

The  
Weekend  
Of

June 30  
2018

# Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the  
**Birch Lake Yacht Club**  
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Thanks to Amy Lutz for the great MC sailboat race-start pic from the Committee Boat perspective.

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Hello Birch Lakers, this is your Vice Commodore, Angela Bergan. I am so excited to be writing my first article while Karen Curtis-Miller soaks up the sun during her travels to Lake Michigan.

Let's begin with the obvious, last weekend was a soaker, and if you were smart enough to wait it out, it paid off on Sunday. When I woke up Sunday morning I saw the majestic awe of the lake at its finest. Sailboats were whipping around on the lake due to a fast-moving wind, and the sun finally made an appearance. Sunday was a reminder of why we all love the lake, and it made the damp days of Friday and Saturday seem like a bad dream.

Have you seen all the new boats on Birch Lake? There are lots of new shiny boats on the lake, I wonder if they found a pot of gold under that rainbow that

stretched out across the lake on June 5? Either way I hope they enter those boats in the Boat Parade. Yes, the Boat Parade is happening this year! I know you were scouring this article to get to the part where I talk about the Boat Parade. Many thanks to Sue and Bob Waddle for running the boat parade in the past years. They have passed the duties on to Nick and me, and we hope we can do half the stellar job they did. Nick would like for you to refer to him as the Executive Chair of the Boat Parade ... just go with it people.

The Boat Parade will be in a new location this year, it will be at the same time just a new place. Registration will begin at 1:45 pm on Saturday July 7 in the center of the Cove, between Bruce Wagner's pier and Jim and Linda Bergan's pier.

Last year's winner went all out. As a reminder, the Faulk family was the splash-splash of the parade. They had bubbles (balloons), singing, a choreographed dance and ladies in towels. Make sure you are well prepared if you

## 2018 Birch Lake Calendar

June 30 - House Walk, 10 am - 2 pm  
July 1 - July 4 Regatta, round 1, 11 am  
July 4 - July 4 Regatta, round 2, 11 am  
July 7 - Boat Parade - 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

### Basic Sailing Classes

July 1, 8, 15, 24, 4-5 pm, McGann's

### 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!

want to impress the judges.

Now we know the location, what

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 —

about the theme? Your commodore Karen did mention this before, but you might have forgotten. The theme is favorite Summer Hobby or Pastime, or you can pick a good Summer read (book). We are also accepting any great ideas you can come up with that you think will knock the judge's socks off. In all seriousness, we will take any type of entry, so get to decorating those boats. We want people to participate! Pick a hobby you love, a book you love or just something you love, and share it with the lake for the boat parade.

We will also have a very important person as the Grand Marshall for the boat parade this year. I'll give you a hint; this person has never been commodore, and has told me they never will be. This person also knows the deepest part of the lake, which they said is at 97 feet right now! This person has been a resident of Birch Lake for over 25 years.

Next order of business is the house walk. The house walk is on June 30 from 10 am to 2 pm. If you haven't gotten your tickets, there is still time. Many lovely ladies are selling tickets; please contact; Denny Weesner, Sue Williams, Vickie Rogers, Julie Sheffieck, Carla Chester and Linda Yoshizawa. The tickets are \$15 in advance. You can get them at the Wozniak Red Barn 63106 Birch Rd the day of the walk, but the price will be a bit more at \$20. If you have never been, come out meet some of



*Some time ago the North Shore had a communal chicken. No, not a chicken dinner (though the bird prompted a lot of discussion), but a real, live free-range Rhode Island Red. She was a fixture for a summer, and lots of fun. This year? We have Bambi. Does are dropping fawns right and left and, once born, they "park" the baby somewhere they deem safe while Mom goes off to forage. Though the bleat is somewhat disconcerting, I deem the fawn to be in good health (very clean fur/ears). If you see Bambi, best practice is to look but not touch/let nature take its course.*

*submitted by Bob King*

your neighbors and get to see the lake from their viewpoint. The house walk is a great way to meet new people, and get a chance to see inside of these beautiful

homes on the lake. Just as a reminder, the houses you will get to see include Seyfarth, Petty, Karceski, Cassidy, Koscielski, and my new neighbors the

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Stitz's! The money from the house walk will be allocated for children to have a scholarship so they can attend Camp Tannadoonah. By the way, if you don't know about Camp Tannadoonah, you should go to the Pancake Breakfast on July 8 and look around. The camp has been operating at its current location since 1929, which means the camp is just a decade shy of being 100!

Finally, let's talk fireworks! The fireworks are schedule for July 7 when the sun decides to set. If you enjoy fireworks or have family members who come up once a year to see you over July 4 weekend and stay for fireworks, don't forget to donate. Encourage your family members to donate, too. They got a free show, didn't they? Consider having them join the BLYC as an associate member. At the end of the day, if you love the lake be sure to express your joy and encourage others to support the BLYC. Anyone can donate to a specific fund, buy a shirt or even those cute cups Commodore Karen is selling. Enjoy the week. I hope to see you at the house walk!

~Vice Commodore Angie

## Beware of holiday thieves!

Almost every year over the Independence Day holiday (weekend), someone at Birch Lake suffers a theft from their car, home, yard or boat. You are advised to be vigilant! Lock your car, don't leave personal items lying out

in plain sight, and **report suspicious activity to the Cass County Sheriff's Department by calling the non-emergency number, 445-2481 or by dialing 911 for a crime in progress or any emergency.**

## Birch Lake Book Club

Did you know that Birch Lake has a Book Club? The Birch Lake Book Club has been in existence for many years, and we welcome new members. The club meets monthly and provides an enjoyable and meaningful addition to our lake activities.

Those of us in the club have found that reading stretches our horizons with in-depth discussions of different viewpoints and an expanded appreciation of the world around us. Our personal reading has broadened by trying different genres of books that we might not otherwise have chosen. It is also a great social forum to meet and get to know your neighbors.

So, come join us! Email Linda Yoshizawa at [lindal1008@comcast.net](mailto:lindal1008@comcast.net) for more information.

~Submitted by Claudia Phipps

## Holiday plans at the Kings'

With the Independence Day holiday falling mid-week we Kings are celebrating on the bookend weekends. Perennial 4th of July guests Ric and Lisa Dwenger (Muncie) and Chuck and Karen Horn

(Carmel) will visit this weekend. Please feel free to stop by and say hi. And ... watch for a wheelchair at the boat-house!

## AED operation clarification

We are working on getting a training 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 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 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 go to any of the AEDs on the lake (see the map of AED locations new are back of any Birch Barker) ... the units are very easy to get to. Simply open the box it is stored in, remove the AED (an alarm will sound ... let it go!), and take the AED to the person in need of assistance. Once you are back beside the person in need of assistance, open the AED -- a voice will immediately begin guiding you through the procedure to use in an emergency.

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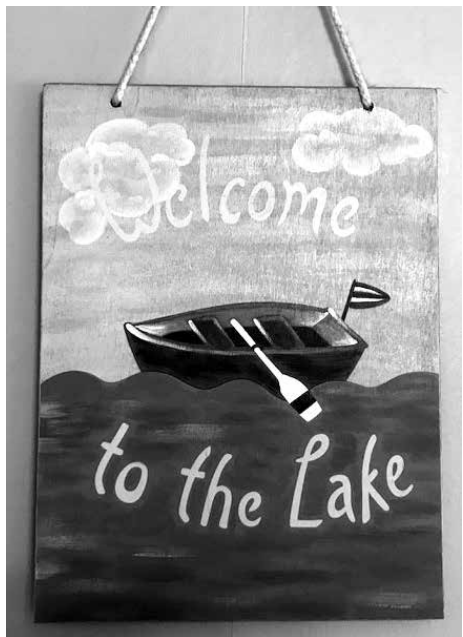
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# — Birch Lake Notes —

## New Barker feature?

Dan Waxman (East side) suggested it might be fun to run some pictures from lakers of their favorite signs ... and sent in a few to get us started.

If you've got some neat decor items you'd like to see featured in the Barker, send 'em on to sailorphil@philvitale.com.



Thanks to our Birch Lake artist in residence, Duffy Dufor for the lake art!



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To get your totes, contact Bad Patty (east side) at

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# MEN'S GOLF OUTING

### FOUR MAN FLORIDA SCRAMBLE

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**\*Golf prize, dinner at BLYC, Food & Drink coupons included in the price of registration**

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*

*Catered dinner at BLYC included*

*Prizes awarded at dinner*

*Donations of door & team prizes needed\**

\*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

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# Birch Lake House Walk

**Enjoy touring 6 homes via pontoon**

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**Everyone MUST check-in at the Wozniak barn**

Tickets can be purchased at the barn for \$20

\*\*\*\*\* Last tour leaves the Seyfarth's pier at 12:30 pm\*\*\*\*\*

There's limited parking at the barn, so please carpool if possible



Petty house



Karceski house



Koscielski house



Seyfarth house



Left: Stitz house



Above: Cassidy house

# Birch Lake Notes

## Ladies' FUN!!!! Golf Outing JULY 20

Diamond Lake Golf Course, Cassopolis

9 am Tee Off - \$35 per golfer

Fee includes cart and lunch

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Deadline for Registration is July 8

Lunch at BLYC following the Outing

Games, Prizes, 50/50 Raffle

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

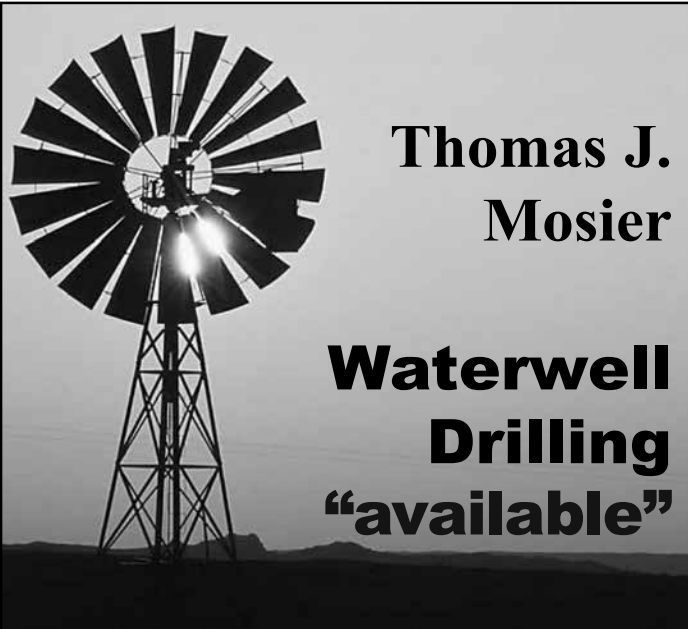
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# FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



## Fleet Captain's Jibe #8

by **J. Patrick McGann**

What a wonderful day for sailboat racing it was last Sunday. Some impressive surprise finishes by some of the newer sailors and those who do not normally finish near the top. Congratulations to them all. We finished the three races in less than two hours. Only one little mishap when one of the Sunfishes flipped, but was able to right himself without any help and went on to finish the race, good job.

Our new policy to encourage participation in the big holiday regattas of doubling points has created a real controversy so, I have decided to suspend that

policy for the Forth of July Regatta only, which will be this Sunday (three races) and this Wednesday (two races and make ups), until we have more discussion on the subject. Our scoring system has also raised some questions of how and why we use the system we do.

The first day of sailing classes went pretty well but we could hope for more students the next three Sundays at 4-5 pm at our east side A-Frame. Let's keep sailing going strong on Birch Lake for generations to come by seeing that our children get exposed to this great Olympic sport. Popsicles will be served. 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

## 2018 BLYC Season Sailing Results

Race#	9	10	11	Total	Point	Average
Date	24-Jun	24-Jun	24-Jun	Points	Average	w/bonus

### MC Scow

Scott Troeger #1489	2	2	1	14005	1556	1734
Barb Cassady #2506	1	1	4	13932	1548	1717
Phil Vitale #500	3	4	3	8589	1432	1672
Bill Luecht #1579	4	3	2	10035	1434	1629

### Sunfish

Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	3	2	6	16445	1495	1758
Peter Soldato	1	3	1	16595	1509	1779
Pat McGann	4	5	8	15393	1399	1683
Stewart Spratt	2	4	5	12128	1348	1348
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)	6	1	4	8380	1397	1397
Herb Cleveland	5	6	7	14422	1311	1574
Camille Butler	9	8	9	3137	1046	1046
Bob Niezgodski	7	9	2	9832	1229	1553
Jeff Walls	8	7	3	13215	1201	1424

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); 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.

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# — Water Quality Report —

**W**as that absolutely the best Spaghetti Dinner ever, or what?

Upon sampling the food I knew it was great, the service and staff dedicated and highly efficient, and the spirit and atmosphere (as always) were wonderful.

Frankly, over the years I've been spoiled and this year expected nothing less. However, when I found out that all of the proceeds went to the Water Quality Fund and that the total contribution amount was some \$1900, my appreciation of all things to do with this year's Spaghetti Dinner grew exponentially. I can't realistically imagine a better outcome from this wonderful event. For perspective, please consider that the \$1900 donation ought to cover somewhere around one third of Water Quality typical current annual general expenditures (of say \$5000 - \$6000).

Fortunately, ever since Eurasian Milfoil was discovered in our lake some ten years ago, combined voluntary donations to the Water Quality Program and Milfoil/Loosestrife Eradication funds have generally met or exceeded our annual expenses. Particularly with this new \$1900 infusion we now have a slight "reserve."

Was/is there still cause for any concern? Unfortunately, yes:

1. Our income is solely dependent on voluntary donations. (Unlike virtually

every other lake in this State that treats for invasives, Birch has not relinquished treatment control to the local government, which then establishes a special assessment district, unilaterally taxing all the affected property owners each year to pay for the treatment.)

2. Our expenses do keep rising, if only due to inflation.

3. Beyond that, the unpredictable nature of our challenges means we are always exposed to the possibility of huge cost increases with little, if any, notice. For example:

a. Chemicals currently used may become ineffective or prohibited.

b. Potential cutbacks in State funding could substantially raise the cost of both permits and participation in the CLMP (Cooperative Lakes Management Program that monitors, collects, records and compares all of our lake test data).

c. Most concerning, in our state alone, there are already over 1,000 known aquatic invasive species. Some of them are very difficult and expensive to get under control, grow quickly and are already way too close to our lake for comfort. The question is not so much "if" but "when" will we be affected. When that reality hits us, we need to be able to respond at once. Our costs for professional assessment and treatment could literally double, triple or more, overnight. We need to be prepared (and therefore make



and eat more spaghetti).

So, wasn't this year's Spaghetti Dinner a delightful event from every perspective? Our heartfelt thanks to all who participated in any fashion, even if only to buy tickets.

Also to help us further build our reserves please consider making a, or increasing your, donation to the Water Quality Program and/or Milfoil/Loosestrife Eradication funds each year – even if you choose not to belong to or participate in the Yacht Club or Homeowner's Association. Thank you. Not only to the Spaghetti Dinner folks for the great meal and wonderful donation, but to all for your past and future financial support.

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# — Barker Kids of the Week —

## Golden Birthday Girl

Phyllis Catherine Rasmussen celebrated her 25th birthday on June 25, 2018 – when your age matches your birth date it is known as your “golden birthday! Phyllis is a graduate of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI and works and lives in Grand Rapids, MI. Congratulations on your 25th birthday!”

~Linda and Buzz Rasmussen



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Here is Bad Patty Luecht (east side) and the 2 Michelles! No, they are not a singing group, but good friends from Danville, IN. The Michelles enjoyed staying at the Flamingo Room for a couple of days for some R&R! So fun!



The Van Huffel - Talos clan (south side) enjoyed Birch Lake on a hot Father's Day weekend.

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*Bake Talos (grandson of the Van Huffels, south side) enjoyed Father's Day weekend at Birch Lake with his girlfriend Alaina Guidry. Blake is the head "strength and conditioning coach" at Louisiana Tech, and finally made it back to Birch Lake (his favorite place) after 2 Years!*



*Terry Curtis (east side) Always a classic!  
Terry Curtis (East side) on recent vacation with his favorite daughter and son-in-law.*

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# — Barker Critters of the Week —



Above: Beautiful Red Ear Slider. Caught and released by Ryan Quinlan (south side) Saturday June 16.



At right: Seminole is nearing her 16th Birthday. Seminole is the companion of Vice Commodore Angela and Nick Bergan (east side). Happy birthday, Seminole!

## KID-OF-THE-WEEK PHOTOS

So far this year I've printed EVERY photo that's been sent in as a Barker kid-of-the-week ... but we are always accepting more! Want your kid to be a Barker Kid of the Week? Want your lawnmower to be Lawnmower of the

Week? Just mail your photo (with a SASE if you want them back) to Birch Barker, 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095; put them in a ziplock and stick them in the stone mailbox at my home (east side), or (even easier) email them to me at

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**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - You might be confused about your goals. Lately you have been eager to formulate goals and plan how you can work with others and coordinate group efforts. You will start second-guessing your plans for the future. You will feel resentful about group pressures. An excellent way to lessen this tension is through physical activity with friends and groups. This anxiety won't happen again for years.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - This is an unusual year for you. The insane intensity of Mars from March to November is happening at the top of your chart. This makes you blow hot and cold. First, you are super ambitious and ready to conquer the world! Then suddenly, poof! Starting this week, you will start to second-guess clearly-laid plans, especially about your career and your future direction in life. You might resent authority figures. Be honest with yourself and others to minimize the aggressive confusion you feel.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** - You're keen to expand your mind and learn new philosophies, religions and esoteric studies to expand your world. And you want to travel! You might be so gung ho about something, you want others to agree with you. Yet, in the next two months, you might wonder if you've been brainwashed. Are these ideas yours? First you were gung ho and now you're not even sure what you believe.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** - This is a complicated year because you're annoyed with others. Of course, you do your best to be patient, but they're annoying! Your wisest option is to suck it up. Don't make a big deal about things because this will go away, and not return for years. (At least not like this year.) You want to be happy. You want to be joyful and you want warm, rewarding relationships. Therefore, be patient with partners and close friends. Be patient with disputes about shared property and inheritances. Whatchayagonndo?

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Here's the skinny: Once every two years, Mars is opposite your sign for six weeks, making you annoyed with partners and friends. However, this year, you want to be happy and you want joyful relationships, especially with those who are closest to you - your only recourse is to be patient, understanding and tolerant. This is for your own happiness as well as their happiness.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - This year you feel like Jekyll and Hyde. You want to work hard and then suddenly, you want to play, party and relax! Then suddenly, you don't care! You want to take a course to improve your skills then suddenly you want to change careers. Likewise, you're hot to trot for a vacation or a romantic connection - and then, the gears reverse and you're not interested or it all falls apart. Hey, there's nothing wrong with you. Relax. Your own positive frame of mind will keep you believing in yourself.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - The tricky thing this year as Mars flips back and forth between Capricorn and Aquarius is this: when Mars is in Capricorn, it's at odds with your sign. It creates stress at home and tension with family members, especially parents. But when it shifts to Aquarius this summer, you will play and enjoy vacations but admittedly, you will be indecisive. You might feel guilty about playing. It will also play havoc with your love life.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Things are tough but it makes you energetic. You will be assertive and able to accomplish a lot of work. You will question your job and everything you do. Because of this high energy, you might fight with someone, especially a family member. Obviously, you want to have a great summer. You want to get along. Make a decision to do this and tough it out when you hit the rough patches. You've got willpower and discipline.

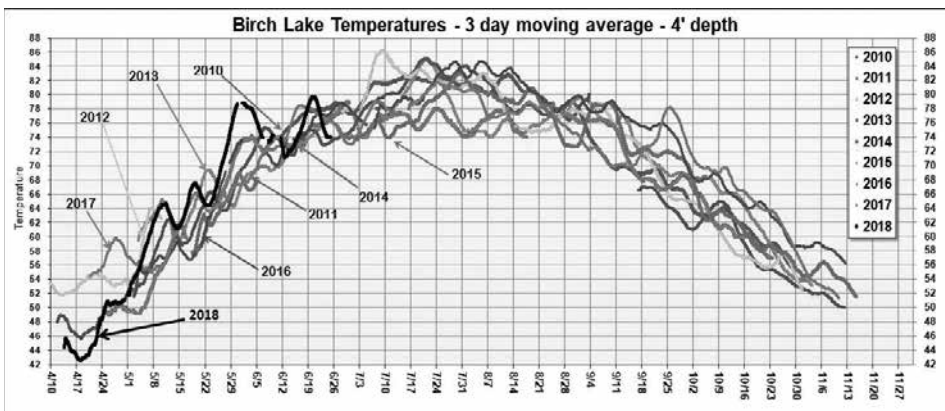
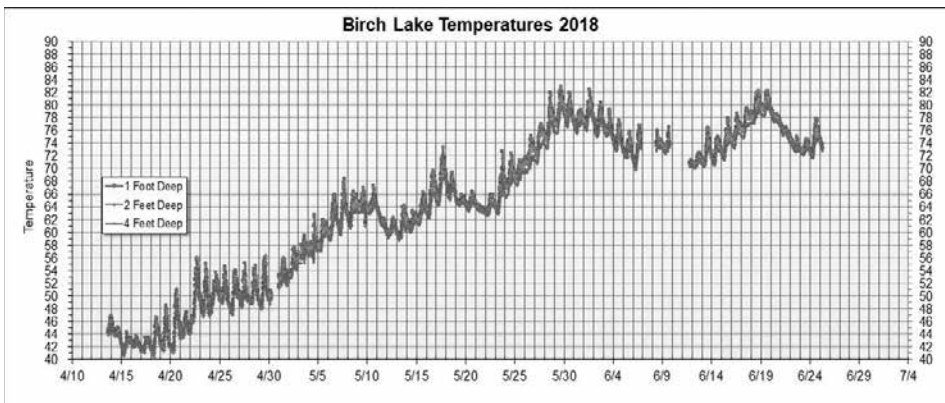
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - You want to work hard to earn money. You will also want to spend money! However, most of the time, Mars will give you lots of mental energy and make your communications with others forthright and direct. Nevertheless, you find yourself backtracking and changing your mind. You want to undo promises and plans. You might renege on a short trip that sounded like a good idea but now - not so much.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - This year you're coming on like gangbusters! Don't be too bossy or too aggressive. However, this week it creates confusion. Financial decisions and how you earn your money that were once clear, are suddenly not so clear. You might question what you're doing. You might question how you spend your money. You might doubt major expenses. Doubt is anti-productive. None of us really knows what we're doing or why. Most people are at work on Wednesday simply because they were there on Tuesday. Relax.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - This is a fiery Mars is in your sign. It boosts your energy and confidence! But when Mars goes retrograde (this week) you start to re-assess what you thought you wanted. Instead of being direct, you're passive aggressive. You might feel hesitant and start second-guessing yourself. You might internalize your anger or sit on your impulses. This is nothing you can't handle because this year, you're a star!

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - You are sensitive. This year you have strength dealing with friends, especially groups. Everyone loves you! You're running the show! Then suddenly, you feel lonely. You will literally not know what you want and not know what you should be doing. Of course, your routine will demand that you go through the motions. But you will question a lot. Don't worry. It's just what's happening this summer and this won't happen again for years. Life's funny - until it's not. (Don't squat with your spurs on.)

## 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: 0.915  
3.1 days after full moon



Sunrise: 06:08:53 am  
Sunset: 21:22:51 pm  
Moonrise: 08:18:40 am  
Moonset: 23:09:43 pm  
Daylight: 15 Hr 13 Min 57 Sec

# — Barker Weekly Puzzle —

The word RACECAR is hidden in the grid below. Can you find it? Answer on next page.

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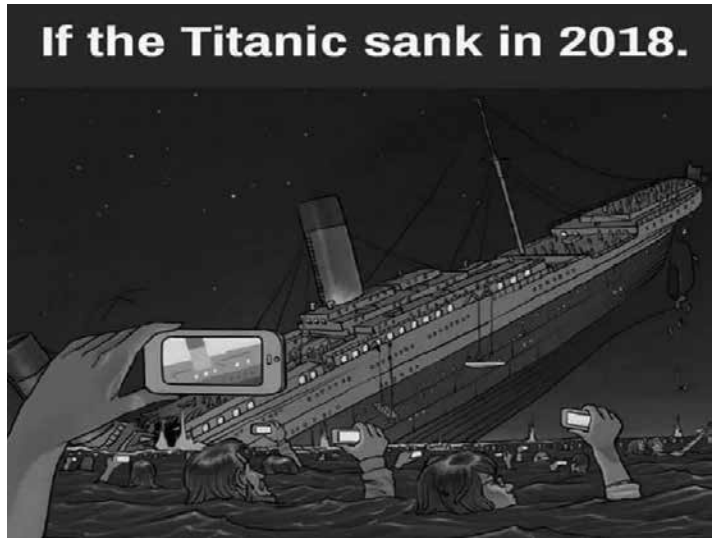
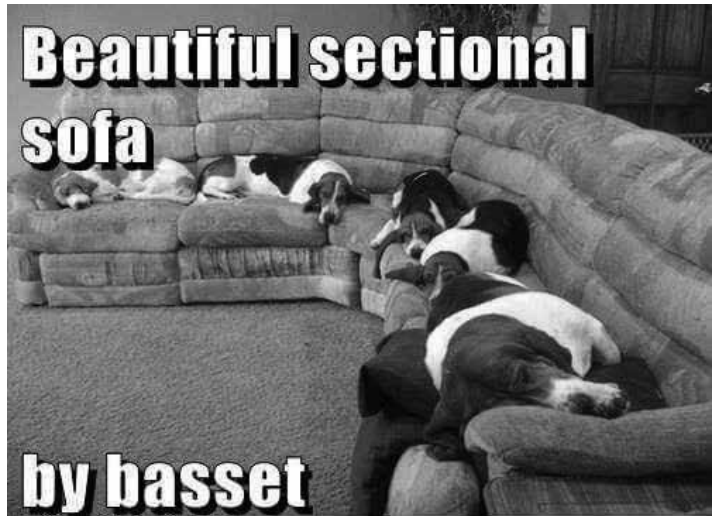
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"It's important to learn math because someday you might accidentally buy a phone without a calculator."





# ~Birch Lake Recipes~



*Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge*

## Cheesy Amish breakfast casserole

“This hearty casserole has bacon, eggs, hash browns, and three different cheeses all baked into a comforting breakfast dish, perfect for feeding a crowd.”

Original recipe yields 12 servings (1 9x13-inch casserole)

### Ingredients:

- 1 pound sliced bacon, diced
- 1 sweet onion, chopped
- 4 cups frozen shredded hash brown potatoes, thawed
- 9 eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 cups small curd cottage cheese
- 1 1/4 cups shredded Swiss cheese
- Add all ingredients to list

### Directions :

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.



2. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat; cook and stir bacon and onion until bacon is evenly browned, about 10 minutes. Drain. Transfer bacon and onion to a large bowl. Stir in potatoes, eggs, Cheddar cheese, cottage cheese, and Swiss cheese. Pour mixture into prepared baking dish.

3. Bake in preheated oven until eggs are set and cheese is melted, 45 to 50 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting and serving.

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# — Camp Tannadoonah —

## Live from outer space!

It's Outer Space week at camp this week! Our campers have been doing outer space-themed crafts and activities all week. It's also Super Week, which means that some of the kids who are here this week are here for 10 days, rather than just 7. And Saturday starts our Mini Camp, which is a three-day camp for kids who aren't sure they want to do a full week of camp. We have 123 kids here for Session 2 right now, and about 40 of them are staying through the 10-day Super Week. Another 25 will arrive on Saturday morning for Mini Camp.

We've had some fun specialty programs going on this week, including a Sew Your Own Teddy Bear class (using camp t-shirts), an advanced nature activity, volleyball, flag football, guitar and ukulele lessons, and a "magician in training" class. Last week, Mr. Phil (Phil Vitale) volunteered to lead a Creative Communications class. He had one very enthusiastic camper sign up, and they spent the week taking photos, writing, and creating a fun PowerPoint presentation to show the other campers.

Last week was quite wet here at camp, so we've been very relieved to see the sun this week! Our schedules at camp work much better when it's not

pouring rain! But even in the rain, we improvise and come up with lots of fun things for the kids to do during the day. Our camp garden was so underwater at one point that our staff was considering grabbing buckets and bailing it out!

We are up to 923 registered campers for the summer, which is 67 short of our goal for the year. We still have openings for most of the remaining sessions, so if you have campers who are thinking about signing up for camp, go to register.tannadoonah.org to get them on our list! It's amazing to think that we're over 900 kids and I'm still trying to recruit more. In 2006, when I first became Camp Director, we had just 351 kids for the entire summer!

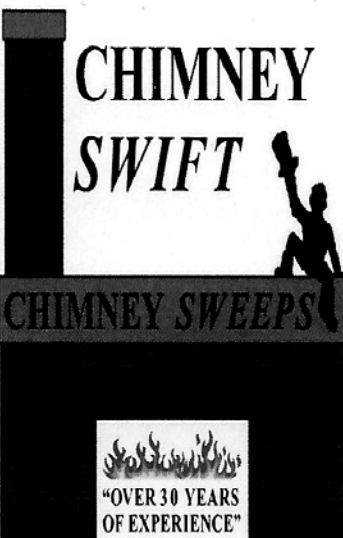
Every year we try to think of ways we can improve our programs and facilities. One of the things we've been changing up this year is how we do our end of the week closing ceremonies. In the past, we sang songs, handed out awards, sang some more songs, handed out some more awards, and repeat. That meant that the Council Fire ceremony involved a lot of sitting and listening for the kids. This year we've decided to make it more interactive and fun for the kids. So each cabin has been asked to perform a song,

skit, or dance at Council Fire, and we've cut down on the amount of talking and presenting that we do.

We also changed the awards that the kids receive at the end of each week. Instead of printing awards and participation cards on cardstock and handing them out for each activity that the kids participated in, we created little wooden tags with symbols for each award on them. We found a crafter online who was able to laser etch each cedar tag with the symbols, and we create a string of tags for each camper showing the activities they did for that session. It's a fun new way to honor their accomplishments at camp.

We hope to see everyone at the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, July 8, from 8:30-11 am! Our board and volunteers are excited to see everyone from the lake community who comes out to join us for a morning of pancakes and sausage. This event is a fundraiser for camp – all proceeds from the breakfast go towards programs and projects to help make camp better for all of our participants! Please come out and support Camp Tannadoonah and enjoy a yummy breakfast with us!

~Miss Amber




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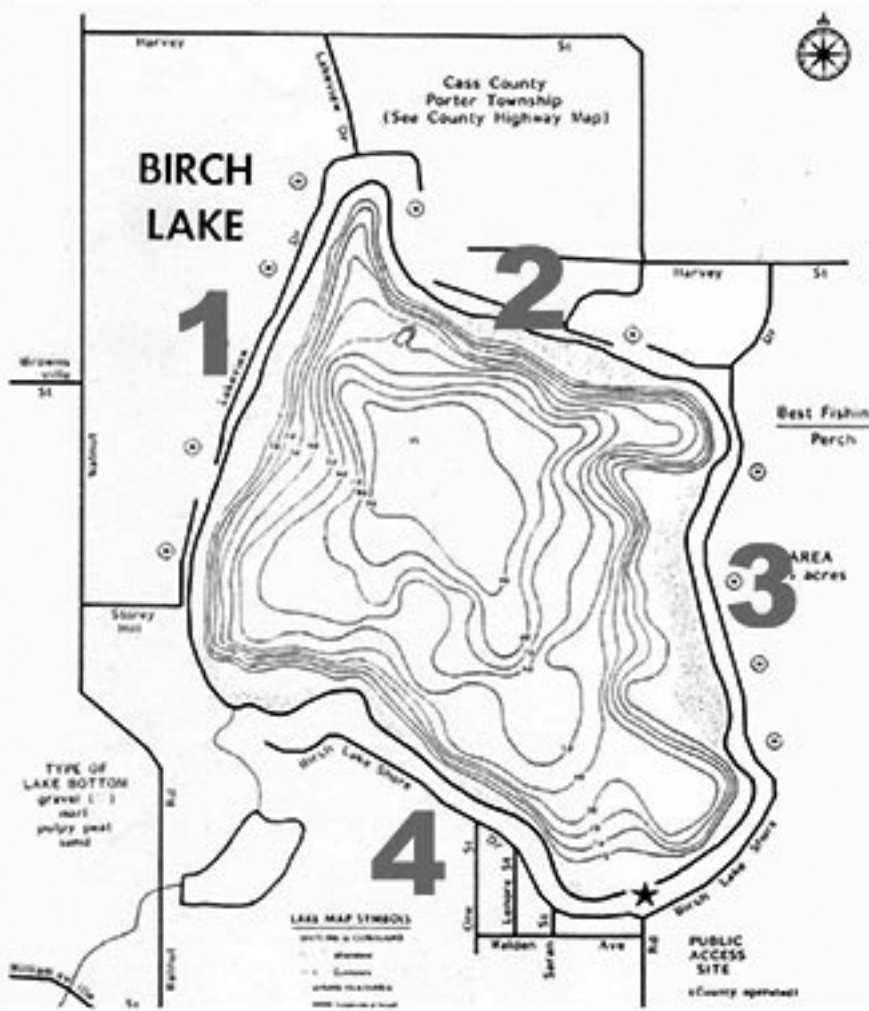
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