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of the season**

**The
Weekend
Of**

**Sept. 1
2018**

Birch Barker

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It's that time of year ... thanks to Mr. Bob (King, north side) for the end-of-season foggy morning photo.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Well, this is the last printed barker for the Summer 2018. After this week, you can read the online version of the Barker. What a beautiful week followed by a soggy weekend.

I got a chance on Sunday to catch up with Ex-Commodore Karen. On Wednesday, I got a chance to talk with New Vice Commodore Pat McGann. All I can say is we are lucky to have such great people invested in the well-being of the lake.

Thursday was a beautiful day as well; the weather could not have been better this week until Sunday which was steamy. Sunday was a weird day with the Fog, I woke up to see that I couldn't see at all! The fog cleared and the sun came out to give us a beautiful day. Just another reminder of how for-

tunate we are to get to live in this paradise.

Which brings me to Dues, don't forget to get your Dues to Mrs. Deb Spratt. Next Year we have some great ideas planned to help all of us stay informed about the different events around the lake. We had some great ideas from many Birch Lakers, one includes a chart showing our Fireworks fund to let you know how much more money we need. For instance, we are still \$100 short for the funds for the 2018 Fireworks. Some great ideas suggested included letting everyone know the budget for Fireworks next year, the money we raise for water quality, and the cost of treatments and more. Please keep your ideas coming as I appreciate the enthusiasm!

Lastly, be on the lookout as the Pooch Parade is right around the corner. This fun event will have doggies barking and kittens blushing. Who can resist a cute dog dressed like a flower pot, or better known as a Pug-gonia! Or a cute

2018

Birch Lake Calendar

Sept 1 - Pooch Parade
Sept 2 - Sunday Night Flotilla, 6 pm
**Sept 8 - Season Sailing Awards, Bad
Patty's Flamingo Room, 1 pm**
Oct 20 - Soup/Chili Challenge, 5:30 pm
May 11, 2019 - Spring Dinner

2018 BLYC Board Meetings
Sept. 15 - 9 am, BLYC

little dachshund dressed like a martini ... A Cocktail Wienie! What about a Chocolate Labrador dressed in a white jacket ... A lab partner! Just a few ideas for all of you in preparation for the Pooch Parade.

In October, there will be a Chili/Soup Cook Off hosted by Pat McGann. Be on the lookout for more details in the online Barker. He picked a great week-

The Birch Barker is always accepting materials for publication. Since this is the last Barker of the year, the deadline is irrelevant. E-mail materials to sailor-phil@philvital.com, mail them to me or put the items in the stone mailbox at 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore).

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— Birch Lake Notes —

end for all you Golden Domers and selected Notre Dame's bye week. Contact Pat if you would like to volunteer to help him out, setting up tables and clean up!

There are some great winter events coming up, so please be sure to tune into the online Birch Barker to stay aware of how you can still enjoy the lake during the winter!

I am also proud to announce; the Spring Dinner will be the Luau at the Lake. Now you have all winter to find the perfect Hawaiian shirt. An award for the best dressed couple will be presented. Make sure you mark your calendar for May 11, 2018 for the Spring Dinner a flyer will be sent out soon.

Enjoy the remaining days of the summer and have an awesome Labor Day Weekend! Make sure you obey the lake rules especially on Labor Day, and share the information with your guest to keep everyone safe. Also, be kind to one another and live your best life every day.

~Commodore Angela Bergan

Sunday Night Flotilla

Due to the past successful flotillas, let's do it again on Sunday Sept. 2, at 6 pm. Meet in the middle with your boat. Bring an Appetizer. Boats will be tied together, and we will walk from boat to boat sharing food and camaraderie. Look for the boats in the middle! Adults only!



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

Old friends to visit

As the Labor Day Holiday approaches we look forward to old friends (the friendship is old, the friends, uhm, err) including: Ric and Lisa Dwenger (Muncie); Chuck, Karen and Sarah Elizabeth Horn (Carmel); and all of Cal's buds who can attend (TBD). Apologies in advance for the noise.

~Bob and Leslie King

Giveaways planned

The First Church of God, 21083 Spencer Rd. in Cassopolis will hold it's annual "Warming Hearts and Hands" giveaway on Nov. 9, from 10 m to noon in the Hardings, Cassopolis, parking lot. The church will also host the Compassion Cupboard food give away on Nov. 16, and Dec. 20, from 9 am to 11 am.

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This is the last printed Birch Barker of the year. Our thanks to everyone who has helped this year, including (but not limited to) all of the advertisers, all of our editorial contributors (the commodore and vice commodore, Patti Russwurm, Pat McGann, Bob King, Amber Grundy, Dan and Sharon Waxman, all of the Kids of the Week, and all of our neighbors who sent in funnies or snippets. Thanks to the production and distribution crew, including Bob

& Sue Waddle, Stu Spratt, Alpha Graphics, and all of our neighbors who delivered the Barker to our homes all summer long.

Assuming the Yacht Club board of directors approves, we will produce and distribute the Online Birch Barker every month beginning in October (watch your email for deliver info ... if you're not signed up to receive it but would like to get it monthly, send your email address to onlinebarker@gmail.com).



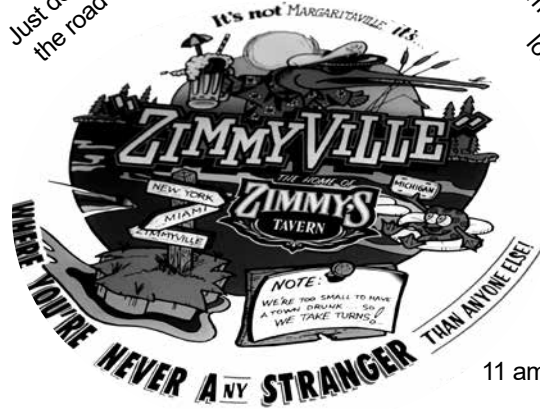
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FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Fleet Captain's Gibe #17 by J. Patrick McGann

The ALL SUNFISH RACES were finally able to happen Saturday, after two reschedules, with enough wind to sail, and sail we did. It was the very best wind for sailing all summer long. We were all having so much fun, after a little confusion about the starting time we went for five races once all the boats got out there. They were such quick races that we still finished before 1:30 pm. It did bring out some new and less-frequent skippers so it was a success and did what it was suppose to do. There were no losers that day (we were all winners), but Stewart Spratt finished before everyone in a four of the five races, and I was first over the finish line in one race. Way to go Stewart!

I do want to welcome from downtown Chicago, Steve and his lovely wife Jackie Frew to the sailing ranks of the BLYC. Thanks Steve for bringing a little of that wind from the Windy City



along with you Saturday. Steve, who is a soon-to-be-retired lawyer, and Jackie are East Side residents, and Steve is looking forward to an increased opportunity to put his advanced sailing skills to practice here on Sundays next year.

We had a small get together over at the East Side Sailing Club after the races, it turned out to be kind of like a welcoming party for the Frews, with some of Herb Cleveland's good home-made wine and a little beer.

Sunday's races were a bit slower than Saturday. We didn't think we would have enough wind to complete any races but we ended up after an hour delay getting in two races.

Unfortunately, we did not have enough MCs to do an official race. We must have at least three boats and our MC fleet is suffering a decline in skippers participating. Thanks again to Tom Cassady, Bad Patty and all the Race Committee Boat Crew: Phil and Sandy Vitale, Wild Bill Luecht, and Michele Barnhart for doing double duty this weekend.

This Big Labor Day Weekend *Regatta will be Saturday and Sunday*, hoping for five races with make ups on Monday. Watch for the Yellow marks to go out and keep checking the Birch Lake Lovers Facebook page and the Sailors Group Texts for up to the minute info on start times. Also, The Luecht Family (East Side) has offered to host the end of the season Sailors Awards Party at Noon on Saturday Sept 8.



Please become a member of the BLYC. "It's for the good of our lake!" If you don't know if you have already paid your 2018 dues or not, shoot Deb Spratt a text or call her at 574-276-8783.

Sail on Dudes and Dudettes

~JPM



2018 BLYC Season Sailing Results

Race 27 28 Total Point Captain's .. Points Average Races Total
Date 26-Aug 26-Aug Points Average Bonus... w/bonus .. w/bonus Finished
MC Races: 24

MC	Points	Average	Races	Total
Barb Cassady #2506	32427	1544.14	1521	33948
Scott Troeger #1489	37154	1548.08	1600	38754
Phil Vitale #500	26008	1444.89	1444	27452
Bill Luecht #1579	26765	1408.68	1369	28134
Maggie Cassady	2888	1444.00	2888	1444.00
Tom Cassady	1444	1444.00	1444	1444.00
Bob King #1199	9962	1423.14	9962	1423.14

Sunfish Sunfish Races: 26

Sunfish	Points	Average	Races	Total
Peter Soldato	38444	1537.76	2969	41413
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	34711	1509.17	2890	37601
Pat McGann	39989	1428.18	3121	43110
Herb Cleveland	36849	1316.04	2888	39737
Bob Niezgodski	22313	1239.61	2592	24905
Stewart Spratt	26051	1371.11	26051	1371.11
Steve Frew	2738	1369.00	2738	1369.00
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)	16381	1365.08	16381	1365.08
Jeff Walls	20366	1198.00	2450	22816
Amy Troeger	7504	1250.67	7504	1250.67
Bill Butler	13371	1215.55	13371	1215.55
Chris Scofield	3474	1158.00	3474	1158.00
Camille Butler	22407	1120.35	22407	1120.35
Stephen (Cam's brother-in-law)	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.

— Water Quality Report —

Imagine the potential quality of the lake in the absence of us interlopers. Our primary affect on the lake is through the extensive modification of the shoreline and our "improved" land nearby, with the extensive building of impermeable structures, roads, houses, driveways, patios, etc. Additionally, by clearing the path to the lake all the increased runoff from these surfaces makes its way to the lake carrying any debris, dirt, oils, dog poop remains, excess fertilizer and weed killer etc. Ironically, although we love the lake and want it to be as pristine as possible, we are its own worst enemy as well. So let's repeat the mantra that "if it's around the lake it will get into the lake." The extent to which and the speed at which this occurs however and the degree that it will cause an impact is somewhat up to us. For these reasons, we offer a few basic reminders as we get into cleanup time, new landscape time, preparations for winter time, etc:

Do not burn around the lake unless you can be sure to confine the ashes from water runoff, or sweep them up when cold and dispose properly.

Remember, ashes basically represent instant fertilizer and minerals for the growth of algae.

Do not sweep, rake, or otherwise deliberately dispose of leaves or grass clippings into the lake. As it decays, this material also increases the growth of algae. Try to haul leaves etc. to a location outside of the lake basin if possible.

If you must fertilize make sure you use a non-phosphorous containing fertilizer, and only use a minimal amount, and as far away from the shoreline as possible. Read the label.

If doing new landscaping, do not add hardscape to the property. Use ground cover where possible that slows the flow of rainwater, construct a dry creek bed where you have distinct water flow, or put in a little rain garden where you see water flow.

Build a little buffer of taller, deeper rooted native plants at the water's edge, (or right above your seawall). Even a foot or two of plantings will sort of hold up the overflow of water and absorb or stop some of the junk in the flowing water before it reaches the lake.

If you have never been here for a big rain you may ask yourself "why the worry?" If so, and you happen to be around when we get a big rain, go outside and you will easily observe the rationale for the comments above.

We have been doing the water testing for phosphorous, chlorophyll, clarity, and dissolved oxygen in the water column all summer and will be submitting all samples for analysis in September. After

we receive the results next Spring, we will ensure that all residents have access to the report that is generated so as to see how we stack up year to year. We on the water quality committee thank everyone for their individual attention to what they can do to help keep the quality of Birch Lake at its highest level so that we can all enjoy these waters for many years to come. If we are smart, that should be a couple of hundred years at the least.

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Purple Loosestrife on Birch Lake

The Birch Lake Water Quality Committee started the Purple Loosestrife Management Program in 2000. The Program has been very effective. In 2000 we had 10 sites located on all shores of the lake, some of which were very dense. We continue to monitor for Purple Loosestrife each year and remove the plants that we find. The Plants bloom toward the end of July and into September.

If you see, or suspect you see the plant, please call Bruce Wagner, our Water Quality committee Purple Loosestrife Specialist (Cottage 269-476-2090 or Cell 574-286-7183) or any member of the Water Quality Committee to have it checked out.

This year Purple Loosestrife was removed from four sites by Bruce and some of the affected property owners. Thank you. We typically find the Loosestrife each year in four or five locations and the volume of plants at each site has diminished.

What is it?

Purple Loosestrife is a plant that was accidentally introduced to the United States and distributed as an ornamental. It is most easily identified during the flowering season. This

spiked-shaped purple pinkish flower can be seen above the water level in ditches, streams, rivers, lakes and other moist shallow water sites. This plant is an upright hardy perennial four to eight feet tall and most often found in groups.

Effects:

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

Spread:

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

Management (Eradication)

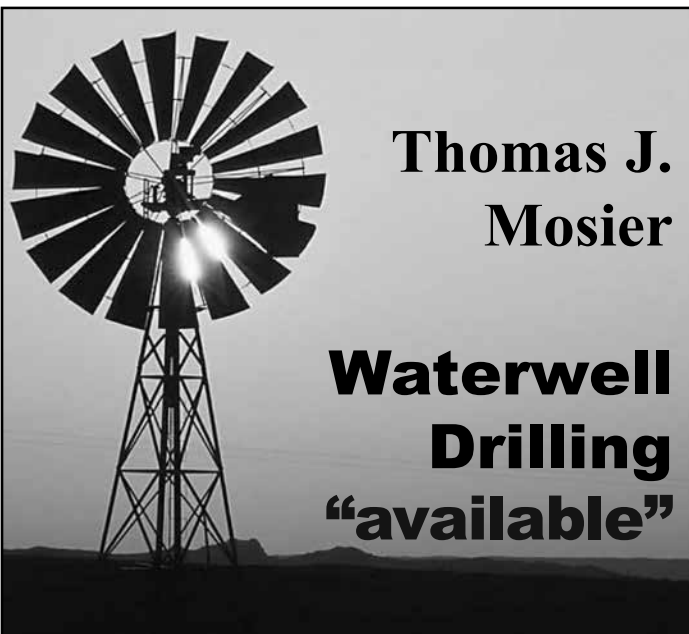
Once the plant becomes easily evident (in mid-July) but before it goes to seed (in early September), Specialist Wagner will slowly tour the lake in his pontoon boat and with binoculars searching for purple loosestrife, usually about four times per season. You



will recognize his pontoon boat by the Purple Loosestrife banner hanging on the side. If seen, he will later return from shore in waders and pull each plant (by its roots), bag and properly dispose of it.

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

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— Barker Kids of the Week —



Jeannie and Patrick Welch's' (south shore) grandkids were at Birch Lake for a fun filled week of tubing, swimming, skiing, fishing, unicorn riding, and s'mores. Harlowe (8 yrs old) Hudson (4) and Oliver (6) said they can't wait to come back to Neenie and Popo's!

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The Witchie Family is excited to have the following family members with them for another fun-filled Labor Day weekend at the lake: Peg Larson, Carol Bell, David Bell, The Clifford Family, The Coate Family, Liz & Tyler Cragg, and the Stewart Family.



Catherine and Keegan, granddaughters of Joe and Laura Bird (east side) enjoying their 4th of July s'mores

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I have a super cute little 2-year-old who wants her picture in the paper please! She loves seeing the other kids in the paper. Deveraux is Tom Mosier's (east side) granddaughter. She loves everything about the water! We can't keep her out of it!

Thanks!

~Mollie Mosier (Deveraux's mom & Tom's daughter)

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Kloe Kinzler (west side) and Bad Patty Luecht (east side) in the Flamingo room



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Aries (March 21-April 19) - It's a social week. Enjoy schmoozing with kids, partners and members of the general public. Right now your ambition is strong and you're back in work mode. In fact, you're thinking about how you can best manage your life so that you're efficient, effective and productive. For the next few months, you will more easily get a loan or a mortgage or have the use of things that other people own. You might inherit or your partner will get a bonus.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - You're in play mode. Admittedly, home repairs and DIY projects are still in the works. Relations with coworkers are excellent; in fact some of you might begin a work-related romance. This is also still the best time for you to get married. In the last six months, I've been delighted to encounter a number of Taurus people who have chosen this excellent time to get hitched.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - Home and family continue to be your focus. Basically, you want to cocoon at home. Nevertheless, Venus and Mercury will push you into busy errands, short trips and intensify your desire communicate to someone; and Venus will seduce you into the arts, parties, sports events, flirtations and activities with children. Jupiter will continue to give you chances to improve your health and improve your job or get a better job.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - Your busy pace continues with errands, tasks, short trips plus increased reading and writing. You're focused on moneymaking ideas and big expenditures. This might be due to redecorating projects that interest you or something to do with real estate because you do want to beautify and make your home more attractive. Be patient with partners while fiery Mars is opposite your sign. Meanwhile, for the next few months, Jupiter will continue to bring you opportunities for vacations, romance and sexy flirtations as well as times to enjoy sports events.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - You have suffered from insane delays, goofy mistakes, technical problems and baffling frustrations while Mercury was retrograde in Leo. Technically it's over, but you're not truly in the clear until Sept. 3. Venus creates a gentle appreciation of the beauty of your everyday world and helps you realize how fond you are of the people you know, and in turn, how much they care for you. Money is a strong focus.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - This continues to be your time of power. This makes you project yourself with conviction. Venus attracts money to you but it also tempts you to buy beautiful things. Mars makes you playful, flirtatious and competitive in sports. Mercury is hidden in your chart, which bodes well for doing research, studying the past and reading history. For several more months, Jupiter in Scorpio will continue to bring you opportunities to study and learn -- expanding your mind and your consciousness. !

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - You are still hiding in the tall weeds, watching the action from a distance because the Sun is waiting to enter your sign on Sept. 22. Until then, keep a low profile. Venus in your own sign counters this by making you want to socialize with others. Likewise, Mercury in your House of Friendship makes you think about friends and your attitudes to groups. It also makes you think a lot about your goals.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - This is one of your most popular times of the year! Everyone wants you to sit their table. Mercury at the top of your chart promotes discussions with bosses and parents. It also makes you want to plan for your career and your professional future, and encourages you to take up new studies. Mars is lined up with your communication style so you are forthright now when talking to others. You're convincing and persuasive! Naturally, Jupiter, in your sign for the next few months, continues to bring you good fortune.

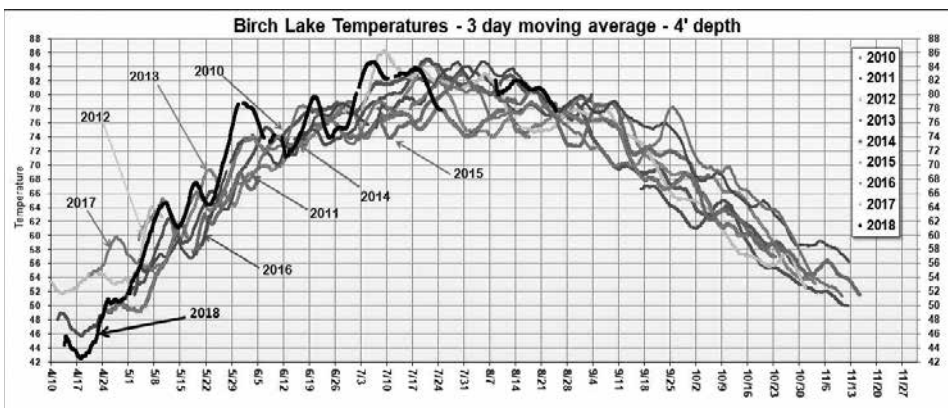
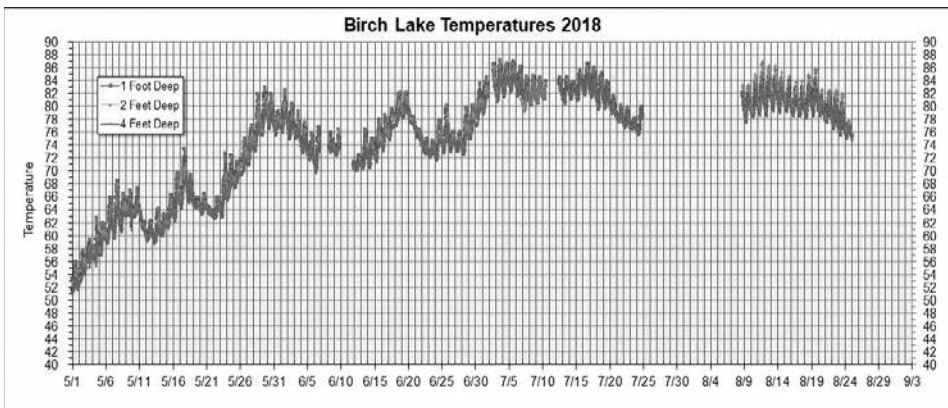
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - This is the only time all year when the Sun is at the top of your chart making you look fabulous in the eyes of bosses and parents. Since this is still happening, use this to your advantage! Ask for what you want. Make your pitch. Venus promotes warm relations with friends and members of groups. (In fact, a friend could become a lover.) Mercury makes you keen to travel and study because you want to learn and expand your world. Fiery Mars is in your House of Earnings making you keen to earn money but just as keen to spend it!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Get thee to an airport. Or maybe a road trip is your choice where you can watch those telephone poles going by. Mars in your sign makes you aggressive and energetic. Get some physical exercise to blow off pent-up steam. Mercury promotes discussions about shared property, inheritances and insurance issues; while Venus at the top of your chart creates successful relations with bosses and parents.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - This is a passionate, intense month, which means you are not casual about anything. Everything matters. Mercury opposite your sign attracts lively conversations with others. Venus makes you want to travel for pleasure and encourages romance with people who are different, especially people from other cultures. Jupiter makes you look fantastic in the eyes of bosses and parent.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - The Sun is still opposite your sign, which means you need more sleep. Mercury makes you busy at work and keen to have opportunities to tackle hands-on tasks and talk to coworkers. Venus continues to attract money, favors and goodies to you from others as well as promote romance and hot sex. Mars encourages you to be physically active with groups and friends, especially in competitive sports.

Birch Lake Environmental Data



Temps provided by Steve Quinlan

The Moon for this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)
Illuminated Fraction: 0.583
0.8 days before last quarter



Sunrise: 07:07:17 AM
Sunset: 20:16:40 PM
Moonrise: 23:48:13 PM
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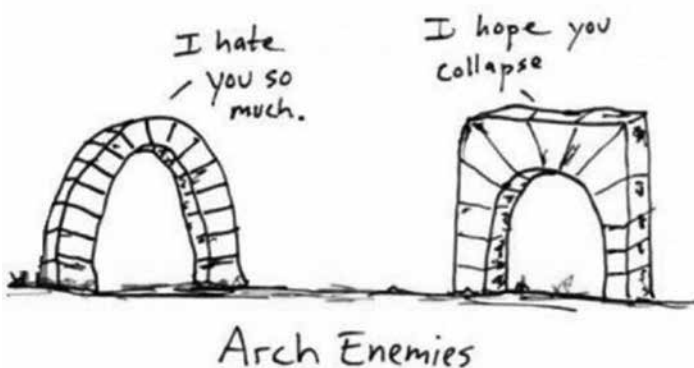
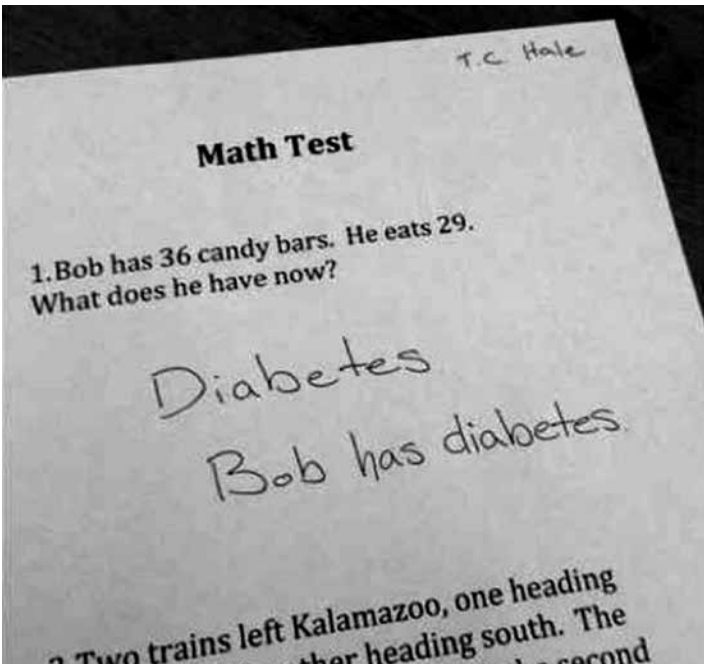
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- 1/3 cup fresh basil leaves
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Fine sea salt to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste

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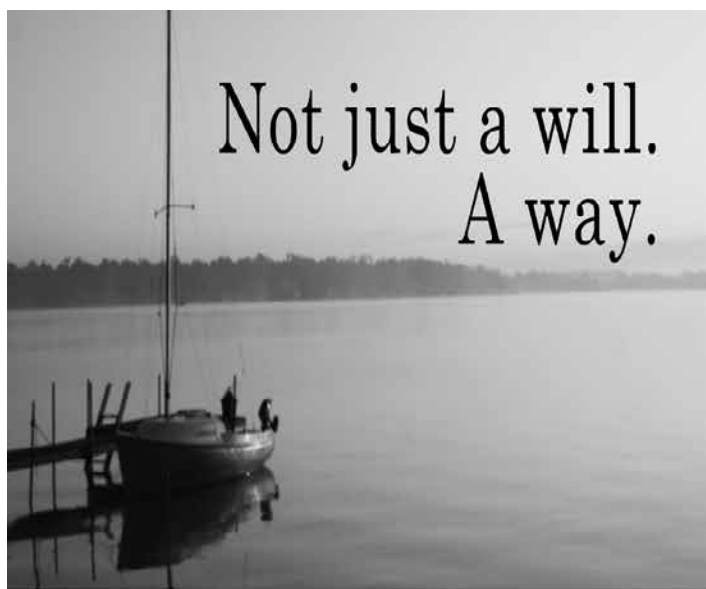
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— Camp Tannadoonah —

Have a great fall/winter

It felt like fall last weekend, and got us all thinking about fall programs at Camp T! We will be having a fall camp weekend and family camp weekend on Sept. 21 – 23. This is a great opportunity for this year's campers to come back and reconnect with their camp friends before winter comes. And it's also a chance for families to experience what Camp is like when their kids come in the summer!

The fall camp / family camp weekend is like a little sampler of the summer camp experience. We have our basic regular activities, including sports & games, archery, nature, drama, crafts, gaga ball, and if the weather allows, some canoeing or swimming. We sing camp songs, cook over the campfire, play group games on the sports field, and enjoy the cool nights in the cabins.

If you have future campers who are interested in checking out camp without committing to a full week, this weekend is perfect! The cost is \$50 per youth if they come on their own, or if you come as a family, it's \$35 per family member. Each family gets their own cabin, or room in a cabin, unless you come with another family and want to share with them. It's a fun, laid-back weekend – come join us and see what Camp is all about!

We only just wrapped up our camp season 2 weeks ago, and here we are planning for next year. We will be launching camp registration for the 2019 summer on Saturday, Sept. 1. This year we're taking a new approach to the early bird discounts. In the past, we've offered a coupon code to get a discount up until a deadline. The coupons were sometimes confusing, and parents often weren't sure which coupon they should use, or they applied multiple coupons. There were different levels of discount (and thus different coupon codes) depending on whether you wanted to pay your deposit or pay in full before the deadline.

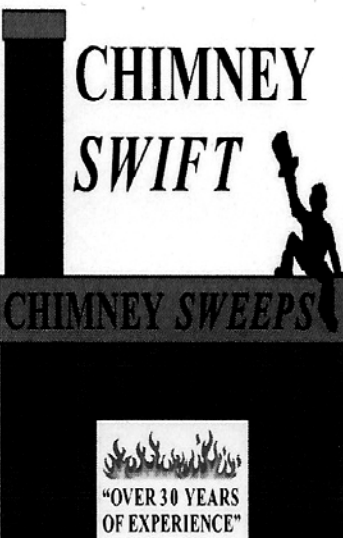
In an effort to simplify the process for this year, we've eliminated all the coupons, and also eliminated the need to pay in full to get the discounts. Instead, from Sept. 1 until the end of the year, if you register for camp and make a deposit to hold your spot, you get the 2018 prices for camp. Starting Jan. 1, 2019, when you register and pay your deposit to hold a spot, you get the new 2019 prices. So the early bird rate discount is applied to everyone who registers by the end of the year, and the price goes up after that. We're hoping it makes the registration process easier for everyone!

We have a lot of projects planned at camp for this winter. Every year, we try to focus on a few major improvements during the off season. This year, we are focusing our attention on Morris Lodge, the staff spaces inside Main Lodge, and overall landscaping and beautification of camp. Our new Ranger Bob is excited to get started - he says he can't believe how much he's able to accomplish once things quiet down around here!

In October, we will be installing all new windows throughout Morris Lodge, and replacing and painting all of the exterior siding and trim. Over the winter, Ranger Bob will be emptying out the staff spaces in Main Lodge, and putting up pine paneling on the walls, fixing windows and replacing trim. We want to make our staff spaces more cozy and comfortable for them on their time off! And throughout the year, we plan to clean up areas around camp, clearing out brush and overgrown areas, and making it all look fresh and clean and nice for when campers arrive in the spring. We're all looking forward to showing it off to visitors come spring!

Hope you all have a wonderful fall and winter!

~Miss Amber



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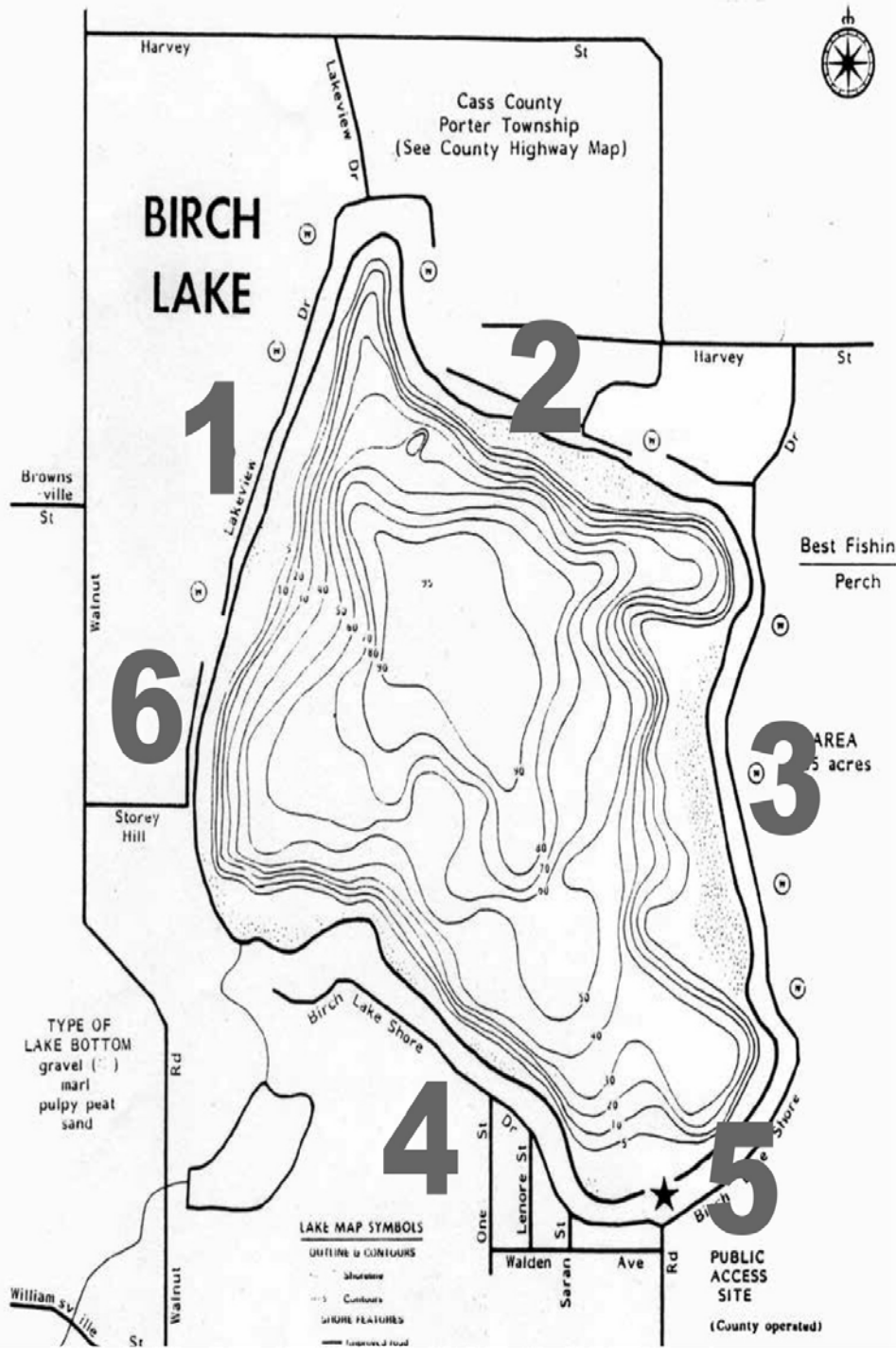
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