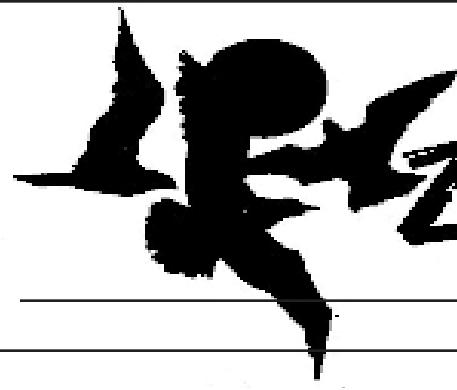


The  
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2016



# Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the  
Birch Lake Yacht Club



Thanks to Mr. Bob King (north shore) for the action shot of the Kelly Cat (cove) sailing in the great wind last weekend.

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

This is it! This Saturday, I will turn the helm of the Yacht Club over to Claudia Phipps (along with the Commodore Flag and the old musty life jacket). I have full confidence in her, and I know that she will do an awesome job! I will step quietly into the ranks of Past Commodores knowing that the Yacht Club is in good hands.

I sit writing my last column wondering where the time has gone. When I first agreed to become vice commodore (back in 2014), it seemed like a daunting task and a very long commitment! But truthfully, it has flown by, and I am very glad for the experience. I used to think that this was an amazing place to live because of our beautiful lake, but now I know it is also because of the wonderful people who live here. Birch Lakers are caring, compassionate, gen-

erous, hard-working, and willing to lend a hand wherever and whenever needed. I thank you all for everything you have done to make this a great year.

I want to give special recognition to my husband, Pat. I could not have done it without your support and help every step of the way! I also want to especially thank the officers and board members of the Yacht Club. You made it so easy with all of your support. There are so many others who deserve appreciation, including all of the committee chairs and the countless people who helped them, everyone involved in the publication and distribution of the Barker, and everyone else who donated time, money, and talent toward making this a great summer!

The BLYC Annual Meeting will occur this Saturday at 7:30 (following the Fall Dinner). Directors will be elected, the new Vice Commodore will be announced, and the BLYC's annual report will be presented. Also at the meeting, I will have the privilege to

## 2016 Birch Lake Calendar

- Aug. 27 ..... BLYC Fall Dinner 5:30 cocktails,  
6:30 dinner (at the Yacht Club)  
Aug. 27 ..... Calvin King's birthday  
Oct. 7 ..... Chili Cookoff, BLYC, 6 pm  
**BLYC Board Meetings (9 am)**  
Sept. 10 @ BLYC

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

present the Commodore's Award. This award is given to an individual(s) for exemplary service over the years to our lake community.

Even though the Fall Dinner is this weekend, the season is not over! We still have events on our calendar and, hopefully, several more weeks of summer weather. Come to the Pooch Parade on Saturday, September 3. You will find details in the Barker concerning registration and rules. Thank you to Carla Chester for organizing this fun event for

The Birch Barker is always accepting materials for publication. Please E-mail your materials to [sailorphil@philvitale.com](mailto:sailorphil@philvitale.com), or put the items in the stone newspaper/mailbox at my home, 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore). Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want photos or other materials returned. To contact me by phone, call (269) 476-1680, or contact BLYC Commodore Sue Williams at 476-8886 or email [smwillia@comcast.net](mailto:smwillia@comcast.net). ~Phil V

# — Birch Lake Notes —

our furry friends! Also, mark your calendars for Friday, October 7, for the annual Chili Cook-Off. You won't want to miss this fun evening.

I would like to extend our sympathy to the family of Marc Golden. Marc passed away unexpectedly last week. Marc and Ilene were long time East Siders and were very active in the Yacht Club for many years.

Well, I guess that will do it. Thanks for the pleasure of serving as your Commodore! Now, get out there and enjoy the lake!

—Commodore Sue

## **Porter Township election results**

### *Supervisor Porter Township*

Kim Evans 45  
Cory E. Marlow 190\*  
Steven A. Northrup 184  
Terry Schutter 152

### *Clerk Porter Township*

Honna Gableman 259  
Marty Russell 327\*

### *Treasurer Porter Township*

Helen Croninger 294\*  
Tom Lutz 289

### *Trustee Porter Township*

Tom Harman 292\*  
David Nagy 147  
Julie Paksi 154  
Robert W. Schultze 158  
Leard Wylie 189\*

\*indicates winner



*Thanks to our Artist-in-Residence, Duffy Dufour for the great Birch Lake art ...*

### **No wake request still in effect**

With many Cass County Michigan lake levels still extremely high Cass County's Office of Emergency Management and the Cass County Drain Commissioner are once again asking boaters to refrain from causing wakes while enjoying the lakes on Tuesday, August 23 through Thursday, September 1.

With the recent heavy rains many Cass County Michigan lakes and streams remain at extremely high and hazardous levels. High lake levels will make boating more hazardous; boaters and anglers should prepare for these conditions and use extra caution.

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dangerous floating obstacles.

- Use caution when launching because high water can make ramps tricky. Be patient if others take a little longer than normal.

- When boating near the shore or in coves, go slow to avoid underwater obstacles such as signposts, trees, stumps and other obstructions that are normally on dry ground.

- Many people who drown consume alcohol before their accident, so skip alcohol if you plan to be in or on the water.

*~David L. Smith*

Cass County Emergency Management Coordinator

## **Meijer to help food pantry**

Help Meijer grocery (Grape Road,

Mishawaka) help the Edwardsburg Food Pantry. The Grape Road Meijer has designated the Edwardsburg Food Pantry as its "Simply Give" partner from July 31 - September 24! Here's how the program works:

- Visit the store and find your way to one of the "Simply Give" displays near the registers.

- Take a Food Pantry Donation card from the display to the register where the cashier will charge you \$1...0 (or any multiple of \$5).

- After September 24, the total of all such customer donations will be given to the Edwardsburg Food Pantry in gift certificates that the Food Pantry can use to shop for needed goods to re-stock the shelves ... PLUS Meijer will give an additional corporate donation to

the EFP at the that time. And, the number of customer donations will impact the size of the additional corporate donation from Meijer.

This particular program is only at the Meijer Store on Grape Road (since each Meijer store gets to designate its own local pantry to assist).

Meijer will double their donation for every donation given Sept. 1-Sept. 3. (Give \$10 then Meijer will give \$20-making a total donation of \$30!)

## **2017 Birch Lake calendars here**

Thanks to all the photographers who submitted photos for the 2017 Birch Lake calendar. This year we received over 100 pictures. It was hard to narrow the selection to just thirteen and a little sad to have leave out so many wonderful



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photos. The calendars are available now. You can get yours from Vickie Rogers (476-2383), Linda Yoshizawa (476-2308), Sue Williams (476-8886), or Carla Chester (476-1010). They'll also be on sale at the remaining Birch Lake events as long as they last. The cost for each calendar is \$15.

## Updates on Birch Lake sailing

Sailors! Send me your cell phone numbers if you want to be included in text alerts and updates on the status of weekly sailing. 317 605 6421.

*~Bad Patty*

## Birch Lake Pooch Parade

The Third Annual Birch Lake Pooch Parade will be held Saturday, September 3 (Rain date, September 4). Registration will begin at 10:30 am, the parade will start at 11. The grand marshal will be our own veterinarian Duffy Dufour.

Birch Lake dogs and their owners are invited to meet at Ed and Carla Chester's home to kick off Labor Day weekend with our annual Pooch Parade. After the 10:30 registration, the parade will begin at the Chesters' at 11 and proceed north on Birch Road, making a loop at the Kinsey Street marina and ending back at the Chesters' house for the award ceremony.

Prizes will be awarded in these categories: Best Costume, Largest Dog, Smallest Dog, Cutest Dog, Best Own-

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  2. No aggressive animals or females in season.
  3. Animals must be on a leash and in the control of the owners at ALL times.
- Costumes are encouraged.

Parking for spectators and participants will be available at designated marked areas along the parade route. Spectators, bring lawn chairs!

A donation box will be available for

donations to the CASS COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY and event expenses.

## BLYC Welcoming Committee

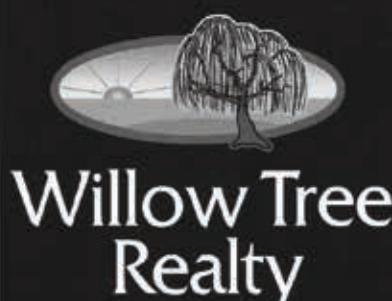
We are ready to rock and roll on our Welcoming Committee. If you know of a new neighbor please contact Vickie Rogers at 269-476-2383 and Linda Curtis at 574-361-2629.

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Send your kid-of-the-week 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 email to me at sailorphil@philvitale.com I'm at 476-1680. For questions or problems with delivery please contact Sue Williams (476-8886, email: smwillia@comcast.net) or Bob & Sue Waddle (476-3393 or email: sparky-bob220@comcast.net).

#### Online Barker

The full, weekly printed Birch Barker is once again online this season, along with selected additional content ... just go to [www.philvitale.com](http://www.philvitale.com) and follow the links.

#### "The Company" to present, "A Como Cabaret Christmas"

Before the First Jingle Bells, Turkey carving, or Ho Ho Ho's, "The Company" gets you into the holiday spirit with "A Como Cabaret Christmas", aptly named, because it features family of the famous crooner, Perry Como. As of 1985, his daughter, Melanie Como, has been the Driving force of "The Company", directing and producing these productions. Melanie Como-Dits, Wendy Como, and Paige Como are



granddaughters, with the new introduction of Great-Granddaughter Abigail Wolf.

The group has been in rehearsal since June, and "A Como Cabaret Christmas", highlighting new songs, and Soloists.

Costuming takes center stage, as "The Company" prides itself in its flashy costumes and lightning fast costume changes for the entire cast.

This holiday production is as close to Vaudeville, with a touch of the spirit of cabaret as you will find in the Midwest! "The Company" tries to make you feel like you are a part of the "family." The performers includes the audience, in little jokes going on stage.

**Dates:** November 4, 5, 11, 12, and 18, 19

**Place:** Battell Center, Mishawaka, IN 904 North Main street

**Ticket Prices** Seniors \$12, General Admission \$14

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Box office and doors will open at 6, warmup starts at 7:30 and curtain at 8. For more information call Wendy Como at 574-243-7704 or 574-229-7232 [www.thecompanyplayers.com](http://www.thecompanyplayers.com) [www.facebook.com/thecompanyplayers](http://www.facebook.com/thecompanyplayers) <https://twitter.com/companyplayers>

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# — Birch Lake Notes —



Thanks to Mr. Bob King (north shore) for the photos of (himself and) the Past Commodore displays at the Yacht Club ... Since the fall dinner is this weekend, Bob suggested we run this as a tribute to past commodores and a teaser to let people that incoming Commodore Claudia Phipps will announce the identity of the new vice commodore there. See next week's Birch Barker to find out who it is!

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# FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



## Lots of wind, lots of sailing!

**H**ooray! Lots of air moving around out there last weekend, and lots of sailing going on ... two races for the MCs and three for the Sunfish!

Thanks to Chas Grundy (and his father-in-law Bill Holleman) for taking over the Committee Boat duties! And, as always, thanks to Harold Cranmer for setting the marks for us.

Look forward to seeing all of you out there this Saturday (season's coming to a quick end). Power boaters please remember there is a no-wake advisory until Sept 2. Let the sailors have the day!

Until next week "**SPLICING THE MAIN BRAKE**."

*~Fleet Captain Mike"*



## 2016 BLYC Season Sailing Results

Date	21Aug	21Aug	21Aug	Total	Season	Races	%
Race	18	19	20		Points	Average	....Finished

### MC Scow/Sailor 17

Scott Troeger #1489	1	1	DNS	24974	1561	16	94.1%
Jeff Smitley #2002	4	2	DNS	23971	1498	16	94.1%
Harold Cranmer #1991/2550	2	DNS	DNS	21800	1363	16	94.1%
Bill Luecht #1579	DNS	DNS	DNS	19977	1332	15	88.2%
Phil Vitale #500	DNS	DNS	DNS	15888	1324	12	70.6%
Barb Cassady #2435	3	3	DNS	11832	1315	9	52.9%
Bob King #1199	5	4	DNS	14430	1312	11	64.7%
Pat McGann #1735	DNS	DNS	DNS	15034	1253	11	64.7%
Gib Eberhart #916	6	5	DNS	13657	1242	10	58.8%
Maggie & Tom Cassady	DNS	DNS	DNS	1024	1024	1	5.9%

### Sunfish/Sailor 20

Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	3	1	2	26495	1559	17	85.0%
Peter Soldato	4	2	1	28230	1486	19	95.0%
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)	DNS	DNS	DNS	22745	1422	16	80.0%
Herb Cleveland	1	4	5	27452	1373	20	100.0%
Stewart Spratt	2	3	4	20467	1364	14	70.0%
Sandy Vitale (White)	DNS	DNS	DNS	10834	1354	8	40.0%
Katie Luecht	DNS	DNS	DNS	3746	1249	3	15.0%
Bob Niegzodski	5	5	6	24190	1210	20	100.0%
Stefan del Rossi	DNS	DNS	DNS	3539	1180	3	15.0%
Bill Butler	DNS	DNS	DNS	10369	1152	8	40.0%
Camille Butler	6	6	3	19504	1147	17	85.0%
Greg Cowan	DNS	DNS	DNS	3417	1139	3	15.0%
Brad Davis	DNS	DNS	DNS	3334	1111	3	15.0%

DNS (Did Not Sail) does not count against season score, however sailor must complete 2/3 of races to qualify for season.

DNF (Did Not Finish), 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, DSQ not counted toward minimum number of races needed.

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

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# — Barker Kids of the Week —



At left, Eric Miller (east shore) celebrates his birthday with his son Chase at the lake last Sunday.

Above, Bad Patty Luecht and Blair Garceau (both east shore) visited "the big lake" recently ...

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At left, the Boecker girls being goof balls celebrating their summer 2016 Birthdays. Greta 11, Lyla 9 and Clare 7. Grandchildren of Rick and Patti Russwurm, north shore. Above, Clara Boecker in training for a visit to the Flamingo Room.



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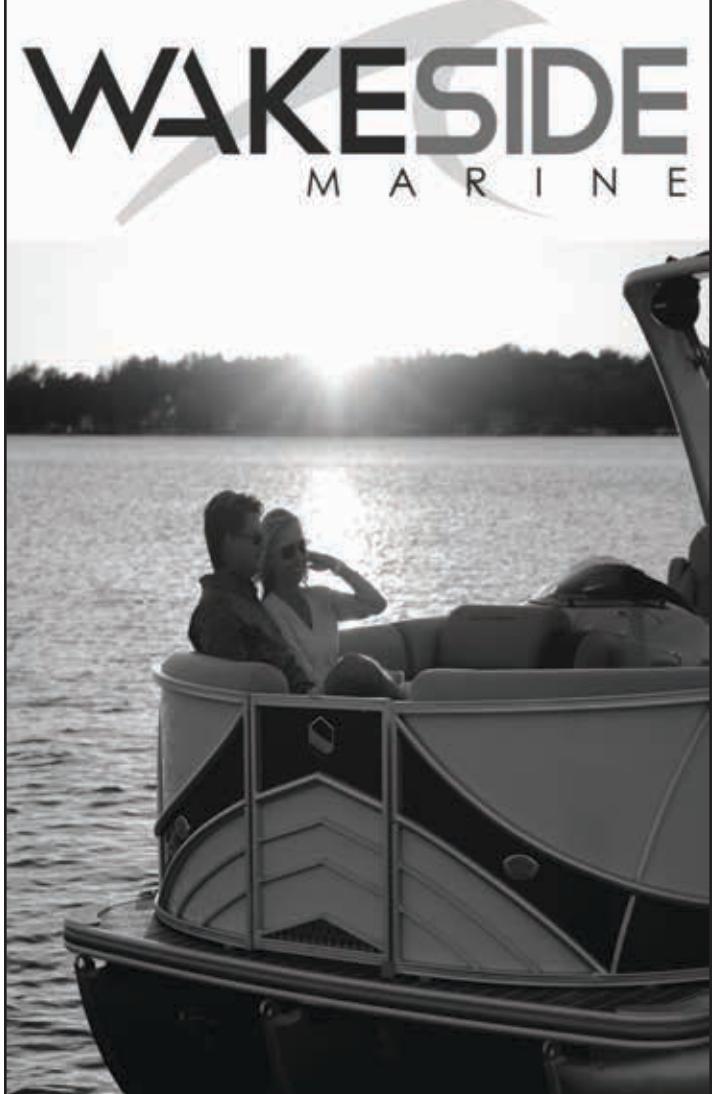
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Shannon Deckard spent the day with Bad Patty Luecht (east shore. Shannon is the 2nd generation Deckard Bad Patty has had the opportunity to corrupt; BP's college roomie was Shannon's mother, Sally. Patty said she and Shannon "toodled" around the lake on the Bad Patty Pontoon Boat, drank a few beers and shared a pizza with neighbors in the evening.

## KID-OF-THE-WEEK PHOTOS

Mail your kid-of-the-week 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 email to me at [SAILOR-PHIL@PHILVITALE.COM](mailto:SAILOR-PHIL@PHILVITALE.COM)



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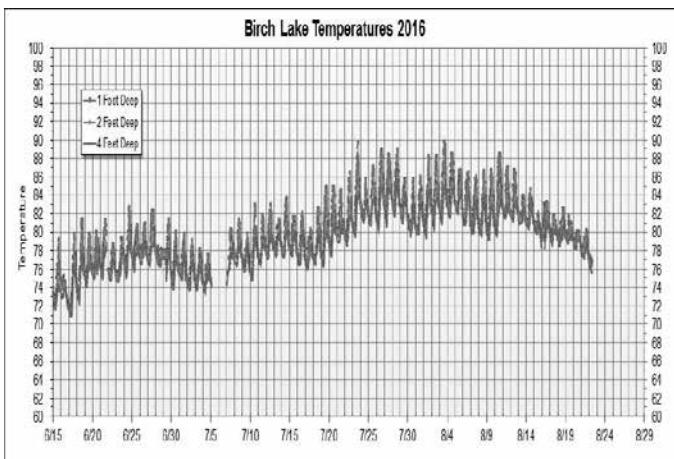
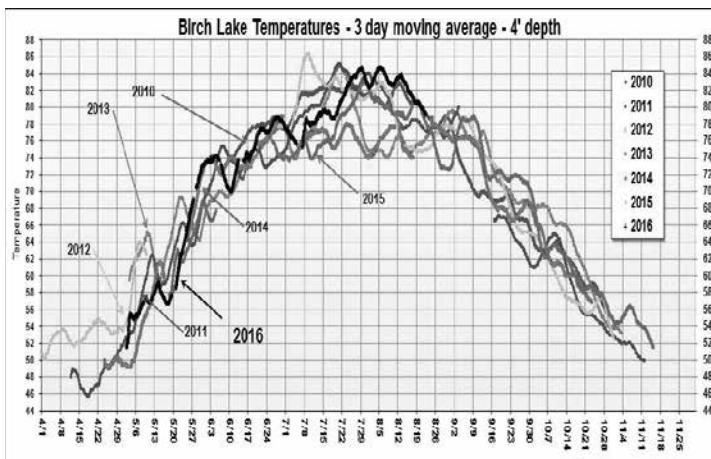




No one really knows what Amy Lutz (north shore) is pointing at in this photo and the only thing the photographer and I can agree on is that Amy's going to kill me for putting it in the Barker ... but, hey, we were short on KOTW pics this week so I cast aside my fear for a painful retribution and ran the picture anyway.

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## Birch Lake Water Temperature



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# STU'S STAR STUFF



**W**ow. Last week got a little out of control. Sorry. But I won't torture you much longer. I promise.

Let's talk about stars. Well, not just stars, but anything that can be observed in the night sky - meaning planets, asteroids, the sun and moon and even satellites. (OK, so the sun isn't observable in the night sky. You can't fire me for that mistake because I'm already quitting. So there.)

Anyway, any object up there has a relative brightness. This brightness is referred to as magnitude. The scale of magnitude of brightness is a bit misleading. A star of second magnitude is not as bright as a star of first magnitude, or zero magnitude or even negative one magnitude. The concept is similar to some water skiers on the east shore vs. some on the north shore. North shore skiers are brighter and thus have a lower order of magnitude. But I digress.

Astronomers use the term apparent magnitude to describe how bright an object appears in the sky from Earth. The idea of a magnitude scale dates back to Hipparchus (around 150 BC) who invented a scale to describe the brightness of the stars he could see. He assigned an apparent magnitude of 1 to the brightest stars in the sky, and he gave the dimmest stars he could see an apparent magnitude of 6. He did not include the sun, moon, planets or Baucus (quite dim) in his system.

The magnitude scale astronomers use today is based on Hipparchus'

Apparent Magnitude	Celestial Object
-26.5	Sun
-12.6	Full Moon
-4.4	Venus (at brightest)
-3.0	Mars (at brightest)
-1.6	Sirius (brightest star)
+3.0	Naked eye limit in an urban neighborhood
+5.5	Uranus (at brightest)
+6.0	Naked eye limit
+95	Faintest objects visible with binoculars
+13.7	Pluto (at brightest)
+30.0	Dimmest objects observable on the east shore by the Hubble Space Telescope

system, but has been expanded since the invention of the telescope. In this system, the brighter an object appears, the lower its magnitude. Some of the brightest objects (including the sun and planets) visible in the sky have negative values for apparent magnitude. The dimmest objects (see aforementioned) detected with the Hubble Space Telescope have apparent magnitudes of 30 or more.

Let's make some more relevant comparisons... (see chart above)

Get out there and look for the brightest stars in the show - like Simone Biles, and Michael Phelps, and more. That show was free for the last two weeks. And the one overhead is free every night. Check out brilliant Mars, Saturn and Antares low in the south. Definitely worth the price of admission.

*~Stu Spratt*

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## The Moon for this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time,  
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Sunrise: 7:04am

Sunset: 8:26pm

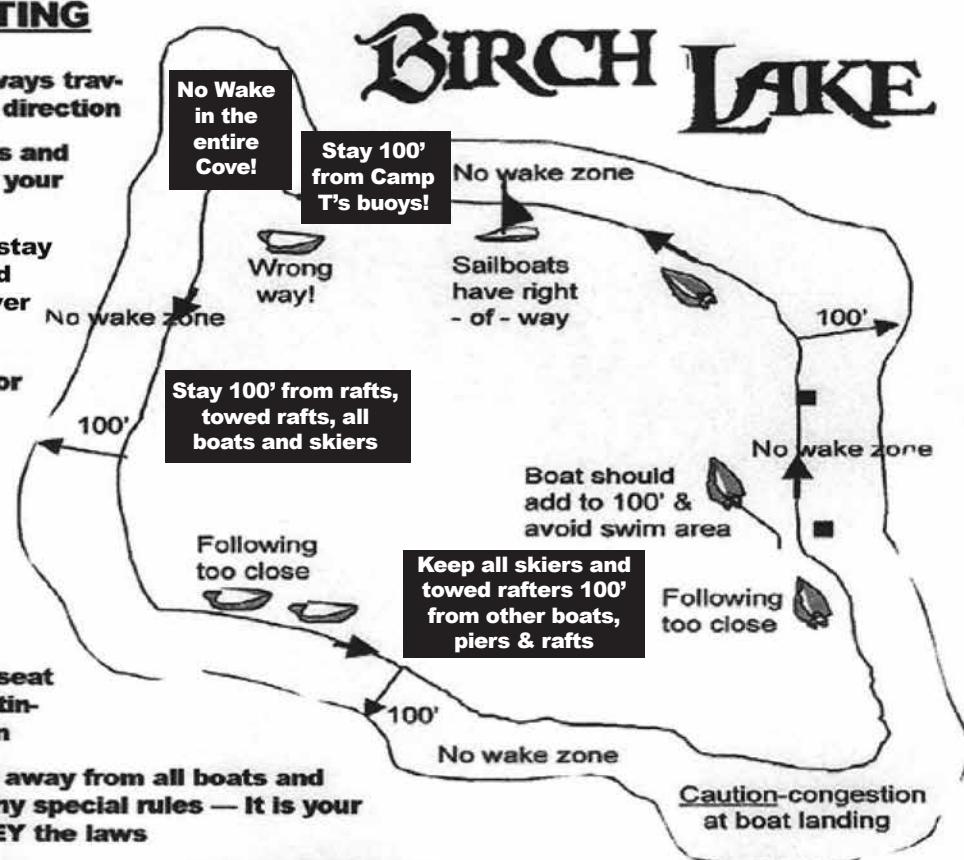
Moonrise: 2:19am

Moonset: 5:10pm

Day length: 13h 22m

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- \* Be responsible for everyone on your boat — safety is **NO ACCIDENT!**



# YOUR HOROSCOPE

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** Time for a change! Indeed, this month is the last month of a year-long opportunity to improve your job or get a better job or figure out how to get your evil boss transferred to Timbuktu. Many of you have used this influence to improve your health. However, travel plans still look promising and a work-related romance could begin. Woo, woo!

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** You want to socialize, go on vacation, enjoy sports events and delight in playful activities with kids. Old flames from the past might be back in your life in the next few weeks. Grab every opportunity to indulge in the pleasures of life in the next month. It's your turn to be yourself and do your own thing!

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** Even though your focus on home, family and real estate has been strong lately, believe it or not, it will be even stronger in the next four weeks. Finish old projects, especially anything to do with home improvements. Get as much done as possible. Some will revisit old real-estate deals or reconsider major purchases for your home.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** You will be busy in the coming month; however, you will enjoy talking to others. In fact, you will particularly enjoy a newfound appreciation of friends and relatives. This heightened appreciation will even apply to your surroundings. This week will be vicious with transportation delays, flat tires, breakdowns with cars and trucks, confused communications and late mail deliveries. Just grin and bear it.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** How appropriate that you now enter a four-week window of time where you are advised to review your spending habits and earnings. Time to take stock after an extravagant, fun-loving summer! And for those of you who are born after August 7, your chance to boost your earnings continues well into 2017. Whatever ideas you have recently hatched to boost your income will now be reinvigorated with energy.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Make the most of good fortune because it doesn't always come your way. When good fortune surrounds you, you do have to get out of bed. You have to make an effort because it's not just magical fairy dust. This is your turn to recharge your batteries for the rest of the year! This is a great time to buy wardrobe goodies.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Your style of communicating to others is aggressive right now. This means you are direct and forthright. You will say what you mean and mean what you say. This is empowering to those of you who write, edit, act, teach, sell and market. Ideally, you can use this time to set goals with deadlines for what you want to achieve in your new year ahead.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Get ready for a popular month! Make new friends, enjoy existing friends and run into old friends you haven't heard from in ages. You will also benefit through clubs and groups. In particular, you will hang out with younger people as well as creative, artistic types. So much to look forward to! Could this be why you are spending money more than usual?

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Look out world! This is your chance to show the world what you can do. You will be much more of a fighter for your rights. This will be obvious to others because people notice you more than usual. They will also endorse what you want. It will be easy to get the support of others.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You need to blow town and get a change of scenery. You want one more kick at the can to do something exciting and adventurous. "I'm not done yet!" Therefore, grab travel opportunities and chances for further schooling or training. Explore avenues in publishing, the media, medicine and the law.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You want to clean up loose details in your life, especially unfinished business regarding taxes, debt, inheritances and shared property. Maybe it's time to write a will? All those red-tape details that we often ignore can be easily dealt with addressed in the next month. Let your motto be "Finish old business!" This month is also a great time for physical, athletic, group activities. You might even be in competition!

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** For the next four weeks, you will be more tired than usual. You will need more sleep! Nevertheless, during this time, you will focus on partnerships and friendships more than usual as well. In fact, you have a chance to learn more about yourself through your one-to-one encounters with others. Consult experts or get other people's opinions because you will benefit from others during this time.

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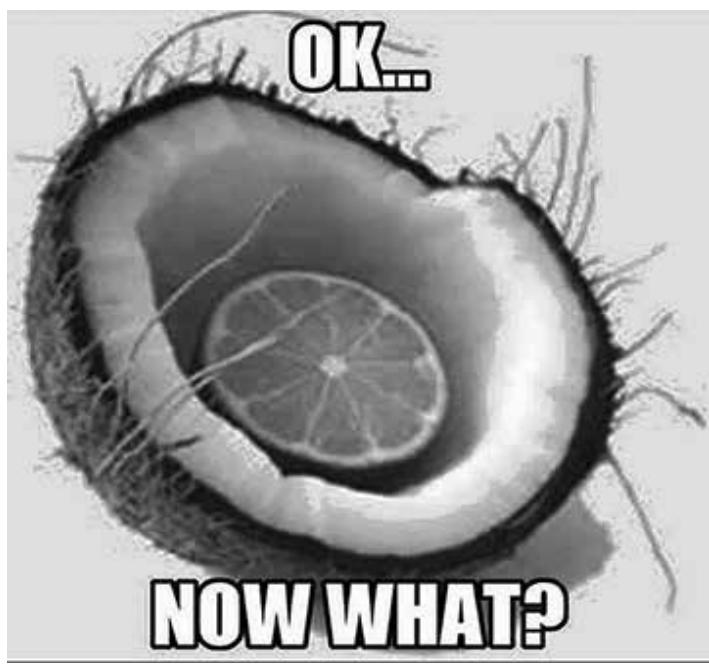
## BIRCH BARKER FUNNIES



A COP PULLED ME OVER AND SAID,  
"YOUR EYES ARE RED, HAVE YOU  
BEEN DRINKING?"

I REPLIED, "YOUR EYES LOOK GLAZED,  
HAVE YOU BEEN EATING DONUTS?"

WE LAUGHED AND WE LAUGHED.  
I NEED BAIL MONEY.





# ~Birch Lake Recipes~



Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge

## Pan seared pork & fried green tomato salad

### Ingredients:

- 1 pound pork tenderloin
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 1 egg, well beaten
- 2 small green tomatoes, sliced 1/2-inch thick
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup watercress
- 2 ounces crumbled blue cheese
- 1/3 cup bottled sweet and sour sauce (or red pepper jelly, warmed, and mixed with 1 to 2 Tbsp. cider vinegar)

### Directions:

1. Slice tenderloin crosswise in 12 slices. Slightly flatten with palm of hand. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
2. In shallow dish, combine cornmeal, 1/2 tsp. salt, and 1/2 tsp. pepper. Place beaten egg in second shallow dish. Dip tomato slices in egg, then coat in cornmeal mixture; set aside.
3. In 12-inch skillet heat 1 Tbsp. oil over medium-high heat. Cook pork
- for 3 minutes each side, until golden brown on outside and slightly pink inside. Transfer to platter; cover to keep warm.
4. Add 1 Tbsp. oil to skillet. Cook tomato slices for 2 to 3 minutes each side until golden, adding oil if necessary. Serve pork and tomatoes with watercress and blue cheese. Drizzle sweet and sour sauce.

## Birch Barker Sudoku

## Puzzle of the Week

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# — Camp Tannadoonah —

## Productive week at camp

This week has been a productive one at Camp Tannadoonah!

We have been washing, sorting, and mailing lost-and-found items, storing all of our equipment for the cooler weather, and following up with end-of-season paperwork.

Additionally, while we originally planned for the new rooftops to be replaced in September, they were installed in the first half of this week! We are thrilled to have new green metal roofs on the Shower House, Morris Lodge, and the Dining Hall. In addition to the roof, the skylights in the Shower House were replaced. This will eliminate leaks in all three buildings. This change makes a huge difference to the appearance of the facilities as well.

Since the camp season has ended, I have had some time to officially move here and to reflect on my first summer at Camp Tannadoonah and the Birch Lake community.

First, thank you to all that have warmly welcomed me! I have enjoyed



**Morris Lodge - Complete**



**Dining Hall - In Progress**

our interactions at various events, including the Pancake Breakfast and the Sausage & Corn Roast. Moving from a place where you are well established to a new, close-knit community can be intimidating, but I have found this place a welcoming one. Thank you!

This summer was a positive one for me. Coming from an arts camp, it was refreshing to be back at a traditional camp where the focus was on having fun rather than preparing for a perfect performance. In talking with my mom who was a camper at Tannadoonah, she recalls her experience being some of the best times in

her life. As the oldest of 12 kids, she had a lot of responsibilities at home and her week at camp each summer was an escape from reality and an opportunity to be a kid. For me, my childhood summers spent at camp gave me the opportunity to become my own person and gain independence. It is such a privilege to be able to give those same opportunities to the campers who spend some of their summer with us. Watching them grow, learn, gain confidence, find new passions, and make new friends makes summer the most fulfilling time of the year.

Until next time,

*~Miss Michelle*

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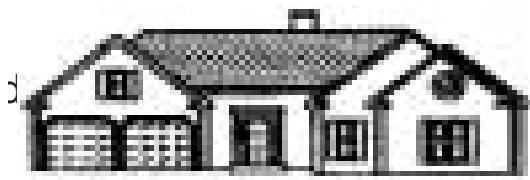
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