hoyer



every day is an adventure.

~Commodore Fry

Marvelous Boat Parade

The weather Gods certainly smiled on Birch Lake for the Independence Day weekend. This year's Boat Parade on Saturday was filled with a dazzling display of creatively decorated boats with decorations representing a wide array of Favorite Movie themes.

This year's Most Outstanding entry was the Phipps/Gableman tandem pontoon depiction of the movie "Superheroes" The judges also felt that the Groszek's "Jailhouse Rock" and the Meyers family's "Wizard of Oz" were worthy of honorable mentions.

Other entries were the Dufour family's "Braveheart," the Bratt family's

"Cast Away," the Ball/Troeger families' "Animal House," the Steffen/Grundy duo's "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," the Cover family's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," and finally the King's "Dodgeball: A true Underdog Story." All were awarded trophies to reward their hard work.

The Grand Marshals, Linda and Terry Curtis, were resplendent in Judi and Doug Eichorst's beautifully decorated pontoon boat which led the parade around the lake. Special thanks also go to our four impartial judges, J.P. and Marlow Hoyer, Vicky Oros and Claude Petit They were challenged by the quality of the entrants work. And finally, thanks to Dick Bender and his family for the use of his pier and for providing the canopy and seating for the judges.

See you next summer.

Sympathies

Our sympathies to the family of Orrin C. Bowlby, age 77, of Constantine, who passed away Saturday, July 4.

He is survived by his wife Jama; daughters Staci (Ron) Whiteman of Birch Lake (south side) Vandalia, Lori (Dave) Bowdish of Sturgis, and Jenni (Flint) Brown of Wolcottville, IN; grandchildren Robert (Amy) Pratt, Justin (Tiffanie) Pratt, Ian Whiteman, Megan (Dillon) Herrmann, Whitney Hayes, Skye Hayes, Ashleigh Whiteman, and Brandan Williamson; great-grandchildren Lex, Arris, Olivia, Maddison, Lehman, and Gordon; and brothers Merle (Beth) Bowlby of Portage, Terry (Estelle) Bowlby of Jones, and Clifford

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(Virginia “Polly”) Bowlby of Bristol. He was preceded in death by his parents.

According to his wishes, cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wounded Warriors Project.

Pancake Breakfast

To all of the people who attended and worked at the Pancake Breakfast last weekend, we want to say a big **THANK YOU!**

Thanks to the expertise of our batter maker Bob Bender, and our Olympic staff of pancake flippers Mike Lutz and Bill Luecht, we served approximately 500 breakfasts — and raised \$2079 plus an additional \$388.93 of donations that will be used for materials to make new beds for the “Bird Houses” at Camp T.

We also took in \$403 in donations for fireworks.

Our delicious pancakes were again donated by Lind Harman (thanks Lind!), and thanks to the Fallons for donating the plates.

Thanks to the Birch Lake Babes, Claire Brovold, Kelly Mae Niepokuj, Amanda Butler, Morgann Applegate and Taylor Marquez for keeping the tables clean and for helping to raise the money for the new Bird House bunks.

Thanks are also due to our crack staff of Amy and Mike Lutz, Bob Bender, Karen Brovold, Tom Rogers,



Thanks to our resident artist Duffy Dufor for the great pics!

Paul and Celia Fallon, Bad Patty, Bill, and Katie Luecht, Sam Hass, Cam Butler, Eric Miller, Karen Curtis Miller, and Peter Trybula (the outside pancake flipper) — and thanks to cleanup crew Steve Richards, Andy, Chris and Rachel Karceski and the Kinzler contingent,

Kylie, Kailey Kinzler, Grant, Hunter, and Drake Imhoff.

Again, 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 and

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chow down on the great pancakes!

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

Golf anyone?

The Men's Golf Outing is fast approaching (July 31, 2015), and we are short on registrations! Don't miss out! If you want to guarantee a spot at this fun event, please get your team registrations to either Peter Soldato, 63266 Kinsey Street, Vandalia, MI, 49095 (the hill), or Phil Vitale, 63174 Birch Road, Vandalia, MI, 49095, by July 13, 2015. Also, we are always looking for donations of team prizes — if you have access to logo merchandise that could be donated, please contact Peter Soldato at (630) 936- 8822. Hope to see you on the course!

Trustee to address Homeowners

The Birch Lake Homeowners Association will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, Aug. 1 following the BLYC Board of Directors meeting. Township Trustee Leard Wylie will address this year's annual meeting and provide an update on Birch Lake's sewer system's discharge forcemain (from Lift Station "B") to Shavehead Lake's discharge forcemain, past blockages, their effects on finances, and related information.

All are welcome to attend.

Members of the association will also elect directors and officers at this meeting.

Don Harman People's Regatta rescheduled

Due to the tsunami we experienced on last Saturday, you all know we had to cancel the regatta.

We have rescheduled this event and the make-up date will be July 18, arrival at 10:30 am/race time 11 am.

Again, no experience necessary, and all ages are welcome. Picnic lunch following the regatta.

Soft drinks and H2O provided, but adult beverages will be BYOB.

In the event of another rain out, we have an alternate date of July 25th.

Watch the Barker for any additional updates!!!

~Bad Patty

Safety notice

In case you missed the email a couple weeks ago, we have learned of multiple thefts and break-ins. The Homeowners Association is advising all



Name the Eagle - Final Results

Birch Lake is home to several bald eagles. Many of our residents and guests have witnessed the wonder and majesty of these birds.

To honor these birds and support our water quality efforts, the Birch Lake Yacht Club asked for name ideas.

Guests at the pancake breakfast voted on the names with the winning name receiving the most donations. All donations benefit the efforts of the Birch Lake Water Quality committee.

We had submissions from 8 people. The names and vote counts: Talon (33), Regal (7), Jack Sparrow (4), Zephyr (3), Pride (1), Thelma and Louie (0), Orville (0), Freedom (0)

The winning name is Talon! The name was suggested by Patty Luecht, who will receive a framed photograph (taken by Jeff Smitley) of the Birch Lake bald eagle. Thanks to everyone who submitted ideas or voted for the names.

Have a safe and fun summer!

residents to be vigilant and call 9-1-1 if you see suspicious and/or illegal activity.

Update your Directory listing?

Want to update your info for the Birch Lake Directory? Mail changes to Deb Spratt at 18100 Farmington Hills Drive, So. Bend, IN 46637, or email deb-spratt@cressyandeverett.com ...

It's Calendar Time!

Time to submit your pictures for the 2016 Birch Lake Calendar. We need horizontal, color photos from all seasons. Since the pictures need to be enlarged, camera photos usually work better than cell phone photos. Please e-mail your

best pictures (no more than five) to lindal1008@comcast.net or give them to Linda Yoshizawa, Vickie Rogers, Sue Williams, or Carla Chester by July 13.

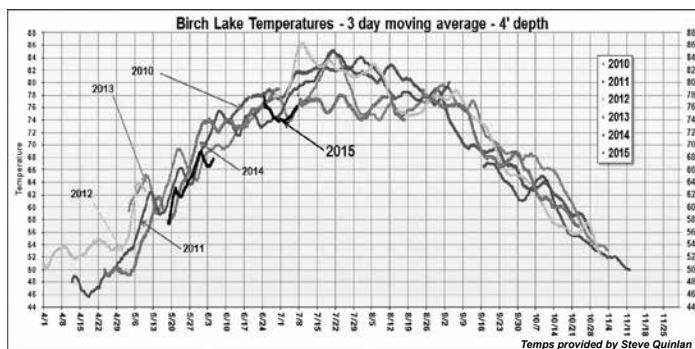
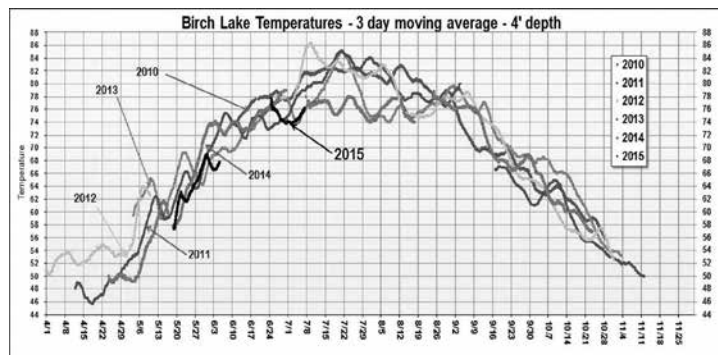
Barker Deadlines

The deadline for submitting information for any Barker is the Tuesday of the week before publication (the deadline for materials for the July 4 issue is Tuesday, June 30) ... thanks.

Online content

The printed Birch Barker once again is online this season, as well as additional content ... go to www.philvital.com and follow the links.

Birch Lake Water Temperature



— BLYC Boat Parade —



photos courtesy of the **SparkyCam**



— Barker Kids of the Week —



Angela Bergan, wife of Nick and daughter-in-law of Jim and Linda Bergan (Cove) going to "Wine Camp" at Camp Tannadoonah. Nick and Angela are visiting here from West Palm Beach, FL where they live.



Michele Pierson of Danville, IN and Bad Patty Luecht (east shore) enjoyed Taco Tuesday recently at Zimmy's!



Reece Haisley, nephew of Rick & Patti Russwurm (north shore) enjoying his first 4th of July celebration at Birch Lake.

— Barker Kids of the Week —

Longtime Birch Laker Bill Lloyd (Cove), 91 years young, gets some Kid-of-the-Week honors this week. Thanks to his neighbor Jim Limes for the great photo.



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2015
Birch Lake House Walk & Art Fair
 July 11th
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This year we have 5 families who have graciously offered to open their homes for the **Birch Lake House Walk** on July 11. Along with the house walk, we will also have an art fair at the Wozniak barn, with local artists displaying their pottery, jewelry, paintings and photography from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Camp Tannadoonah will also be selling refreshments for a nominal fee. All the proceeds from the event are going to Camp Tannadoonah for camp scholarships.

The event will start at the Wozniak barn where everyone must check in to go on the tour. From there, you will walk to the first home and then be whisked away by pontoon for your tour. **The first boats leave at 10 am and run continuously. Please note ... the last boat tour leaves at 12:30 pm so that everyone completes the tours by 2 pm.** A limited amount of parking will be available at the barn, so please carpool or walk if possible. It truly is a fun day and a great way to see old friends and meet new ones!

Tickets will be \$15 pre-sale, and \$20 at the door. Tickets can be bought through Denny Weesner on the South side, Vickie Rogers and Denise Smitley on the West side and Cove, Carla Chester and Linda Yoshizawa on the East side, and Sandy Baucus on the North side.

— Barker Kids of the Week —



Kiaya Hankins, 11, granddaughter of Doug and Julie Weaver, Southside, meets her second cousin, 3 month-old Owen Hammes for the first time. Owen is the first child of Dan (grandson of southsiders the late Fred and Jane Ebeling) and Heidi Hammes. Dan and Heidi brought Owen to the lake July 5 for his Birch Lake debut.



Some of the notorious Birch Lake Babes mugged for the camera prior to the holiday weekend ... they are, from left in front, Kelly Mae Niepokuj, niece of Mike & Amy Lutz (north side), Claire Brovold, daughter of Karen Brovold (west side), Amanda Butler, daughter of Bill & Cam Butler (west side) and, in back, Taylor Marquez, granddaughter of Randy and Fran Welch (east side).

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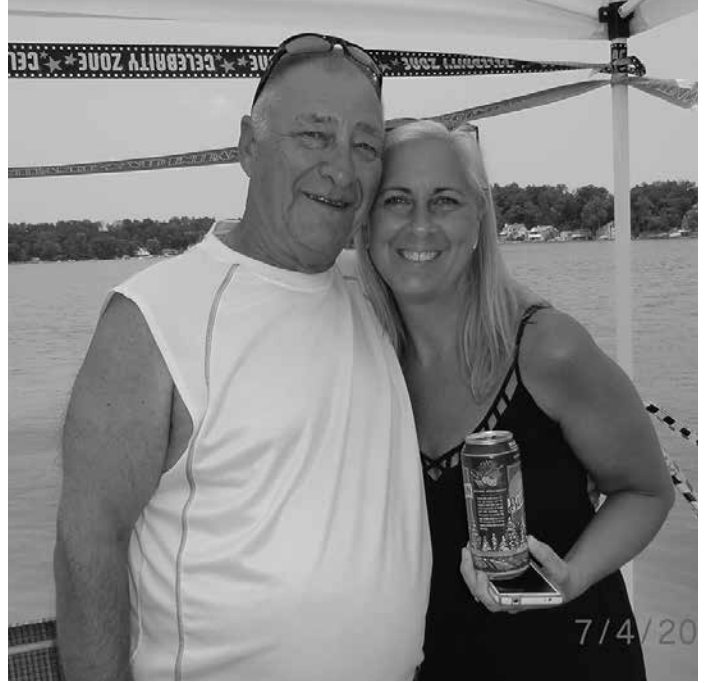
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Kelly Mae Niepokuj, niece of Mike & Amy Lutz (north side), with the catch of the day ...



KOTW kudos to Dick Bender (south side) and his daughter Amy Modjeska enjoying the 4th of July

KID-OF-THE-WEEK PHOTOS

Send your kid of the week to me (or grandpa of the week or neighbor of the week or dog of the week ... we even print weeds of the week!) at Birch Barker, 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095; put them in a ziplock and stick them in my stone mailbox at my home (east side), email at SAILORPHIL@PHILVITALE.COM

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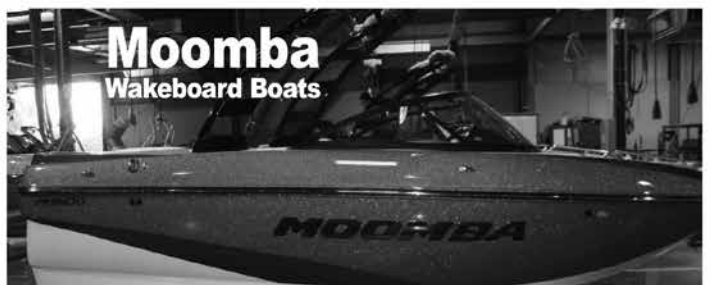
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* Send entries to Pete Soldato 63266 Kinsey Street, Vandalia, MI, 49095 -- hill
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— Birch Lake House Walk —

Birch Lake House Walk

The weekend of the house walk is upon us and will take place on Saturday rain or shine! Please come to the barn first to pick up your pass and brochure, have refreshments, and view the art. In the event of rain, we would be unable to provide pontoons so we would ask that, if possible, you carpool with friends and neighbors to view the homes. See you there!



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HOUSE TOUR INFORMATION

Date: Saturday, JULY 11

Time: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Tickets \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door
Tours begin at Wozniak's barn — eastside

Limited Parking available

First boat leaves at 10 am

Boats run continuously

Last boat leaves at 12:30 pm

Refreshments available for nominal fee
All proceeds to Camp Tannadoonah
for camp scholarships.

Local Artists will be displaying Pottery,
Jewelry, Paintings, Photography



FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



2015 BLYC Season Sailing Results

Date 3-Jul 3-Jul 3-Jul Total Season Races %
 Race 8 9 10 Points Average Finished Finished

MC Scow/Sailor	3-Jul	3-Jul	3-Jul	Total	Season	Races	%
Scott Troeger #1489	1	1	2	15319	1532	10	100.0%
Jeff Smitley #2002	2	4	1	14914	1491	10	100.0%
Phil Vitale #500	4	5	3	13653	1365	10	100.0%
Bill Luecht #1579	5	3	4	13554	1355	10	100.0%
Bob King #1199	6	7	5	13424	1342	10	100.0%
Barb Cassady #2435	3	6	6	13049	1305	10	100.0%
Harold Cranmer #1991/2412	7	2	7	12418	1242	9	90.0%
Gib Eberhart #916	DNS	DNS	DNS	3267	1089	3	30.0%

Sunfish/Sailor	3-Jul	3-Jul	3-Jul	Total	Season	Races	%
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	DNS	DNS	DNS	10590	1513	7	77.8%
Stewart Spratt	2	1	DNS	10290	1470	7	77.8%
Chris Spratt (Blue/Green)	4	2	DNS	4334	1445	3	33.3%
Brad Davis	3	3	DNS	2888	1444	2	22.2%
Bob Cassady	DNS	DNS	DNS	8530	1422	6	66.7%
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)	1	4	DNS	12789	1421	9	100.0%
Peter Soldato	DNS	DNF	DNS	6883	1377	4	44.4%
Sandy Vitale (White)	DNS	DNS	DNS	7859	1310	6	66.7%
Herb Cleveland	DNS	DNS	DNS	8461	1209	7	77.8%
Bill Butler	5	5	DNS	9467	1183	8	88.9%
Camille Butler	6	6	DNS	10355	1151	9	100.0%
Bob Niezgodski	7	7	DNS	9618	1069	9	100.0%

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.

Light Winds for 7/4 Regatta

2015 Fourth of July Regatta Results

Date 3-Jul 3-Jul 3-Jul Total
 Race 1 2 3 Points

MC Scow	3-Jul	3-Jul	3-Jul	Total
Scott Troeger #1489	1	1	2	4
Jeff Smitley #2002	2	4	1	7
Phil Vitale #500	4	5	3	12
Bill Luecht #1579	5	3	4	12
Barb Cassady #2435	3	6	6	15
Harold Cranmer #2412	7	2	7	16
Bob King #1199	6	7	5	18

Sunfish	3-Jul	3-Jul	3-Jul	Total
Stewart Spratt	2	1	DNS	3
Mike Lutz (Yellow/White)	1	4	DNS	5
Chris Spratt	4	2	DNS	6
Brad Davis	3	3	DNS	6
Bill Butler	5	5	DNS	10
Camille Butler	6	6	DNS	12
Bob Niezgodski	7	7	DNS	14
Peter Soldato	8	8	DNS	16

Regatta Scoring: This regatta was scored using the Low Point System as specified in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016, Appendix A.

For this Regatta all races are counted. For each race, a boat's finishing place is her race score.

A boat which did not compete or did not finish in a race is given a score equal to the number of boats competing in the series plus one.

Well, the winds were not in our favor for last weekends Regatta. The MCs got three races in on Friday to have enough races to make their Regatta complete. The Sunfish on the other hand only completed two races due to the absence of wind power! The winds on Saturday and Sunday, or rather lack of winds, caused us to cancel both days of racing.

We will try again this weekend to complete our usual three races, hopefully the winds will be to our favor!

Until next week. Splice the mainbrace.

~"Fleet Captain Mike"



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— Dana on Drugs —

Lactose in Medication

By *Dana Soldato, PharmD*

In the United States, 25 percent of the Caucasian population and 75-90 percent of African American, Native American, and Asian American populations have lactose intolerance.

Lactose intolerance is a condition in which the small intestine is unable to digest lactose, a sugar found commonly in milk and dairy products. If lactose is ingested it leads to gastrointestinal symptoms (bloating, cramping, diarrhea) that usually subside after removal of milk products and other lactose containing products from the diet.

While lactose is primarily thought to be found in food, lactose also exists within medications!

Lactose is frequently utilized in medications as an inactive ingredient. All medications contain inactive ingredients that work to hold the pill together. While the inactive ingredients do not affect the mechanism of the medication, they may aggravate

disease states, particularly those with lactose intolerance.

Luckily, the amount of lactose found in 1 pill is usually rather small in comparison to the amount of lactose it takes to trigger an unpleasant reaction.

However, considering the average 65-69 year old consumes 14 prescriptions per year and the average 80-84 year old consumes 18 prescriptions per year, you could see how it would be possible to experience symptoms of lactose intolerance due to medications.

To check for hidden sources of lactose in medication, you could either check the package insert or call your pharma-

cist. To view the package insert online, go to <http://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/> and type your medication name into the search bar.

From there, select the manufacturer (found on your Rx label), and scroll down to the section labeled "Ingredients and Appearance."

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Summer sky in full splendor

The Fourth of July is a time for beautiful lights in the evening sky. If you didn't make it to a big fireworks display last weekend though, Mother Nature offers some lights of her own; a sprinkling of bright stars and planets across the night sky.

A couple of those lights are in good view well before the color of twilight drains from the west. The planets Venus and Jupiter stand side by side. They're the brightest objects in the night sky after the Moon, so you just can't miss them. Venus is the brighter of the two. And Regulus, the heart of Leo, stands not far to their upper left.

By the time the sky gets good and dark, the golden planet Saturn stands well up in the south. And Antares, the heart of the scorpion, is down to its lower left.

And the dazzling Summer Triangle is high in the eastern sky. Its brightest point is also its highest with the star Vega, in Lyra, the harp. Deneb is to its lower left, at the tail of Cygnus the swan. And Altair, in Aquila, the eagle, is farther to the lower right of Vega.

The Big Dipper's familiar shape lies high in the northwest as darkness

falls these July evenings. One of the summer sky's finest binocular double stars marks the bend of the Dipper's handle. Mizar shines at second magnitude, some six times brighter than its fourth-magnitude companion, Alcor. Even though these two are not physically related, they make a fine sight through binoculars. (People with good eyesight often can split the pair without optical aid.) A small telescope reveals Mizar itself as double and these components do orbit each other.

And perhaps the most spectacular nightlight of all arcs through the Summer Triangle: the glowing band of the Milky Way. It's not nearly as bright as all those fireworks displays, so you need to be far away from city lights to see it. Thankfully, here at the lake we are. Yet in its own way, it's much more impressive. It's the combined light of millions of stars outlining the disk of our home galaxy; a special kind of fireworks display in the summer sky.

More next week. Maybe.

~*Stu Spratt*
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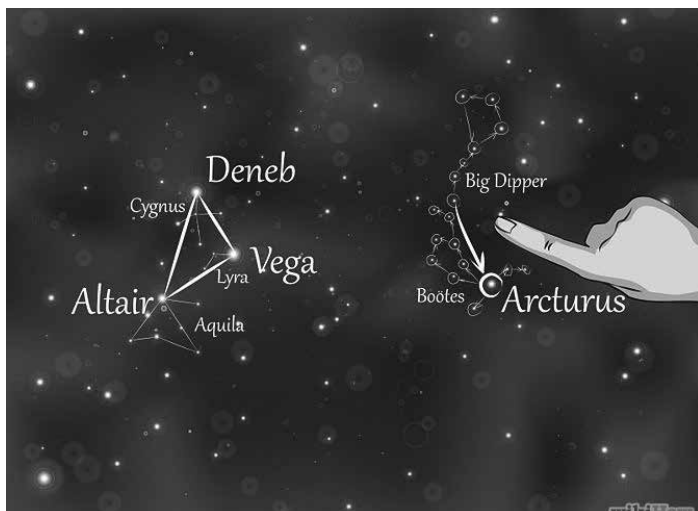
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Aries (March 21-April 19) Home, family and your private life continue to be a major focus. Many of you will have family meetings; and most of you will tackle home repairs. In fact, you can expect increased chaos and activity on the home front because of renovations, residential moves plus guests and visitors.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) This is a busy time because you're taking short trips, talking to everyone, running errands, and at the same time, many of you are studying, reading and writing more than usual as well. That's because you're eager to communicate and enlighten others. Interactions with siblings, neighbors and relatives are important.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) "Show me the money!" Geminis are focused on money. This means you're looking for ways to earn money, as well as boost your income or make a little on the side. But you are also focused on cash flow, which means you are thinking about major purchases as well. In other words, the money is flowing both ways!

Cancer (June 21-July 22) Use this time to re-energize yourself for the rest of the year. Your physical energy is high, which means you can accomplish a lot. Indeed, opportunities to boost your earnings exist. This is also why many of you are buying art and beautiful treasures. Veni, vidi Visa; we came, we saw, we went shopping.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) You are happy to be in the background, taking it easy and working behind the scenes. In fact, this is an excellent time

to do research and ferret out hidden truths. Nevertheless, you want to enjoy vacations, great meals, conversation with friends, and relaxing hours with your favorite pastime. (Movies, sports, sex, laughter and food.) Therefore, make your choices this week. Work Monday and Tuesday; play Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; then work again on the weekend.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This continues to be a popular time for you. Make an effort to enjoy the company of others. Join clubs and organizations because your interaction with others will not only be pleasurable, it will benefit you. You will hang out with younger people, and perhaps, be in competition with someone. This is a good time to define your goals and pursue them.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) People are asking you to take on special jobs. Please note: You don't have to do anything special to succeed. Just say yes because good lighting is everything. And your ambition is stoked, while Mercury paves the way for you to schmooze and talk with important people. What more do you want? The key to the city? Actually, that's exactly what you have.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) The travel bug has bitten you and you want to blow town. If you can hop on a train, take a road trip or grab a jet, you should do so because you're eager to expand your world. You're hungry for adventure and a chance to learn something new - the whole enchilada! And why not? You deserve a chance to broaden your horizons and grab life by the throat.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) This week is intense, passionate and sexy! Shared property, the wealth of others, inheritances and heavy-duty romance are in the mix. These issues might assume such importance you end up having an argument with someone. If this is the case, you will defend yourself.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This is the only time all year when you need more sleep just to maintain. Patience will be your best ally. You definitely need to talk. Intellectual stimulation and conversation, even cheerful banter, will make you feel good. You can benefit from the wealth and resources of others. And romantically speaking, physical relationships will be affectionate, exciting.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Ted Turner's motto, "Early to bed, early to rise, work like hell and advertise" - encapsulates where you're at this week. You have had some time for play and fun. Now it's back to the grindstone. This is why you are determined to catch up on old business, forage ahead in new business, and work to get organized in your job and your personal life.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Lucky Pisces! This continues to be a week of play, parties, fun times, romance and opportunities to express your creative talents. You feel prankish! In fact, practical jokes, puzzles, games, and anything that you can do to amuse your mind will appeal. Physical lovemaking will also appeal because your desire nature is strong. Caution against difficulties with children because these are likely.

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I am no cook. But I can follow the directions. Which said to let the bird chill in the sink for a few hours.

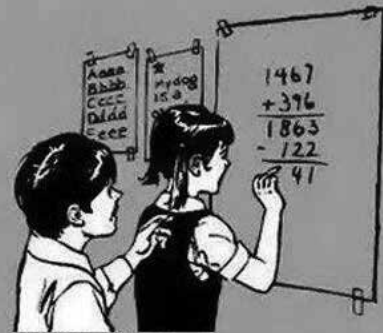


I've been waiting all winter to start complaining about the summer heat.



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Billy has 32 pieces of bacon. He eats 28. What does he have now?



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Might wake up early and go for a run.

Might also win the lottery, the odds are about the same.

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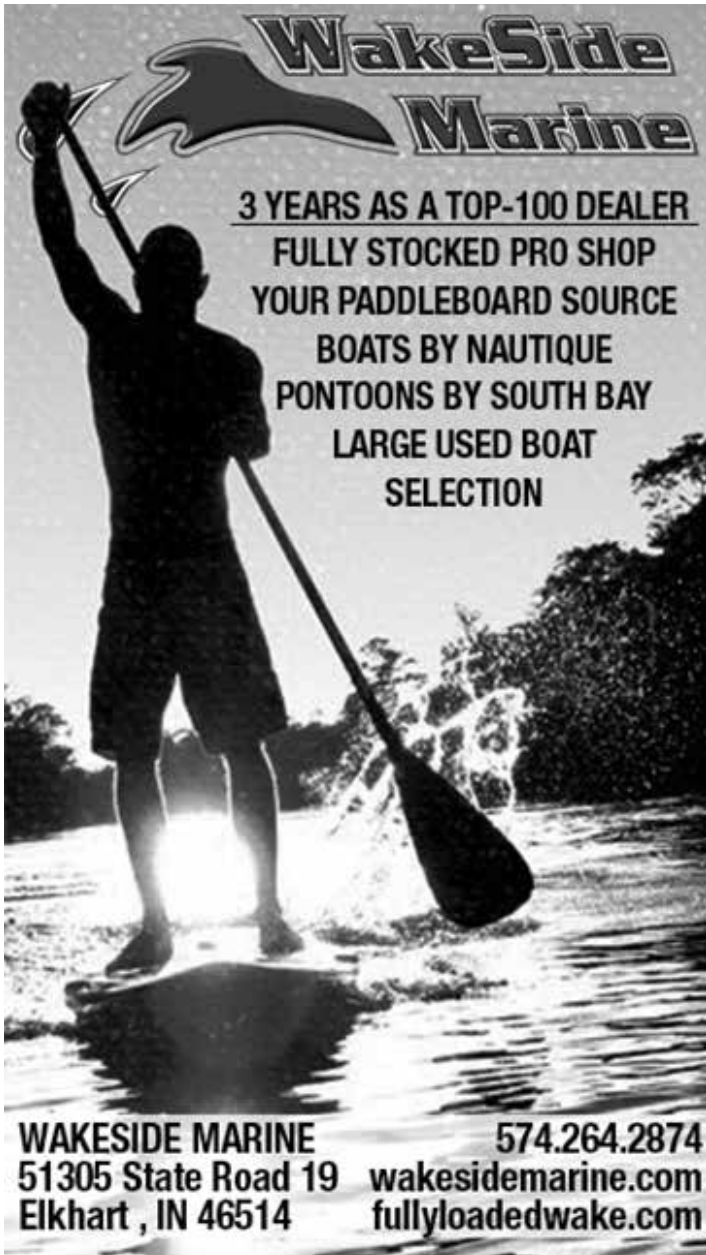
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~Birch Lake Recipes~



Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge

Hawaiian Pasta Salad

I made this last weekend, and boy was it a hit!

Ingredients:

- 8 oz rotini or bow tie pasta
- 1 (14oz) can pineapple tidbits, juice reserved
- 1 red pepper, diced
- 2 cups diced ham
- 1 green onion, thinly sliced

Dressing:

- ½ cup mayonnaise or dressing (I use Hellmann's light)

- ¼ cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon dijon mustard
- ¼ cup pineapple juice
- 1 teaspoon honey
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- black pepper to taste

Instructions

- Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and run under cold water.
- Whisk together all dressing ingredients until smooth.
- Combine all ingredients in a large bowl gently toss with dressing. Refrigerate 2 hours before serving.
- Store refrigerated up to 5 days.

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— Camp Tannadoonah —

... and suddenly it's July!

The days are flying by up here at Camp Tannadoonah and suddenly it's July! We're in the middle of our 4th session of camp already. It was great to see so many lake folks and their friends and families at the pancake breakfast this weekend. It's always a fun morning, and the food was great as always. Thank you all for coming out to support Camp T! And a big thank you to the crew who organized the event, cooked, cleaned, and did dishes. Your hard work is much appreciated.

It was such a beautiful weekend to be here at Birch Lake! Many of our counselors this year are from far-away places so a number of them got to experience the holiday weekend on the lake. Six of them got to join us on the boat to watch the fireworks as well, including three international staff who experienced the 4th of July Holiday for the 1st time!

This week is Pirate Week at camp, and our counselors have been planning fun pirate-themed activities. On Sunday night we had Capture the Treasure (aka Capture the Flag). On Tuesday we played "Island Hopping" – a series of stations with different games at each station, and on

Wednesday we had cardboard "pirate ship" races in the lake.

This next week we have our American Camp Association Accreditation visit, which means that's what I've been working on for most of the past few weeks! There are 7 different areas that the ACA visitors look at: (1) Site and Food Service, (2) Operational Management, (3) Human Resources, (4) Program Design and Activities, (5) Aquatics, (6) Transportation, and (7) Health and Wellness. Each area has a binder of standards that we have to comply with in order to stay accredited by the ACA.

Our ACA accreditation is something that is really important to us at camp. The process may be stressful and time consuming, but it means that we're setting a high bar for ourselves and making sure that we run a quality program here at Camp. I always tell parents that when they're choosing a camp, they should choose one that is accredited.

When the ACA visitors come next Tuesday, they will look through all of the documentation we have put together, walk around camp and observe our activities in progress, and

interview campers and staff about various things we do at camp. They look at everything from how food is stored and dishes are cleaned, to whether our campers and staff are wearing life-jackets at the waterfront. Plus several hundred pages of documents that we have to show!

We're looking forward to some busy weeks ahead here at camp. We have 96 campers here this week, and it's the smallest week we have left this summer! The remaining weeks have 113, 124, 109, and 114 campers each! We're around 840 total campers for the summer, which is about 20 ahead of last year's total. I'm hoping we can get to 850 but that may be a stretch because there are so few slots left. It's sure keeping our staff on their toes! This week we had a number of new staff joining us, so it's been fun seeing all the new energy and hearing their excitement about the rest of the summer. It's hard to believe that we're a week into July already, and in just 4 short weeks we'll be wrapping up another summer here at camp. It goes by too quickly!

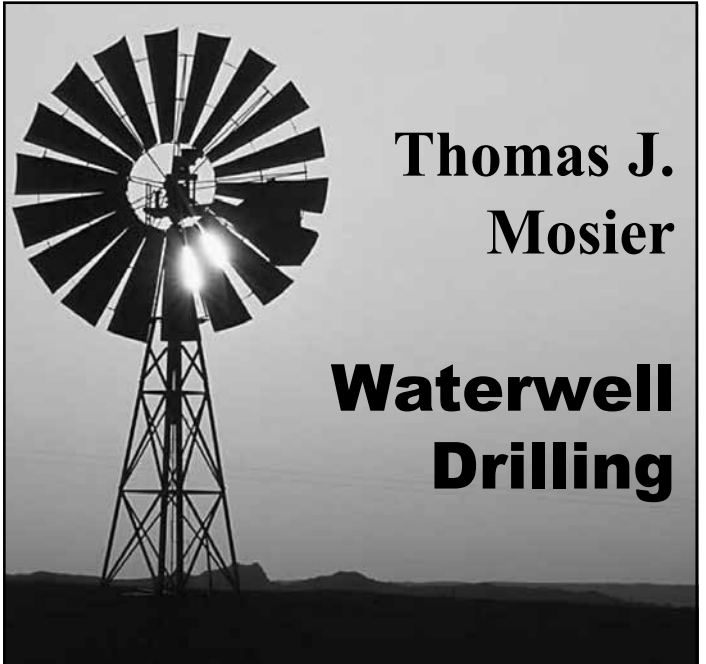
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