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2018

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Claudia Phipps, Kristy Wiseman, Brittany Marlow, and Becky Wiseman represent mother and daughter teams at the Ladies golf outing.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Okay, I know that we needed the rain, but did we need to get it all dumped on us over the weekend? I'm all for equal opportunity rain ... spread it out equally over the week. Actually, I'm lying! I'm not equal opportunity, I want rain only during the weekdays (preferably at night) ... keep the weekends sunny and bright!

Oh well, in spite of the many downpours we experienced last Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the Lakers stayed true to form and persevered in having fun. I was witness to this perseverance on the south side, for both the Hogoboom and Bratt families.

Dave and Donna Hogoboom's family reunion crew (30 of them!) gets the award for staying positive while being soaking wet! We watched them enjoying

games of water volleyball and corn hole – and we were the delighted recipients of their delish grilled chicken (our reward for cheering them on from two doors down!).

Tabby and Justin Bratt hosted family from Kansas and they all made the best of the time between rainfalls, setting up their own corn hole tourney in their pole building. Thankfully, we were able to get in a dry Mimosa Sunday so the “Kansanites” could experience the tradition!

I was able to spend a little bit of pier time with Bad Patty on Sunday (while the rest of her family was napping) but we eventually had to give up and huddle inside of the cottage when the rain went to more than a mist.

I hope all the guys had great golfing on Friday ... hope you all shot below par!

I also hope that the “Ladies of the Lake” enjoyed their afternoon out on the water (while I was stuck at work, feeling

2018 Birch Lake Calendar

Aug 4 - Corn & Sausage
Aug 4 - SUNFISH-ONLY Race, NO MCs
Aug 11 - 10 am Homeowners Association
Annual Meeting, AED, CPR training
Aug 18 - Fall Dinner (tba)
TBA- Soup/Chili Challenge
Sept 1 - Pooch Parade

Basic Sailing Classes

July 24, 4-5 pm, McGann's

2018 BLYC Board Meetings

(all meetings start at 9 am)

August 11, Sept – TBA

More info as available. Dates subject to change. Watch the Barker for updates!

sorry for myself for missing the festivities).

Don't forget ... the corn and sausage roast is next Saturday (Aug 4). Yum!

Then the next event is the Fall Dinner on the 18th ... look for more info

The Birch Barker is always accepting materials for publication. **Deadline is 3 pm on Tuesday.** E-mail sailorphil@philvital.com, or put the items in the stone/mailbox at 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore). Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want photos or other material returned. To contact Editor Phil by phone, call (269) 476-1680, or to contact Commodore Karen Curtis-Miller, call 574-261-6712 or email karen.curtis-miller@bayer.com.

— Birch Lake Notes —

on that from V.C. Angela in the Barker.

In addition to the upcoming BLYC events, I hear that the lake is the destination of choice for many during the weekend of August 10-12. Tim Burchell will entertain many of his friends from the Pensacola Beach, Florida-area as they visit "The Birchacola," and the Kinzlers (the guys, not the lovely ladies) will host friends from near and far (many from the Chicago area) for she-nanigans at their annual Sausage Fest. Are you wondering what the theme will be for this year's "ski the lake" event? Guess we'll have to stay tuned!

It's the last lake weekend of July (sad face) ... so get out there and enjoy the lake!

Cheers! ~*Commodore Karen*

AED, CPR training at Homeowners Association's annual meeting

The Birch Lake Homeowners Association Annual Meeting on Saturday, Aug. 11 will feature a demonstration of the new Birch Lake AEDs (automatic electric defibrillator) and CPR training **beginning at 10 am** (after the Birch Lake Yacht Club Board meeting). All Birch Lake residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

New Birch Lake resident Chris Schmidt, a certified CPR trainer and fireman will be there to teach "hands-only CPR" to everyone who is interested.



Birch Lake 2018 Fall Dinner
August 18, 2018
6 p.m. at the
Birch Lake Yacht Club

Appetizers

- Gouda & Cheddar Pimento Cucumber Cup
- Feta & Watermelon Mint Bites
- Spinach & Artichoke Tarts

Dinner

- Summer Caprese Salad
- Trio of Kabobs: Roast Veggie, Tenderloin, & Chicken
- Roasted Sweet and Seasoned Potatoes
- Fresh Breads & Butters

Desserts

- Shortbread Cookies
- Assorted Cupcakes

Tickets are \$30, please contact Angela Bergan, Linda Bergan, Karen Curtis-Miller, Patti Russwurm, Linda Rasmussen and Sue Williams. Please contact these ladies for tickets before August 13, 2018, all tickets sold after August 13th will be \$35 /person.

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Corn & Sausage Roast – Saturday, August 4, 2018 – Here It Comes!

It's almost here! Only a week to go until that fun event arrives again! Bring your appetites, families and neighbors to the annual Corn & Sausage Roast, next Saturday, August 4th. From 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Yacht Club we'll be serving delicious meals consisting of your meat choice, roasted corn, a selection of side dishes, cookies and lemonade or iced tea. Get ready for a bratwurst, hot dog or chicken breast meal (we'll only have a limited supply of chicken breasts so come early to try to grab what we have!). Pay at the door – no reservations required! Come hungry, visit with your neighbors and leave happy and satisfied! Hope to see you there!

Water Quality info

Regularly, members of the Water Quality Committee receive information, publications, and/or blogs that are in the realm of water quality. Many of the issues presented in these articles can, or do, affect our water quality here at Birch Lake. Even more of this information is related to proposed legislation/regulations, or other governmental actions, that might affect our water quality.

If you would like to receive information emails related to Birch Lake Water Quality, and you have not already regis-



Thanks to our Birch Lake Artist in Residence Duffy Dufor for the hot pic!

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Water Quality answers question about water cloudiness ...

Why does the lake water seem particularly cloudy and laden with floating matter this season?

Members of the Water Quality Committee share in having made the same observations and experiencing the same concerns. Although we (Terry) are still gathering and turning in samples to the CLMP for analysis and review, the results won't be available to us until late winter or early spring. They will probably not be able to tell us the entire story anyway. So, for now at least, we are down to supposition and guesses.

Ours include:

1) The extreme amounts of sunlight early in the season, coupled with the then relatively clear water, accelerated growth of both more algae and in deeper (larger areas of) water than normal. The volume of algae negatively affects both the turbidity of the water and the amount of material floating upon it.

2) The almost record breaking amounts of rain:

2a) Carry more chemicals (typically including phosphorous, which spikes the growth of even more organics, like chlorophyll and algae in the water) and objects (which usually decay, thereby eventually introducing even more organics) into the water.

2b) Causes the water elevation to become and remain abnormally high for extended periods. This condition, as long as it remains, continues to disturb and wash into the lake even more chemicals, and objects that were previously deposited on the banks of the lake. Waves only acerbate the situation, so please do whatever you reasonably can to minimize the number, size and effect of the waves (wakes) you might create.

Ladies Golf outing

On Friday, July 20, 32 Birch Lake women invaded Diamond Lake Golf Course for the Birch Lake Ladies' FUN Golf Outing! The rain tried to deter us, but we prevailed after a short 20 minute delay. After playing 9 holes, we all headed for the BLYC to enjoy some lunch, which was ready and waiting for

us with the help of our friends Sue Williams, Deb Hall, and Good Patti Russwurm. A BIG thanks to these ladies for working so hard and efficiently to feed the hungry masses!

And then the moment that we we all waiting for ... PRIZES! Hole prizes were awarded to Brittany Marlow for Shortest Drive, sponsored by Rick and Good Patti Russwurm. Longest Drive was sponsored by Bob and Sue Waddle, and awarded to Kristy Wiseman. Rick and Good Patti Russwurm made Denny Weesner very happy by sponsoring the Longest Putt. Jeannie Welch went home with the Closest to the Pin prize, sponsored by Phil and Sandy Vitale. The Straightest Drive was shot by Lynn DeCocker and made possible by Pat McGann and McGann Hay Funeral Homes. Two golfers, Lynn DeCocker, and Sandy Vitale were awarded the prizes sponsored by Lee Oswalt from Zimmy's for being the Best Dressed which was decided by all our golfers!

Team scores were tallied and the results were: 8th place Connie Young, Georgene Dierlam, Lynn DeCocker; 7th Sandy Vitale, Amy Lutz, Carla Chester, Bad Patty Luecht; 6th Angela Bergan, Denny Weesner, Vickie Rogers, Blair Garceau; 5th Allyson Weaver-Gills, Lori Noyer, Lesley Greenig, Sue Vandewalle; 4th Barb Cassady, Judy Cassady, Diane Robertson, Jeannie Welch; 3rd Becky Wiseman, Kristy Wiseman, Claudia Phipps, Brittany Marlow; 2nd Jackie Frew, Carol McCoy, Sue Waddle Irene Steffen; and our 1st place team was Tonya Miller, Denise Trybula, Dana Soldato and Johanna Stratigos! Big CONGRATS to all the golfers and I think the LGPA may be contacting some of you!

Big THANKS to Staci Whiteman and Pat McGann for keeping the drink carts rolling. A shout out to Good Patti Russwurm for taking pictures of our lovely ladies, and Blair Garceau for doing score cards and so many other things! Amy and Mike Lutz for supplying the delicious Beer Cheese and pretzel balls YUM! I hope I haven't missed anyone that supported and helped out. I apologize if I did.

It is with mixed emotions that I have retired chairing this event. It has been 10 years since I took over the Ladies' FUN Golf Outing, and I tried to make it exactly that ... FUN! I wanted the opportunity to make the outing one that would encourage women of all golf skill levels to feel welcomed and not be intimidated by the game. We had goofy holes, and those holes that gave the serious golfer the chance to show off their skills. I hope you have all enjoyed the outing, and will continue to support this event. It is a great day to interact with Birch Lake ladies. Thank You all for letting me shake things up, and putting up with me for 10 years! It has been an experience I will always remember with great fondness.

~Bad Patty



Sandy Vitale and Lynn DeCocker pose after being named "best dressed" at the Ladies Golf Outing last weekend. Thanks to Amy Lutz for the pic.

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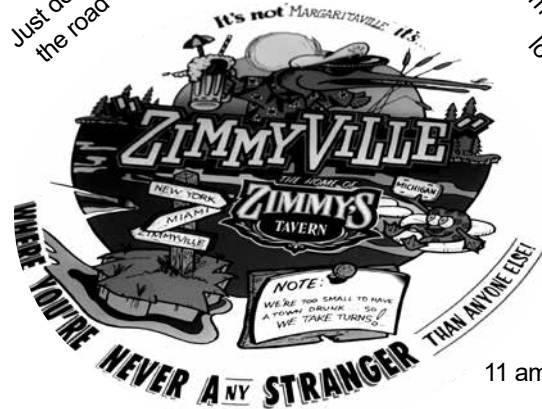
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Fleet Captain's Gibe #12 by J. Patrick McGann

All three races were run this week, so that is a good week, and no one flipper or crashed. It was not as hot as it has been the last few weeks, so that made it nice for the sailors and those working in the committee boat. RCB Staff this week were: Bad Patty Luecht, Good Patti Russwurm and her sister-in-law Katie Campbell, Sandy Vitale, Neil Troeger and his guest Matt. Thanks to you all from all us grateful skippers.

There was some trouble setting one of the marks, apparently I heard we lost an anchor, but thanks to Scott Troeger this week and for setting the marks and Vic Jones for assisting - all got set ok before the races began.

It was the Trifecta for Scott Troeger winning all three MC races. Great Job Scott! In the Sunfish races Rick Russwurm held on to win the middle race and was bookended by Peter Soldato who took the first place in the first and last races. Good job to both of those winners. The sailing classes finished up this week and the next big event is:

THE "ALL-SUNFISH SAILBOATS ON THE LAKE RACE DAY" WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY AUG. 4, WITH AN 11AM START

Please, if you have someone in your family, or a friend or neighbor who can sail your Sunfish, please ask them to sail it on that day so we can get as many of the beautifully colored sails on the all

at one time. If the wind is good we may have several races. If your skipper needs a refresher course on sailing or the sailing rules, let me know and I will be glad to meet with you (or them) to go over things. Pat McGann, 1-574-532-5377 cell or text.

That day we could also use a few boats out on the lake willing to assist flipped sailboats if needed, (Rick Doolittle).

Sailors, committee boat staff and their families are invited after the race to come over to the East Side Sailing Club (ESSC) to review the race(s), fouls, winners and "otherwise hobnob with our fellow wizards," and to enjoy our own good company over a generous supply of assorted beers and wines in the shade. The ESSC is located at the Vitale, Luecht, McGann shore. Drive, sail, walk or parachute in for the fun and fellowship.



PS. Please join the BLYC its for the good of the lake? If you don't know if you have paid your 2018 dues or not shoot Deb Spratt a text or call at 574-276-8783 to find out.

Sail on Dudes and Dudettes

~JPM



During her visit Amy Troeger has been digitizing albums of family photographs. We thought you might be interested in this picture of a Sunfish race on Birch Lake from probably the late 70's that she found.

2018 BLYC Season Sailing Results

Race	18	19	20	Race Total	Race Point	Fleet Captain's	Total Points	Point Average
Date	22-Jul	22-Jul	22-Jul	Points	Average	Bonus	w/bonus	w/bonus
MC Scow								
Scott Troeger #1489	1	1	1	27943	1552.39	1600	29543	1641.28
Barb Cassidy #2506				23064	1537.60	1521	24585	1639.00
Phil Vitale #500	2	2	2	21674	1444.93	1444	23118	1541.20
Bill Luecht #1579	3	4	4	22508	1406.75	1369	23877	1492.31
Bob King #1199	4	3	3	9962	1423.14		9962	1423.14
Sunfish								
Peter Soldato	2	1	1	29160	1534.74	2969	32129	1691.00
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	1	2	2	25577	1504.53	2890	28467	1674.53
Pat McGann	3	3	3	28421	1421.05	3121	31542	1577.10
Herb Cleveland	4	6	4	26396	1319.80	2888	29284	1464.20
Bob Niezgodski	5	8	7	13373	1215.73	2592	15965	1451.36
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)				16381	1365.08		16381	1365.08
Stewart Spratt			5	17608	1354.46		17608	1354.46
Jeff Walls				20366	1198.00	2450	22816	1342.12
Amy Troeger	6	4	8	7504	1250.67		7504	1250.67
Bill Butler	7	5	6	6222	1244.40		6222	1244.40
Chris Scofield				3474	1158.00		3474	1158.00
Camille Butler	8	7	9	13155	1096.25		13155	1096.25
Stephen delRossi				1089	1089.00		1089	1089.00

DNS (Did Not Sail) does not count against season score, however sailor must complete 2/3 of races to qualify for season; 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); DSQ not counted toward minimum number of races needed; DNF (Did Not Finish), scored as last place; 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.

— Birch Lake Decor —

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Brynn, John and Addison Machalleck, 4th generation Birch Lakers, are enjoying the day with their grandparents, Katha and Mike Machalleck (south side).

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Second generation cousins, Lily and Penny Fraser, Ayden Urrutia and Vera Poppy Schoenholtz making memories on Birch Lake at the McCay Cottage (Cove).

Cousins Lindsey Schoenholtz, Anna Mathews, Remy McCay, Lauren Fraser, Kristina Wharton and Nicole Dailey came from California, Florida, Michigan and Indiana to spend time together at the McCay Cottage (Cove) and reminisce about childhood fun on Birch Lake.



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*Taylor Gableman, granddaughter of Claudia Phipps (north shore), leads the Birch Lake book club in a discussion on *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowery.*

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— Barker Critters of the Week —



Juno Harvey in her sun hat on the pier of Patrick and Jean-nie Welch. Juno is Merrill Welch Harvey's dog visiting from Valparaiso.



A weed 'o the week from Bog King, who added, "Les made fun since we must have pulled the perennial and watered the weed."



Amy Lutz sent in this photo of what looks like an alligator ... it had the "subject" line filled in as "Birchie" ... hmmm.

KID-OF-THE-WEEK PHOTOS

So far this year I've printed EVERY photo that's been sent in as a Barker kid-of-the-week ... but we're always accepting more! Want your kid to be a Barker Kid of the Week? Want your lawnmower to be Lawnmower of the Week? Mail your photo (with a SASE if you want it back) 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 (even easier) email them to me at SAILORPHIL@PHILVITALE.COM

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Aries (March 21-April 19) - The next four weeks will be fabulous for you! You will have a strong drive to get out and have a good time. You will feel lighter and happier and eager to socialize. Romantic relationships will be upbeat and sexy. But the main thrust will be your need to express yourself and to be exactly who you are. You will have the freedom to do your own thing and be who you really are. Relations with work colleagues are winning.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - You have a strong focus on home and family during the next four weeks. You might be more involved with a parent. Relatives from the past will come out of the woodwork and be camped on your doorstep. Nevertheless, you will feel an increasing need to take time out just for you, which is why you will want to run away somewhere so you can contemplate your navel.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - The tempo of your life will accelerate in the next four weeks. Expect more activity, short trips, visits and discussions with others. An erratic restlessness will prompt you to get out and do things! Enjoy a vacation because you want the stimulation of a change of scenery. Be mindful of your discussions with others and let clear communications be your goal. Fortunately, matters at home are smooth and wonderful for entertaining and redecorating.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - The next four weeks are the only time all year when the Sun sits in your Money House of earnings, cash flow and possessions. This is why you will examine your relationship to your wealth. Does your stuff serve your needs or are you a slave to it? Sometimes your involvement with property and possessions is actually damaging to your own best interests. Meanwhile, you want party to show something off, especially a new purchase. The bottom line at this moment is you want to establish greater control of your life through the things that you own and value.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - This is the only time all year when the Sun is in your sign for four weeks. Happy birthday! This is your chance to recharge your batteries for the rest of the year! In turn, you will project yourself more forcefully than usual. You will also feel a strong need to express yourself. Don't hesitate to do this! This is the one time of year when your first duty is to yourself - and if you don't recognize this, you will not be effective in what you do.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today the Sun moves into a hidden part of your chart for the next four weeks. (This happens only once a year.) You will feel this! You will want more privacy and a chance to work alone or behind the scenes. This doesn't mean you're antisocial. But your main drive will be for privacy and peace and quiet by removing yourself from the busy pace of the world. Use this time to make some goals for your new year, which begins when your birthday takes place.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - You're the most social sign of the zodiac, and the next four weeks will be one of the most social months of the year! Go out in full dazzle! It will be easy to work and cooperate with others, especially in groups. Friendships will be important. You want to hang out with people who share your values. Old friends will pop up out of the woodwork.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - For the next four weeks, the Sun is at the top of your chart. (Happens only once a year.) This casts a flattering spotlight on you! Others will be impressed with you, especially parents, bosses and VIPs. Since you look so wonderful to others - use this! Ask for what you want. You don't have to do anything special to get this credit because people admire you. Hot tip: Don't pretend to be something that you're not because the truth will come out anyway. Don't hesitate to take on any project because you will shine! Friends and groups will be supportive to you now.

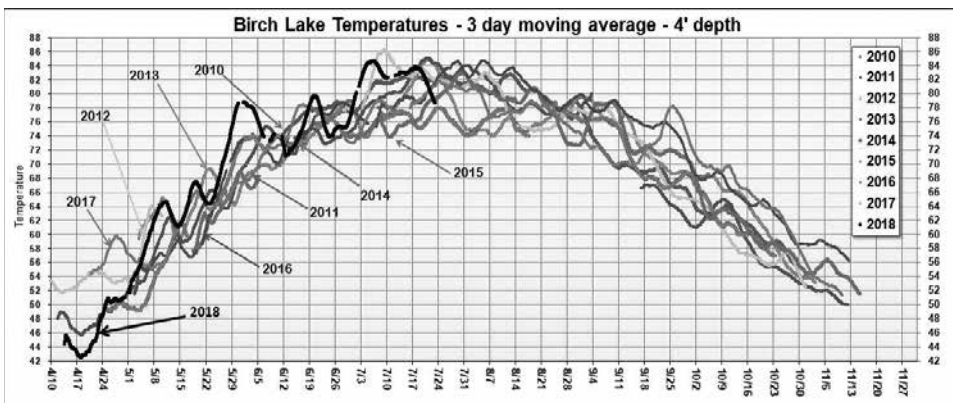
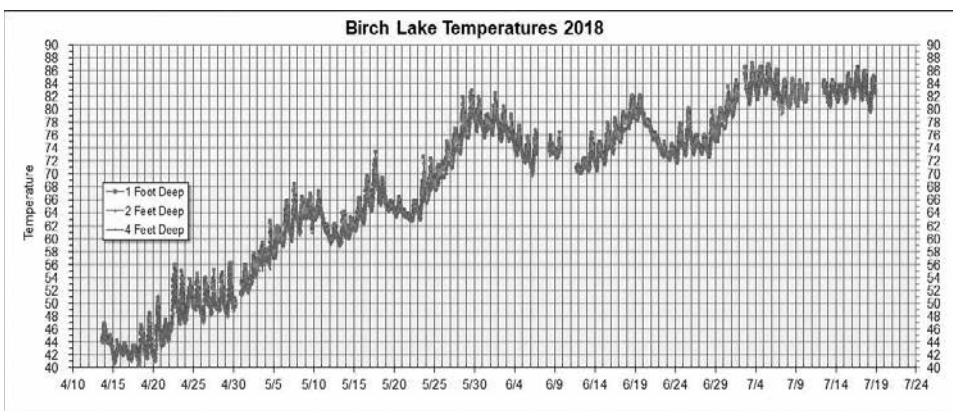
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - You're going to love the influence of this changing Sun! It will also bring you opportunities that you can explore in medicine, the law, publishing, the media and higher education. In fact, if you are pursuing these directions, go back to previous contacts and reopen negotiations because Mercury retrograde will benefit this dip back into the past. In fact, some will strike up a romance with a boss.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - You will be more intense in the next four weeks. Issues will be important! You will feel passionately about everything and might have a simplistic black-and-white response to things. Be careful you don't overreact. Expect to focus on shared property, taxes, inheritances and insurance issues. You will also be intrigued by hot sex! Oh yes, this is part of the passion and obsession that you will feel in the coming weeks.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - The Sun is opposite your sign for the next four weeks. You will need more sleep. This polarized position of the Sun draws your focus to partnerships and close friendships. Meanwhile, retrograde Mercury will attract ex-partners and old friends back into the mix. Actually, this is a good time to form working units with others. It's also a good time to study your relationships to see how they do or do not fill your needs.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - It's been party city lately, but as the Sun changes signs, you will move toward a major shift in the next month. You will focus on work and daily responsibilities. Your drive will be to manage your life as effectively and efficiently as possible so that you can get the best results for your efforts. You will strive to make every action count. You will refine your techniques to get the best results. Many of you by extension will apply this to your health. This is a wonderful thing because motivation is everything.

Birch Lake Environmental Data



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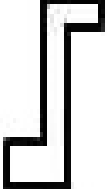
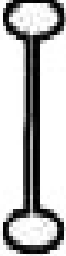



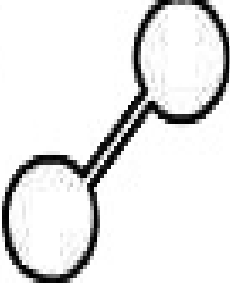





The Moon for this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)
Illuminated Fraction: 0.981
1.4 days after full moon







Sunrise: 06:30:45 AM
Sunset: 21:06:18 PM
Moonrise: 21:46:17 PM
Moonset: 07:08:52 AM
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— Barker Weekly Puzzle —

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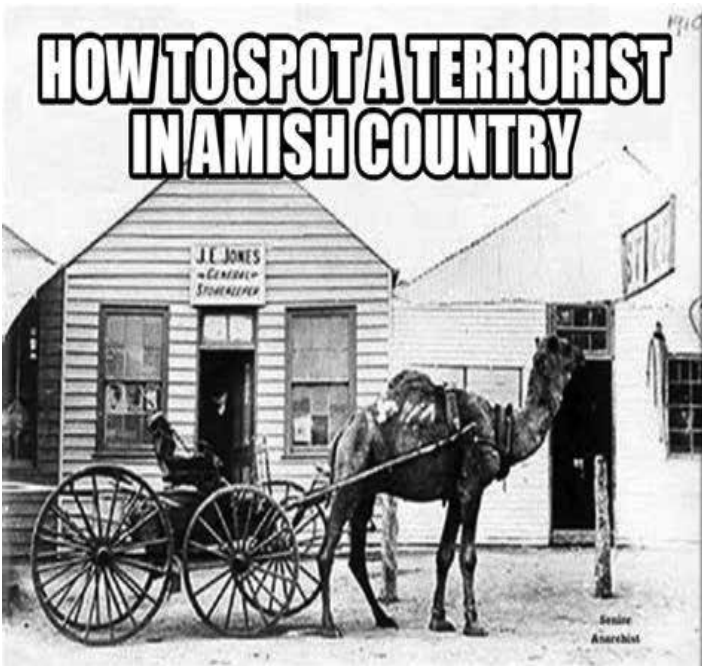
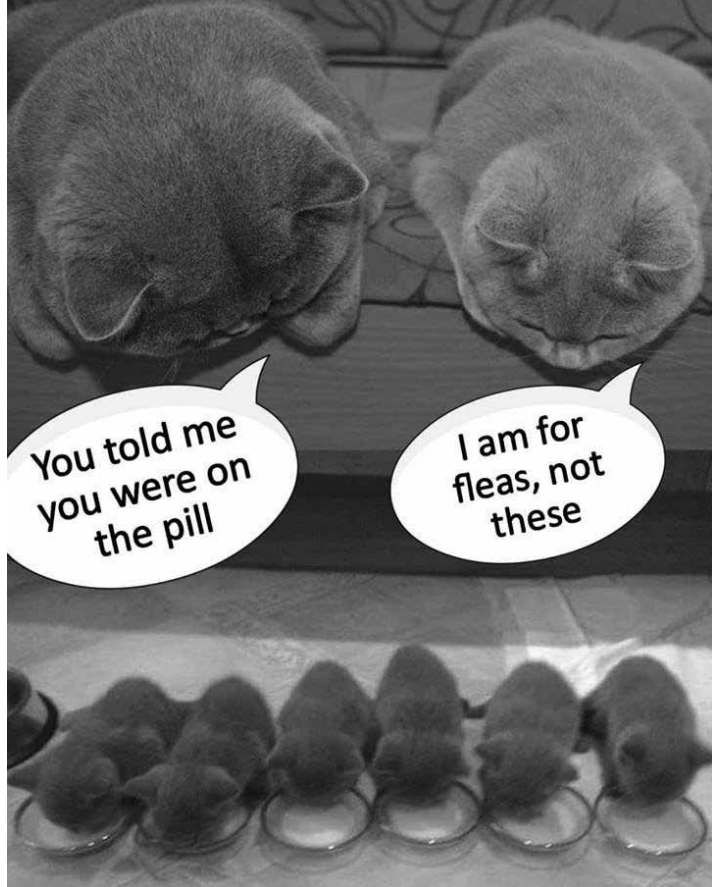
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— Weekly Puzzle Solution —

Correct answer: D
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~Birch Lake Recipes~



Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge

Baked apples with oatmeal filling

“Yummy apples with an oatmeal crisp filling is a great way to enjoy your apples!”

Ingredients

Original recipe yields 4 servings (4 apples)

- 4 apples
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup butter
- Add all ingredients to list

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Core each apple making a large well in the center and arrange apples on a rimmed baking sheet.
3. Mix oats, brown sugar, and cinnamon together in a bowl; cut in butter until evenly combined. Spoon 1/4 of the oat mixture into each apple.
4. Bake in the preheated oven until apples are tender and filling is bubbling, about 30 minutes.



Cook's Note:

- The baking sheet needs to be rimmed to avoid butter spilling into the oven.

Tip

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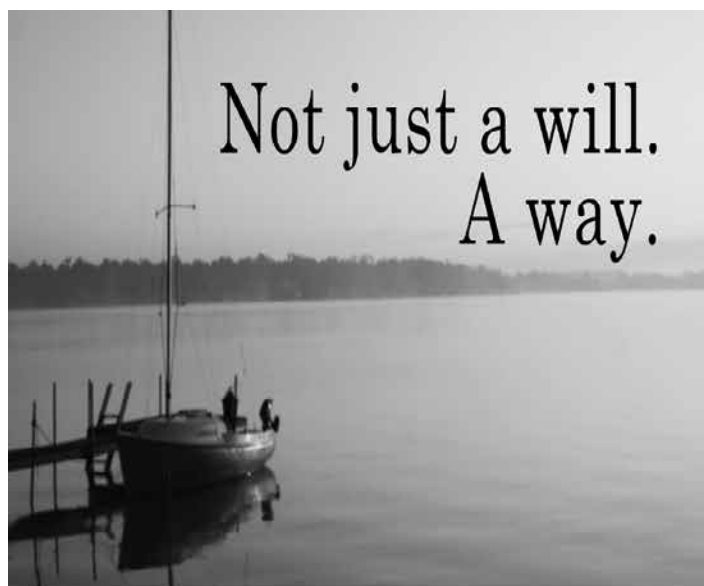
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— Camp Tannadoonah —

Hard to believe just 2 weeks left

Hard to believe we're nearing the end of the summer! After this week, there are just 2 weeks left of camp for the summer. This week is our biggest week of the year, and really, the biggest week we've ever had! We have 148 campers for the session; 146 was our previous biggest week.

This week we wanted to tell you all about our CIT program. The CITs are "counselors in training," and we have a 3-level CIT program. To be a CIT 1, they must be at least 15 years old, and preferably have been coming to camp for at least a few years prior to being a CIT. Some of our CITs have been coming to camp for 10 years before they become a CIT!

CIT 1s come for two weeks, and get to help at activities, shadow counselors, and learn a lot about what the job of a camp counselor entails. The CIT 2s come for three weeks, and for two of those weeks they live in the cabins with younger campers, helping the staff, helping lead activities, and getting a better understanding of the camp counselor role. And CIT 3s come for four weeks, and live in the cabins

with younger campers all four weeks, lead more activities, and really prepare for next year when they are old enough to be counselors.

For the first week of the CIT 2 program, we like for all the CIT 2s to live together and get a chance to bond with their fellow CITs, similar to how we have staff bonding time during staff training. This is the first week of the CIT 2 program for 2018, and because the week was so full, we only had a few empty beds scattered all over camp. That wouldn't give the CIT 2s the chance to share a cabin and bond with one another the way we like, so we decided to create a "tent village" for them in the woods, where they could really get to know each other and spend a lot of time working together. They weren't all super excited about this plan, but it seems to be working out better than many of the expected!

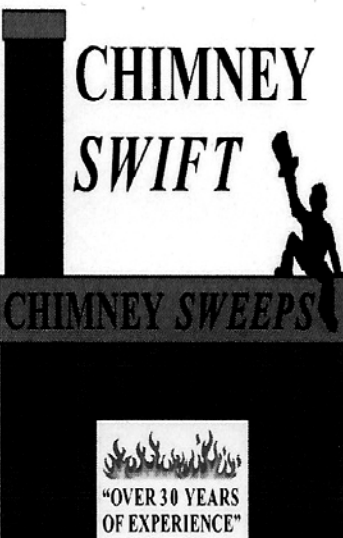
Miss Julie, our CIT director, is living out in the tent village with them. We've set up 5 tents so that the 6 CITs could live in pairs, have one tent for Miss Julie, and one tent to store their luggage for the week. Unfortunately,

ly, the weather hasn't been ideal for camping out, with last weekend being so wet, and then having rain Sunday afternoon, off and on all day Monday, and drizzle on Tuesday so far. But they're doing a great job staying positive and making it fun.

This week we also have overlapping sessions of CITs so we have a group of CIT 1s, 2s, and 3s here all at the same time! That makes a total of 11 CITs this week, so we decided to put them in charge of the "committee" for the week. Each week we have a committee that plans all of the evening activities for all of camp, leads sing each night (teaching the kids all the songs), decorates the dining hall to fit the theme for the week, and plans the end of the week ceremony. Each counselor on staff is on committee once per summer, and we give one week to the CITs so they can learn how that part of being a counselor works.

It's fun to watch kids who were once 6-year-old campers grow up, move up through all different cabins, and eventually become CITs and then counselors at camp!

~Miss Amber



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Birch Lake Notes

Sixth AED installed on Birch Lake

The Birch Lake Homeowners Association has reported that a 5th Automatic Electric Defibrillator (AED) has been installed at the garage of Scott and Holly Troeger, 63696 Birch Rd., just north of the public landing. The garage is on the east side of the road, across the road from the Troeger home.

The Homeowners Association also announced that the sixth (and final)

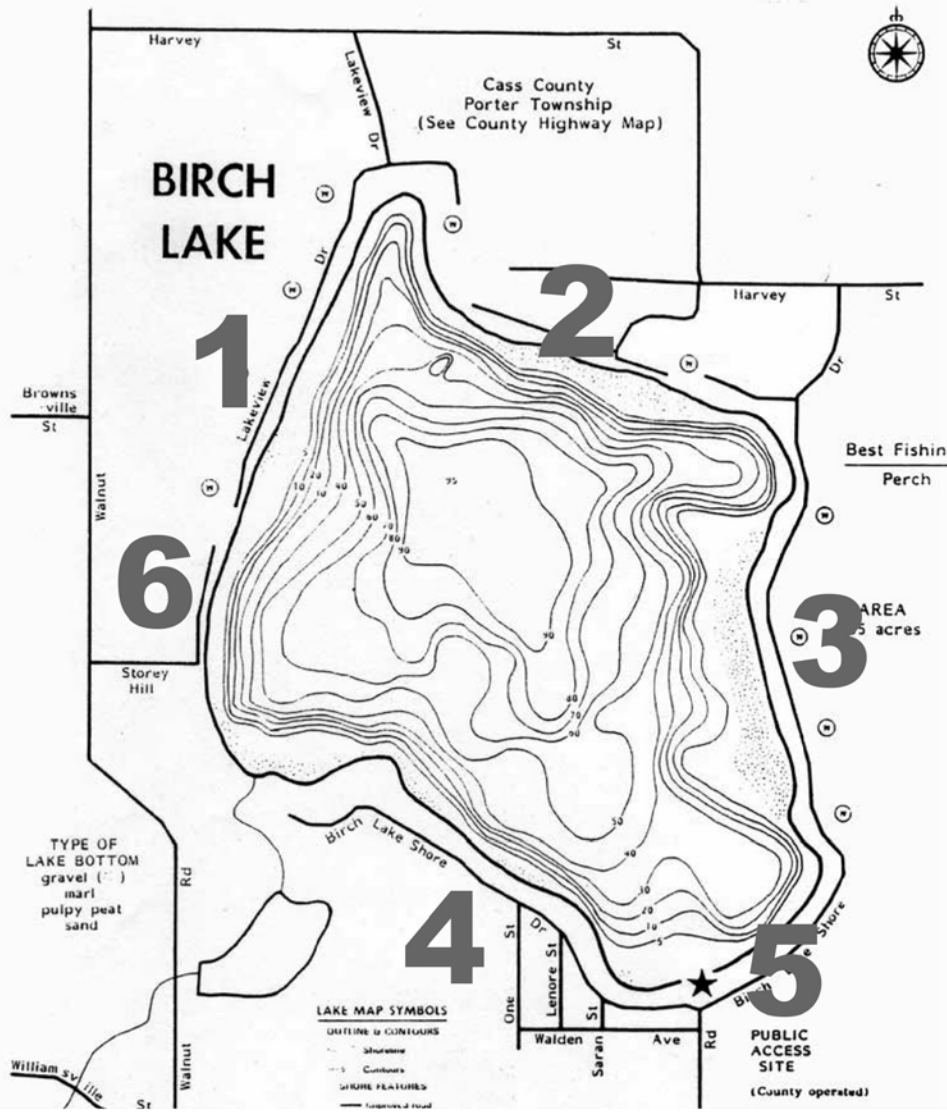
AED will soon be installed at the DeYoung home (formerly the home of Jack and Marty Miller) at 63255 Storey Hill St. That unit will be installed on the north face of the garage.

All Birch Lake residents are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting of the Homeowners Association on Saturday, Aug. 11. In addition to the regular annual business, the meeting

will feature a demonstration and training on the new Birch Lake AEDs (automatic electric defibrillator) as well as a CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) training session.

The Annual Meeting will begin at approximately 11 am (after the Birch Lake Yacht Club Board meeting).

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1. **West Shore**, Sheffieck home, 62875 Birch Lakeview Dr.
2. **North Shore**, Smitley home, 14859 Birch Northshore Dr. 15046
3. **East Shore**, Vitale home, 63174 Birch Rd.
4. **South Shore**, Eberhart home, 15046 Birch Lakeshore Dr.
5. **South/East Shore**, Troeger home, 63696 Birch Rd.
6. **Southwest Shore**, DeYoung home, 63255 Storey Hill St.

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