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Of

Aug. 4
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Thanks to Questionable Patti Russwurm for the pic of the flags flying off the back of the committee boat at a recent race.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

I don't know about the rest of the Lakers, but this particular Laker can't wait for the Corn & Sausage Roast at the Yacht Club tonight (check out the C&S article in the Barker for the details on time and cost). I hope to see all of you there...and thanks in advance to all of the grill masters and corn shuckers (or would that be corn huskers?) for your efforts in pulling off this fantastic event!

As much as I love the C&S Roast, it brings a good news / bad news scenario. It's obvious what the good news is – delish corn and sausage (and no need for me to cook)! The bad news is that it means August is here already. I can't believe how the summer days are flying by. I know some of the school systems in Indiana will be back in session this coming week ... it just doesn't seem

right...it feels like summer just started! Good Luck to our teachers, staff and students returning to the classroom next week!

It was wonderful to see the lake getting its clarity back last weekend. Did anyone else notice how clear it was? What wasn't wonderful was the trash I saw in the lake – floating and on the bottom. We had something that looked like a jelly fish stuck in the weeds by our pier – turned out to be a paper towel – as well as a sunken beverage can. While out on the lake for a boat ride, we picked up an empty can that was floating in the water on the Northwest side and a bright yellow coozie floating on the East side. Even though I don't believe the litter was due to a member of our lake community, we do need to rally and clean up what careless folks leave behind. I have to admit I was disappointed to observe a few Birch Lake boats drive by the floating debris without picking it up ... hopefully it was

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Birch Lake Calendar

Aug 4 - Corn & Sausage 5:30-7:30 pm
Aug 4 - SUNFISH-ONLY Race, NO MCs
Aug 11 - 10 am Homeowners Association
Annual Meeting, AED, CPR training 10 am
Aug 18 - Fall Dinner 6 pm, BLYC
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!

because they didn't see it rather than just ignoring it. Please pitch in and pick up!

Are you feeling nervous or concerned about operating one of the AEDs should you need to so in an emergency

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 —

situation? Please make plans to attend a demo at the Yacht Club next Saturday (August 11) at 10 a.m. In addition to a demonstration of the defibrillator, there will also be CPR training.

Don't forget the Fall Dinner is right around the corner – August 18 to be exact! I would be delighted to sell you a ticket, as would any of the other ticket sellers noted in the ad in the Barker. The menu Vice Commodore Angela has planned looks scrumptious...and the company will be great! I encourage you to make plans to come and mingle with your lake community before it starts to quiet down for the fall.

Cheers!

~Commodore Karen

AED, CPR training, Homeowners annual meeting time correction

The Birch Lake Homeowners Association Annual Meeting on **Saturday, Aug. 11** will feature a demonstration of the new Birch Lake AEDs (automatic electric defibrillator) and CPR training **beginning at 10 am** (after the Birch Lake Yacht Club Board meeting). All Birch Lake residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

New Birch Lake resident Chris Schmidt, a certified CPR trainer and fireman will be there to teach "hands-only CPR" to everyone who is interested.

Please be sure you bring **CASH** for the Fall Dinner we will have a 50/50 to raise money for depleted funds, as well as donation boxes for specific funds like **Water Quality, Fireworks, BLYC Repairs and more...**

Tickets for the Fall Dinner will be on sale at **Corn & Sausage**, please bring money to get your tickets in advance!

Birch Lake 2018 Fall Dinner

August 18, 2018
6 p.m. at the
Birch Lake Yacht Club

Appetizers

- Gouda & Cheddar Pimento Cucumber Cup
- Feta & Watermelon Mint Bites
- Spinach & Artichoke Tarts

Dinner

- Summer Caprese Salad
- Trio of Kabobs: Roast Veggie, Tenderloin, & Chicken
- Roasted Sweet and Seasoned Potato's
- Fresh Breads & Butters

Desserts

- Shortbread Cookies
- Assorted Cupcakes

Tickets are \$30, please contact Angela Bergan, Linda Bergan, Karen Curtis-Miller, Patti Russwurm, Linda Rasmussen and Sue Williams. Please contact these ladies for tickets before August 13, 2018, all tickets sold after August 13th will be \$35 /person.

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Corn & Sausage Roast Saturday August 4, - It's here!

Today is The Day! It's time to gather your families and neighbors for the annual Corn & Sausage Roast. From 5:30 to 7:30 pm on Saturday at the Yacht Club we'll be serving delectable meals consisting of your grilled meat choice, roasted corn, a selection of side dishes, cookies and lemonade or iced tea. Get ready for a chicken breast (\$8), bratwurst (\$7) or hot dog (\$4) meal. (NOTE: We'll only have a limited supply of chicken breasts - arrive early for your best chances to snag one). What a value! Pay at the door - no reservations required! Come hungry, enjoy some summertime favorites, visit with your neighbors and leave happy and satisfied! Hope to see you there!

2018 Men's Golf Outing

Thanks to our 13 teams who played in the men's golf outing this year. The weather was just about perfect for golf, sunny but cool, with enough wind to blame for the rare hook and slice. We started at 18 at Park Shore Golf Course and finished at the Yacht Club with dinner from Bacon Hill Kitchen and Pub.

Our top team of John DeCloedt, KC Wiseman, Terry Wiseman, and Joel Finch finished with an incredible 21 under. The last place team (names withheld to protect reputations) were great



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

sports about their consolation prizes after scoring one under par.

I'd also like to thank and recognize our corporate sponsors this year: Elmer's Body Shop, Paramount Management, Kinzler Janitorial Services LLC, Chester Law Office, Diamond Construction, Lutz Concrete, Frankie's By The Tracks, Wakeside Marine, Tuesley Hall Konopa,

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We also had a hole sponsored in memory of Bob Temple, who certainly joined the outing in spirit. Be sure to

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Special thanks to our volunteers: Jennifer Liddell, for delivering beverages, snacks, and sass; Bill Holleman for helping set up the course and generally keeping me from going off the rails; and Vic Jones for helping with cleanup and washing dishes (shh, don't tell Leslie!).

Finally, I announced at dinner that I'm stepping down from running the outing. I've been involved for the last 6 years. It's time for someone to assume the mantle and help build the outing into something better. The proceeds are donated to the Birch Lake Yacht Club general fund, where they are used to help pay for fireworks, water quality projects, and anything else the lake needs. If you're interested in the role, please contact me.

See you on the lake!

~ Chas Grundy



This bottle was found yesterday in the water near camp by Greta, Rick and Questionable Patti's granddaughter!

DON'T LITTER!



We definitely had a sighting of the yellow canoe this morning ...

~ Marc Caenepeel



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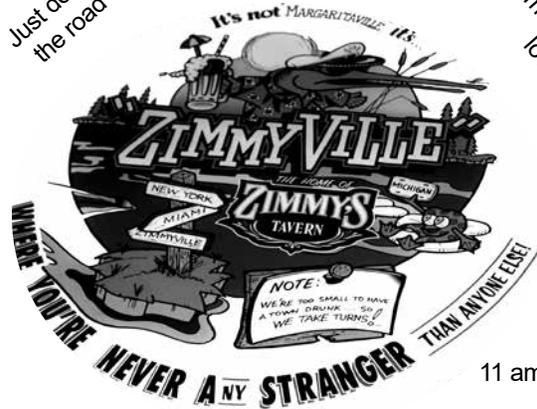
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Fleet Captain's Gibe #12 by **J. Patrick McGann**

A glorious weekend it was here on Birch Lake. No wind on Sunday to hold races but I saw several sailors out skiing and pulling skiers others were soaking up the sun or taking a cruise on their pontoons. Saturday was the day to sail with a nice steady breeze and forecasts for 1-3mph winds for Sunday a number of sailors took to their boats out on Saturday afternoon to get their sailing fix in.

This Saturday is the **SUNFISH-ONLY SATURDAY FUN DAY** at 11 am. Watch for the big yellow buoys to be put out and get out early. Go to the pontoon boat with the Bad Patty Flag and with all the pretty ladies on board. There will be a smaller orange buoy near by with an imaginary line between the front of that boat and the small orange buoy makes up the starting line.

Captain Bob King drove around the lake and reported that he counted 25 Sunfish boats that he could see on lifts or on shore. We would love to get all 25 of them out this Saturday. If you are going to sail any day this year make it this Saturday! If for any reason you are unable to sail your boat yourself ask a

family member or neighbor to sail it for you, please. If you don't know of anyone but are willing to loan it out for a couple hours, let me know and I will try and find someone to sail it for you.

Moreover, if you know how to sail and would like sail a sunfish let me know too so I can hook you up with one. It will be a great "photo op" also. After seeing that old blurry black and white picture (I'm sure the original was in color but the Barker is black-only) in last weeks Barker of 28 Sunfish all sailing on Birch Lake a long time ago ... wouldn't it be nice to see something like that again Saturday with all the great modern cameras and photographers we have on the lake today? Post them on our Facebook Group page "Birch Lake Lovers" after the race for all to see. This is an entire-lake event so if nothing else come out in your boat, watch this exciting event, root for your friend or neighbor, or help if a boat near you capsizes. To contact me, Pat McGann, by cell or text enter: 574-532-5377 or email me at Pat@McGannHay.com.

Sailors, committee boat staff and their families are invited after the Saturday Sunfish race to come over to the East Side Sailing Club (ESSC) to review the race(s), fouls, winners and



"otherwise hobnob with our fellow wizards of the wind" and to enjoy our own good company over a generous supply of assorted soft drinks, beers and wines in the shade at the ESSC is located at the Vitale, Luecht, McGann shore. Drive, sail, walk or parachute in or hitch a ride on one of those giant Goldfishes for the fun and fellowship after the race(s).

PS. Please Become a member of the BLYC. "Its for the good of our lake!" If you don't know if you have already paid your 2018 dues or not shoot Deb Spratt a text or call at 574-276-8783 to find out.

Sail on Dudes and Dudettes

~JPM

No New Sailing Results this week (since we didn't sail last Sunday)

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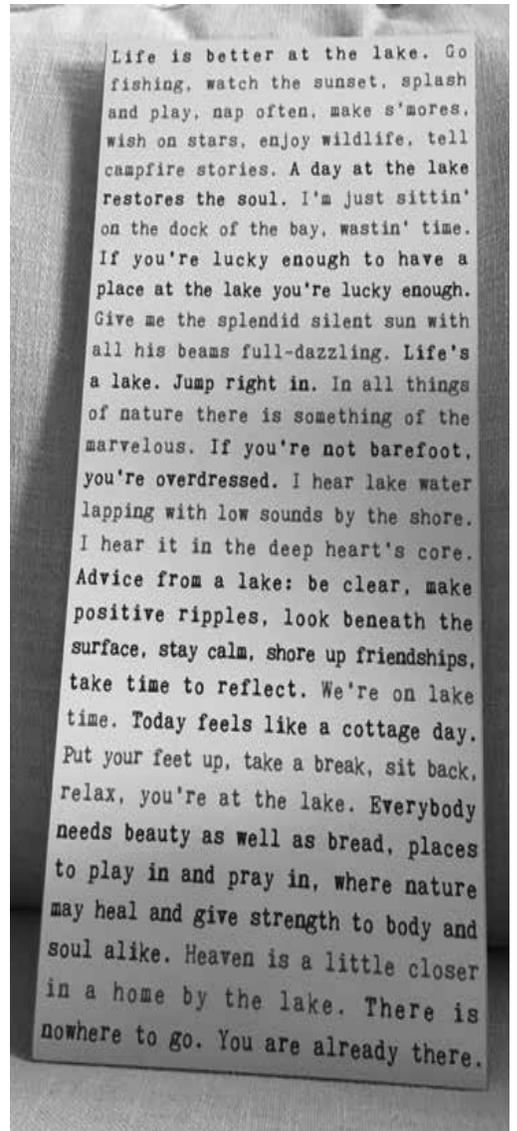
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— Birch Lake Decor —

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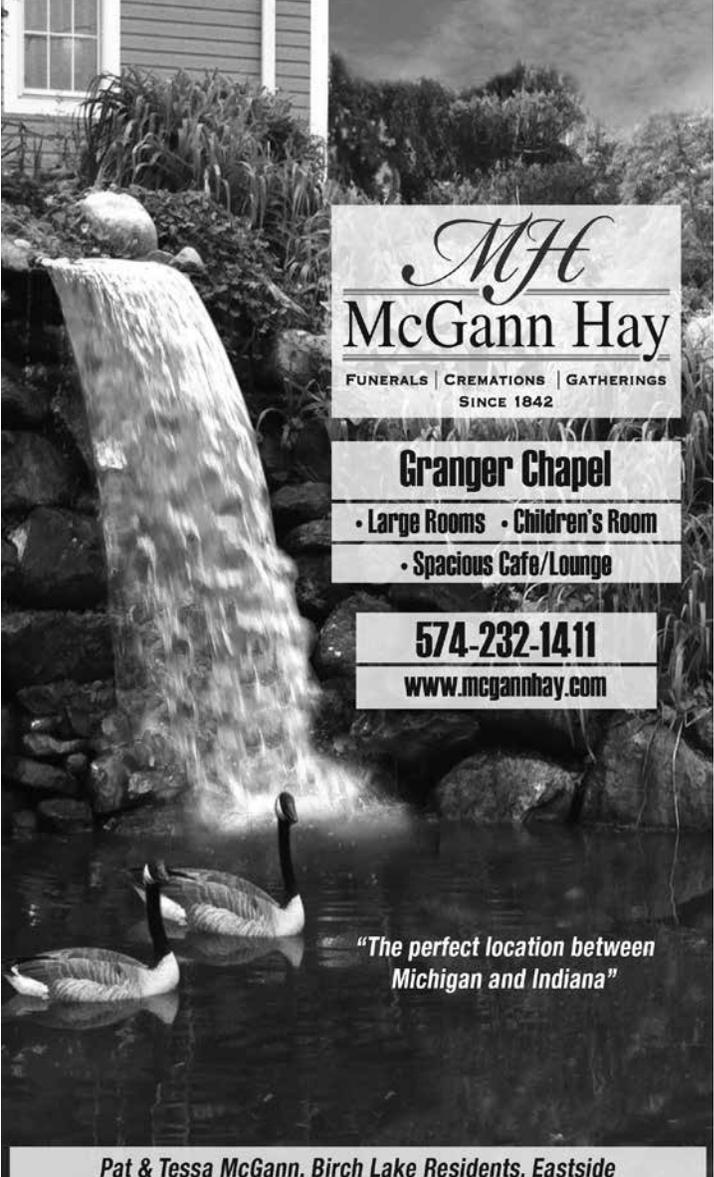
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Bruce Wagner (cove) living large with Angela Bergan (east side) and Traci Limes (cove).

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Aries (March 21-April 19) - You're thinking about or hearing from old flames from your past. This can be complicated. Sometimes some feelings are still smoldering, and you remember why you fell in love with that person. Sometimes the opposite happens. Within two minutes, you remember why you left! Time has a way of warping memories. This is a romantic time for you, as well as a great time for vacations, social outings, sports events, parties, art openings and playful times.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - You're in contact with relatives you haven't heard from for ages. Stock the fridge and get ready for family reunions where everyone sits around the kitchen table trading lies about the bad old days. Enjoy trips down memory lane. Tackle house repairs you've been ignoring. Your involvement with a parent will be important. Venus will bring some fun escapes with parties, social events, romantic getaways and a chance to test your creative talents.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - So what's on the fritz? The car? Dishwasher? Dryer? Phone? Computer? And that's just the broken stuff. What about missed appointments? Conversations that are like two ships passing in the night? Canceled events. Detours. Note: Drive defensively and carefully to avoid accidents. Expect surprise contact with siblings and relatives, and plans unraveling before your eyes. Finish what you started. Research or study history. Olde world stuff.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - You're frugal and not casual about money. (You can live it up - but you think about it first; and you're aware of who is picking up the tab.) However, this is an excellent time to repair anything that you already own. If you're looking for work, go back to places you applied at before or where you once worked. Unfortunately, checks in the mail will be late. Be wise and double check all information regarding financial arrangements.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Silly things go wrong with emails, cell phones, computers, home appliances, cars, bikes, motorcycles, mixed-up communications by mail or Internet, plus lost things, misplaced paper work and confused appointments. In addition - your health. But you will survive. You will do well at work and might boost your earnings. You will make some beautiful purchases - exquisite art or something special. Be patient with partners and close friends.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - You have a lovely advantage if you're doing hidden, secret work. Well, we're not all spooks, so you might really use this advantage in terms of doing research and looking for answers to old questions and solutions to old problems. Meanwhile, lovely Venus in your sign makes you charming and diplomatic. This is also a wonderful time for you to buy wardrobe treasures for yourself.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - You're a popular, social sign, and this month, you will hear from old friends. Take advantage of this chance to be in touch and rekindle memories. Not only will you have contact with old friends, you will also interact with members of clubs and organizations that you were involved with from your past. These interactions will be intriguing, informative and perhaps even educational. But they will also be beneficial for you.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - You have more interaction with parents, bosses and VIPs from your past. Old issues with parents and bosses will arise. Solutions aren't guaranteed, nevertheless, this is your chance to look at these past situations with wiser eyes. Perhaps you were a child then and an adult now? You will have more objectivity and more understanding for the limitations that occurred or the expectations that were not met. The Sun high in your chart makes you look marvelous in the eyes of others. You are admired! Mark Twain said, "I can live for two months on a good compliment."

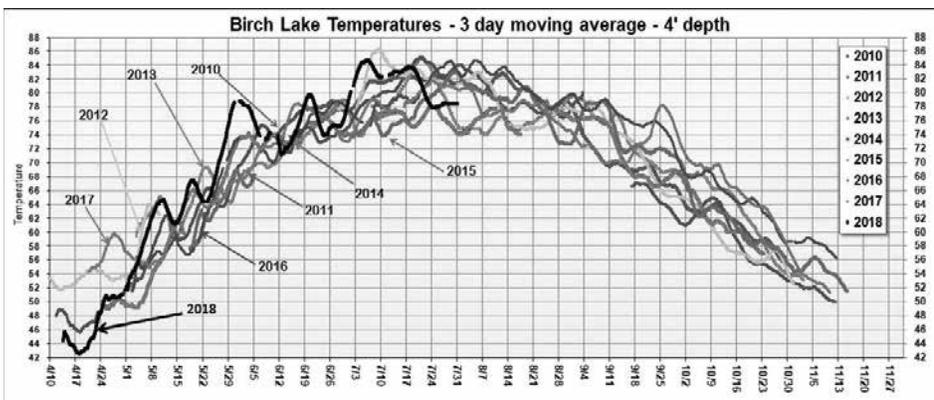
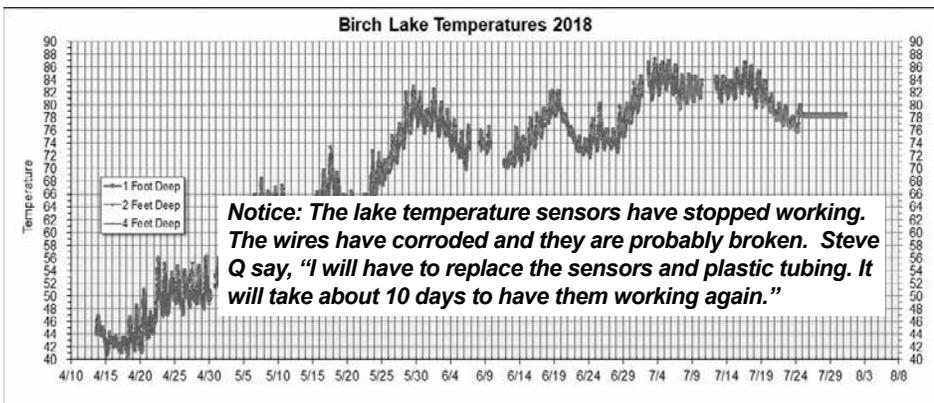
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - You are the traveler of the zodiac and it's curious that this Mercury retrograde is taking place in your "home". Namely, the part of your chart that covers travel, dealing with foreign countries, and anything to do with higher education, medicine, the law, publishing and the media. This means there will be delays to travel plans - cancellations or rescheduling. Ditto for anything to do with higher education. Although there will be delays to publishing, medicine and the law - at the same time, you have an opportunity to finish projects in these areas.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - You can finish matters with inheritances, wills, taxes, debt and anything to do with shared property and insurance issues. This is a lot of red tape and it can be boring or daunting. But hey, it won't go away on its own. Use the energy to wrap up old business in these areas because you will be surprised at how easy it will be! Meanwhile, you can travel for pleasure and explore new horizons. Romance with someone who is different" might blossom.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - You will be hearing from ex-partners and old friends. Perhaps it will bring you opportunities for closure or a better understanding? It gives you a chance to rethink a current relationship and whether or not your expectations are realistic. Remember: unexpressed expectations almost always lead to disappointment.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - There will be mixed-up communications, equipment breakdowns, computer problems, packages late in the mail, confusion with staff schedules and difficulty working or perhaps the loss of a job. Fear not; this is temporary. The upside is that you can complete a lot of old projects that are job-related. Fortunately, relations with partners and close friends are smooth and supportive. Opportunities to travel and get further education are also a benefit.

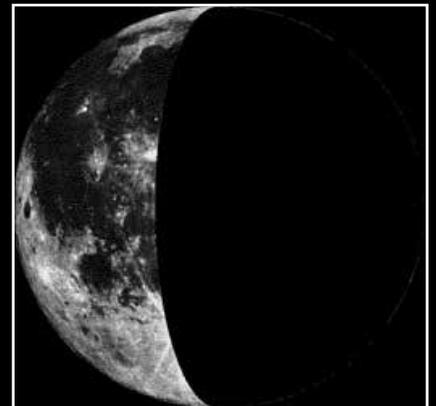
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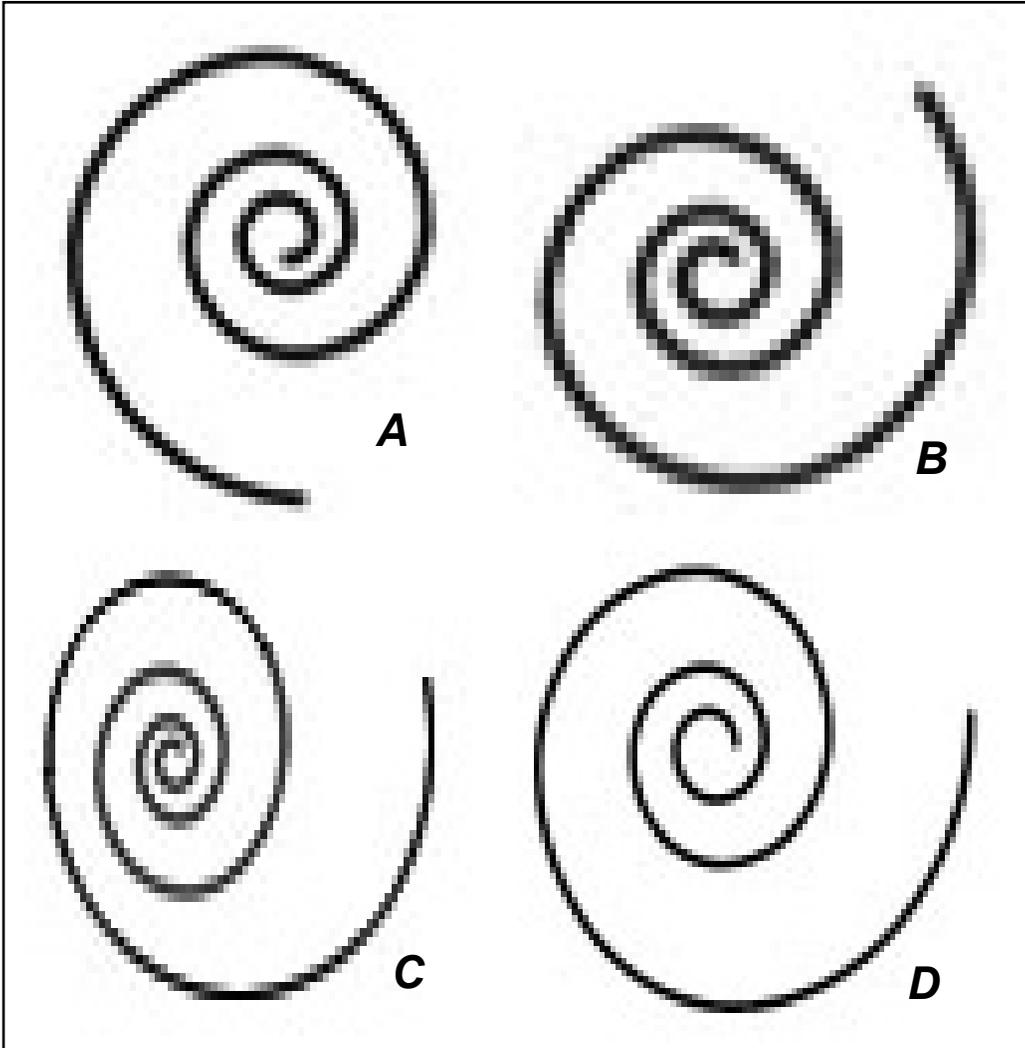
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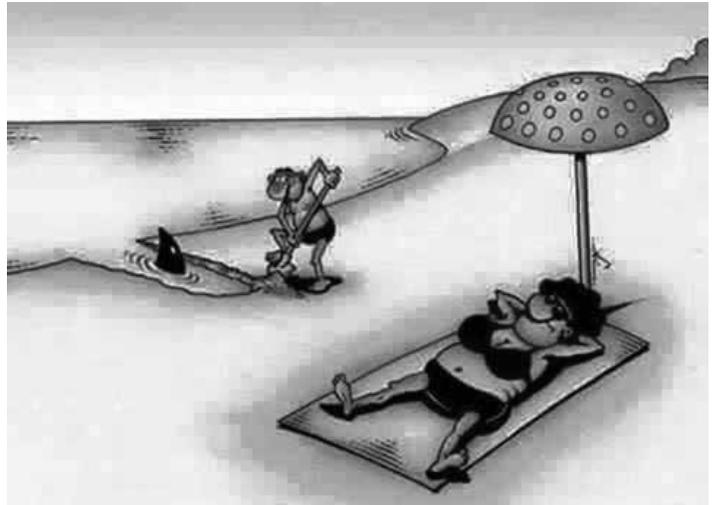
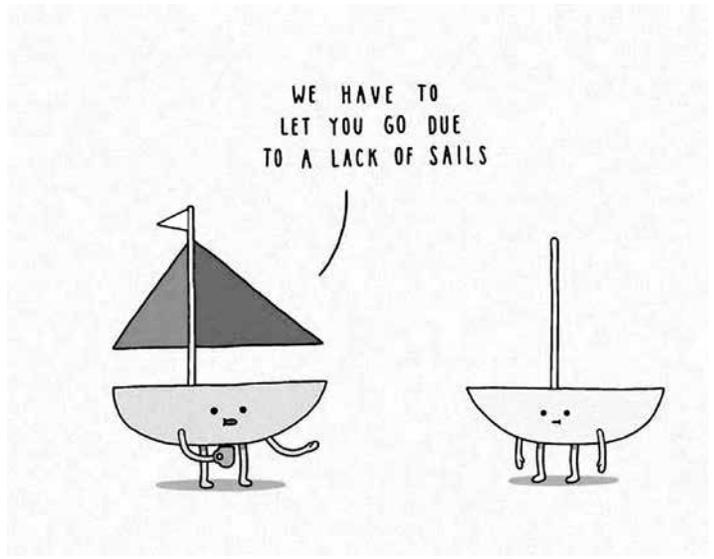
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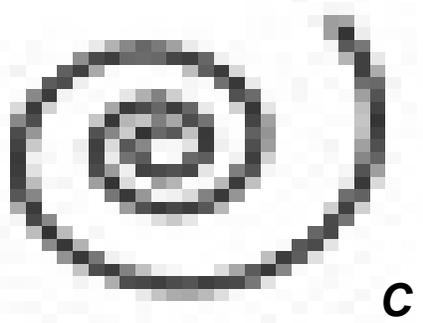
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BIRCH BARKER FUNNIES



Weekly Puzzle Solution

Correct answer: C
 Explanation: In all of the above spirals there are 3½ turns except the figure in option C which sports 4½ turns, counted from origin to the tail.





~Birch Lake Recipes~



Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge

Blueberry Zucchini Bread

“Blueberries and zucchini baked up into delicious little summertime bread loaves!”

Ingredients

- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 3 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 1/4 cups white sugar
- 2 cups shredded zucchini
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1 pint fresh blueberries

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease 4 mini-loaf pans.

In a large bowl, beat together the eggs, oil, vanilla, and sugar. Fold in the zucchini. Beat in the flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda, and cinnamon. Gently fold in the blueberries. Transfer to the prepared mini-loaf pans.

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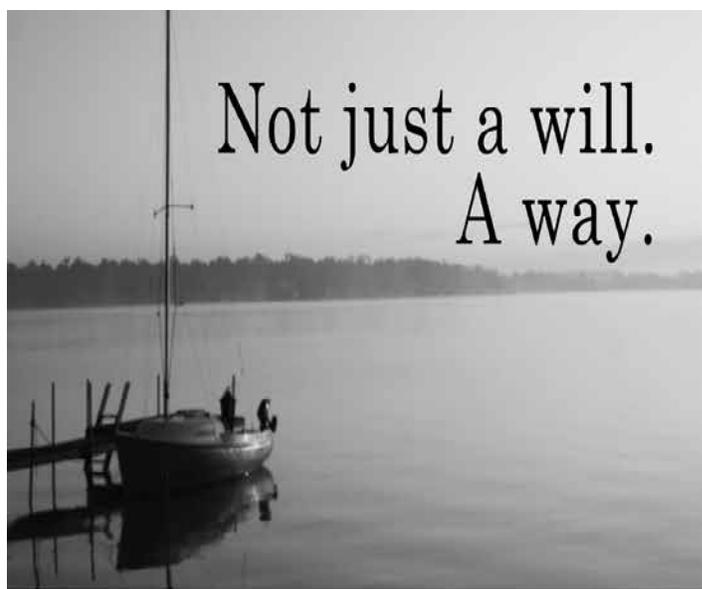
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— Camp Tannadoonah —

Heading into last week of camp

We're heading in to the last week of camp for 2018! It's amazing how the weeks fly by each year.

This year is a special year for camp – it's called a Patteran Year. The Patteran is a tradition that happens every 5 years, and dates back to the early 40s. The origin of the name "Patteran" is that it is a Gypsy term referring to a code or symbol or sign left by Gypsies for one another, as a sign that they had recently passed by. Usually a Patteran was a stack of rocks or arrangement of sticks, letting other Gypsies know that others were in the area.

Every five years, the final week of the summer is Gypsy Week, and we have a set of special traditions, songs, and activities that we only do during these Patteran sessions. Each cabin is a band of Gypsies, and they are assigned a color for their band. The colors have different meanings; for instance, Gold stands for friendship, Navy for loyalty, Rose for peace, and Purple for trust. Each Gypsy band tie-dyes bandannas in their color, to wear throughout the week. They also work on a special song for their cabin, which

they will perform on Friday evening for the whole camp.

During the week, each evening activity is designed to teach the kids special Patteran songs, share the legends and traditions of the Patteran, and help them share in the magic of this long-standing tradition at camp. We also share clues each night at dinner to lead the kids to a treasure! On Thursday evening, the directors will lead the kids in a search of the camp property, seeking the Patteran – which is a time capsule that we bury each Patteran year to be discovered by the campers and staff who attend the next Patteran event.

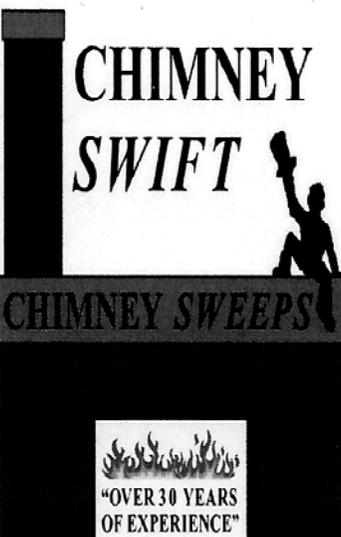
The Patteran jar contains parchments, scrolls, and other documents, sharing the history of all the Patterans of the past. There are stories from past campers, logs of all the campers and staff who attended those years, and bits of tie-dyed fabric from prior Gypsy bands. We will all gather in Morris Lodge and read some of the stories from the past. The logs of past campers and staff will be displayed in the dining hall on Friday so that campers can find their parents, grandparents, siblings, and other friends

and relatives whose names are listed for previous years.

We end the week with our traditional final Council Fire ceremony. The Council Fire for the last week of camp each year is special, because we have a torch ceremony honoring all the campers who have earned the Order of the Birch award that year. The campers and staff will then proceed to the waterfront carrying candles and singing. We typically come down the stairs for the candlelight serenade around 9pm, and stand on the pier to sing to all the lake residents who come out on their boats.

If you've never been here for this candlelight serenade, you should definitely come out on your boat this year. With 130 campers and about 40 staff, there will be quite the procession. It's beautiful to see the kids come down the stairs, carrying flickering candles, and singing. Once we reach the waterfront, we set our candles in the lake to float while we serenade. Hope you can join us on Friday, August 10 around 9pm to close out another awesome summer at camp!

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Birch Lake Notes

Sixth AED installed on Birch Lake

The Birch Lake Homeowners Association has reported that all of the Automatic Electric Defibrillators (AED) have been installed.

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

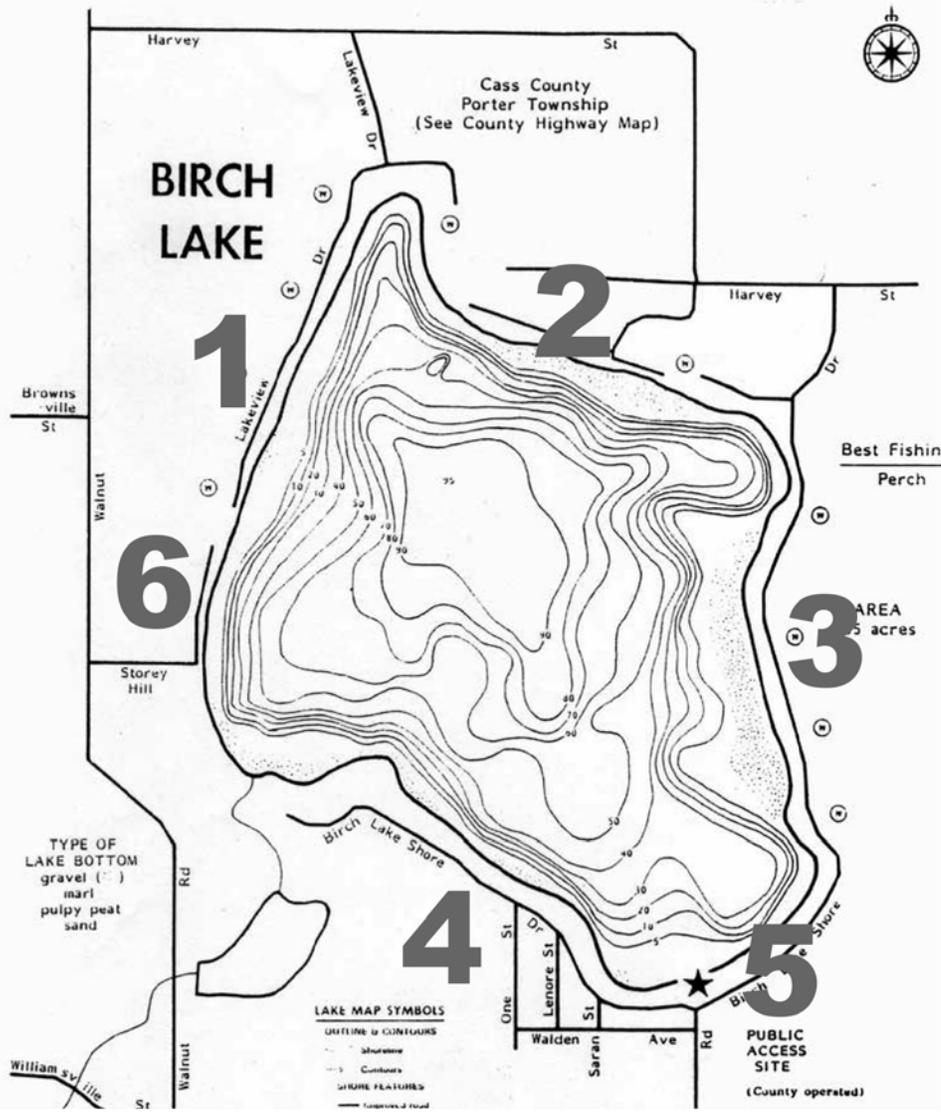
Storey Hill St. That unit will be installed on the north face of the garage.

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 10 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.

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

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