



Thanks to Julia Rodriguez, Lisa Rodriguez, Linda Witchie, and Claudia Phipps for great photos of Popsicles on the Pier (more photos inside today's Barker).

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Popsicles on the Pier at Ron and Linda Witchie's home was great fun! It was a good opportunity to see old friends and make new. The weather finally cooperated for this community building event. Check out "Community Corner" for the next one at the McGanns/Leuchts' on July 16.

The annual People's Regatta is this weekend on Saturday. What a great way to learn to sail. It's for kids big and small. Go to the Lutz's house next to Camp at 10:30 am. You'll get free lessons with a picnic lunch afterwards. Don't miss it!

I have my team together for the golf outing. I used to play golf in high school and decided to start playing again a couple of years ago. I play at least 5 times a year now! Of course the Ladies Golf outing may involve kicking a soccer ball or teeing off with a putter. Needless to say, five times a year may be sufficient. No matter your level of expertise, you can play in this

event. Check out the Barker for details.

The Men's Golf Outing is also coming up. My husband Dennis has been an avid golfer since his caddying days back in Bloomington, Indiana. His back problems prevent him from joining in, but he just might go along for the fun of it. No matter your level of play, sign up and have fun!

Of course, save the date for the annual traditional Corn and Sausage Roast on July 29. My three kids and their families have been asking about it so they can mark their calendars. My Grandkids love sweet corn on the cob!! They also love the hustle and bustle of people coming in and out of the yacht club and the cookers working over that large outside grill!

I want to thank Bob and Sue Waddle for their years of service as the coordinators of the Birch Lake Boat Parade. We appreciate their efforts in keeping this fun event alive. It is a blast being in the parade and it is obviously a fun tradition for the lake due to the amount of spectators! My first time to visit Birch Lake was on one the Fourth weekends during

2017 Birch Lake Calendar

Harman/Troeger People's Regatta - July 15
Popsicles on the Pier, McGann's - July 16
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:
August 5, Sept. 9

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

the 1970s. I witnessed the parade and loved it. When I moved here in the 1980s it had gone by the wayside. I rekindled it and was the chairperson for many years. Now the Waddles are asking for someone to step up and agree to coordinate this event. It is not a difficult task, and we need someone to volunteer. Of course, if no one comes forward then there will be no parade next year. Please contact myself, the Waddles, or any other

— Birch Lake Notes —

board member if you are interested.
claudia2154@gmail.com

The Labor Day Dog Parade also needs a new chairperson for this upcoming Labor Day weekend. This is another fun event. If interested please contact claudia2154@gmail.com

Did you enjoy the fireworks this year? Did you have family and friends who visited the lake and also enjoyed the display? If so, please consider contributing to the fireworks fund. We are anticipating an increase in cost for in the future and we would like to continue this event also.

Did you know that the BLYC member dues are only \$30? Check out the notice in this Birch Barker and every Barker that gives you the information.

For the Fireworks Fund and dues make checks payable to BLYC c/o Deb Spratt, 18100 Farmington Hills Dr., South Bend, Indiana.

Moonbeam moment: You have a right to your joy. Seek it!

~Commodore Claudia

BLYC FALL DINNER

I hate to even mention Fall at this point in the summer, but I don't want to be remiss in reminding everyone to "Save The Date" for the 2017 Fall Dinner – please make sure you mark August 26 on your calendars! Details



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

around the event will be in the next Barker. Hope to see you there!

~ V.C. Karen

Save The Date -- Corn and Sausage is Coming!

Saturday, July 29 is the Big Day!
Be there or be unfed!

Men's and Women's Golf Outing

This weekend is the deadline for signing up for both the Men's and Women's Golf Outings. See the ads in today's Barker for details.

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Additionally, the owner of an animal running at large or an animal that bites may be ticketed by the Animal Control officer and fined by the courts.

To view the complete ordinance see "dog ordinance" at <http://www.casscountymi.org/DepartmentsandCourts/AnimalControl.aspx>

Birch Road closings

Due to construction of a new home on Birch Road, the property owner has informed us that the road is going to be blocked and/or closed off and on for the rest of the year (the house should be done by January) and residents should plan accordingly.

Cass Art show is July 15

The Summer Art Show sponsored by Cass Area Artists, scheduled for July 15, will be held on the grounds of the Lowe Center (Council on Aging), M-60 and Decatur Road in Cassopolis, near Diamond and Donnell Lakes.



A couple of fishermen came by the house the other day with an unusual catch in tow. Neither would admit to catching it but both said they weren't going to clean it or eat it ...

Designer jewelry, oil and watercolor paintings, functional and ornamental clay, wood turned bowls, digital creations, fabric art and more will provide new and returning visitors a chance to start or add to their collections.

In its third year at this location, the show has seen collectors return to see their favorite artists and add to pieces they already own. One advantage to collectors at this show are affordable prices in comparison to larger art shows.

Artists at the July 15 show include professional artists, art teachers and emerging artists who have submitted art to be juried into the show. All

work is original, one of a kind and hand made. The artists this year hail from Granger, South Bend, and Elkhart in Indiana, and Stevensville, Edwardsburg, Niles, Vandalia, Ludington and Cassopolis in Michigan. The show will have both new and returning artists, as well as members of the Cass Area Artists art group.

New this year, is the addition of a poplar food truck, Drive Thru Q which is often located in Three Rivers Michigan, and they will offer BBQ, hot dogs, chicken and more.

Cass Area Artists (www.cassareaartists.org) invite everyone to have a fun day on July 15, and come hungry for art and BBQ!



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Popsicles on the Pier



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Deadline to sign up is July 16

Team Members

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

**Teams please consider donating a basket
for the basket raffle. TEAM BASKETS
SHOULD NOT EXCEED \$50 TOTAL.**

Bad Patty Luecht 476-2615



*Thanks to Julia Rodriguez, Lisa Rodriguez, Linda Witchie,
and Claudia Phipps for great photos of Popsicles on the
Pier last weekend. Pat & Tessa McGann (above) and their daughter
Kelly along with Bill & Bad Patty Luecht will host the East
Side Popsicles on the Pier on Sunday July 16 from 3 to 4:30
pm. McGann's is the A-Frame with the yellow boat cover
next door to the Luecht's famous Flamingo Room.*

— COMMUNITY CORNER —

by **Sarah Petty**

Thank you to Witchies (south side) for hosting a very successful POTP! We enjoyed popsicles, good company and wonderful weather! Up next, Pat & Tessa McGann and their daughter

Kelly along with Bill & Bad Patty Luecht will host the East Side Popsicles on the Pier on Sunday July 16 from 3 to 4:30 pm. McGann's is the A-Frame with the yellow boat cover next door to the Luecht's famous Flamingo Room.

Remember to try and come by

kayak, paddle board, canoe, swimming, bike, walking or parachute in. We will provide the popsicles but the rest is BYOB. All ages are welcome.

Below, meet your board members, Bob Waddle and Patty Luecht...

Get to know the Birch Lake Yacht Club board

My name is **Bob Waddle**, aka Sparkybob, aka the Sparkycam. My wife, Sue and I have loved Birch Lake since first coming here in the mid 1980s. We were "trunk slammers" until I retired from the electrical construction industry in Northwest Indiana in 2006 and we moved here full time. We live in a red house on the east side, with our little cocker spaniel, Beyoncé. As Commodore in 1994 and in 2010 I was



able to meet a lot of the great people that we are lucky to have here at the lake. I urge everyone to attend BLYC functions and meet your truly amazing neighbors.

Hi I am "**Bad**" **Patty Luecht**. I am a past Commodore and have been on the board since 2013. My husband Bill has been on Birch Lake since 1961, and I started coming to the lake about 1985. As many of you know, I have an obsession



with Flamingos, and have over 200 in the infamous Flamingo Room on the east side. (Watch for the pink lights to go on!) Birch Lake has my heart, and there is nowhere else I would rather be! You'll see me on my boat, the Bad Patty, circling the lake, and especially on Sundays for the sailboat races. Hope to see you wave when I go by!! Remember, PINK ... it's not just a color ... it's an ATTITUDE!

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*If you have access to logo or golf or lake related merchandise that could be donated, please

Contact Chas Grundy at chas@grundyhome.com

2017 BLYC Men's Golf Outing Foursome Information

TEAM CAPTAIN:

PLEASE PRINT NAMES

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FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Great sailing weekend!

Last Sunday we completed three races, with both classes having many participants, which made a fun sailing experience. Winds were light to moderate and changing, which made it a little tricky at times navigating the course. All in all the winds did pick up a little more towards the third and final race and made for some great sailing!

Don't forget we have the *Don Harmon and Earl Troeger Memorial "Kids Regatta"* this Saturday at 10:30 at the Lutz's (north side, next to Camp T). Please bring life jackets and as many kids (young and old) as you can corral. Food and drinks will be provided, but BYOB.

Hope to see on Saturday for a wonderful event.

Until Next week,

"Splice the main brace!"

~Fleet Captain Mike~



2017 BLYC Season Sailing Results

Date	9-Jul	9-Jul	9-Jul	Total	Season	Races	%
Race	13	14	15	Points	Average	Finished	Finished

MC Scow/Sailor

Scott Troeger #1489	1	1	1	19584	1506	12	92.3%
Jeff Smitley #2002	DNS	DNS	DNS	14993	1499	10	76.9%
Rick Harmon	DNS	DNS	DNS	2969	1485	2	15.4%
Barb Cassady/Maggie Cassady #2506	4	3	2	19246	1480	13	100.0%
Phil Vitale #500	DNS	DNS	DNS	7003	1401	5	38.5%
Gib Eberhart #916	2	5	DNS	4113	1371	3	23.1%
Harold Cranmer #1991/2550	3	4	4	15996	1333	12	92.3%
Bill Luecht #1579	5	2	5	14347	1304	11	84.6%
Pat McGann #1735	6	6	3	15870	1221	12	92.3%
Bob King #1199	DNS	7	6	2381	1191	2	15.4%
Sandy Vitale	DNS	DNS	DNS	0	0	0	0.0%

Sunfish/Sailor

Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	1	2	1	23372	1558	15	100.0%
Peter Soldato	6	1	DNS	18049	1504	12	80.0%
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)	3	4	2	18711	1439	13	86.7%
Herb Cleveland	2	3	3	18486	1422	13	86.7%
Stewart Spratt	4	DNS	4	16363	1364	12	80.0%
Brad Davis	DNS	DNS	DNS	5403	1351	4	26.7%
Bill Butler	DNS	DNS	DNS	10013	1252	7	46.7%
Camille Butler	5	5	5	14655	1221	12	80.0%

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.

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— Water Quality Report —

Purple Loosestrife Management Program

The Birch Lake Water Quality Committee started the Purple Loosestrife Management Program in 2000. The program has been very effective. In 2000 we had 10 sites located on all shores of the lake, some of which were very dense. We continue to monitor for Purple Loosestrife each year and remove the plants that we find. The Plants bloom toward the end of July and into September. If you see, or suspect you see, the plant, please call Bruce Wagner, our Water Quality Committee Purple Loosestrife Specialist (Cottage 269-476-2090, cell 574-286-7183) or any other member of the Water Quality Committee to have it checked out. In recent years, purple loosestrife is typically only found in four or five places on the lake, most often along the west shore.

What is it?

Purple Loosestrife is a plant that was accidentally introduced to the United States and distributed as an ornamental. It is most easily identified during the flowering season. This spiked-shaped purple pinkish flower can be seen above the water level in ditches, streams, rivers, lakes, and other moist shallow water sites. This plant is an upright hardy perennial four to eight feet tall and most often found in groups.

Effects:

Purple Loosestrife invades marshes,

ditches and lakeshores quickly replacing native wetland plants. These plants form dense stands that wildlife cannot use for food or cover.

Spread:

Purple Loosestrife will grow from the roots of an established plant, however the plants spread mainly by seed. Having up to 300,000 per stalk, these tiny seeds can live in the soil and water for many years and can be transported great distances by humans, animals and water.

Management (Eradication)

Once the plant becomes easily evident (in mid-July) but before it goes to seed (in early September), Specialist Wagner will slowly tour the lake in his pontoon boat and with his binoculars search for purple loosestrife, usually about four times per season. Wherever it is seen, he will later return from shore, in his waders, pull each plant (hopefully with its roots), bag, and properly dispose of it.

If you are interested in helping give Bruce a call. He would probably enjoy the company.

To see what it looks like, just enter "Purple Loosestrife Michigan" in your browser.

Another Water Quality Action Update

Speaking of slow moving pontoon



boats whose occupants eye the shoreline through binoculars ... a group of Water Quality Committee members are scheduled to be joined by a MiCorps DEQ biologist in order to "Score the Shore" (See Birch Barker of 7/1/17) on Tuesday, July 18. We may pass in front of each 1000' long section of shoreline as many as three times at various distances from the shore in order to collect and record data in that 1000' section. If we don't complete the entire lake survey on the 18th, we will probably try to finish up on the next day or two thereafter. Just like with the Purple Loosestrife Patrols, please don't let the seemingly nosy pontoons unnerve or make you feel uneasy.

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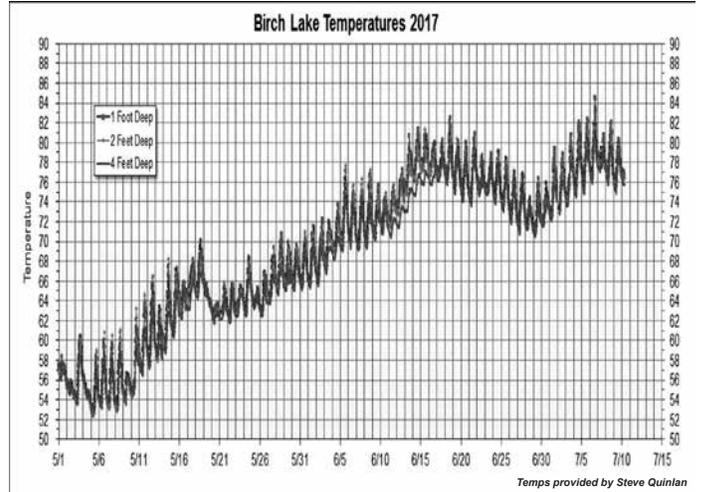
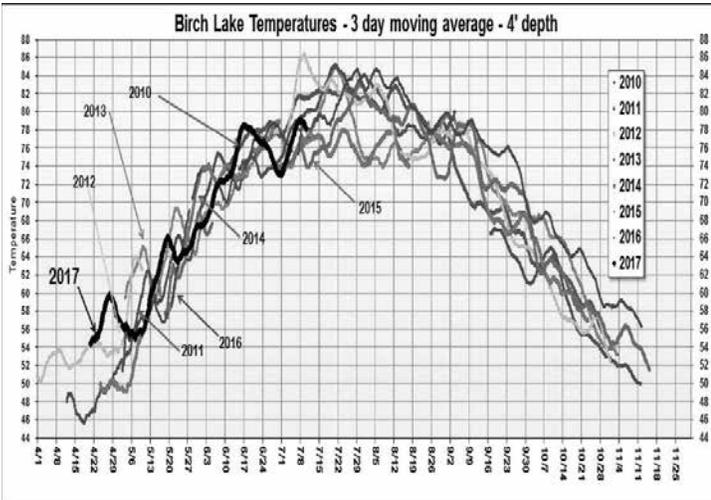
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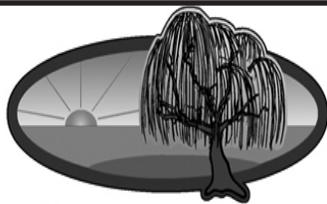
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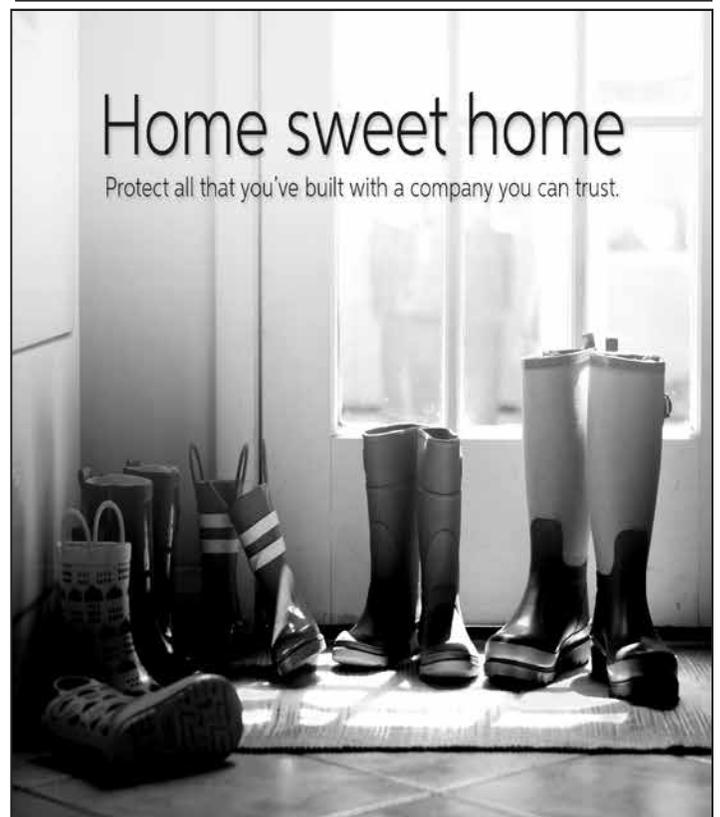
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— Barker Kids of the Week —



North siders enjoying the pancake breakfast! Ben, Cam, and Cooper Petty with their cousins Abby and Connor Caplis.



Brayden and Liam Trybula, grandsons of Peter and Denise Trybula (east side) enjoyed their holiday on Birch Lake swimming, boating, dumping pails of water in the sandbox, and giving treats to the neighbor dogs. They say they will be back!

At Right: Turtle of the week, sent in after the Fourth of July week by Mr. Bob (north shore). This week Mr. Bob sent a photo of a dead Kingfisher but I decided not to put it in the paper because I found it too depressing.



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Above: Levy's hosted a fun July 4th "carnival" celebration for their South Side neighbors' grandkids. The highlight of the weekend was the Dunk Tank. Grandfathers and their grandkids all took turns. This picture captures a few of the Levy, Wozny and Henderson grandkids and a few friends all from the South Side! What fun! A special Thank You to the Levys!

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

Below: That's our BFFs Steve and Shari Deranek with my BS Sandy and me cheering on the Cubbies to victory last Friday at Wrigley. Steve shot this, something he called a "selfie," with his phone thingie ... and it didn't hurt a bit (but I'm still not getting one!)

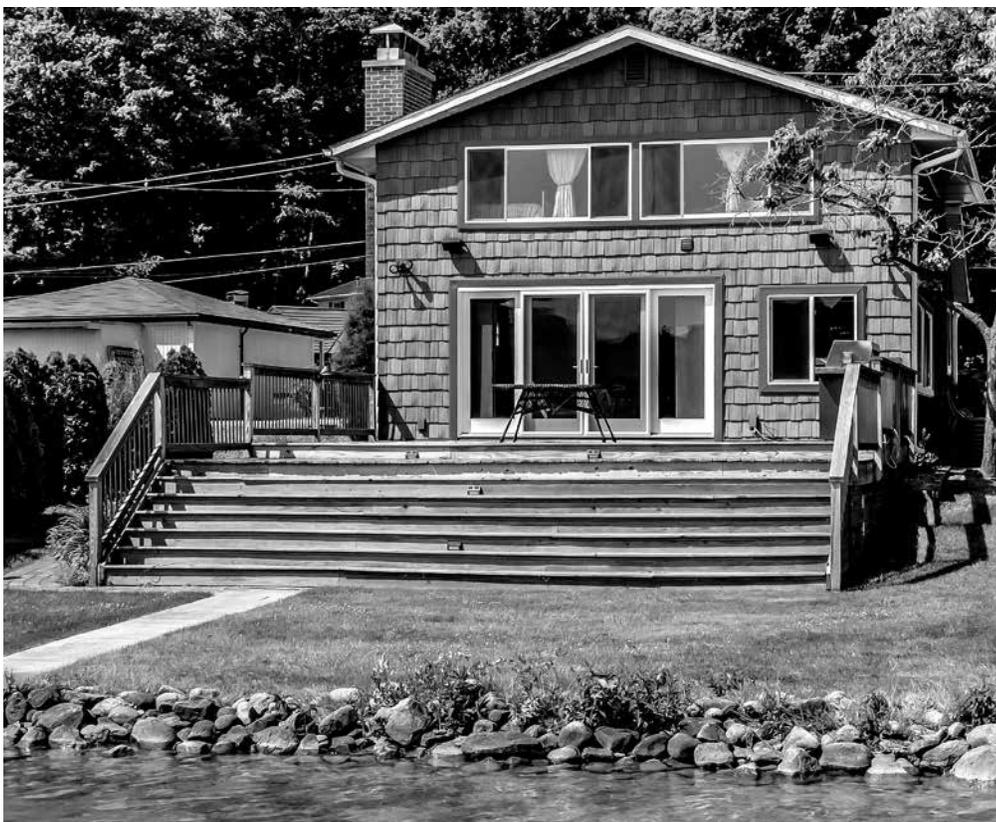


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At left: Rory and Thia Andis, granddaughters of Karen Curtis-Miller and Eric Miller (east side), visiting from Indy.

Below: Dog of the Week Forest Hall, the pet of Bud and Debbie Hall (cove) loves to ride in the boat and he loves Birch Lake (but then, don't we all?).



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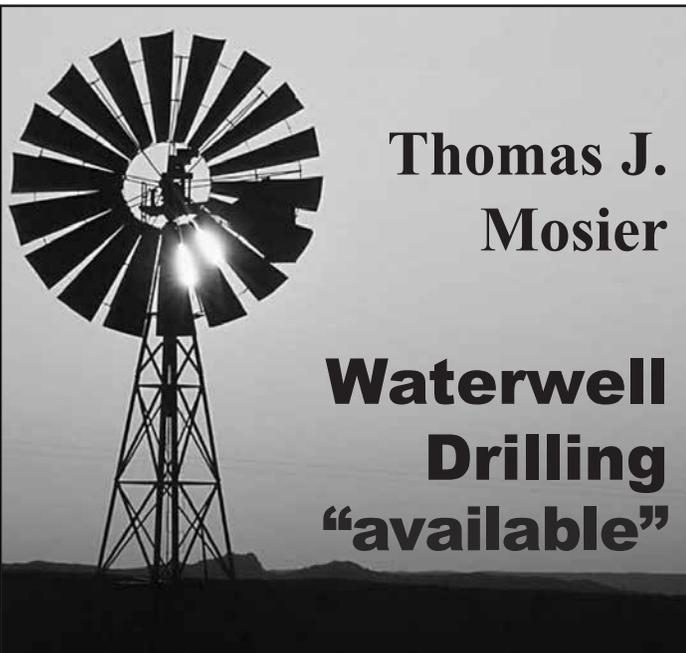
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— Barker Kids of the Week —



Above: The Quinlan (West side) grandchildren.

At right: Liam Kappel, who turns 2 on July 15, went for his first ski last weekend. He is the youngest Quinlan grandchild and the youngest ever on the trainer skis.



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— Barker kids of the Week —



At left: Hailey McDaniel, 8, of the South Shore showing her older siblings and cousins she is just as strong as they are!



Above: That's Aurora (aka Aurorable), granddaughter of Mike and Amy Lutz (north side). Gramma Amy says she can't stop herself from sending in pics!



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YOUR HOROSCOPE

Aries (March 21-April 19) - This will be a playful, fun-loving week, especially with partners and close friends. Please remember you are the artisan of the zodiac. You can do anything with your hands! This week you might create something to get a stunning result. You might also be involved in activities with kids.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Your fast-pace continues this week. Short trips, errands, conversations with everyone plus increased reading and writing keep you hustling! This is a strong week for those who write, sell, market, teach or act because you are proactive and forthright with your words. You will say what you mean and mean what you say!

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - his week you will identify with what you own. You might think your finances indicate your personal worth. But your finances are just finances. However, this ego identification will trigger disputes about possessions or money. Basically, you want to use what you own to get stuff done!

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - The You might be so stoked it would be wise to do physical exercise or gym workouts to blow off any pent-up steam. (Because if you don't find a healthy outlet for this energy, it will sneak out as snide remarks. You have ambitious ideas about how to make money or boost your earnings. Respect your ideas. This week, your mind is clear and has an understanding of the overall patterns of your life. You can swing business negotiations and commercial transactions because you see the bigger picture down the road.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - In one way, you want to be low profile and hide behind the scenes (with delicious food and drink, of course; preferably served with adoration). This suits you now because you are doing a lot alone or working on a project. Splurge on a thoughtful gift and go visit your pals. Leos like to arrive in style.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - This is a popular week! Many of you are involved in competitions or physical sports because you are active with friends and groups. In addition, something is going on in your life that makes you look very good to bosses, parents and VIPs. They are impressed with you. In fact, in some cases, they're so impressed a romance could begin.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - This is one of the most powerful months of the year for you! You will notice that this week you impress bosses, parents and VIPs (and the police) even if you don't do anything different. Call it smoke and mirrors; but what is really happening is the Sun is at the top of your chart symbolically casting a flattering light on you.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - You want to expand your world through creative intellectual dialogue. You will love to discuss your beliefs because you identify with your ideas. Travel will be gratifying because it will expand your world in an immediate way. Meanwhile, romance will be sexy and affectionate! You might even attract gifts, goodies and money through your partner or spouse. It's a good week to ask for a loan or seek a mortgage.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Money, mortgages, debt and shared property are on your mind. You're always willing to play the long shot. This means you can get a loan or mortgage or settle a financial deal to your favor. Some of your big ideas will involve doing business in a foreign country or exploring opportunities in publishing and the media, as well as medicine and the law.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This week your focus is on partners and close friends. Instead of turning a blind eye or being forgiving, you feel judgmental, irritated and annoyed. Fortunately, this phenomena only lasts for a month and only occurs once every two years.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Many of you are traveling more and it's thrilling! You want to clarify issues and explain something. It's a good time to discuss difficulties in a relationship. It's also a good time to sign contracts and enter into negotiations. Meanwhile, you want to pull your act together so that you can take it on the road. You want to be efficient, effective and productive, which is why you are making lists and introducing improvements to your job and even to your health.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Grab every opportunity to party and have fun because it's your turn to play right now. Accept all invitations to social events, sports, parties, the theatre, art openings, reunions, and fun vacations, especially with children. Your desire nature is strong now so sex and flirtations will be important to you. Athletic activities will also be an exciting choice.

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"This burger delivers the bold flavors of Buffalo wings minus the mess and calories. Serve with additional hot sauce on the side."

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup light sour cream
- 1/4 cup reduced fat blue cheese crumbles
- 1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 1/2 pounds ground chicken
- 1/4 cup hot pepper sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon celery salt (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1 pinch cayenne pepper, or to taste
- 1 tablespoon hot pepper sauce
- 4 Kaiser rolls, split
- 4 leaves iceberg lettuce
- 1/2 cup diced celery

Directions:

1. Preheat an outdoor grill for medium-high heat, and lightly oil the grate. Stir the sour cream, blue cheese, and Worcestershire sauce together in a small

bowl; set aside.

2. Mix the ground chicken, 1/4 cup hot sauce, celery salt, poultry seasoning, paprika, and cayenne pepper together in a mixing bowl until evenly blended. Form into four 3/4-inch-thick patties.

3. Cook the chicken burgers on the preheated grill 6 to 7 minutes until well marked. Spray the uncooked top of the burger with cooking spray, and flip the burgers over. Brush the cooked side with 1 tablespoon hot sauce, and continue cooking until no longer pink in the center and the juices run clear, about 5 minutes more. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read at least 165 degrees F (74 degrees C).

4. To assemble the burgers, place a lettuce leaf on each roll bottom. Top with a burger patty, then spoon on 2 tablespoons of blue cheese sauce, and 2 tablespoons celery. Place the top of the roll on top to finish the sandwich.

Buffalo Chicken Dip

"This tangy, creamy dip tastes just like Buffalo chicken wings. It's best served hot with crackers and celery

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Ingredients:

- 2 (10 ounce) cans chunk chicken, drained
- 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup Ranch dressing
- 3/4 cup pepper sauce (such as Frank's Red Hot®)
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 bunch celery, cleaned and cut into 4 inch pieces
- 1 (8 ounce) box chicken-flavored crackers

Directions:

1. Heat chicken and hot sauce in a skillet over medium heat, until heated through. Stir in cream cheese and ranch dressing. Cook, stirring until well blended and warm. Mix in half of the shredded cheese, and transfer the mixture to a slow cooker. Sprinkle the remaining cheese over the top, cover, and cook on Low setting until hot and bubbly. Serve with celery sticks and crackers.

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SEE YOU ON THE WATER

— Camp Tannadoonah —

Greetings from Camp Tannadoonah

We have just finished Week 3, and the theme for the week was Under the Sea. Some of our activities have included Octopus Tag, Crab Soccer, Sharks and Minnows, Sponge Wars, and Capture the Gold. There was also a new-to-Tannadoonah activity this week called Sew-Your-Own-Teddy-Bear, where campers who signed up for the class got to make a bear out of a camp tee-shirt. This is our biggest week so far, with 135 campers, and we will break that record in just a couple of weeks!

This week features the Morris Lodge staff. Morris is the traditional home to the oldest girls at camp. The Morris staff are:

Miss Paige (South Bend, Indiana) - Miss Paige is spending her third year working at Camp T. She was a camper for about 7 years, and a CIT (Counselor-in-Training) for two of them. In the fall she will be a sophomore at Carthage College. She can usually be found at the tennis courts or archery range. If you ever need a joke, she is full of them. Puns,

anti jokes, long story jokes - She knows them all! She excited to be back this summer, and is having a great time!

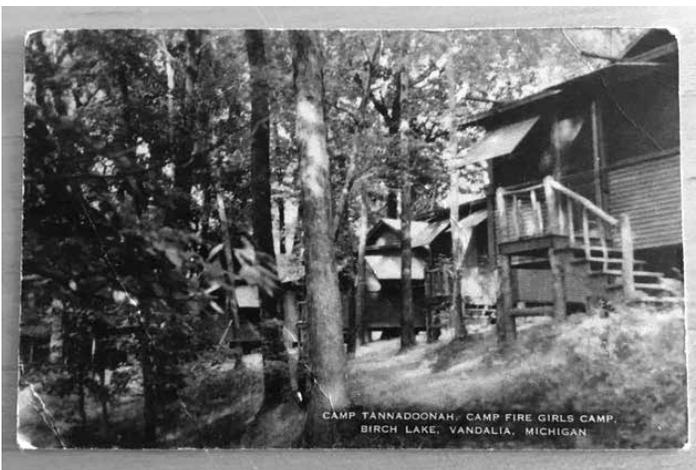
Miss Ani (Yeravan, Armenia) - Miss Ani studies linguistics and speaks 5 languages (Armenian, Arabic, Spanish, Russian, and English). She enjoys playing sports, especially basketball, swimming, and yoga. She is also a talented artist in her free time; she enjoys abstract oil painting and fashion sketching. She likes to get to know other cultures and explore new places and have new adventures. Her dream is to travel all around the world some day.

Miss Jaidaa (Cairo, Egypt) - Miss Jaidaa is going to her senior year in the German University in Cairo, studying Computer Science Engineering. She love traveling, having been to 7 countries before. Her most recent destination (before coming to the United States) was China, where she spent 6 weeks exploring the country's beauty. Her dream is to travel every country around the world. Miss Jaidaa

speaks 4 languages (Arabic, English, French, and German), loves cooking, and playing sports, especially Yoga. She is excited to make this summer unforgettable!!!

Miss Katelyn (Montgomery, Illinois) - This is Miss Katelyn's first summer at Camp Tannadoonah! She is from Aurora, Illinois and will be a sophomore in the fall at Saint Mary's College with a Chemistry major. She love all things nature and dance. Since coming to camp, she has found that she also enjoys archery. She is enjoying spending her summer outside and with the campers!

Miss Sophie (Holland, Michigan) - Miss Sophie is spending her first summer at Camp Tannadoonah! She has always loved the summer camp environment, and has been fortunate to be a camper, CIT, and now a counselor! She attends Hope College and will be a sophomore this fall, majoring in Communication and minoring in Peace and Justice Studies. She enjoys photography, films, public speaking, and cats.



Thanks to Cindy Rheinhardt (daughter of Bud and Barb Zesinger, east side) for the historic postcards from Camp Tannadoonah. Cindy said she came across several Camp Tannadoonah postcards in a box of old postcards that I purchased at an auction. Only one is postmarked but she believes they are all from the same year as the postmark, 1946. We will be running more in weeks ahead as space permits.



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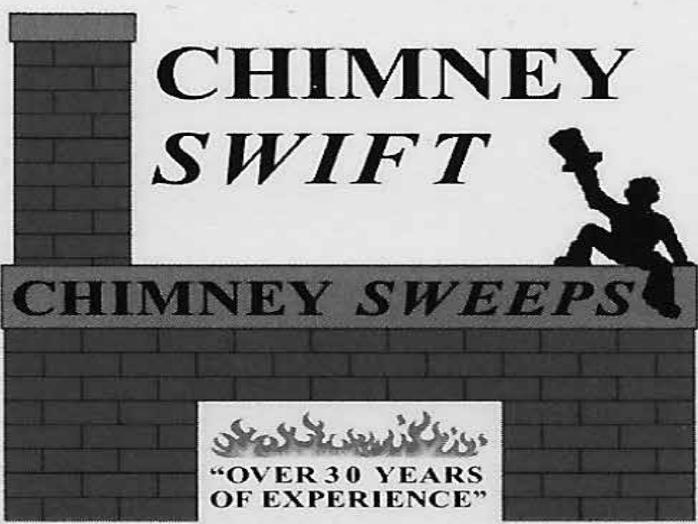
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