



**HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY!**

**Congratulations to Jim Foes of the Cove. On Father's Day, Jim Foes completed his annual triple ski with his granddaughters. Jim is 80 years old and still water skiing!**

**COMMODORE'S COMMENTS**

**T**he rumors are true! Our very own Commodore, Ms. Claudia Phipps, is in the midst of a remodeling project. And not just any remodel, but one in which the home is in Florida. So while we get to enjoy the glorious, crisp waters and sweet winds of Birch Lake, she is certainly elbow-deep in drywall mud, splattered with paint, or desperately trying not to be electrocuted. I'm sure you can infer how my own remodeling projects have gone. In any case, she needed a little extra time away, and asked me to fill in.

The Spaghetti Dinner last weekend was another fabulous success. It was great seeing so many new and familiar faces (and having name tags to help me fill in the gaps). Thanks to the West Side and Cove for their hard work and delicious contributions!

The annual Boat Parade is at 2

pm this Saturday. Thanks to our volunteer judges. I can't wait to see all the entries and find out who will be crowned Grand Marshal!

The fireworks will begin at dusk on Saturday, July 1 (rain date is July 2). As with last year, the show will be launched from the sports field at camp, so visibility from the north end of the lake will be limited. It's not too late to contribute (there's a box with the membership dues form) to help keep fireworks going strong year after year. Like everything about this fantastic community, the show only happens because we all pitch in.

The Mens' Golf Outing is July 28. Please get your registrations to me as soon as possible. This year's dinner will be catered by Bacon Hill Kitchen and Pub, so clean your clubs and ready your appetites.

Finally, a reminder to all of our neighbors and friends to have a safe and responsible holiday. Stay alert as you drive around the lake (either by road or boat) as we see increased numbers of visitors and especially chil-

**2017 Birch Lake Calendar**

- Boat Parade - July 1
  - Fireworks - July 1
  - Pancake Breakfast - July 2
  - Fireworks rain date - July 2
  - Popsicles on the Pier, Witchies - July 9
  - Harman/Troeger People's Regatta - July 15
  - Ladies Golf Outing - July 20
  - Mens Golf Outing July 28
  - Corn and Sausage Roast - July 29
  - Fall Dinner August 26
  - Soup Challenge - October 14
- Upcoming Board of Directors Meetings:**  
July 8, August 5, Sept. 9
- More info as available.; Dates subject to change; Watch the Online Barker for 2017 schedule when available and for updates!*

dren. I hope you have a fun and memorable weekend.

*~Chas Grundy, Past Commodore*

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# — Birch Lake Notes —

Caroline Frurip and Joseph Ring (far right) were married May 12, 2017 in Brooklyn New York at the Wythe Hotel in Williamsburg. They met in graduate school at Long Island University where they earned Doctorate in Physical Therapy degrees. They practice at Columbia and New York Presbyterian Hospitals.

Caroline is the daughter of Nina and Dave Frurip and granddaughter of Sonia Sanders of the east side of Birch Lake and Midland MI. Joseph is the son of Karen and Tom Ring of Ortley Beach, New Jersey and grandson of Thomas Ring of Edgewater NJ. The couple enjoyed a pre-wedding honeymoon on Hawaii and a post-wedding honeymoon on Cape Cod.



## Congratulations newlyweds CAROLINE AND JOSEPH RING



At left are Emily Frurip Wodark, Caroline Frurip, Nina Frurip, Diana Frurip

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# — Birch Lake Notes —

## **Magic Moment Boat Parade**

Back in the '60s when Ben E. King sang "This magic moment, so different and so new" he was referring to matters of the heart. Birch Lake's "Magic Moment" happens each summer with the annual parade of decorated boats. After seeing the photo in last week's Barker of John Ball's entry in 1965, we know the parade goes back more than 50 years. This is the day we have been waiting for. Remember, the more the merrier, so let's make this a record turnout.

One of the many great things about our parade is that we get to recognize some of our most deserving residents of our lake as the Grand Marshal of the Boat Parade. We are extremely honored and pleased to announce that **Terry and Carol Dugan** of the South Side will be this year's Grand Marshal.

Terry and Carol have owned property on Birch Lake since 1978. They originally bought what was known as the Miller place, and in 1997 bought the Gard place, which was next door. They purchased the cottage before owning a house shortly after being married and living in Kalamazoo.

Terry was an August rental resident with his family at the house which is now at the end of the turnaround, but was where Doc Greene is



*Ian Whiteman and Sabrina Taylor were married June 19, 2017 in Fort Wayne. On the 4th of July we will be having a small reception at our home from 6-8 pm to honor them and their marriage. Please feel free to stop by and meet the newest member of the Whiteman Family!*



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# — Birch Lake Notes —

now back in the late '50s.

Terry and Carol have 3 children who effectively grew up on the lake (Craig, Beth, and Steve). Craig is married to the lovely daughter-in-law Dawn, and they have provided Terry and Carol with 3 grandchildren. They moved around due to Terry's job, first in academics and then with Bristol-Myers Squibb, before retirement in 2007 and settling in at Birch Lake permanently. Although Carol has a MS in social work and worked in that field early in her career, at heart she is an artist, producing a plethora of great photographs, some owned by lake residents, and many adorning the walls of homes in the area as well as their own home.

She has also published two books. The first which effectively was the story of her life but truly a message to many including posterity for her kids and grandkids. The second is a function of their trips to Kauai and her love of rainbows. This is called "Kauai in my Heart, Ever a Rainbow."

Terry is on the Birch Lake Yacht Club Water Quality Committee, the Yacht Club Board, and trains year-around so that he can do one or two little triathlons a year.

Again this year, Celia and Paul Fallon have offered their beautiful pontoon to transport the Dugans as they lead the parade around the lake. Please get out and show your appreciation for the Dugans and for all the decorating efforts by all the parade entrants. The parade begins at 2 pm Saturday, July 1, so register at Dick Bender's pier before 2 pm. After the parade lap, all boats should return to the registration pier to receive a trophy. Only one entrant will be judged "Most Outstanding."

## **Homeowners Association meeting**

The Birch Lake Homeowners Association will have it's annual meeting following the July 8 BLYC Board meeting (at approximately 10:30 am) at the Yacht Club. The officers will take any questions homeowners might have.

## **Pancake Breakfast**

Join us this Sunday, July 3, for the annual Pancake Breakfast at Camp Tannadoonah. From 8:30 am to 11 am, we'll be dishing up all-you-can-eat pancakes (a limited supply of gluten-free pancakes will be available), sausages, fruit, coffee and juice.

Cost is \$5 for adults, kids age 6-10 are \$2 (kids age 5 and under are free). We'll also have camp apparel and souvenirs for sale. Come have breakfast and show your support for all the great kids who attend Camp!

## **7/4 Friends to visit Birch**

Ric and Lisa Dwenger (Muncie, IN); Chuck, Karen, Sarah Elizabeth (SE), and Mogley (sp?) Horn (Carmel,

IN); Cal's GF Elizabeth (Liz) Kramer (domicile unknown); and a bunch of Cal's friends from The Bend will be staying with us on the North Shore. Apologies in advance,

*~The King Family*

## **Happy birthday Suzy!**

Suzy King turns X (a big number, not appropriate for publication). Condolences may be expressed in person (the birthday girl will be in and out, possibly with Dad it tow). Day and time of the annual spanking TBD.

## **Mom's Maxim**

A favorite policy known to some on Birch was enforced annually by Le King (RIP). Work on lake projects until the 4th of July weekend then ... stop until Labor Day. Otherwise, what are you working for?

## **Last call for the new Directory**

The Birch Lake Yacht Club is in the process of collecting data for a new Birch Lake Directory. We will be collecting data through July 4 (this Tuesday) and hopefully will have directories available at the Fall Dinner. If you are new to the lake or if your information in the last directory has changed, send your new data to Deb Spratt, 18100 Farmington Hills Dr., South Bend, IN 46637.

## **Birch Lake Totes**

Birch Lake Totes are again available for just \$5 each (special pricing for large orders). Call Patty 476-2615.

## **Spaghetti Dinner 2017 wrap-up**

First and foremost, thanks to all the Birch Lakers, Camp Tannadoonah staff and campers who participated in the Spaghetti Dinner last weekend. A record number of tickets were sold — 276 — for a total of \$2,277 — setting yet another record.

And because West Shore and Cove team members (and others around the lake) donated everything for the event, 100 percent of this amount has been given to the Yacht Club for Water Quality efforts!

We all owe a huge thank you to everyone noted below for their incredible generosity, hard work and a job well done!

Bob Bender and Marc Caenepeel led the effort, with the help of many others, to transform the Yacht Club into an Italian Trattoria, including music from Tom Kuhn to help set the mood, and decorations and supplies from Stacia Andriano, Peggy and Dick Cowan. (Thanks too to the Williams and Fallons for providing the grapevine "art.")

Ron and Katie Niezgodski welcomed everyone who attended. They were also two of the master chefs for the red sauce, along with Tracy Goodin and Carol Myers — and Rick Doolittle for the Alfredo sauce. Everything was delicious!

Led by Jeff Smitley, the pasta cooks Ray Gaik, Tom Kuhn and Fred Andriano did a great job — and made sure there was an endless supply thanks to the Butler's propane, water from DuMor Water Specialists and Tom Kuhn, and spaghetti from the Sheffiecks, Butlers, Smitleys, Kuhns, Eshlemans and Denny Weesner.

The servers, captained by the very capable Bob Groszek, included Denise Smitley, Layna Bender, Tracy Goodin, Bud Hall, Carol Myers, Cari Reddick, Debra McKay, Julie Sheffieck, Tiffany Kinzler, and Jamie and Melissa Green. They plated a lot of spaghetti and sauce with great efficiency, and had a smile for everyone.

Next, a big thanks to the salad team, Lynn Caenepeel and Deb Hall (yum!), Carm Soldato for the fresh Italian bread and Bud Hall for his help, and Debbie Soldato for the tasty lemonade and iced tea that was always ready to enjoy.

The wonderful assortment of desserts were created by the "sweet" team, led by Denise Smitley. Members included Julie Sheffieck, Jen Nevala, Beth DeYoung, Ruth and Dennis Kinzler, Tiffany Kinzler, Stacia Andriano, Buzz and Linda Rasmussen, Vickie Rogers, Carol Myers, Cari Reddick, Patti Russwurm, Patti Luecht, Blair Garceau, Celia Fallon, Terry Toth, Jamie and Melissa Green, Jan Temple and other Lakers. And thanks to Tom and Jen Nevala, every-one at the dinner found something to satisfy their sweet tooth!

Thanks also to the ticket sales team led by Vickie Rogers, including Patti Russwurm, Linda Curtis, Carla Chester, Katha and Mike Machalleck, Sue Williams, Mardy Miller and Cam Butler — amazing job! — as well as the clean-up committee led by Marc Caenepeel, including Bill Myers, Buzz and Linda Rasmussen, Tiffany and Keith Kinzler, Jamie and Melissa Green and many other volunteers who stayed to help.

And finally, a special thanks to Mike Sheffieck and Tom Kuhn, assistant chairs, and Jan Temple, this year's Spaghetti Dinner chair.

The food and drinks and fellowship were wonderful ... but the real winner for the evening was our beautiful, beautiful Birch Lake. The money raised will help to continue the legacy of our residents' commitment to preserve Birch Lake's pristine water — not only for today, but for generations to come. Thanks again to all for your support!

## **From the WQ Committee**

On behalf of the lake that connects and binds us all together, the Water Quality Committee expresses its gratitude and appreciation to all those who helped make last Saturday's Spaghetti Dinner such a rousing success. We are grateful to all who participated, whether by working, donating, or actually eating. The food and atmosphere were great, donating all the proceeds to Water Quality was even better!

Thanks again.

# — Spaghetti Dinner —



photos courtesy of the *SparkyCam*



# — COMMUNITY CORNER —

by **Sarah Petty**

**H**ello Birch Lakers! What a beautiful, yet cool weekend we had last week. It was so fun seeing so many people at the Spaghetti Dinner! Thank you to the west side and the cove for serving us!

I am excited about this week's Popsicles on the Pier! Thank you in advance to the Kinzlers for host-

ing. It will be Friday 6/30 from 6:30-8:30 pm. All ages are encouraged to attend, with the teens staying later for a bonfire. Hope to see you there! Remember its byob, and boats are welcome. Please save the date for the next POTP at the Witchies on the south side 7/9 from 3 - 5pm.

Please enjoy meeting board members Celia Fallon and myself below.

## Get to know the Birch Lake Yacht Club board

Hi! My name is **Sarah Petty**! I am a third-generation homeowner on Birch Lake!

My husband, Ken and I have been on the North Shore for 7 summers! We have three active boys; Ben (14), Cam (12), and Cooper (10).

If you walk by be sure to say



hi to our dog Lola and kitten Lucy!

This is my first year on the BLYC board!

Hi, I'm **Celia Fallon** and I have lived at Birch Lake for 13 years.

My favorite day of the year is when our dock is installed and saddest day is when the cardinals start pecking at our dining room windows.

May you all have a safe and fun Fourth of July weekend.



### BLYC 57<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL

## MEN'S GOLF OUTING

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### 2017 BLYC Men's Golf Outing Foursome Information

**TEAM CAPTAIN:**

**PLEASE PRINT NAMES**

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# FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER

## Not a typical Sunday

As many of you know, over the last year or two, Sunday has been a day with little to no wind. Over the last three weeks or so we have been blessed with some fairly high winds. Last Sunday the winds were 8 to 12 mph with some gusts around 18 mph.

With these winds the MC fleet decided to scrap their sailing while the Sunfish fleet got two races in before the gusts got too strong to complete our final race.

This weekend we will be having our first Regatta of the season, Saturday we will try to complete three races, while on Sunday we will have two more races. If we have a rain or no wind day Monday

will be our make-up day. Hope to see all sailors out there. It should be a great time.

In closing I want to thank the committee boat helpers last week, Bad Patty, Bill Luecht, Questionable Patti and Sandy Vitale. I also need to thank the people behind the scenes who are the backbone that make our sailing work every Sunday. Harold Cramner for setting and retrieving the marks every week and to Jeff Smitley for computing the scores and getting them in the Barker!

Until Next week,  
*"Splice the main brace!"*  
 ~Fleet Captain Mike~



## 2017 BLYC Season Sailing Results

Date .....25-Jun .....25-Jun .....Total .....Season ..... Races.....%  
 Race .....6 .....7 ..... Points ..... Average ..... Finished .....Finished

MC Scow/Sailor	25-Jun	25-Jun	Total	Season	Races	%
Scott Troeger #1489	DNS	DNS	7686	1537	5	100.0%
Jeff Smitley #2002	DNS	DNS	7609	1522	5	100.0%
Barb Cassady/Maggie Cassady #2506	DNS	DNS	7305	1461	5	100.0%
Phil Vitale #500	DNS	DNS	4186	1395	3	60.0%
Harold Cranmer #1991/2550	DNS	DNS	5403	1351	4	80.0%
Gib Eberhart #916	DNS	DNS	1296	1296	1	20.0%
Pat McGann #1735	DNS	DNS	6058	1212	4	80.0%
Bill Luecht #1579	DNS	DNS	3606	1202	3	60.0%
Bob King #1199	DNS	DNS	0	0	0	0.0%
Sandy Vitale	DNS	DNS	0	0	0	0.0%

Sunfish/Sailor	25-Jun	25-Jun	Total	Season	Races	%
Peter Soldato	1	5	10661	1523	7	100.0%
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	3	2	10651	1522	7	100.0%
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)	2	1	10195	1456	7	100.0%
Herb Cleveland	4	3	7147	1429	5	71.4%
Brad Davis	DNS	DNS	2738	1369	2	28.6%
Stewart Spratt	5	4	6626	1325	5	71.4%
Bill Butler	6	DNS	3746	1249	2	28.6%
Camille Butler	7	DNS	4831	1208	4	57.1%

### 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 —

## The Birch Lake shoreline

The overall long-term health and process of aging of a lake is in large part a function of the shoreline surrounding the lake. 2007's "National Lakeshore Assessment" indicated that far more Michigan inland lakes are stressed by poor shoreline conditions than by excesses of nutrients or turbidity. The shoreline dictates what gets (by preventing a lot of undesirable matter from getting) into a lake, provides key animal habitat and breeding sites, serves as important fish nursery areas and helps to prevent (or possibly hastens) soil erosion.

Fortunately, our lake is not river or stream fed, thus we are spared getting nutrients and other undesirable "stuff" from upstream. However, we do have a watershed that includes some farm fields and due to the topography of the lake basin, our cottages/homes are close to the lake, providing lots of impermeable surfaces (roofs, roads, driveways) in the lake basin.

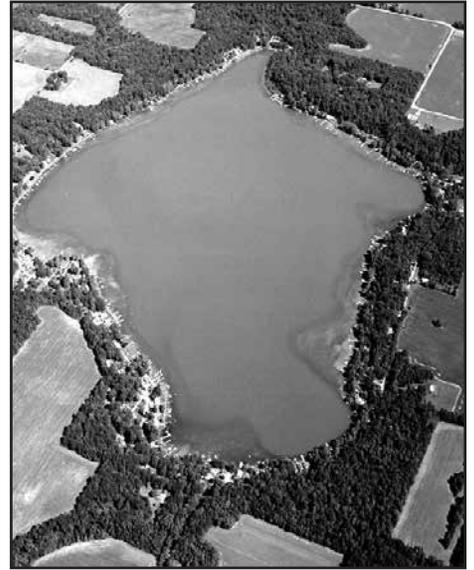
In order to help gain a better understanding of our shoreline and how a shoreline impacts a lake, please consider a couple of things that can jumpstart your education.

1. Go to [www.mishorelinepartnership.org](http://www.mishorelinepartnership.org) for a general education on shorelines and their impacts on lakes.

2. Go to [www.mishorelandstewards.org](http://www.mishorelandstewards.org). The site will elaborate on some issues from the above site, but also provides a way for you to take a survey anonymously to rate (non-judgmentally) your own shoreline.

3. After looking at these sites and gaining some idea as to what different shoreline characteristics might look like and how they affect a lake, spend some time on your next slow boat ride around the lake examining the shoreline. Get a little closer than normal and actually look for the distribution of seawalls, rock walls, natural shorelines, plant growths close to the shore, mowed lawns down to the shore, etc. Also, in that context look at the depth of properties and think about what a big rain might do at each location. Consider making this a group project on an elementary basis. Talk and discuss, do not judge, but rather observe what is real at this time.

Members of the Water Quality Committee will be doing a side by side with a representative of the DEQ shoreline partnership in mid-July as part of what is called "Score the Shore." We will evaluate the entire shoreline and a number of characteristics to provide a score for the lake shoreline. We will report on this, perhaps making suggestions based on it, and look to get any feedback we



can from the lake residents.

For most of us, our shoreline treatments have been in place for many years, maybe even preceding us by one or more owners. Further, changes in treatments could be very expensive and/or difficult to perform. So our goal is not to pressure anybody into changing their shoreline treatment at this time but simply get you to start to think about what a healthier treatment at your place might look like.

# Please be SAFE!

## Know and Obey the Boating Safety Laws!

**In Michigan, "reckless operation" of a boat, personal watercraft (JetSki), water skis, tubes, etc. which disregards the safety or rights of others or endangers people or property are illegal.**

Some examples are:

- Weaving through traffic or swerving at the last possible moment in order to avoid collision
- Jumping the wake of another vessel
- Chasing, harassing, or disturbing wildlife
- Causing damage from the wake of your vessel

**Failure To Regulate Speed** is operating a boat at speeds that may cause danger to life or property of any other person or at speeds that will not permit you to bring your vessel to a safe stop.

**It is illegal to operate a boat:**

- Over 55 mph
- At greater than "slow, no wake speed" when a person is in on the foredeck of a boat
- Faster than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions (weather, traffic, etc.)

**Improper Distance** is not maintaining a proper distance while operating a boat or towing a person. To maintain a proper distance when you are operating at greater than "slow, no wake speed" the boat or persons being towed **must not be within 100 feet of:**

- A shoreline
- Any moored or anchored vessel
- A dock or raft
- Any marked swimming area or person(s) in the water

"Slow, No Wake Speed" means the slowest speed at which it is still possible to maintain steering, and which does not

create a wake.

**Improper Direction** is defined as the failure to operate in a COUNTERCLOCKWISE direction.

**Riding on the Bow is illegal** if the vessel is not equipped with bow seating and the vessel is operating at greater than "slow, no wake speed." Persons also are not allowed to ride on the gunwale. While underway, persons on a vessel may not sit, stand, or walk on any portion of a vessel not designed for that purpose.

**Insufficient equipment** is operating a vessel that is not carrying, storing, maintaining, and using marine safety equipment on board the vessel as required by the Department of Natural Resources.

### RESTRICTED AREA Camp Tannadoonah



Under Michigan law, Boating in Restricted Areas is defined as operating within a restricted area clearly marked by buoys, beacons, diver-down flags, etc.

On Birch Lake the area marked by the buoys in front of Camp Tannadoonah on the north shore is a legally designated swim area that **BOATS MAY NOT ENTER.**

# — Water Quality Report —

## Campaign seeks to reduce boating under the influence

**A**s the July Fourth holiday approaches, Michigan Department of Natural Resources conservation officers will focus on keeping boaters safe through heightened awareness and enforcement of boating under the influence laws. The initiative is part of the national Operation Dry Water campaign, which runs through July 2.

The annual campaign is launched just prior to the July Fourth weekend, when more boaters take to the water and alcohol use increases. It is in coordination with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, the U.S. Coast Guard and other partners. Through this stepped-up enforcement, the DNR is raising awareness of the hazards associated with boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and is working to decrease the number of accidents attributed to impaired boating and other unsafe boating practices.

“Alcohol and boating don’t mix,” said the DNR’s Lt. Tom Wanless, Michigan’s boating law administrator. “Using alcohol impairs reaction time and judgment, just as if you were driving a car. In fact, the effects of alcohol and certain medications are increased on the water due to added stress factors such as the sun, heat, wind, wave motion and engine noise. So be smart and stay sober when boating, and don’t put yourself and



others at risk.”

In Michigan, operating a motorboat while under the influence of alcohol – which means the person has a blood alcohol content of 0.08 grams or more – or under the influence of a controlled substance is a misdemeanor punishable by fines up to \$500, community service and up to 93 days in jail. It also can result in the loss of boating privileges for at least one year.

If a person is killed or injured due to a driver operating a boat while under the influence, the driver could be charged with a felony, punishable by fines up to \$10,000 and up to 15 years in prison.

Boaters can do their part to stay safe on the water by:

- Boating sober. Alcohol use is the leading contributing factor in recreational boater deaths. Alcohol and drug use impairs a boater’s judgment, balance, vision and reaction time.
- Wearing a life jacket. Eighty-five percent of drowning victims in the U.S. were



not wearing life jackets.

■ Taking a boating safety course. The DNR recommends a safety course for anyone who plans to use a boat or personal watercraft. Classes are offered at different locations throughout the state and online, making it convenient and affordable.

■ Learn more about boating regulations and safety in Michigan at [www.michigan.gov/boating](http://www.michigan.gov/boating).

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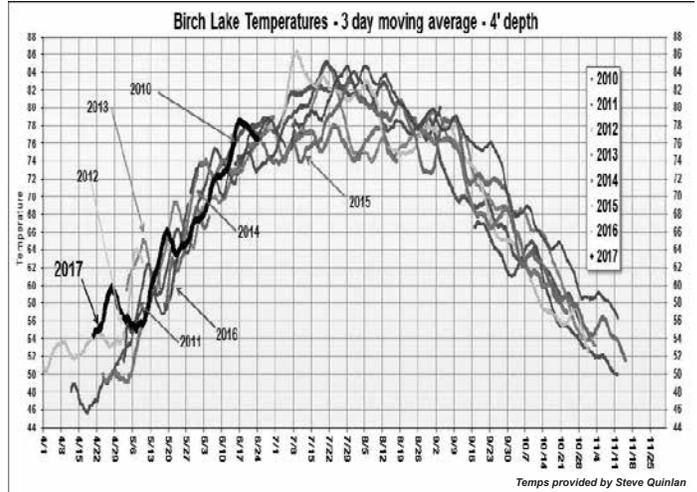
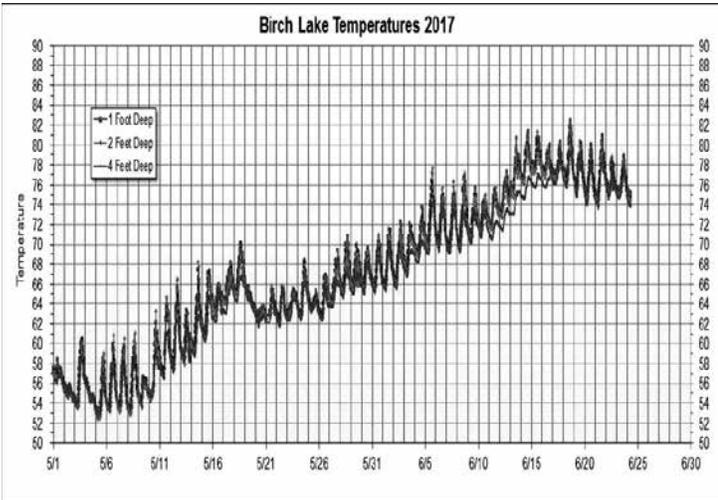
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# Birch Lake Water Temperature



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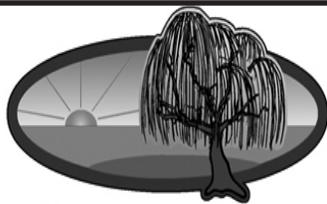
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# — Barker Kids of the Week —



Marty Ball with most of her family present at a recent get together at son Johns house. Always a good time when we are together!  
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*That's my neighbor, Past Commodore Bad Patty Luecht trying to keep the ice from forming on her nose during last Sunday's sailboat races. Despite the chill, BP's dire commitment to the sailors kept her out there until the last Sunfish had gone home. Thanks BP!*

photo by **Good Patti Russwurm**

## 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 zip-lock and stick them in the stone mailbox at my home (east side), or email them to me at **SAILORPHIL@PHILVITALE.COM**



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Jazmine and Sydney Reddick (granddaughters of Bill and Carol Myers - west side) enjoying their new kayak.

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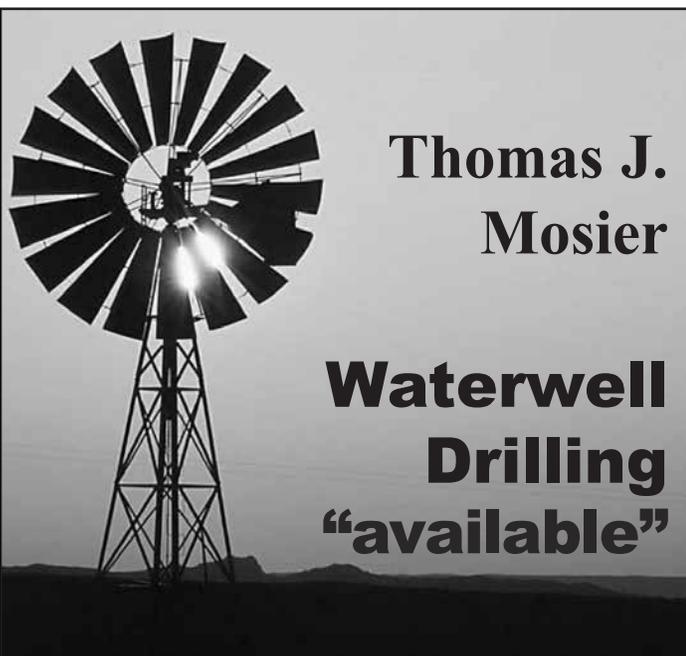
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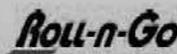
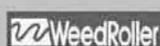
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 The autotrophs began to drool,  
 Neanderthals developed tools,  
 We built a wall (we built the pyramids),  
 Math, science, history, unraveling the mystery,  
 That all started with the big bang (BANG)!

“Since the dawn of man” is really not that long,  
 As every galaxy was formed in less time than it takes to sing this song.  
 A fraction of a second and the elements were made.  
 The bipeds stood up straight,  
 The dinosaurs all met their fate,  
 They tried to leap but they were late  
 And they all died (they froze their asses off)  
 The oceans and Pangaea  
 See ya wouldn't wanna be ya  
 Set in motion by the same big bang!

It all started with the big bang!

It's expanding ever outward but one day  
 It will pause and start to go the other way.  
 Collapsing ever inward, we won't be here, it won't be heard  
 Our best and brightest figure that it'll make an even bigger bang!

Australopithecus would really have been sick of us  
 Debating how we're here, they're catching deer (we're catching viruses)

Religion or astronomy, Descartes or Deuteronomy  
 It all started with the big bang!

Music and mythology, Einstein and astrology  
 It all started with the big bang!  
 It all started with the big... BANG!

Great show. You need to check out the YouTube video to get the full cleverness of the lyrics. Google “YouTube Big Bang Theory Theme” for the whole song.

All levity aside, the boys in Barenaked Ladies pretty much got it right. A Belgian priest named Georges Lemaître first suggested the big bang theory in 1927 when he theorized that the universe began from a single primordial atom. The idea subsequently received major boosts by Edwin Hubble's observations that galaxies are speeding away from us in all directions, and from the discovery of cosmic microwave radiation by Arno Penzias and Robert Wilson.

Fred Hoyle can be credited with first use of the term “Big Bang” He became one of Britain's best-known astronomers in 1950 with his broadcast lectures on “The Nature of the Universe.” He recalled using “Big Bang” for the first time in the last of those talks, but with derision to describe a theory on the origin of the universe that he didn't accept.

Hoyle believed the universe came from a continuing pattern of development having no beginning and no end. But over the years this view was shared by fewer and fewer scientists as the Big Bang theory gained greater acceptance.

### The Moon for this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)  
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**Sunset: 21:23:15 PM**  
**Moonrise: 14:33:23 PM**  
**Moonset: 01:52:11 AM**  
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Still, the big bang theory leaves several major questions unanswered. One is the original cause of the big bang itself. Several answers have been proposed to address this fundamental question, but none has been proven, and even adequately testing them has proven to be a formidable challenge. So for now, what do we believe? For me, it's safe to say, “I don't know.”

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# YOUR HOROSCOPE

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - This week you will undergo a variety of situations at home, especially dealing with family members and perhaps, a parent. Initially, you might be excited about big plans to expand and improve things. Something might also make you feel sympathetic to a family member. Unfortunately, whatever you do could lead to a heavy-duty confrontation with someone, especially an authority figure or a parent. Tread gently!

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - This is a busy fast-paced time. In particular, you are eager to communicate your ideas to others and enlighten them about something. Initially, this week you are enthusiastic! This enthusiasm might be about short trips, future plans or something that is work-related, especially work-related travel.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** - This week is a roller coaster for you. Initially, you will be enthusiastic about finances and your earning power. Money will flow. However, as the week wears on, you will have disputes with someone about possessions, cash flow and how to take care of something.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** - You are enthusiastic about something this week! However, be careful your enthusiasm doesn't tempt you to be unrealistic or to overestimate something. (Don't worry, most of you will just feel upbeat and happy.) You will appreciate the beauty of your surroundings and you will share this appreciation with someone in a touchy-feely, warm moment. Because you feel enthusiastic about something, you will convince others to go along with what you want to do.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** -

This week so much is taking place privately or behind the scenes for you. You might choose to be low-key or it just happens that way. Initially, you feel happy with yourself and pleased with your progress in what you hope to achieve in the future. However, something might happen that makes you feel sympathetic for someone.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - This is a busy, social time for you because you are involved with friends and perhaps groups as well. This week begins with a lot of optimism, backslapping and high-fiving. You might share your enthusiasm with someone younger, perhaps about a competition?.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Relations with parents, bosses and authority figures will be important this week. At the beginning of the week, things are positive and reassuring. You have big ideas about how to expand something or explore future travel. Others will concur. You're on a roll and people will listen to you.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - You want to blow town because you need a change of scenery this month. You're restless and full of ideas, wishes and dreams for exciting adventure. Lucky Scorpios will definitely travel this week. Others will expand their world through training and education. One thing is certain; you have to do something that makes you feel alive and worthwhile! You will also enjoy the beauty of art as well as the beauty of ideas. You will convince someone to open their eyes as well.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - The beginning of this week is excellent time to discuss how to share or divide something, perhaps an inheritance, because all parties feel generous and optimistic. This favors you! It's a good time to ask for a loan or mortgage.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - This week you will be busy talking to partners and friends. This means that at the beginning of the week, everything is copasetic and hunky-dory. People are glad to see you and your relations with others are upbeat and pleasant! In fact, you might want to help someone in trouble. As the week progresses however, your interactions with others become more aggressive.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Your focus this week is on your job and your health. No question. Initially, as the week begins, you are upbeat and happy with coworkers. Group activities are positive. Ditto for work-related travel. A coworker might want to confide in you or need a sympathetic ear, which you will provide because that's who you are.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - This continues to be a playful, flirtatious, fun-loving time for Pisces! Many of you will have ambitious vacation plans or fun plans for social activities, sports events and interactions with children. At some point, you might idealize someone and feel swept off your feet or very sympathetic to them. You will also feel active and energized and ready to party as well as to compete in sports.

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### Red, white and blue strawberry shortcake

“Spectacular Fourth of July Dessert! Present at night with a couple of sparklers for the best effect. Can make with shortcake mix, too.”

Original recipe yields 18 servings

#### Ingredients

- 1 (18.25 ounce) package yellow cake mix
- 1 (8 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 pint blueberries, rinsed and drained
- 2 pints fresh strawberries, rinsed and sliced

#### Directions

1. Prepare cake according to package directions and bake in a 9x13 inch pan. Cool completely.
2. Frost cake with whipped topping. Place blueberries in a square in the corner, and arrange sliced strawberries as stripes to make an American flag.  
Chill until serving.

### Drunken Berries

“Beautiful summer dessert using fresh berries and a splash of pear liqueur. Enjoy a la carte or a la mode. Exceptionally lovely on the Fourth of July. Serve berries by

themselves or over vanilla gelato, with a small amount of excess liquid - but it should not be a berry soup.”

Original recipe yields 8 servings

#### Ingredients

- 1 1/4 cups white sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup pear liqueur
- 1 pound fresh strawberries, hulled
- 1 pint blueberries
- 1 pint fresh blackberries

#### Directions

1. Combine sugar with water in a saucepan over medium-high heat, stirring until the sugar has dissolved and the mixture comes to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 5 minutes; remove from heat and let stand 5 more minutes.
2. Stir pear liqueur into the syrup and refrigerate for 1 hour.
3. Gently combine strawberries, blueberries, and blackberries in a large bowl and pour syrup over the berries to coat. Allow berries to stand for about 3 hours to absorb flavors. Mixture can stand up to 3 days if desired.

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SEE YOU ON THE WATER

# — Camp Tannadoonah —

## Week 2 underway at camp

Week 2 of Camp 2017 is underway, and we have more campers this week than we have ever had before! This week we have 134 registered campers; 126 overnight and 8 day campers. Our biggest week to date before this was 125 last summer during Session 6. Our total for the summer is up to 926, which is 17 more than we had last year, and we still have spaces open for some upcoming weeks. The new cabin gave us 20 more beds per week for campers, which has allowed us to exceed last year's numbers, even though we're doing only 7 sessions this year instead of 8.

This weekend is the Pancake Breakfast, on Sunday morning from 8:30 – 11 am. In the past few years there have been over 500 people who attended the pancake breakfast on the morning after the fireworks, and we hope to have just as many this year too! You can come up and check out the many projects we have completed in the past year, see the new cabin, have some yummy pancakes and sausage, and get your 2017 camp apparel. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children ages 6-10, and free for children 5 and younger.

We're continuing our introductions of this year's staff members with the staff from the back cabins. The back cabins are home to our middle and older boys (usually ages 11 and up). These cabins include Wallace, Exchange, and Rotary, which are all located near the Gazebo behind the dining hall.

Mr Govind (London, England) is the unit leader for the back cabins. This is his second year as a counselor at Camp Tannadoonah. Mr Govind was born in Kenya, where he lived until the age of 14. He loves any and every sport, and is very keen to share his passions for running, swimming, football (aka soccer), and cricket.

Mr. Antreas (Cyprus) is our Waterfront Director this summer. He is from Cyprus, which is an island in the East-

ern Mediterranean, near Greece. He has spent the past two years in Leicester, UK, where he is studying mechanical engineering at De Montfort University. Mr. Antreas loves exploring new places and learning about new things, and one of his biggest goals in life is to travel to every corner of the Earth. He loves the water, and is enjoying teaching waterskiing, wakeboarding, paddleboarding, and sailing!

Mr. David (Anaheim, CA) graduated with an MBA in Management in 2016. He is originally from Anaheim, California, but for the last nine years he has been on tour with the Ringling Bros and Barnum and Bailey Circus. In his spare time he loves spending time with his family and friends, and he loves going to see movies! This is Mr. David's first time at Camp Tannadoonah, and he is very excited to meet all the campers!

Mr. Gregory (Dublin, Ireland) is also a first-year counselor. He was born to Russian parents and raised in Tallaght, Dublin, in Ireland. He has grown up with a mix of Irish and Russian culture. Mr. Gregory is currently studying Medicinal Chemistry at Trinity College in Dublin. He is the treasurer of the Dublin University Boxing Club and a tutor for the Volunteer Tuition Programme. He is a member of the waterfront staff, and loves teaching boating and skiing.

Mr. Gabriel (Sao Paulo, Brazil) is spending his first summer at Camp T. He is studying Sociology and Political Sciences at a traditional Brazilian college. Mr. Gabriel grew up going to summer camps, and has been working as a

staff member in Brazilian camps. He is very excited for his first international experience at Camp Tannadoonah!

Mr. James (Shezhen, China) is studying Accounting and Finance at the University of Exeter in the UK. He is always full of energy and willing to meet friends. Mr. James enjoys running marathons, playing badminton, basketball, and archery. He also likes photography, reading, writing, and playing the bamboo flute.

Mr. Tyler (South Bend, IN) has been going to Camp Tannadoonah as a camper and CIT for almost 10 years. He recently graduated from the Career Academy South Bend as a National Honor Society member and will be going to college for Business Administration. Mr. Tyler's passion is teaching low ropes and nature.

Mr. Stuart (London, England) is in his first summer at Camp Tannadoonah. He is studying Computer Science and loves all things related to technology. He also enjoys film, video games, and food. As a child, he attended a day camp near London for 6 years where he learned rock climbing, archery, and how to use a slip-n-slide. He is excited to be back at a camp after years away!



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## LOST

Lost **Canoe Paddle**, black and gray. Lost in last week's wind storm. If found please call 269-476-7062

While sailing a couple weekends ago, my **cell phone** slipped from my pocket and into beautiful Birch Lake. It was in a waterproof case and may wash up on the North or East shores. If anyone finds it, I would appreciate them notifying me. Mike Kelly 630 941-9138

## FOUND

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

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

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

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

## WANTED

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

## NOTICE

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

At last Saturday's Spaghetti dinner at the Yacht Club, **someone accidentally scraped the right rear of our little black car,** which was parked next to the spaghetti cooking tent. Please contact Tom Kuhn (708) 772-7373 or Jan Temple (847) 846-8600. Thanks!

**Don't forget that boat traffic must travel COUNTER CLOCKWISE at all times!**

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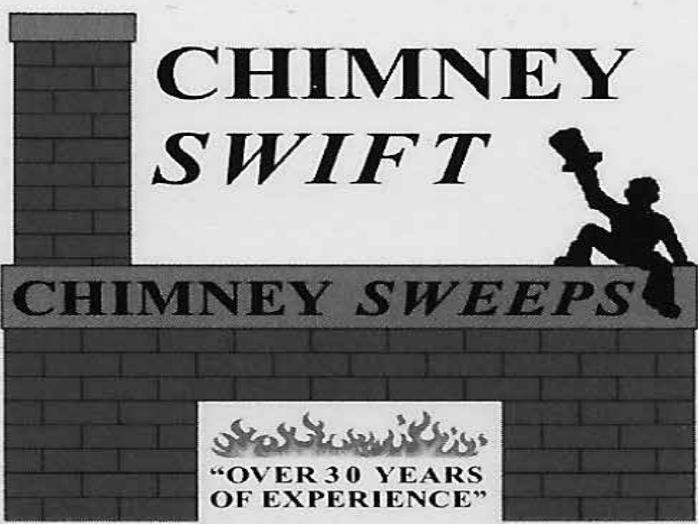
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