

The
Weekend
Of

June 23
2018

Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the
Birch Lake Yacht Club



Thanks to Mr. Bob (King, north shore) for the great neighbor-heron photo.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Another fantastic 2018 event in the books. Thanks to everyone that assisted with the Spaghetti Dinner. I won't steal any of the committee's thunder, as I'm sure there will be an article about the evening, but I feel the need to recognize how well organized the dinner was, how well attended it was and most importantly — how delicious it was! Or maybe the most important thing was I didn't have to cook on a 90+ temp to I have a confession to make ... I'm cheating on my beloved Birch Lake. As I write this, I'm sitting on a deck looking out over beautiful Lake Michigan, watching and hearing the waves break on shore and enjoying a huge freighter (?...I don't know what it is, but it's very long and a very cool sight!).

Next week's commodore comments will be written by Vice Comm Angela so

that I can tune out and enjoy this week's Lake Life with Eric, the kids, grandkids and Papa T (Terry Curtis – East Side).

Don't forget the House Walk is next weekend (June 30) so make sure you get your tickets, the proceeds helping kids attend a session at Camp T!

Also worth noting, it's just two short weeks until the fun filled Fourth of July activities. If you haven't sent in your BLYC dues, please do so and think about adding an additional amount to support the fireworks – or any of the other worthy funds. It's only through the generosity of our community that we're able to put on our own personal fireworks display, have an engaged team monitoring our beautiful body of water, enjoy a building to host events and equip our area with potential lifesaving equipment. Please cut out the form in the Barker, write a check and send it to Deb Spratt (or you can drop it off if that's more convenient!). Thank you one and all for your support!

You may remember from past Barkers that I love breaking out in song

2018 Birch Lake Calendar

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
Sept 1 - Pooch Parade

2018 BLYC Board Meetings

(all meetings start at 9 am)

July 14, August 11, Sept – TBA

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

when there are lyrics that fit some particular situation I find myself in. While driving to Lake Michigan, a Kenny Chesney's song, "Get Along," came on. The lyrics really spoke to me, as I think they're very relatable to our lake community. Here's the refrain that drew

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 —

my attention and made me think about the lake and hit home that life is so much easier, wherever you find yourself, if you just get along.

*Get along while we can
Always give love the upper hand
Paint a wall
Learn to dance
Call your mom
Buy a boat
Drink a beer
Sing a song
Make a friend
Can't we all
....get along*

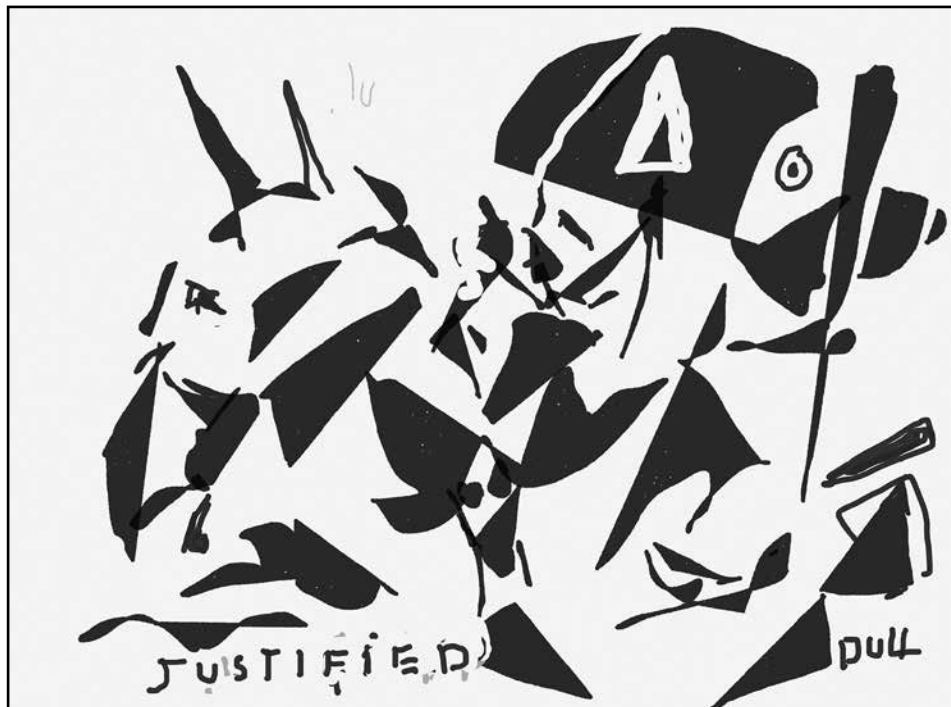
~Cheers! Commodore Karen

Site for last AED being sought

Birch Lake is in seeking a spot for the sixth (and final) AED (cardiac defibrillator) to be located somewhere near Story Hill on the southwest side of the lake. The spot for the AED must be accessible by car, easy to see, shaded in the summer, and preferably facing north to shield it from direct summer sun and heat. Home owner must agree to pay for the (minimal) cost of electricity for the heater. If you are interested or would like more information contact Phil Vitale at 476-1680.

AED operation

We are working on getting a train-



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

ing session set up to teach basic CPR and to show people how to use the new AEDs that have been installed around the lake.

In the meantime we would like to clear up something of a misconception that has come to our attention. If you are dealing with someone who may have had a heart attack, it is not necessary to take that person to the AED, the units

are very easy to move and take to the person in need of assistance. The first thing to do in such a situation, even before you go to get an AED to bring to the person in distress is to call 911 and get emergency help on the way. Then you can go get the AED, bring it to the person and simply open it up -- a voice will immediately begin guiding you through the procedure to use in an

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emergency.

Remember, always call 911 first and give them the location of the person who needs help!

Gaik moves to east side

Ray Gaik, formerly of the south side, wants all of his friends and neighbors to know that he has officially (and happily) relocated to the east side and that he hopes to spend another 25 years there enjoying his beloved Birch Lake.

Flag of Convenience

Though I'd prefer to fly the Stars and Stripes, having no permanent light on the pole, I search for other interesting flags to fly at Birch. The current selection is the Michigan State flag which has, per the Wiki:

[...] a light blue shield, upon which the sun rises over a lake and peninsula, and a man with a raised hand representing peace and holding a long gun representing the fight for state and nation as a frontier state. As supporters, the elk and moose are derived from the Hudson's Bay Company coat of arms, and depict great animals of Michigan. The bald eagle represents the United States which formed the state of Michigan from the Northwest Territory. The design features three Latin mottos. From top-to-bottom they are:

On red ribbon: "E Pluribus Unum" means "Out of many, one," a motto of the United States.

On light blue shield: "Tuebor,"



Michigan flag

means "I will defend."

On white ribbon: "Si Quæris Peninsulam Amœnam Circumspice," means "If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you." (The official state motto). [...]

Other (which, as with the flag, is easier to explain to many instead of doing so individually): we lost roughly half of our front yard when, on Memorial

Day weekend, the temperature soared into mid 90s while the yard was under water (cold spring gush was literally flowing over the seawall). Think boiled turf. Current possible work-a-rounds are to install a sand volleyball pit or ... slip-and-slides. Suggestions?

~Mr Bob (King, north shore)

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2018 BLYC Men's Golf Outing Foursome Information

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*If you have access to logo or golf or lake related merchandise that could be donated, please

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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 Sheffek on the West side and Cove, and Carla Chester and Linda Yoshizawa on the East side. Hope to see you there!



Petty house



Karceski house



Koscielski house



Seyfarth house



Above: Cassidy house

Left: Stitz house

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Ladies' FUN!!!! Golf Outing JULY 20

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Deadline for Registration is July 8

Lunch at BLYC following the Outing

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Teams are encouraged to donate a basket for the basket raffle not to exceed \$50/\$12.50 per team member.

If you want to golf, but do not have a team, please contact Patty Luecht 476-2615
and I will do my best to help you get a team together.

Team Members

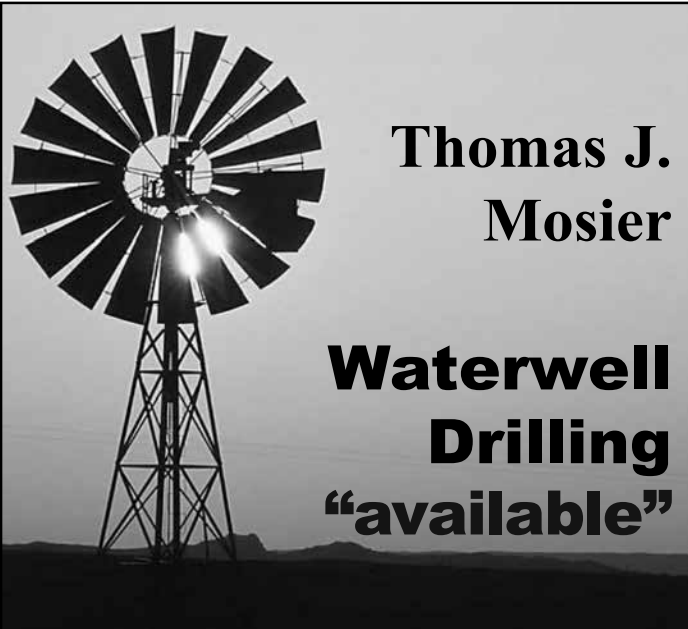
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FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Fleet Captain's Jibe #6

We had decided the day before last week's non-race that if there was no wind at 11 am on Sunday, we would not delay until noon in order to give people a chance to get on with their Father's Day activities. As it was we had a nice breeze an hour before and an hour after the time we had to make the call, and had we delayed we could have raced.

The Skippers & Crew meeting last Saturday at my house went really well, I thought. The new air-horn start-warning change seemed to work very well. Just as a reminder if you missed it last week, the Committee Race Boat blew the air horn two short blasts just before they called out the prestart five-minute mark for MCs and at the three-minute mark for the Sunfish fleet. At the start the air horn was blown for a longer blast. All the skippers thought this was a good addition. Here are the rules and other things we talked about:

1.) Be kind and have fun, and don't crash into anybody.

2.) The penalty for an infraction like hitting a mark or a foul is one 360 degree turn (including a jibe and tack), and must be done on the same leg as soon as you are clear from other boats. You do not need to around the mark again.

3.) If you are rounding a mark (buoy) the boats must be on the same tack and overlapped within three boat lengths to call for "Buoy Room." If one boat is on a starboard tack and another on a port tack, even if overlapped within three boat lengths of the upwind mark, the starboard tack boat ALWAYS has the right of way on the UPWIND mark. Rights of buoy room are established and continue for the full rounding of the mark even if there is a break in the overlap within the circle. However, on DOWNWIND marks room may be

claimed by a port tack boat against a starboard boat on which it has an inside overlap at the three-boat length circle.

4.) The Fourth of July Regatta Races will include three races on the Sunday before, and two races and make ups on Wednesday the Fourth.

5.) If you have the Right of Way over a boat that fails to yield you must avoid hitting that boat and call "Foul."

6.) In deciding to continue racing on a day that the wind is too windy or not windy enough sail over by the Fleet Captain, ME, and let ME know your opinion on continuing or going in, please. Also, the opinion of people on the Race Committee boat will also be considered before the decision is made to run the second and third races. Moreover, if you want to, call or text me before we go out and let me know your opinion.

7.) We had lots of discussion on the scoring season system we use and other systems that may be available and varying ideas of the double points for regattas this year but could not agree on whether to keep it as is or to change it, so at this point we are going to leave it alone for now.

8.) To promulgate the future of sailing here at Beautiful Birch Lake we are asking everyone to encourage their kids, grandkids and neighbors (adults and kids) on your shore to attend the free upcoming sailing lessons. Get them off the screens and motors and into sails.

9.) A reminder of "Barging" at the start was talked about, and in some cases it is a legitimate starting technique however, other times it may create a foul of another boat or boats. So be careful on this.

10) It was agreed to change the "one worse than last place penalty for DNFs." DNF will now simply be scored as last place.



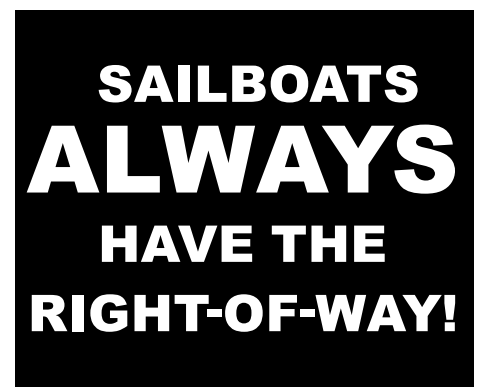
11) The procedure for when a boat crosses the starting line early is to simply dip back below the starting line and cross again.

Starting THIS SUNDAY

Free 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 24th on the next four Sunday's at 4-5 pm. Popsicles will be. Please RSVP to Pat@McGannHay.com or text/call 574-532-5377, but if you just want to show up that's okay too.

Sail on Dudes and Dudettes

~JPM



No Sailing Results this week (since we didn't sail last Sunday)

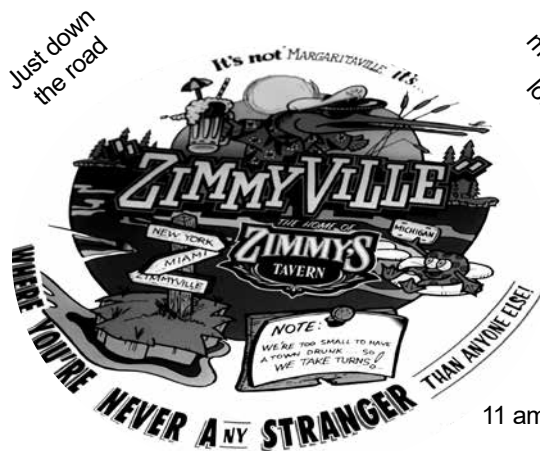
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— Birch Lake Special —

Birch Lake Yacht Club Spaghetti Dinner 2018



First and foremost, thanks to all the Birch Lakers, Camp Tannadoonah staff and campers who participated in the Spaghetti Dinner last weekend. It was a fun evening! Over 230 tickets were sold and \$1900 was raised to benefit Water Quality for Birch Lake!

We all owe a huge thank you to the incredible volunteers from the West Shore and the Cove, as well as so many others from around the lake. Their generosity and hard work resulted in another very successful event!

Marc Caenepeel led the effort to transform the Yacht Club into an Italian Trattoria — with the help of many others — including Stacia Andriano, who provided all of the tablecloths and other paper and plastic supplies, and music from Tom Kuhn to help set the mood. Thanks too to the Williams and Fallons for sharing the grapevine “art”.

Linda and Buzz Rasmussen welcomed everyone who attended and also led the ticket sales team — Vickie Rogers, Patti Russwurm, Angela Bergan, Lynn DeCocker, Katha and Mike Machel-leck, Sue Williams and Cam Butler, as well as Ronni Eshleman, who produced the tickets.

Katie and Ron Niezgodski were the master chefs for the red sauce, along with Tracy Goodin and Carol Myers — and Rick Doolittle created the gourmet Alfredo sauce. Everything was delicious!

Led by Tom Kuhn, the pasta cookers Keith Kinzler, Fred Andriano and Jamie Green did an amazing job — and made sure there was an endless supply of pasta thanks to the Butler’s propane, water from DuMor Water Specialists and spaghetti from Tom Kuhn. They cooked 55 pounds in record time this year — and had the tent, supplied by Dick Bender, turkey friers from Rick Doolittle, Keith Kinzler, Gus Eshleman and Jamie Green, and a colander from Al Van Huffel all cleaned up by mid-afternoon!

The servers, captained by the very capable Mike Sheffieck and Vickie Rogers, included Carol Myers, Bud Hall, Bob Baumgartner, Bruce Wagner, Tiffani Kinzler, Ruth Kinzler, Steve Plaia, Marc Caenepeel and Cari Reddick. Char Baumgartner and Debbie Runser also did a great job of warming the sauces, with some help from Charlie Kuhn. It was an amazing group effort, and together they served a lot of spaghetti and sauce with great efficiency and a smile for everyone.

Next, a big thanks to the salad team, Lynn Caenepeel and Deb Hall (yum!), Carm Soldato for the fresh Italian bread and Angela and Nick Bergan for their assistance, and Debbie Soldato, with Cam Butler’s help, for the tasty lemonade and iced tea that was always ready to enjoy.

Sheffieck. Members included Linda Rasmussen, Sandra Holbert, Patti Russwurm, Claudia Phipps, Sandy Vitale, Cam Butler, Lynn DeCocker, Terry Carroll, Angela Bergan, Vickie Rogers, Nancy Calderwood, Jan Temple and other Birch Lakers. Hopefully everyone at the dinner found something to satisfy their sweet tooth!

Thanks also to the cleanup committee led by Marc Caenepeel and assisted by Jim and Nancy Calderwood, and the many other volunteers who stayed to help!

And finally, a special thank you to my co-chairs, Tom Kuhn and Mike Sheffieck. You inspired everyone to pitch in and make it happen — we couldn’t have done it without you!

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

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— Birchie Watch!!!! —



After last week's photo of the giant carp people on the lake have been sending in potential "Birchie" sightings. After carefully investigating the photos we have been assured that neither of these two sightings is Birchie. In fact, the photo at the right is my granddaughter Aley and her friend Alexia ... and the photo at the right is Birch Lake resident G.B. Heron, who said he resented being mistaken for a lake monster!



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Taurus (April 20-May 20) - The pace of your days will accelerate as your To-Do list lengthens with appointments, errands, short trips, increased reading and writing plus a myriad of little projects. You'll be keen to talk to others and share your ideas. You'll have no trouble doing this because your ambition is aroused, and this allows you to sally forth with confidence. Nevertheless, you will enjoy entertaining and redecorating your home. Be open to real-estate opportunities that come your way.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - This week you will think about your values and what is important. You will examine your relationship to your wealth and your possessions. Ask yourself if your stuff serves your needs or are you a slave to what you own? This is also the classic time to throw a party so you can show something off to others. What you want to do is establish greater control of your life through what you own.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - The Sun is in your sign for the next four weeks. This is the only time all year this happens and when it occurs, it gives you energy. This is why it's your chance to recharge your batteries for the rest of the year! Not only will the Sun energize you, it attracts favorable situations and important people to you. You will also feel a strong need to express yourself. Shop for pretty things for yourself and loved ones. Write down your excellent moneymaking ideas. Be patient with disputes about shared property and inheritances.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - This week you will feel that something is different. It's an opportunity for you to get in touch with your subconscious mind and subtle urges you might not always be aware of. For example, we often broadcast two kinds of signals to the world: What is what we think we're trying to do, and the other is what we unconsciously really want to do. In the next four weeks, you will see the discrepancy between these two.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - You have a popular time ahead in the next four weeks. Accept invitations to party and to join clubs, groups and organizations. Expect to hang out with younger people more than usual. Encourage interaction with others because all sorts of random discussions with people might ultimately trigger something that causes you to change your future goals. Meanwhile, you're pumped to work hard. In fact, many of you are delegating as well as busting your buns. Some of you are involved in a secret love affair at this time as well.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - For the next four weeks, the Sun is at the top of your chart. This happens only once a year and symbolizes a flattering spotlight on you! Since you look fabulous in the eyes of bosses, parents and VIPs, the next four weeks are the best time all year to demand a raise, a vacation, better working conditions, changes at home - whatever it is you want because the odds are that you will get it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - In the next four weeks, you want to expand your experience of the world! You can also expand your worldly awareness by getting further education or training. You want to break your everyday mold and do something different! Have an adventure! Make an effort to talk to people from other cultures and different backgrounds because this will be stimulating! Quite likely, someone will approach you for your advice about how to make something look better.

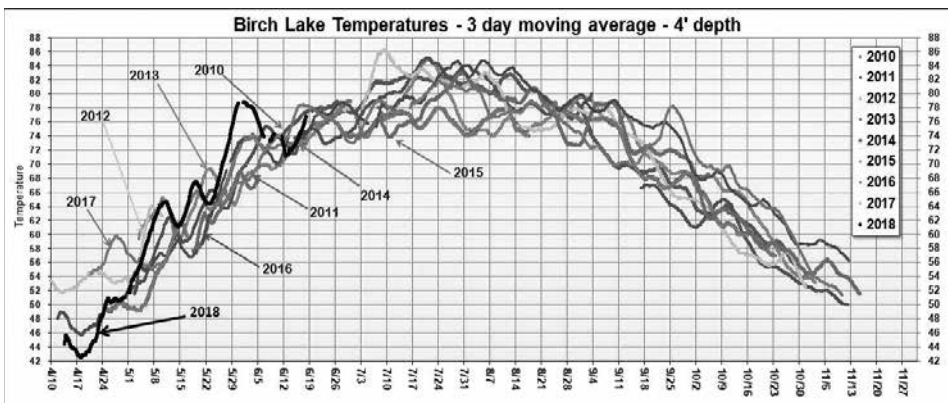
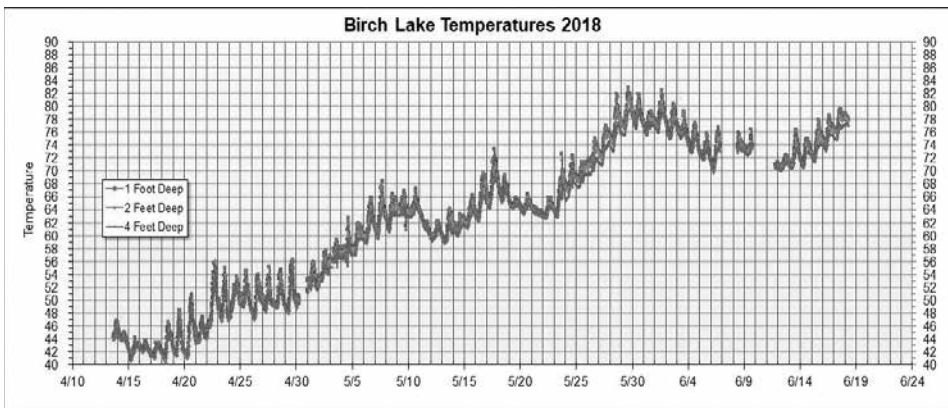
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - You are upbeat, fun-loving, breezy and casual. However, in the next four weeks, you will be intense about practically everything because you'll be in touch with your deepest feelings. You might even feel compulsive or obsessed about something. You might meet someone who provokes a deep self inquiry into yourself. Perhaps they challenge your value structure? You will take a passionate stance about finances, especially with shared property, inheritances and insurance issues.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - The Sun is opposite your sign for the next four weeks, which draws your attention to partnerships and close friendships and makes you see how these relationships do or do not fulfill your wants and needs. Likewise, you have a chance to study your style in these relationships. This could be a valuable learning experience. You might also benefit indirectly because your partner gets a bonus or earns more. It's all good! Romance looks swell as well!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - You're in work mode and you shine! In fact, you dazzle! You have high standards about your productivity and efficiency - and you're meeting those standards. Because you're on this incredible roll, you will raise your sites about your health as well. "Yes, I want it all! I want to be productive, effective and as healthy!" This is wonderful news, especially because this energy will last for the next four weeks.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Lucky Pisces! It's play city for your sign for the next four weeks. This is a double whammy for you because not only is the Sun traveling through your fellow Water Sign (which definitely benefits you by boosting your energy level and making it easy to do whatever you want, and btw this happens twice a year for you). You want to get out and have a good time! You will feel lighter and happier! You might be more involved with children.

Birch Lake Environmental Data



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The Moon for this Saturday

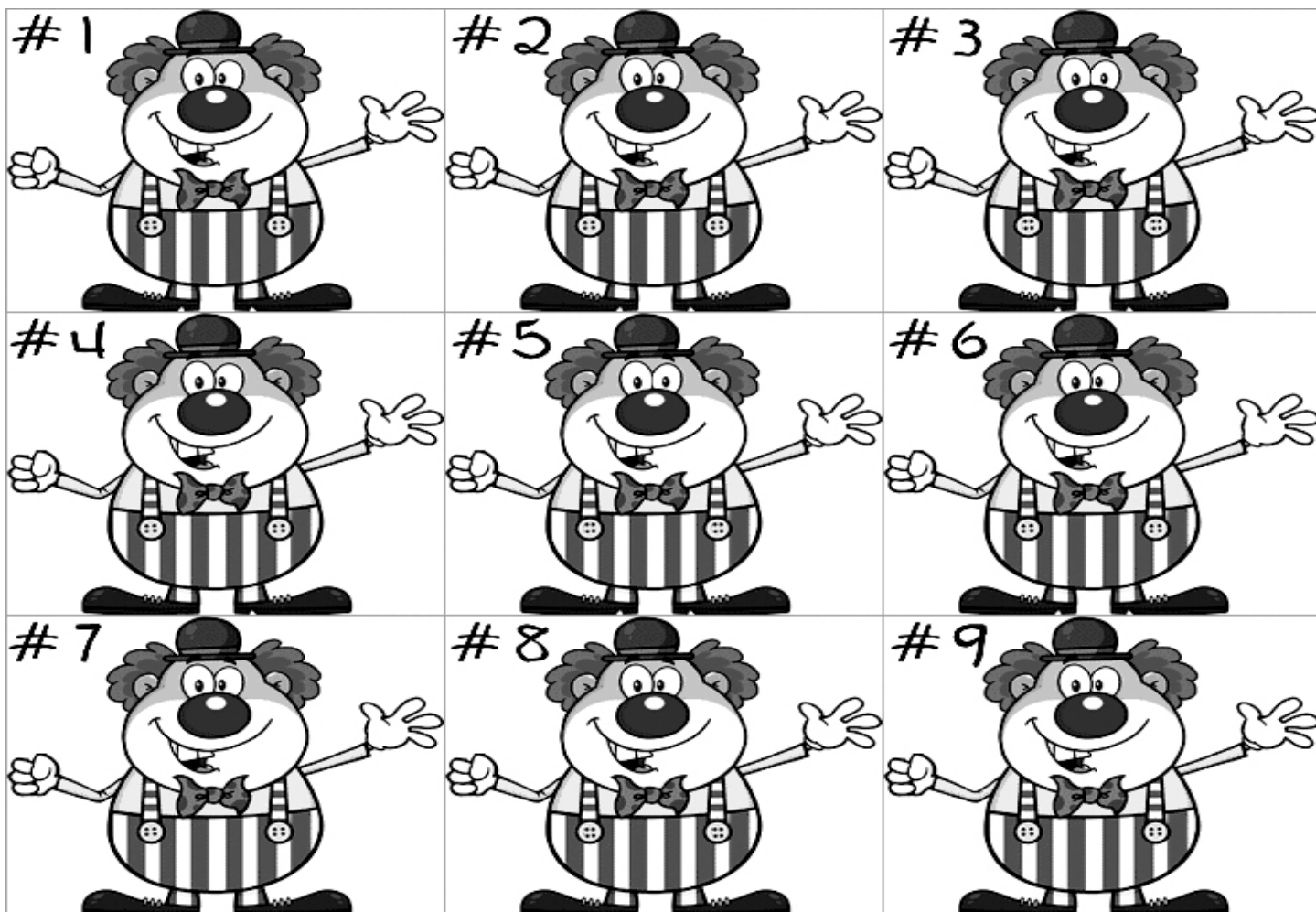
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Illuminated Fraction: 0.858
3.8 days since first quarter



Sunrise: 06:06:13 AM
Sunset: 21:22:44 PM
Moonrise: 17:07:47 PM
Moonset: 03:27:52 AM
Daylight: 15 Hr 16 Min 30 Sec

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There are two identical clowns below. Can you find them?



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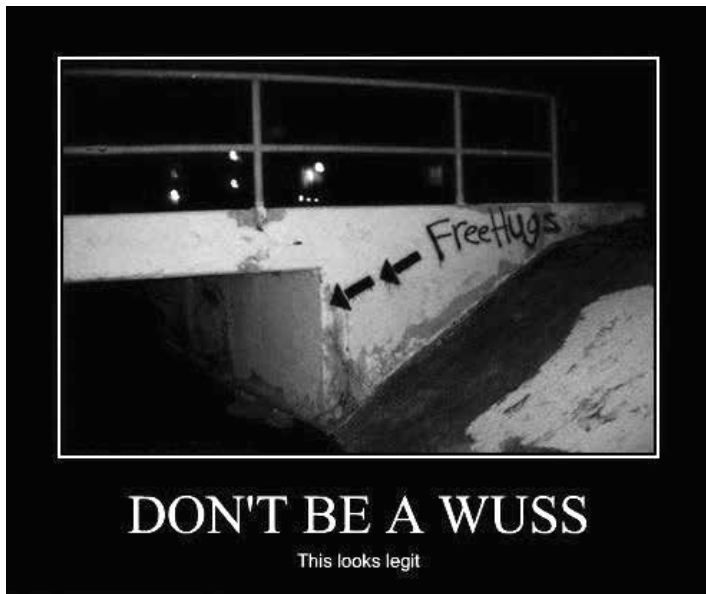


"COFFEE'S NOT READY.
IT'S DOWNLOADING."

IT'S GOING TO BE ONE
OF THOSE DAYS.



THE VOICES IN MY HEAD ARE
FIGHTING. MY IMAGINARY
FRIEND IS RUNNING WITH SCISSORS,
AND AT ONE POINT ONE OF MY
PERSONALITIES WANDERED OFF.



DON'T BE A WUSS

This looks legit



"Good news.
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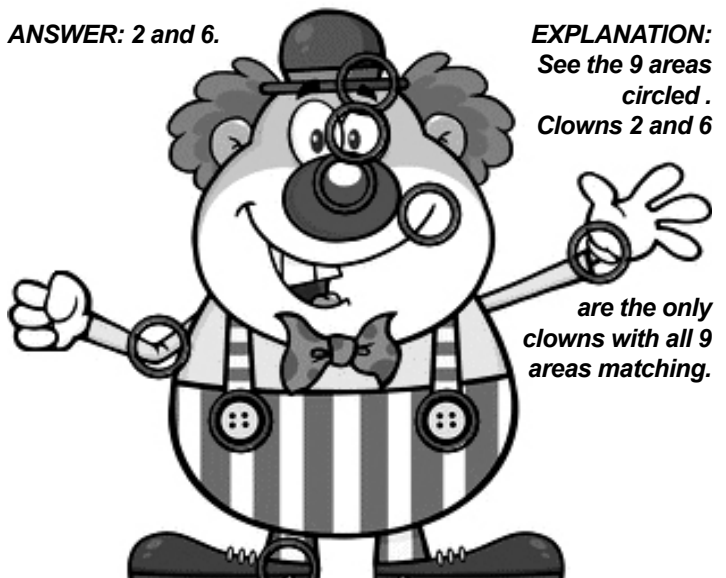
"This call may be monitored or recorded because
otherwise nobody would believe how stupid
some tech support questions can be!"



— Barker Weekly Puzzle —

ANSWER: 2 and 6.

EXPLANATION:
See the 9 areas
circled.
Clowns 2 and 6



are the only
clowns with all 9
areas matching.



~Birch Lake Recipes~



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Easy beef enchiladas

5 servings

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. lean ground beef (at least 80 percent lean)
- 2 cans (10 oz. each) Old El Paso enchilada sauce
- 1 can (4.5 oz.) Old El Paso chopped green chilies
- 1 package (8.2 oz.) Old El Paso flour tortillas
- 1 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- Fresh toppings, as desired

Directions:

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Spray 13x9 baking dish with cooking spray.

In a nonstick skillet, cook beef over medium-high heat 5-7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until thoroughly cooked; drain. Stir in 1/2 cup of the enchilada sauce and the chilies.

Spread 1/2 cup of the enchilada sauce evenly in baking dish. Spread 1/4 cup beef



mixture down center of each tortilla; sprinkle with 1 Tbsp. cheese. Wrap tortillas tightly around filling, placing seam side down in baking dish. Top with remaining enchilada sauce. Sprinkle with remaining cheese.

Bake 20-25 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Add fresh toppings (salsa, green onions, avocado, etc.)

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— Camp Tannadoonah —

First week of camp complete

It's the first week of camp! Actually, by the time you receive this, our campers from the first session will be heading home. We had a total of 107 campers this week, and it was the first time we've done check in at our new Welcome Center!

Thank you to the West side residents who did the spaghetti dinner on Saturday evening! Our camp staff loved the food and enjoyed talking to many of our neighbors from the lake. And Miss Cindy, our cook, was excited about the leftover spaghetti that was donated to camp. Thank you!

We kicked off the week with two very hot days. Sunday evening we did our opening ceremony for the summer, with a visit from Princess Tannadoonah to light our first camp fire of the season. We all wished we could take a dip in the lake when the ceremony was over! Our first full day of the summer (Monday), we had a mandatory all-camp swim in the afternoon to make sure everyone had a chance to cool off.

This week's theme has been "Secret Agent Adventures." To fit the theme, we added some special programs, including CSI where the kids

worked all week to solve the Mystery of the Missing Bugle. We also did a Codebreakers class where the kids learned about ciphers, puzzles, codes, and on Friday we set up a mini escape room for them to figure out! The crafts activities this week have been Secret Agent themed as well – making invisible ink messages, secret agent disguises, and secret agent ID badges.

Our staff has been very excited because for the past couple weeks we've been in the middle of a major renovation of the staff bathrooms. I don't think that the bathrooms had been updated or changed in 50 years or more! We completely gutted the space, replaced the floor, got new showers, re-did all the plumbing and electrical, put new stalls up, and added little dressing areas to the staff showers. It's a huge improvement over what we had before!

Other improvements this year include adding 4 new paddleboards for the waterfront, which allows us to add more spaces in that class each week. It's one of our most popular activities, and we have a waitlist nearly every week. Having the 4

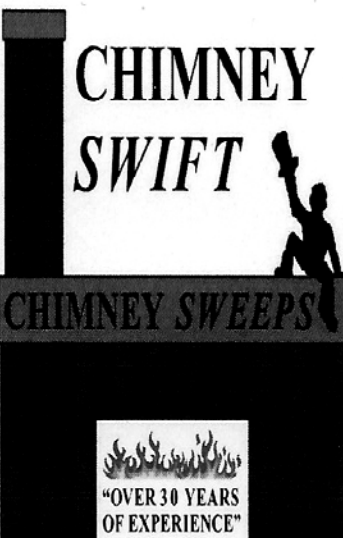
extra boards means we can open up 16 additional spots for campers to do paddle boarding every week!

We also got all new life vests for the waterfront, replacing the old orange PFDs that the campers never find very comfortable. They've been pretty excited to have the nice clean new vests to wear for boating classes!

And our Welcome Center building is nearly complete! We did check in for the first week of camp on the front porch, and now we're just waiting to get internet hooked up so we can fully move in and start working down there instead of in Main Lodge (which is quite crowded with all the staff hanging out in here on time off).

As of today (Tuesday), we have a total of 898 registered campers for the summer, and our goal is still 990 for the year. We have a little ways to go, but we still have openings for most of our remaining sessions! So if you have campers who want to attend but aren't signed up yet, go to register. tannadoonah.org to sign up today!

~Miss Amber



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FOUND

Orange Cat. Every friendly orange cat has been hanging out at camp the past few weeks. Seems to be very good at hunting, but loves human company too! If you are missing a cat, please let us know! Call Amber at 574-315-0227

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



A kayak paddle washed ashore last week. If you have lost one, please call 476-2744 to identify and claim it.

A paddle boat washed up on our shore last Monday. It is tied up to the Williams's pier on the south side. Please come claim it.

LOST

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



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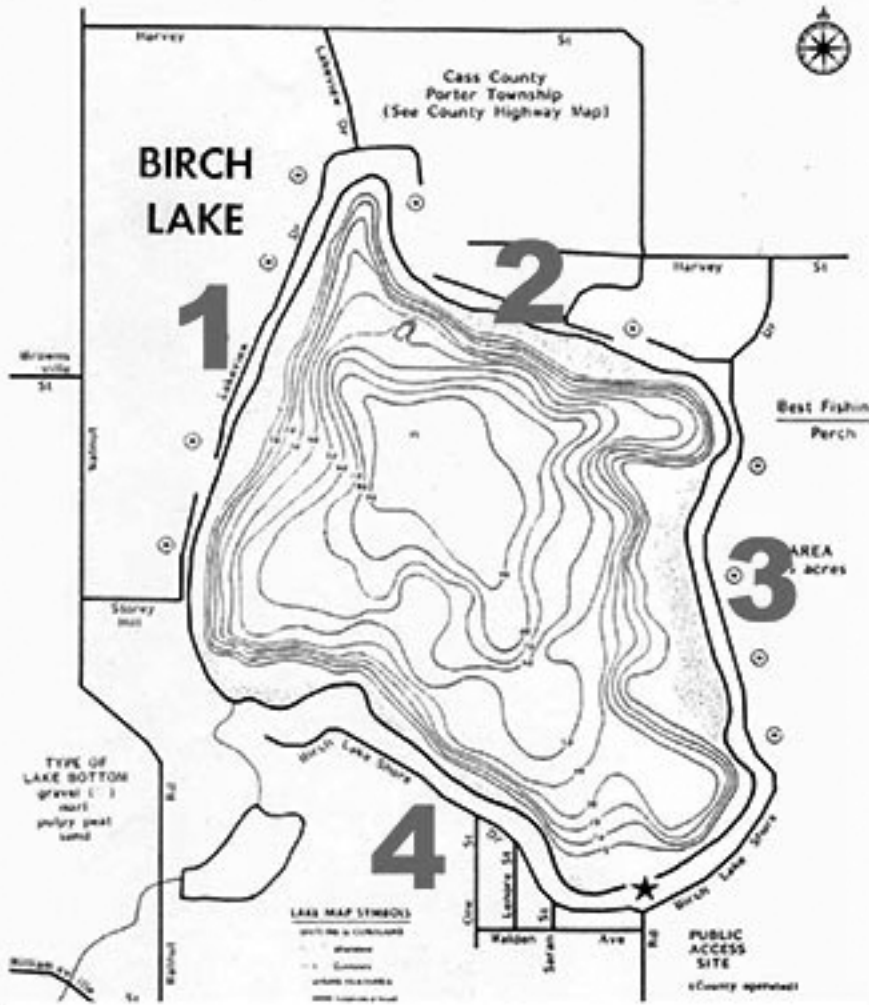
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