

The
Weekend
Of

July 21
2018

Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the
Birch Lake Yacht Club
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Thanks to Amy Lutz (north shore) for some pretty cool fireworks pics from our recent holiday extravaganza!

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

To quote a line from the song "Pontoon" by Little Big Town, "Floatin' is all I wanna do" ... which pretty much was our motto last Sunday – what a hot one! We had a visit from our son, Chase – straight from a National Guard stint in Australia – and he said the heat was no comparison – it was actually cooler in Australia (granted, it's their 'dry' (winter) season, but still!). We were schooled on snakes and spiders and scorpions ... oh my! We're glad he's back, safe and sound.

I don't want to come off in a preaching or scolding way, so please read this knowing my intent is to bring awareness and give our lake community something to think about – and hopefully take action on. As you know, there are BLYC membership dues of \$30 – not an exorbitant amount for dues in my opinion. There are 240+ homes on the lake, yet we only have 100 BLYC "members" (those who pay dues). I've heard some people don't pay dues because they don't want to/aren't comfortable with the dues going towards supporting parties at the

Yacht Club. While the BLYC is a social club, functions at the Yacht Club have changed during the years and there is only one BLYC sponsored party – the Commodore/Vice Commodore Party. The BLYC Membership dues go to support the Yacht Club building which is used for many fantastic events each summer – Spaghetti Dinner, Corn & Sausage Roast, Fall Dinner, Golf Outing activities, rental for BLYC members, Soup/Chili Cook-Off, etc. Dues also help with expenditures such as insurance, taxes, trash removal, lawn mowing, electricity, general maintenance, etc.

In addition to membership dues, there are various funds that need our support. Please be aware, if you do not wish to be a BLYC member, the lake has very worthy and relevant programs that need funding and donations are the only means to keep the programs operating. Let me use the Fireworks as an example. The fireworks display was \$8,500 this year and we have donations of a little over \$5,000. We will be able to cover from the 'general' fund; however, in doing so each year, that fund will be depleted if dues are not paid and donations are not made. Water Quality is another important area that needs support – after all, if we don't have a

2018 Birch Lake Calendar

July 27 - Men's Golf, Noon, Park Shore
Aug 4 - Corn & Sausage
Aug 4 - SUNFISH-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 24, 4-5 pm, McGann's

2018 BLYC Board Meetings (all meetings start at 9 am)

August 11, Sept – TBA

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

healthy lake, we're all in a bad situation. Thankfully, the proceeds from the Spaghetti Dinner from recent years have helped but there are expenses each year that need to be covered. We now have an AED fund to support maintenance of the defibrillators installed around the lake (which I hope no one ever needs, but we are now better equipped to handle a heart attack emergency). Proceeds from Birch Lake T-shirts and Birch Lake cup sales are

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 —

going into this fund, but more contributions are needed. My overall request is to please help...whether you're a BLYC member or not....please donate to one or more of our lake funds. Donating is easy – there's a spot in each week's Barker you can fill out and get to BLYC Treasurer Deb Spratt or any of the Directors who will get it to Deb. If you don't know/can't choose which fund to contribute to, there is a "Misc." fund which will be used to help cover any of the underfunded areas. For those who have already paid their dues/made donations, you have my heartfelt thank you.

My "Commodoreship" (my new word of the day) is coming to an end and I am sending out a challenge: I would LOVE to have at least 200 BLYC members by August 18th (that's the Fall Dinner – when I become a "Past" Commodore and Angela Bergan becomes the new Commodore). If I can't get 200 members, then please let me go out with 240 Birch Lake homeowners donating to at least one of our funds. Challenge accepted? I hope so!!

I hope all the Birch Lake Ladies (I'm singing that to the tune of "All The Single Ladies" by Beyoncé – you should sing along with me!) had a fun-filled golf outing on Friday. I hope the weather cooperated and you were able to get through the course (as I write this, the forecast for Friday doesn't look too prom-



The final two AEDs were installed last week, the first at the Troeger home (near the landing), and the second at the DeYoung home (west side, near Storey Hill). Thanks to Bob Waddle for the help.

ising). I can't wait to see pictures of the Foursomes and hear all about the winners of the crazy challenges on the various holes. Thank you to Bad Patty and the crew of ladies for all your hard work in putting the event together.

For those that have asked me to 'hold' a Birch Lake T-shirt for them, please get with me so you can pick it up (574-261-6712 is my cell – or just stop by if you see us on the pier). There are still



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Cheers!

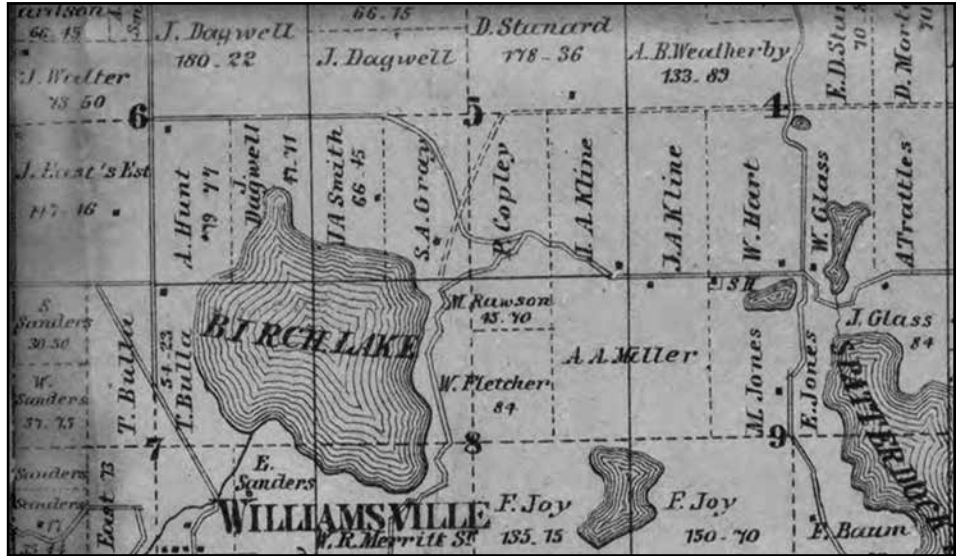
~Commodore Karen

Fall Dinner info

The Fall Dinner for 2018 will be held at the Birch Lake Yacht Club. The Fall Dinner will begin on Saturday, August 18 with appetizers served at 6 pm. Dinner will follow (catered by Chic Eats Catering) followed by a short program where we will review this year, introduce the new Vice Commodore and say goodbye to Commodore Karen. Look for the Flyer in next week's Barker.

At this time I am looking for volunteers to sell tickets for the North Shore and the South Shore. I have ticket sellers for the Cove (Linda Bergan), and the East side (Karen Curtis-Miller). Please contact Angela Bergan, berganfsu@aol.com or call 561-603-5522 if you are interested in selling tickets.

Please know I am also looking for any information about our fellow Birch



This is from a wall map of Berrien, Cass and Van Buren Counties published in 1860. Thanks to the Cass County Library Local History Branch.

Lakers to share at the dinner. If you have a new addition to your family, or know someone from the lake who is no longer with us, please let me know so we can respectfully honor them in the program.

Thank you

~Vice Commodore Angela

Barker deliveries

Now that we are mid-way into our summer season, we thought that the time was right to talk about the Birch Barker - that little lake periodical that

magically shows up in our mailboxes each weekend. Usually at the end of the year there is a casual shout-out to our "Barker team." But if you dig a little deeper you will find an efficient network of busy bees that assures that your paper is there on time.

In the beginning there was ... actually there was Phil Vitale, who 18 years ago, inherited the Birch Barker from Barb Zesinger, who did a marvelous job putting together a weekly news circular in the stone age. But Phil, with his publishing background turned the Barker

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into a professional publication that is envied by all the local lake associations. Before we launch into the Barker system, we need to thank Phil for compiling and editing the Barker and more importantly selling all the ads whose fees more than exceed our publishing costs.

After Tuesday's weekly deadline Phil sends the copy to the printer. The next time he sees it is when his copy is delivered to his door. On Friday afternoons, Stewart Spratt stops at the printer to pick up the Barkers after a hard day's work. He then delivers the copies to Sue and Bob Waddle whose task is to distribute them to all the local carriers. Early Saturday morning they embark on a beautiful trip around Birch Lake. First stop, Holly Troeger, then on past the landing to Julie Lacy's pretty blue house. After that is Staci Whiteman, whose route is one on the largest.

Then up the hill, around through scenic Williamsville and down Storey Hill to Buzz Rasmussen's place. Next stop is at Vicki Rogers' down the most beautiful tree shaded lane. Sarah Petty's house, a beautiful example of lake history, is next. Now down Birch Road from Harvey to Kiloqua Woods, Claudia Phipps' territory. Linda Curtis is the last stop before heading home. It is a beautiful trip that Sue and Bob are blessed with each weekend. If you do not receive your Barker, call your delivery person or call Bob Waddle at 269-365-7696.



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

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) beginning at approximately 11 am (after the Birch Lake Yacht Club Board meeting). All Birch Lake residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

After encountering some scheduling

conflicts, we are still looking for a certified CPR trainer to conduct training on that day. If you are a CPR trainer and are free on that day, please call Phil Vitale at 476-1680 to volunteer.

Watch the Barker for more info.

Thanks Linda!

The Birch Lake Yacht Club would like to thank our beneficent East Side neighbor, Linda Curtis for donating a brand new large floor mop to be used at the YC. She hopes her donation will extend the career of the Yacht Club's septuagenarian custodian, Sparkybob.

The Ghostly Yellow Canoe

Once in a while on Birch Lake in the early morning hours, you may have spotted a mysterious, ghostly like, almost transparent yellow canoe. Do not be alarmed, the paddler will sometime wave to you and may even say, "good morning". It disappears after its adventure around the lake and may not reappear for several days. So you may want to watch for it.

~Anonymous



Thanks to Amy Lutz (north side) for the Sunfish race pic from last weekend.



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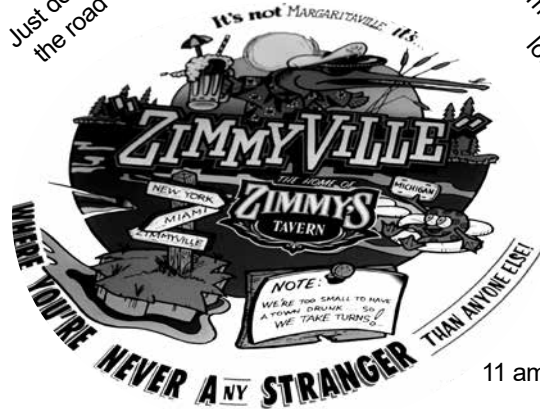
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FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Fleet Captain's Gibe #11 by J. Patrick McGann

Moh my, what a wonderful day! It was very hot, very humid and very little wind at times. However, we managed to get in a great race with about 15 boats out there again. Two very unusual suspects ended up winning both the MCs, namely Sailor Phil Vitale, and in the Sunfish Class, "That Little Old Wine Maker ME" your Fleet Captain. Yippie! I just barely held on the last upwind leg to win my second race of the season, from a charging Rick Russwurm and Bill Butler who passed Rick within the last ten feet of the race to take a second place finish, as the wind completely died. Go Bill!

The Race Committee Boat again was full of fun-, sun- and beer-loving ladies under the Captaincy of Bad Patty. The crew of: Deb Hall, Sandy Vitale, Blair Garceau and Good Patti Russwurm came armed with coolers and adorned in swimsuits ready to take on the blazing hot day so we sailors could have our fun. As soon as all the sailors were over the starting line we could see floating babes with noodles in the water and heard a symphony of pops as the cans were opening.

In as much as, we only had enough wind for one race a number of sailors, committee boat staff and families came over to the East Side Sailing Club (ESSC) and had a great times reviewing the races, fouls, winners and enjoyed our own company over a good supply of

assorted beers and wine in the shade of the leginary Flamingo Room deck.

It was suggested that we review the scoring system for the sailboat races and the procedures used to determine the seasonal winners, so before the end of the season we will hold a meeting to review how we do it now, the reasons for why we do it that way, and talk of alternatives. Thanks to Bill Luecht for volunteering to keep the season's scoring records and for volunteering to teach us all how he does it.

ATTENTION ALL SUNFISH SAILBOAT OWNERS

We want to try and get as many colorful Sunfish sailboats out as possible so, A SPECIAL ALL-SUNFISH FUN RACE will be held on SATURDAY August 4 promptly at 11 am. We estimate that there are as many as 30-40 Sunfishes on the lake. Wouldn't it be cool if we could get that many all out at one time. Great for you photographers and camera buffs out there, (like Buzz Rasmussen) who love to take and post lake pictures.

If the wind is to light we may delay it until a noon start, so watch for the big yellow marks and the Race Committee Boat to go out. Sail to the starting line between the Race Committee Boat and the smaller orange buoy. Please, if you own a Sunfish, try and bring it out that day. If you don't want to sail or can't sail but are willing to let someone else sail it for this one special race, please let me know so we can try to find someone else to sail it? If you are an MC sailor or have other sailing experience please let



me know so we can try and match you up to someone else's boat?

If you are not familiar with racing, no problems, all you have to do is follow Peter Soldato, the red, white and blue sail, and do what he does, and you'll be fine. This could be a really exciting event for Birch Lake and a great opportunity to take beautiful pictures of all the colorful Sunfish sails, so have your cameras ready and come out in your pontoon to get some close up shots, and post them on the Birch Lake Lovers Facebook page, but stay out of the sailboats way. Remember, they always have right of way.

Kids and adults are welcome at the last sailing class this Sunday at 4 pm at McGann's east side A-Frame. Popsicles will be served. Please RSVP to Pat@McGannHay.com or text/call 574-532-5377.

Sail on Dudes and Dudettes

~JPM

2018 BLYC Season Sailing Results

Race Date	Race	Race	Fleet	Total	Point
	17	Total	Captain's	Points	Average
	15-Jul	Points	Bonus	w/bonus	w/bonus

MC Scow

Scott Troeger #1489	2	23143	1542.87	1600	24743	1649.53
Barb Cassidy #2506	4	23064	1537.60	1521	24585	1639.00
Phil Vitale #500	1	17111	1425.92	1444	18555	1546.25
Bill Luecht #1579	5	18326	1409.69	1369	19695	1515.00
Bob King #1199	3	5705	1426.25		5705	1426.25

Sunfish

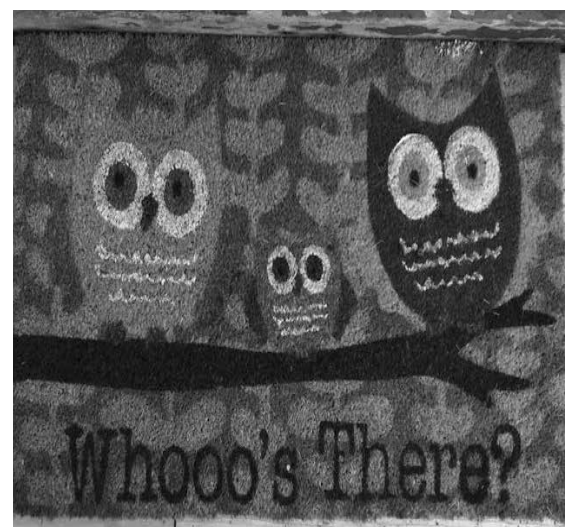
Peter Soldato		24439	1527.44	2969	27408	1713.00
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	4	20935	1495.36	2890	23825	1701.79
Pat McGann	1	24089	1417.00	3121	27210	1600.59
Bob Niezgodski		9832	1229.00	2592	12424	1553.00
Herb Cleveland	3	22433	1319.59	2888	25321	1489.47
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)	6	16381	1365.08		16381	1365.08
Stewart Spratt		16312	1359.33		16312	1359.33
Jeff Walls	9	20366	1198.00	2450	22816	1342.12
Amy Troeger	7	3821	1273.67		3821	1273.67
Bill Butler	2	2545	1272.50		2545	1272.50
Chris Scofield		3474	1158.00		3474	1158.00
Camille Butler	5	9886	1098.44		9886	1098.44
Stephen delRossi	8	1089	1089.00		1089	1089.00

DNS (Did Not Sail) does not count against season score, however sailor must complete 2/3 of races to qualify for season; DSQ (Disqualified) scores as one place worse than last place (if 5 boats finished, you would have finished 6th, will be scored as 7th place); DSQ not counted toward minimum number of races needed; DNF (Did Not Finish), scored as last place; CB - sailor who serves on Committee Boat receives their season average place as of that date - counted toward season total; Season Points are awarded on Square of 40 system (1st = 40 squared = 1600, 2nd = 39 squared, etc.); Season Place = total season points/number of races attempted; Crew - Counted toward completed races, Points go to skipper of boat.

— Birch Lake Decor —

New Barker feature

Thanks to Dan Waxman, Bob Palm and some old, bearded guy for this week's Decor. More next week.



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Gorski family, Godson of John and Lois Groszek (south side) enjoying Birch Lake (left), and in a water balloon fight in the yard.



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Enjoying their visit with Grandparents Deborah & Steve Curtis (east side) are Jeff & Nick from Georgia, and Ashlynn & Haylea from Niles, MI.

Aurora Trudell, granddaughter of Amy and Mike Lutz (north side), being ... adorable!

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ABOVE: Bad Patty and John posed with the real "Big Bird" at the Field Museum of Natural History on a recent field trip.

AT LEFT: Amy Troeger and John Luecht (both east side) took a great selfie last weekend at the Eastside Sailing Club meeting on Bad Patty's porch ...

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— Barker Critters of the Week —



Thanks to Bob King (north side) for this pic of one of our resident eagles ... Bob said he waited for it to take to the air but looked away at the last second and missed it.



Thanks to Bob Palm (south side) for the great pic of Baldy attacking Birchie in front of his house ... the note said it was from last November, but better late than never!

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 will continue to focus on home and family. Your interaction with a parent might well be significant. Fortunately, coworkers are supportive, which is always a welcome thing. You might get a raise at work and certainly praise from coworkers and bosses. Your challenge is to be patient with friends and members of groups.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - You cannot ignore that this is a busy fast-paced week because it's a busy, fast-paced month! Just go with the flow and keep smiling. Romance is blessed. Flirtations abound! Sports events and playful activities with children will delight. Meanwhile, a special family occasion will attract relatives to your doorstep. Stock the fridge. You'll have lots of opportunities to trade lies and talk about the bad old days.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - Money, cash flow, earnings and financial negotiations are still a primary focus for you. This could be due to real-estate negotiations, which are favorable at this time. Cash flow decisions might also relate to opportunities to redecorate and fix up your digs. You will definitely enjoy entertaining at home as well, which can be costly. And of course, exciting plans to travel also require money. Some will divert money towards education and classes. Unfortunately, checks in the mail will be late. In fact, canceled trips, confused communications and transportation delays will be par for the course.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - This continues to be a powerful time for you because people will enjoy talking to you, especially relatives, siblings and neighbors. This is an excellent week for writers, actors, teachers and those of you in sales. Disputes about inheritances and shared property might wear you down. If looking for work, return to places you previously applied or where you worked before. To make money, "go backwards."

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - You might be surprised at the degree to which you will go in order to seek privacy. You will want to hide at home and keep a low profile. Don't worry; this is just what's happening. No biggie. When the Sun enters your sign next Sunday, you will suddenly step out, center stage, flying your colors! In the meantime, continue to be patient with close friends and partners.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Your popularity continues! Everyone wants to see your face! You have lots of energy to work hard now. You will also delegate to others. Meanwhile, fair Venus is in your sign making you charming and diplomatic. Incidentally this is an excellent week (yet again) to buy wardrobe goodies. As your ruler Mercury slows and begins to go retrograde, it ushers in a marvelous time for you to discover answers to old questions and solutions to old problems.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - This week bosses and VIPs are so impressed with you. Naturally, you can use this to your advantage and take it to the bank. (This advantage occurs only once a year for you and last for about four weeks, therefore, use it!) Ask for what you want because you might get it! All is not hard work. Play and explore your creative talents. Accept invitations to party! Enjoy little vacations.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Many of you are dealing with profound situations and contemplating the big, serious questions of life. This might provoke escapist tendencies for some of you, which is why you want to blow town. Ah yes, travel beckons! You will also appreciate any chance that comes your way to learn something new. Even though your communications with others are unusually direct and to the point right now, you are having a wonderful time schmoozing with friends. Be aware that as this month progresses, you will have more and more opportunities to run into parents, bosses, teachers and authority figures from your past.

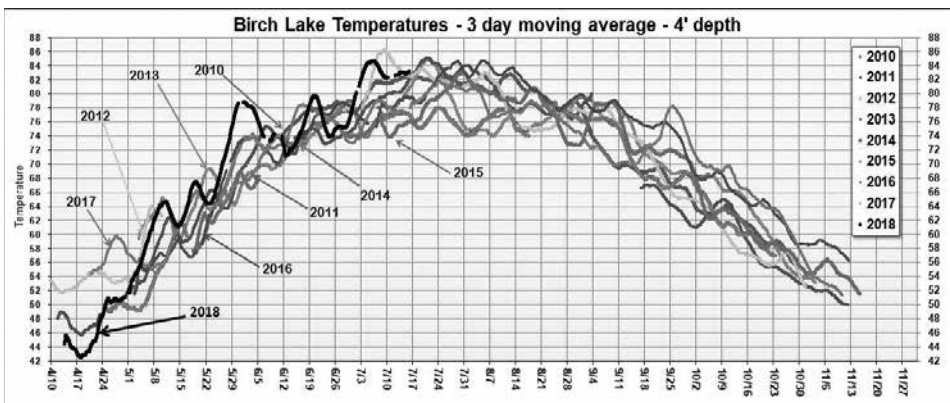
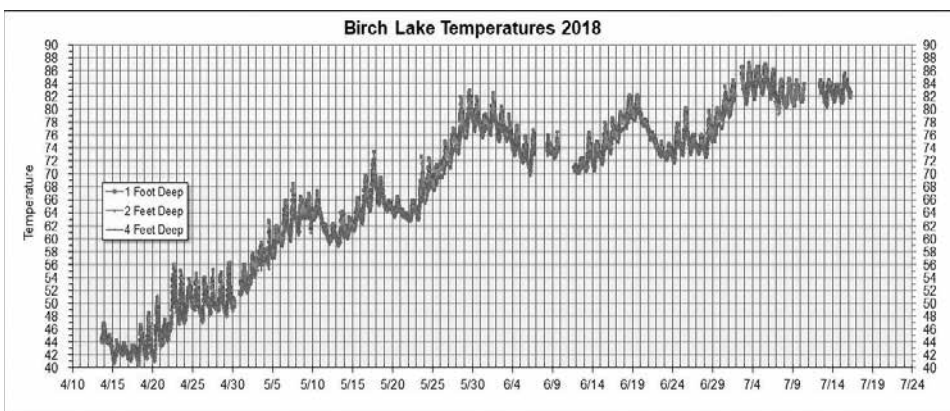
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - This is another intense week for you. Issues are black-and-white. Everything matters. Many of you will be focused on inheritances, shared property, insurance issues, taxes and debt. All this intensity also translates into sexual energy. Oh yes, you're passionate! Some of you are involved in a romance with a boss or someone older or more established. You might be very bold about going after what you want. Travel plans might be delayed or canceled.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - The Sun is still opposite your sign, which draws your focus to friendships and partnerships this week. These one-to-one relationships are important to you. You can also learn more about yourself from these relationships. Meanwhile, travel for pleasure appeals. Romance with someone different or from another culture might also arise.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - This week you want to get better organized. (This has been your theme song very recently.) You're working hard to feel like you are on top of your game. Likewise, you want your health to be tops as well. Keep your pockets open because you will benefit from the wealth and resources of others this week. This is the perfect time to decide how to divide or share something.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Lucky you! Opportunities for vacations, socializing, exploring the arts, enjoying parties and sports events plus being involved with kids activities are all topics on your menu this week. In other words, you want to have fun! You want to play! In addition, fair Venus opposite your sign promotes and enhances all your relations with others, even your enemies. Yes, your social calendar is promising! The only downside is that you will experience snafus, errors and frustrations at work. No getting around this. Just grin and bear it. Continue to look for opportunities to expand your world through travel and further education.

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: 0.737
2.5 days since first quarter



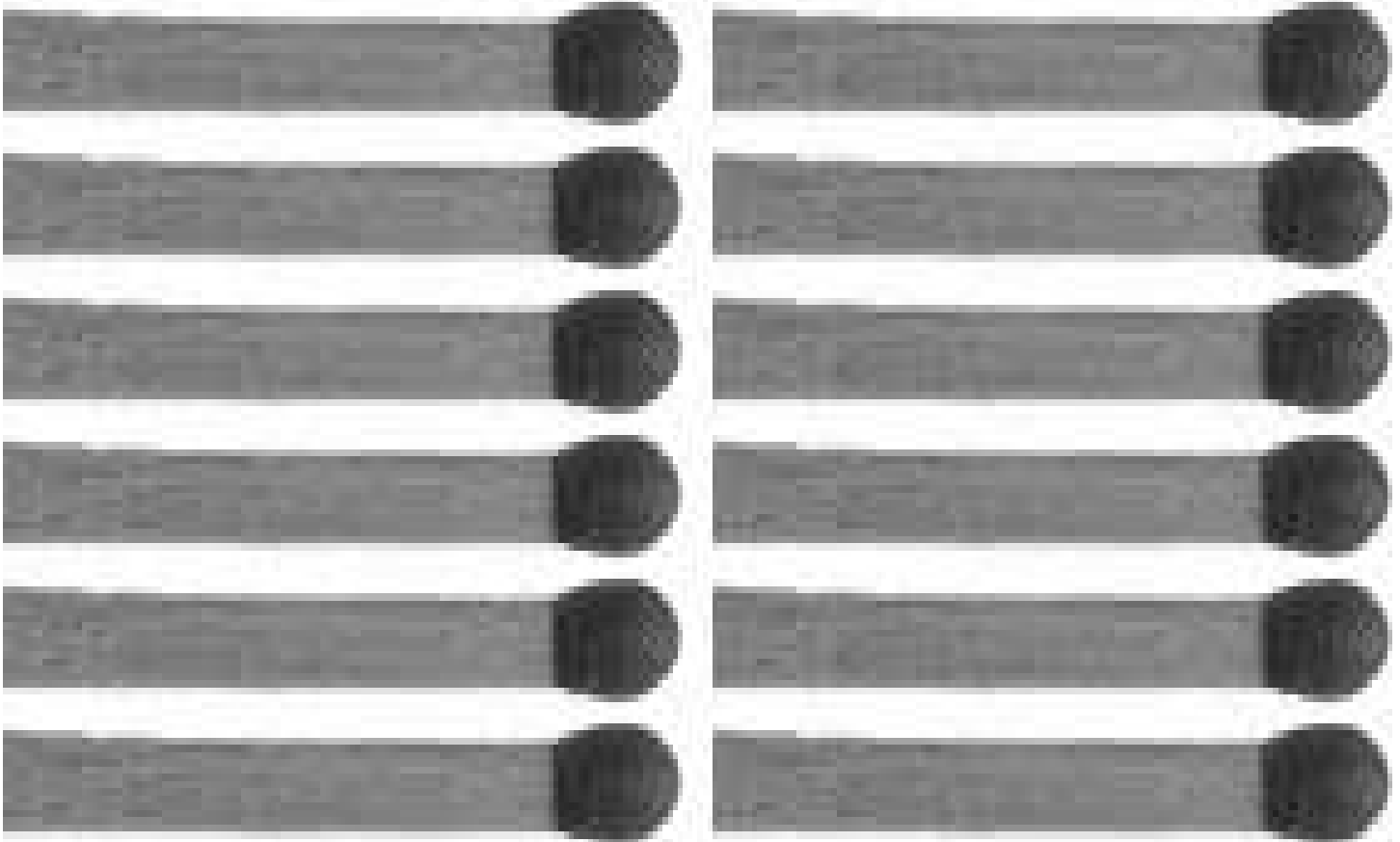
Sunrise: 06:24:06 AM
Sunset: 21:12:51 PM
Moonrise: 16:02:41 PM
Moonset: 02:01:47 AM
Daylight: 14 Hr 48 Min 45 Sec

— Barker Weekly Puzzle —

What is the maximum number of squares that can be made using 12 matches? Note that

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another (i.e. you cannot make "miniature" squares).



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Tuesday!**

10 FUN FACTS

1. You can't wash your eyes with soap.
2. You can't count your hair.
3. You can't breathe through your nose, with your tongue out.
4. You just tried no. 3
6. When you did no. 3 you realized it's possible, only you look like a dog.
7. You're smiling right now, because you were fooled.
8. You skipped no. 5
9. You just checked to see if there is a no. 5
10. Share this with your friends to have some fun too! :-)

I DON'T DRINK BEER



I DRINK A WHEAT SMOOTHIE

**Not to brag, but I just
went into another
room and actually
remembered why I
went in there.**

**It was the
bathroom, but still....**

Instead of a
sign that says:
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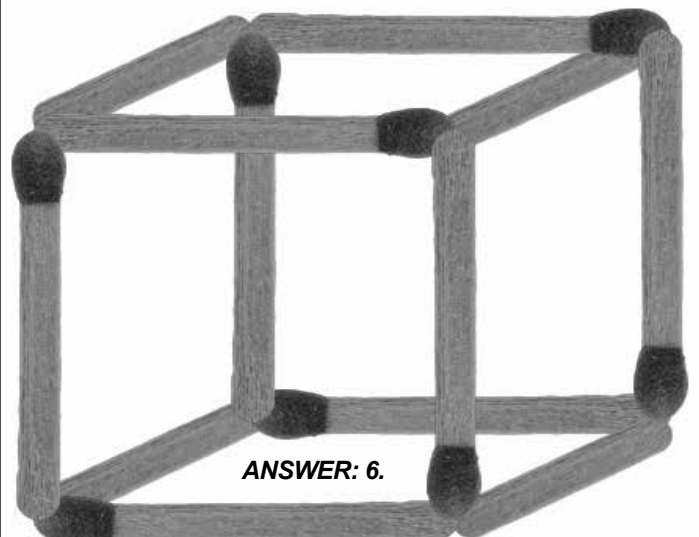


**I PUT MY SYMPTOMS ON
WEBMD AND IT TURNS OUT**



**I JUST NEED TO BE ON THE
LAKE WITH A COLD BEER**

— Weekly Puzzle Solution —



ANSWER: 6.



~Birch Lake Recipes~



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Ingredients:

- 2 (3 ounce) packages grape flavored Jell-O® mix
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 (8 ounce) can crushed pineapple, undrained
- 1 (21 ounce) can blueberry pie filling
- Topping:
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Add all ingredients to list

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, mix together gelatin powder, boiling water, pineapple and pie filling. Pour into a mold, or glass baking dish, and refrigerate until



set, at least 2 hours.

2. In a medium bowl, mix together the cream cheese, sour cream, sugar and vanilla until smooth. Spread over the top of the gelatin. If using a mold, unmold the gelatin before applying topping

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— Camp Tannadoonah —

Half way through the season!

We've reached the half way point of our summer! This week at camp is "World Travelers Week," and we're doing many activities that are focused on learning about different cultures.

At Crafts, each day of the week has been a craft from another country, including Indian Hasma Crafts, African Flaute Harmonicas, Australian Rock Decorating, and Japanese Paper Lanterns. Our evening activities have been internationally-themed as well, with our very own World Cup on Sunday evening, and a "Choose your own Adventure" night where the international staff members teach campers about their home countries. Sports and games has played Cricket and Croquet and variations on tag from around the world.

The counselor committee for the week decorated the dining hall with flags and maps of all the countries represented by our staff and campers. And we have 5 campers here this week from France! I picked them up at the airport in Chicago on

Saturday afternoon, and they will be here for several weeks this summer. Three of the kids will be here for two weeks, and two of them are staying for three weeks this year. Next week we have campers coming to camp from Myanmar and Singapore as well!

After this week, we will have just three weeks left of camp. It's hard to believe it goes so fast! We have a total of 955 campers registered for the summer; right around the number we ended with last year, but still a bit short of our goal for this year. It's amazing to think that we're over 950 kids, and I'm still feeling a bit disappointed that we didn't get to our goal yet! It was just a few years ago we were ecstatic to get to 500 campers for the year.

We do still have space for Sessions 6 (July 29-August 4), and Session 7 (August 5-11), so if you have kids / grandkids / other relatives / neighbors who are still thinking about coming to camp, they can still get signed up.

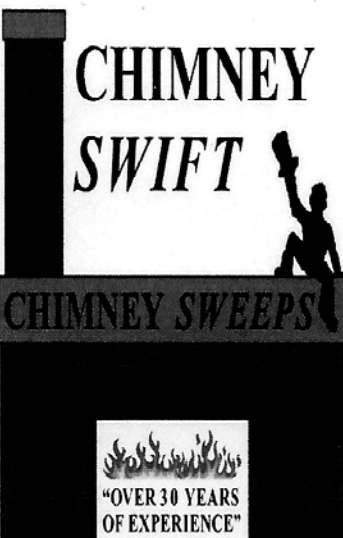
We tried something new this

year that has been a lot of fun for our staff. At the start of the summer, I reached out to camp alums, former staff members, and parents of current and past campers and asked them to "adopt" a camp staff member for the summer. They've been sending letters and post cards, and small care packages to our staff throughout the summer.

It's been so much fun to hear about that letters that counselors have received from past staff members, and thoughtful gifts they received in care packages. It's also been a great pick-me-up for staff members when they're starting to get tired in the middle of the summer. Most of the staff don't typically get real mail during the summer, so they've enjoyed getting real letters and cards (aka "snail mail"), too. It's definitely something we'll want to do again next year!

Next week we have a completely full week of camp, with 150 campers coming! It's going to be a wild and crazy week at camp. We can't wait!

~Miss Amber



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Birch Lake Notes

Sixth AED installed on Birch Lake

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)

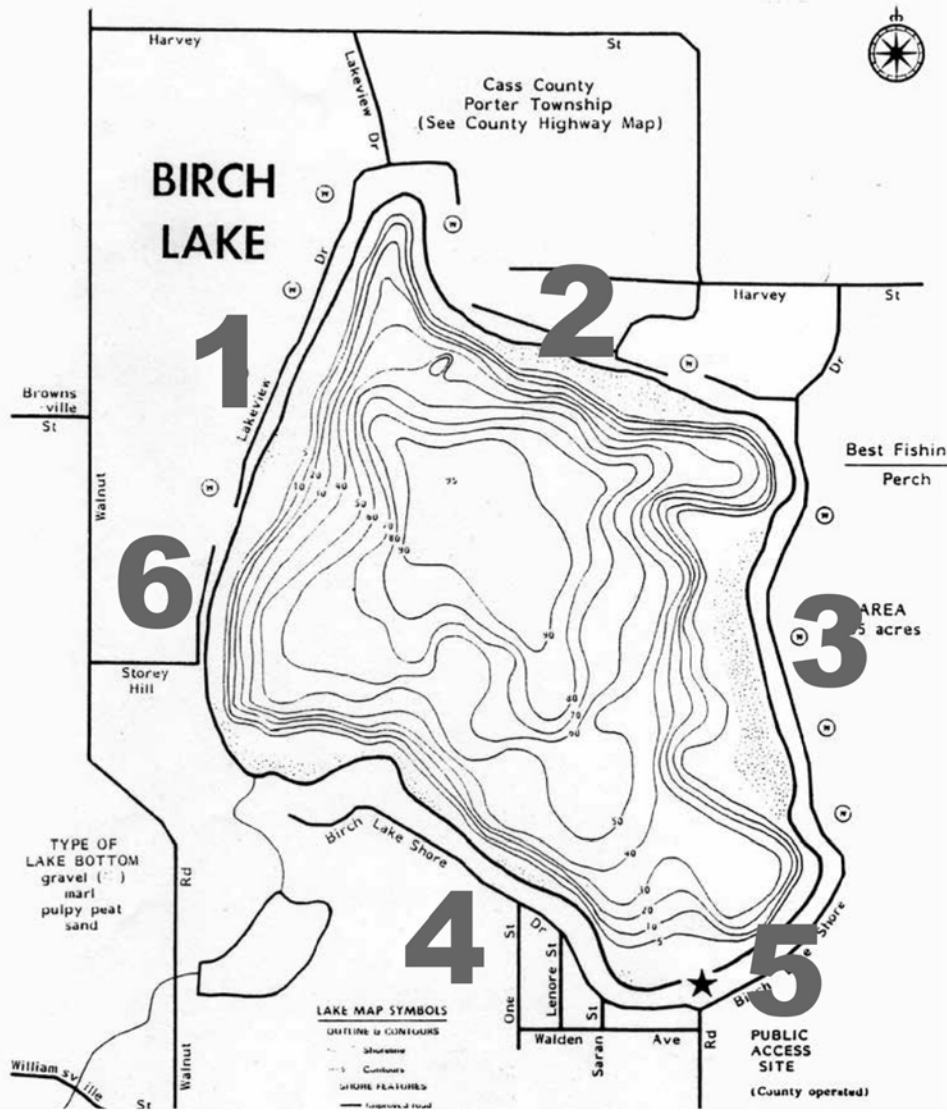
AED will soon be installed at the DeYoung home (formerly the home of Jack and Marty Miller) at 63255 Storey Hill St. That unit will be installed on the north face of the garage.

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 (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) training session.

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

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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.
6. **Southwest Shore**, DeYoung home, 63255 Storey Hill St.

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1. CALL 911 and report the emergency and the patient's location immediately.
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