




**The  
Weekend  
Of**

**July 7  
2018**

# Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the

Birch Lake Yacht Club

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Thanks to "Questionable" Patti Russwurm for the colorful Sunfish pic

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

### **Hello Birch Lakers,**

Last week I forgot to mention a very important person who served as the dock master allowing us to use his dock for entering people into the boat parade. A special thank you to Mr. Dick Bender for being so kind to let the Boat Parade Committee utilize his coveted space for registering boats and selecting a winner. Many thanks Mr. Bender!

A side note about the secret turtle races. Just in case you are wondering the verdict is still out. Why you might ask? Well, the spring was not so kind to parts of the cove and the large amount of rain has caused the cove to become a swamp. Without a fast drying wind and sun for a repeated amount of time the cove is still soggy in areas. The turtle races may or may not happen, but the boat parade is definitely happening in that area. So come on over to the cove at 1:45pm EST with your decorated boats and if the turtle races take place well then that's just a bonus. Happy Forth!

~Vice Commodore Angela

### **Ladies Golf Outing deadline**

REMINDER!!! DEADLINE FOR LADIES' GOLF ENTRIES IS JULY 8TH! GET THEM IN!

~Bad Patty

### **AED, CPR training at Homeowners Association annual meeting**

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

### **More news from the Kings'**

A great weekend in our wake: the old friends are gone and ... the new old friends start arriving on Wednesday. We 3 Kings look forward to hosting dear friends Steve and Nancy Barron (who hail from: Detroit/Evansville, South Bend, Ann Arbor, San Diego, Singapore,

## 2018 Birch Lake Calendar

- 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 4 - SUFISH-ONLY Race, NO MCs
- Aug 11 - Homeowners Association Annual Meeting, AED, CPR training
- Aug 18 - Fall Dinner (tba)
- TBA- Soup/Chili Challenge
- Sept 1 - Pooch Parade
- Basic Sailing Classes**  
July 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!*

Indianapolis, Boston, Atlanta). Some of Bob's buds will roll in on the weekend along with ... who knows how many of Cal's pals (we really have no idea)? Apologies in advance to our neighbors.

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 —

## Be careful!

I recently received the following email from a neighbor who expressed the following concern about boating/skiing safety.

"There is a boat on the lake that was pulling 2 people. They both fell. One got back up and the boat continued to pull them toward the north end leaving the other in the middle of the lake. The one being pulled fell again and the boater has not gone back for the 2nd one. With other boaters pulling tubers it is very dangerous!"

Please be careful this (and every) weekend ... and every time you're on the lake!

## Weather eye, aye, aye

A weather eye: in addition to all that every new Commodore must master, there's one measure by which they are judged and ... it's totally beyond their control. For a time it seemed past Poobahs had forgotten to hand off the all important "weather wand" to the next guy (girl). In retrospect, it would appear Commodore Karen has everything under control. Memorial Day weekend and the 4th of July #1 (aka: July 1st) were sizzling carbon copies. Can we get a Trifecta?

~ *Chrys A. Lis*



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

## 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. On Monday of this week, I received the following message:

"Sheriff Richard Behnke of the Cass County Sheriff's Office would like to advise of a unusually high volume of

motor vehicle thefts in Cass County. Over the last week the Cass County Sheriff's office has taken 9 reports throughout Cass County of Motor Vehicles being stolen. Keys were left in those vehicles, the vehicles were unlocked. Vehicles were recovered in these incidents, but items from inside had been taken. Sheriff Behnke reminds everyone to not leave your keys or any

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other personal item's in your vehicle even if it is in your driveway or garage. Items should be placed in the trunk or taken into the house with you. Criminals are always looking for easy item's to steal, and we are asking the citizens of Cass County to be aware of the current problem. **If you have any information regarding any criminal activity, please contact us at 269-445-1560 or the Cass County TipLine 1-800-462-9328."**

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 one of the previous numbers or by calling the non-emergency number, 445-2481, or dialing 911 for a crime in progress or any emergency.**



*How hot was it at your place? Pretty hot on the north shore at the Kings' last weekend ... so hot a group of revelers took their lawn chairs (and cold drinks) into the lake to keep from overheating. From left are: Santa Claus (north pole), Bob and Les King (north shore), and Lisa and Rick Dwenger (Muncie, IN). Thanks to Chuck Horn for the great photo.*



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# Birch Lake Notes



That's one bad hat, Les ... Thanks to the Kings' weekend guest Chuck horn for the great pic of Les King in her sun hat .

## 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

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### BLYC 58<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL Birch Lake Yacht Club

## MEN'S GOLF OUTING

FOUR MAN FLORIDA SCRAMBLE

FRIDAY, JULY 27 2018 - \$75/MAN\*

## PARK SHORE GOLF CLUB

610 Park Shore Dr., Cassopolis

Shotgun start at noon

Dinner to follow at BLYC

Cocktail hour at 6 pm; Dinner at 7 pm; Winners announced and prizes awarded



**\*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

TEAM CAPTAIN:

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_____	_____

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# Birch Lake Notes

## Fifth AED installed, 6th coming soon!

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

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

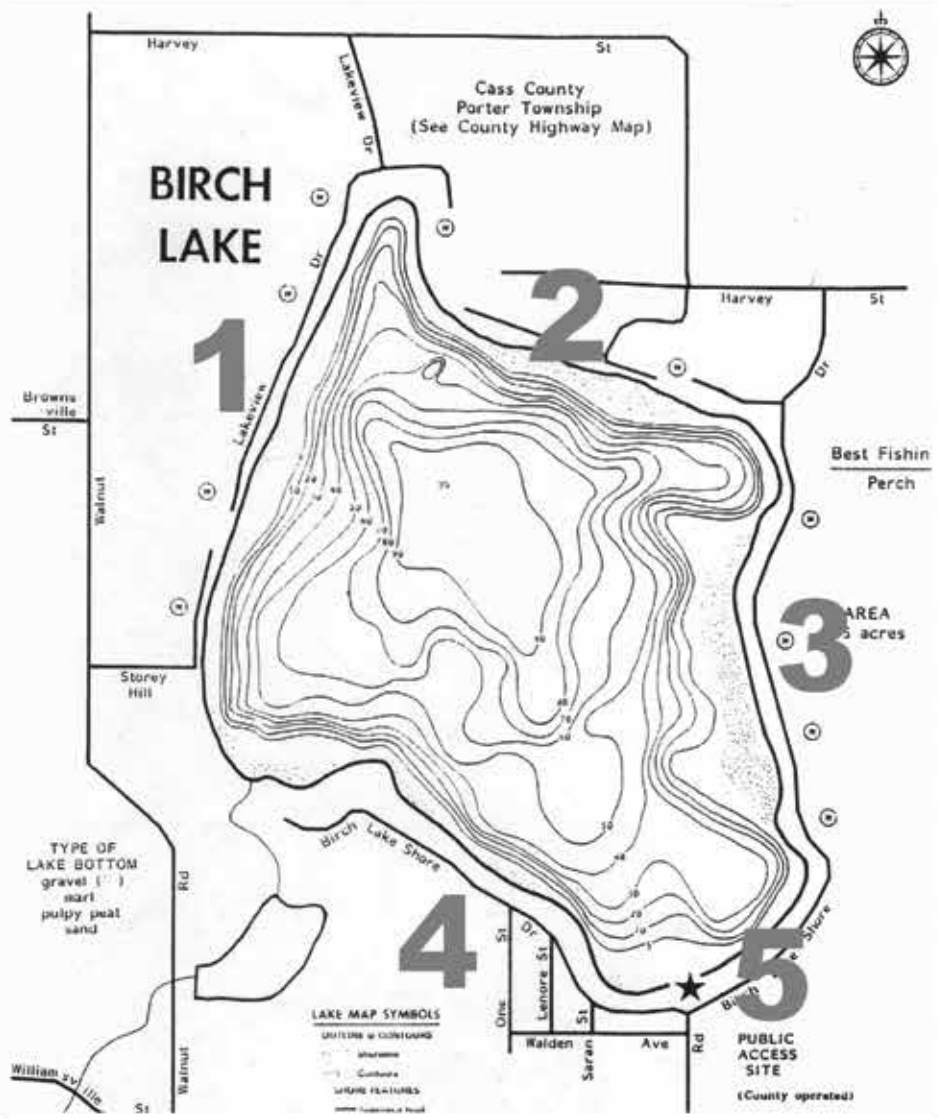
AED will soon be installed at the DeYoung home (formerly the home of Jack and Marty Miller) at 63255 Storey Hill St. That unit will be installed on the north face of the garage.

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

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

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

## EMERGENCY HEART DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) locations on Birch Lake



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This project was made possible by the Birch Lake Yacht Club and the Birch Lake Homeowners Association  
3/10/2018

There are currently five (5) automated external defibrillator units on Birch Lake.

The boxes that contain these devices are located at the following locations (see map):

1. West Shore, Sheffieck home, 62875 Birch Lakeview Dr.
2. North Shore, Smitley home, 14859 Birch Northshore Dr. 15046
3. East Shore, Vitale home, 63174 Birch Rd.
4. South Shore, Eberhart home, 15046 Birch Lakeshore Dr.
5. South/East Shore, Troeger home, 63696 Birch Rd.

All units are on the ROAD SIDE of the property and accessible by vehicle or on foot.

## IN AN EMERGENCY:

1. CALL 911 and report the emergency and the patient's location immediately.
2. Pull the box open, remove the orange-colored unit, TAKE IT TO THE PATIENT and open the device by pressing the white lever at the bottom.
3. An automated voice will guide you through the setup and use of the defibrillator. Follow the instructions as they are given.
4. Continue to follow the instructions as given, and stay with the patient until help arrives.

# Birch Lake House Walk

## House Walk 2018 a huge success!

Over 147 people attended the house walk last weekend and we raised \$2375 to benefit camperships for underprivileged kids to attend Camp Tannadoonah! The house walk provides a great way to meet others on the lake. The boat rides and name tags enabled many people to make new friends and acquaintances.

We would like to thank the 6 homeowners- Pettys, Karceskis Koscielski, Cassadys, Stitzs, and Seyfarths who so graciously opened their homes to everyone. Without YOU, this event would not have been possible! A big thanks goes to the Barker for printing our articles, to Claudia Phipps for taking the pictures of the homes, to Bob Waddle for taking pictures during the event, and to Ronnie Eshleman for laying out the brochure, printing them, and to top it off, donating

them for the event ... many thanks!!

What a great job the pontoon drivers did! Our sincere appreciation and thanks goes to Tom Rogers, our fleet captain, for recruiting and directing the pontoon drivers and ensuring that everything went smoothly. Many thanks to our pontoon drivers and their assistants; Gus Eshleman and Jim Bradfield, Rick Russworm and Dennis Phipps, PJ Vandewalle and Marc Caenepeel, Dan Waxman and Max Marquez, and Randy Welch and Taylor Marquez. You helped make the affair very enjoyable for all!

Also, thank you for our ticket sellers; Vickie Rogers, Carla Chester Julie Sheffick, Sue Williams, Denny Weesner, and Linda Yoshizawa.

Many thanks to Vickie Rogers for her invaluable assistance throughout the



planning and organizing of the event, and to Lisa Rodriguez for editing the homeowners write-ups. Thanks again to all for making this event such a success.

*~Michelle Seyfarth,  
House Walk Chair*



# — Birch Lake Decor —

## New Barker feature

Thanks to Deb Hall, Dan Waxman, Bad Patty Luecht, and Pat McGann for the great pix of Birch Lake decor ...



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







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# Birch Lake Notes

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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.

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

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# FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



## Fleet Captain's Gybe #9

by **J. Patrick McGann**

It was one great day for sailing on Birch Lake for the start of the Fourth of July Regatta. Winds from different directions, strong, then light, then strong again made for an exciting day. One sailor yelled at me after the third race, "We should do all five today."

But of course we had to leave a couple for the real 4th holiday.

Things continue to run smoothly from the Race Committee Boat standpoint with Bad Patty at the helm and lots of able bodied ladies will to

step in with support. Tom Cassady had to move the starting line again because of wind shifts. It seems like he has had to do that almost every race so far this year since he took over the job. We will have to give the final results next week for the 4th Regatta.

Kids and adults are welcome at the sailing classes Sunday at 4 pm at McGann's eastside A-Frame. 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. Sailors are welcome to



come over to the eastside Sailing Club, Vitale-Luecht-McGann shore after the regular Sunday races to review the day and have a beer or two.

Sail on Dudes and Dudettes  
~JPM

## 2018 BLYC July 4 Regatta Round 1 Results

Race.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	.....	Regatta
Date.....	1-Jul.....	1-Jul.....	1-Jul.....	.....	Total Points

### MC Scow

Barb Cassady #2506 .....	2.....	1.....	1.....	.....	4
Scott Troeger #1489.....	1.....	5.....	2.....	.....	8
Bob King #1199.....	5.....	2.....	3.....	.....	10
Phil Vitale #500.....	3.....	3.....	5.....	.....	11
Bill Luecht #1579.....	4.....	4.....	4.....	.....	12

### Sunfish

Peter Soldato.....	1.....	3.....	1.....	.....	5
Stewart Spratt.....	3.....	5.....	3.....	.....	11
Pat McGann.....	2.....	2.....	8.....	.....	12
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow).....	4.....	4.....	4.....	.....	12
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue).....	*10*.....	1.....	2.....	.....	13
Herb Cleveland.....	5.....	6.....	7.....	.....	18
Jeff Walls.....	6.....	7.....	6.....	.....	19
Chris Scofield.....	8.....	8.....	5.....	.....	21
Camille Butler.....	7.....	9.....	10.....	.....	26
Bill Butler.....	*10*.....	*10*.....	9.....	.....	29

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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# Birch Lake Sailing

## 2018 BLYC Season Sailing Results

Race# .....12 ..... 13..... 14..... Race Total ..... Race Point ..... Total Points..... Point Average  
 Date ..... 1-Jul ..... 1-Jul ..... 21-Jul ..... Points ..... Average..... w/bonus ..... w/bonus

### MC Scow

Barb Cassady #2506	2	1	1	18653	1554.42	20174	1681.17
Scott Troeger #1489	1	5	2	18422	1535.17	20022	1668.50
Phil Vitale #500	3	3	5	12773	1419.22	14217	1579.67
Bill Luecht #1579	4	4	4	14142	1414.20	15511	1551.10
Bob King #1199	5	2	3	4261	1420.33	4261	1420.33

### Sunfish

Peter Soldato	1	3	1	21239	1517.07	24208	1729.14
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	DNS	1	2	19566	1505.08	22456	1727.38
Pat McGann	2	2	8	19524	1394.57	22645	1617.50
Bob Niezgodski	DNS	DNS	DNS	9832	1229.00	12424	1553.00
Herb Cleveland	5	6	7	18099	1292.79	20987	1499.07
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)	4	4	4	12487	1387.44	12487	1387.44
Jeff Walls	6	7	6	16821	1201.50	19271	1376.50
Stewart Spratt	3	5	3	16312	1359.33	16312	1359.33
Chris Scofield	8	8	5	3474	1158.00	3474	1158.00
Camille Butler	7	9	10	6278	1046.33	6278	1046.33
Bill Butler	DNS	DNS	9	1024	1024.00	1024	1024.00

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Thanks to Bob King and Amy Lutz for the cool sailboat race pics



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# — Barker Kids of the Week —

*Sandy's going to kill me for this but I couldn't resist putting in this great picture of her mom, Bessie Shafer and her ... Bessie is here for a visit just after her 90th birthday, and just after dislocating a hip (she's recovering well and we love having her here). Happy birthday Bessie!*



*Suki Seyfarth, just like her parents, is obsessed with turtles and wants to get up-close and personal. The turtles feelings are not reciprocal.*

*Submitted by Claudia Phipps*

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# — Barker Kids of the Week —

Dezi and Jett Ward, Lacy grandkids (south side).



Above, Josie , granddog of the Lutz's (north side).

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# — Barker Kids of the Week —

*Congratulations to Barker Kid of the Week Claire Brovold, pictured in a very proud moment for mom! Claire graduated from Niles High School with honors from the Niles New Tech Entrepreneurial Academy. She was a Board Scholar, and has 31 credit hours from Lake Michigan College transferring to Adrian Collage in the fall, where she will be studying Biology and playing the flute in the marching Band.*



*Guests of the Halls (Cove) were Bud's brother Mike (can you see the resemblance) and his wife Diane. This was their first visit to Birch and they loved it!*

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# — Barker Kids of the Week —



*Left: Aurable Trudell, granddaughter of Amy and Mike Lutz (north side) gets KOTW honors for her cool slide sandals ...*

*Below: Aurora was not injured in any way ... lol ... Sunday we had her first celebration on her 2nd birthday ... this Saturday is the second ... third is on her actual birthday, the 10th ... she owns us!*



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# — Barker Critters of the Week —

*Barker Toadstool of the Week ... Thanks to my neighbor, Bill Luecht (east side) for the great pic of the first-ever Birch Barker Toadstool of the Week!*

*Below is a photo of Bill relaxing after a tough week of photographing toadstools. Thanks to another neighbor, Pat McGann for the pic of Bill (and Bill said to say thanks for the Strohs).*



## 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)** - This week you feel enriched and joyful because wealth, gifts and the assistance of others will help you. Venus in your Fifth House promises entertaining times and amusing diversions! It promotes love affairs, romance and fun activities with kids! Venus also activates your creative desires, especially for your favorite hobby. Your focus on home, family and your personal life continues. Mars wants you to make goals and actively pursue them. Be patient with friends (or a group) because resentment might occur.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - You're talking to friends, neighbors and relatives, which is why you must make your communications clear. Speak carefully and listen. Many of you are redecorating and dealing with home repairs, which also involve family discussions. Some are exploring real-estate opportunities. Meanwhile, this is a fabulous week to sneak off on a vacation! You're restless for change and ready for action.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** - Your ruler Mercury and Venus will make you smooth talking and charming this week. You're entertaining and people love you! Many of you will make money from your words - selling, promoting, writing, teaching and acting. This is not surprising because after all, this is your year to improve not only your health - but your job! (If you don't improve your job - get a better one.) You might be proud of something and want to show it off. Many of you are making big purchases because you're pleased with your earnings.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** - You're sitting pretty with the Sun in your sign dancing with lucky, moneybags Jupiter! This gives you the energy to accomplish something good and useful for yourself and others. Bravo! It also fills you with enthusiasm and optimism! This is a great week to seek out new activities, especially anything that expands your mind. By all means, take a trip! Read books.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Continue to lie

low and pamper yourself. You feel happier when you treat yourself well. You believe in no pain, more gain. And why not? Life is short - and fat. Despite your desire for privacy and keeping a low profile, you need to talk to someone. You want to socialize! This year and next, you can make money from real estate.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - You want to schmooze this week! You're enjoying friends and fun involvements with clubs, classes, and groups. You might travel with a group, especially if it involves education or doing something that expands your mind. Some of you will be involved in charity work because your idealism is aroused. In fact, you might meet someone who is like-minded, which for some, will lead to a secret affair. Others are into research right now and working alone. Although you enjoy socializing with others, you also value your peace and quiet this week.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - You look marvelous, dahling marvelous! Obviously, this is the perfect week to ask bosses or parents for whatever you want. Make your pitch, especially if it involves money or boosts your income. Seriously - you can do something to earn more this week or down the road, so get on it. This is social week, enjoy the company of someone who is younger and artistic.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - This week you really want to spread your wings! Do whatever you can to travel and learn more. You need to have some adventure! If you can't get away, then explore your own city. Sign up for a course. Talk to fascinating people. Shake up your routine and get out of your velvet rut. It will happen. Therefore, when an opportunity for something different and exciting presents itself - grab it! Meanwhile, bosses, parents and VIPs are impressed with what you say. Be careful because a boss or teacher is attracted to you.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - You're full of travel ideas! (What's new?) Thankfully,

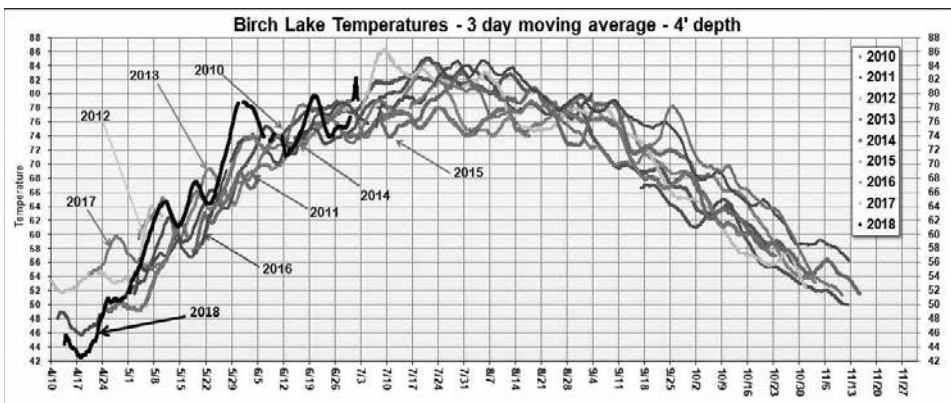
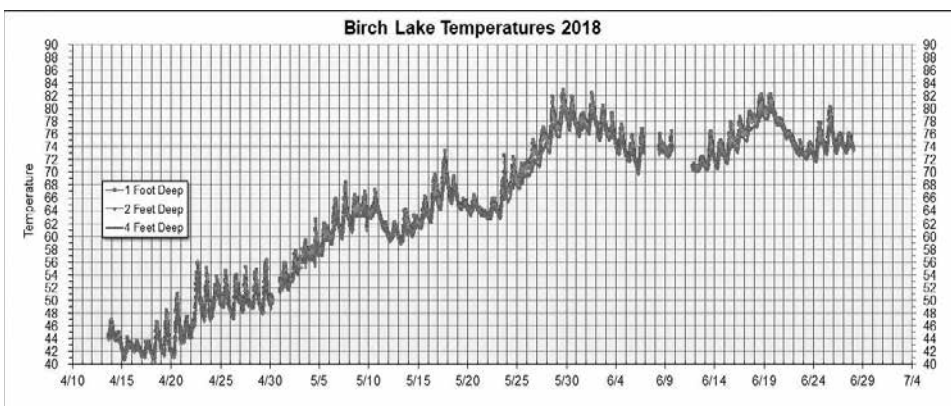
many of you are traveling for pleasure right now. Nevertheless, you have a strong focus on money and assets. Primarily, the wealth you're thinking about relates to shared assets, shared wealth, inheritances and anything you own jointly with someone else. Something hidden or behind the scenes will surface and it will benefit you. Perhaps the truth of something will come out or you receive an unexpected inheritance? Easy does it.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - You still need more rest and more sleep. This is a fact so respect your health. Take care of yourself because you are a long-lived sign. Because the Sun is opposite your sign now, you actually have the best opportunity in the entire year to clarify issues with close friends, partners and spouses. Use this chance to observe your style of relating. Don't focus on changing them. You can only change approach.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - This is a fabulous week for you! You are thrilled with the great press you're getting, and this makes you want to work even harder. This is wise. You want to manage your responsibilities well, which is why you are striving to make every action count. You want efficiency! You want to refine your techniques. In fact, you are so demanding (personally speaking), you also want the best health possible. You're on a roll! Don't stop because Mars is in your sign and giving you all the energy you need to tackle your ambitious goals.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - This week, things get even better! Your motto now is simply - "Get out and have a good time!" You feel playful, free-spirited and lighthearted! Enjoy romantic outings, flirtations, vacations, social excursions, parties, sports events and anything that appeals to you. Just be yourself and laugh it up. Relationships with coworkers are excellent this week. Even your health is strong. Sweets will tempt you. Don't overdo!

## 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: 0.293  
2.0 days after last quarter



**Sunrise: 06:12:55 AM**  
**Sunset: 21:21:14 PM**  
**Moonrise: 02:07:56 AM**  
**Moonset: 15:19:50 PM**  
**Daylight: 15 Hr 08 Min 19 Sec**



# — Barker Weekly Puzzle —



What is the fewest number of circles that need to be drawn so that each of the 10 stars are separated (boxed in) from the others? 10 circles would obviously separate each star from the others, as would 9, but what is the fewest number of circles that would suffice?

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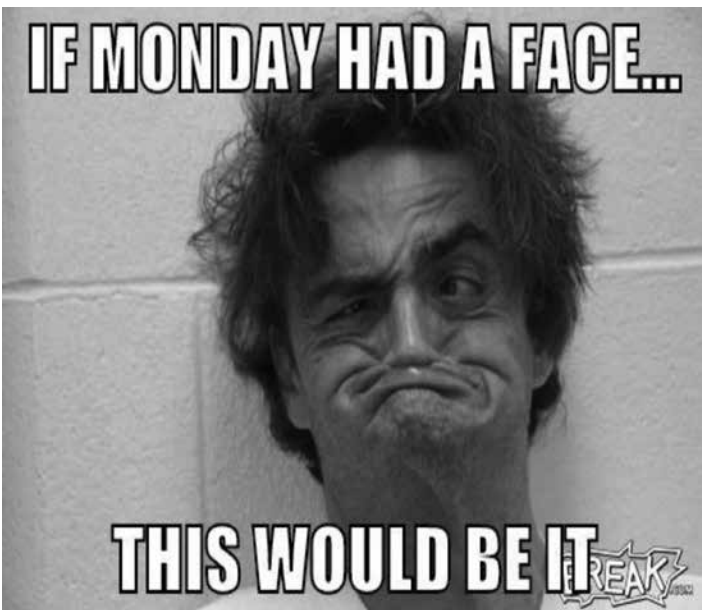
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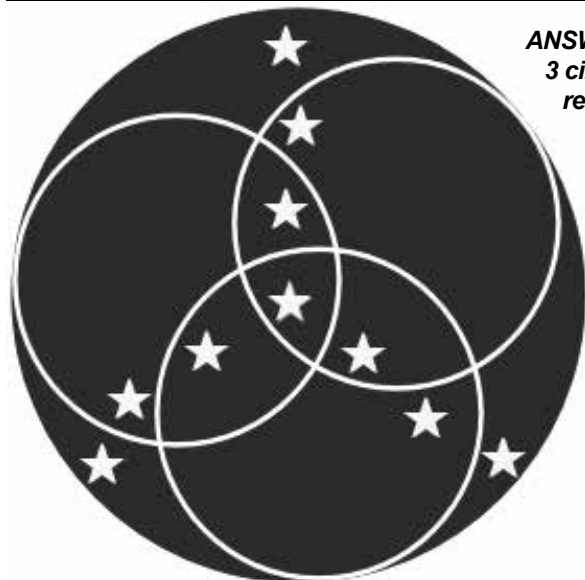


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## — Weekly Puzzle Solution —

#GrowingUpWithSiblings when you hit your sibling and they get in trouble for hitting you back



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# ~Birch Lake Recipes~



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- 2 cups ice
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- 1 tablespoon white sugar, or more to taste
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract



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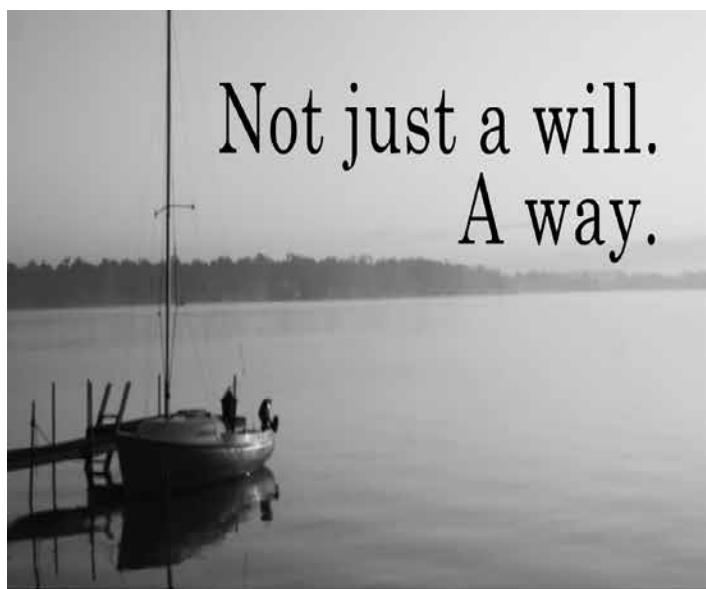
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# — Camp Tannadoonah —

## Come have PANCAKES!

**H**appy 4th of July! We just wrapped up our “Super Week” Session and our entire get a nice long holiday weekend. I know our counselors were all looking forward to a 5-day break, and many of them were going to take a trip into Chicago for a few days.

This past week and a half was quite an adventure with the heat up here at camp. We had to change up our schedule a bit to make room for additional water activities, made a giant slip-n-slide, played sprinkler soccer, and had extra water stations at several locations in camp. Luckily, we have an air conditioner for the nurse’s cabin, so we were able to have a cool spot in camp for any kids who got overheated.

Even though it was certainly hot, everyone managed pretty well, and we had a nice breeze up on the hill so it didn’t feel as bad as it did in town! And we were glad to not have any major storms come through when the heat finally broke a bit.

Our board and staff are looking

forward to seeing everyone at the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning! Just like in prior years, the breakfast will be from 8:30am to 11am on Sunday (July 8), and the cost is \$5 for ages 11 and up, \$2 for ages 6-10, and free for ages 5 and under. We will have regular pancakes, some gluten free pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice, and fruit cocktail.

Miss Michelle will also have a display of Camp Tannadoonah apparel and souvenirs if you’d like to get the new camp t-shirt, sweatshirt, or other camp items. This year’s camp t-shirt features the outline of Birch Lake on the front, and the sweatshirt has the geographical coordinates of the lake on it. The t-shirts are mint-green with blue print, and the sweatshirts (available in hoodies and crew necks) are dark heather gray with white and blue print.

When we come back from our 4th of July holiday break on Sunday, we welcome our largest group of campers yet this year, with 139 kids registered! Our capacity, with day

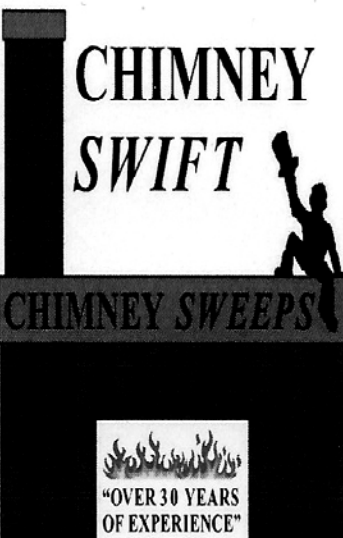
campers included, is 150, so it will be a big week for sure! All of our beds for girls will be full, and we have a few open spots left for boys.

We will nearly max out the capacity of our dining hall, when we add all the staff – we have 176 seats in the dining hall, and with 139 kids, plus about 35 staff, we’re really close! The capacity is actually 200 (per fire code), so we can bring in a few extra tables and benches if we have a full camp of 150 kids. And as you can imagine, it gets LOUD in there during meals with that many people!

We’re up to 937 campers registered so far for the summer – still a little ways from our goal of 990, but it’s still possible that we will get there. We still have boys’ spots available for Sessions 3, 4, and 6, and still have girls’ spots available for Sessions 4, 6, and 7. If you know anyone thinking about coming to camp, send them our way soon!

See you all Sunday at the breakfast!

~Miss Amber



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