



The weekend of **May 30 2015**

# Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the  
**Birch Lake Yacht Club**



That's the Mullin grand-boys (Rich & Pam, north side) with frog ... thanks to Mr. Bob for the pic.

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

I sure looked like Memorial Day at Birch Lake to me as I watched and joined in the lake activity last weekend. I hope you crossed off some chores on your to do list as well as found time to enjoy family and friends over the holiday.

I sure enjoy getting the first printed Barker, and this year was no exception. The Barker is such a nice addition to being a part of this lake. I learned a lot about Camp T activity, water quality and Venus. I want to thank Phil Vitale for all his hard work to make the Barker happen. Last week I left out Bob and Sue Waddle when thanking our Barker delivery team. My apologies to Sue and Bob for the mistake!

Speaking of Bob and Sue, I am reminded that the boat parade theme for this year is ... Favorite Movies ... I hope all of you with creative minds are getting your boat designs together. I'd love to see 15-20 boats in this year's parade and July 4th is just 6 short weeks away.

We have several June events begin-

ning with the Commodore/Vice Commodore Party on June 13 at the Yacht Club starting at 6:30. Bring an appetizer and gather for a few hours to catch up with other lakera.

There is no theme for this year's party because nothing can top the performance by Bad Patty and her sidekick at last year's shin-dig. Just come as you are and enjoy a relaxing evening.

Other events in June are the Spaghetti Dinner June 20 at the Yacht Club. The south side will prepare this year's dinner and next year the west side will take over this event.

Then, the 27th of June, Bad Patty is leading the charge for the second year of the People's Regatta. Watch the Barker for more details on all of these June activities.

Donations for the fireworks on July 4 have been good and we thank you for getting your contributions in. Our Fireworks fund has \$5,000 in it and we need another \$3,000 to cover our cost for this year's show. I am confident the money will come in and wanted to let you all know where we stand in regards to funds needed and donated so far.

I'd like to thank Caroline Cotton for

## 2015 Birch Lake Calendar

June 10.....	Porter Township Cleanup Day, 8 am to noon, American Waste, Union
June 13.....	Commodore and Vice Commodore's Party
June 20.....	Spaghetti Dinner
June 27.....	People's Regatta
July 4.....	Fireworks
July 5.....	Pancake Breakfast
July 11.....	House Walk/Art Fair
July 17.....	Ladies' Golf Outing
TBA.....	Poker Run 2015
July 31.....	BLYC Men's Golf Outing (Pete Soldato & Chas Grundy chairmen)
Aug 8.....	Com & Sausage Roast
Aug. 29.....	Fall Dinner
FRIDAY, Oct. 9.....	Chili Cookoff

### 2015 Board Meetings

June 6, July 11, August 1, September 5 at BLYC -- Meetings start at 9 am

### Dates subject to change.

Watch the Barker for updates!

her article she wrote for a school project titled Fourth of July at Grandpa's. The article was printed in last week's Barker and she did a great job describing why being at Birch Lake on the 4th of July is so important to her. If you have not

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Thanks to our good neighbor and artist-in-residence Duffy Dufor for the spring painting ...

made your fireworks donation for this year, read her article for a little motivation to get your donation in.

That's it for this week. I look forward to seeing you at Birch Lake ... where every day is an adventure.

~Commodore Fry

## Boat Parade

Everyone loves a parade, and none

more than the Annual Birch Lake Boat Parade. This year's theme will be "Favorite Movies", which should be quite interesting. From "Jaws" to "Star Trek" to "Aliens", to "Jurassic Park" to all of the Disney movies, the selection is endless. The parade will start at 2 pm on Saturday, July 4 at Dick Bender's pier on the south side of Birch Lake. The parade will be led by this year's Grand

Marshals, who will be announced in the July 4th Birch Barker. More details will be provided in future Barkers. July 4th will be here before you know it, so put on your thinking caps and start preparations to make this year's parade the best ever.

## Spaghetti Dinner info

The South side is busy planning this year's Yacht Club Spaghetti Dinner, which will take place at the BLYC on June 20. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a homemade spaghetti dinner which includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and tea or lemonade. Tickets are just \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 4-10, and children 3 and under are free. All proceeds will benefit the Yacht Club. For ticket information, call Di Wozny at 574-315-4915, Sue Williams at 476-8886 or Denny Weesner at 476-2569.

## Porter Township Cleanup Day

Porter Township will host it's annual Cleanup Day on Saturday, June 13 from 8 am-Noon at American Waste, 15621 Mason St., Union.

For most items there is no charge (donations are gladly accepted); minimal charges apply for refrigerator-type appliances, car, tractor and truck tires. No yard waste, garbage or construction materials, no hazardous waste and no TVs. E-waste (monitors, VCRs, DVDs, computers, etc) and waste oil will be

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## It's Calendar Time!

Time to submit your pictures for the 2016 Birch Lake Calendar. We need horizontal color photos from all seasons. Since the pictures need to be enlarged, camera photos usually work better than cell phone photos. Please e-mail your best pictures (no more than five) to [lindal1008@comcast.net](mailto:lindal1008@comcast.net) or give them to Linda Yoshizawa, Vickie Rogers, Sue Williams, or Carla Chester by July 13.

## Name the Eagle!

Birch Lake is home to several bald eagles, and this is your chance to name one of them. The BLYC is sponsoring a Name the Eagle contest to benefit the water quality fund. You can submit names online until June 30. Voting will begin July 1. For more details or to submit your idea for a name, visit [bitly.com/nametheeagle](http://bitly.com/nametheeagle).

If you have any questions, please contact Chas Grundy at 574-315-0217 or [chas@grundyhome.com](mailto:chas@grundyhome.com).

## Do you need to update your Birch Lake Directory listing?

New to Birch Lake? Family dynamics change? Want to update your info for



*Thanks to Mr. Bob for the photo of a clutch of Mallard duck eggs somewhere in the vicinity of the Baucus home on the north shore.*

the Birch Lake Directory? You can email your changes to BLYC, c/o Deb Spratt at 18100 Farmington Hills Drive, South Bend, IN 46637, or email them to [deb-spratt@cressyandeverett.com](mailto:deb-spratt@cressyandeverett.com) ...

## Free Fishing weekend June 13-14

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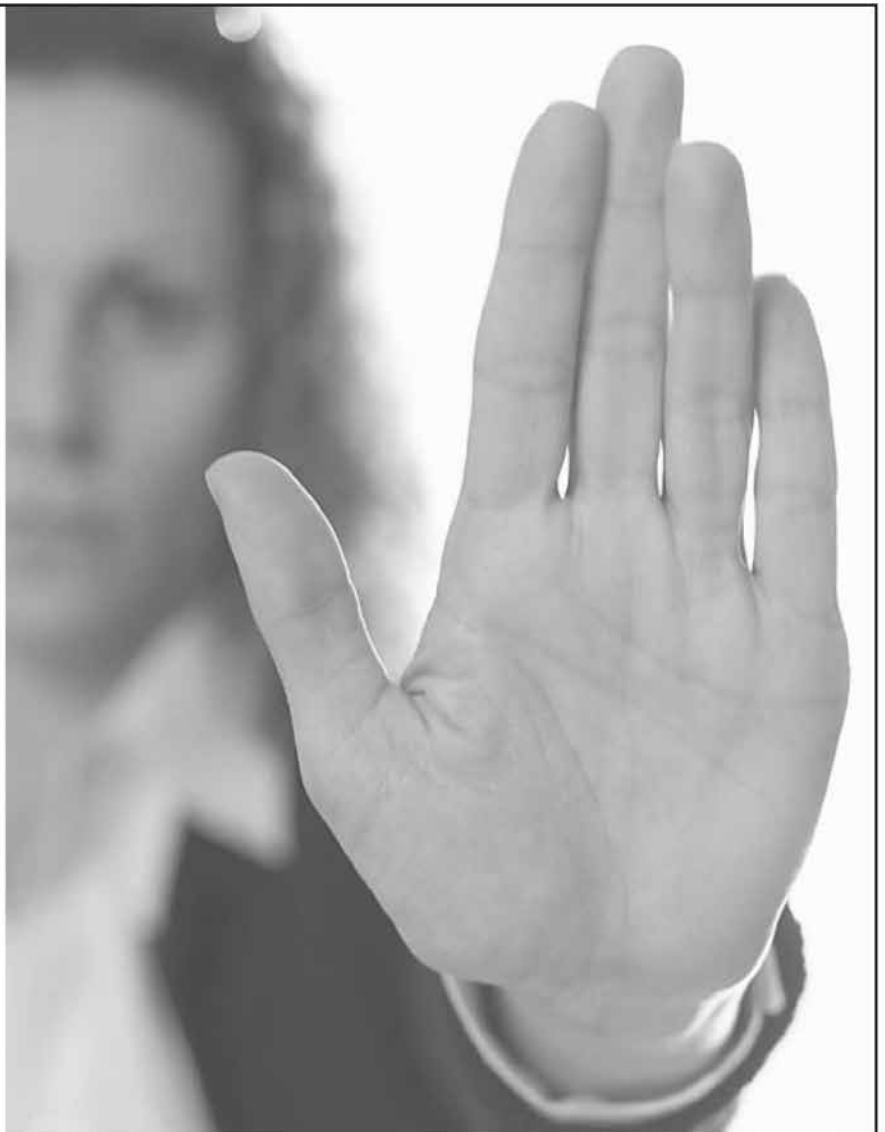
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waters without a license (though all other rules are in place).

## Barker Deadlines

The deadline for submitting information for any Barker is the Tuesday of the week before publication (example: the deadline for materials for the May 31 issue is Tuesday, May 26) ... thanks.

## Advertising in the Barker

We are still (and always) accepting both display and classified advertising for the Birch Barker (see page 17 of today's Barker). Classified ads are free to members of the BLYC (non-member rate is \$5 per ad). Email your classified ads to the Barker at [sailorphil@philvital.com](mailto:sailorphil@philvital.com).

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All ads are subject to the approval of the editor and/or Commodore, officers and board of the Birch Lake Yacht Club.

## Be on the lookout

We've had a report that two west-side shore stations were vandalized over the Memorial Day Weekend. According to our source the cover on one of the two was shredded and is a total loss as a result. The county police have been alerted and are investigating.

## Online content

The printed Birch Barker will be online this season, as well as additional content ... go to [www.philvital.com](http://www.philvital.com) and follow the links.

## In Memory

Our sympathies to the family of Michele L. Morgan-Dufour, wife of David Dufour and daughter-in-law of Sue and Duffy Dufour, Birch Lake Eastside residents. Michele passed away May 21 in Elkhart. She was born Sept. 25, 1955, in Elkhart, to Gene A. and M. Carol (Baker) Morgan.

She was preceded in death by her father and a brother, Marc A. Morgan, who died April 15.



As Michele Morgan, she married David Dufour on Feb. 23, 1980, in Elkhart.

Dave survives along with their children, Demaree Dufour-Noneman (Brett) of Goshen, Paige Dufour (Jamie Reckelhoff) of Indianapolis and Dylan Dufour (Paula Douglas) of Chicago; two granddaughters, Anya Lynn and Claire Elizabeth Noneman; a sister, Melanie (Thomas) Dunajeski of Dyer; and her mother, M. Carol Morgan of Elkhart.

Michele was a 1973 graduate of Elkhart Central High School and a 1977 graduate of Indiana University, where she was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. She had been employed for many years by Juhl Marketing Communications, most recently as senior vice president. After leaving Juhl, Michele

took a position at Indiana University South Bend as director of community outreach for the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts.

Michele was also a member of Tri Kappa and a life member of Elkhart Civic Theatre. She enjoyed reading and was an accomplished photographer, having studied photojournalism in college. However, her biggest joy in life was her family, more specifically her granddaughters, whom affectionately called her "Gaga."

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society Northwest Indiana office, 130 Red Coach Drive, Mishawaka, IN, 46545.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.hartzlergutermuthinman.com](http://www.hartzlergutermuthinman.com).

## BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB



Saturday, June 20

5:30-8:00 PM

Enjoy a great dinner with friends and support the yacht club too! This year's dinner is sponsored by the south side and promises to be a great event. Dinner includes spaghetti with two sauces, salad, dessert and ice tea or lemonade.

Take outs are also available.

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# — Birch Lake House Walk —

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Claudia Phipps has loved living on Birch Lake for many years – in fact, she raised her children here.

Claudia is originally from Sikeston, Missouri and Dennis is from Bloomington, Indiana.

Dennis was choir director and music department chairperson for Central High School in Elkhart, and Claudia was choir director and music department chairperson for Memorial High School in Elkhart.

When Dennis and Claudia retired they decided to look for a new place to call home.

Coming back to Birch Lake was an easy decision to make!

The Phipps' are the third owners of their house on the north shore, which was built in 1987 and renovated two years ago. They told their contractor, Marion Miller, that they wanted their home to have an "artistic" theme, with the lake as the focal point. He put them in touch with a variety of Amish artisans to help achieve their vision.



The result: A beautiful, unique environment with eclectic and unusual features, and an open floor plan that takes full advantage of their view of Birch Lake. In addition to their great view, Dennis and Claudia especially enjoy their kitchen, bedroom and bathrooms, as well as the outdoor space. Their yard includes a vegetable

garden, flower garden, and a lovely walkway to the front door fashioned from sections of trees.

In short, they love it here! And they love sharing their home with their 5 children and 11 grandchildren (number 12 is on the way!), as well as with Dennis' mother, Helen, who lives with them and will be 95 this year.

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The event will start at the Wozniak barn where everyone must check in to go on the tour. From there, you will walk to the first home and then be whisked away by pontoon for your tour. **The first boats leave at 10 am and run continuously. Please note ... the last boat tour leaves at 12:30 pm so that everyone completes the tours by 2 pm.** A limited amount of parking will be available at the barn, so please carpool or walk if possible. It truly is a fun day and a great way to see old friends and meet new ones!

Tickets will be \$15 pre-sale, and \$20 at the door. Tickets can be bought through Denny Weesner on the South side, Vickie Rogers and Denise Smitley on the West side and Cove, Carla Chester and Linda Yoshizawa on the East side, and Sandy Baucus on the North side.

# — Barker Kids of the Week —



*S Evilsizer*  
Photography ©

*Congrats to our daughter Ashleigh Nicole Raye Whiteman on her graduation from Constantine High School on May 29th 2015.*

*She will be attending Baker College in Muskegon in the fall to become a Veterinary Technician.*

*Good Luck and Best Wishes.*

*Love,  
Mom Dad and Ian .*

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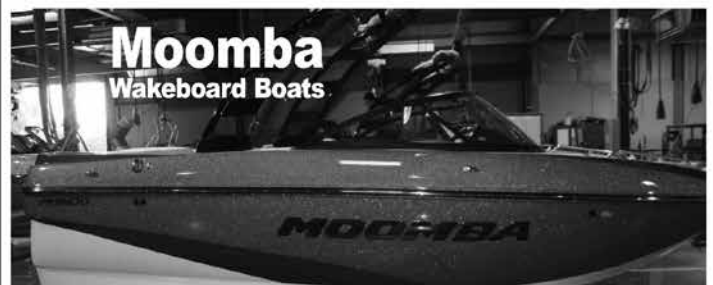
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Sue Waddle, Linda Curtis, Lola, and Jack, are getting ready for the Memorial Day weekend.

## BARKER KID-OF-THE- WEEK PHOTOS!

Everyone loves to see their kid in the paper ... and one picture is worth a thousand words! Send your kid of the week to me (or grandpa of the week or neighbor of the week or dog of the week ... we even print weeds of the week!) and be sure to include the names and other details via email at [SAILORPHIL@PHILVITALE.COM](mailto:SAILORPHIL@PHILVITALE.COM)

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# — Barker Kids of the Week —



*These are our two granddaughters, Jazmine (getting ready to hit off the tee) and Sydney (blowing the windmill on the beach). Jazmine is 5 and loves to play games with her family and especially when the games are at the lake. Sydney is one and is just finding out how much fun the sand and water can be at Birch Lake. The girls are the daughters of Cari and Andre Reddick and the granddaughters of Bill and Carol Myers (west side).*

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# FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



## Official start this Sunday (we hope)

**H**aving taken several trips around the lake, it was apparent that there were not enough sail boats in the water and or fully ready to sail this last weekend. Due to that I pushed the official start of the season off until this Sunday at 11 am sharp.

I hope this extra week gives many of you the time needed to get your boats out and prepped for the upcoming season! Hope to see everyone out there. If you are a first-time sailor please come out and join us, everyone is welcome!

As we do every year, we are always looking people to run and help with our committee boat. If you have an extra couple of hours some Sunday morning, please let me know — we have many open dates and could always use extra manpower.

Don't forget to put June 27th on your calendar for the second annual "Don Harmon People's Regatta"

To all, "Splice the Main Brace"

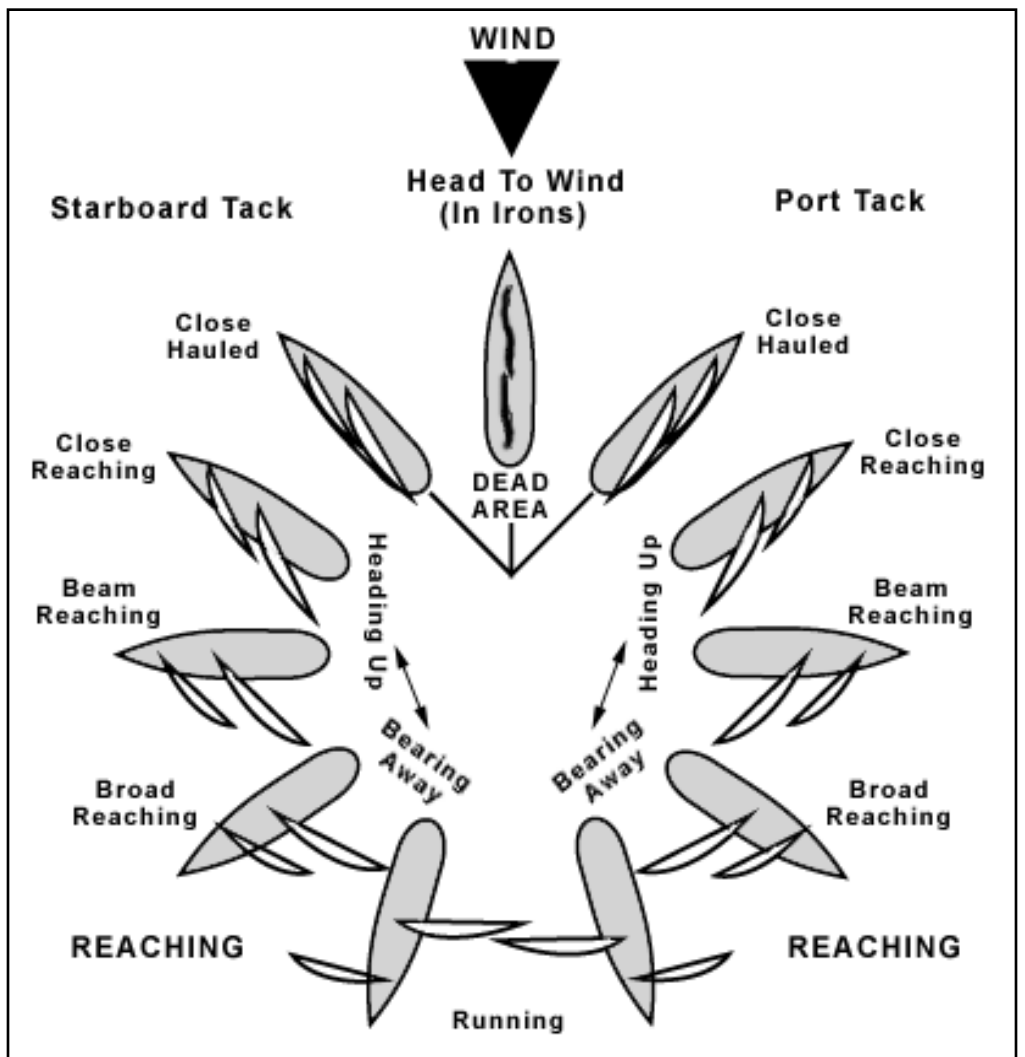
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# — Dana on Drugs —

## How to dispose of unwanted medication

By **Dana Soldato, PharmD**

In today's world, almost everyone has a cabinet full of medications. Whether they be prescription drugs, or over the counter medications, there will come a time when you realize that you may no longer need a medication, or that medications you have stockpiled have already expired. You may find, however, that cleaning out the medicine cabinet brings on new questions: Can I throw this medicine in the trash? Should I flush it down the toilet? Will it get into the water supply?

Rest easy, because I'm here to tell you that it's much less complicated than you might think.

The absolute best way to dispose of your old medication is through a medication "take-back" program.

The relatively nearby Elkhart Police Department, for example, maintains a drop box provided by the Elkhart County Drug-Free Partnership. This drop box works like a library book return. You can also dispose of your medications at the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days held on the first Saturday of every month from 8-3 at the Elkhart County Correctional Facility off of County Road 7.

These are the two ongoing programs that I am most familiar with, but I have also heard the Cass County Sheriff's Office maintains a permanent medication drop box.

If you are unable to dispose of your medication through a take-back program, most medications can be safely disposed of in the regular trash. All you need to do is mix the medication into something undesirable like cat litter or used coffee grounds. Once mixed with something undesirable, nobody will want to ingest your medication and it is safe for disposal into your regular trash.

If you are worried about the medication ending up in the water supply, place the medication in a sealed container before throwing in the trash. This prevents the drug contents from leaching out into waste removal byproducts. Importantly for your personal privacy protection, be sure to remove and shred labels from any medication bottles that are being disposed of.

Controlled substances are medications that have a high risk of being abused or addictive. Because of this, we have to be much more careful in how we dispose of these medications. These are the ONLY medications that should ever be flushed down the toilet. The reason that flushing these products is advised is primarily because of safety concerns — by flushing controlled substances down the toilet, we

guarantee the immediate disposal of a medication that could be fatal if found by an animal or child.


I would only recommend flushing, however, as a "last ditch" option if you cannot find a nearby take back program. While trace amounts of medication can be found in the water supply, the FDA and Environmental Protection Agency have concluded that there have been no adverse human health effects from drug residues in the environment.

That said, in order to keep water such as Birch Lake pristine and beautiful, I recommend going the "extra mile" and finding a take back program where controlled substances can be safely disposed of.

To summarize, unwanted medications should be disposed of through a medication take back program or mixed with something undesirable and placed in your regular trash. Never dispose of medications by flushing them down the toilet, with the exception of a few controlled substances as a "last ditch" practice.

To see the complete list of medications acceptable to flush, please visit:

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/EnsuringSafeUseofMedicine/SafeDisposalofMedicines/UCM337803.pdf>



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- The sun is big. How many Earths could fit inside of it?
  - 10 million
  - 1 million
  - 100 million
- About how old is the sun?
  - 1,000 years (they aren't called the Dark Ages for nothing)
  - 13.7 billion years
  - 4.5 billion years
- Whose seminal 1543 book laid out a heliocentric (sun-centered) model of the solar system?
  - Nicolaus Copernicus
  - Galileo Galilei
  - Isaac Newton
- Sunspots are cooler than "normal" areas on the surface of the sun.
  - True
  - False
- About how long does it take sunlight to reach Earth?
  - No time. It gets here instantly. (Instantaneously, Rick)
  - 8 minutes
  - 8 seconds
- What will happen to the sun in about 5 billion years?
  - It will explode as a supernova
  - It will blink out like a candle
  - It will become a red giant
- What fusion reaction is occurring in the sun's core?
  - Hydrogen into helium
  - Matter into antimatter
  - Helium into beryllium
- How hot is the sun's core in degrees Fahrenheit?
  - 7 million degrees
  - 27 million degrees
  - 17 million degrees
- The most powerful solar storm in recorded history occurred in 1859. What is it called?
  - The Great Sideburn Scorcher
  - The Carrington Event
  - The Pullman Eruption
- The sun's outer atmosphere, known as the corona, is hotter than it's surface.
  - True
  - False

Answers: 1 - b, 2 - c, 3 - a, 4 - a, 5 - b, 6 - c, 7 - a, 8 - b, 9 - b, 10 - a

If you got 9 or 10 correct, you're a solar scholar. If you got 6 to 8 right, you're pretty bright. Anything less: you've got some fusion confusion.

Perhaps we'll do more another time.

Until then ... You know what to do.

*~Stu Spratt  
Celebrating 51  
Years at Birch  
Lake ...*

*and somewhere  
under 100 years  
on earth.*

### The Moon for this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)

**Illuminated Fraction: 0.939**  
**2.4 days until full moon**



Sunrise: 6:12am  
Solar noon: 1:41pm  
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Taxes: \$3,611



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Price: \$650,000  
Type: Residential  
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**Aries (March 21-April 19)** Confused communications and misunderstandings with others make this a tricky week. Fortunately, something pleasant and unexpected, like a surprise gift, might come to you at home. Or you might buy something beautiful for where you live. Or a fun party might break out. Nevertheless, deep inside you, something is eroding your self-confidence.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** Keep your guard up when it comes to financial matters and cash flow. In other words, count your change, check your bills and invoices, and stay on top of your banking. If there was ever a time when you might be cheated out of money due to a simple error - it would be this week. On the upside, expect to meet someone new who is quirky and fascinating!

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** Wait until June 27 to buy a car or a computer. (Big bucks.) As if this weren't enough (and I know you have noticed the insanity already); this week, an unexpected raise, gift or financial favor will come your way this week. Ka-ching!

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** It might not be an outward, apparent thing in your life - but you might feel nervous, anxious or unsure of things. You might even feel that someone is working against your best interests. An unexpected favor will come to you. You might meet someone who is unusual and intriguing. You might buy something unusual to wear. You might do something that shocks others but pleases you. An interesting week.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** Through various clubs, organizations and groups, you are meeting faces from your past. (Don't you wish you had lost 10 pounds?) This week however, you will encounter trouble with one of your contacts. It might be an invitation you don't want to accept. Something or someone has you cornered (at least, you feel this way) and you don't know how to handle it. You simply want to avoid interaction.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Conversations and interactions with authority figures continue to be plagued by errors and misunderstandings. Yes, this can leave you with egg on your face. Don't take it seriously - just let it pass. The time to encounter powerful people is when you feel strong, not weak.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Travel plans will be the source of errors, delays and confusion. These might even crop after you have completed your travel. Weird but true. Just bluster through this as best you can to sort things out. Meanwhile, you might have second guesses about politics, religion or political, religious or racial issues.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Do whatever you can to be extra clear in all your dealings about shared property, inheritances, insurance issues or anything to do with shared debt because these areas are subject to confusion and mistakes. It appears you feel shy, reluctant or hesitant to defend your own best interests in discussions about boundaries, or your financial rights, or your debts or something to do with shared property.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Difficulties with partners, close friends and even members of the general public are driving you crazy right now. In addition to this, friends and partners from the past are back on the scene. It's all too much! Don't worry about this. Just grin and bear it.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** It seems like so many issues at work seem to be sabotaged. Fortunately, much of them are silly, little errors - but they are there! It's maddening. This week will be worse than usual because of erroneous assumptions and confusion. Fortunately, something lovely will occur with a friend or partner.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Not only are the next several weeks confusing when it comes to romance, sports and anything to do with children; this week in particular, is exasperating. Because of some kind of confusion or an incorrect assumption (especially an unexpressed expectation) you might be disappointed in a lover, or a sports colleague or even one of your kids.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** My advice for you is to be patient with family members at this time because confusion and misunderstandings are rampant. Do not assume anything. Home repairs and family discussions require your attention; nevertheless, they are subject to errors and mistakes. Even your efforts to correct something will blow up. It's so unfair! Personally, your fairy godmother has your best interests at heart. A delightful invitation to a social event will please you.

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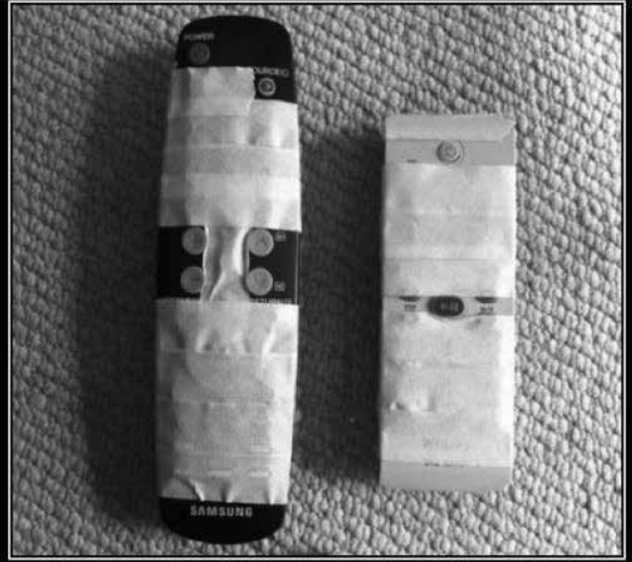
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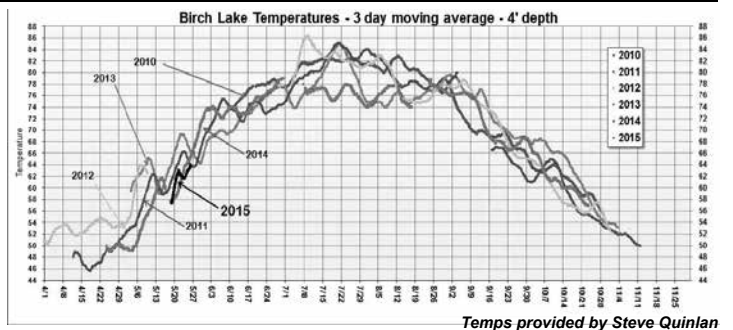
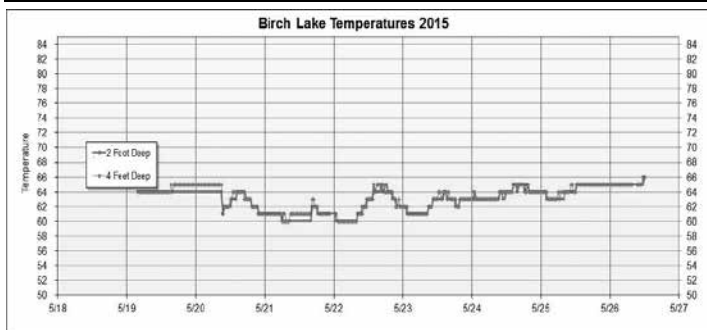
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# ~Birch Lake Recipes~



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## Grilled Chicken with Rosemary and Bacon

makes 4 servings

### Ingredients:

- 4 teaspoons garlic powder
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- salt and pepper to taste
- 4 sprigs fresh rosemary
- 4 thick slices bacon

### Directions

Preheat an outdoor grill for medium-high heat, and lightly oil the grate.

Sprinkle 1 teaspoon garlic powder on a chicken breast and season with salt and pepper. Lay one rosemary sprig on the chicken breast. Wrap the bacon around the chicken to hold the rosemary on. Secure the bacon with a toothpick or an additional thick rosemary stem.

Cook the chicken breasts until no longer pink in the center and the juices run clear, 8 minutes per side. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read at least 165 degrees F (74 degrees C). Stay near the grill to combat any flare ups from the bacon. Remove the toothpicks before serving.

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# — Camp Tannadoonah —

The start of our camp season is really just a few days away! This year we have a lot going on up at camp, and many changes.

Probably the biggest change is that Miss Sue, my assistant camp director for the past 7 seasons, is not going to be returning as assistant director. I have hired TWO new people to fill her role – she was so amazing that I didn't feel like I could possibly ask a single person to fill her shoes.

Miss Kayla will be one of the assistant directors. Last summer, Miss Kayla was on the camp staff as our photographer. She has recently graduated from IU Bloomington with a degree in Elementary Education, with a focus on reading intervention. She has spent the past 4 months student teaching in a 5th grade classroom in the Elkhart Community schools, and is currently applying for jobs in the Elkhart area. She hopes to teach 1st or 2nd grade next year.

Mr. Shawn will be the other assistant director. Mr. Shawn is new to Camp Tannadoonah. He is coming to Tannadoonah all the way from New Jersey! He worked at Frost Valley YMCA camp in 2010, and has worked at YMCA Camp Mason since 2011, as a counselor, village leader, CIT director, and Outdoor Education

Naturalist. He graduated from Montclair State University in 2014, with a degree in Sociology.

We are also introducing a new position at camp this year - unit leaders. In each area of camp (the Birdyard (Cardinals, Wrens, Robins, and Woodpeckers), the Back Cabins (Wallace, Exchange, and Rotary), and the Front cabins (Exchangettes, Luta Koda, and Morris) there will be an experienced counselor who will serve as a unit leader.

We are shaping this position to be similar to an RA in college dorms – they will be the first person that staff can go to if they have a concern in their cabin. We hope it will improve communication among the staff, because they will feel more comfortable talking to a peer rather than a supervisor about minor issues. The unit leaders can provide feedback and advice, and can bring larger issues to the attention of the senior staff.

Another interesting change this year is that we have hired EIGHT international staff! We had trouble filling all of our staff positions, and sought staff from an international staffing agency. It's a great service – they find college students who want to work at American summer camps, interview them, do background

checks, help them get their visas, arrange their flights, etc. Then we can search a directory of available candidates, and set up Skype interviews with them! Many of the students are from Great Britain because that is where the staffing agency is based.

It will be fun for the campers and other staff to interact with staff members who come from such varying backgrounds! We have Hugo (from Chile) who will be leading Sports and Games, Yang (from China) who will be at sports and games and archery, Jess (from Wales) will be at the waterfront, Steven (from Scotland) will be the nature leader, Becky (from England) will be the camp photographer, Conrad (from England) will be the sailing instructor, Bethany (from Scotland) will be teaching crafts and drama, and Toby (from England) will be leading the "Sparks" (our youngest campers).

In just a few days (on June 1) my assistant directors will be arriving for training. Unit leaders arrive on June 3, Lifeguards on June 4, and the rest of the staff arrives on June 7! We'll be up and running before you know it!

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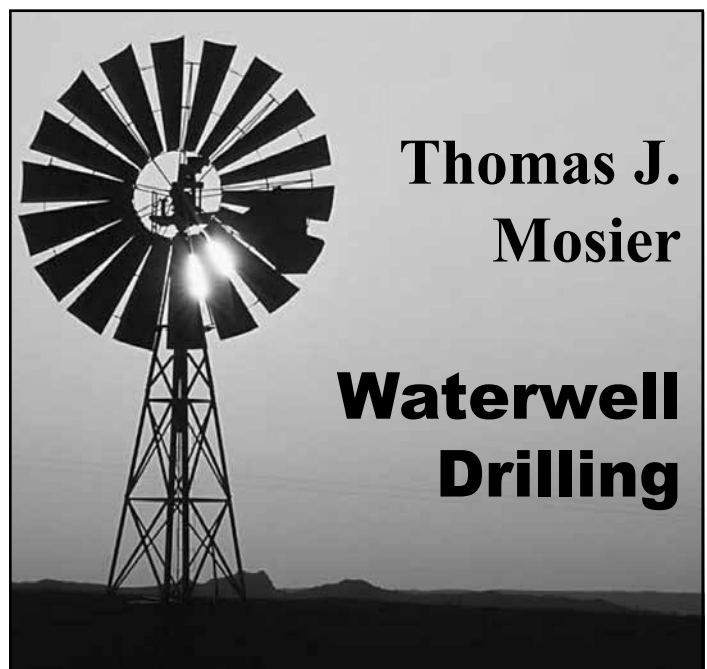
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