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BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

Birch Barker

Weekend of June 23, 2012

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Cooper Petty, north shore, turned 5 last week and caught his first fish of the summer!

Thanks to the ladies!

Commodore's Comments

Dear Friends of Birch Lake:

What a wonderful Ladies Tea Celia Fallon and Carla Chester hosted last Friday at the Yacht Club. It was beautifully decorated with floral tablecloths and vases of fresh flowers. The food was absolutely delicious and the company and conversation ... priceless! About 30 ladies attended and everyone seem to enjoy themselves. Celia mentioned it has been years since we held a Ladies Tea, and I want to thank her and Carla for bringing it back. Thank you ladies!!!

Don't forget the Spaghetti-Fest this Saturday from 6-8 pm at the Yacht Club. The committee will be starting to cook the sauce later this week for all you folks so if you still need tickets, contact any member of Team Eastside or call 476-2125.

It's not too late to submit any updates/corrections/new info/etc. to be

included in the 2012 Birch Lake Directory. The Publications and Communications Committee (bet you didn't know we had one of these) has extended the deadline to Tuesday, July 31. Directories will be available sometime in August. So please get any updates/corrections/new info/etc. to the Fallons at 63600 Birch Road. Look for more information in the Barker.

Don't forget the "Summer Olympics" themed Boat Parade, beginning at 2 pm from Dick Bender's pier on the South Side. Looking forward to checking out all the different "Summer Olympics" themed boats, so as Carla and Ilene (our Boat Parade Chairwomen) said, "lets show the real Birch Lake spirit by participating in this very exciting summer event."

After the Boat Parade, we will have fireworks beginning at dusk, and then the Pancake Breakfast will be held in the dining hall at Camp Tannadoonah on Sunday, July 1st from 8:30 to 11 am.

2012 BLYC Calendar

June 23	Spaghetti Dinner 6-8 pm
June 30	Boat Parade
June 30	Fireworks
July 1	Pancake Breakfast
July 1	Fireworks Rain Date
July 14	Vice Commodore's Party
July 20	Women's Golf Outing
July 21	Poker Run/Camp T Hog Roast
July 27	Men's Golf Outing
Aug. 4	Corn & Sausage Roast
Aug. 25	Fall Dinner
Sept. 8	Sailing Awards
Sept. 15 or 25	Game Night/Card Party
Oct. 6	Annual Chili Cook-Off

Board Meetings - 9 am (Saturdays)

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

Sailing Regattas

4th of July weekend; Labor Day weekend

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

The Birch Barker is always soliciting and accepting materials for publication. Please E-mail your materials to sailorphil@philvitale.com, put the items in the stone newspaper/mailbox at my home, 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore), mail to Phil Vitale, 102 So. Broadway, Cassopolis, MI 49031, or fax to (269) 445-9200. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want photos or any other materials returned. To contact me by phone, call (269) 476-1680 or (269) 445-9200, or BLYC Commodore Pam Mullin, (269) 476-1080. --Phil Vitale, editor

— Birch Lake Notes —

Adults \$5; Children 6-10 \$2 and under 5 Free. This is an all-you-can-eat breakfast, and all the proceeds will go to Camp Tannadoonah.

Try and stay cool while we have the hot weather. And make sure to drink plenty of water along with the beverage of your choice.

Looks like we have an "eventless" week-end July 7th. Let's all sit back, relax and get ready for the Vice Commodore's Party on Saturday, July 14th.

Here's to smooth sailing....

~Commodore Pam

Line Dancing on Tuesdays

Lind Harman will teach/host line dancing at the Yacht Club on Tuesday morning until further notice.

Pancake Breakfast

Come join your Birch Lake neighbors at the annual Fourth of July Holiday Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, July 1, from 8:30 am to 11 am at Camp Tannadoonah.

All you can eat pancakes (a limited supply of gluten-free pancakes will be available), sausage, fruit, coffee and juice for just \$5 for adults, children 6-10 \$2, and free for under 5 kids. All the proceeds will go to Camp Tannadoonah.

Newberg open house

Newberg Township Fire and EMS



The members of the Birch Lake Yacht Club would like to thank Keith Kinzler from the west side and his good buddy Lance Surges for sanding and polishing the Yacht Club floor last weekend. It looks great!

(corner of M40 and M60), in conjunction with Satori Salon will host an open house on Saturday, July 14 from 11 am to 5 pm. There will be a med-flight, smoke house, dunk tank, kids waterball and a bounce house. Port-A-Pit Chicken & Ribs will be available (\$7 for chicken;

\$8 for rib tips ... comes with two sides and a drink). All are welcome!

Summer Olympics is theme of the 4th of July Boat Parade for 2012

The theme for this year's Birch Lake Boat Parade is "The Summer Olympics." The official Summer Olympics will be held in London and other parts of the U.K. this summer. And we on Birch Lake have every intension of duplicating the games right her on our own lake this 4th of July holiday. For great ideas for decorating your water vessel go to the official Summer Olympics web site and wake up the creative and athletic juices in you! You can be the athlete you always dreamed about being!

Birch Lake will celebrate the holiday on Saturday, June 30. The boat parade will begin at 2 pm from Dick Bender's pier on the south side of the lake.

Boats will line up, one behind the other, for registration and instructions at that time. The parade will commence after all boats are registered. The parade will be led by this year's Grand Marshall, who will be named in the Birch Barker on June 29. After the parade lap, the boats will return, one at a time, to the registration dock to receive their trophies. Each family group will receive a trophy for their participation in the parade but only one boat will receive the much sought after "First Place" trophy.

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— Birch Lake Notes —

Lets show the real Birch Lake spirit by participating in this very exciting summer event. Serious and not so serious contenders may participate, this is all in fun!

-Carla Chester and Ilene Golden

Got Pix?

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

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

Homeowners' Association

The Birch Lake Homeowners' Association is part of the Birch Lake Yacht Club, but with separate membership, separate funding, and a separate board of 5 members elected every three years by its members. It concentrates on local governmental and legal matters affecting the Birch Lake community. It monitors the activities of local governmental units so the lake community is not caught unawares by adverse actions. By doing so, the local political authorities are made aware that the interests of the Birch Lake community should be duly taken into account. It maintains separate funds so that, if necessary,



Sometimes it seems like the sailors don't know whether they're coming or going ... Thanks to the Committee Boat for this cool pic ...

immediate legal action could be initiated to contest a matter adversely affecting Birch Lake. It also funds projects of general benefit to the property owners on the lake, such as safety pamphlets and safety sign at the landing.

The Homeowners Association board appreciates all of our concerned neighbors who pay Homeowners dues each year, and reminds everyone that the annual Homeowners' Association Board meeting will be on August 4 after the

Birch Lake Yacht Club Board meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Cass County Conservation Club

The Cass County Conservation Club will host a garage sale on Aug 12 to 14 in the club parking lot. This is the weekend of the large US-12 garage sale. For a nominal fee, spots are available for you to display your items. For more details or to reserve your spot contact Connie Sue Hulse at 269-641-2590.

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

- June 30 — Boating Safety Course
- July 14 & 15 — U-Pick'em Bingo
- Aug. 25 — Corn and Sausage Roast
- Sept. 15 & 16 — U-Pick'em Bingo
- Nov. 3 & 4 — Bingo Proceeds to

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

Barker Deadlines

Please be advised that the deadline for submitting information for any particular edition is always the Tuesday of the week before publication (example: the deadline for materials for the next

Birch Lake Directory Updates

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

Enclosed in this issue of the Birch Barker is an Update form. You may:

1. drop it off to Fallon's at 63600 Birch Road (brown house, green roof)
2. mail it to 63600 Birch Road, Vandalia MI 49095
3. fax it to 269-476-1467
4. complete the form at the Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast
5. complete it, scan it and send the



pdf to Celia.Fallon@gmail.com
6. or ignore it and allow the editors to decide your directory entry.

issue is Tuesday, June 12) ... thanks.

Advertising in the Barker

We are still (and always) accepting both display and classified advertising for the Birch Barker (see page 17 of today's Barker).

Classified ads are free to members of the BLYC (non-member rate is \$5 per ad). Email your classified ads to the Barker at sailorphil@philvitale.com.

Display ads are charged at the low, one-time rate of \$65 for a 1/8 page ad; \$130 for a 1/4 page ad; \$260 for a 1/2 page ad; and \$520 for a full page ad.

For information and help building your ad, contact Phil at 476-1680, 445-9200 or sailorphil@philvitale.com.

All ads are subject to the approval of the editor and/or Commodore, officers and board of the Birch Lake Yacht Club.

Roads to be closed

An update on the closure of Brownsville — The Road Commission has received a report from Enbridge Energy that the project will not be complete until the end of June.

The Road Commission also reports that Redfield Rd. at the bridge East of Adamsville Road is still closed. The detour is Adamsville Road, US-12 and Cassopolis Street. This project is expected to continue through July 31st. If you have questions, you can contact the Road Commission at 269-445-8611.



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— Birch Lake Notes —

NEW EVENT — BLYC POKER RUN & Camp Tannadoonah Hog Roast

Saturday - July 21, 2012

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

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

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

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

Other stops include:

West shore - Sheffieck's

East shore - Fallon's & Chester's

South shore - TBD

North shore - Mullin's

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

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

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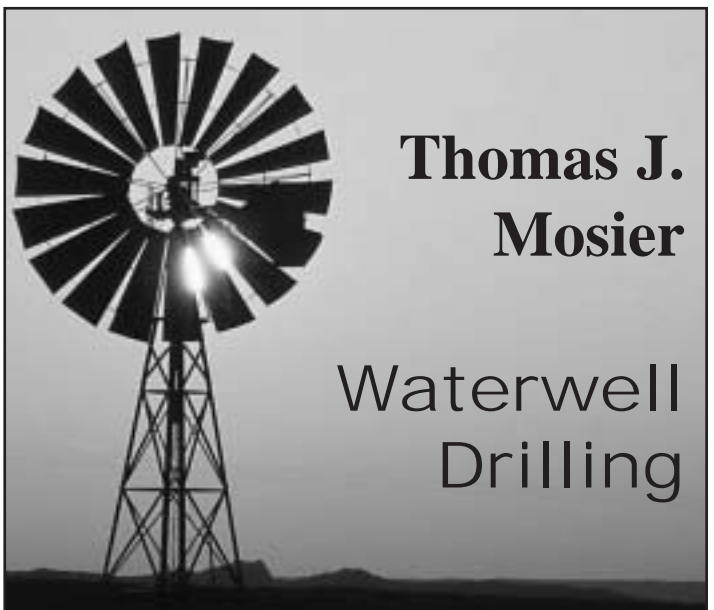
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— Birch Lake Notes —

The Brits have nothing on us! BLYC Ladies' Tea a smashing success!

With pinkie fingers held at exactly the correct angle, Birch Lake ladies shared tea, coffee and conversation on Friday June 8 at the Yacht Club.

Commodore Pam Mullin's suggestion to revive the ladies' tea, last held in 2007, was acted upon enthusiastically by Co-Chairs Celia Fallon and Carla Chester.



Tables were set with nostalgic flowered table linens, accented by charming blue plates and blue and white polka dot napkins. Lovely garden flowers arranged by Judy Olson adorned the table.

The delicious food included fruit salad, quiche, sweet rolls, granola, yogurt and even gluten free granola bars. Everyone raved over the Zucchini/Pineapple Muffins so we include the recipe for your enjoyment.

Guests were greeted by Sheryl

Magro and were signed up to win door prizes. After enjoying the food and conversation, Celia led the ladies in a game in which many held the prize for a moment but the eventual winner was Linda Curtis.

It was great to see many long time BLYC members and to greet some new people as well.

Many thanks to Celia, Carla and their committee for a really lovely and beautiful event.

- Sheryl Magro



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— Birch Lake Notes —



Zucchini/Pineapple Muffins served at the Ladies Tea

(Recipe from Kathy, the Birch Lake Mail Deliverer)

Mix together:

- 2 cups sugar
- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon soda
- ¼ teaspoon baking powder
- 1 Tablespoon cinnamon

Add:

- 3 eggs
- 1 cup oil
- 2 cups grated zucchini
- 1 20 ounce can crushed pineapple (do not drain)

Directions:

Mix well. Place batter in prepared (greased) pans.

Loaves: Bake for one hour at 325 F.

Mini Muffins: Bake for 15 - 20 minutes at 325 F.

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home is very spacious and has fabulous views from all of the large windows throughout. Gourmet kitchen with new flooring and eating area, Two fireplaces (living and family rooms), and rec area in lower level. New carpet in living room and master bedroom has built-ins and cedar closet. Beautiful terraced landscaping and patio with fire pit. Great home for entertaining!

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— Barker Kids of the Week —



Greta, Lyla and Clara Boecher with the help of their parents Dan and Lori brought and planted a tree for Papaw Russwurm's big birthday. What a great idea.



Julianna Rose Wodark as born on April 28, 2012 at 6:12 PM. 7 pounds, 7 ounces and 20 inches. Happy Parents are Joe and Emily Wodark, 1st time grandparents are Nina and Dave Frurip and 1st time great grandmother is Sonia Sanders.



Last weekend's committee boat: From left: Michele Pierson, Bad Patty Luecht, Good Patti Russwurm, Dana Parsons (we don't know who the clown in the background is ...

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— Barker Kids of the Week —



The Abernethy's were back on Birch Lake to celebrate Fathers day! Spike, Anne and the 3 girls used to live in the Backus' house on North Shore and Anne (O'Brien) also grew up on the North Shore in the home that her daughter, Sarah Petty, and family are in now.

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

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

Additional Information

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

Foursome Information

Team Captain:

1. _____

Name & Shirt Size

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Please Print Players Names & Shirt Sizes

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____



Fleet Captain's Corner



Blow the man down ...

Come all ye young fellers that follows th' sea.
W-ay! Hey? Blow th' man down
I'll sing ye a song if ye'll listen t' me.

Give us th' time an' we'll blow th' man down!

Blow the man down is an old sea shanty. It has been described as the most famous sea shanty of them all, and justly so. It is claimed that its life began in the Western Ocean sailing ships, with German emigrants. Others state that it derived from an African-American song: Knock the Man Down. Western Ocean law was: 'Rule with the fist, the belaying pin or a capstan bar'. Chief Mates in these ships were known as 'Blowers'. The Second Mates were 'Strikers' and the Third Mates were 'greasers'. A rough tough world indeed.

There are countless versions of Blow the Man Down and as we've learned before this halyard shanty is a working song. A halyard is a strong rope used to haul on the yard - a wooden extension of the mast to which sails are fastened. The halyard shanty is sung while hauling on such a halyard. The crew 'rests' while the shanty man (sometimes elected by the crew) sings the verse - then all hands join in the chorus - and haul.

Between 1850 and the early 1900's, the fastest clipper ships were the Black Ballers, plying between England and America. The westbound voyage was usually 4 weeks against the wind and the returning eastern voyage was about 3 weeks, going with the winds. And the more quickly a ship returned to homeport, the quicker a sailor would get paid. A position aboard the Black Ballers was one to be envied, however, the reputation of the Black Baller captains was notorious, they ran a brutal ship. When it was said that a man was blown down, it meant that he was beaten to the ground, which was rumored to happen often aboard the Black Ballers.

The following are a sample of versions of the song about these ships and their treatment of sailors:

As I was a walking down Paradise Street
 A pretty young damsel I chanced for to meet.

She was round in the counter and bluff in the bow,
 So I took in all sail and cried, "Way enough now."

So I tailed her my flipper and took her in tow
 And yardarm to yardarm away we did go.

But as we were going she said unto me
 There's a spanking full-rigger just ready for sea.

But as soon as that packet was clear of the bar
 The mate knocked me down with the end of a spar.

It's starboard and larboard on deck you will sprawl
 For Kicking Jack Williams commands the Black Ball.

So I give you fair warning before we belay,
 Don't ever take heed of what pretty girls say.

Sailing was a ball last week with the excellent wind. While I couldn't see everything that happened I did notice some excitement on at least one of the MC starts and Rick and I went hull to hull on the last Sunfish race. No gunshots were exchanged but I may have heard some sailor language out there.

Thanks to Bad Patty and her committee boat crew for the wonderful job they did for all of us. We are grateful. See you Sunday at 11:00. Remember, all are welcome to come out and sail. Rick is giving Sunfish lessons so just follow him. I do. That is all.

-Stewart Spratt
 2012 Fleet Captain

Sailing results for last Sunday's races (and season totals and averages)

MCs

Sailor	Race 1	Race 3	Race 3	Total Points	Races	Season Average
Scott Troeger	2	1	2	9363	6	1561
Jeff Smitley	1	3	1	9286	6	1548
Phil Vitale	5	2	3	4261	3	1420
Harold Cranmer	3	5	6	8222	6	1370
Bill Luecht	4	4	5	4034	3	1345
Gib Eberhart	6	6	4	8091	6	1334

Sunfish

Rick Russwurm	1	2	1	9286	6	1548
Stu Spratt	2	1	2	9055	6	1509
Chris Spratt	DNS	DNS	DNS	4486	3	1495
Mike Lutz	3	3	3	7226	6	1445

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Water Quality

Monitoring our lake

The Water Quality Committee continues to provide monitoring services regarding the health and safety of Birch Lake, as well as to survey for and eliminate invasive species as feasible.

At present, the monitoring services regarding the health of the lake are primarily through one program. It is the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) which is managed by the Michigan Clean Water Program (MiCorps). We participate in this program through our association with the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association, and this is all done in concert with the Department of Natural Resources. Our usual monitoring includes weekly evaluation of water transparency, spring and summer phosphorous sampling, monthly chlorophyll sampling, and frequent evaluation of the temperature and dissolved oxygen profile through the water column at the deepest part of the lake. Labs at Michigan State conduct the actual analysis for phosphorous and chlorophyll from the samples provided.

Birch Lake Yacht Club Water Quality Committee in-house monitoring and sampling services are typically performed by Dr. Terry Dugan and Gordon Seyfarth.

The entire CLMP report can be found at the Michigan Lakes and Stream Association web site. <http://www.MyMLSA.org>. After reaching their home page, click on CLMP, and once there, click on "2011 CLMP Final Report". This is a very educational report to read that includes not only the data for Birch Lake and all the other

lakes in the program, but an overview of Lake biology.

For the 2009 and 2010 seasons we also contracted with an independent limnologist, Dr. Wallace Fusilier. He combined his own samples and test results with some of ours and provided an informative, in-depth report on just Birch Lake including test results from those two seasons. Although not based on most current data, his report is still significant because its conclusions are similar to those indicated by the CLMP data and it includes measurements on and information about other criteria not measured by the CLMP. The 2009 - 2010 Water Quality Report on Birch Lake prepared by Dr. Wallace E. Fusilier, Consulting Limnologist with Water Quality Investigators of Dexter, MI, is now available online at the bottom of the same page as the 2011 Barkers ... go to <http://www.philvitale.com> and follow the links to the 2011 printed Birch Barkers. Unfortunately, Dr. Fusilier's decision to retire truncated any subsequent reports by him.

For the last 3 - 4 years we also randomly check throughout the summer for the presence of E coli. This data will be provided as it is collected during the summer. Please note that none of the BLYC samples, even those collected by an independent lab, over this time period, identified an issue here but will remain diligent in the monitoring.

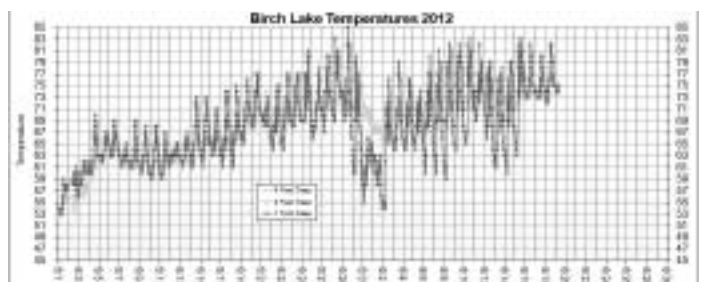
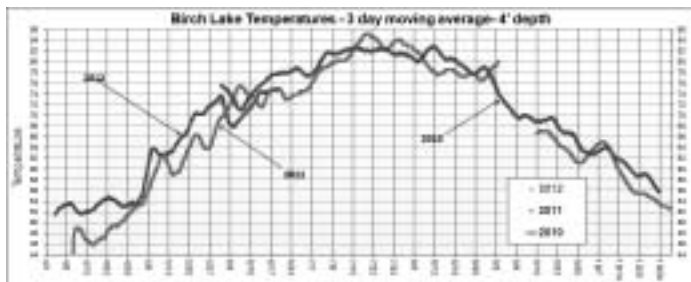
Rick Russwurm contracts with an outside agency for survey and eradication of asian milfoil, and he and Bruce Wagner survey and actually pull out purple loosestrife as it is found. These are



but two invasive species that if unchecked could dramatically alter our lake. Others are on their way and we will evaluate programs for identification and management as the issue arises. Michigan Lakes and Streams is a good source for information on other invasive species.

Programs are in place for the long term evaluation on the State of the Lake so we can look at issues from year to year. At this point we see no major changes from last year. Generally that is a good thing. In the absence of dramatic differences in weather patterns from year to year, stability in observations should be the norm. The lake will age as that is the natural progression of things. We just do not want to help it along through our activities.

In the meantime, please recall that fertilizer washing into our lake is not a good thing. If you feel you have to fertilize your lawn, please try to do so only minimally and use only a phosphorous free fertilizer. Gert and Bob Temple still have a supply of phosphorous free fertilizer at their home which they'd be delighted to share with any lake resident at a nominal cost, if not for free.



Water Temperature charts provided by Steve Quinlan (west side)

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Daylight Saving Time

Big groan. Are we going there again? You betcha. The main purpose of Daylight Saving Time (also called "Summer Time" in many places in the world) is to make better use of daylight. We change our clocks during the summer months to move an hour of daylight from the morning to the evening.

Most of the United States begins Daylight Saving Time at 2 am on the second Sunday in March and reverts to standard time on the first Sunday in November. Most of the rest of the civilized world follows a similar protocol but with some subtle differences not worth noting due to space.

The official spelling is Daylight Saving Time, not Daylight SavingS Time. Saving is used here as a verbal adjective (a participle). It modifies time and tells us more about its nature; namely, that it is characterized by the activity of saving daylight. It is a saving daylight kind of time. Because of this, it would be more accurate to refer to DST as daylight-saving time. Similar examples would be a mind-expanding book or a man-eating tiger. Saving is used in the same way as saving a ball game, rather than as a savings account.

Nevertheless, many people feel the word savings (with an 's') flows more mellifluously off the tongue. Daylight Savings Time seems to be in common usage, and can be found in dictionaries.

Adding to the confusion is that the phrase Daylight Saving Time is inaccurate, since no daylight is actually saved. Daylight Shifting Time would be better, and Daylight Time Shifting more accurate, but neither is politically desirable. In Europe Summer Time is used.

In the U.S., 2 am was originally chosen as the changeover time because it was practical and minimized disruption. Most people were at home and this was the time when the fewest trains were running. It is late enough to minimally affect bars and restaurants, and it prevents the day from switching to yesterday, which would be confusing. It is early enough that the entire continental U.S. switches by daybreak, and the changeover occurs before most early shift workers and early churchgoers are affected.

Anecdotally, daylight saving time has had a remarkable impact on a wide variety of unexpected areas. Though too numerous to go into in space available I'll provide a sample and we'll be done.

Widespread confusion was created during the 1950s and 60s when each US locality could start and end Daylight Saving Time as it desired. One year, 23 different pairs of DST start and end dates were used in Iowa alone. For exactly five weeks each year, Boston, New York, and Philadelphia were not on the same time as Washington D.C., Cleveland, or Baltimore — but Chicago was. And, on one Ohio to West Virginia bus route, passengers had to change their watches seven times in 35 miles! Holy mackerel. Most recently once in 20 miles was too much for some to comprehend. The situation led to millions of dollars in costs to several industries, especially those involving transportation and communications. Extra railroad timetables alone cost the today's equivalent of over \$12 million per year.

Through 2006, Daylight Saving Time in the U.S. ended a few days before Halloween (October 31). Children's pedestrian deaths are four times higher on Halloween than on any other night of the year. A new law to extend DST to the first Sunday in November took effect in 2007, with the purpose of providing trick-or-treaters more light and therefore more safety from traffic accidents. For decades, candy manufacturers lobbied for a Daylight Saving Time extension to Halloween, as many of the young trick-or-treaters gathering candy are not allowed out after dark, and thus an added hour of light means a big holiday treat for the candy industry. Ironically, the 2007 switch may not have had much effect, as it appeared that children simply waited until dark to go trick-or-treating anyway. Go figure.

While twins born at 11:55 pm and 12:05 am may have different birthdays, Daylight Saving Time can change birth order -- on paper, anyway. During the time change in the fall, one baby could be born at 1:55 a.m. and the sibling born ten minutes later, at 1:05 a.m. In the spring, there is a gap when no babies are born at all: from 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.

Indiana was for a long time a hotbed of Daylight Saving Time controversy. Historically, the state's two western corners, which fall in the Central Time Zone, observed DST, while the remainder of the state, in the Eastern Time zone, followed year-round Eastern Standard Time. (Note: NOT IST - no such thing then or ever) An additional complication was that five southeastern counties near

The Moon for June 23

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)

Illuminated Fraction: 0.206

2.9 days before first quarter



Sunday's Info:

Sunrise: 6:09 am

Sunset: 9:23 pm

Moonrise: 11:20 am

Moonset: none

Day length: 15h 14m

Cincinnati and Louisville unofficially observed DST to keep in sync with those cities. Because of the longstanding feuds over DST, Indiana politicians often treated the subject gingerly. In 1996, gubernatorial candidate Rex Eddy firmly declared, "Some of my friends are for putting all of Indiana on Daylight Saving Time. Some are against it. And I always try to support my friends." Nice sidestep.

In April 2005, Indiana legislators wisely passed a law that implemented Daylight Saving Time statewide beginning on April 2, 2006, forever ending the needless and ridiculous debate about what time it was at Birch Lake.

This subject can be revisited again. But what's going on in the night sky?

The planet Mercury is peeking into view quite low in the west-northwest as the sky begins to darken. It looks like a bright star, but it is so low that it's tough to find. Keep looking as the month progresses.

Venus, the morning star, is quite low in the eastern sky, with the slightly fainter planet Jupiter not far to its upper right. Over the next few weeks, both will climb into view earlier, providing more time to enjoy the pairing.

On Tuesday the planet Mars stands to the upper left of the Moon as darkness falls, and sets by around 1 a.m. Mars looks like a bright orange star. The planet Saturn and the star Spica are far to the upper left of Mars and the Moon.

Check it out. The show never ends and it's always free.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) -- Look out for those wanting to push you into a disagreement. Don't be too quick to judge those you live with. Recognition can be yours if you present your ideas and stand behind your beliefs. Get back to basics and reevaluate what is important in life. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) -- Uncertainties regarding your love life will surface if you have neglected your mate. You can get ahead if you are willing to take a partner. Don't bother retaliating, just walk away. Travel opportunities look positive, but be cautious while driving. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) -- Look closely at motives and honesty in your personal encounters. Take care of your own responsibilities before you help others. You can purchase items that will enhance your appearance. Don't make large purchases unless you have discussed your choices with your mate. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) -- Children may be on your mind. Take the whole family and make it an enjoyable outing. Partnerships will be favorable and contracts can be signed. Have a heart-to-heart talk with family and find out what the problems are. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) -- Avoid too much discourse with colleagues this week. Be cautious not

to get involved in office chatter that will cause problems for others. You need to concentrate on your business ventures more than on your relationship this week. Don't ignore any emotional issues that could be causing problems. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) -- Do not expect others to do your work. Travel if it's needed to start the ball rolling. This is not the best day to visit relatives who get on your nerves. Be sure to take advantage of the opportunities that exist. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) -- You may need help with your financial situation. You will not be pleased with family members who try to put demands on you when you just don't have the time. Jealous attitudes may lead you astray. Overindulgence could lead to problems with digestion. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) -- Opportunities to pamper yourself may unfold. Don't be too quick to respond to a plea for help. Your high energy will enable you to take the role of leader in group functions. You have been going through a period of change that has caused problems for you with your loved ones. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) -- Assist a relative or good friend by setting of a budget for them. It's time to let loose. You may have difficul-

ties with foreigners. You will attract potential lovers, but be sure that they're unattached. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) -- Not everything you hear will be legitimate. Children could cost you more than you can afford. Someone important may be watching you from afar. Be quiet about your intentions or ideas that might bring added cash. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) -- You can make profitable investments if you purchase an art object for your home. Travel will promote new romantic encounters. Don't let your friends talk you into taking time off. You'd be wise to control your spending so your debts don't get out of hand. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) -- Do not let them blow situations out of proportion. Your lack of attention may have been a factor. Visitors are likely to drop by and chances are, they may even stay a little longer than you want them to. Your partner may not understand your mood swings but if you are willing to communicate, a lot of grief can be avoided. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK ... well happy birthday! We hope you get lots of fun presents, a great big birthday cake and enough alcohol to drown out the memories of all of your friends delivering cards and presents that are both in bad taste and even insulting (considering your age).



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~Birch Lake Recipes~

Amazing pork tenderloin in the slow cooker

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Ingredients

- 1 (2 pound) pork tenderloin
- 1 (1 ounce) envelope dry onion soup mix
- 1 cup water
- 3/4 cup red wine
- 3 tablespoons minced garlic
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- freshly ground black pepper to taste

Directions

Place pork tenderloin in a slow cooker

with the contents of the soup packet.

Pour water, wine, and soy sauce over the top, turning the pork to coat.

Carefully spread garlic over the pork, leaving as much on top of the roast during cooking as possible. Sprinkle with pepper, cover, and cook on low setting for 4 hours.

Serve with cooking liquid on the side as au jus.



— BIRCH LAKE WORDSEARCH —

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

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— BIRCH LAKE DIRECTORY UPDATE —

Birch Lake Directory Update

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

Enclosed in this issue of the Birch Barker is an Update form. You may:

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Camp Tannadoonah

Come see the Princess!

If you get your Barker before 7 pm Friday, come on out for our end-of-the week campfire down at the lake! Princess Tannadoonah will be paddling in to light the first Council Fire of the season down at the waterfront.

We had an adventurous first week with 71 campers. The theme was Gameshow Week, so on Sunday evening we played "Are you Smarter than a Camp Counselor?" Paul Chamberlin, owner of The Music Machine in South Bend, brought up a game-show set with buzzers, lights, speakers and music!

Monday night was cookout — and boy was that a challenge with the windy weather on Monday! Tuesday night we had a Gameshow Carnival, with each cabin hosting a booth with a Gameshow Theme. We had Extreme Makeover (nail painting!), Tannadoonah's Got Talent, a Trivia Train (hay ride), Name that Tune, Friend or Foe, Plinko, and Family Feud. Wednesday night was The

Amazing Race: Tannadoonah Edition.

The first week is always an adventure, as we work out all the kinks and figure everything out. We had a bit of a rough start to the week, with several counselors becoming ill, and several others having to go home for family emergencies. Luckily everyone was able to pull together and cover all the activities and cabins!

Next week we have a much larger group of campers — 95 so far! Hopefully everyone is back to being healthy! The theme is Survivor Week, and we have lots of challenges planned for the campers and counselors.

It is also a week full of inspections and accreditation visits! On Monday we have our American Camp Association Accreditation visit, which occurs every three years. And on Thursday we have our Health Inspection with the county.

Next week we also have a special event planned for the campers. A visitor from the Michigan Raptor Center will be coming out to give a presenta-

tion on Wednesday, and bringing 4-5 birds to show us!

Our total numbers for the summer are still trending ahead of last year, which is really exciting. We have a total of 533 registered campers, which is 46 ahead of this date last year. Last year we didn't hit 533 until July 8th! We ended the summer last year at 585, so we're hopeful we can easily surpass that number this year. Keep telling all your friends and family about Camp T!

Don't forget to save the date for our annual Hog Roast, taking place on July 21st up at Camp, following the Birch Lake Poker Run event! There's lots of great food and even better company.

Check out our camp pictures online at <http://flickr.com/photos/tannadoonah>. We post new photos daily!

-Miss Amber

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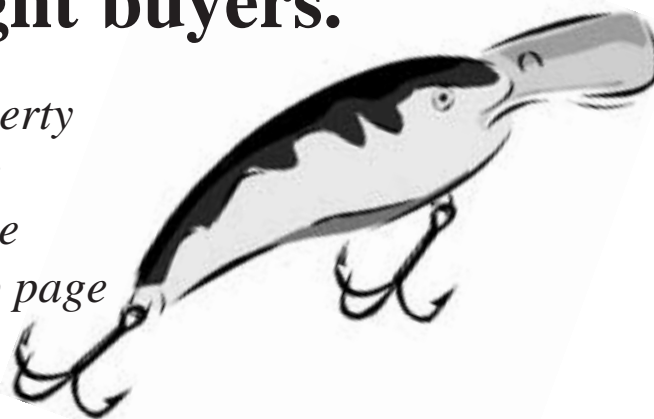
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