

The
Weekend
Of

June 9
2018

Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the
Birch Lake Yacht Club



Birch Lake was chemically treated last Monday as part of our ongoing fight against Eurasian Milfoil. The Water Quality Committee will provide more information at a later date ... watch the Barker for info.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

We had a smashing Comm/Vice Comm party last Saturday, if I do say so myself. Angela and I were happy with the turnout and the opportunity to meet and catch up with many of our fellow Lakers. There were a few people I hadn't seen since last year and it was great to have a chat and find out about all the things they've been doing – new travel locations, golf games (some good/some bad), yoga retreats, graduations, new babies, remodeling, etc. We're definitely an interesting community! The appetizers and sweets were spectacular ... thanks to everyone for sharing your culinary delights with us. Thank you to our bartenders – Tabby and Justin Bratt and Eric (who probably did more talking than tending!).

So let's talk about another extreme change from one weekend to

another – this time with the wind! It was great to see the sailboats out in force for the race last Sunday. They were really flying across the water. From what I could see on shore, it didn't look like anyone flipped, but there were some close calls!

Remember to mark your calendars for the next event – the Spaghetti Dinner next weekend (June 16) at the Yacht Club. Hopefully you have your tickets purchased; if not, make sure you do so! See the ad in the Barker for contact info.

We have lots of fishermen/women that troll or anchor in front of our cottage, so we overhear lots of conversations – some are boring and others are very "colorful!" I got a chuckle out of our two neighbor boys last weekend rowing around and discussing the various fish they had caught, debating what type they were and whether they were 'keepers' or not. I'm not sure what they ended up keeping, but they were having a great time and it made me happy to have them feeling the joy

2018

Birch Lake Calendar

June 9 - Porter Twp Cleanup Day 8-Noon
June 10 - Celebration of Life Janet Barr
(Reynolds), 11 am, BLYC
June 16 - Spaghetti dinner, 5:30 - 7:30
June 30 - House Walk, 10 am - 2 pm
July 7 - Fireworks, dark
July 8 - Camp T Pancake Breakfast
July 20 - Ladies Golf
July 27 - Men's Golf, Noon, Park Shore
Aug 4 - Corn & Sausage
Aug 18 - Fall Dinner (tba)
TBA- Soup/Chili Challenge
2018 BLYC Board Meetings
(all meetings start at 9 am)
June 9, July 14, August 11, Sept – TBA
More info as available. Dates subject to change. Watch the Barker for updates!

of lake life. My hope for everyone is that they all feel that joy.

Enjoy your weekend.

~Cheers! Commodore Karen

The Birch Barker is always accepting materials for publication. Deadline is 3 pm on Tuesday. E-mail sailorphil@philvitale.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 —

Celebration of Life

On November 10, 2017 former Birch Lake Southsider, Janet Barr (Reynolds), lost her valiant sixteen month battle with Glioblastoma, a brain cancer. She passed away peacefully in Hospice in Jupiter, Florida.

A Celebration of Her Life will take place at the Birch Lake Yacht Club on Sunday, June 10 at 11 am. A light brunch will be served. All who knew and loved her are welcome to attend.

Please feel free to dress in Birch Lake casual. Janet would have liked it this way.

Adieu to the Bolingers

After some two decades of residence on the East side of Birch Lake, Jim and Deb Bolinger have sold their home and will now be living year-round in Ft. Myers, Florida.

They have both been active and generous members of the lake community, "volunteering" for almost every duty imaginable at one time or another, including a several year stint cleaning and helping to maintain the Yacht Club building. We will miss them.

If you want to say thanks and goodbye in person, please consider stopping by the Fallons (63600 Birch Road) on Friday night, June 15,



Thanks to our artist in residence Duffy Dufor for the great Birch Lake art.

between 7:30 and 9:30 pm. All are welcome. We'll have snacks, beer, wine and some light beverages. NO GIFTS. Hope to see you there.

Tall Cotton

The phrase originates from the Antebellum South when "high cotton" meant that the crops were good and, easier to pick (than when less tall).

Here at Birch, and throughout the Midwest, we have the mixed blessing of high water. Good for crops, good to recharge our aquifer, bad for shoreline erosion. Some nearby lakes, absent an out-flow, have instituted no-wake speeds. Birch has an out-flow, in the south-west corner, which won't evacuate the surge, it being designed to move volume into the mill pond then

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These bikes have been up on the top of the hill of Birch north shore for a few weeks. Please come claim them.

... is metered by the mill dam into the chase-way which, of old, drove mills for carpentry and grist. Further complicating our good problem, Birch is in a basin of surrounding hills which conduct flow in excess of the lake footprint. Not so long ago we worried about low water. Today we have a bit much? This too shall pass.

~Chrys. A. Lis

Thought to ponder

"If you get to thinking you're a person of influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around."

~Will Rogers

Carp sighting.

Over the Memorial Holiday weekend Cal King (north shore) spotted what was easily the largest fish any of us have ever seen in Birch stalking

the shallows. This boy (or girl?) was at least three feet long and must be over 40 pounds. Hopefully it's an indigenous variety and not the new invader (Asian Carp). Reward for pictures!

Birch Lake Totes Available

Bad Patty Luecht has Birch Lake totes available at 3 for \$10 or \$4 each. Totes are great for gifts, groceries or anyone that LOVES Birch Lake! To get your totes, contact Bad Patty (east side) at 476-2615.







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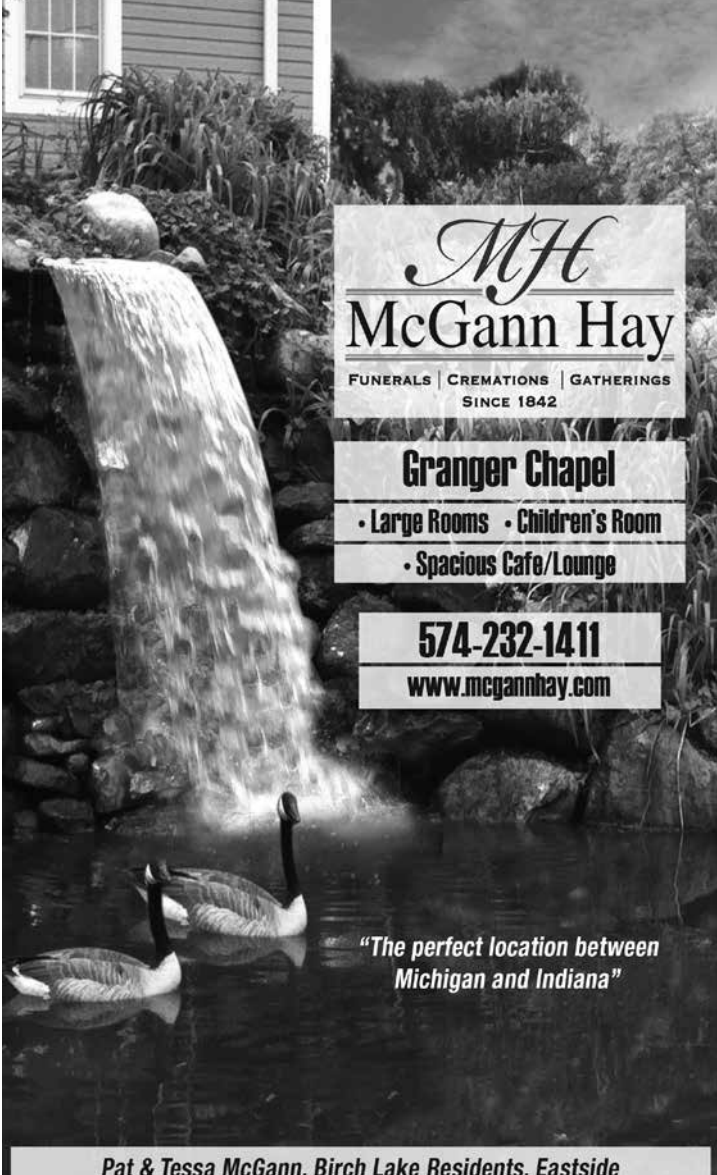
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Deadline for Registration is July 8

Lunch at BLYC following the Outing

Games, Prizes, 50/50 Raffle

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Karen's Cups: at the Commodore and Vice-Commodore's Cocktail (which was a swell gathering); we bought a rack of party cups. They are the 3rd or 4th generation here at Birch and, per Commodore Karen, are going fast! Mr. Bob K.

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Please submit your foursome and registration to Chas Grundy, 63250 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095

Make checks payable to Birch Lake Yacht Club.

Individual registrations accepted. If you don't have a team, I can match you up.

Must have completed registrations by July 16

2018 BLYC Men's Golf Outing Foursome Information

Team prizes and contests

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Prizes awarded at dinner

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2018 BLYC Men's Golf Outing Foursome Information

TEAM CAPTAIN:

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Birch Lake House Walk

Birch Lake House Walk is June 30

Welcome once again to the Birch Lake House Walk - hard to believe it has been 3 years! We are very excited to have 6 families who have graciously offered to open their homes on Saturday, June 30, from 10 am - 2 pm. As always, some charming lake cottages as well as some newly constructed and remodeled homes are included in the tour.

This year we are featuring the following homes: Petty's and Karceski's on the North side, Koscielski's in the cove, and Cassidy's, Stitz's and Seyfarth's on the East side. As always, the event is a great way to connect with old friends, make new ones, and invite your friends from off the lake as well as to see the inside of some of your favorite homes. All proceeds from the event are going for camp Tannadoonah scholarships for underprivileged children.

As usual, the event will start at the beautiful Wozniak barn at 63016 Birch Rd, where everyone must check in to go on the tour. From there, you will walk across the street to the first home and then be whisked away by pontoon for your tour. The first boats leave at 10 am and run continuously. Please note ... the last boat tour leaves at 12:30 pm so that everyone completes the tour by 2 pm. A limited amount of parking will be available at the barn, so please carpool or walk if possible. Truly a fun day with the pontoon boats adding a special touch that make it a charming event for a great cause!

Tickets are priced the same as in years past and will be \$15 pre-sale, and \$20 at the door. Tickets can be bought through Denny Weesner and Sue Williams on the South side, Vickie Rogers and Julie Sheffieck on the West side and Cove, and Carla Chester and Linda Yoshizawa on the East side. Hope to see you there!

Featured House #3 - Koscielski



The Koscielski family is not new to Birch Lake. All of Matt's now-grown children enjoyed their camper experiences at Camp Tannadoonah for several summers during their adolescent years. The family also rented a cottage on the west side during the summers of 2008-2010. After that, he started to think about a second home on Birch, more specifically a log home. In 2012, Matt purchased his lot from Camp Tannadoonah.

The cabin is unique in many ways. For example, while the foundation was being laid, the western red cedar log shell was being constructed in Canada. Each log was individually hand-crafted (not milled) in Chilliwack, British Columbia. When that process was complete, the shell was disassembled and loaded on to trucks bound for Michigan. After they arrived at Birch Lake, with the help of cranes, it took only three days to reassemble the shell! The roof, made of prefabricated insulated panels, was then added.

The finishes in the cabin are also a tribute to craftsmanship, including teak floors, a welcoming front door, hidden support springs to allow for shrinkage and settling of logs, and an inviting kitchen area.

Needless to say, Matt loves his home on Birch Lake!

Featured House #4 - Seyfarth

Sixteen years ago, the Seyfarth's thought they were enjoying their retirement by living at the beach in California,



playing volleyball, and traveling. But, Gordon was told (by his wife, Michelle) that they needed a summer lake house with a yard, where their dog would feel like he was on vacation. They purchased their first home on Birch Lake in July of 2002. Five years later, he was informed, again, that they were here to stay for the rest of their lives. They were, therefore, moving across the street to be directly on the lake. Shortly thereafter, over a five day period, they and two neighbors swapped houses. Three houses changed hands with none of them moving more than two doors.

Before they had even closed on their new home, the previous owners, the Rodriguez's, were kind enough to let them dig a 40-foot hole in what was still their yard, so the Seyfarths could drain their existing pond and move all of its inhabitants into THEIR new home, before it was time for their winter hibernation. Thereafter, a slow transformation took place with hundreds and hundreds of



plants being added along with four more ponds and a stream. Fallen logs were added everywhere and wild areas established to create habitat for insects that would nourish a blossoming amphibian population.

The interior of the house itself began a slow transformation with rooms being remodeled one by one until it was time to tear off the roof and complete the transformation. The original house had no large windows, no sliding doors to the lake, and no lakefront deck. A home design software program was purchased and design ideas were drafted to incorpo-

rate the existing structure but add interest, functionality, natural lighting, and take full advantage of the wonderful lake views. Two massive steel beams were added and the house was built out at the front and rear and an upstairs floor was added,

as well. With the hiring of two talented framers, the major portion of the framing was completed in only two months, but the resulting finish work would take Michelle and Gordon four years of long days. It left the neighbors wondering if they would ever finish. Not only did they have to contend with the ruckus of mating frogs and toads all summer, but now there was the constant sawing of wood.

The Seyfarth's feel they are very fortunate to have found such a beautiful lake with so many wonderful people and have really enjoyed the sense of lake pride, the yacht club functions, and all of the pontoon rides. They believe they are also very fortunate to be surrounded by so much wildlife. They currently have 11 turtles in the pond, a hundred frogs in the yard and, in the spring, 70 turtles sun on their raft, for their own enjoyment, as well as anyone passing by. The turtles are a little bit of tranquility and magic in a changing and chaotic world.



Before

Birch Lake Notes



Party time at Birch Lake

Images from the Commodore/Vice Commodore Party



Photos provided by
COMMODORE KAREN



FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Fleet Captain's Jibe #4

Wow, what a difference a week makes, talking about polar opposites in the weather. We went from almost no wind, canceling second and third races and hotter than heck last weekend to very windy and cold this past weekend. We were under two hours start to finish with all three races completed.

I had a neighbor, Celia Fallon, send me a very nice email thanking all the skippers and crew for sailing, and saying how much her weekend guests enjoyed watching the sailboats out on the lake, so thanks everyone. Also, thanks to Tom Cassady for doing a great job setting the marks and helping to stabilize the starting line because the Race Committee Boat drifted about a 100 yards off the prerace starting line.

What can I say to: Bad Patty Luecht, Questionable Patti Russwurm, Deb Bolinger, and Deb Spratt for staff-

ing the Committee boat, you all are greatly appreciated.

It was suggested by past Fleet Captains that we hold a Skippers & Crew meeting, so we are doing that, Saturday June 16 at 4:30 pm at my house, the A-Frame on the east side. If you plan on sailing in even one race this year, or you want to learn a little bit about the races, please plan on attending.

A change I am making this year is a little new twist in the start warnings. Beginning this weekend, June 10, the committee boat will blow the air horn two short blasts on the prestart five minute mark for MCs, and at the three minute mark for the Sunfish fleet. At the start the air horn will blow a little longer blast.

Just a reminder, beginner sailing classes this summer at the McGann's A-Frame cottage on the east side. It will



be for adults and kids on the lake who wish to learn the basics from bow to stern. Classes will start on Sunday June 24 on the next four Sundays at 4-5 pm. Please RSVP to Pat@McGannHay.com or text/call 574-532-5377

Sail on Dudes and Dudettes...
~JPM

2018 BLYC Season Sailing Results

Race	3	4	5	Total	FC	Total	Point
Date	3-Jun	3-Jun	3-Jun	Points	Bonus	Points	Average

MC Scow

Phil Vitale #500	DNS	DNS	DNS	1444	1444	2888	2888
Barb/Maggie Cassady #2506	1	1	1	6321	1521	7842	1960.5
Scott Troeger #1489	2	2	2	6163	1600	7763	1940.75
Bill Luecht #1579	3	3	3	5701	1369	7070	1767.5

Sunfish

Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	2	1	1	7611	2890	10501	2100.2
Pat McGann	5	3	3	7305	3121	10426	2085.2
Peter Soldato	1	5	2	7386	2969	10355	2071
Herb Cleveland	3	7	4	6857	2888	9745	1949
Bob Niezgodski	8	6	6	6131	2592	8723	1744.6
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)	4	2	5	4186	0	4186	1395.333333
Stewart Spratt	6	4	8	3683	0	3683	1227.666667

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.

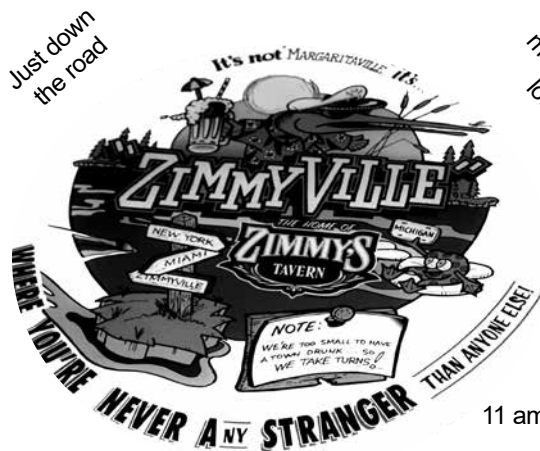
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— Water Quality Report —

Eurasian Milfoil on Birch Lake

Eurasian Milfoil is an aggressive tall growing exotic aquatic plant from Europe and Asia. It can grow to the surface in up to 10 to 15 feet of water. At the surface, it forms a dense canopy of vegetation over other plants. Many native plants may be reduced in abundance by Milfoil canopy. It also conflicts with many recreational activities. In dense conditions, it is a serious localized and lake wide problem. It is not a significant food crop for waterfowl, other birds or aquatic mammals. It readily regenerates from detached fragments and spreads rapidly. Consequently, this plant can form dense colonies covering much of a lake's shore line out to a depth of about 20 feet.

We began monitoring aquatic vegetation in Birch Lake in 2001. We

were part of a Michigan Lake & Stream program that mapped the aquatic plants in Birch Lake. Howard Wandell provided professional assistance to the Birch Lake Water Quality Committee. The mapping project revealed that Birch Lake had a moderate plant population consisting of a good variety of species none of which dominated. At the time, the survey determined that we did not have Eurasian Milfoil.

In 2007 Eurasian Milfoil was discovered at three sites. Progressive AE provided professional assistance and is still under contract.

For 2018 Progressive AE surveyed the entire lake for all types of invasive species in mid-May. Their survey turned up a total of 1 ¼ acre of Eurasian Milfoil at two sites. One was on the east side in



the usual location and the second was near the boat landing. These locations and areas are consistent with the findings of recent previous years. Professional Lake Management treated the site on Monday June 4, 2018. Progressive AE will do a second [follow-up] survey.

The annual program is important to keep the Milfoil under control and to detect any other invasive species in the early stages to enable us to better control it.

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— Barker Kids of the Week —

Kid of the Week honors go out to Aurora (aka Aurorable) Jade Lutz, granddaughter of Amy and Mike Lutz (north shore) just for being so more adorable and photogenic than her grampa was last week!

And, yes, that picture of the mystery guy on last week's Kid of the Week page was none other than Mike Lutz!



KID-OF-THE-WEEK PHOTOS

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Aries (March 21-April 19) - The shift of Uranus means that in the next several years, your values will change. At first, this might not be obvious because these values will reflect your inner psychological growth. Ultimately, it will even change your relationship with material objects and material values. If you feel encumbered by anything or weighed down by your possessions - you might get rid of them. It will certainly be a time of sudden windfalls as well as sudden losses - gaining or losing property. If your job is a dead-end, you will leave it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Uranus is now in your sign. This is the only time you will experience this in your life. It signifies that old patterns are breaking down in your world. As this happens, people will be forced to look upon you differently. Limitations that are self-imposed, or imposed by others are no longer acceptable in your eyes. You want to be liberated! A relationship that has become stale will change. Work that is stale will change.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - In 2026, Uranus will move into your sign. Until then, its journey will be subtle. However, you will experience unconscious compulsions. Secrets might come out. Expect the sudden disclosure of either your own secrets or anything that is hidden in your life. The irony is these sudden surprises are often subconsciously triggered by you! It's as if you have to blow the lid off something. This journey will be an excellent time to clear up old problems floating around in your unconscious.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - In the next eight years, your hopes and dreams will dramatically change. Your goals will change. You will start to identify with different people. You might join new clubs or organizations. You will interact with new friends who challenge your old ways. If you're in a group or you hang out with people who pressure you - you will leave the group. Be aware. Watch yourself starting to identify with new groups.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - The next eight years will be exciting because you will experience radical change to your professional life. This is because Uranus will impact your social status, your reputation and your career. Your relationship with bosses, VIPs and parents will change, especially if they have been repressive. If you felt restricted - you will rebel. Fear not because Uranus will provide you with sudden, new opportunities to work, especially with new techniques and technology.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - This new journey of Uranus (until 2026) will be exciting because it will expand your awareness of the world and give you new insights that you have never before experienced. You're going to explore new ideas and new systems of thought! You might travel or live in another place that you never thought you would do. If you feel restricted by a belief system - you will rebel. Basically, you will be attracted to fresh, stimulating ways of thinking and living.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - In the next eight years, you will become aware of unseen forces operating at a level that bring about changes in your world. These changes will be sudden, unexpected events. An old order in your life is passing away making way for a new one to enter. Restrictions that were imposed on you by others or even self-imposed will become unbearable. Sudden changes to joint finances and shared property and resources that you share might also take place. Do what you can to be financially independent.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - The next eight years will shake up marriages and partnerships, especially the ones that are oppressive. If you're unhappy in a relationship but afraid or paralyzed to leave - nevertheless, that relationship will bite the dust. Destiny will liberate you! However, Uranus will also stimulate open enemies and open conflicts. Try to avoid legal disputes with others.

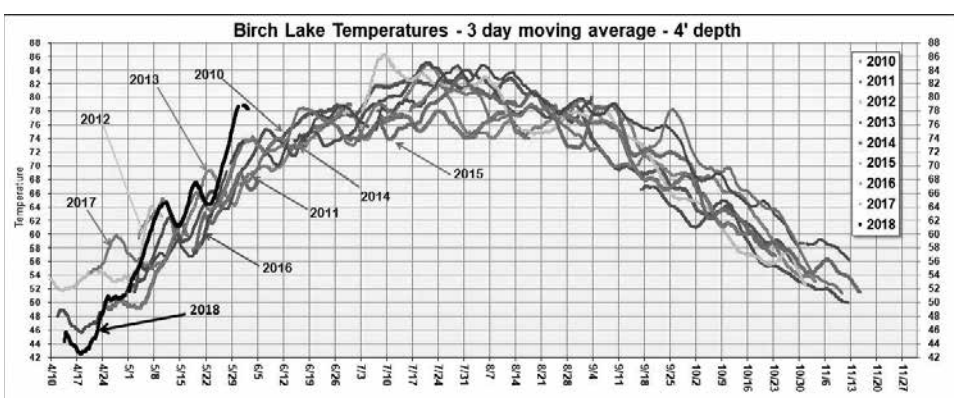
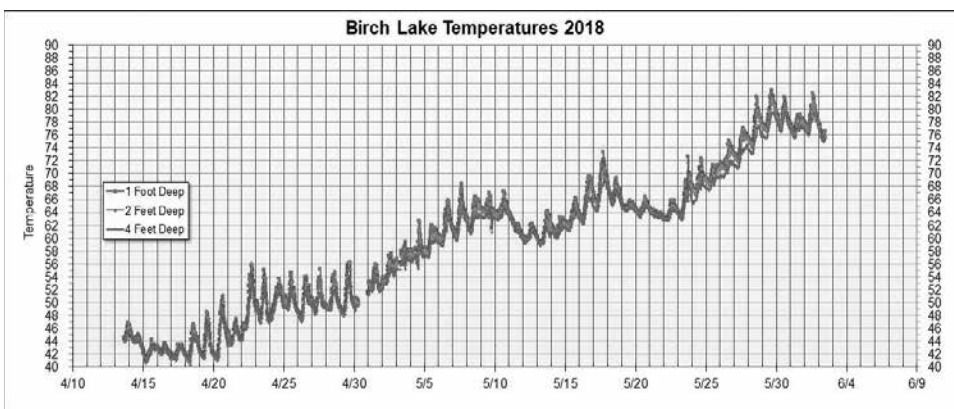
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - In the next eight years, your attitude to work will change. If you're working in a job that you hate, you will leave. You will discover new opportunities that free you from the excessive demands of others. If you feel nailed to the wall by duties and obligations - you will do whatever you can to break free. You will refuse to be in any situation that is too binding or too obligating. Be conscious about trying to improve your health versus waiting for something that forces you to do so.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - The next eight years will be exciting! This new journey of Uranus will be thrilling because it will introduce you to new forms of recreation and amusement. You will be attracted to new experiences that expand your world in a stimulating way! This will include the arts, sports and the entertainment world. Many of you will attract an unusual romance into your life -- a relationship that teaches you something new and liberates you. Parents might face unexpected events related to their kids.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Uranus always heralds change, often sudden change. Many of you will have a sudden change to your home environment, perhaps even a change of residence. It might be a sudden change within your family. This means you have to be flexible. Do not be rigid. Old ties, especially ones that have worn out their usefulness - will be broken.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Change is going to be your ongoing companion in the next eight years because your day-to-day habits will change. You will encounter new faces, new places, new ideas. It will be an exciting time, especially because you will chose to pursue new intellectual avenues. Your old habits of thinking will fall away as you embrace new ideas. Your daily routine might change. Things that you took for granted will disappear. Fasten your seatbelt!

Birch Lake Environmental Data



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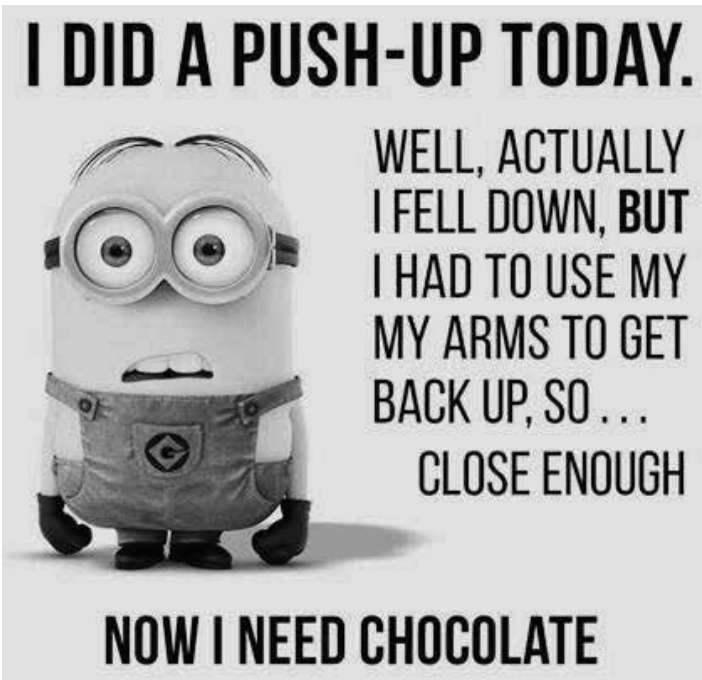
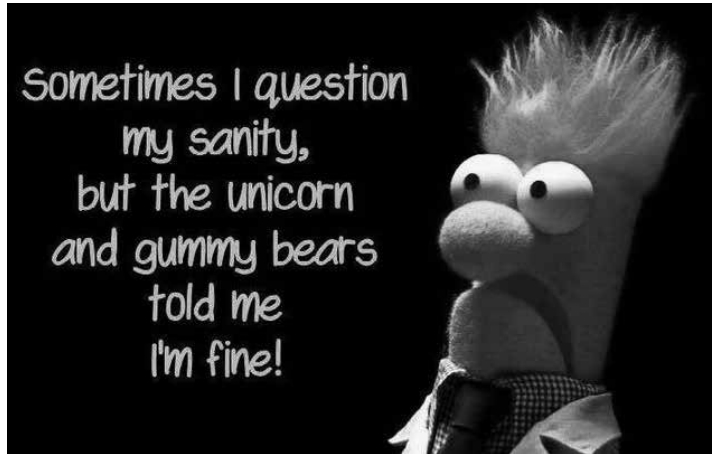
The Moon for this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)
Illuminated Fraction: 0.637
1.5 days before last quarter



Sunrise: 06:05:40 AM
Sunset: 21:17:36 PM
Moonrise: 03:38:10 AM
Moonset: 16:30:59 PM
Daylight: 15 Hr 11 Min 56 Sec

BIRCH BARKER FUNNIES



— Barker Weekly Puzzle —





~Birch Lake Recipes~



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Grilled corn on the cob

Summer's here and there's nothing better to complete a cookout than a few ears of home-grown corn on the cob ...

Ingredients:

4 ears corn
¼ cup butter
Black pepper

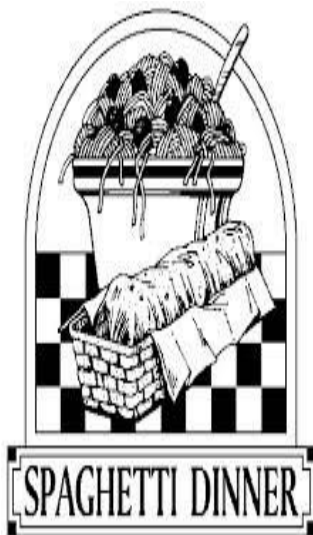
Directions:

Spread butter on the corn and sprinkle with pepper. Wrap in heavy duty aluminum foil.

Cook for 15 minutes turning frequently.



BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB



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Saturday, June 16

5:30 - 7:30 PM

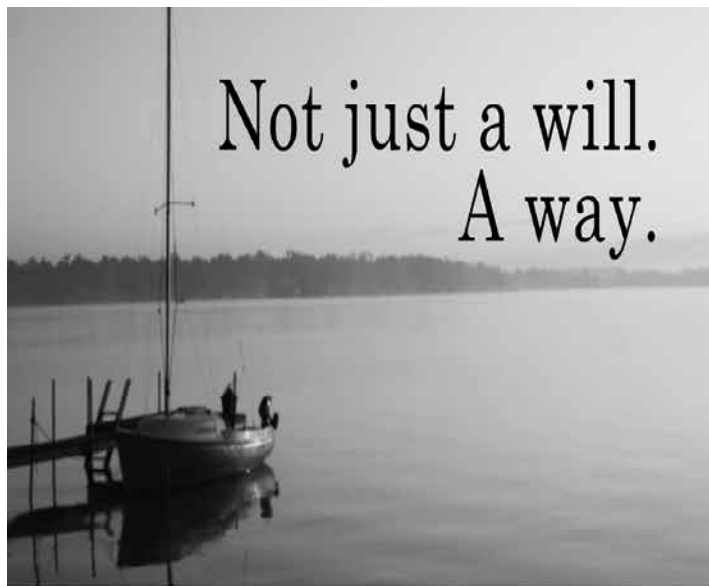
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— Camp Tannadoonah —

Staff arrives; here we go!

Staff are here! We've been doing waterfront training since last Thursday, and yesterday (Monday), all of our leadership staff arrived for training.

This year we have a brand new Assistant Camp Director, Mr. Steve. He will also be a part of the Camp Fire River Bend year-round staff as the Assistant Program Director. During the school year, he will help oversee our School Year Programs, which include Camp Fire Extended Day Program at Good Shepherd Montessori School (GSMS) in South Bend, IN, and Camp Fire After School at Sam Adams Elementary in Cassopolis, MI.

Before coming to Campfire, Mr. Steve spent 4 summers at Cheley Colorado Camps. He's also worked at two other camps (one in New York and one in Northern Michigan), accumulating 12 years of summer camp experience. When not at camp, Mr. Steve has worked in the Residence Life departments at both Interlochen Arts Academy and Northwestern Michigan College. He also spent numerous years working and supervising at local after school programs. Steve holds a bachelors degree in outdoor/environmental

recreation and education.

We also have 4 unit leaders this year at camp, who will be supervising other staff members. Miss Gabby will be the unit leader for the Front Cabins, which include our middle girls (roughly 5th – 7th grades). Miss Gabby has spent 9 summers at Camp Tannadoonah, as a camper, CIT, and counselor. She is going to be a junior at Purdue in the fall, studying Psychology. She loves to teach dance, volleyball, handcraft, and archery at camp.

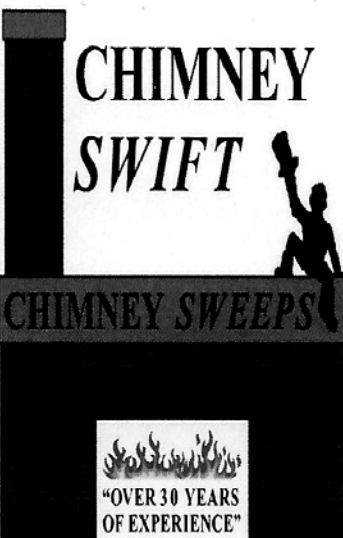
Miss Paige will be the unit leader for Morris Lodge, where our girls going into 8th grade and older live. Miss Paige has spent 4 summers working at camp, and was a camper for 6 summers before that. She will be a junior at Carthage College in Wisconsin in the fall, majoring in Psychology. She enjoys teaching archery and tennis.

Miss Melanie will be the unit leader for the Bird Yard, where our campers in 1st through 4th grades live. This is Miss Melanie's second summer at camp, and she will also be a marketing intern this summer. In fact, Miss Melanie will probably be writing our Barker article some weeks during camp! She will be a senior at Valpara-

iso University in the fall, where she is studying marketing. Miss Melanie likes to teach handcraft and low ropes at camp.

Mr Tyler will be the unit leader for the Back Cabins, where our boys in 5th grade and older live. This is Mr. Tyler's 9th or 10th summer at camp, with 2 years on staff, and 7 or 8 years as a camper. He will be a sophomore at IUSB in the fall, where he is planning to study interactive media design. Mr. Tyler's favorite activities at camp are low ropes and nature, but he is also getting certified as a lifeguard this year.

And last but not least, Miss Michelle is our Camp Director this year. This is Miss Michelle's third year at Tannadoonah and her 1st year in the role of Camp Director. Miss Michelle is a musician, and a former elementary music teacher, and she is also in charge of our school year programs at Good Shepherd and Cassopolis. The rest of our staff will be arriving tomorrow (Wednesday), and by the end of the day we will have about 40 staff members here who will spend their summer at camp with us.



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FOUND

Wooden boat stand (for Sunfish, kayak or other) floated up in northeast corner during a wind storm a couple weeks ago. Come get it in front of Klappauf/Gaik homes.



Found: Turtle raft - washed up on the south shore. Call the Welch's at 574-286-2890.

LOST

Missing: Blue plastic paddle boat seat back. Contact Grundys on East Side if found. 574-315-0217.

WANTED

WANTED: mate for a tiny wren living at the Smitley cottage. This little fella (just 2-3" long) is cute, has big pipes and ... has thus far failed to find a girl. Know someone?



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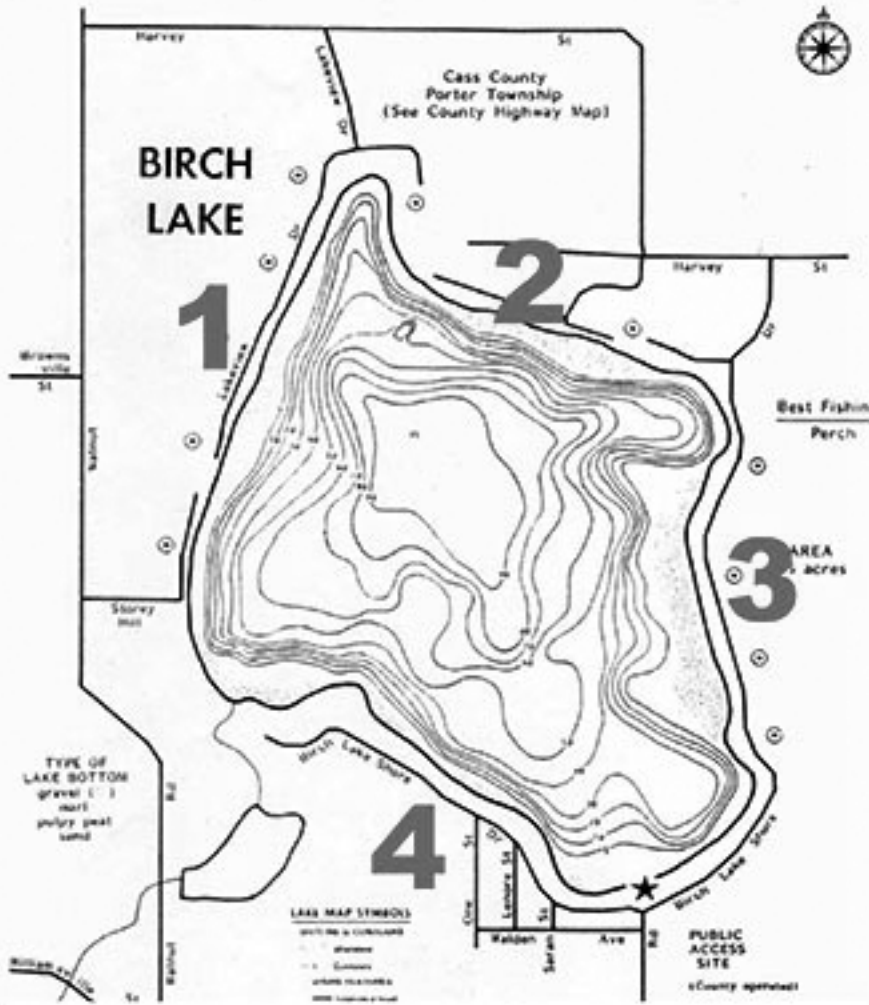
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